

...Balfour, as leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, invited a considerable number of Conservative members to 4 Carlton Gardens. The Duke of Devonshire, at Devonshire House, invited the chief members of the Liberal Party, including the Duke of Bedford, Selborne, Mr Chamberlain and Sir Henry Sturt. Stuart Rendel, M.P., invited a number of members representing Welsh constituencies, and the Government, at Carlton Gardens. Lord Salisbury gave a large dinner party in Grosvenor-street to all the principal Conservative members.

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FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 31, 1893.

Parliament opened to-day, and now for the first time Mr Gladstone and his followers are to face with their opponents. The meeting of Parliament has been deferred as long as possible, and in doing so it must be considered that the Government have been acting, if not heroically, yet with a view to their own personal interest. The longer they could delay away from Parliament the better they would be pleased. The evil day, however, approaches, and must be met when it does come, for time and tide wait for no man. The lady in Shakespeare's play tells us that "Time doth not pass with the same speed to all men." Time travels in divers paces with divers persons. "I'll tell you," says Rosalind, "Time walks withal, who Time trots withal, who Time gallops withal, and who he stands still withal." Without going through four examples, we may mention that Time gallops with "the thief to the gallows, though he go as softly as foot can fall he treads himself too soon there." The meeting of Parliament has come all "too soon" for the Government. Six months ago or so the Gladstonians met and thought it prudent to keep silence, and not venture even on a discussion. They adjourned Parliament, and now Parliament meets. A Queen's Speech must be produced, and whether they like it or not they must stand up to their responsibilities. They can no longer escape or evade the day of reckoning. The Queen's Speech is a remarkable document. If it be the case that the Gladstonian Government stakes its position on Home Rule then there are few indications of such a desire manifested in the sentiment which many eyes are scanning so anxiously. It does not hold the first place in the ministerial programme. It is so mixed up with other questions of even greater interest to the electorate at large that its omission altogether would not seriously affect the course of legis-

**SIGNOR O'BRIEN**—A meeting was held at the Courtenay Arms Hotel, Newcastle West, on Sunday, under the presidency of Mr George L. Sheehy, for the purpose of getting up a memorial to the late Monsignor O'Brien, R.C. Dean of Limerick, and founder of the local Young Men's Society. A resolution was unanimously passed inviting a general meeting of the parishioners and all who sympathise with the movement, on Sunday next.

### DEATH OF MR. JAMES NASH, J.P.

We announce this evening with much regret the death of Mr James Nash, J.P., which took place on Sunday night at his residence, 85 George's street. Mr Nash had been in delicate health for twelve months or so, and some weeks back his illness assumed a very serious aspect, so that the sad termination which has taken place was not unexpected. To speak at any length of deceased gentleman, who was so well known and universally respected in this city and the surrounding counties, would be quite unnecessary. A man of excellent business capacity and gifted with an invariably courteous manner he succeeded in establishing for himself an extensive business as house and land and insurance agent. He was kind and considerate in all his dealings, and during the troublous times we have passed through since 1879, no strained relations ever existed between him and the tenants of any estate of which he had the management. In the city he was very largely connected with house property, both as an agent and a landlord. He was a gentleman of a rather retiring manner, but in the cause of charity he took, while his health permitted, a most active though modest part. He was one of the oldest members of the St Vincent de Paul's Society, and for 28 years acted as the Honorary Secretary to the Council. Again he was for over 23 years president of the St Mary's and St Munchin's Conference and a most regular attendant at the meetings of these institutions. At one time he was a member of the Limerick Corporation but it is many years now since he retired from that body. Since then he did not interfere very much in public affairs. He was an *ex-officio* member of the Limerick Board of Guardians and a magistrate of the City and Limerick Liberties. We deeply sympathise with his respected family in their bereavement. The funeral will leave for Mount St Lawrence Cemetery to-morrow (Wednesday) at 11 o'clock.

### JAMES F. EGAN'S VISIT TO LIMERICK.

It is announced that Mr James F. Egan will arrive in Limerick by the 6.40 p.m. train from Dublin to-morrow evening, and preparations are being made by the local Amnesty Committee, to give him a most enthusiastic reception. A torch-light procession will be organised, and the people having traversed several thoroughfares, will proceed to the O'Connell Monument where a meeting presided over by the Mayor takes place.

### THE COMING CONCERT—MR. LUDWIG.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.  
**DEAR SIR**—I am fortunate to be in a position to announce that I have just succeeded in securing the services of Mr Ludwig, the great Irish baritone, for a grand concert in this city before his departure for his great tour in the United States. No words of mine are necessary to sound the praises of Mr Ludwig in Ireland, or, indeed, anywhere else, for everyone is fully alive to the eminence of this celebrated histrionic vocalist. I have just gathered a most brilliant party to accompany him, including Miss Rosa Leo, a new London singer, to whose excellence I myself can testify, having frequently heard her with great pleasure in London and Paris. Madame Maas, Mons. Seiffert, and myself, are all very well known in Ireland; and the tenor, Mr Ravenhill, is one of the best known and highest praised

...one applicant...  
 Alderman Hall directed attention to that some of these who had got flagging these conditions had neglected to correct them.  
 On the proposition of Alderman Egan was agreed that the committees' meetings Mondays should be changed to Tuesday day was considered more convenient majority of the members.  
 Mr McMahon directed attention to sanitary officers, who, he said, were paid at the rate of 25s per week. He held that about quarters of the town was neglected. He thought that they should give a record of the work by them every day.  
 Mr Donnellan read from one of the books three or four items which represent day's work. He submitted that was not for the salaries they were paid.  
 The officers were directed to keep a statement of their visits.  
 Some other business was gone through. The meeting adjourned.

A meeting of the Water Committee took place to-day. The Mayor (Mr B. O'Donnell), also present—Town Councillors Begnallan, Donnelly, M'Donnell, C. Kivelehan, Smith, and M'Mahon.  
 Officials present—Mr M. J. DeCourretary, Mr Corbett, City Surveyor; and Fogerty and Brown, Engineers.  
 Mr Corbett, City Surveyor, reported:—"I visited the Clareville works on Sunday and met there Mr Lee, who is obliged to work until the suction pipes from the reservoir are removed; in the pit under the turbine there is two feet of water and debris which have to be removed."  
 "I also met Mr M'Namara, and arranged with him to commence pumping to-day to the reservoir, then stop up and allow dams down to get the water, debris and suction pipes taken out.  
 "I have employed Mr Jones, of Carrigrohane, and put him in charge of the works to-day, and directed him to commence to-day the trench next the turbine house, to scour pipes from the clear water tank in, and also to remove the materials from the beds.  
 "I have asked Mr Watson to visit the works every Friday, and pay the men.  
 "You will please give an order to Mr Lee to remove the suction pipes.  
 "You will please also to give an order to Mr Lee to supply pipes, bends, and 6-inch valves, which are required immediately."  
 After discussion, a resolution was passed by Mr Begley, and seconded by Mr M'Namara, "That Mr M'Namara be requested to give the promise made to the Corporation on November, '92, that he would give a guarantee for the erection of pumps under the turbine house."  
 The resolution was carried, and a copy of the same sent to Mr M'Namara.  
 The following letters were read:—  
 "Limerick, 28th. 1893.  
**DEAR SIR**—We had a communication from Messrs H. Lee & Sons who are erecting a turbine at Clareville; that they required to have removed from the floor of the turbine house some rubbish which had fallen into the turbine by the vibrations of the suction pipes.  
 "They also request you to order Mr Lee to remove the suction pipes under the turbine, both vertical and horizontal, so as to proceed to erect the tanks. The same is very urgent. Orders should also be given to Mr Watson, or whoever is to do the work, to make the necessary connections between the turbine tank and the new tanks, as they are completed as soon as the tanks are erected and the pumps to work. We think it most important to call your attention to the above, and most important to have the orders