

the right direction, but to make the movement success, not a part but the whole of the licensed houses must close, as it is hoped they will do. It must too, be a closing in the strict sense of the word, for it is an open secret that in a previous St. Patrick's Day, some who gave a promise, while apparently keeping it, did nothing of the sort, for while the front of the house was closed up, the back was conveniently open. There are always a class of people who will get drunk if they can, and if they cannot get it in one place will get it in another. Consequently the movement will be shorn of most of its effectiveness unless the whole of the publicans agree to do as the 60 whose pledges have been already given have agreed, for after all 60 out of 288 is but a poor proportion.

LINKING THE PAST AND PRESENT

Very little has been heard of the recent curious "find" in County Antrim; but it is more than probable that some of the cherished fairy lore of the past will be knocked on the head, and legend give place to hard fact by the discovery. Quite a number of tiny subterranean dwellings have been unearthed, and their diminutiveness, and the proofs that they were inhabited, points to the feasibility of there having at one time existed in the country a race of people very much more diminutive than those who now inhabit the island. It is a well-known fact that ages ago a race of dwarfs occupied a great part of the European Continent before the appearance of the earliest Celt. Some say that the Laps of to-day are the living representatives of these earlier races. It may, therefore, possibly be that a great deal of the treasured fairy lore, tales of the little people and the like, found in legend, tradition and story, may have their basis in the fact that these "little people" actually occupied the diminutive subterranean dwellings just unearthed in County Antrim, which in many instances are mere holes in the earth, to which inhabitants might retire for safety.

THOUGHTS FOR TO-NIGHT AND TO-MORROW.

Could we forbear dispute and practice love,
 We should agree as angels do above.
 —————
 Know thyself
 Presume not God to scan.
 —————
 The proper study of mankind is man.
 —————
 Pope.

Cheaper greatcoats for soldiers meant a saving last year to the nation of £19,139; shoulder cords instead of straps saved £9,375; abolition of rank badges on the left arm of full dress saved £6,000.

LORD CURZON'S BRIEF TELEGRAMS

Lord Curzon has made himself remarkable by his pithy telegrams. When his brother-in-law, Sir James Miller, won the Derby, he cabled the one word, "Bravo!" Now, when Mr. Frank Curzon sent a message saying that Lady Curzon had actually started on her journey to India, he again cabled the single word "Hurrah!"

NOT AN "IRISH" BULL.

A French paper dealing with India and the Hindoos has the following sentence:—"The climate of Bombay is so unhealthy that the inhabitants are obliged to live elsewhere."

**ALL ABOUT THE LION.
 STRANGE—BUT TRUE.**

Hursterpoint, Sussex, is overrun with moles, and at the annual cricket club meeting it was mentioned that they had so encroached on the cricket ground that there was a prospect of there being no cricket this season.—A woman died suddenly at Aberavon, and when a neighbour called to see her forty minutes afterwards two of the deceased's children were playing round the corpse, and hisping out, "Mam, mam, don't go to sleep."—During training operations at Gotham, two racehorses, Monksilver and St. Enoch, jumped into the Trent, and were swimming for nearly an hour before they were got to land.—Mr. Glenton, the first passive resister of Scarborough to suffer imprisonment, asked for a feather bed. The turnkey resolutely refused. "If we allowed that," he said, "we would have the gaol full."

CHIPS.

A toast: When we view death, may his aspect never appal us.
 The poor man fasts because he has no meat.
 With economy, few need be poor,—without it none can be rich.
 Who never tries will win no prize.
 A liar should have a good memory.
 There are none so wicked as represented—and none so good as they should be.

SHOCKING OCCURRENCE AT BRUREE.

What is belived to have been a determined case of suicide took place yesterday at Bruree. A middle aged man, of respectable family, named Richard Downes, was found in the shed of a house with his throat cut. It is stated that a razor was in his hand, and that life was extinct when the body was discovered.

At Southwark, London, was remanded on bail, charging the accounts of the United Union with intent to defraud that the accused was secretary of the Labourers candidates for South Hackney Borough Council. The prosecution defalcations amounted to 0

FELL THROUGH

An inquiry into what happened during observations at Daniel Clancy, Co. C., to Deputy Surveyor, at a meeting of the Council held some time ago fell through in the absence

COUNTY ELECTIONS

At a specially convened meeting of the County Council to discuss allowing the same expenses to clerks, etc., as three years ago

COURSES

MELLON MEETING—
 Judge—Mr. Hector Clark
 P. Heffer
MELLON STAKES, for 18 all
 Winner, £45; second, £15
 Mr. P. J. O'Sullivan's
 Fanton's ns Out on Strike.
 Mr. W. O'Sullivan's Sto
 S. G. Matthews' Muster.
 Mr. J. Fitzgibbon's Fitz
 Lunn's Toomideely.
 Mr. J. Flynn ns beat Mr.
 Settle Me Nice.
 Mr. J. Sheehy ns Gerald
 Quaide ns Oscan.
 Mr. M. Griffin's Master R
 Lunn's Miss Crawford.
 Mr. G. Roberts ns Hur
 Ryan ns Fun.
 Mr. J. Fitzgibbon's Fitz
 O'Brien's ns. Swift IX.
 Mr. S. G. Mathews' M
 Nolan's Whiteboy.

II.
 Stormy Petrel beat Osi
 Fitz Kit beat Frolic.
 Master Redmond beat
 Humorous beat Fitz A
 Mitchly, a bye.
III.
 Stormy Petrel beat Fitz
 Matchly beat Master R
 Humorous a bye.
IV.
 Stormy Petrel a bye.
 Humorous beat Match
 Final.
 Humorous beat Storm
 cleverly in this as in his pre