

assured, that if it means no parish or district rates, they give to the scheme all the air power. "We shall only ask," the collector, "from them the sum by which they will be relieved by the removal of their names on to the pension list." It is a question, however, which requires consideration in the interests of the ratepayer. The State is well able to take care of itself and need not be relied upon to do so.

RENT COMMENT.

Blight—Necessity for Spraying.

The Department of Agriculture inform us that they would like to go to show that the potato blight has not appeared in a great many districts in Ireland. So far, the disease has been entirely confined to early varieties of potatoes in gardens, but weather such as we are now experiencing is specially favourable to the development of the blight, and it is desirable that every effort should be made to check the progress of the disease and prevent its extension to the crop generally. Spraying should be carried out as an opportunity and every care taken in the operation performed with as much success as possible. Every day that passes without spraying increases the risk of the disease. Full particulars regarding the method and application of spraying are given in the Department's leaflet No. 1, which may be obtained free of charge from the offices of the Department, Merrion street, Dublin. Letters so sent should not be stamped.

Aluminium Coinage.

After months of discussion and experiment the French Government have decided to issue aluminium coinage. This is one of the recommendations of the Commission of Scientists appointed to consider the merits of certain number of aluminium coins as a test, but the lightness of the white metal was one of its chief recommendations. A five-centimes piece (half-penny) of aluminium weighed only 1.9 grammes against 4 grammes in bronze, and it

UNITED IRISH LEAGUE.

Alderman McNeice presided at a meeting of the City Branch of the United Irish League held in the Town Hall on Thursday night. In the course of his remarks, the Chairman said the United Irish League stood for peace and unity, while those that had espoused the cause of the All-For-Ireland League stood for faction. He referred to the meeting to be held in the Theatre Royal on Friday night, and said if Lord Dunraven was a Home Ruler why did he not join the United Irish League which was open to all creeds and classes.

Mr. P. Molloy next spoke, after which a resolution was adopted, on the proposition of Mr. J. Dundon, solicitor, congratulating Mr. W. Abraham on his unanimous election for the Harbour Division, Dublin.

DEATH OF MR. M. HAYES.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Michael Hayes, which occurred at his residence, Glentworth street yesterday. The deceased, who attained a good age, carried on business formerly in the city, and of late years occupied the position of commission agent. About a week ago he was stricken down and his condition growing worse the end came peacefully. He enjoyed a large measure of popularity, and his demise has been learned with regret by many friends in the city and elsewhere.

CROOM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the Croom District Council on Thursday, Mr. John Coleman, J.P., Chairman, presiding, it was unanimously agreed on the proposition of Mr. James Costelloe to adjourn the business as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. John Reidy, D.C., a respected member, recently deceased.

Croom Board of Guardians also adjourned as a mark of respect.

GUN OVERTURNS.

Fatality at a Military Display.

While the 98th Battery Royal Artillery was wheeling at the gallop at a combined military display at Colchester on Thursday evening, one of the guns overturned. Two of the gunners riding on the limber were thrown, the gun falling on the chest of one gunner, Thomas, who died subsequently. The other gunner was less seriously hurt. This battery was the prize winners at Olympia.

FATAL GUNPOWDER EXPLOSION

Six Persons Killed.

Dealter (Montana), Friday. A man who was practising at a target fired a bullet against a building in which a quantity of gunpowder was stored. The bullet penetrated the walls, and an explosion followed by which six persons were killed and twenty wounded. Several buildings were wrecked.

WESTMEATH ASSIZES

Charge Against Mr. Ginnel

At the opening of the County Assizes yesterday, Mr. Justice Gibson addressed to the Grand Jury, said he could not but congratulate them on the state of their country. There had been seventeen cases of cattle-disease last assizes, as compared with ten in the corresponding period; there were thirty farms subject to the minor process of boycotting there were nineteen evicted farms in fifteen of which were derelict. The case against Mr. Ginnel, M.P., against whom a true bill had been returned for having, as alleged, used language calculated to intimidate, was postponed at the instance of the Crown to enable an application for a venue to be made in Dublin.

GLIN PETTY SESSIONS

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

The Glin fortnightly Petty Sessions on Thursday, before Dr. McDonnell presiding, Stephen Pegum, who attended at a late number of cases were called, but were mostly without. Some were postponed for a fortnight in one instance an adjournment for the next week took place.

TODD'S HALF-HOLIDAY CYCLING CLUB.

Great Day at Fort Henry, K.

The club, on the invitation of the Fort Henry Fete Committee, commemorated the anniversary of the weekly half-holiday in London by having the second run of the season on that most charming spot outside Killiney. Before starting the cyclists were regaled in Thomas Street. As usual a very large one, paraded the streets before the city. The evening was characterized by beautiful weather for which the club became famous, and the journey passed off without an untoward incident. On arrival at Fort Henry the club made a parade through the grounds, which was effective and picturesque. The men took part in everything, and liberally supported the shows, notably the dancing and the "Woolly Wools." The latter for amusement, the successful competitor was rewarded by a monkey, and soon afterwards was displaying in his or her hat anything like a dozen of those. Eighty sat down together to the splendid arrangements of Archdall, and after spending a most enjoyable evening the club returned to town. Before leaving the Rev. Canon Archdall, the Hon. Sec. to Mr. Henry, and he expressed thanks of the club for fixing the Fort Henry as the place for their annual meeting, and giving the members the opportunity of showing their appreciation of the club by enjoying themselves.

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