

om, and called upon him to halt. rushed to the rear door of which he found locked, and turning addressed Mr. Roberts with a revolver. Mr. Roberts rushed on the ground in throwing up the revolver that the trigger was pulled, and received no other damage than his hair and eye-brows singed. Mr. Roberts struck at his assailant with the sword, and succeeded in inflicting a wound. He then endeavoured to get the revolver, and a desperate struggle ensued in the dark. In vain the assailant strove to fling Mr. Roberts down stairs. In the mêlée another shot missed its object, and passing the staircase and hall-door was found against the opposite wall. A stab in the back by the dagger apparently disabled the assailant, however, succeeded in making a wound on the back, closely pursued by the assailant who succeeded in inflicting several wounds in spite of which he managed to escape, as voices being heard in the distance Mr. Roberts did not think it prudent to pursue his assailant any further. Mr. Roberts is given credit for the courage with which he overcame an armed scoundrel, and probably this exception will prevent others of the same class from disturbing the citizens in their dark nights.

In accordance with our usual custom the *Chronicle* will not be published on Thursday next, in order that our readers may enjoy a well-earned holiday. We are sure, our readers will be so much obliged to us. The next issue will be published on Saturday the 28th inst.

Meehan will be absent from 4, Upper Street until Saturday, 28th inst.

Requested to state that in consequence of Mr George Humble the hounds will not be out this week.

McCarthy, Auctioneer, will hold his sale of calves for the season at the Hall, Military Road, on Saturday next. Entries are now being made.

Lieutenant has, by warrant dated 27th, 1889, appointed Major William Russell, of the Globe, Kildimo, to be Sheriff of the County Limerick for the year 1890.

Castle meeting will be held on 2nd January, 1890, under the Irish Hunt Steeplechase Rules. There will be 1500 lbs at £4 10s each. It may be safely said that a good day's sport will be enjoyed.

Being Christmas Day, Trinity Church will be open (D.V.) for early Communion at 8 o'clock, a.m.; also, for Divine Service at 10 o'clock. The Church will also be open on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, p.m., for the usual service.

reports, for the courteous and generous spirit in which the deputations had been received. We hope that we have now heard the last of this matter, which has occupied public attention for the past week or so.

FATAL ASSAULT IN THE CITY.

Yesterday at the City Police Court, before Mr Z. Myles, John Mackey, a jarvey, was charged with causing the death of a man named John O'Neill, having, as alleged, fractured his head with a stroke of a stone.

District Inspector Lawless prosecuted, and Mr J. H. Moran represented the accused.

In an altercation, it is alleged, Mackey struck O'Neill with a stone, inflicting serious injury. For this he was prosecuted and sentenced to a month's imprisonment, and the injured man dying in the meantime, the present charge was brought.

Dr Riordan, Barrington's Hospital, deposed that when O'Neill was admitted to the institution he was suffering from a compound fracture of the skull. His case was one for intern treatment, but he absolutely refused to remain in the house. On his wound being dressed he left and returned daily from his house, about three miles distant, for treatment. After a time he did not come so regularly. Witness next saw him confined in the hospital, and he exhibited symptoms of abscess of the brain. Gradually he grew worse and died on the 9th December.

To Mr. Moran—It was against my express wish that he remained out of the house. His case was one strictly for intern treatment. He absolutely refused to remain. It was highly probable he would have recovered had he remained in the hospital.

Arising out of Mr. Moran's examination, in reply to Mr. Lawless, Dr. Riordan said the patient was going on favourably during the fortnight he had seen him. About a week then elapsed before he saw him again. From the commencement he warned him that there was a danger to his life, and that he should remain in the house, and as he was leaving he told him to keep within doors as much as possible.

Dr. Michael R O'Connor deposed to making a *post mortem* examination of the deceased and found a large abscess on the brain, to which he attributed the death. It had been accelerated by the congestion of the right lung. The abscess was immediately under the fracture of the skull, and directly resulted from it. The debility caused by the abscess rendered him more liable to the congestion of the lung.

To Mr Moran—If he never had an abscess he would not get lung congestion, but in his opinion at the time he saw him the lung was congested for about a week. O'Neill would have had a better chance of recovering had he remained an intern patient in the hospital, it having aggravated his condition to come three or four miles to be treated, particularly in the month of November. It was a well recognised theory that even the mildest form of fracture of the skull was a case for intern treatment in the house.

Sergeant Hoban deposed to the arrest of Mackey on a charge made by O'Neill.

Patrick Benson gave evidence as to the occurrence that arose between the defendant and the police, and in reply to Mr Matthew Riordan, said O'Neill and Mackey were quarrelling between them. He saw them striking each other, but he could not say which of them struck first.

Another witness named Michael Keane having been examined,

The case was adjourned until Friday next, Mackey in the meantime being committed to gaol.

CITY POLICE COURT.—THIS DAY.

(Before Mr. Wm. Boyd, and Mr Stephen B. Quin.)

WHISTLING AT THE POLICE.

Denis Frawley and Martin Bourke were put

investigated the case of the "Star" collision at the dock gates, and from the evidence of the men in charge of the gate he was able to show that there was no obstruction at the entrance. The vessel came from the south side of the dock and the dockmen stated that when she came towards the entrance she took the plank at her bow. The gatemen, seeing she was not clearing, shouted to those on board to go astern and not going astern, in her headway she struck one of the sides of the gates.

Mr Hall said that it seemed there was an altercation amongst the men at the time, and damage done amounted to about £5. There is a standing order to the effect that the use of propellers was not to be permitted without authority of the Harbour Master.

Mr McDonnell inquired whether that rule was invariably enforced.

The Harbour Master—To a certain extent Mr McDonnell—If it is not absolutely enforced it ought to be withdrawn.

The Harbour Master—Sometimes it is necessary for them to use propellers.

Mr McDonnell considered, therefore, that the rule should be abrogated when they were to be used, but could not be absolutely enforced.

Mr Hall—The rule provides that propellers are not to be used without permission from the Harbour Master. One side of the gate was not open.

Mr McDonnell—Both sides of the gate should be open.

The Harbour Master—There was plenty of room for the vessel to pass.

Mr McDonnell—It was for fear of extra damage that the second gate was not opened.

Mr Russell—I certainly think the gates should be open; but there is an order that permits the use of propellers should be got from the Harbour Master.

Mr McDonnell—The rule should be enforced.

Alderman Counihan—Had anyone in charge of the vessel got permission, or had they made acquainted with the rule?

Mr Hall—A copy of the regulation is sent to each company.

An order was made that both sides of the gate should be opened when a vessel is leaving or entering.

THE OUT-GOING MAYOR.

Mr Robert McDonnell, J.P., said he would give the liberty of interrupting the proceedings in proposing a vote of thanks to their respected Mayor—he would be sorry to lose his services for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the business of the Board, and the valuable services he had rendered during his lengthened time he had presided over the meetings. Not only had he always given satisfaction in presiding over the Board, and in the discharge of which he had conducted the business, but he had given them great advantage by the exercise of his experience and legal advice. His presence prevented him from saying more about him than he had very great pleasure—and he was sure it would be seconded unanimously by the members of the Board—in proposing a vote of thanks to their respected Mayor, and worthy representative of the city, Mr O'Keefe, and he trusted they would lose his services (hear, hear).

Mr Boyd, in seconding the proposition, bore testimony to the valuable services rendered by the Mayor during his prolonged term of office. He had attended to the duties of the office regularly and well.

The High Sheriff said the distinguished services of their respected Mayor were not only recognised by their board, but by the boards over which he had presided. It was unnecessary for him to put the resolution before them, it would be unanimously passed.

The Mayor, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, said he had not come there with any intention of receiving a vote of thanks. He had merely attended in order to be present at the conclusion of his Mayorship. He was