

land 4, and Ireland less than 2. So that if we occasionally grumble at our distressful lot, it is tantamount to know that Irishmen are neither such nor so wicked as to try to shuffle off this mortal coil untimely.

#### POSTAL ORDERS.

A correspondent writes pointing out the need there is for a further reform in the matter of the use of postal orders. He says:—"I think it is worthy of more attention that has not been called to the remaining exorbitant poundage. Orders up to and including 10s 6d should only cost one halfpenny each, and thence up to and including £1 1s, one penny each. So long as orders for £1 1s cost three pence, they will never become popular."

#### RATHER INCONGRUOUS.

Here is a fine example of incongruity. It is displayed in a confectioner's window in a town not a hundred miles away from Limerick—"Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, Confectioner. Bride Cakes. Home-Made Bread. Generals Catered For."

#### THE OPTIMIST.

When May arrived in liquid form,  
And showers damped us daily,  
With wraps and rugs I kept me warm,  
And bore discomfort gaily.  
This was my optimistic tune,  
'It's sure to be all right in June.'

When June the First brought hail and fogs,  
My soul with grief was cankered.  
I plied the fire with coal and logs,  
And drained the warming tankard.  
'The weather's certain,' muttered I,  
'To get much better by July.'

July came in with ice and snow,  
The temperature at zero.  
And blizzards rarely failed to blow;  
I bore it like a hero.  
July was bad, but still, I felt  
In August we should fairly melt.

But August brought no change at all.  
And now September's on us;  
And rain in bucket-wise doth fall  
Incessantly upon us.  
But still, I don't lose heart, not I;  
October may be fairly dry.

#### A QUEER EPITAPH.

The following punning epitaph is to be seen on a gravestone in an English churchyard:—

Under this stone lies Thomas Weekes,  
He errs who years, months, days, here seek.  
Have not weekes days? No, Sir, be not offended—  
When Weekes came here, his days were ended!

#### ENGLISH, IRISH, OR SCOTCH.

The latest way of distinguishing nationalities is sent by a correspondent as follows:—Stand on the platform of a big railway terminus when a business train arrives, and watch how men alight from the train. An Englishman opens the door hurriedly before the train stops, jumps out, and rushes off to his business. An Irishman, when about to alight, carefully looks round to see if he has left anything behind. The canny Scot waits until the train stops, and everybody else has departed from the carriage, when he has a very careful look round to see if anyone

## ACCIDENT.

A shocking accident occurred on the Midland Great Western Railway on Tuesday morning near Mullingar station. While a young farmer named Joseph Garry, was proceeding along the line from the town towards his home at Clown, which adjoins the railway, he was knocked down by a goods train coming from Galway. His clothing caught in the guard of the engine, and the unfortunate man was dragged along the permanent way a distance of about seventy yards before the train was stopped. He received terrible injuries to the head, chest and back, but retained consciousness all through. He was brought on the station ambulance to the waiting room, where he was attended by Rev. Father Kelly, C.C. and Dr. Kerrigan, and subsequently removed to the Infirmary, where he lies in a very precarious condition.

## ROCHESTER VACANCY.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

Lady Johnston, who took up her residence at Rochester, intends working arduously in support of her husband's candidature. Workers from all parts are arriving in the constituency to help Sir Harry Johnston, and many leading families in the district are actively supporting Mr. Tuff, Conservative candidate.

## DEATH OF AN EX-COUNCILLOR.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Jeremiah O'Brien, which occurred on Monday last after a considerable period of ill-health. The deceased, who was brother to Mr. T. O'Brien, bandmaster of the Boherbuoy Band, was elected a member of the Borough Council after the passing of the Local Government Act. His quiet manner and uprightness of character earned for him great respect. The funeral took place yesterday, and the solemn procession as it passed through the city attracted a special melancholy interest owing to the presence of the Boherbuoy band which played a very plaintive and beautiful Dead March. The City Fire Brigade, in charge of Captain Hayes, walked in the procession.

## WANT AN EIGHT HOURS' DAY

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

At the English Trades Union Congress to-day, the discussion was resumed on the hours of labour, and by an overwhelming majority a resolution was carried declaring that the time has arrived when the hours of labour should be limited to eight per day in all trades and occupations.

## RAILWAY DIVIDEND.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

The North British Railway dividend for the half year will be at the rate of 1½ per cent. on Deferred Stock.

## SIR BLUNDELL MAPLE.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

during tournament, the harvest has been gathered, expressions of congratulation from Borrisokane, Lorrha, Temple, and it was stated the event most successful and popular district.

In connection with the Limerick district of the Ireland, a home Missionary the Birr Methodist Church was well attended. A number of addresses were delivered and a satisfactory collection taken.

A wedding has been arranged to take place, between Ed Argentine Republic, second Knockdolan, Greystones, and General Dobbs, Judicial Mysore Presidency, India, Colhoun, third daughter of the Manager of the G.S. and family are in deep mourning quiet and private.

In announcing the marriage of Mr. Arthur Sanson to state what should be of interest to readers, that she is the daughter of Percival Graves by his first wife, eldest daughter of Mr. James Cooper Hill and his first wife, and that she is therefore the daughter of Robert Cooper of the 1st Regiment of the Royal Navy, Mrs. Spencer Beaumont, and so well known to London.

At Tralee Fair, held on Monday, there was an average supply of calves and yearlings, but a good many failed to fill. 1st class (20), £4 5s. to £5 7s. 6d. to £3 17s. 6d.; 2nd class (37) £4 5s. to £6 5s. 6d.; 3rd class (34), £8 5s. to £9 2s. 6d. to £7 7s. 6d. Springers—£13 10s.; 3rd class (4), £13 10s.

## FUNERAL OF MR.

The remains of this man were removed from his late residence, Clonmel, at a quarter to ten on the morning to the railway station at Carlow for interment in the afternoon. Though early in the number of all classes, including the humblest members of the community, a tribute of respect to the gentleman, who was so well known and so deservedly esteemed, was shown by the gentry, and the deepest sympathy was shown by the people.

## DEATHS FROM

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

Five deaths from plague were reported, and twenty-seven from cholera. A contaminated well was burnt.

## CITY GIRLS