

AMUSEMENTS.

QUEEN'S ROYAL THEATRE. Proprietor and Manager, Mr. Ellis Jones. Lessor and Manager, Mr. W. Whitbread. TO-NIGHT, AT 8. TO-NIGHT. The Entirely New IRISH HISTORICAL DRAMA, 'SARSFIELD!'

BUSINESS NOTICES.

DANCE SEASON. EXQUISITE COLLECTION OF RADIUM, PEARL, AND CRYSTAL SEQUIN BLOUSES AND OVERSLEEVES. MAGNIFICENT SEQUIN ORISTAL ROBES AND BERTHAS.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

EASY METHOD OF OBTAINING A PIANOFORTE. Cramer's Three Years' System will be found most useful for those not wishing to invest at once so much money as a really good instrument costs.

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Accidents of Employers' Liability, Accident and Disease (Small-Pox, Scarlet Fever, Typhoid, Diphtheria, Appendicitis, etc.). RAILWAY PASSENGERS' ASSURANCE CO.

VERBATIM REPORTS.

AMERICAN, ENGLISH, AND IRISH SYSTEMS. (BY MR. MICHAEL DAVITT.) The growing accuracy of the halfpenny morning paper in the realm of journalistic enterprise is a herald of improved character in many things.

IRISH IRELAND. LONDON LETTER.

A LEAGUER'S POINT OF VIEW. BY OUR SPECIAL WIRE. The opening of the New Year is being greeted very optimistically in London, especially in commercial circles.

EMPIRE PALACE THEATRE. TO-NIGHT, 7.30. 'The Two American' Collie and Rice. 'The Boy from the West' Almond and Burt.

Handsome Theatre Cloaks and Wraps in all the Newest Shades. Dressmaking in the Highest Order of Perfection.

'Irish Independent' OURSELVES. To-day the 'Irish Independent' enters on a new era which, we feel confident, will be one of instant success and continued prosperity.

THE OCEAN ACCIDENT AND GUARANTEE CORPORATION, LIMITED. SPECIAL CONDITIONS, WHICH ARE THE ESSENCE OF A CONTRACT.

Debates in Congress are briefly but tersely summarised in the leading American newspapers, and that in a more general and descriptive manner by the Washington correspondence of the journals in question.

Mr. Choate and the Distress in the West. Mr. Choate, the American Ambassador in London, whose period of office is now expiring, has been explaining the circumstances under which he endeavoured to shut down American sympathy in connection with the distress in the West.

WIDGER AND WARE, in their Great Original Comedy Act. 'The Flying Lady.' 'Maggie Kettle.'

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PROVIDED THAT THE ABOVE UNDER-TAKING IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL CONDITIONS, WHICH ARE THE ESSENCE OF A CONTRACT.

Our aim is to make this journal what a modern newspaper should be—the 'biography of a day,' brightly written and attractively presented, free from unwholesome sensationalism, and sustaining a character for truthfulness and good faith.

The 'Irish Independent' under its new editorial and managerial control, will justify its claim to be a National journal, independent in fact as well as in name.

Child Labour in Ireland. The Census Commission has reported that there is a very considerable increase in the employment of children and young persons in Ireland.

EXHIBITION OF MODERN PICTURES. Presented to the City of Dublin, at the ROYAL HIBERNIAN ACADEMY, LOWER ABBEY STREET.

EXTRACTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO OUR FAMOUS AND UNEQUALLED SUITS TO MEASURE, 42s., 50s., 63s.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER. SCOTLAND—S.W. to W. winds; strong to a gale in places; unsettled; rain at times; mild.

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS. Gaiety Theatre—'Sleeping Beauty.' 8. Royal-Jockey-Jugglers' Opera. 8. Queen's—Mr. Whitbread's 'Sarsfield.' 8.

A Rapidly Diminishing Number. Here in Ireland opinion will vary on the relative value or desirability of such change, and views, rather than news, will probably continue to find favour with many newspaper readers who question of great value to many of the novel experiments of progressive journalism.

Social and Personal. Viscountess De Vesci has left Ireland for Edinburgh. Lord Hamilton and Lord Rathmore have left Kingston for England.

THE LEINSTER SCHOOL OF MUSIC, 43 HARCOURT STREET. Principal, Mrs. MYERS-COCHU, Mus. B. Oxon, F.R.C.O.

J. H. WEBB & CO., LTD., 10 to 16 CORNMARKE, DUBLIN.

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Reasons in favour of Condensation. There are several sound reasons that can be urged in favour of shorter speeches, and of the epitomized reporting of long ones.

Electrifying the 'Underground.' The new electric railway service was inaugurated on the Metropolitan system last evening. The installation is not yet completed, and at present only certain sections will be served.

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By its promoters and supporters the Land Purchase Act was intended to be a measure of social appeasement in Ireland. In that spirit it has been hailed by landlords and tenants on estates the purchase price of which amounts to about £12,000,000.

Verbatim Reporting and Indifferent. The fall reporting of political addresses encourages discursive and prolixity in the public mind, so favoured, while the practical monopoly of newspaper space thus given to a few is responsible for its neglect of speaking on the part of the minor lights of oratory at other parties.

Amongst the guests at Lord Justice FitzGibbon's annual Christmas party last week at his residence, Howth, were—Right Hon. Sir John Lubbock, M.P., Lord Justice FitzGibbon, Mr. Charles Stewart, Lord Justice Holmes, Lord Justice Lord Rathmore, Dr. Charles Fitzgibbon, Sir George Morris, Sir Thomas Smeag, Mr. G. G. Malley, Mr. Bailie Gage, Mr. Gerald Fitzgibbon, Mr. Robert Ward, Sir George O'Farrell, Sir Charles Ball, Dr. Benjamin Williamson, F.R.C.D.; Sir James Creed Meredith.

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MR. REDMOND'S VISIT TO THE WEST. The Boyle Board of Guardians on Saturday passed a resolution welcoming Mr. Redmond to Roscommon and assuring him of their attachment to him, Mr. Redmond and to the member for the division—Mr. James J. O'Kelly.

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WE COME TO STAY! We come to stay, dear Sir, with you. And by your leave, with Madame, too! We trust before the New Year's Old To prove our boast is not too bold: We merely crave our modest due.