

people living

The unlucky first born

The arguments now being used by politicians against the hereditary principle on which the present House of Lords is constituted are reinforced from a strange quarter. Sir Francis Galton has recently pointed out the physical inferiority of the first born as compared with the latter members of a family, and now Professor Pearson of London University College goes further. He says that both the mental and physical conditions of the first and second born members of a family are different from those of later members. The first born are of a more nervous and less stable constitution. "We find that the neurotic, the insane, the tuberculous are more frequent among the elder born." The House of Lords is constituted on the principle of primogeniture, so that if Professor Pearson is correct, the peers are the worst mental and physical specimens their families can produce. Certainly there are many examples in history and public life of the younger

It happened 100 years ago

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With Pauline Scott

brother completely eclipsing the elder in ability. The second Earl of Chatham, for instance, the inglorious hero of the Walcheren expedition was mentally quite inferior to his celebrated younger brother William Pitt. Gladstone was a younger son, so was Randolph Churchill, and so of Lord Hugh Cecil. Perhaps the last named will introduce a Bill to reform the House of Lords by making the hereditary principle apply to the youngest instead of the eldest.

Recent deaths

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Mulligan, Long Walk, Roscommon, which occurred on Thursday after a lingering illness. Deceased's unassuming and genial dispo-

sition endeared him to a large circle of acquaintances, who have heard of his sad death at an early age with much regret.

The remains were removed on Thursday evening to the Church of the Sacred Heart and the funeral, which took place yesterday (Friday), to Derrane Graveyard was large and representative.

It is with feelings of the deepest regret we have to chronicle the death, at the early age of 21 years, of Patrick Kenny, eldest son of Mr. T. Kenny, Rushfield. The sad event took place at his home on March 31st. Although deceased was in rather delicate health for the last couple of months his death was entirely unexpected. An attack of meningitis accelerated

his end.

With feelings of the greatest regret we have to announce the death of Rev Monsignor McLaughlin PP VG, who peacefully passed away to his eternal reward on Saturday last at about 9 pm. Although the late Monsignor had been ailing for a long time it was not thought that the end was so near and his death was consequently somewhat unexpected. His demise removes from the people of Roscommon a pastor who was revered not alone by his parishioners, who knew him so well, but by all with whom he came in contact, as he was of a kind and genial nature, who treated rich and poor alike, for to him all men were equal. Monsignor McLaughlin was born in

the village of Ballintubber some 64 years ago. He came of a grand old stock – a family know and respected throughout the County of Roscommon and indeed, throughout the West of Ireland for centuries.

Bishop Clancy celebrated the Solemn Office and Requiem Mass, assisted by two priests. In the choir were 68 priests.

Agitation on Clonbrock estate

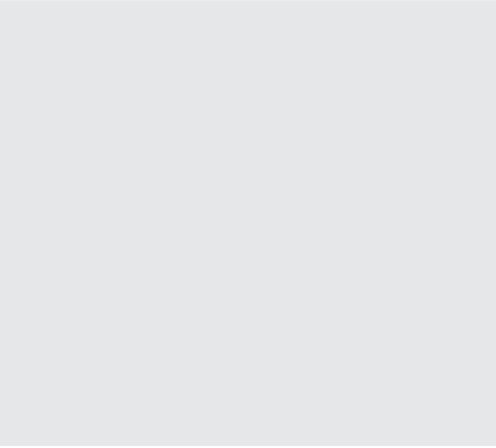
For some time past there has been considerable trouble on the Clonbrock estate between the landlord and his labourers, who demanded an increase of wages from 1s 3d a day to 12s a week. The demand having been refused, about 50

workmen on the estate have struck work. To supply their places a number of men have been drafted into the district and these are guarded by a number of police armed with rifles. A special meeting of the labourers was held on Wednesday, when a branch of the Trade and Labour League was formed. About 250 members joined, and handed in their subscriptions. There was much excitement in the district over the action of Lord Clonbrock in importing men to take the place of the men who struck work.

Demonstration in Athlone

The great Nationalist demonstration held on Sunday in Athlone was a striking illustration of the strength, earnestness and enthusiasm with which the Nationalists of the wide area who participated in it are animated and of their enthusiastic approval of the policy and tactics of Mr. Redmond and Mr. Dillon in the present eventful political crisis.

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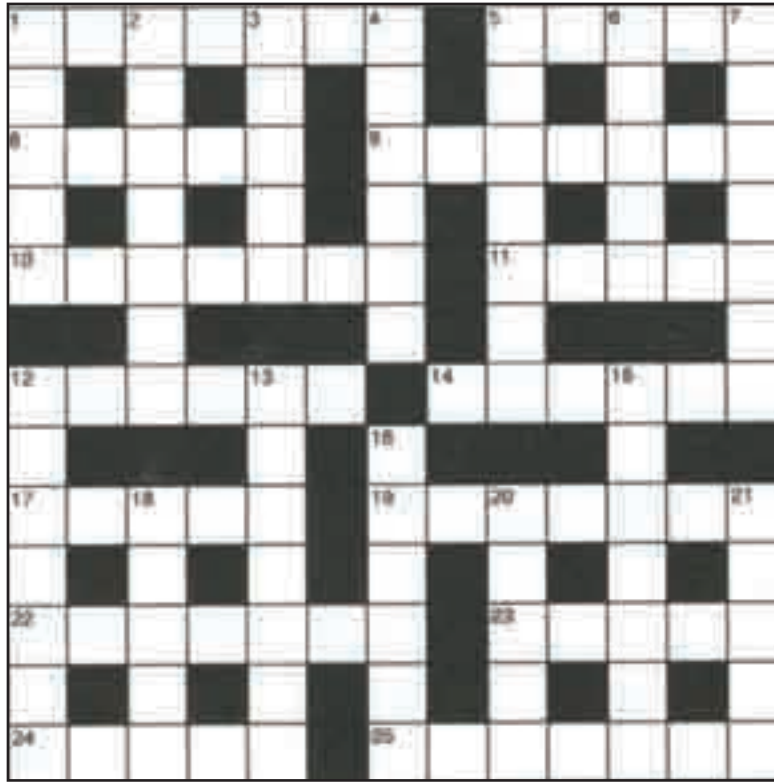


SUDOKU

The rules for Sudoku couldn't be easier. All you have to do is fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each smaller 3x3 block contains all the numbers 1 to 9. In order to work out a number, you'll need to eliminate the numbers already in the square's row, column and 3x3 block. As you get more experienced you'll find there are several more basic techniques or 'strategies' that you can adopt but let's not over-complicate matters more than we need to at the start ... good luck ...

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2	5					3	9	
8						4		2
	8	1						5
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CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Weirdo? (7)
- Individual taster (5)
- Enormous (5)
- Wine and fruit juice drink (7)
- Rope for fastening a boat (7)
- Pale-faced (5)
- Opera, *The _____* (6)
- Crass (6)
- Gentleman on the road (5)
- Tense, irritable (7)
- Accumulated (7)
- Intended (5)
- Choose by vote (5)
- All the way (7)

DOWN

- Lowest deck of a ship (5)
- Simple crane (7)
- Prevent (7)
- Sheen (6)
- Sugar paste used for decorating cakes (7)
- Toward the Arctic (5)
- Longed for (7)
- Main constituent of natural gas (7)
- Plait of hair (7)
- Expert (6)
- Knowledgeable (5)
- Entice, lure (5)
- Shabby (5)

ACROSS: 1 oddball, 5 fancy, 8 large, 9 sangria, 10 painter, 11 ashen, 12 Mikado, 14 stupid, 16 pundit, 18 aware, 20 tempt, 21 tatty.
DOWN: 2 derrick, 3 avert, 4 lustre, 5 fondant, 6 north, 7 yearned, 12 methane, 13 deposit, 15

TOP5 singles

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|---|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Telephone | Lady Gaga feat. Beyoncé |
| 2 | 2 | I Gave it all Away | Boyzone |
| 3 | 3 | Rude Boy | Rihanna |
| 6 | 4 | Parachute | Cheryl Cole |
| 7 | 5 | If we ever meet Again | Timberland feat. Katy Perry |



TOP5 albums

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|---|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Glee The Music: Vol 2 | Original Cast |
| 3 | 2 | The Fame/The Fame Monster | Lady Gaga |
| 5 | 3 | Glee The Music: Vol 1 | Original Cast |
| 4 | 4 | Sigh No More | Mumford and Sons |
| 8 | 5 | Lungs | Florence and The Machine |



TOP5 DVD rentals

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| 1 | 1 | The Twilight Saga: New Moon |
| - | 2 | 2012 |
| 2 | 3 | The Hangover |
| 3 | 4 | Inglorious Basterds |
| 13 | 5 | Nanny McPhee |



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