

Joseph Casey, JP, died at his residence, here, on this morning. He is deeply regretted by all, and is a serious loss to the public; of Rathkeale, having been for years Justice of the Peace.

Mayor has left town for a few days to attend to Parliamentary business, and has appointed Alderman J F Walker as *locum tenens* in his absence. He will return to attend at Municipal elections, and also the Mayoralty; if same goes on.

MARY'S ORATORIAL SERVICES.—December 7th, "The Saviour"; 14th, "Lauda Sion"; 21st, "The City"; January 1st, "The Creation." On the following evening next "Lauda Sion" and "The Saviour" will be rehearsed.

It is stated that Mr Richard B Silles, JP, has a residence at Newtown House, Querin, for some time in England where he purposes residing here. Mr Silles during a long residence at Newtown was much esteemed as an upright Justice of the Peace. His loss will often be regretted on the bench at Kilkee.

CRICK HARRIERS.—(Mr T Cooney)—This day had a very good day's sport yesterday. The crick was found at Kilpeacon, the "field" was brought through Ballyregan, Kildoran, and Kilderry, then through Ballymartin and Kilderry, then through Ballycaha, finishing at Kilpeacon. There was a large number out. The next meeting on Thursday next at Mungret Cross, at 10 o'clock.

VANDELEUR TENANTS.—The Vandeleur tenants of seventeen evicted tenants for trespassing on their late holdings, which were to be sold at the Kilrush petty sessions yesterday, postponed for a month, when, it is believed, appeals on cases will be disposed of in the County Courts, regarding the alleged illegality of the evictions. The trials for barricading commenced this week.

WRIT BY THE MANAGER OF KILMEEDY DAIRY FACTORY.—We have been informed that the writ which the manager of this factory had issued against Mr John Gaffney, farmer and school teacher, for alleged defamation of the factory, has, through the influence of the directors of the company, been amicably arranged, the defendant paying all costs of the suit, and giving in writing an ample apology for the offence complained of.

RATHKEALE FAIR.—The old November fair at Rathkeale was held yesterday, the 19th inst. To some extent, brought back the prices to "The Old Times," as may be seen by the following prices, viz: Beasts from 3 to 4 years, £12 to £25; store cattle from one and a half year olds, £7 to £10; sheep, from 35s to £4 good supply of horses. Pig Market—pigs from 44s to 48s per cwt; bonhams 6s to 25s.—COR.

CONSTRATION AGAINST AN ALLEGED LANDLORD.—On Sunday the congregation attending at Mass at Knocka suddenly left the church, as it was found a man named Ryan had entered the building for the purpose of attending at Service. Ryan, it appears, has attained notoriety in the district latterly owing to his unpopularity.

THE RECENT FATALITY AT THE DOCKS.
INQUEST ON THE BODY.

Yesterday at one o'clock Mr M J DeCourcy, City Coroner, and a respectable jury, held an inquest in Barrington's Hospital on the body of Simon Riordan, who succumbed on the previous day to the effects of a wound received whilst engaged as watchman at the Docks on the night of the 10th inst.

The first witness examined was Ellen Riordan, wife of the deceased, who identified the body as that of her husband, Simon Riordan; he was about 60 years of age, and was engaged as night-watchman at the Docks in the employment of the Harbour Commissioners; on Saturday the 10th he went out about four o'clock to go to his work; he did not return home until about half-past six on Tuesday morning, when he came in he took off his coat and said to his witness, look at the blow I got; there was a cut on his forehead; he said he got a blow off a stone from some boy while standing at the dock gate the night before; about a quarter past eleven he went over to Mrs Brinn's house, and they put a cloth on it; he went to the barracks afterwards to the watchmen, and in the barrack, he bled as good as two quarts; he went to Mass then to the Fathers, and after that he went to Barrington's Hospital and got his wounds dressed; he did not know the name of the boy that struck him; he afterwards complained of his head; he had always been a strong man.

William Harrold deposed—I am a seafaring man; I remember seeing the deceased Simon Riordan on the night of the 10th instant; he admitted him (witness) into the docks with a carpenter and a sailor belonging to the steamship Sara, of Cardiff; when I went in I left a man named Kelly outside with whom I had been drinking in Halloran's public house just before 11 o'clock; I did not hear Kelly ask to get into the docks; I came ahead with the sailor, because Riordan would not leave the gate; after leaving the sailors at their ship I returned to the gate and met Simon Riordan coming against me at the docks; it was eleven o'clock then, and he said "is that Harold? it is dark;" I said yes; he said "come on, Harold, with me," and put his hand into my arm and we came out through the dock gate; when we came outside the gate I noticed blood on his whiskers; I said "Simon, what's up with you?"; he said, "You know the man who was with you?"; "yes," I said; he said then, "Come to the barrack with me"; we went along in the middle of the road, and two police met us; I said, "It is time for me to be going home; I have a family to look after"; one of the policemen said, "Have you any objection to come to the barrack with me?"; "Not the slightest," I said; Riordan then said to one of the policemen, "Look at this," pointing to his head; I went to the barrack with them; one of the constables asked Simon Riordan had he any charge against me; he said, "No"; he said then that I should know the man that was with me outside the dock-gate; I said I did, and that his name was Kelly; Riordan said that that was the man outside the gate that struck him; I went home then; I saw no person; I could not say whether I left Kelly on the road or the foot-path; the night was dark when we were coming into the docks; we met no person.

John Fitzmaurice stated—I live at the Dock Road, convenient to the Dock gate; I recollect the night of the 10th instant; about a quarter past eleven I was standing in the shop with my mother; I heard two steps at the front door; I went to the hall door and saw a man coming from the front door access; I know his appearance but I do not know his name; I told my

RE-OPENING OF ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL.

To-day in the presence of a large assemblage of citizens, representing all creeds and classes, was formally re-opened by His Lordship, the Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer, St John's Hospital, which has been in disuse for many years. It has been generally known as the Fever Hospital, but its history dates from the dreadful cholera epidemic of 1832, when the accommodation of the building was thoroughly taxed. Some of the most eminent medical men in Limerick have been connected with the institution, and for a long period one of the most useful of its kind in the city. Some time ago Mr Micks, L.G.B.I., suggested to the Board of Guardians the advisability of using it as an auxiliary hospital to the General House for the treatment specially of infectious patients, but when the guardians made a decision in the matter it was ascertained that the building was already in the field, and that His Lordship purchased the establishment with a view to being enlarged, re-modelled, and, as it were, completely transformed so that a long and severe winter might be supplied. In addition to the arrangements to place the institution in charge of the Little Sisters of the Company of Mary, a religious community specially trained as nurses and comforters of the sick. How His Lordship's important work will be more fully explained in his address at the opening ceremony to-day. The hospital was festooned with evergreens and flowers in honor of the opening day.

The Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer took the chair, and the motion of the High Sheriff.

Amongst those also present were—Lord Bishop of Limerick, Rev Dr Moloney, PP, V G; Rev Dr Meehan, Rev J O'Shea, Admr; Rev W Higgins, Rev D Shanahan, CC; Rev Father O'Donoghue, CC; Rev J O'Shaughnessy, CC; Father Collins, CC; Rev E J Ambrose, CC; Rev J Lee, CC; Rev J O'Grady, CC; Mr James JP; Mr Ralph Nash, solicitor, Mrs and Mr Nash; Dr M and Mrs O'Connor, Mr P Solly, solicitor, and Mrs Connolly, Mrs W Leahy, Dr Graham, Dr E M and Mrs O'Connell, Rev Frederick Langbridge and Mrs Langbridge, St John's; Rev W Baxendale, Independent Church; Mr Archibald Murray, Mr James I. Mr Richard Harris, Mrs Archibald Murray, John Ryan, solicitor; Mr G W Bassett, J. Golden, Manager Munster and Leinster; Mr Samuel Lee, City Foundry; Mr T M C. JP, Mrs and Miss Cregan; Mr S J Dowling, Miss Graves, Mr Joseph Stewart, John F Power, T C; Mr Robert Hunt, Mr Wm Spillane, JP, and Mrs Spillane, Maurice Lenihan, JP; Mr J G Barry, JP; J F Browne, C E; Mr T M Bourke, Shanahan, C; Mr Jas Quin, J P, and Mrs Mr N A Brophy, Mr J de C M'Donnell, and M'Donnell; Mr P O'Connor, and Mrs O'Connell; Mr W J O'Donnell, Father O'Keefe, S J. Herbert, and the Misses Herbert; Mr P I. Mr Wm Lloyd, and Mrs Lloyd; Mr, Mr Miss Egan, Mr James Moran, Mr James O. Alderman J Counihan, J P, Mrs Counihan, Miss Greene, Mrs and Miss Irwin, Miss Dundon, Miss Doyle, Mr James Shine, J. Mrs Shine; the Misses McNamara, George; Mrs T E O'Brien, Mr J T Ryan, J P, and E. an; Mr E H O'Callaghan, the High Sheriff, Mrs O'Mara, Dr Enright, Dr M V Bourke, O'Shaughnessy, J P, etc.

His Lordship the Bishop on rising thanked them for attending in such large numbers. It was a most interesting and profitable day.