

CLARE RAILWAY.—The works on the Railway will be commenced about a month. The Kilkee line is to be opened, and will, it is stated, be opened on the 1st of May, 1891. The portion of the work has been finished, tracks, curves, and levels.—*Con.*

ASSIZES.—The Summer Assizes for Clare yesterday at two o'clock, Judges Gibson having been engaged up to trying appeals, which were only of a few parties concerned. Their lordships arrived in Limerick by the 4.30 train, being met at the station by Colonel Vincent, High Sheriff, and a mounted party of police.

ANNUAL FAIR.—The annual fair near Kilrush, was held yesterday, and was well supplied with cattle of every description. Dealers were in attendance from Tipperary, and other large towns, and many who were present and bought for themselves. There was a good demand for stock of quality and condition, and a large business was transacted. Better obtained than at recent fairs held in the county. There was a large pig fair.—*Con.*

SALES.—On Saturday next the farm property known as Fort Prospect, Roxboro, comprising 9 Irish acres of cottages and offices, held for ever at an annual rent of £40 19s 0d, will be sold by Mr. J. J. White, auctioneer, at his mart, 60, The letting of the cottages reduces the nominal figure, there are several sites on the property. The interest in the premises, No. 46 William street, was sold at a substantial price. The premises No. 46 William street will be sold on the immediate possession of which can be had.—*Con.*

CATHEDRAL.—Fifth Sunday after Trinity, 11.30 o'clock; Venite, Turle in the organ; Service, Te Deum and Credo in F; Hymn, No. 283; Communion, Dykes in F; Offertory Sentences by the choir; Preacher, Rev. J. W. F. Hudson, at 3.30 o'clock—Chants, Rogers in the organ; Service, Magnificat in B flat; herewithal shall a young man? Service, Preacher, the Dean; Hymn, No. 279 (1st tune). Week-day services at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Litany on Friday.

COCK HORSE SHOW.—A meeting of the Limerick Horse Show met at the Limerick Horse Show meeting of Commerce yesterday, for the purpose of considering an objection to the decision regarding the Croker Challenge Cup. Mr. J. Hobson, sub-Sheriff, Mr. H. S. Kelly, and Mr. J. Kelly, Ballybricken, were present. The cup for the best two-year-old hunter, and Mr. J. Kelly was declared the winner. It was stated that Mr. Hobson was not a bona fide hunter, one of the conditions of the cup. After hearing Mr. Croker the objection was allowed. The cup was accordingly awarded to Mr. Kelly, Ballybricken, for his bay hunter, who had been given second prize at the show.

DEATH OF SIR CROKER BARRINGTON, BART., D.L.

We deeply regret to record the death of Sir Croker Barrington, Bart., D.L., head of the eminent firm of Messrs Barrington and Son, solicitors to the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, and also to the county Limerick Grand Jury. Sir Croker had been in delicate health for some time back, and early on yesterday morning passed away at his picturesque seat, Glenstal Castle, Murroe. He was second son of the late Sir Matthew Barrington, the second baronet; was born on 12th July, 1817, and married 12th April, 1845, Anna-Felicia, eldest daughter of the late John Beatty West, Esq., M.P. for Dublin. In 1841 he was admitted to the bar, and on the death of his brother, Sir William Barrington, the baronet, in 1872, succeeded to the title. Sir Croker was a large landowner, and the relations between him and his tenants have always been of the most friendly nature, while we need hardly say his respected family are deservedly popular in city and county. Sir Croker was of a very kind and genial disposition, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him, rich and poor. He did not mix much in public affairs, but up to a few years ago was a frequent attendant at the meetings of the Governors of Barrington's Hospital, which was founded by Sir Joseph Barrington (first baronet) and his sons. In the hospital Sir Croker took an especial interest, as indeed does every member of his family, and his ever generous support to it need not be spoken of here. He was a great lover of the fine art, as his beautiful and varied collection at Glenstal amply proves. Sir Croker's Dublin residence was 58 Fitzwilliam Place, and his office was in Ely Place, where the business has been conducted for some time by his son, Mr Croker Barrington, who was called to the Bar in 1876, but from which he retired some years ago on being admitted a solicitor. The name of the deceased baronet will long be remembered with affection in the county and city of Limerick, and deep sympathy is felt with his family in the loss they have sustained. Sir Croker is succeeded by his eldest son, Mr Charles Burton Barrington, J.P., M.A., a gentleman who enjoys the good will and best wishes of a very large circle of friends, and who has always unselfishly given his best and practical support to the cause of charity in this city.

The funeral will leave Glenstal at 8 o'clock on Monday for Boher station, whence the remains will be conveyed to Dublin for interment.

At the sitting of the County Grand Jury today the following resolution proposed by Sir Stephen De Vere, and seconded by Mr John White, D.L., was unanimously adopted:—
“We, the Grand Jury of the County of Limerick, desire to express by a unanimous vote the deep regret with which we have heard of the death of Sir Croker Barrington, Bart. His services as our solicitor for twenty-two years have been of inestimable value. His lamented death has deprived our county of a worthy and honourable country gentleman, and his personal friends have to deplore a loss which nothing can repair, that of one who was respected and beloved by all who knew him. Kindly, genial, and just, a steadfast friend, and a wise and experienced counsellor, his name will be long remembered in this county and city of Limerick.”

PROSECUTION UNDER THE EXPOSURE ACT.

AN INTERESTING CASE.

A court constituted under the Exposure of Offences Act was held yesterday in the Court, before Mr J. B. Irwin, R.M., to try a charge preferred by District Inspector New Pallas, against John Rafferty, defendant was charged with having thrown powder into the house of Robert Gubbins on the night of the 20th June.

District Inspector M'Ghee prosecuted the defendant was represented by Mr. J. J. Nolly, solicitor.

Robert Gubbins deposed that on the night of the 20th he retired to bed about eleven o'clock. The shutters of the bedroom window were not fastened. He was awakened by something dropped on the floor. He felt a most suffocating smell of powder on the floor a box-cart axle, and also some old metal. The shutters were the same panes of glass were broken. In the parlour the same state of things was seen. He saw the prisoner, who was not a member of the National League, at the sacristy, Catholic Church on Sunday, and he told him to leave. He called Morgan Hayes and said he came there to defer against these fellows. He was aware that Ryan, and prisoner said his uncle was condemned for buying cattle from a prisoner's uncle's action was condemned (prisoner's) uncle was chairman of the meeting.

Sergeant M'Keown gave evidence to the house of Mr Gubbins on the night of the 20th at about half-past twelve o'clock. He saw a smell of powder. The door of the bedroom was closed. A pane of glass was broken in the window of each room. He also saw a print of a barefoot outside the bedroom. He then went to the prisoner's room, and, after admittance, he questioned the prisoner, who informed him that he had that night about eight o'clock, had thrown powder on the prisoner's feet and found there was fresh clay on the soles. Prisoner informed that he had walked from the kitchen room barefooted. On examining his shoes he discovered there was a wound on them, from which blood was on the prisoner's clothes were damp, and a few blades of grass on them. He then questioned the prisoner, and, after cautioning him the barracks.

Constable Rogan was next examined. He deposed that on the night in question he was on duty at the Oola barracks about half-past twelve o'clock. He met Robert Tucker and Joseph Gubbins, and in consequence of the information they gave him, he went in company with another constable to Mr Gubbins' house. In the parlour he saw a box of a cart-axle and some powder. There was smoke issuing from the parlour, and a strong smell of powder. One pane of glass was broken in the parlour window. On entering the bedroom witness observed another pane of glass broken, and also pieces of wire and wood-work of the doors were broken. There was also smoke in the bedroom, and a strong smell of powder. He then examined the house outside in front of the barracks.