

... the most interesting plot, which is rather a simple one, arises out of a version of the young people of a certain age to enter into the married state. "Alexis," is betrothed to "Aline," endeavours to get this unnatural state of affairs. He only espouses the cause of matrimony, and aims, "Oh that the world would break down artificial barriers of rank, wealth, education, beauty, habits, taste, and temper, and re-ise the glorious principle that in marriage is to be found the panacea for every ill." He announces that he has lectured before us audiences, and been received with enthusiasm, and there is much humour in his remark he has addressed navies on the advantages would accrue to them if they married of rank "and not a navy discontent." How to expedite the good cause the services of a sorcerer are required. This expert in the art of magic produces a liquid known as "Love-at-sight Philtre," which is placed in a tea and when the villagers innocently partake a cup that cheers, they relapse into a state of rapture, but on awakening love rules every one. Young and hitherto bashful maidens meet strangely fascinated by old age, they their former lovers, and the most amusing complications ensue. However, in the end the sorcerer is doomed to die by the general verdict of the villagers, and all thereupon quit their present partners and rejoin their old ones. A very joyful chorus immediately concludes the opera. The casts was as follows:—

Marmaduke Pointdextre (an Elderly Baronet) ... Mr Frank Gill
 (of the Grenadier Guards—his
) ... Mr Whately Ellis
 Sangazure (a Lady of Ancient
 age) ... Miss Gaffney
 (her Daughter) ... Miss Birdie McCarthy
 Partlet (a Paw Opaner) ... Miss Donnellan
 niece (her Daughter) ... Miss Kate Doyle
 (Vicar of Ploverleigh) ... Mr Jos P Gaffney
 ... Mr T J Bourke
 Wellington Wells (the Sorcerer) ... Mr J P Hall
 d Peasant ... Mr F Johnson
 (us a Page) ... Master Jerome Hanrahan
 Gill's portrayal of "Sir Marmaduke" was
 acted in a most dignified and realistic
 manner, which was free from anything like stag-
 ger. The very courtly ceremony, during which a
 and y Sangazure" was greatly admired, and
 id rounds of applause. A duet
 they here sing was very capably
 acted. On the whole Mr Gill may congrat-
 himself on his very clever interpretation
 of the role. Mr Whately Ellis as "Alexis" (in
 a soldier uniform) had a very important part,
 and a very professional performance, but he
 unfortunately suffered from a cold, and was not in
 his best voice. In the charming ballad, "I love
 love—I love it only," he sang with great
 and much power, and was encored, and the
 due with "Sir Marmaduke" was excellently
 acted. With "Aline" he also did his part
 successfully, particularly in the scene
 of the affable "Mr Wells" first appears.
 frequently Mr Ellis was again encored for his
 ring of the ballad, "It is not love." We
 speak too highly of Miss Gaffney's im-
 portation of "Lady Sangazure." It was simply
 original for an amateur, and leaves no doubt
 of the possessor very high dramatic concep-
 tions, while her rich and very pleasing voice
 was ably suited to the music allotted to the char-
 acter. Her costume, which was designed by
 the artist Irwin and made by Messrs Wm Todd
 of this city, was a very handsome bodice and train of
 rose satin, striped with purple velvet, and
 with pale maize satin, over a petticoat of
 rose and gold brocade, and trimmed with
 black lace. Her acting throughout was most
 faithful and realistic. She sang in faultless
 style the duet with "Sir Marmaduke," which has
 already referred to, and at the conclusion
 she was recipient of a handsome bouquet, thrown
 by one of the boxes. In the second act she was
 applauded for her rendering of "In the
 n Days"—a beautiful song, which does not
 belong to the opera; and in the recitative and
 with "Mr Wells" she exhibited great comedy.
 Miss Birdie McCarthy as "Aline" looked
 attractive in a modern bridal costume,
 she wore in the first act, and in the second
 a yellow brocade and pink satin dress,
 edged with honiton lace. She acted very
 faithfully, and sang with her usual taste, her
 trained voice being heard to great advantage
 in the duets with "Alexis."
 McCarthy entered into the spirit

Almost all the success of the opera—Signed on behalf of the Committee.

W L STOKES } Hon Secs
 A J EAKINS }

FUNERAL OF MR. W. R. KENNY, J.P.
 (FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

The remains of the above gentleman were removed from his residence, Freigh Castle, on Thursday evening for interment at the family vault at Freigh. The vast assemblage of sympathisers, both lay and clerical, who attended the funeral to pay their last tribute of respect, bore ample testimony to the esteem in which he was held by all classes of the community. The sad news of his death cast a gloom over the entire county, and the shops in the towns and villages were shuttored as a mark of respect and sympathy. Wreaths were received from—Members of the West Clare Club, Miltown Malbay; Lieutenant Paget, Spanish Point; Mr F Moynihan, National Bank, Miltown; Mr J Finucane, Cork; Mr and Mrs Rooney, Dublin, Mr J P Dwyer, Ennistymon, Mr S Egan, Tramore; Mr and Mrs S M'Mahon, Miltown; and Mr Hugh O'Neil, Miltown Malbay.

The chief mourners were—Mr M J Kenny, B L, M P (brother); the Rev M J Kenny, P P (uncle); Mr S Frost, J P (uncle); Mr Frost Castleland (cousin); Dr Frost, Mr John Frost (cousins), Mr M J Kenny, Limerick.

Amongst others present were—The Rev P White, P P, V G; the Dean of Killaloe, Rev J B Kingston, P P; Rev P Quain, C C; Rev F Vaughan, C C, Miltown; Rev P McInerney, P P, Inagh; Rev P M O'Killy, C C, Ennis; Rev D Garry, C C (late of Miltown), Alderman Dundon, solr, Limerick; Mr James Kelly, Cres; Dr M'Dermott, Ennistymon; Major G Studdert, Cragmoher; Mr F Kerin, solr, Ennis; Mr Cecil Minikin, solr, Ennis; Mr T Kelly, solr, Kilrush; Mr John Cullinan, Bushy Park; Mr Michael Higgins, solr, Lisconnor; Mr J Healy, solr, Ennis; Mr E Crowe, solr; Mr J P O'Dwyer, Mr James O'Dwyer, Dr O'Dwyer, and Mr Edward O'Dwyer, Ennistymon; Mr W Davis and Mr B Davis, Killynora; Mr P O'Dwyer, Ballinaguave House; Mr Michael Frost, Mr Thomas Frost, Mr James McMahon, Miltown; Mr William Hynes; Mr P Collins, Miltown; Mr J S Carroll, Auctioneer, Kilrush; Mr L V Burton, D L, J P, Carrigaholt Castle; Lieutenant C Paget, B A, Spanish Point; Drs John Hill and M O'Brien, Miltown; Mr J O'Connor, C E; Major Studdert, J P, Moy; Dr Green, Ennis; Mr E W Green, Ennis; Mr H G Supple, Kilrush; Mr W R Harley, Miltown; Mr Mullahan, Mr Moynihan, National Bank; Mr T Lucas, J P, Sandfield; Mr A O'Dwyer, Anagh; Mr O'Brien, Mr F W Moroney, C P S; Mr T Lynch, solicitor; Mr J B Moloney, solicitor; Mr J F Cullinan, solicitor; Mr F Kerin, solicitor; Mr C Hogan, Mr T S Cullinan, Mr J W Scott, J P, Rosslan; Dr Healy, Miltown; Mr T Doherty, Mr J Cernady, V S; Mr P Moloney, Ennis; Mr J Cullinan, J P, Kilrush; Mr James Meade, Mr John Anderson, Mr John O'Donnell, Mr J Burke, Mr M Hann, Mr William Bonn, Mr M Hayes, Dr M Hann, Miltown; Mr Bryan Shedy, Killybeg; Rev M Hehir, C C, Mullough; Rev P Barry, C C, Ennis; Rev L Brow, P P, Doonbeg; Rev M McGour, P P, of Killyshanny; Rev J E Frost, C C (relative), of Silvermine; also Mr P J Dillon, of Ennis; Mr J Keane, Corofin; Dr Hynes, Mr G Wright, Mr F Coffey, C E; Mr D Studdert, J P; Mr J Frost (relative); Mr G Hoggins, Chairman Ennistymon Union; Mr A Studdert, Mr P J Doherty, Kilrush; Dr Forster, Lisdoonvarna; Mr Martin, Sheahan, Mr P J K Dublin, County Surveyor; Mr P K Sullivan, Manager West Clare Railway; Mr Martin Crehan, Mr H Tyne, Killyshanny; Mr Edward Moloney, Dr F Brow, and Mr D F Higgins, D I, Ennistymon; Mr G Blackall, and Mr G Copeland, of Doonbeg; Mr Thomas O'Gorman, of Buncraggy; Mr D Featherston, Manager National Bank, Kilrush; Mr C C Knox, Mr Sexton, Coroner; Mr G Matthew, Mr E Matthews, Kildimo; Mr A Moloney, Victualler; Mr M Fitzpatrick, Mr J Sullivan, Mr James McClanay, Mr Mitchell, Mr Timothy O'Brien, hotel proprietor, Miltown; Mr H B White, Manager National Bank, was unable to attend through illness. Resolutions from public bodies and telegrams from friends were numerous.

ADJOURNMENT OF PETTY SESSIONS.

Miltown Malbay, Friday.
 The usual petty sessions court was opened here to-day, Mr A M Harper, E M, being the only magistrate present. On taking his seat, he said—

The result of these matches would go to indicate that the Irish representatives will have a good chance of carrying victory all round in the International contests, England having already beaten Wales by the substantial score of four goals and a try to nil. Judging by to-day's result Ireland should have no difficulty in defeating Scotland when they meet in Dublin on the 24th. The contest between Wales and Ireland will be played in Belfast.

BECTIVE RANGERS V. GARRYOWEN.
 (SPECIAL TELEGRAM FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

Dublin, Saturday Evening.
 The Bective Rangers met the famous Garryowen Limerick team in Dublin this afternoon before a large crowd of spectators. The Bective men won the toss. Play settled down in the vicinity of the Limerickmen's goal, and Jerry Magee managed to get across the line. Cameron had a good shot at goal, and succeeded in gaining this point. No further score was made at half time. In the second half Garryowen played very pluckily, and pressed the home team very hard, but eventually they were obliged to adopt defensive tactics. Magee shortly after got across the line, which was not improved upon. O'Connor made a splendid run, but was collared by Grant in fine style, and neither side made any headway till call of time. Bective won by one goal and one try to nil.

L.P.Y.M.A V. HAND MANCHESTER REGIMENT.

The return match between the above teams was played this evening on the Farranshane Grounds, and resulted in a win for the L.P.Y.M.A. by a try (T Gale) to nil, after an exciting game, the home team just scoring before "time." The following played a very good game for the Regiment—Forster, Evans, McCauley, and Mulcaster, and Ormston, Stokes, Moore (backs), Scales, Brown, and Angley (forwards), played in their usual good form for the Association.

COUNTY LIMERICK HOUNDS

The place of meeting of this pack on Thursday last, 1st February, was Castle Roberts Bridge, where a large field was in attendance. The covers round Adare Manor, the seat of that world-known sportsman, the Earl of Dunraven, were first appealed to, and having been closed to hounds for the first four months of the hunting season were reported to be swarming with foxes. Expectation ran high in consequence, but cover after cover failed to produce a fox, and disappointment was universal when the demesne was drawn blank. Nor did better luck attend hounds when Sir D V Roche's covers at Carras were next visited, as the result was similar to that at Adare. So ended a blank day (the first of the season)—in the heart of the County Limerick, too!—so different to the sport of Monday, 20th January, and to that of yesterday, February 2nd, when Terroe was the fixture. Hounds were not half a minute in cover at Terroe when they spoke to a fox, and carried him nicely out of the demesne on the western side, running at a fair pace close up to Elm Park, where he beat right handed and ran hounds out of scent near Carrigogunnell Castle. Elm Park held a brace who were loath to quit, and as scent was had in cover they were left. A fox from Fahagorse was run hard to the back of Fahag house, back through the gorse, and killed a field or two from the cover. Then a long trot to Croos gorse which, as usual, held a good one. Breaking at the eastern end he crossed the Liskennett road, south of the Rectory, and the hounds ran without checking to within a field of Mr Hartigan's gorse at Durragh. Then at a reduced speed over a fine line of country till Kilmore was almost reached. Bending here to the right the line lay over the hills towards Liskennett gorse, before entering which hounds were stopped, the masters not wishing to disturb the cover. This was a very good run, and lasted in all about one hour from the find.

Amongst those out we noticed—Mr J V Phelps, M F H, Mr A E Bannatyne, M F H; Mr J F Bannatyne, Mr James O'Grady Delmege, Dr

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