

nd it is naturally contended if of the rates does not produce depression it places an excessively n on land. It is also contended are not only a tax on house and mises, but also a tax on agricultural-estimated on the rental, and that alone of all our industries has a imposed upon it. The following is given in illustration:—"A is a who holds five hundred acres of 25s an acre. He pays rates, then, r. Let us suppose, however, that which he lives and the buildings lued separately at £75 a year—a valuation indeed. The land alone, nd at £550 a year. On this sum ated on the presumption, appar- e annual profit of a farm is equal Let us next suppose the local to 2s in the £1. In that case A local burdens £7 10s on his house is land. Take now the case of B, g auctioneer who makes £550 a eabouts out of his business, and st conceivable, but by no means ouse and office rated at £75 a year. n pay £7 10s to local burdens and ence the man whose business is her than selling, will be burdened f £50 a year. But the man who ndred acres in reality seldom, if a profit equal to his rent, and all probability the case is even a than we have put. Probably the pays £50 a year more to local a the auctioneer of £550 a year has income, but only one of £300, or at a year." Another illustration of e was supplied when Mr Chaplin is Bill. He quoted the case of two ide by side in Essex, each of whom fe with a capital of £20,000. "A s capital in funds and other nd has now an income of £560 a es in a house rated at £40 a year; 2s 7d in the pound, come to £4 7s sted his capital in the purchase of £15,000, and put £5,000 in as tal; the rateable value of his farm and his rates, at 2s 7d in the nt to £66 14s 8d a year." A third supplied from Somerset, where a loying two thousand hands is rated poses at £400; and a farm of two es in the same parish is assessed at we see land singled out to bear an

diminish.

New potatoes were on sale on Saturday last at Messrs M'Cowen's Trade, the price being six-pence per lb. They are fine specimens of founders, and were grown in the open air at Mr M'Cowen's at Barrow.

Several candidates are mentioned for the coronership of East Limerick, rendered vacant by the death of Mr J S Casey, amongst them being Dr P J Clery, Kilmallock; Dr W P Lee Kilfinane; and Dr Hennessy, Galbally.

**PUBLIC FREE LIBRARY.**—The following is a list of the number of visitors to the Free Library Lower Glentworth street, for the week ended Saturday, April 25th:—Sunday, 28; Monday, 269; Tuesday, 273; Wednesday, 300; Thursday, 274; Friday, 296; Saturday, 294. Total, 1,734.

**RACES AT KILRUSH.**—Efforts are being made to revive the Kilrush races, which have now lapsed for some years. Considering the importance of Kilrush and the large district, of which it is the centre, there should be no reason why a very successful meeting could not be brought off there. If the matter is energetically taken up, the result ought to be satisfactory.

**SUDDEN DEATH.**—John Eustace, 65, a rag and bone gatherer by occupation, lodging at the house of a man named John Long, Mungret street, was suddenly taken ill on Sunday morning, and died in a short time. Death is attributed to heart disease. Mr J Coffey, R O, had the interment of the deceased carried out, as it appeared he was destitute. The Coroner, Mr M J De Courcey, was communicated with, but did not consider it necessary to hold an inquest.

### ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT.

#### DETACHMENT FOR MATABELAND.

A detachment of 28 men of the Royal Irish Regiment, in charge of Lieutenant French and two Non-commissioned Officers, left by the 3.10 train yesterday for Waterford en route to England whence, with detachments from other corps, it will proceed to South Africa. The men were played to the terminus by the band of the regiment, accompanied by a large crowd of civilian friends. Colonel Spyer and a number of the officers were present on the platform. As the train steamed out the band played "Auld Lang Syne," and the crowd cheered heartily, and wished the travellers *bon voyage*.

#### LIMERICK COUNTY CRICKET AND LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the above club was held at Messrs McKern's, George street, on Saturday last, when a large number of members attended. From the Hon Treasurer's report, which was laid before the meeting, the past season proved to have been a record one, the financial position of the club being now very favourable. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the ladies who gave tea at the ground during past season, and also to the colonel and officers of the Royal Irish Regiment, for allowing the band of the regiment to play on the grounds during the season. A number of the cricket members of the club have subscribed, and a first-class cricket professional has been engaged from Nottingham for the coming season. The grounds will open on Monday, the 4th of May, when a cricket match will probably be played.

where the doctor and Mrs and thoroughly united and everyth Mr W Besley Beltran, as Rennieck," supplied an exce- and realistic performance of th husband playing the role of the he most successfully presented th all its absurdities and intricac Candy, L L D." Mr Frederick Me- sence and genial, comely manner v suited to the part of schoolmaster, while a very g was that of "Felix Roach," a design who leaves nothing undone to be of Dr Candy's means. Mr T C B ably sustained this part, while M as "Bullock Major," or the bully was also very amusing. Miss Jo took the role of "Mrs Rennieck dramatic skill, and Miss Grace M very winsome "Nancy Roach." parts were placed in good hands. T ceded by a screaming farce, He, matrimonial scene in which the be fourth the vials of her wrath at a pace, until at last the unfortunat has never been able to get a word i a wonderful change by meekly hysterical lady with a bangle anniversary present. The only night was the orchestra, the musi the patience of the house to a seve

#### "THE SECOND MRS. TANQ"

A. W. Pinero's well known play, Mrs Tanqueray," will be produced Latham's Company, at the Thea Thursday, Friday, and Saturday ne attack crowded houses. A contemp "It is a play to be seen again and to study and think deeply over. doubtedly made people pause and arrested the attention of all class proving more powerfully, perha other play, the prominent posit holds as a moral teacher. 'Th Tanqueray' is calculated to do r lasting good than a hundred ave What careless young man could w picture of the havoc wrought in a by man's selfish appetites and pa at least seriously considering wher part, could not do something by s restraint to help to maintain th womanliness of womar? What could view the woful consequences early life without a resolve to do a to maintain herself and her sist high position English women hav Apart from its value as a mora Second Mrs Tanqueray' is a most position. The dialogue scintillate epigrams, and the three acts of th of dramatic situations of absor Round one of the most difficult lems, Mr Pinero has constructed drama, showing us unflinchingly li all its naked pains and passions, a time of the consequences of folly lasting warning that we cannot and womanliness through the n Society without befouling and ruin

#### THE STATE OF THE THOROUGHFARE

#### CYCLISTS' GRIEVAN

At the meeting of the Cleansin- ment Committee of the Corpora deputation attended from the I the interest of cyclists generally