

res for the benefit of those who wish to be present from the Ennis and Tipperary directions. rats should be booked immediately.

"THOMOND."

At the executive meeting on Saturday—The Mayor presiding, the reports of the sub-committees were submitted. It was announced that with permission of the Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer athletic sports would be held on Wednesday evening, May 22nd, at Corbally. The events will comprise sack and Siamese twin races, tilting at the bucket, wheel-barrow races, obstacle races, &c. Tea will be also provided. A small charge will be made for each, and as the proceeds will be given to "Thomond," it is hoped a large number will be present. In addition to the great military tournament, to be held at the fete, arrangements are being made for a display by the Royal Irish Constabulary, which will be an additional attraction. At an early date a river trip will be given, and it is believed that our local rowing clubs will lend their aid by giving ratch races.

MUSIC IN THE PEOPLE'S PARK.

At the request of the Mayor, Colonel Spyer, commanding the Royal Irish Regiment, has kindly consented to allow the band of the Regiment to play on the occasion of the inauguration of the new band stand in the People's Park. The band stand is at present being painted, and will be ready for occupation in a few days, when, as we hope will be the first of a series of musical evenings for the people will be initiated.

WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

TUAM MAY FAIR, Friday, Saturday, and Monday, May 8th, 9th, and 11th, '96.—For the convenience of buyers attending this fair, the train due to leave Athenry for Tuam at 7.10 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 7th and 8th May, will not leave Athenry until 8.50 p.m., after the arrival of the Midland Great Western Company's 10 p.m. train from Dublin. On Sunday, 10th inst., a special train carrying passengers will leave Limerick at 11 a.m. and arrive in Tuam at 1.15. This train will await the arrival of the special train from Broadstone Terminus, which will be due in Athenry at 2.4 p.m.

SUNDAY EXCURSIONS TO WATERFORD.—On Monday, May 10th, and 24th, June 7th and 14th, a train will leave Limerick at 9 a.m. for Waterford, where it arrives at 11.55 and returns at 7.5 p.m., arriving in Limerick at 10 p.m. Visitors to Tramore will have something like a day's vacation at this pretty sea-side resort, or a much longer stay if they prefer to wait for the mail, which leaves Waterford at 9 p.m. Special fares. Week-end tickets will be issued to passengers desirous of remaining over until Monday or Tuesday.

WATERFORD AND NEW MILFORD SERVICE.—On every Friday, commencing 1st May to end of September, 1896, cheap excursion tickets will be issued from the principal stations on the Waterford, Limerick and Western Railway to New Milford, Tenby, Swansea, Cheltenham, and Cardiff (where a great exhibition has just been opened), and other stations, and which are available for return any day up to, and including, the following Friday week. For particulars see posters.

ACANT CORPORATE OVERSEERSHIP.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Limerick Ratepayers' Association held on Friday evening, a following resolution, proposed by Mr Reilly, and seconded by Mr D Cremin, was passed unanimously:—"That as an important office in connection with the Cleansing Department is now vacant, and as this department greatly needs re-organization, we respectfully urge on the Council not to fill the vacancy until such time as the report of the sub-committee appointed by the Corporation to enquire into the expenditure of this department is before the Council, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Corporation and the Press, and that a deputation from this Ratepayers' Association be appointed to represent the views of that body at the next meeting of the Council, on Thursday, 22nd May."

A. Newton Brady, R.M.; F. Crowe, M.O.B. Macnamara, C.P.S., Corofin; P.M.O. Sullivan, Corofin; Michael Hogan, J.P.; M.A. Scanlan, T.C.; E.J. O'Meehan, solr; M.O'Dea, P.L.K. Dobbin, County Surveyor; W.O'Bryen, Dr Gilbert, J. Enright, J.L. Wright, C.L. Ryan, F.O'Connor, C.E.; S. Foote, J.F. Cullinan, S.C.S.; Thomas Cullinan, John Cullinan, Bushy Park; C.O'Bryen, M. MacDonogh, M. Cahir, Ballybane; W. Cahir, Inchiquin House; P.M.O. Haloran, Corofin; Pat Lynch, Kibricane, M.O'Dea, Ennis; M.S. Honan, T.C.; T. Culligan, D. Rougan, T.C.; Denis McInerney, James Costelloe, T.C.; Thomas Glynn, Cood; Head Constable Ross, Corofin; M. Corry, Tulla; John Keen, Corofin; and numerous others.

FUNERAL OF MR. P. E. KIRBY, J.P.

The funeral of the late Mr Patrick E Kirby, J.P., of Mondellihy, Adare, took place yesterday, the remains being interred in Mount St Laurence Cemetery. The deceased gentleman, who had been in failing health for some time, was one of the best known agriculturists in this district. He had been an old member of the Farmers' Club, now long since extinct, and he was a man of very wide experience in farming. He has held the Commission of the Peace for the county for several years. With all classes and creeds Mr Kirby was very popular, as was amply proved by the large concourse who attended his funeral.

The chief mourners were—Mr John Kirby, Mr Edward Kirby, Mr Wm Kirby (sons), Mr E.M. Kirby, J.P. (brother), Mr Bartholomew Kirby and Mr Maurice Kirby (cousins).

The clergy present were—The Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer, Archdeacon Flanagan, Adare; Rev Father Browne, P.P. Mungret; Rev Father Kirby, P.P. Ballyagran; Rev Father Fitzgerald, C.C. Patrick's Well; Rev Father Carroll, C.C. Patrick's Well.

Amongst the general public were—Messrs John Finucane, M.P.; William Spillane, J.P. D.L.; T.B. Mitchell, J.P.; J.O'Malley, L. Christy, James H. Roche, P. Finucane, Michael Finucane, D. Kelly, P.L.G.; P. McCarthy, P.L.G.; E.G. Fitt, P. Connelly, Peter McGuire, Wm O'Friel, John Ryan, solr; James Cahill; Thomas Remison, C.P.S., Pallaskerry; Edward Dundon, James Dundon, John Lane, P.L.G., Donoman; P.O'Grady, P.L.G.; John Coleman, P.L.G.; John Clery, James Morrissey, P.L.G.; P. Kelly, T. Kennedy, W. Hannan, Caherally Castle; W. Barry, J.P.; James O'Connor, F.E. Fosbery, C.E.; P. Barkman, Charles Mills, Cornelius Cregan, P. Mulcahy, &c.

DEATH OF A LIMERICKMAN IN MELBOURNE.

The *Melbourne Argus* of March 25th says:—"Mr John Henry Franklin, one of the oldest residents of Stawell, died last night from hemorrhage of the lungs, at the age of 65 years. Deceased was a son of Sir Richard Franklin, and was a native of Limerick, Ireland. He came to the colony in July, 1845, when he proceeded to the goldfields, and met with a large measure of success. He was one of the first borough councillors, and was several times elected Mayor. He was one of the oldest justices of the peace, was a member of the Eureka Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons since 1865, and of the Morning Star Lodge since its inception. For many years he was treasurer of the Loyal Stawell Lodge of the M.U.L.O.G.F., and was one of the oldest members of the committee of management of the local hospital and benevolent asylum. He leaves a wife and two grown-up sons."

ACCIDENT TO AN IRISH M.P.

Major J Eustace Jameson, member for West Clare who arrived in Dublin on Saturday, when driving on an outside car yesterday round the corner of Bessford place was thrown from the car owing to the horse falling. The Major received an injury to his right leg and shoulder, but was not so severely hurt as the carman, who was cut about the face and had to be taken to hospital.

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE.

The marriage of Major F.S. Evans, the Sherwood Foresters, and Gertrude, youngest daughter of the late Captain Bolten, 14th Hussars, took place quietly on Friday at St Mary Abbot's Church, South Kensington. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev the Hon E Carr Glavin, assisted by the Rev W.L. Maurier, &c.

reference to the lists you speak about?

Mr Killeen—We are instructed how to act by Act of Parliament, and we have to object to any person on the list who is not properly qualified.

The Auditor—What officer discharges this duty for the county?

Mr Killeen—The Clerk of the Peace, who being a Government official has a fixed scale of remuneration.

Alderman Hall said the ratepayers would be very glad if the Town Clerk had a fixed scale of remuneration.

The Auditor asked what system was adopted in regard to fixing the Town Clerk's remuneration?

Mr Killeen replied it was fixed in proportion to the remuneration the previous years.

The Auditor said then it appeared that there was an original sum fixed, and the Corporation presented for the Town Clerk, for the duties done, a proportionate part of the sum which he was allowed in previous years.

Ald Hall said that when Mr Ellard was Town Clerk he was paid at a considerably less sum. The Clerk of the Union, for his work in connection with the register, got something under a penny a name. Mr Ellard, who is Clerk of the Crown and Peace—the Government always takes care of its officials—received three-halfpence a name, and the Town Council, with their usual generosity, paid the Town Clerk at the rate of about ten pence a name. These were facts.

Mr Delaney—He gets it for copying what the Clerk of the Union had already done.

Mr Killeen—Oh, I beg your pardon. There is a great deal more than that to be done.

The Auditor asked if the Town Clerk had more to do than Mr Ellard in connection with the register.

Mr Killeen said that the Town Clerk's duties were about four times as great, because in a city like Limerick where there are political parties—

The Auditor—There are political parties in the county.

Mr Killeen—There are not half the number of claims or objections to be met.

Alderman Hall—That is only clerical work.

The Auditor said they could not go into the matter further than discuss it, with the view of having it considered at some future time. The proper place to discuss the matter was at the Presentment Sessions. He then quoted the 13th and 14th Vic, and added that the Presentment Sessions had power to reduce the amount certified for by the Barrister, but they could not allow a larger sum than was certified for.

Alderman Hall said on one occasion they had done so, though he contended differently.

The Auditor—It is quite competent for the Presentment Sessions to review the certificate of the Barrister if they consider the amount unreasonable.

The Mayor—But have we acted illegally in making this payment?

The Auditor—Oh, not all. In regard to this matter, he had no power to make any surcharge when the amount was certified, but he thought it was the duty of the Corporation to look into the reasonableness of the amount when it was presented to them.

Mr Begley, referring to some remarks which had been made on Friday about irregularities in the Water Works Department, said he wanted to prove that when articles were got without advertising that they were really wanted, and full value was got, and that there was no extravagance.

Mr Delaney—We dispute that point with you altogether.

The Auditor said he thought that members of a public body ought not put themselves forward as apologists for officials who were really doing wrong, and he considered it his duty to bring forward anything of a demoralizing character in the administration of public funds, and those who represented the ratepayers ought not to try to cloak public officials, but ought help him to bring these things to light—not for the purpose of doing any harm to those officials, but for the purpose of preventing a recurrence of any irregularities (hear, hear).

Mr Begley said he was a member of the Water Committee, and consequently ought to know something about it, and as a member of that Committee he felt bound to bring out the facts as they were. The auditor had remarked on Friday that Mr Corbett probably knew nothing about some of the things that were got, and when he (Mr Begley) asked Mr Corbett on the matter the