

shows on the whole profits amounting to and been applied and the for the hearing of the date of the state- the Gas Committee which £18,827 is the m Insurance Society, is original loan. The report as follows:—"I Gas Committee—to Mr Wm Spillane—cretary, Mr Alfred o other audit in my satisfaction than in kept in the simplest lve the minimum of are under the most eguard is adopted to or negligence; and ment are kept and a manner that leaves The financial position as under review at oration last Tuesday, oject for the proposed bjection to that in- s its cost. At the ould require £8,000, ropence in the pound was mentioned that uch more before the The proposed street ent through the milk d the interest on the al blot upon the pro- street was desirable, ut that the limit of the Corporation was s already required for ts. The project for aim, and no one can ent in this direction is e streets are a sea of h renders locomotion and the amount ex- lease them are both ost ineffective. The axion with a proper e at its beginning only, e would be a saving of lenable the enterprise aps clear itself, as there e in the case of other ith the city.

early Celebration of Holy Communion on Sun- day next, at 8 a m.

**THE MAYOR'S COURT.**—About 40 cases were entered for hearing to-day, which occupied the Mayor for over two hours. The debts were small, and in most cases decrees were obtained.

**ACCIDENTS.**—At Barrington's Hospital John Guerin, Roxboro', has been detained for the treatment of a broken arm caused by falling off a ladder, and Cornelius Corbett, of Colooney street, for a broken leg.

**SWANS IN WEST CLARE.**—During the past three weeks some large flocks of swans have been seen on the lakes near Doughmore and Derryard, close to the Sandhills, in West Clare. Two of these have been shot by Mr. Fetherston, of Kilrush.

**SHERIFFALTY OF COUNTY CLARE.**—Standish O'Grady Roche, Esq. of Aghade Lodge, Tullow, Co Carlow, was sworn in as High Sheriff of the county of Clare for 1896, at Tullow, on Tuesday, before Mr Henry Meredith, C P S, a Commissioner to Administer Oaths for the High Court of Justice.

**THE REPAIRS TO BARRINGTON'S HOSPITAL.**—It is understood Messrs Ryan & Sons, Builders, Thomas street, have obtained the contract for the repairs to Barrington's Hospital. The outlay will be about £3,000, and at the meeting of the Committee the agreement with Messrs Ryan will be completed.

**LIMERICKMAN DROWNED.**—A consular report has been received in Limerick that a sailor named Edward Maher has been drowned at Ham- burgh. Maher, it is supposed, belonged to Lime- rick, and has left a sum of money. His relations are requested to communicate with the police in order that the money may be given to the next of kin.

**LITERARY CLASS, P Y M A.**—To-morrow evening (Friday) there will be a meeting at 8 p m. Readings and recitals will be given by several members of the Class. Rev F. Langbridge, M A, has kindly consented to read a short story which he has written himself, and there are several other promises of support. We expect there will be a very large attendance. The chair will be occupied by the President of the Class, Rev F R Carr.

**SETTING DOGS AT A BOY.**—At the Listowel Petty Sessions, District-Inspector Irwin prose- cuted a man named Thomas Quilter, residing at Gortacrossane, for assaulting a young fellow named Ferris by setting at him two dogs, as a result of which the boy was bitten very badly by both. It appeared the young fellow was trespass- ing on lands of which the defendant was caretaker. A sentence of a month's imprisonment with hard labour was inflicted on defendant, who was also summoned for having his dogs unmuzzled on the same occasion and for which he was fined 2s in each case.

#### THE LIEUTENANCY OF LIMERICK.

It is thought probable that the Lieutenancy of the County and City of Limerick rendered vacant by the death of the late Mr T E O'Brien, will shortly be filled up. Some influential Eng- lish journals are of opinion that Lord Dunraven will be selected, while they mention the names of

named Burke prosecution of District-Inspector Byrne with having assaulted a farmer named Jas. Bergin, of Coolehill. He was further charged with having attacked Mr Bergin's dwellinghouse and destroyed the windows and halldoor, as well as a quantity of furniture.

From the evidence of Mr Bergin it appears that on the evening of the 24th, when returning from Roscrea, he met the prisoner, who asked him to buy some boot laces; witness declined and prisoner then asked him for money, and on being refused, struck witness on the head with a stick; witness struck back, and prisoner followed him, and attacked the dwellinghouse with stones completely demolishing all the windows, and breaking open the hall door; the furniture in the diningroom was also injured by the stone thrown by the prisoner.

Sergeant Shea, of Golden Grove Station deposed that on hearing of the occurrence, and getting a description of the prisoner, he went in pursuit, and arrested him whilst singing songs outside the police barracks in Borris-in-Ossory, seven miles away. The sergeant added that Mr Bergin's house, so far as the windows were concerned, was a complete wreck, and that he (sergeant) had found more than a hundred weight of stones in the diningroom, kitchen, and other apartments.

The bench sentenced Scanlan to three months imprisonment with hard labour, and com- mended Sergeant Shea on the energy he had displayed in effecting the arrest.

#### PARSONSTOWN AND PORTUMNA RAILWAY.

A correspondent writes:—Last week deputation waited on the directors of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company to ascertain what they were willing to do with regard to re- equipping the Parsonstown and Portumna derelict railway. The interview was unsatisfactory, and the promoters, it is understood, will turn to the Midland Company to see how they will assist their now proposed new scheme, which if carried out will shorten the journey to Dublin from south west district of Galway (congested districts) and bring cattle and heavy traffic a shorter way to the metropolis by miles. The public are well acquainted with the circumstances of the Portumna line—how the Great Southern and Western Company rented it for 10 years and then let the line, running 12 miles, go derelict. The new project will, in all probability, be put in force at once, and it is certain the Marquis Clanricarde will give a helping hand, as it would run to his town (Portumna) from Loughrea taking in woodford, and most likely proceeding still westward, perhaps joining in at Ennis some near town of Limerick and Waterford system. However, wise heads will be at work and the country will thank those who will be instrumental in opening up the district.

#### THE PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE LIMERICK LUNATIC ASYLUM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—Many taxpayers are, no doubt, shocked to hear that there is such a large sum to be expended to provide room for the increasing numbers of lunatics. Has it ever occurred to the members of the Asylum Board that it would cost much less money to provide an auxiliary Asylum in the county? Could not one of the County Union Workhouses be spared for the purpose? There would be room enough for the inmates of the surrounding unions; if not there are many idle mills or other buildings to be got for a much less sum than will have to be paid near the city and land enough to provide profitable a

things was elicited at