

THE MARKET'S TRUSTEES.

meeting of the Markets Trustees was summoned for yesterday, but as a quorum of seven members did not attend, no business was transacted. Those present were—J. Green & Barry, Alderman Cleary, J. P.; P. Herbert, T. C.; P. y. T. C.; John Boyd, and T. M. Mahon Oregan, with Mr. Hardiman, Secretary, and Mr. Gerald, Market Inspector. At the last meeting Mr. Blackall, Solicitor to the Trustees, was invited to communicate with the Economic Infringe Company requesting an interview with a deputation from the Trustees so that the financial condition of the Trust might be discussed in a view to getting the interest on the Economic mortgage reduced from five to four per cent. It was understood that communications have taken place, and that as the society declines to consider any proposal for a reduction of the interest proposed deputation has been abandoned.

HAZEL'S ANNUAL FOR 1897.

We have received a copy of the twelfth issue of his admirable work of reference which is very well described on the cover as "A Cyclopaedic Record of Men and Topics of the Day." It contains an unprecedented amount of new matter for a reason that more than a usually large number of important occurrences and topics engaged public attention at home and abroad during the past twelve months. Nansen's significant exploits in Arctic regions, which are sufficient to mark the year, the discovery of the Röntgen Rays, the advent of motor cars, the horrors that have been perpetrated in Armenia, Crete, and Constantinople, the brilliant Soudan Campaign, the trouble in the Transvaal, the Matabeleland Rebellion, momentarily threatening misunderstanding to the Venezuela Boundary question, the Boer Crusade and defeat in America, the prominence given to the outlook for the sign and colonial trade of Great Britain, the chief legislative measures of the year, the Agricultural Rates Act, the Irish Land Law Act, and the Locomotives on Highways, the resignation of Lord Rosebery, the controversy which led to the abandonment of the Education Bill, the Pope's pronouncement as to the Holy Orders, and many other matters of widely less interest—all these will be found dealt with in the new volume of the Annual. The matter has been compressed and rewritten. One two-thirds of the book this year consists of new matter. The book, however, retains its former convenient size, being only two pages bigger in that of last year. It contains a very useful index of the year, and beyond this we find an admirable key of contents to the Annual. The book is enclosed in crimson covers, and the letter press and general arrangement of the work leave nothing to be desired. The Annual is excellent value for 3s 6d.

THE CAPPAMORE AFFRAY.

Further particulars in connection with the serious assault near Cappamore state, on Monday last a man named Timothy Ryan, from Bughisla, county Tipperary, was on his way home from the Cappamore fair, and when about half a mile from the village he was attacked by seven men and beaten with sticks and stones. Ryan made his way back to Cappamore barracks and reported the matter to the police. Dr. Hayes examined his wounds and found that Ryan's skull was fractured and his jaw broken. Ryan is 60 years of age. Head-Constable Soden, Sergeant Lenihan, and two constables at once went in pursuit, and arrested Andrew Flynn of Kyleduffahoo, Michael Maher, Thomas Maher, and John Maher, of roughameeskeen, on the charge of being concerned in the assault. The prisoners were brought before Ryan, who identified Andrew Flynn as the leader of the attacking party, but would not identify any of the other prisoners. Depositions were taken on Tuesday before Mr. C. Laffan, J.P., and Flynn was remanded for eight days.

The approaching marriage of Mr. Arthur Deoleyns, Lord Ventry's second son, and Miss Auriel Daubeny, youngest daughter of Mr. Lansdowne Daubeny, of Norton-Malreward, Somerset-

Limerick has produced many gifted vocalists, one of whom he saw present, Mrs. Eugene O'Callaghan, who in her time had given proof of her musical abilities (applause).

Mr. F. Muspratt said that reference having been made to the vocal element in Limerick, he could bear out the fact that there was plenty of vocal as well as choral material in their midst, and he was sure Limerick singers would be able to distinguish themselves at the Feis (hear, hear). He hoped next year it would be held in Limerick, and if it were he was sure it would be thoroughly well supported (applause).

The resolutions were then put, and carried unanimously.

The High Sheriff having been moved to the second chair,

Mr. Oldham, B.L., proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding, and said the Feis Committee were fortunate in having two such musical gentlemen as Mr. Cusack and Mr. Gaffney occupying the chief positions in the city. He pointed out that it would now be the duty of the secretaries to arrange details.

The Mayor, replying to the vote of thanks, explained what is being done in connection with technical education to further musical development, and he said that by May next they hoped to have an organ in the Athenaeum (applause).

The proceedings then terminated.

SUDDEN DEATH IN THE CITY.

Yesterday evening Mr. Coroner DeCourcy, with a jury, of which Mr. Michael McNerney was foreman, held an inquest touching the death of a man named John Walsh, a tailor, residing in Mary street, who died suddenly yesterday morning.

Sergeant Hickey watched the proceedings on behalf of the police.

Maurice O'Shea stated that he is a tailor, and is employed at Mr. O'Callaghan's establishment in Little Catherine street, where the deceased was also employed; the previous day the deceased complained of chill, and did not eat anything; the deceased had been a soldier, and had spent eleven years in India.

Margaret Walsh, wife of the deceased, stated that her husband was about thirty years of age; he had served in the army, and was in India for a considerable time; after coming from his work on Tuesday evening, he went to bed and asked for a doctor, and complained of a choking feeling; the doctor was not brought, as the deceased afterwards stated that it would be time enough to bring him at eleven o'clock; her husband got up to go to the window for air, and when witness returned to the room he was lying on the floor dead; deceased suffered from ague.

Dr. Graham gave evidence that he examined the deceased. There were no external marks of violence; the deceased had a lump on the back of his neck; from the evidence of the deceased's wife, and as the result of his examination, he was of opinion that death was due to acute inflammation of the larynx.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

FISHERY DISTURBANCES NEAR ATHLONE.

Scenes of great excitement were witnessed yesterday during the services of summonses, at the suit of the Athlone Board of Conservators, on the families of nine fishermen of the islands of Inchmore, Inchturk, and Inchboffin, who are charged with assault and obstruction of the Board's bailiffs. A former attempt to serve the summonses failed, but the bailiffs yesterday were accompanied by a strong force of police, and the service was effected after considerable resistance, stones and other missiles being thrown.

AFFAIRS IN MADAGASCAR.

The account of affairs in Madagascar given to the *Temps* by M. Lauga, a French Protestant pastor, who has just returned from the island, should tend to correct the misapprehensions of his countrymen. The Hovas, the only civilised natives in Madagascar, are, M. Lauga declares, glad of the arrival of the French; it is the old barbarous and heathen tribes who are giving trouble, and will continue to give trouble for some time. This account is entirely in accord with what has been said by English missionaries

Gear, Limited, appears in our advertising columns. The capital is £120,000 in shares of £1 each, payable 5s on application, 5s on allotment, and the balance on the 30th January 1897, and the company has been formed to acquire and work, or otherwise deal with the English and French patents granted to Mr. William George Harris for an improved driving gear for cycles. Mr. Harris, in describing his Patent, says—"In this cycle driving gear friction is reduced, the driving chain runs more easily, and a high rate of speed is obtainable." It is further explained that "this arrangement of gear perfected by the patentee enables a rider to travel at a speed which up to the present date no other known gear in the world has been able to approach much less to accomplish, and for purpose of comparison no better illustration of the wonderful appreciation of the value of cycle speed need be offered than the following extract from the journal *Cycling*, under date October 17th, in the present year—"A fine performance has just been accomplished by the American rider, Clinton Coulter, on the Denver track. Coulter rode a mile unpaced in 1 minute and 59 seconds with flying start. This constitutes a world's record. Mr. Tommy Osborn, the well-known 1 mile champion of London, riding Harris' patent gear, attained a speed of 44 miles an hour or at the rate of one mile in one minute and 22 seconds. The company, it is announced, have refused to ally themselves exclusively with any particular make of machine, as the gear is applicable alike to all machines, whether pneumatic or otherwise. Consequently they offer no rivalry of any description to existing cycle manufacturers. Applications for shares must be made on the form accompanying the prospectus, and forwarded to the bankers of the company, together with the amount payable on application. Prospectus and forms of application may be obtained on application to the offices of the company, or from the bankers, solicitors, or brokers.

THE PLAGUE IN BOMBAY.

FEARFUL MORTALITY.

Bombay, Thursday. Official returns state that 1,511 cases of plague and 1,094 deaths have already occurred. The exodus from the city continues. Two hundred thousand persons have already fled.

STOCKBROKERS SENT TO PENAL SERVITUDE.

Henry Tatham and Gerald H. Tatham, father and son, stockbrokers, were each sentenced to the Old Bailey to-day to three years' penal servitude for misappropriating bonds and shares for large amounts, belonging to their clients.

THE HAMBURG DOCKERS' STRIKE.

Hamburg, Thursday. The police have prohibited strikers patrolling the streets. Strikers seeking work are rejected pending the settlement of the strike. At dockers' meeting to-day their leader, Doerin, said that it was decided should peace be concluded on the employers' terms they would wait for a favourable moment to resume the strike.

THE BURNING OF MR RHODES HOUSE.

London, Wednesday. The *Times* Cape Town correspondent telegraphs—Groota Schuur, Mr. Rhodes' residence was burnt down early yesterday morning. Some books, papers, and curios were saved, but many priceless relics were destroyed, including Zulu Bay's collection. The occupants of the house were Colonel and Miss Rhodes and Mr. Fore cousin. The fire appears to have arisen outside the house, and spread rapidly owing to the thatch roof. Mr. Rhodes himself is not within touch of Telegraph. There is intense public regret at the occurrence, as Mr. Rhodes' liberality had made his house and estate almost the common property of visitors.

GREAT SNOW STORM IN AMERICA.

New York, Wednesday. The most serious snow storm since the recent great blizzard is now raging. Already eight inches of snow have fallen, and the drifts in some of the streets reach to the first storeys of the houses. The railway trains are greatly