

ing to the frost the meeting of the Co. Hounds will be at Curraghchase on Friday instead of Wednesday.

**ILLOUSH PETTY SESSIONS**—These sessions were yesterday before Mr A M Harpur, B M (Magistrate); Mr John Culligan, Mr W V de laur Reeves, Mr W J Glynn. The cases were unimportant.

**BACON TRADE**—The price of pigs continues to advance. The quotation to-day was per cwt, which is about 8s over that of a month ago. The total killings during the past week in Limerick, Waterford, and Cork numbered 9,147, those of the previous week being about the same.

**A fire** broke out last night after the premises had been locked up, in the office of the Limerick Coal Company, Mount Kennett. It was caused by the wood work adjoining the office taking fire, but fortunately the flame was quickly noticed by Mr P Kavanagh, who resides in the office, and also by some employees, and it was quickly extinguished before much damage was done. The Fire Brigade were speedily on the spot, but found their presence was not needed.

**ALLEGED MALICIOUS INJURY TO A STALLION**—A claim for £250 compensation has been lodged with the Secretary of the County Limerick Grand Jury by Mr Thomas Beary, publican, of Ballyvaughan, near Limerick Junction, for the loss of the stallion Boonakie, which is alleged to have been maliciously injured, and as a result of the injury had to be destroyed. The horse was found helplessly in the stable, and Mr Power, of Tipperary, being summoned, found the horse's shoulder broken, and as the poor animal was suffering great pain he was shot by the District Inspector Toppin, Newpallas, and Sergeant McAree, Oola, are investigating the case.

**THE ROUSBEY OPERA COMPANY.** The company, which is delighting crowded audiences, will be at Curraghchase on Friday instead of Wednesday.

## DEATH OF JOHN COOTE, ESQ, J.P.

On Wednesday last Mr John Coote, of Mount Coote, Kilmallock, died rather suddenly at the age of 85. He was a highly honorable country gentleman, and a most generous and unostentatious benefactor of the Church of Ireland. Though he lived to such a patriarchal age, he retained his mental vigour to the last. He was a highly cultured gentleman and had a large store of knowledge. The Rev Canon Hackett, D.D. preaching on Sunday last on the text "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" paid a well-merited tribute to the deceased as a true friend, and generous supporter of his parish, as well as a truly honorable and upright gentleman. He stated that he had endowed the parish of Kilmallock with £3,000, and had also contributed otherwise about £1,000, thus securing a liberal income for the incumbent. He had also given £250 towards the building of the Rectory, and £120 towards building the school, and one of his last acts was to endow the school with £1,000 and to leave £1,000 to the Episcopal Fund. Besides these generous gifts, he had also given many smaller ones, and in all Dr Hackett computed he has given about £7,000 to the church. He had a sincere love for the church, and often expressed his opinion that churchmen should stand by their church more liberally than they did. "Facts non nobis" seemed to be his motto and we wish there were more of our country gentlemen who gave the same generous support to their Church. The preacher exhorted his hearers to follow his noble example of generosity, knowing that when the final day came men would be judged according to their works, and hoped that when God called them hence they would be as ready to obey that call as he who had now passed away to "where beyond these busy voices there is peace."

## DEATH OF A COUNTY LIMERICK MAN IN THE STATES.

Mr Patrick J Ryan, superintendent of the Great Northern Railway Montana, eldest son of James and Hannah Ryan, Antrim, died at the States.

## IRISH DAIRY ASSOCIATION.

A Committee meeting of the Irish Dairy Association was held at the Station Hotel, Limerick Junction, on Saturday, to discuss the arrangements for holding a Dairy conference during the month of February. Beside the President, Count Moore, there were present Prof. Carroll, and Mr A P Wilson, Board Secretary of Dublin; Mr C Walsh, of Ballyhay; C Bevington; Mr T W Hamner, Limerick; and Mr Walter Thorp, acting secretary.

It was decided to hold a Conference in County Limerick, on Tuesday, February 16th, to commence with an annual general meeting at 9.30 p.m. Count Moore will deliver an address on Swiss Dairy at 10.30 a.m. and will be followed by Prof. Carroll and Mr A P Wilson, who will read papers on the Pasturisation of Milk to be illustrated by lantern slides, and if possible, by practical demonstrations. The afternoon will be given up to a lecture and demonstration on Profitable Poultry Rearing by Mr Parton, a colleague of Mr Ed Brown, F.L.S., of Reading, Berks. It is intended that Mr Parton shall deliver similar lectures under the auspices of the Irish Dairy Association at Piltown, Clonmel, Cahir, Tipperary, and Glasnevin. A charge will be made for admission, but free tickets may be had on applying to the Hon. Sec. of the association at 57 George Street, Limerick.

The President (Count Moore) was requested to continue negotiations with the Royal Agricultural Society of England, with regard to the Exhibition of Irish Creamery Butter at the annual shows. Prof. Carroll was also requested to negotiate with the Royal Dublin Society some share in the working of the Butter Department of the Ballsbridge Shows, to be taken under the auspices of the Irish Dairy Association.

When the Irish Dairy Association undertook the management of the dairy section at Ballsbridge, December, 1895, they had over 100 exhibits, but when the Royal Dublin Society ran the section themselves in December, 1896, the exhibits fell to half that number.

**PRESENTATION TO MR M A O'CALLAGHAN.** After other business, the hon sec brought forward a large number of letters expressing regret at the death of Mr M A O'Callaghan.