

increase of creameries in the south of

The farmers now send their milk daily to the district creamery, with result that the uniform colour and pure of Irish butter have secured for it a price. The farmers who contribute new district creameries get back the separated milk. This is given to calves and pigs, and among other farmers is consumed by members of the old. The good value of this waste product is nil. Since the change of system a very disease, known as "scour," has broken out among calves fed on separated milk, and the depreciation in the value of the animal is £1 per head.

have heard all this before. Mr. Field, referred to in the other day. So did Mr. in the debate which we report in our fourth

The dead set which is being made against creameries on this ground alone is very one-sided, inasmuch as it is admitted that the farmers do all they could to make up for the loss inherent in the separated milk. There is a reason. Till the farmers use it, it is unjust to place the blame on the creameries.

There was a striking illustration of how one's good till another is heard, at the Harbour meeting yesterday. At the first blush it was as if the letter received from the G.S. & W. in reply to a request for their new time-tables was discourteous even to impertness. For one it was not signed, and for another, it merely, and very curtly, told the Harbour Board, everybody knew, that the time-tables would be sent on January 1st. The neglect to sign the document may be passed over; that might easily happen in an office where an official has to forgo signing many hundreds of documents in a day. The contents however, did not seem to be as serious as such a representative body had a right to demand, and naturally some hard things were said about the Company. "All's well," or, "that ends well." The suggestion that it should be shown what the letter was really meant to put the matter in another light altogether. The Railway Company, whose epistolary correspondence is not noted for effusiveness, replied to the question asked, and they were not slow to see that their strictures were scarcely merited. So the incident closed with regrets for the misapprehension.

It will be of such great advantage to the public to know what sort of a train service they are going to get, without waiting for the formal publication of a time-table, that we trust "the railway information" now asked for will be forthcoming at the earliest possible moment. Had it been asked for at first, no doubt the company, in its usual courtesy, would have readily furnished it as far as it could, though we quite agree that it is a great concern like a railway company it

comprehensiveness and their adaptability to the needs of the district, so that there is every probability that they will be looked upon with a favourable eye by the County Council when the matters come before them.

The scarcity of the potato crop is already showing itself in the London market, where tubers of good quality are making £5 a ton. Whether this comparatively high price will attract large imports from abroad is a little uncertain. Ireland has no spare crop, and as the French crop was small, there is not much to be expected from there. Germany and Holland may come to the rescue, though British producers will not feel particularly anxious to have their help. The holders of large stocks of seed potatoes in England may look forward to a good time next spring.

OUT AND ABOUT.

THE SHANNON WATER AND ELECTRIC POWER BILL.—The promoters of this Bill will re-introduce it in the next Session of Parliament.

THE LABOURERS ACT.—An inquiry into an extensive scheme promoted by the Rathkeale District Council was opened at Rathkeale yesterday by Mr. T. Wilson Lynch, Local Government Board Inspector. It will extend nearly a week.

BITTEN BY A DOG.—No less than three persons, Jesania Heffernan, John Considine, and Patrick Cavanagh, were bitten yesterday by a dog, presumably by the same animal. Fortunately the wounds were not serious, and they were cauterised by Dr. McGrath, Resident Surgeon of Barrington's Hospital.

SUDDEN DEATH.—An old woman named Mary Wallace, residing at Hannan's Bow, shortly after getting out of bed yesterday morning became suddenly ill, and died immediately. An inquest was held by Mr. Coroner DeCourcy and a jury, and a verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS. McDONAGH.—The remains of this deeply regretted lady, daughter of Mr. Connolly, were removed to-day from her residence, Cline, the interment taking place at the family burial place, Mellon. The cortege was of immense proportions, there being something like one hundred carriages.

ALLEGED POCKET-PICKING IN A CHURCH.—On Sunday Sergeant Wickham arrested a girl named Mary Desmond, 23, on the charge of pocket-picking in the Dominican Church. A purse found on her was identified by the lady from whom it was stolen, and the accused was remanded to Petty Sessions on Friday.

POLICE COURT.—Mary Cunningham was charged at the Police Court yesterday morning, before Mr. Hickson, R.M., with drunkenness, riotous conduct, and loitering, and in addition to these charges a complaint was made against her by a

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That was a remarkable meeting on a fine night in the Munster Hall, Limerick street, in connection with the meeting. It was announced as a meeting, and certainly the invitation to be present was responded to. There had for some time been an exceptional enthusiasm about the meeting. Young men button-holed you and pressed a card of invitation or a card of membership were fully made in all places. So that it was evident from the termination that if Dr. Harry Long, famous as medico, traveller, and lecturer, had not given his lecture to a large audience it should not have been the promoters of the meeting. It was eight o'clock, but everybody had responded to the request "come early," so that the place was comfortably full, and the evening was endeavouring to be as good as it must be admitted, to induce the audience near the door to come up higher, and "are always late" might have been a disturbing the lecturer or his help. Right heartily hymns were being sung by the promoters of the meeting, aided, as usual, by the words and tunes, by the audience. It might be called the "formal" part of the evening was 8 o'clock when the door was first hymn, and removed all order of service" by cheerful brothers we can't sing hymns and their feet rose the audience to the piano, and then there was a ringing volume of sound, and a gathering of men can produce a regard to the sweetness and beauty of the ladies. "Crown Him" was a vigour which was positively heart-stirring in the next few moments a bright, breezy attention still to come up higher, and hush as the Rev. T. B. F. Long, in his homely, touching words come to God. "Hold the Fort," sung with gusto, especially in the choir, ever new, but intensely appreciated. The Prodigal Son, read, as if it were by the Chairman, Dr. Long; the "I am the Lover of my Soul," to the tune of "The Meeting" during which, as the meeting was to be well begun, I took the opportunity to round and gather in the saloons of the men who had come to the meeting. That, their own consciences and the anticipation of anything approaching the tastes of humanity, how they have been deceived, and how tempting they must have felt to be closed. "A meeting for a very special nature be of a" "The pity of it is that the world would be all the better