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candidates preventing any business being done. Eventually Mr. Bourke, L.G.I., ruled that the election would be illegal, as the proper notice had not been given, and it was decided to hold the election that day fortnight.

## WATER IN BUTTER STANDARD.

At a meeting held yesterday in Mallow, and attended by Fresh Lump Butter Merchants from Cork, Castleisland, Limerick, Lismore, Tralee, which are the principal centres of this rapidly increasing trade, a trade which exceeds at the present exceeds three millions sterling per annum in value, it was unanimously agreed on the prosposition of Mr Hickey (O'Connell and Co), Cork, seconded by Mr Paxman, Lismore, that the following be forwarded by the Hon Sec to Mr Hanbury and the public press. That this meeting considers that only one standard should be fixed and nothing exceeding that be allowed to be sold as butter. That if a standard be fixed, the Covernment be called on to efford Triph forman Government be called on to afford Irish farmers, the same assistance that Colonial and Foreign Governments have have for many years given to their Butter Producers.

## ACTION AGAINST THE G.S. & W RAILWAY.

ALLEGED INJURY TO CATTLE IN TRANSIT

This case was heard before the Lord Chie tice at the assizes yesterday. It was an by the Railway Company for £18 granted County Court for injury to cattle in transit from Limerick to Dublin.

It appeared from the evidence that 24 fat cattle were sent from Limerick by plaintiff to Dublin some time last year, in 3 waggons, 8 in each. On arrival in Dublin one of the beasts was found dead in the waggon and others were said to have been injured, and depreciated in value. Plaintiff and his witnesses stated that the animals must have been knocked down by shunting, etc, and that the Company were insurers of the cattle and liable for the injury.

Mr. Bushe, K.C. on behalf of the Company,

argued that the Company were not insurers of live stock, and that unless upon proof of some negligence the defendants were not liable. Proof was given that eight cattle in each waggon is the usual number, that the owner of the cattle orders the number of waggons he requires; and that his own man assisted in loading the cattle into the waggons at Limerick

The Guard of the train proved that there had been no shunting on the journey, or anything to cause the injury, and it appearing that the animal must have lay down, and then trampled ou by the other cattle.

His Lordship reviewed the case, and dismissed the action with costs, there being no evidence of

neglect by the Railway Co.
Mr. Lynch, B.L. (instructed by Mr. R. McNamara, solr.), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Bushe, K.C., and Mr. G. Fitzgibbon, B.L. (instructed by Mr. B. Barrington, solr), appeared for the defendants.

## GENEROUS CONCESSION.

We understand that, unsought for, the employees of Messrs Spillane, have just received a concession from their employers, which they highly value and are grateful for. That is a reduction of 7 hours (one hour each day) in working hours of the week. This kind and generous act was voluntarily and unsolicited by the employees, who wish to convey their sincere thanks to the Messrs Spillane.

time he signed the deed, and believed that he could break it at any time, as he had done with a former will. He denied having written or dictated a letter in which he said he would leave his place to his nephew.

In cross-examination, witness said the defendants wanted to bring Mr. Skinner, solicitor, to his house to see the deed signed, but witness would not have it. Thomas Condon was no relation of his, but he was a respectable farmer living near him.

The defendant, Michael Fox, gave evidence that he used to reside and work with the plaintiff, his uncle, who several times mentioned that he would leave the farms to him. Witness told Mr. Skinner that the old man wanted to make a deed in his favour, and the deed was drawn up in accordance with the instructions given by his uncle.

Cross-examined-Witness stated that he did not write down what the old man said with regard to what he wanted to put in the deed. the deed was read the plaintiff objected to giving the Feroda farm to him, and this part was taken out. The old man then signed the deed, and was perfectly well aware of what he was doing Mr. Skinner prepared the deed from what witness told him. The plaintiff objected to Mr. Skinner being brought to the house be

cause it was not in a proper condition. Witness has a farm at Aherlow, which he was willing to give to his sister, if he got the farm assigned to him in the deed. Counsel proceeded to cross-examine the witness as to the reasons for signing the deed in the cow-house.

Thomas Condon was examined in support of the deed. He said that Fox was a shrewd and intelligent old man, and knew what he was doing when he signed the deed. Witness knew nothing about the deed until he was asked to witness it. There was a rumour that Mick Fox, defendant, was dead, and the old man cried about him.

Patrick Condon, son to the last witness, desed to having read the deed. The only part to which the old man objected was that giving the Feroda farm to Mick Fox, stating that he had given that place to the widow.

Mr. Skinner, solicitor, gave evidence of having prepared the deed on instructions from Michael Fox, one of the defendants.

His Lordship affirmed the decision setting aside the deed.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. FREWEN.

The very sad death of Mrs. Frewen, wife of Mr Maurice Frewen, which took place on the 8th inst. at Cork, evoked the deepest sympathy amongst her relatives and friends. Deceased, who was a native of Shanagolden, was highly regarded both in Limerick and Cork. The funeral took place yesterday morning from St. Michael's R.C. Church for the family burial ground at Kilfergus, Glin, a great concourse awaiting it at Foynes for the purpose of accompanying the remains. coffia was covered with beautiful wreaths. The

The chief mourners were—Mr M. Frewen (husband), Miss McMahon and Mrs. Lane (sisters), P. McMahon (brother), Mrs. Fitzsimon, Mrs. L. O'Shaughnessy (aunts) Mr. J. Frewen, Mr P. Frewen, Mr. P. Lane, and Mr. Fitzgibbon (brothers in-law), Mr. P. L. O'Sullivan, Chair Rathkeale Boaad of Guardians, and Missing Rullivan (cousins).

Messrs. Joyce and J. F. X. O'Brien got first and second place in the ballot in the House of Commons on Tuesday, and gave notice that they would bring in motions dealing with town tenants and the housing of the working classes in Ireland.

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number of prominent pers society invitations to the cards were beautifully engra-

The annual meeting of t Lifeboat, Institution was The year's rece London. and the expenses £111.296.

A young lady, a London sc fell or threw herself before a yesterday. She was picked badly injured.

The 28th Brigade Divide Artillery at Woolwich, is t and will be located, two bat one at Clonmel.

Mr. Broderick will receive officers commanding Volur Scotland on the subject of regulations probably on Mc

A man climbed over Lond yesterday, apparently inter the river, but a bystander hung in mid air for a quarter

The King's Bench Division Lord De Freyne permission in an action to recover ren registered post, as the proce enter the locality.

A quantity of hay, the pro of Terryglass, about six m has been maliciously burne stroyed on his farm at a p Island, on the Shannen.

The small-pox epidemic is in England and Scotland. almost free from the disease the south took place over a

The match between Mr. 1 an eleven of Broken Hill. The Colonials were draw innings for 221, and the Eng for seven in their second inn

An alleged dynamite outra Paris. It is believed that revenge against M. Jean, w of the police during the : Exchange a week ago.

Cholera is said to be aları the district between Diedda Egyptian Government is tak prevent the malady being Egypt. The authorities in l out rats as a cure for plague

A disastrous collision has Canton River, the steamer down and sank a native pa hundred and fifty of the drowned. The remainder w

The Exchequer returns fro March 8th are :- Receipts, penditure, £179,837,137; bal Corresponding period last £120,795,584; expendirur balances, £7,694,682.

At Mortlake, Surrey, on T jury returned a verdict of wi Charles Robert Carl in co death of Mrs. Margaret Pi shot dead at the door of her of Thursday last.

Owing to the exceedingly which is the staple product cost of production is not c Already some four business ! place, and more are expected

At Birmingham yesterda ópinion arose between a j Askew and a blacksmith na latter threw a cup of vitriol and then placing a revolver : shot himself dead.