

except to observe that the Show has the heartiest support of all lovers of horse country, and in no less degree the cordiality of the city people, considering that the Show is a source of income, and a large circulation of money amongst all trades and business. The Committee who organized the Show some years ago again take credit for their pluck and sportsmanlike conduct, and it is to be regretted that they are saddled with a debit balance in connection with expenses on permanent buildings and other accounts, and though this liability has been reduced, viz.—from £137 to £120, it is to be hoped that this year it will be wiped out either by subscriptions or additional receipts. We hope, therefore, this year's Show will be a record one.

CHINA INLAND MISSION.

Meetings held at the Central Hall on afternoon and evening in connection with the work of the above Mission were most interesting and instructive. The accounts given by Mr. Sanders of the conditions of the natives of China and Tibet, were calculated to excite missionary zeal. There was a good attendance at the meetings.

CLARE SHOOTING OUTRAGE.

Two Men Charged.

Two men have been remanded charged in connection with a shooting outrage, which occurred at Broadford, East Clare, on Wednesday. While John Hynes, a farmer, was clearing the public road close to his house, it is reported that two shots were fired at him. One shot struck the left eye, and it is feared his life is endangered, while the other caused grave laceration on the side of the head. It is stated that the outrage arose out of an agrarian dispute.

CITY DISTRESS COMMITTEE.

The Town Clerk Mr. Wm. M. Nolan, J.P., has written a letter yesterday morning from the Corporation Board enclosing a cheque for £300 for the final contribution of £300 for the City Distress Fund. A corresponding sum has been voted by the Corporation for the purpose of providing materials for public footpaths, etc. where men are employed. £50 has been subscribed by citizens and it is expected a much larger sum will be contributed in the coming year.

ACCIDENTS ON THE WEST CLARE RAILWAY.

Yesterday morning at the "Asylum Crossing," where the line crosses the Gort road, a large number of cattle coming into the station were held up by the closing of the gates yesterday, while the morning train from Ennis was passing. One of the beasts becoming impatient jumped over a stile at the side of the line and ran on the line. The driver, Thomas M Mahon, shut down the engine, and the train stopped.

Mr. Abel Buckley, a well-known Irish race-horse owner, of Galtee Castle, Tipperary, was married on Thursday, to Miss Mabel Danby, a member of Mr. George Edwardes' Company at the Gaiety Theatre, London, and a daughter of Mr. Frank Danby, who is also a member of Mr. George Edwardes' Company.

Those interested in scientific voice production will observe by advertisement that Madame Kaye Murnaghan, of Dublin, is in town for a short season, and can be consulted at her studio, 18, Glentworth-street (next door to Glentworth Hotel). Artists now in the front rank of the profession were piloted by the accomplished lady, who has several gold medals to her credit.

SHOCKING RAILWAY FATALITY.

At Limerick Junction.

A shocking fatality occurred at the Limerick Junction this morning, the victim being a shunter named Patrick Kerr, thirty-two, and unmarried. Sometime after six o'clock, Kerr was engaged in shunting operations, and while alighting from the footplate of the engine he fell on the rails. The wheels passed over him practically severing the head from the body.

The Inquest.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

An inquest was held to-day by Coroner Morrissey at the Limerick Junction.

Daniel O'Shea, engine driver, deposed to shunting waggons. Deceased stepped off the engine while the train was in motion and fell between the engine and the platform. Witness stopped the train after going twenty yards.

Dr. O'Dwyer said the head was completely severed from the body. The base of the skull and lower jaw were fractured, and the brain was protruding. Death was instantaneous.

A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned and that no blame was attached to anyone.

Mr. Sargent, Solr., appeared for the Railway Servants Association.

REPORTED FIRING OF SHOTS

AT A WEST CLARE RAILWAY TRAIN.

Extraordinary Affair.

A report reached Limerick to-day that near Ennis station last night a shot was fired at the 6.20 train for the west, but no one was injured, and no arrest has been made. It is further reported that a shot was discharged at the train somewhere between Corofin and Ennistymon.

We received particulars of the affair from our Ennis correspondent this afternoon. It would appear that at Ennis station four revolver shots rang out in quick succession, and on one of the carriages were found four marks, which were pronounced by Mr. Harrison, D.I., to be revolver shots. In the compartment were a couple of West Clare residents who had been engaged in litigation at the Assizes during the day, and some constables. The carriage returned to Ennis this morning, when on a further examination two revolver bullets were found in the woodwork, and the police

much trouble. There were in all six bills before them, but they only represent a few cases. Most unfortunately during the days there had been an alleged offence of a lamentable character, by which life was meant the case in which ex-Constable Kelly was killed. Two bills would be before them in that case, and if he might express an opinion was perfectly right that two separate bills be sent up for consideration in the case. The manslaughter charge they would have to deal with two matters; the first being the person charged—the wife of the unfortunate deceased—did wrongly as to her husband, and then secondly if so what was the opinion that that assault in the case of the law caused his death. There was that the old man at the time was in a state of health, and the evidence of that was that the violence accelerated. What they would be obliged to determine in that bill for manslaughter was largely the question of acceleration. They kindly confine themselves to ask the doctors the question, and they satisfy themselves what in the language of the law is the cause of death. The other bill in that case is one of assault, and of occasioning actual bodily harm, and possibly they might think it worth their while to find a true bill in that. The next case to be before them to investigate was one of larceny of a plate glass window above the value of £10, and the third, and remaining case, one of disposing of everything his lordship had reference to the immediate business of the case. As they were aware it had been the custom from time to time to remark on the state of the law in which the Commission was opened his lordship was young and foolish, he was inclined to strike against that as it was a ludicrous thing for a judge coming to Dublin to be telling the Grand Jury the state of the county, and some lecturing them on matters which they knew better than himself. His lordship's title was entirely derived from the reports of the very able and efficient District Inspector, who represented the Grand Jury. Well, nothing could be said of the account he had received from the District Inspector of the state of the City of Dublin. The entire of the matters reported to them in which they usually had such a large number of returns, consisted of the three cases mentioned. All he could say was that he congratulated the Grand Jury on the state of their county of the city. There was in the cases referred to that in any respect the general peace of the city, and he hoped might long continue in that way. The Grand Jury then retired to consider the bills.

LARCENY.

Daniel McMahon, a newsboy, was charged with the larceny of a silver watch and other property of James Cosgrave, a County Clare farmer, on the 25th January last.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty. Messrs. W. Wood-Jefferson, K.C., and J. Kelly (instructed by Mr. J. S. Gaffney) appeared to prosecute in this and other cases.

Evidence having been given, the jury found the accused guilty, and he was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

CITY POLICE PENSIONER'S DEATH.

Maria Rea was indicted for the manslaughter of her husband, Isaac Rea, ex-policeman, on February 1st, also for an assault, and for actual bodily harm, on the 22nd of the month.

Mr. M. Healy (instructed by Mr. J. S. Gaffney) appeared for the accused, and pleaded not guilty to the charge of assault.

Mr. Jefferson, on behalf of the Crown