

## THEATRE ROYAL.

### "The Gondollers."

The lively lyrics of Gilbert and the music of Sullivan have endeared fame to the theatrical world which has defied the vicissitudes of time. Undoubtedly there was a company which produced a vogue that has survived the innovations of the lyric stage of a more recent date. Neither touched upon anything which did not adorn, and it will be many a day that their works, although now a long time past, are likely, if ever, to relax the English-speaking people. The repertoire of musical comedy which they left after an extensive and original, and redolent individuality which one looks for in vain in the plays of modern growth of the same kind. Whether presented by professionals or in the compositions of Gilbert and Sullivan always been received in Limerick with enthusiasm and expectancy. It was in 1908 that the Limerick Operatic Society was founded. It must be said that its first performance made the city the richer in the art of music. It has revived a lot of dormant and brought into the forefront talents which would for want of opportunity remain buried. The initial effort of the Society was the "Pantomime" which scored a great success, and aroused the favour of the public. Then followed "Yeomen of the Guard," an ambitious venture immensely successful, to be followed by "Mikado," the performance of which has beyond any manner of doubt the credit of the Society to faithfully interpret the most exacting of the plays of the English musical comedy. That was followed as a fourth venture, "The Gondollers" selected last night. This pretty operetta debuted at the Theatre Royal, where a house gave it a splendid send-off. The descent of the curtain there was not a dull one in the presentation. The music was well rendered, the dialogue spoken with fluency in the situations which are highly humorously portrayed. The orchestration is excellent and under the conductorship of Mr. J. J. it was as pleasing and as well balanced as most critical student of Sullivan could expect. It was a brilliant first night, and without doubt that the reception accorded to the performance will be maintained throughout the week. The staging and effects were excellent while the choruses were rich and powerful. Cahill filled the role of "The Duke of P" with distinction. He sang with all his charm, and his acting was capital. As a dancer "Luiz," Mr. W. McCormack was while a more entertaining or dexter than "Albambra Del Bolero" than that of Shannon it would not be easy to contend held the audience throughout with humour, and sang his fetching lines with Messrs T. J. Phelan and J. Clifford. Palmieri and Giuseppe Palmieri principal Gondollers, made the use of the materials at their command certainly lived the parts, and always in form. Mr. Phelan was in fine voice, and his magnificent rendition of the popular "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes" elicited a double encore. Miss E. portrayed the character of the "Plaza-Tora," and invested it with the quite stateliness commensurate with the Spanish grandee. "Casilda," her character in the hands of Miss N. Glynn sustained. Possessed of a much pleasantness she sang and was frequently the recipient of applause. Mrs. Griffiths in the role of

## DEATH OF MR. THOMAS FORDE, B.C.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas Forde, B.C. which took place at his residence, Carey's Road, on Sunday night, after a somewhat brief illness. The deceased was one of the representatives of the Glentworth Ward, in the Corporation since the triennial elections of 1908. When he headed the poll, thus showing his popularity with the burgesses. In the same year he was returned by the same ward on the Poor Law Board, and at the last triennial election for Councillors, he was again returned as a representative of the ward, but he did not go forward for election on the Poor Law Board. As a member of both bodies he took a keen interest in the administration of public affairs, particularly in the Corporation, of which he was one of the most honoured and respected representatives, as indeed he was with his colleagues on the Boards of Guardians. Mr. Forde was for many years one of the clerical staff of Messrs. J. P. Evans and Co., and his sound business capabilities and conduct in everything that appertained to the business of the firm were recognized and appreciated by his employers. With his colleagues he was a general favourite, and his death at the early age of 42 is regretted by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Always modest and unassuming, never obtruding his views on anyone, he endeared himself to a wide circle of friends, and in the hour of their affliction the sympathy of the public will be extended to his wife and young family in the irreparable loss they have sustained.

### The Funeral.

The funeral took place at 2 o'clock to-day from St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, for interment in Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. The cortege was of considerable proportions, a fact that bore significant proof of the popularity of the deceased in the city.

The chief mourners were—Thos. Forde (father), James, Michael, and William Forde (brothers), Edward, and Michael Nunan, and J. Doyle (brothers-in-law).

The clergy present were—Rev. Fr. O'Connor, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. Fr. Devane, C.C., do; Rev. Fr. Hannan, C.C., and Rev. Fr. Dwane, C.C.

Amongst the general public were—Alderman P. Dillon, *locum tenens* for the Mayor (who was prevented by illness from being present), attended by the City Sword Bearer, and his Sergeants with draped maces. Dr. C. McDonnell, J.P., High Sheriff; Mr. F. C. Cleave, D.L.; Mr. E. J. Cleave, Aldermen D. McNeice, M. Joyce, M.P.; P. McDonagh, T. Prendergast, Sub-Sheriff; P. O'Donovan, J. O'Brien, M. J. McDonnell, Councillors P. McNamara, M. Foley, J. Hassett, T. Meany, M. Leahy, J.P.; L. O'Donnell, Charles Johnson, John Slattery, James Gleeson, Michael O'Callaghan, John Dalton, P. O'Farrell, D. Cantell, D. Griffin, R. Frost, T. Bourke, M. McInerney, M. Griffin, P. Walsh, M. J. Henihan, J. Lalor, D. Hannan, with the Corporate officials; T. O'G. Bourke, W. Holliday, J.P., Dr. Graham, Jas. Flynn, J. Begley, M. McLoughlin, M. Moloney, P. O'Halloran, D.C.; G. Frost, D.C.; T. McNamara, G. Ruddle, M. Riordan, S. Cunningham, J. A. Quirke, E. Kennedy, T. Donnellan, P.L.G.; T. Hartigan, E. Baker, F. Patterson, C. Dalton, A. Quinlivan, W. Frost, P.L.G.; J. G. O'Brien, T. Keane, S. Johnstone, M. O'Brien, Kilmurry; J. Guerin, F. Quilty, T. Tute, J. McMahon, J. Comerton, B.A.; F. McNamara, J. Scanlan, C. Downey, M. Egan, M. Lane, J. Duggan, etc.

## CO. RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Executive of the

Under such conditions, coupled with the ill-effects of the coal strike, the exodus from the city was small compared with previous years. The railway company ran very few excursion trains, and those that did run were but meagrely patronised except the "special" to the Cork Park Races, which, as usual, brought down a large contingent of racing folk. Very few availed themselves of the cheap fare by the ordinary train to Dublin for the Fairyhouse Races, while the trips to Killaloe, Castleconnell, and Foynes did not attract nearly as big a crowd as in past years. From the trippers point of view it was on the whole a disappointing holiday, the people being content to enjoy the relaxation from business at home.

## OUT AND ABOUT.

There was no case for hearing at the city Police Court yesterday or to-day.

The great hunting establishment at Curraghmore has now been dispersed. The hunt horses went to the hammer at Clonmel last week; the big pack, with most of the unentered hounds go to Rugby, on April 19th.

At Nenagh Petty Sessions on Saturday, Mr. J. M. Galway Foley, late County Inspector, was sworn in a magistrate for the County Tipperary, Mr. Foley is already a Justice of the Peace for the County Clare.

There has been a slight improvement in salmon fishing around Ennis, and the following captures have been effected, Mr. J. Kerin, six—14½ lbs, 11 lbs, 8½ lbs, 12 lbs, 11½ lbs, and 11 lbs; Mr. W. F. Crowe, three—9½ lbs, 10 lbs, 11½ lbs; Mr. L. Moroney, two—12 lbs, 12 lbs; Mr. Algy Crowe, one—5½ lbs.

Presiding at a meeting in Ennis of the Clare Unpurchased Tenants' Committee, the Rev. J. Monaghan, C.C., said Clare is the only place in Munster where land purchase has made little or no progress. Disorder was sure to prevail so long as the Landlords persisted in demanding 23, 24, and 25 years' purchase for the bogs and mountains of Clare.

## SHOCKING TIPPERARY FATALITY.

### CABIN COLLAPSES.

#### Three Lives Lost.

Clonmel, Monday Night.

A terrible fatality is reported from Glenpatrick, a mountain district about ten miles south-east of Clonmel. It appears a young man of the tramp class named Michael Costigan, a native of Stradbally, with his wife and two children, aged 1½ and 4 years, belated on the Rathcoormac road, took lodgings in a little cabin occupied by a Mrs. Brazil, at Glenpatrick, on Saturday night.

At about three o'clock in the morning, portion of the roof of the little house collapsed burying in the debris all the occupants except Mrs. Brazil, who was sleeping in a bed over which the roof did not extend. She at once gave the alarm, and a near neighbour, Michael Halpin, promptly came to the rescue and set to work to extricate Costigan.

He was fortunate in rescuing Mrs. Costigan practically uninjured, but when he got the stones and rubbish taken away from the others he found

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