

chair. it was proposed by Mr. Lynch:—in record our deep regret at the eagle, Mr. J. F. MacNamara, *Freeman's Journal*, and beg to see the expression of our sincere

which he joined in May, 1911.

DEATH OF A POPULAR PRESSMAN.

Mr. J. F. McNamara.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Francis McNamara, which took place at a private nursing home near Dublin on Sunday morning, after a comparatively brief illness. He was a son of Mr. Joseph P. McNamara, grocer, William Street, Limerick, and up to a few weeks ago was engaged in his profession of journalism on the sub-editorial staff of the *Freeman*. He entered the rank of journalism in his native city a little more than twenty years ago, and shortly after the establishment of the *Irish Daily Independent* he joined the staff of that newspaper. A few years later he was appointed London correspondent of the *Independent*, and in that position gave evidence of marked journalistic ability. Returning to Dublin after a time, he was appointed chief sub-editor of the *Evening Herald*, and acted in that capacity for a long number of years. After a brief acquaintance with the Cork Press, Mr. McNamara returned to the Metropolis twelve months ago on the sub-editorial staff of the *Freeman*, where his sound judgment and ability were readily recognized. During the past winter his health had been a source of anxiety to his friends, and a few weeks ago it became necessary for him to undergo special treatment, but despite all that medical skill could do he passed away, as stated, on Sunday morning. The news of his demise was received in Limerick with unfeigned regret, and by his colleagues on the Dublin Press, of which he was a distinguished member. He was a sincere friend, kind-hearted and unassuming, and generous to a fault, and in no place will his death be received with greater regret than among his circle of friends in his native city who were deeply attached to him by ties of lasting friendship.

The Funeral.

The funeral took place this afternoon on the remains arriving from Dublin by the train leaving Kingsbridge at 9.15 a.m. They were met by a large gathering of citizens at the railway station, whence the funeral started for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, where the interment of the lamented deceased took place amid every manifestation of sympathy and regret.

The chief mourners were—Mr. J. P. McNamara (father), Mr. M. O'Connor (uncle), Mr. John J. O'Mahony, M.C.C., John Foran, Edward Foran, C. Kearney, and J. Kearney (cousins).

The general public included—Mr. W. G. Peacocke and Master Joseph Peacocke, T. S. Lalor, J. McGrath (G. S. & W. Railway), F. T. Geraghty, M. H. Cashin, James Flynn, Bryan O'Donnell, J.P., A. Hall, F. Herriott, Martin Leahy, J.P.; Michael O'Toole, Edward Cahill, John Riordan, W. Halpin, Matthew Griffin, B.C.; Sir Vincent Nash, D.L.; Edward O'Connell, Michael Sheehan, James H. Roche, J.P.; J. Carson, T. McGrath, David Begley, E. O'Toole, P. Graham, John Guinane, Joseph Lee, C. Cregan, M. Geraghty, Timothy Riordan, F. Vaneesbeck, James Buckley, M. McNamara, Michael O'Brien, B.C., John Barry, David Barry, Michael Moroney, J. Barry, D. Hannan, B.C., Owen McCarthy, P. Barry, James Carew, Hugh Coyle, R. P. O'Connor, Mrs. O'Brien, South Hill (carriage), Denis Donovan, John G. O'Brien, F. Corbett, P. Hurley, J. M. Ginnane, Dr. Mulcahy, T. O'B. Kelly, solicitor, J. Foran, J. Griffin, Thomas Buckley, R. Frost, B.C., M. McInerney, B.C., J. J. Peacocke (City Surveyor), J. V. Coogan, Alfred Sexton, J. A. Baldwin, John Begley, W. S. Bourke, Patrick Mulcahy, D.C., William O'Shaughnessy, William Reeves, Michael O'Sullivan, William Enright, solicitor, Austin Hall, C. Devane, J. A. Bourke, Philip J. O'Sullivan, solicitor, M. Linnane, Peter Cronin, Michael Spring, &c.

May Fair was well supplied in and sheep and lambs were sold numbers. With a brisk anything a ready clearance was remunerative prices. Yearlings, one year-old and under two, first-10s; strippers, £12 to £14; fat 223 10s; fat sheep—hoggets, long, shorn, £3 8s.

C AMUSEMENTS.

The Gaiety.

The programme was shown at the last night to a large house. The "Don Cesar de Bazan," shown in the incidents depicted were highly novel. Among the other fine acts were—"The Loyal Deserter," "The Difficulties," and "Omens of

Theatre Royal.

A big audience at the Theatre when the bill contained the trio, jugglers and acrobats, in "On the Promenade." The turn is in every sense, and coupled by and Melbourne," the eccentric acts were amply catered for. The pieces shown were a Western "Katy Mine," and a race with time by drama."

The Athenæum.

Of support accorded to the theatre last evening was, as the audience was highly pleased and altogether entertaining proved. It included three dramas "The Jewels," "The Awakening," and "The comic pieces were "The and "Tweedledum's Mother-in-law" "An Adventurous Honeymoon," views on "Constructing Aeroplanes" shown. Pictures are changed some three times a week.

The Rink.

This week at the Rink is an excellent Miss Nellie Perryer and Mr. Ben in humorous sketches and duets are being. They supply a really novel programme, and last night applauded and doubly encored. It is worth hearing, and should be heard during the week. The pictures, very high merit. The dramas, "The Water," a stage romance, and "The Moon," a vivid love picture of a young man referring to the closing years of the nineteenth century. It has comedy and deception, or at least is a dream of who in the end is united to her. The views are very fine, and were of great interest. There are some comic pieces, and some pretty

E VAGRANCY ACT.

John and Michael Roche, brothers, under the Vagrancy Act by Constable

The dresses were perfect in style, while the boys of whom there was a small army trained to the "pink of perfection" by Miss B. Griffin, and Mr. Michael O'Grady, N.T., looked well in large white Spanish hats, white blouses scarlet ties, and sashes, dark knickers, and armed with miniature swords.

Masters Michael Marrinan, and Michael Duggan took the leading boy parts, while Miss May Egan showed much grace and talent in her part of "Daisy," a little girl who had been stolen from her parents in her infancy by gipsies, and who was happily discovered by the children during their May-Day festivities. Her restoration to her father, Captain Myles Fitzgerald (a part played with consummate skill and ability by Mr. Michael O'Grady), and the songs so ably sung in this scene by Mr. O'Grady, Miss Egan, and Masters Marrinan and Duggan, formed the climax of what might be called a masterpiece in art and music. The chief lady's part was taken by Miss Partill, whose lovely voice was heard to great advantage as "Mrs. Carew," the mother of the May-Day revellers. Throughout the entertainment selections were played by the band in splendid style, under the baton of their popular instructor Mr. P. Morrissy, while Miss C. Curry presided at the piano. A short play, appellation "Bon Ton," followed, and was greatly appreciated. At the conclusion, Father Moloney, in a brief speech paid a well merited tribute to the performers, their teachers, and to the audience for the way in which they received the operetta and dramatic work.

KILLALOE PETTY SESSIONS.

Fishery Prosecution.

(Before Mr. W. J. Hardy, R.M., in the chair and Mr. Thomas Hogan).

The Limerick Fishery Board had a prosecution against a man named Peter Hurley, of Killestray, for using a net on the river at Killestray for the purpose of taking trout.

Mr. Counihan, solr, Limerick, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Henry Shannon, solr, Nenagh appeared for defendant.

Constable Mahony stated he was walking on the bank of the river on the 13th April when he saw two men in the river and one on the bank they were engaged with a net, and when he got within a short distance the men on the bank shouted, and all three ran away; he found the net and two poles (produced); although he did not observe the men get any fish he believed they were there for that purpose.

In reply to Mr. Shannon, witness said he was not long in the district; defendant gave his name and address when he got up to him, and said that he was fishing with a rod and line; defendant's clothes were wet, and his hands were bleeding if he tore them with briars; he was certain that it was one of the men.

Mr. Shannon—I believe you said to the defendant when you came up to him that you would summon him as a witness?

Witness—I said no such thing. I informed him that I would report the case and summon him.

Mr. Shannon—Didn't you go to defendant's house and produce the net, and his mother told you she never saw the net?

Witness—She did deny seeing it; defendant did not tell him he was after coming from Shannon in a boat; he did not mention that to me.

Mr. Shannon contended that on the date of the question his client was on the Shannon fishing and on his way home he saw three men run past him, pursued by the constable. The constable asked defendant his name and address, which he willingly gave. There was not the slightest proof that the defendant was one of the men using the net on the river, and asked the Bench to dismiss the case.

A man named Bourke said that about a quarter of past three that day he saw the defendant at