

as far from realisation as ever. Mr. Churchill, as said, was content with a cursory reference to Home Rule, and then he passed on with far more detail to the Navy and the English land problem. It may be that, as regards the Irish question, the First Lord prefers to give way to the Premier, whose speech at Ladybank at the end of this week may possibly explain in a clearer light the policy and the intentions of the Cabinet with respect to the Home Rule Bill. Will there be an unfettered Conference, or will there be an appeal to the Country? That is a question which at the moment is surrounded by all manner of doubt and speculation of one kind or another. The London "Daily Express" sums up the situation very forcibly:—"The only thing to do now is to refer the Home Rule question to the people. It is Mr. Asquith's plain duty to do so. If he is sure of his cause why does he shrink from this duty?" That is what the Unionists have been saying all along the line. But it does not look as if the Government are at all in a hurry to face the music so far as an appeal to the country is concerned.

DEATH OF MRS. QUAID, Ballykennedy House.

By a wide circle of friends in the city and county the demise of Mrs. Mary Quaid, of Ballykennedy House, Ballingarry, has been heard of with sincere regret. The deceased lady, who had been ailing for some time past, was relict of the late Mr. George N. Quaid, and mother of Mr. J. J. Quaid, Secretary of the Co. Council, with whom, as well as the other members of an old and highly esteemed county family, deep sympathy is expressed in their bereavement.

The remains were removed from Limerick last evening, and conveyed to Rathkeale by train. The mourners present included—Messrs. J. J. Quaid, William Quaid, Father Devane, C.C., The Mayor, Dr. Graham, Dr. O'Sullivan, Messrs. T. Ryan, J.P., M. Leahy, J.P., Wm. Peacocke, J.P., Bryn O'Donnell, J.P., L. O'Donnell, T.C., Maurice Fitzgerald, M. Kelly, Walter Braizer, John Portley, Frank O'Shea, M. Clarkinon, —Glynn, T. H. Brett (Manager Munster and Leinster Bank), J. Purcell, T. O'Brien, J. Walsh, P. J. Barry, John Barry, Peter Grant, Joseph O'Malley, B.E., P. J. O'Sullivan, solr; Stephen Tnbridy, Alma Fitt, E. J. O'Riordan, M.R.C.V.S.; P. Tracey, John Begley, W. O'Shaughnessy, Clerk, Asylum; T. Geraghty, F. Herriott, etc.

Funeral will leave Rathkeale, R.C. Church to-morrow at 12 o'clock, for the family burial place at Clouncaugh.

wining to quote lower than its neighbours, and thus lose its chance of getting the pigs; but if your Association will point out to us how we will get our supplies by putting our prices 2s. or 3s. lower than those of our neighbours, we will be very pleased to do away with this cause of complaint.

"There is no compulsion on your members to bring their pigs into any of the factories. They can bring them to the fairs, where they will have the benefit of the competition between buyers from the different factories in Munster—some in the direct employment of the factories, and others 'jobbing'—and the buyers representing English firms, some buying for bacon-curers and some for the English fresh pork trade. Or in many places your members can bring their pigs to the live scales, where they can see their pigs weighed while they wait.

"You can therefore see that this talk about the want of competition is sheer nonsense.

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. J. SHAW & SONS."

[The reporters of the local papers unreservedly stand by the absolute accuracy of the reports furnished to their respective papers. It will now be for the Farmers' Association to set right the matters of which Messrs. Shaw and Sons complain in their letter as above.—Ed. L.C.]

THEATRE ROYAL, LIMERICK.

Visit of Mr. Joseph O'Mara and His Grand Opera Company.

The music loving public of Limerick and surrounding districts will, we feel sure, be gratified to learn that our distinguished fellow citizen Mr. Joseph O'Mara has arranged to pay a visit to the Theatre Royal Limerick for one week commencing Monday, November 10th, during which time he will stage no less than eight different operas. We feel certain that it is needless for us to say anything in favour of this world renowned tenor, whom Limerick has the honour of claiming as its own. This company numbers nearly 100 artists, all of whom are carefully selected. Needless to say it is a very great undertaking on the part of Mr. O'Mara to bring this very expensive company here, but, knowing Limerick to be such a music loving public, he feels confident that very possible support will be given him, and we feel assured that confidence will not be misplaced.

The following repertoire will be given, which should satisfy the tastes of all:—Monday, "Il Trovatore"; Tuesday, "Tannhauser"; Wednesday, "Faust"; Thursday matinee, "Rigoletto"; Thursday evening, "The Bohemian Girl"; Friday, "The Huguenots"; Saturday matinee, "La Traviata" (La Dame aux Camélias); Saturday evening, "The Lily of Killarney." Seats can now be booked at Messrs P. McCarthy and Sons, 40 George street, Limerick.

The O'Mara Company commenced their first visit to the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin, last night, and the performance of "The Huguenots" was, the *Irish Times* remarks, "very auspicious for future appreciation. Mr. Joseph O'Mara is, of course, no stranger to Dublin; in fact he is very much of a friend, and his many previous visits to the city have built up happy relations with the musical circles. For these reasons his fortunes have been followed here with a close personal interest. The company was formed some twelve months ago, but this is the first occasion on which Dublin had an opportunity of judging its merits. Upon the meed of appreciation received depends the likelihood of future visits."

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