

ments have been made by which labourers and farmers whose total valuation does not exceed £20 are supplied with fruit trees at one-third of the original price. Another subject is poultry keeping, an industry which the humblest homestead may carry on with profit. It is, therefore, important to note that the Instructors conduct classes in poultry-keeping during the Spring and Summer months, and the attendance thereat leads up to scholarships for girls. Every district in the county should, therefore, avail itself of the instruction that is offered. The value of Cow-Testing Associations is clearly exemplified. For instance we read "in one of our Cow-Testing Associations last year the ten best cows yielded an average test of 342 gallons of milk, 303 lbs of butter fat, while the ten worst cows gave but an average of 294 gallons of milk, 120 lbs of butter fat." There is also an illustration of the advantages of keeping milk records. Many other features are to be found in this excellent and very useful report which reflects the highest credit on the Committee and its officials.

MAYOR OF LIMERICK

Removed from Gaol to Hospital.

Dublin, Monday.—At the Sinn Fein Headquarters in Suffolk street it was learned that Councillor De Coursey, Mayor of Limerick, had been removed to St Brigid's Hospital from Kilmainsham Gaol. Councillor De Coursey was stated to be in a critical condition, following the effects of hunger strike.

DEATH OF MR MALACHY HOGAN.

The death, which we announce with regret, took place suddenly at his residence, Ballinasarra, on Sunday of Mr Malachy Hogan, in his 56th year. The deceased had been out that morning and was apparently in his usual health. He was in his garden at noon, and complaining of being ill, he retired to bed. Some short time before one o'clock, when his wife went to see him, she found that he had passed away. The late Mr Hogan was a brother of the Rev. Fr. Hogan, P.P. Kilmitty, and was a native of Ballythomas, Borrisokane. He was for a number of years on the staff of Messrs. J. and G. Boyd, Ltd., in charge of the agricultural implement and seeds department. He was a man of sound business views and held in the highest respect by the firm and all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. His untimely death has been learned with keen sorrow in the city, and the greatest sympathy is felt for his wife and family in their sorrow.

The funeral took place this morning, after High Mass, which commenced at 11 o'clock, from St Michael's Catholic Church, whither the remains were removed last night, for interment at Mount St Lawrence Cemetery. The cortege was very large and representative, and included Mr Wm Holliday, Managing Director of Messrs J and G Boyd, the Messrs Holliday, and the entire staff of the firm, the establishment remaining closed till after the funeral. The chief mourners, of whom there were a large number, included the widow of the deceased, his daughter, three sons, Very Rev Canon Hogan, P.P. Kilmitty, brother, and other relatives. Some fifteen clergymen were present.

CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED CHURCH ROBBERY.

A youth named Patrick O'Sullivan was arrested last evening on a charge of attempting to break open the donation box at St Mary's Catholic Church. It is alleged that the boy, who is respectably connected, was caught in the attempt by one of the clergy, and was handed over to the Civil Guard. He was discharged to be summoned

COMMERCE.

Excessive Railway Rates.

A meeting of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce was held last evening to consider what steps should be taken to relieve Limerick from the great disadvantages from which it suffers consequent on the present railway rates, both local and cross-Channell.

Mr G R Ryan, President, occupied the chair, and after a full discussion the following resolution was passed:—"That the members of this Chamber desire to bring before the Directors of the Great Southern and Western Railway the detrimental effects of the existing high railway rates on the trade and commerce, not only of the city and county of Limerick, but in the country generally; they respectfully ask the Directors to consider the matter with a view to arranging for an immediate reduction. The Chamber attaches herewith a statement setting out a comparison of the existing rates with those in force in 1914; the enormous increase which these figures show cannot now be justified in view of the substantial reduction in the cost of material and labour. If the economies so eagerly pressed for by the Government are to be effected a reduction in the cost of transport is an essential necessity. That this Chamber ask the Directors of the Great Southern and Western Railway to receive a deputation which will place further facts and figures in support of the attached statement before them, and as the Chamber considers the matter one of great urgency an early reply will oblige."

G.S. & W. RAILWAY

Train Arrangements.

Attention is directed to an advertisement of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company re Christmas travelling arrangements which appears in our columns this evening.

THE ATHENÆUM PICTURE HOUSE.

Big houses at the Athenæum last night had the opportunity of seeing and thoroughly enjoying a stirring drama "Hutch Stir 'em Up," adapted from Harry Harding's celebrated tale "The Hawk of Rede." Thrilling situations, fun and humour, love and romance, abound in this fine picture, the scene of which is laid in a sleepy English village. It will be again produced to-night, and Wednesday, and at matinee at 2.45.

BANK CHANGES.

Staff changes officially announced in the current number of the "Irish Banking Magazine" include the following:—

MUNSTER AND LINTNER BANK—Mr J O'Connor, Limerick, to head office; Miss J M Begley, Killarney, to Limerick; Messrs O R Harrison, Kildyeart, to Cloughjordan; J T Crowley, Cloughjordan to Tullow; D G O'Brien, Roscrea, to Kildyeart.

NATIONAL BANK—Messrs G J Crowley, Kenmare, to Charleville; T J Hayes, Cork, to Tipperary.

PROVINCIAL BANK—Mr G G V Watson, William-street, Limerick, to Grafton-street, Dublin.

ULSTER BANK—Mr G M Alexander, Limerick, to Cork.

GAIETY THEATRE.

Each day during the week, with a daily matinee at 2.30, a splendid picture, "The Prisoner of Zenda," a story full of dash and romance, and screened by the director of "The Four Horsemen," will be produced at the Gaiety Theatre. The first production last night was highly appreciated by big houses. It should not be missed, and seats should be booked at once.

THE LATE CANON O'DRISCOLL.

At the monthly meeting of the Management Committee of St John's Hospital, a vote of condolence on the death of the late Canon O'Driscoll was proposed by Mr Enright, and passed unanimously. The Governors present referred particularly to his close attention to the work of the Hospital, and his deep interest in its welfare, as well as to the great loss the Church had sustained by his death. Sympathy was also expressed with the members of his family.

On Thursday last, at the monthly meeting of Limerick Industrial Loan Fund, the Committee

Mr Curtin, The Strand, claimed compensation for damage to furniture and clothing by irregulars during the city hostilities.

North Raddington stated she was staying in the house during the conflict, and on the evening of the 15th July an attack was made on the Barracks. Six of the irregulars from the Barrack entered by the back of applicant's premises and she then left. When she returned she found a quantity of furniture broken, and bed clothes torn up and used as sandbags, suits of clothes were completely riddled by bullet marks. A number of articles were missing.

A decree for £44 7s 6d was granted.

Amble Rowe, Quinlan-street, claimed compensation for the seizure of goods in the month of July, 1922.

Applicant stated that on the 18th July two armed men entered her premises and took away a quantity of cigarettes and tobacco. On the following day the men returned and took away sixty-nine boxes of sweets, cigarette cases and pouches. Subsequently her house was broken into, and a bicycle and clothing taken away.

A decree for £92 was allowed.

Jeremiah Dowling, William-street, claimed £46 in respect of damages to his premises at Roche's, William, Catherine, and Thomas-streets, Lock Quay, Barton's lane, and Mount Pleasant Avenue by rifle fire.

A decree was £340 was granted.

Messrs P McCarthy and Sons, O'Connell-street, were awarded £247 for damage to premises and seizure of goods by armed men in July, 1922.

An award of £187 5s was made to Michael McKnight for damage to his premises, Wickham street.

P J McNamara, Catherine street, was allowed £157 10s for damage to his house while in occupation of irregulars.

Michael McDonnell was awarded £80 for damage to his house at Nicholas street, caused by a mine explosion.

William Horn, Catherine-street, was allowed £77 for damage to, and loss of, effects during the hostilities in July, 1922.

NEWSBOYS' XMAS DINNER.

At a meeting of the Committee of Our Lady of Limerick Junior Conference, relative to the dinner proposed to be given to the newsboys of Limerick on December 26th or 27th.

Mr J M Flood, District Justice, who was present, stated he had been asked to preside, and say a few words in support of this most worthy object for which the Committee had been formed. The purpose was a very deserving one, as the newsboys went through a great deal of hardship throughout the year, and had to pursue their calling in all weathers. He felt sure that an appeal to the Limerick people for support for the proposed treat would not be made in vain, particularly at the present season.

The arrangements are in the hands of a capable committee, and all the money subscribed will go direct to provide a good dinner for the newsboys. The matter is in the hands of a Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, and the Council of the Society has very kindly sanctioned the use of one of the sumptuous rooms in Ozanam House for the occasion.

Subscriptions will be gratefully received by the President of the above Conference, or by the Hon Sec, also the Editor of the "Chronicle."

FUNERAL OF MR R. FAHY.

Yesterday the remains of the late Mr Richard Fahy, O'Connell Avenue, whose death took place at Geneva on the 8th instant, were interred at Donohill, Co. Tipperary. On Sunday the remains reached Oola station, and were removed to the parish church, where they rested over night. Requiem High Mass was celebrated for the dead at 11 o'clock, in presence of a large congregation. At the close of the solemn service the coffin was borne to the hearse, and the cortege, which was large and representative, left for the last resting place.

The chief mourners were—John Fahy (brother), Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Collins, and Miss Fahy (sisters), and Michael Collins (brother-in-law).

FETE FOR BARRINGTON'S HOSPITAL.

It is announced in our advertising columns that a Fete for Barrington's Hospital will be held in the first week in June, 1924. Its object, we understand, is to clear off the debt in connection with the installation of X-Rays into the Hospital.