

tion for navigation, irrigation, and fishing interests, and that it would tend to diminish flooding of the area adjacent to the river." Further developments in connection with this great project will be followed with keen interest throughout the country, and especially by those who live by the banks of our great river the Shannon, and its various tributaries. Messrs Siemens are to proceed with the necessary preliminary investigations as soon as it suits the convenience of the Government. Cheaper light and power would be a great acquisition to the country, and if the investigation should finally prove satisfactory, and the development scheme feasible, the result would be a big thing for the country, as regards its economic and industrial future.

### LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION.

#### Farmers' Association Calls For Sworn Inquiry.

A sworn inquiry into the affairs of the Limerick County Council has been demanded by the County Limerick Farmers' Association.

The decision to that effect was unanimously come to at the annual general meeting of the Association, held at the offices, 19 O'Connell street, on Saturday last, Mr P. K. Hogan, T.D. (Chairman), presiding.

A discussion first took place on the question of the rates and also that of expenditure and it was then proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed, that the Minister for Local Government be asked to order a sworn inquiry into the expenditure of the rates during the past three years, and not to sanction the rate recently struck until the inquiry has been held.

The outgoing officers of the Association were unanimously re-elected.

The Minister's attention was also directed to the fact that no audit of the accounts of the County Council had taken place since March, 1920; that the ratepayers could not obtain satisfactory information regarding the expenditure of rates; that what is described as gross extravagance and waste of public moneys existed, and the inability of the ratepayers to pay the present rate struck which is approximately 8s on land.

#### DEATH OF MR M. CLOHESSY.

We regret to announce the death of Mr Martin Clohesy, licensed vintner, John street, who passed away on Monday morning, after a brief illness. Deceased, who succumbed to pneumonia, enjoyed the confidence and respect of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, and his demise will be deeply mourned by all who knew him.

train, Waterford to Dublin, was held up by two masked and armed men at Connolly's crossing, three miles from Waterford this morning.

The crossing gates were closed, and when the train stopped, two men wearing handkerchiefs over the lower portion of their faces, and each carrying revolvers, boarded and minutely searched the guard's van. A large safe in the van was prised open, but was found to be empty. Mails and various other articles on the train were left untouched.

It is stated the raiders expected the receipts taken at Waterford in connection with the special train services to Wexford for the Redmond memorial celebrations were being conveyed on the train to the company's office. Finding such was not the case, they allowed the train to proceed on its journey after half-an-hour's delay.

The passengers were not molested in any way.

#### DEATH OF MR J. O'DRISCOLL.

The death took place at his residence, Little Barrington Street, yesterday morning of Mr Joseph O'Driscoll, in his fifty-eight year. The deceased had not been in the best of health for some time past, but was out as late as Thursday last. For a number of years he was a clerk in the office of Mr P. E. O'Donnell, solicitor, and prior to that he filled the position of assistant to the late Mr John H. DeCourcy, City Petty Sessions Clerk. The late Mr O'Driscoll was a very capable and obliging official, and his demise has been learned with regret by a wide circle of friends, whose sympathy is extended to his widow and family in their sorrow.

#### ATHENÆUM PICTURE HOUSE.

D. W. Griffith's new art wonder picture spectacle, "Way Down East," was accorded a hearty reception by large audiences at the Athenæum Picture House last evening. Taken from Lottie Blair Parker's play of the same title, it has proved a record success in London, New York, and other big cities. The simple tale of the original play, with its pastoral background, its plain people, and its quaint humours, has been enlarged upon to such an extent that not only a new drama has been woven about the love story of Anna Moore and David Bartlett, but a new form of art in which to express the theme is evolved. Murmurs of delight greet its scenes of exquisite beauty in a pictorial sense, hearty laughter accompanies the relieving antics and the simple drollery of its rushing characters, and a soul-stirring interest storm and the ice jam in the river, which are the "tour de force" of the production, "Way Down East" will be produced during the week, and should not be missed.

#### THE G.A.A. AND FOREIGN GAMES.

At the Committee meeting of the Limerick County Board of the G.A.A. on Saturday evening, a discussion took place arising out of a resolution of the Commercial F.C. favouring the withdrawal of the rule which prohibits members playing foreign games. It was decided by 17 votes to 7 to adhere to the rule and to bar the playing of these games.

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