

THE BELLE OF NEW YORK"

At the Coliseum.

Devotees of comic opera, who saw "The Belle of New York" more than two decades ago in the Theatre Royal, when it was played by professionals, were last night afforded the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with this dainty product of the lyric stage on its presentation at the Coliseum by amateurs. "The Belle of New York" is a bright and engaging play, studded with pretty musical numbers, and contains a part dialogue of a distinctly American flavour, which is always pleasant and invariably unconventional. There was a crowded audience at last night's presentation, which went with a swing from beginning to end, and the principals in an unusually lengthy cast gave a convincing interpretation of their parts. They sang their music expressively, and imparted a glow and colour to the roles that were agreeable and vivid. The reception accorded to the comedy was warm and cordial, and denoted the very favourable impression created on the audience by the manner in which the roles were portrayed and the ensemble generally. The choruses were full and tuneful, while the orchestral music was a helpful factor in aiding for the success that attended the presentation. In this respect Mr Frank Barrett and Mr Joseph R. Tate applied their talent and experience to effect, while the dances, which were arranged by the Misses Dundon, were both graceful and novel. It was a production of all-round excellence, demonstrative of the nice discrimination displayed in the allotment of the roles and the aptitude shown in their enactment.

The pivotal part was taken by Mr Herbert Spillane, whose depiction of "Harry Conson," the young spendthrift, and man about town, was refreshing and clever. He was as in the limelight continuously, and was always equal to the demands made on him. His vocalism was nicely pitched, and given with ample range and clarity of tone. Miss Lena Gough's portrayal of the equally acting role of "Violet Gray" was another delectable study. She was a typical Salvation Army lassie, demure and right in turn, and her singing was artistically effective, especially in the familiar number "Follow On," which she had to repeat. As "Fifi Fricot," the petite Parisienne, Miss Esther Ryan made a good impression. She imparted a graceful artistry to the character and sang, that very taking item "La Belle Parisienne," with expression and earnestness of tone. The bizarre role of "Ichabod Conson" was very capably enacted by Mr

DEADLY

**County Limerick
in Cork Garage.**

At the South Infirmary, Cork, yesterday, Mr Coroner Wm Murphy, solicitor, held an inquest into the circumstances attending the death of a man named Bryan Beary, a native of the County Limerick, and lodging at 6 Rockboro' Road, Cork, who was found dead in a motor car in a garage on the Albert Road on Sunday evening.

Inspector Jackson appeared on behalf of the Civic Guard authorities.

A jury having been sworn and the body viewed, evidence was taken.

Michael J. Mannsall said the deceased was about 40 years of age, and was a night superintendent and charge hand at Ford's. Witness and deceased were at Mr's yesterday together, and the latter mentioned that he intended going to Cove. He had a wife and two children living in Limerick.

Joseph Levin said about 4.30 yesterday he was passing Mr Field's garage on Albert road when he saw smoke coming through the door. He went in and found the place full of smoke. He saw a man lying across the driving seat of a car, the engine of which was running. There were no windows in the garage.

Ellen Field, wife of the proprietor of the garage, said the deceased got the key of the garage about one o'clock. He wanted the car of a friend of his. Witness knew no more about the deceased until called by the previous witness at 5 o'clock. There was a strong smell of petrol in the garage.

Dr Michael Shanahan said he saw the deceased a little after six o'clock. He was then dead. He had all the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning. Witness thought the deceased did not know much about cars, as he should not have set the engine running when the doors were closed. The gas was very deadly, and cases of poisoning had occurred very frequently recently. The amount of gas which would have escaped through the wicket was negligible. The poison would act very quickly.

This concluded the evidence, and at the request of a juror the Coroner read a short extract from an article which appeared in the Cork "Evening Echo" of Thursday night last on the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning, and pointing out that great danger was incurred by starting cars in closed garages.

The Coroner having complimented Mr Levin on his promptitude in investigating the occurrence, a verdict of accidental death was returned. Sympathy was expressed with the relatives.

**KNOCKACLUGGA
CHARGE.**

Resumed Investi

Eugene O'Sullivan I

Our Newcastle West wires:—

The case against Patrick Sullivan, wife, Ellen Sullivan, and the man on the charge of the murder of Patrick Kiely at Knockaclugga, was before District Justice O'Donnell yesterday.

At the outset the District Justice refused the release of Eugene Sullivan, on the ground that there was no evidence against him.

Supt. Slavin gave formal notice of the arrest of Ellen Sullivan.

Sergeant Sheehy, Athlone, and Sergeant Farrell, Limerick, were present. Proceeding.

MURDER OF GUARD

Three Men Cl

Before Court at

The murder of Guard Thomas O'Connell, North Clare, on the 28th inst., was further investigated yesterday, when three young men were charged in connection with the crime.

The accused, who are all natives of North Clare, are John O'Connor, or Conway, and Augustine Lynch, and Augustus Lynch, charged with the murder of the guard when the case was opened yesterday. Evidence of conspiracy to murder was given.

Evidence similar to that given by Sergt. Jas. Lynch, in the despatch of Guard O'Connell at 7 p.m. on Dec. 28, and the discovery of a dead body on the road about the same night.

Dr Denis O'Dwyer, Ballinacorney, and Dr Pearson, Lisdoonvarna, gave evidence of fatal wounds. Two separate wounds entered the body, and 35 pellets entered in one wound and 25 pellets in another.

The Court adjourned until next week. Mr Cecil Lavery (instructed by Mr Lynch, State Solicitor) appeared for the prosecution, and Mr F. F. O'Donnell for the accused.

To-Day's Proce

The courthouse at Enniscorthy.