

then the option to have their names on the list of contractors who tender with the purchasing department. While the authors of the scheme contend that their plan is fair and equitable to every trader, it is countered by the argument used by representatives on the public boards that those who have to bear the burden of rates should be given the option of spending their money. This is, they assert, defeated by centralisation such as the combined system of fosters. The stand taken by the Committee of Management of Clonmel Mental Hospital against the scheme of central purchasing is that it is an institution which whose operation economy to the system does not result. Should that be the case, then there is room for a change, and the Department of Local Government should be convinced of the accuracy of this argument before they will consent to give effect to the unsupported expressions of a private public body. But then we have the Limerick Mental Hospital Committee taking a similar view of the position created by the operation of the system. At last Wednesday meeting the members entered into a resolution of protest against the scheme, which was followed up by adopting a resolution of protest against its continuation. They based their protest on the experience gained after a rather lengthy trial, and which would appear to be that articles can be purchased as good and cheap locally as through the scheme. Votes were given in support, and the Mayor, like his colleagues, had nothing good to say for a system which the Chairman of the County Council asserted was costing the committee £175 a year—its proportion of the amount expended on the upkeep of the purchasing Department. It looks from the criticisms applied to the measure that something must be done to appease public opinion, and it is quite possible that at the Dail re-assembles the responsible Minister will have to run the gauntlet of comment on his much abused scheme. No doubt he will be able to put up a strong defence in justification, but

the affair.

The man detained in connection with the shooting outrage is stated to be William Bermingham.

To-day, Chief Superintendent Burke visited the scene, and enquiries are being made by officers of the Limerick detective branch of the Guards. They were in the district up to a late hour last night, and this morning they returned to Kilmallock to pursue their investigations.

INQUEST ON UNKNOWN CHILD.

While a number of youths were playing on the King's Island embankment on Sunday they discovered the dead body of a newly born male child carefully rolled in a brown paper parcel. Word was sent to the Civic Guard barrack at Mary-street, and Sergeant O'Halloran had the body, which was nude and apparently well developed, removed to the morgue of Barrington's Hospital.

An inquest was held at Barrington's Hospital last night by the City Coroner, Mr J. S. McNeice.

In his evidence, Dr W. P. Dundon, house surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, stated that the body was in an advanced stage of decomposition and bore no marks of violence. A post-mortem examination revealed that the child was born dead, but there had been inattention at birth. In his opinion, death occurred a fortnight or three weeks ago.

Two boys named William Keane and Peter McNamara stated that they were playing on the Island Bank on Sunday evening and picked up a brown paper parcel. On opening it they found the body of a child and informed the Civic Guards at Mary street station.

Sergeant O'Halloran deposed that the parcel containing the body was tied with a string and deposited about two feet from the edge of the river near the public baths. He had it removed to the morgue.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

Mary Street Guards are continuing enquiries into the affair, but up to the present no arrest has been made.

BISHOP'S JUBILEE.

Killaloe Diocese's Celebrations.

At a recent meeting of the Cathedral Chapter of the Diocese of Killaloe, Very Rev. Dean McInerney, P.P., V.G., presiding, it was formally decided to take appropriate steps to celebrate the Episcopal Silver Jubilee of Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, and it was felt that in taking such steps the Chapter were but interpreting the expressed

CATTLE DRIVE

A cattle drive on an open place during the week-end in Co. Galway, on which a farmer, of Ballintemple, lost forty cattle and one hundred Walls surrounding the land down and the animal in various directions.

The drive was reported by the Guards, who have discovered the missing animals. Further enquiries are being made.

TRADE UNION MEETING

One of the problems of the Union Congress will have to be met in Belfast, will be the loss of membership, the decline being about a quarter of the total. The General strike through which the unions have lost at least 100,000 members. It is expected that when they meet at the Congress they will find membership of little more than the lowest figure since the war. The highest membership was of 6,000,000. Continues probably accounts for much of the loss.

GARAGE

A fire broke out in the garage of Mr. Murphy, Castletownbere, yesterday morning. The outbreak was first discovered by Mr. O'Sullivan, who gave the alarm. Mr. Murphy and others who were present rushed to the garage, where the car enveloped and another car stored in the garage. The two cars on fire were extinguished by the use of fire extinguishers.

NEWSPAPER READER'S EDUCATION

Journalist's Tribune Intelligence

Improved education and its reflection in the press are the points made by Mr. Morrison, editor of the "Morning Post," in his presidential address at the Institute of Journalists yesterday.

With a better education