

supplies of tea and sugar. They were fined £2 at Ennis District Court on Friday.

District Justice Gleeson remarked that people failed to realise the seriousness of this type of offence, which was a fraud on the supply system. If it continued drastic action must be taken by the Court and heavier penalties imposed.

At Ennistymon District Court Patrick Nestor, Caheraderry, was fined 5/- with £3 3s. costs and expenses for selling butter containing 23.17 per cent. of moisture, the legal standard being 16 per cent. John Shannon, Ballyveskin, Mil-townmalbay, was fined £3 with 17/6 expenses for a similar offence. His butter contained 25 per cent. of moisture.

## CLEVER ILLUSIONIST

What is almost a one-man variety show broke a time record for the length of one performance at the Savoy this week where Edgar Benyon features his new revue, "The Bam-Boo-Zalem Express." For almost three hours on Monday night Mr. Benyon entertained the audience with tricks which went the whole range of illusions, contortions, quick-change artistry, lightning-sketching and ventriloquism. A remarkably versatile artist, Mr. Benyon introduces an amazing variety of entertaining "turns," spiced with a delightful flow of witticisms and topical jokes. His illusions are bewildering and several of his bigger acts, particularly the staging of the cathedral scene, are wonderful exhibitions of the magician's art. Mr. Benyon is backed by a first-rate company of vaudeville artistes.

## A GRIM DISCOVERY

Michael O'Dea (78), a tailor by trade, who lived alone at Post Office Lane, Ennis, was found dead in his home on Saturday night. He was last seen alive on Thursday. When knocking at his door failed to obtain any response the door was broken in and the grim discovery made. Portion of his face was eaten away by hungry cats, it is assumed, of which there were seven in the house. Death was due to natural causes and an inquest was not deemed necessary.

## L.S.F. NOTES

The usual weekly notes on L.S.F. activities by "On Patrol" are unavoidably held over.

the first spanner was thrown into the works. An official in the L.G. Department discovered that such grants could not be made to a committee and suggested that the Ennis U.C. should be responsible for the project. Result—Further meetings and conferences between both bodies; transfer of committee's functions and £100 site agreed to. And now, it is stated, the Borough Surveyor approves of neither the site nor the plans. Thus the matter stands at present. Members of the Swimming Pool Committee and U.C. will need to be something more than powerful swimmers if they are to extricate themselves from the pool of difficulties in which they are slowly being submerged.

## MASSACRE OF TAME PIGEONS

The strict observance of neutrality (writes our Ennis correspondent) did not save the tame pigeons of Ennis from one of the most tragic effects of the world war—complete annihilation. Tame pigeons, although not as nice to eat as their wild relations, realise at least 2/- each in the poultry market. Commercial-minded sportsmen, or "pot-hunters," as they are commonly called, were quick to realise the financial possibilities of the Ennis pigeons. Armed with miniature rifles and airguns they made a succession of early morning attacks on the unsuspecting birds with the result that the friendly pigeon no longer graces the streets or dovecotes of the town. Owners of the birds were not aware of what was happening until the massacre was completed and the pigeons had disappeared. In one area of the town over forty birds were shot or trapped. Many of the birds were fed every morning in his yard by Mr. Jack Darcy, Upper O'Connell Street, and now there is not the flutter of even a single pair of wings to be heard in any part of the town.

## TWO BULLOCKS FATALLY SHOT

Two bullocks, the property of a farmer named Mr. Michael Neylon, Baunkyle, Corofin, were fired at on Friday night and fatally injured. One died at the time of the shooting and the other some time afterwards. Subsequently a young man named Patrick Nagle, of Elmvale, Corofin, was arrested and detained in connection with the affair.

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