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Kilntallock monthly fair on the 4th inst. was small with prices practically unchanged from the previous fixture. Prices—2½ year old bullocks, £18 to £26 1½ year old bullocks, £11 to £15; 1½ year old heifers, £14 to £20; heifer calves, £2 10s. to £5; bullock do., £2 5s. to £4; fat cows, young, £11 to £16; good quality old cows, £5 to £7 10s.

special matinee on Saturday at 2 p.m. Seats are still available in all parts of the theatre for all performances, but intending patrons are advised to book early.

In conclusion it must be recorded that "The Yeomen Of The Guard" is the greatest achievement in the history of the Christian Brothers' Schools pupils excursions into the operatic field.

DEATHS.

GAFFNEY — January 13th. at his residence, 95 Morris Avenue, Summit, New Jersey, U.S.A., Thomas St. John Gaffney, aged 81. —R.I.P. Third son of the late Thomas Gaffney, J.P., Limerick.

O'DONOVAN—On January 14th, at the City Hospital, James O'Donovan, 47 Henry Street, late of 3 Castle Street, Limerick.—R.I.P. Remains were removed to St. Michael's Church last evening. Funeral took place to-day (Monday) to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

they were by no means squeamish as to the methods to be employed in taking them.

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We need not go so far back as the sixteenth century, however, for examples of the use by Britain of the hostage system as a weapon against other nations. She adopted it with ruthless barbarity against Ireland within the last twenty-five years. When the struggle against the Black and Tans and Auxiliaries was in progress here prior to the truce of 1921 the British were daily seizing hostages—for the most part men who had nothing whatever to do with the fight—and treating them in most inhuman fashion. Those who remember the bitter events of that time will surely rub their eyes—and, no doubt, be gratified—to find England now solemnly and rightly describing the taking of hostages as "a barbarous custom."