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 a considerable time campaign has been on have the management abolished. The Sligo Council is "of opinion the County Management could be repealed, and the fullest measure of liability for the conduct of government should be placed on the members of local authorities." A copy of the Sligo resolution urging such a step before Limerick County on Saturday last three members supported it, but it was eventually adjourned to the following week. The Minister's decision in regard to the whole system.

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 In a speech in Limerick on Saturday, the Minister himself paid a tribute to Limerick City and City Managers, saying they were doing such good work "that they were his worst enemies in his own opinion." Mr. D. J. Madden, Mayor, said at the Limerick County Council meeting that they were blessed in Limerick, an excellent County, but he knew other places where that was not the case. "If the Minister and his party meant what they said of course they did not meet real opposition is not the principle of the manager but to the way in which the system is being run by some managers."

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 The system is working in Limerick City and it is admitted on all sides that it is—what has been done is to take what steps are necessary to secure a success in every respect as well. In most instances indeed, the managers are getting satisfaction, and the Appointments Commission have the hearty approval of the overwhelming majority of the ratepayers. Reforms and modifications regard to the two questions in question may be made, but it would be an enormous crime against the people to take the retrograde step of going back to the old things, as is advocated in the Sligo resolution.

RUNAWAY HORSE

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DRIVER'S NARROW ESCAPE

Mr. Richard McCormick, Ballinveena, Kilfinane, had a very narrow escape from fatal injuries when a horse he was driving bolted on Saturday evening last (writes our Ballylanders correspondent). Luckily there were no children or infirm people on the road. Apparently one of the reins broke, and the animal bolted, and when the driver endeavoured to divert the animal with the remaining portion of the reins, this also broke, and the horse careered in Knocklong direction. Mr. McCormick then tried to get at the horse's blinkers by walking out the shafts, but the runaway threw him off clear, and he escaped with cuts and abrasions. Further down the road the horse went clear over a ditch and left the cart on the road. Mr. McCormick is supervising officer of the Garryspillane Cow-Testing Association.

DEATH OF MRS. QUILLINAN

A deservedly esteemed lady passed away some days ago in the person of Mrs. Annie Quillinan, Caherdavin, Limerick. Deceased was relict of the late Matthew Quillinan, merchant, Upper Cecil Street, and sister of Very Rev. Canon O'Neill. The possessor of many admirable qualities, she enjoyed, as she deserved, the confidence and respect not only of a wide circle of relatives and friends but of all who were in any way acquainted with her. The funeral took place on Saturday, 22nd inst., to Inch St. Lawrence, after Requiem Mass in St. Munchin's Church. The Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Godfrey. Among the clergy in the sanctuary were:—Very Rev. Canon Moloney, P.P., V.F.; Rev. Fr. McCarthy, C.C.; Rev. Fr. Griffin, C.C. Also Very Rev. Canon O'Neill (brother of deceased), and Rev. John O'Malley (cousin).

Amongst messages of sympathy received was one from Ald. D. Bourke, T.D. R.I.P.

NEWCASTLE WEST HOUSING SCHEME

Newcastle West residents are hoping that as a result of the Minister's recent visit to Limerick steps will be taken at an early date to acquire the housing site at Gortboy, where an extensive town housing scheme is to be undertaken. The County Council proposed to acquire the site by compulsion but apparently nothing has been done in this direction since the holding of the Sworn Inquiry last November. Meanwhile the housing shortage in the town continues more and more acute and the general feeling is that the projected scheme should be got under way with the least possible delay.

Dr. P. J. McMahon has returned to 2 Pery Square, Limerick.

one of Moliere's plays last week in the Catholic Institute the audience would have been more numerous, and, what is still more startling, more comprehending than the audience which usually supports our native drama.

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PRESENTATION TO POPULAR NURSE

Miss Alice Drew, a popular and efficient member of the nursing staff at the Clare County Hospital, was presented with an embossed dinner service at a farewell party in the Queen's Hotel, Ennis, on the occasion of her retirement on marriage and as a mark of the esteem in which she is held by her colleagues and friends.

Miss M. Hobbins, Assistant Matron, presided at the presentation and paid an eloquent tribute to Miss Drew.

This was endorsed by Miss B. O'Halloran, Miss M. Tully, Miss M. Hogan and others.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS McNAMARA

The death of Mr. Thomas McNamara, Punch's Row, Ellen Street, Limerick, which took place yesterday, removes an old and respected citizen. For many years, until he retired from public life about 20 years ago, he was an energetic member of the Corporation. He advocated the policy of Sinn Fein and later espoused the cause of Fianna Fail. An ardent Nationalist all his life, the deceased never spared himself in the service of his country.

Very deep sympathy, in which we fully join, is tendered to the family in their bereavement.

SPANISH GOLD IN RUSSIA

It has now been revealed in a book by Manuel Imenez Quilex, published in Zurich, that more than 300 million dollars worth of gold bullion, representing the entire gold reserve of the National Bank of Spain, was taken to Moscow by Red leaders in 1936. The Red Government issued a formal denial in 1937 that the gold had ever left Spain. In the meantime the shipment had reached Moscow and was used to organise the so-called Spanish Government-in-exile and to finance subversive activities.

OUR DAILY BREAD

Should we grow or import wheat? This is the subject of a strikingly important and interesting article specially written for the "Limerick Leader" by our brilliant contributor, "Sulcdit," who deals in a trenchant and highly informative manner with the growing of wheat and matters appertaining thereto. The article will appear in full in our next week-end issue.

BOHERBUOY BAND

Boherbuoy Band will play a choice selection of music on Sunday, 30th May, from 4 to 6 o'clock, in the People's Park (weather permitting). —John O'Halloran, hon. sec.

believed the five lorries registered under Murphy's name were the property of Dunne and in order to obtain a licence to purchase petrol, Dunne represented that the lorries were being used to haul turf from the quarry to Murphy's store at 94, Limerick. Witness in Limerick last November and made a verbal statement which he afterwards agreed that Dunne, with his signature, signed his name to the licence intimating that certain lorries were being transported by Dunne's lorries. In a later statement Dunne said he had not seen the log sheets until they were produced to him by the Guards. Witness believed that Murphy had no hand in the handling of any of the petrol licences received. Witness said he was satisfied that during 1947 Dunne was driving Mrs. O'Hagan's lorries transported a considerable quantity of turf from Kerry to Limerick. Witness was also satisfied that no petrol was drawn by Murphy in Limerick.

EMPLOYED AT WEEKLY

Called by Mr. Ball, Dunne admitted he started employment as a driver with his uncle, Dunne, in 1942 at a weekly wage of £10. Some time afterwards, Dunne, because of financial troubles, asked Dunne to have the lorries transferred to witness's name, which Dunne executed. After this arrangement Dunne still continued to employ Dunne as a paid employee on the lorries. Dunne never saw the log sheets on the face of them, had no knowledge of them, and was never named by him. He had no contact whatever with Dunne's accounts, accountancy or with his petrol licence and he received no petrol from his wages and apart from his sustenance of his employment through the fact that Dunne received petrol in this manner.

For Dunne, Mr. D. J. Bourke admitted the offence. Dunne applied for a petrol licence which was supposedly drawn from the accounts of Dunne's sons, because under the regulations of the Department, Dunne could not operate within a certain radius of Limerick. Actually, he did not.

MUINTIR NA TIRE GUARDIAN DRUMCOLLOGHER

Muintir na Tire Organising Committee, W. Ryan and Mr. J. Bourke attended a meeting at Drumcollogher to explain the aims and objects of Muintir na Tire with a view to forming a Parish Guild in Drumcollogher.

After a very general exchange of views, it was decided to hold their next meeting in the near future.

CHARLEVILLE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting of the Charleville Development Association, D. J. O'Keeffe and Mr. P. O'Connell were unanimously re-elected as Chairman and Secretary, respectively, and Mr. M. Morrissey was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer.

ANGLERS DISAPPOINTED

Fishing on Lough Derg has yielded very poor results (writes our Killaloe correspondent). Very few catches were made, a source of disappointment to many anglers.