

PARTNERS IN VOCALISM.

Other two artists I refer to had an exceptionally wild and appearance, and were partners. Unburdened themselves of as they faced each other. Ballad was a very long one, of they sang alternate verses. An recall of it was part of a which ended each verse:— "Dear old Granuaile; brave old Granuaile." They both carried two "bones" made from slate. sang the other accompanied with a gentle rattle of those instruments, producing a castanet-effect, but the two joined in the — "Dear old Granuaile, old Granuaile," in their possible tones, and as they rattled their slates with ordinary vigour, reaching aondo of sound that was most alive.

PRAISES OF JOHN L.

How I imagine that I must have been very young when I used to enjoy those free entertainments; that it was before I could attend school on Saturdays, and my ideas regarding the working for and against the cause of Irish Nationality were of exceedingly nebulous nature, as it was that when I heard one of the old women singing the praises of John L. Sullivan, I felt that he was a very great asset to the cause, and that if Bloody Balfour could not give us Home Rule, the cause of the great toe-to-toe sloggers could deal with him in a fistic manner. But I have yet to learn that the same John L. ever took the least interest in the land of his fathers.

TITLES OF THE OLD BARDS.

Though unlettered as were the poor ballad singers, they had fittingly donned the mantles of the old bards, who, through the darkness of Ireland's penal night, kept the lamp of hope alight. Who knows, perhaps their ballads were not sung in vain, and kindled in their humble way to a glow that spark which was destined to burst into flame at a certain Eastertide.

is absent from
Street from Saturday December 23,
to Tuesday, January 2.

DEATHS.

FITZGERALD (Castleconnell, Co. Limerick)—Dec. 26, 1950, at his residence, Worrall's Inn, John Fitzgerald, late representative Cannock and Co., Limerick, beloved husband of Winifred Fitzgerald; deeply regretted by his loving wife, daughter and relatives. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to Castleconnell Church this (Wednesday) evening at 5.20 o'clock. Solemn Requiem Mass to-morrow (Thursday) at 10 o'clock. Funeral same day at 12 o'clock to Castleconnell Cemetery.

HALPIN—Dec. 27, 1950, at County Infirmary, Thomas, youngest son of Thomas and Elizabeth Halpin, 5 Newenham Street; very deeply regretted by his loving parents, brothers, sisters and relatives. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church this (Wednesday) evening at 7.30 o'clock. Requiem Mass to-morrow (Thursday) at 10 o'clock. Funeral same day at 3 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. (c)

LYNCH—Dec. 26, 1950, at City Home and Hospital, Michael Lynch, Abern's Row, Athlunkard St., Limerick (Secretary, Limerick Bakers' Union); deeply and deservedly regretted. Remains will be removed to St. Mary's Church this (Wednesday) evening at 5.30 o'clock. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 3 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. (American papers, please copy).

MALONE—Dec. 26, 1950, at her residence, 2 Peter Villas, Mary Malone; deeply regretted by her husband and family. Remains will be removed to St. Mary's Church this (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 4 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

O'DWYER (Limerick)—At her residence, 9 Carrick Villas, Newenham Street, Annie O'Dwyer; deeply regretted. R.I.P. Remains will be removed this (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock to St. Michael's Church. Requiem Mass to-morrow (Thursday) at 10 a.m. Funeral immediately afterwards to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. (American and Australian papers, please copy).

of disrepair. Now that this area is included in the city the Corporation should interest itself in the condition of the Ballinacurra embankment, which could, with little outlay, be made a most useful amenity for the citizens.



RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

Running through the cleared derelict area known as Lady's Lane, situate between Dominick Street and Parnell Street, are many "rights-of-way." These passages formerly served the people who lived in this slum area, long since demolished and cleared. Now, however, they are of little use inasmuch as the whole place is a commonage, yet they seem to have a sort of legal existence. Some time ago enquiries were made as to the suitability of the site for industrial purposes came to nothing because of the existence of these so-called passages, which divide the whole into strips too narrow to be of any practical use.



TAKE IT OVER?

The Corporation should acquire this cleared site in accordance with the powers given them under the Housing Acts. If that were done the old passage-ways could be obliterated so as to develop the area for utilisation for industrial purposes. In its present state it is absolutely worthless, being nothing more or less than an ugly eyesore. It is surprising that the Corporation has not made a move to get control in the public interest of this parcel of land. Until this is done the site will remain derelict, for no private citizen could take the risk of buying over rights-of-way lest some "common informer" might very well bring them into court.