

reserve my defence." Fitzgerald stated he knew nothing about it, but admitted that he was at the "wake." Witness added to his information the following evidence—I found the door leading to the yard at the back of the of his premises locked inside with a padlock. I asked Ryan to open it for me until I would see into the yard. He went looking for the key, but apparently could not find it in the shop. He then said to his sister, "You have the key and open it." She refused. Ryan then said "You cannot get out that way." I visited Ryan's house again this day, and found this door locked as before. Ryan again refused to open it for me. I went to the back of Ryan's premises, and saw that an entrance could be obtained through this door to the room in which the Arms were concealed.

Mr. Hickson asked what object had the police in giving this evidence.

Head Constable McAree explained that he was informed by one of the defendants that the Arms were conveyed, not through this entrance, but by another passage, which would necessitate their being lifted over a wall or partition nine or ten feet high.

Mr. O'Sullivan objected to this evidence, but was over-ruled.

Continuing, the Head Constable stated that the passage through the doorway leading from Ryan's house appeared to have been recently used. He added that when he spoke to Ryan in the Town Hall the latter said that the Arms were upstairs, meaning in the Town Hall.

Mr. William Nolan, Town Clerk, deposed that he has been Town Clerk for about six years. He was Mayor in portion of '93 and '96. During his term of office as Mayor and for many years previously he remembered a Royal Coat of Arms being over the entrance to the Mayor's Office (identified the Coat of Arms produced). He remembered when they were taken down. The ex-Mayor ordered them to be taken down. Witness was Town Clerk at the time. They were taken down and placed in the top front room of the Town Hall.

Mr. Hickson—Would you call it a municipal room?

Witness said scarcely. There were only some old papers there. The caretaker was John Organ, since deceased. As well as he could recollect the Arms were taken down during the first year of Alderman Daly's Mayoralty.

Mr. O'Hara asked had any offer been made to purchase the Coat of arms?

Witness—A clergyman in England wrote—

Mr. Hickson—I think you must confine your evidence to what occurred previous to the alleged stealing of the article.

The Town Clerk: This occurred shortly after the Arms were taken down.

Mr. O'Sullivan: It does not apply at all.

Witness: I have been asked was there any offer. There was no actual offer.

Mr. Hickson: I think unless the document was officially received, I cannot receive it as evidence.

Witness: It was addressed to the Town Clerk.

Some time after the Arms had been removed a clergyman from some part of England wrote asking the Corporation would they be disposed to sell them. The letter was brought up at a Committee or Council meeting and marked read.

Mr. Hickson said he would allow that as evidence as to inquiries having been made.

Mr. O'Sullivan said that this was only secondary evidence as to enquiries having been made.

Mr. Hickson—Have you the letter, Mr. Nolan?

Witness said that he had amongst his official documents.

Mr. Hickson said that the letter must be produced.

Mr. O'Hara (to witness)—Any permission to take or sell these articles given by the Mayor or Corporation would come through you?

Witness—I'd have some knowledge of it.

Was there any permission given to take or sell these articles? Not that I know.

What is the value of the arms? I could not say. That would depend on the views of the intending purchaser.

In answer to Mr Hickson, the witness said the coat of arms might be worth 5s or 6s.

Mr. Hickson—Do you mean to say that an article bearing "C" or "G" or of the reign of Charles or George an old piece of carving is only

was said conclusion.  
Mr. Hickson said he would leave the question for a jury.

Mr. O'Sullivan—I would ask you to say that this thing was only a joke, as one of these men said. These arms were thrown in a lumber room, and rejected by the Corporation as of no value.

Mr. Hickson—By the late Corporation, not by the present one, and we know the reason for that.

Mr. O'Sullivan—Yes; and by the present Corporation, because that was the reason I asked the Town Clerk how long the present Corporation were in office. They are in existence for five months and they never intended to touch these old Arms. It would be perfectly ridiculous to send this case before a jury.

Mr. Hickson said one of the defendants was a member of the Corporation, and it seemed a high-handed proceeding for him, without leave or licence from the Mayor or Corporation, to take this relic away. If he (Ryan) conscientiously thought he was doing right, the law did not think so. He would return the defendants for trial to the Quarter Sessions.

Mr. O'Sullivan—They will, of course, be admitted to bail.

Mr. Hickson measured bail in personal security of £10 each, and two sureties of £5 each.

## SAD DEATH OF A LIMERICK LADY.

### TRAGEDY IN A DENTIST'S SURGERY.

The *West Australian* of Saturday April 5th says—A sad fatality occurred yesterday in the surgery of Mr. J. A. Matheson, dentist, Arcade Buildings, Perth. A young woman named Ellen Fitzgerald, who for some time had been employed as a barmaid at Chipper's Mundaring Hotel, came to town recently for an operation to relieve her dental troubles. Having visited Mr. J. A. Matheson's establishments on a previous occasion with satisfactory results, Miss Fitzgerald decided again to entrust the treatment of her teeth to that gentleman, and accompanied by a friend, Mrs Keeling, she visited his surgery yesterday morning by appointment. It had been arranged that she should be placed under chloroform for the operation, and for this purpose Dr Officer and later on Dr. Newtown, were called in. From what could be learned of the affair last night, it seems that almost immediately after the anæsthetic was administered the woman's throat became black in colour. She instantly expired, all attempts to restore animation failing. Her companion ran crying into the street, where she fainted. Shortly after noon, the coroner, Dr. Black, was apprised of Miss Fitzgerald's death. He and a jury opened an inquest yesterday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, and after the body had been viewed, the inquiry was adjourned until Monday next, in order to permit of a post-mortem examination being made. It is understood that deceased was to have been married in a week's time. The deceased young lady was the daughter of Mr. John and Mrs. Bridget Fitzgerald of Limerick.

At the inquest the jury after a five minutes' retirement found that deceased came to her death from heart failure whilst chloroform was being administered. They added a rider stating that there was no blame whatever attached to anyone.

## SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY.

A correspondent sends in the following extract from an article on Spirit Photography, by the Rev. Edmund Hill:—If a spirit, whether good or evil, can take the human form at any time (by Divine permission, of course), why can it not make the impress of form or face upon a sensitised plate, and even without becoming visible to the photographer? A young American convert, well known to me, was ordained priest in July last year. A few months before his ordination he made the

in his presence and expected oth same by him.

The year A.D. 750 is generally among Christians of the custom "bless you" to one who happened the time of St. Gregory the Great air was filled with such a delect that they who sneezed instantly this the devout Pointiff appoi prayer and a wish to be said to p for averting from them the fat malignant matter.

When our first navigators pen and Africa they found the custc sneeze everywhere followed the a

When the King of Mesopotan joicings are held in every part o The Siamese wish "long life" to ing. The Persians do the same, a "Dia Lath"—"God to you." So that the custom of sneezing is not t at.

## EXTRAORDINARY DE

### AN UNTRUTHFUL WI

At the Kilrush Petty Sessions C a small farmer named Robinson neighbour named Kelly with t abusive language on Sunday week

Complainant gave evidence of tl was corroborated by his mother.

Head Constable Thompson, called solicitor, said Robinson had made statements to the police from time they found there were no ground he had been fired at and that parti from different directions in the cou him.

A man named Coorey who was the day in question, said the defe when passing stop at Robinson's his mouth about him.

The Chairman sternly ordered w down, and said they did not believe he swore. The magistrates would to keep the peace for twelve month

Mr. Kelly, solicitor, appeared plainant, and Mr. Byrne (Hilliard the defence.

## PRISON POETR

Mr. Michael Davitt, in his "I Prison Diary," quotes verses whic by men in penal servitude. Seve guished by pathos and humour passes the Johnson-like terminok about having his release from ga a term of six months for having ass man. It is as follows:—

With much gratification  
I will write ye this dictation  
About my incarceration  
For the violation  
Of the laws of the nation.  
With great admiration  
In my present habitation  
I follow my six month's occu  
Which has much variation.  
I have made an explanation  
To a relief organisation  
For to find me a situation  
On my liberation.  
Then with a strong determin  
I will avoid all communicati  
With the police station,  
Which is, in my estimation,  
The cause of my ruination.  
So I, as a relation,  
Despite my degradation,  
Wish for you to make prepar  
For my visitation  
At your destination,  
With the realisation,  
Of my liberation,  
There will be a great jubilat