

NEWS DOTS FROM IRELAND

Interesting Paragraphs Concerning the Doings of Our Friends Across the Ocean.

Gathered from All Parts of the Emerald Isle for Our Readers.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Francis Blake Lope, County Inspector, Royal Irish Constabulary, to the Commission of the Peace for county Galway.

Mr. Kirwin, of Tuam, agent to Mr. O'Rourke, met the tenants of the latter, at Puerty, and demanded possession of some farms in that district, on ground that he had an application for holding that he would give a higher rent than that paid by the present tenant. This shows that the "land-grabber" is still abroad, but he has to wait a little longer, as the tenant, who stated he was still willing to keep the land and pay a rent, very properly refused to give up possession, and was there and then served with a twelve-month's notice to quit, by the agent.

A bazaar has been organized by the Very Rev. P. J. Lally, P.P., St. Joseph's, Galway, for the purpose of paying off a heavy debt with which his beautiful church is still encumbered. The Bishop of Galway—who has all along, even before he was translated to Galway and Kilmacduagh, been a kind of benefactor of St. Joseph's—has given a valuable prize to the bazaar, and quite an amount of property and valuable articles have been placed at Father Lally's disposal. Galway, out of its poverty, has, in comparatively recent times, raised several beautiful churches; but none equal to the Parish Church of Raboon, for which this appeal is being made, and we trust, will be successful.

LEITRIM.

The official Dublin Gazette contains an order directing that prisoners who have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment not exceeding seven days, or who have been remanded by magistrates, whether sitting at Petty Sessions or otherwise, and who under any order heretofore made would be or might be committed to the prison at Carrick-on-Shannon, shall, from and after the 15th of May, be committed to the following prisons from the Petty Sessions district of Carrigallen, county Leitrim, to Armagh, from the Petty Sessions district of Drumkerrin, Drogheda, Killybeggar, Killybeggar, Killybeggar, county Leitrim, to Sligo; and from Ballinamuck, Bellinacorney, Drumlish, Keonagh, Lanesboro, Longford, and Newtownforbes, county Longford, to Mullingar.

MAYO.

At their regular meeting, the Westport Town Commissioners were unanimous in appointing as their chairman (in room of the late Mr. Loughlin), Mr. Arthur M. O'Malley, J.P., of the Quay, Westport.

In Castlebar, Mr. A. E. Horne, R.M., was engaged at the Courthouse, investigating the circumstances attending the perpetration of a serious assault, committed upon a man named Michael Mitchell, of Kiltarrigan, near Kinevry, recently. The inquiry was conducted in the magistrates' rooms, where a number of witnesses were examined. The prosecution was brought in the name of St. Horrigan, D.L., Mr. Alfred B. Kelly, solicitor, appeared for the accused.

ROSCOMMON.

At the last Athlone Prisonment sessions, a farmer named Denis Murray was allowed £7 for injuries alleged to be maliciously inflicted on his sheep.

We announce the death of Mr. Patrick McGreevy, which took place at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. P. Collins, merchant, Bridge street, Strokestown, at the advanced age of 74 years. The deceased was an old and respected inhabitant of the town, and his funeral was largely attended. He was laid to rest in the family burial place, Derrand, Roscommon, on the 15th inst.

LEISTER.

CARLOW.

A man named Dillon met with a serious accident at Craan, recently. A horse which he had been driving took fright and ran away, with the result that Dillon was thrown into a stream of water and the car turned over on him. The injuries sustained by him were so serious that he is not expected to recover.

DUBLIN.

Mr. Edmund Leamy, ex-Member of Parliament for the South division of Sligo, announced in a speech at Ennis recently, that through the efforts of Mr. William Redmond, M.P., Tom Leary, who had been serving a ten years' sentence in Clare prison, had been released. Leary was sentenced two years ago for alleged agrarian crimes.

The returns of evictions throughout Ireland, during the last official quarter, shows that 106 tenants and 27 sub-tenants who had previously received eviction notices, and 11 other tenants and 3 sub-tenants, were evicted. Of these evictions Ulster is responsible for 29, nine being in Tyrone; Leinster has to answer for 26, Connaught for 48, and Munster for 48. There were 10 in Longford, 12 in Leitrim, 24 in Mayo, and 23 in Kerry. During the same period, 1,248 tenancies were determined, by notices to quit, under Section 7 of the Act of 1887; 497 of these cases being in Ulster; 19 in Connaught, and 271 in Munster. Fermanagh, though not a large county heads the list with 182 cases; Cavan has 108; Longford, 96; Mayo, 112; and Kerry 108. During the same period there were only 15 tenants turned out at the suit of persons other than the landlord.

It is announced that Judge Barry will soon retire, and will be succeeded on the Bench by the Attorney-General. Arduous as Ireland never gains a job by the "promotion" of political officials like these, who are ever ready to thank Providence that they have a country—to sell!

KILDARE.

The famous Kildare "herb doctor" Tom Leeson is dead. The family for many generations had held a so-called secret of herb cures, which were in great repute as specifics for diseases both of cattle and human beings. "Tom Leeson" was a descendant of the celebrated "Moll Anthony," whose fame was widespread. It is stated that he amassed a large fortune by the sale of his cures, and died worth £7,000 or £8,000 in ready money. His residence was on the hill called the "Chair of Kildare."

KILKENNY.

Rev. Peter Doyle, C.C., Thomastown, acknowledged the receipt of two hundred pounds, the bequest of the late Miss Ellen Callahan to the poor of Kilkenny, relieved by the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. In addition, the Ladies' Association of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (Mrs. E. Smithwick, Kilkenny House, President), acknowledged the receipts of the sum of £50, the bequest of Miss Ellen Callahan to the poor of her native city, relieved by the society.

KING'S.

A shooting outrage of a daring character was perpetrated at Clondeclera, midway between Shannon Bridge and Shannon Harbor, as the result of an agrarian quarrel, the house of two farmers named Lally and Gunning being fired into.

LOUTH.

The strike of the Drogheda house-painters has been amicably arranged. The demands of the men have been conceded, with a trifling modification.

Patrick Larkin, youngest son of the late James Larkin, of Bush House, Carlingford, was united in marriage to Teresa, daughter of

Thomas Woods, of Piedmont, Carlingford.

LONGFORD.

County Inspector Lannon, of Longford, has arrived in Lisburn to replace County Inspector Brownrigg, superannuated. District Inspector McGee has also arrived to take over charge of Lisburn district, in room of Mr. McDermot, who has been promoted County Inspector, and transferred to the county Longford.

WEXFORD.

A specially summoned meeting of the New Ross Town Commissioners was held recently, to consider what steps they should take, as representatives of the ratepayers, in view of the claim made by Mr. Daniel Murphy, Mary street, New Ross, for £146 for malicious burning of hay, etc., at the rear of his premises, last Winter. A discussion took place on the matter, when it was passed unanimously that, in order to preserve the fair fame of the town, the Commissioners should instruct their solicitor to oppose the application, as the Commissioners believe that the burning was in no way malicious, but accidental.

WESTMEATH.

A boy named Arthur Chapman was playing on the canal bank, near the Mullingar Railway Station, recently, in the company with some others, and accidentally fell in and was drowned.

Two privates belonging to the 3d Buffs, stationed in Athlone, were recently returned for trial to the Mullingar Quarter Sessions, for stealing two watches from the establishment of Mr. Kerr, jeweller, Mardyeke st., Mullingar.

WICKLOW.

The Irish Nationalist notes that Mr. E. P. O'Kelly took his first seat on the bench at the last Halinglass Petty Sessions. The suggestion of the Chief Secretary—that the Lord Chancellor contemplated the revocation of the Commission of the Peace conferred on Mr. O'Kelly caused general indignation (our contemporary states), at such a slight being put on a gentleman so deservedly popular and so well qualified for the position. As it is admitted that the holding of a retail license is no legal bar to being a Justice of Peace, as the Balfinglass County Court Chairman and Bench refused to transfer Mr. O'Kelly's license, it is to be hoped that the Lord Chancellor will see the inadvisability of entertaining any further objection to Mr. O'Kelly's appointment. The law is not supposed to conflict with its own decisions, but, in Ireland, the English law is always doing just that thing, and doing it with such a vengeance that all impartial historians justify the Irish people in resisting the application, to their country, of English laws.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

At the London Bankruptcy Court, recently, the first meeting was held of the creditors of Mr. J. R. Cox, ex-M.P., for East Clare, against whom a receiving order was recently made on the petition of Mr. W. E. Redmond, M.P., against whose return the debtor unsuccessfully petitioned in 1892, being ordered to pay £2,209 costs. The debtor, who says his representatives have paid £1,600 of this amount, has no assets. The estate will be wound up in bankruptcy.

The Dublin Gazette announces the appointment of Major Stopford Coe by Hickman, of Fenloe, Newmarket-on-Fergus, to be Deputy Lieutenant for the county of Clare.

CORK.

The solemn ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new church at Middleton was recently performed by his Grace, Dr. Croke, Archbishop of Cashel. Under the spirited and self-sacrificing guidance of the Rev. Canon Hutch, the popular parish priest, the work has advanced with remarkable strides. The people of Middleton have alone subscribed £8,000 within the past fifteen months, and the support that has come from natives of Middleton abroad, has been as generous as it is touching. Mr. J. C. Ashlin, the architect, and Mr. J. J. Coffey, the builder, are both natives of Middleton. The church will be in the Gothic style, 170 feet long and 75 feet wide. It is to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and will bear the name of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The election of Councillor for the Centre Ward, Cork, took place and resulted in the complete defeat of the Redmondite candidate. The vacancy

was caused by the death of Mr. O'Keefe, Unionist, who was elected by the conjunction of Redmondite and Tory votes at the last election. The candidates were Mr. J. Aherne (Nationalist) and Mr. J. Carty (Redmondite). The poll was declared as follows—Aherne, 54; Carty, 38; Nationalist majority, 16.

A young fellow named Keefe, from the vicinity of Newmarket, has been arrested on suspicion of connection with the murder of James Donovan, at Glenara. It is reported that Keefe is one of the number of men who received warning to leave the neighborhood of the murder on the night it was committed, and to go and sleep in Newmarket.

KERRY.

We regret to have to announce the death of Sister Mary Brendan (Miss Nora Lawlor), niece of the Rev. Father John Lawlor, C.C., at the Presentation Convent, at the early age of 26 years, and in the 4th year of her religious profession. Sister Mary Brendan was a highly talented and accomplished lady, and her loss is deeply regretted by the Sisters of the Community, with whom she was a universal favorite. The interment took place in the little cemetery attached to the convent, and was attended by the local priests, the relatives of the deceased nun, and many of the laity.

LIMERICK.

At a meeting held in Limerick steps were taken, in preparation for the consecration of the Cathedral which will shortly take place.

We regret to record the death of Coroner Sheehy, which took place recently, at the Shannongrove House, Pallaskeeny. He was coroner for the western division of Limerick for the last 25 years. The deceased had been ailing in health for some time, but his death was not expected.

A meeting under the auspices of the Sarafeld League, was held at Monabrah, recently, in connection with what the League alleges as the grabbing of a farm held by Mr. Hartigan. County Inspector Moriarty and thirty police prohibited the meeting in the vicinity of the farm, and those assembled had to move away a mile distant. Mr. Donnellan, tenant in possession, and a member of the Federation, publishes a statement that in taking the farm he violated no principle of fair play, and public opinion is divided against Mr. Hartigan, who long since surrendered the farm, on which a judicial rent was fixed at £30 reduction.

TIPPERARY.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr. P. Quirk, of Toom, Cappawhite, to the Commission of the Peace for the county of Tipperary.

WATERFORD.

A large number of hands have been dismissed from the various bacon cellars in Waterford, in consequence of the small killing of pigs. A considerable amount of distress is thereby prevalent in the upper portion of the city.

Mr. Thomas Power, of Waterford, land valuer, has been appointed by the Dungarven Board of Guardians to value the plots of ground for the laborers' cottages. The cottagers' dwellings are approaching completion. The roofs are on five houses, and they seem to be comfortable and well got-up buildings.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

A serious gas explosion occurred in Belfast on the premises of Messrs. Elliott Bros. & Co., clothing manufacturers, 23 College street. Several persons were injured.

In Ballymore occurred the magisterial investigation into the Derwack tragedy, when John Gilmore was charged with the murder of Lyle Gardiner, an aged farmer, on the night of April 30th, at Ballyhavistock. The prisoner was returned for trial to the Antrim Assizes.

At a special meeting of the Belfast and Dublin Locomotive Engineers and Firemen's Society held in Engineer's Hall, College street, it was unanimously resolved that the members of the above society do not strike; but, in the event of other departments having to come out, that the members pledge themselves to assist them not only financially but otherwise. It was further resolved that should the present dispute result in a strike, the members, while such strike should last, would refuse to run trains, unless in day-light.

A cablegram received in Belfast announced the arrival of the ship Lord Templemore at Iquique, Chili.

Three of the crew had died of yellow fever during the voyage from Rio.

ARMAUGH.

Sergeant Kerr and Constable Curburn, of Camlough, arrested a young man named James Woods, of Bessbrook, in his father's house, on a charge of having seriously stabbed John Collins, of Cloughrea, in the course of a quarrel. The accused was remanded.

A sad accident occurred at Tandragee Station, Mrs. McWhinney, postmistress of Tandragee Post Office, losing her life by falling from one of the local cars.

DERRY.

The Lord Chief Justice has appointed Mr. William Stevenson, solicitor, a perpetual Commissioner for taking the Acknowledgments of Deeds by married women, in and for the city and county of Derry.

A meeting of merchants, business men, members of local public boards, and others interested in the success of the projected new line of railway between Derry and Draperstown, was held in the Guild Hall, the High Sheriff, Mr. A. H. McCorkell, presiding. Several large sums were subscribed for stock, after which a vote of thanks was tendered to the High Sheriff for presiding.

DOWN.

A farmer named James Charles Burns, of Tullyrior, aged about sixty years, was discovered in a cart stone-dead. It appears that the deceased became suffocated while sleeping.

The shop of Mr. Gaffney, merchant, Newry was forcibly entered and several articles taken.

TYRONE.

The landlords of South Tyrone must feel that they are in straight quarters. They have held another meeting to placate Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., and have declared that there is no foundation for Mr. Russell's statement that there is a combination against him. The fact is the landlords are desperate and cannot do without the aid of the Scotch renegade, who has put the screws on his Irish landlord allies, and they have promptly squealed. It is a beautiful alliance of parties without principle or conscience, but who feel that they must stick together, through thick and thin—or both must go down.

Joan of Arc Celebration.

The following telegram was sent to the Pope by the Archbishop of Lyons on May 8, the day of the great national celebration in honor of Joan of Arc: "The cardinals of Paris and Bordeaux and twenty archbishops and bishops, assembled for the fete at Orleans thank the Holy Father for the introduction of the cause of Joan of Arc and ask his benediction for France and for themselves." The reply from Cardinal Rampolla came at once, thanking and congratulating the bishops and joyfully granting the benediction asked for. The desire to set apart the 8th of May as the great national holiday grows stronger every day. But for the paltry jealousy of the government of anything which leads to exalt the Church, the proposition to that effect of M. Joseph Favre would have become law long ago. The Joan of Arc celebration was a capital opportunity of bringing together all parties in strict unity, but the shortsightedness of Ministers has only had the effect of bringing the Comte de Paris on the scene, who has seized the occasion to publish a letter identifying the glorification of Joan of Arc with the old Catholic monarchy of France and alien to republican principles and institutions.

At break of day the roaring of cannon told the inhabitants that the festivities had begun, and soon the church bells of every parish were merrily ringing in commemoration of the 465th anniversary of the relief of Orleans by the warrior maiden. The streets and houses were gaily decked with flags and draperies of every color. Everywhere the shops, stalls and booths were dressed with tempting wares to beguile the enormous population which flocked the streets, among whom must be included a great number of British and American visitors. The working people were decked in holiday attire and a constant stream of vehicles poured into the town the many peasants in their quaint and picturesque garb, who were determined to do honor to the heroic Joan they loved so well. As early as 9 o'clock the streets were black with pedestrians making their way towards the ancient Cathedral, where at 10, Mass was celebrated with extraordinary pomp and magnificence, followed by the passepier of Cardinal Leoc.

The function was attended by all the official bodies, governmental, military and municipal, among whom were remarked Generals Bonnemard, Garnies, Garet and de Sermet, the Exequer of the Loiret, the President of the Court of Appeal, the President of the Tribunal of Commerce, the deputies and Senators of the province, A. Rabourdin-Grivoi, Mayor of Orleans, and many Magistrates in their robes and officers of the garrison. After High Mass the long line of processions filed into the place reserved for them in front of the pulpit. Before this distinguished audience the Cardinal of Bordeaux delivered a long and eloquent panegyric which created a profound impression on all, the keynote of which was the intense desire of France to see Joan of Arc quickly raised to the status of Church.

The celebration in the Cathedral was followed by a great procession of the civil, military and ecclesiastical bodies through the town to the ancient fortress of Tourelles, associated with Joan's memory, where again the air was rent with salvoes of artillery. Returning to the Cathedral in the same order, the bishops, on arriving at the doors, turned towards the enormous concourse, which knelt in masses to receive their blessing.

The golden jubilee of St. Peter's Church in New Brighton, Station Island, was celebrated recently in the presence of over 1,000 people. The celebration marked the third year of the pontificate of the Rev. T. J. Ealey, as well as the fiftieth year of the church's existence. At the High Mass Archbishop Corrigan sat within the sanctuary on a temporary throne which had been erected for his use. The Celebrant of the Mass was the Right Rev. Mgr. Farley, Vicar-General of New York. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Campbell, S.J., of Philadelphia, Pa. During the services Archbishop Corrigan announced the receipt of a cablegram from Rome conveying a Pontifical blessing upon the parish.

At 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon Archbishop Corrigan administered the rite of confirmation to 201 persons. The confirmation services were followed by a reception to the Archbishop in St. Peter's Hall. The societies connected with the church acted as a guard of honor at the reception. An address of welcome was made by Louis T. James, to which the Archbishop responded.

Pontifical Vespers were conducted in the evening by Bishop Conroy, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. J. J. Keen. The church was handsomely decorated with cut flowers and tapestry.

At a dinner in the parochial residence over fifty clergymen and laymen were present. Among the latter was ex-Postmaster General James.

Archbishop Keen confirmed fifty-three children and twelve adults in St. Louis, recently. His Grace was assisted by Vicar-General Muehleisen; Rev. Wm. Walsh and Rev. E. J. Shea, were deacons of honor, Rev. J. J. McLaughlin of the Mass, and Rev. Thos. Cooney, sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by Archbishop Keen. The church was crowded to the doors.

The Very Rev. Father Antirena Briante, Friar Observant, has been appointed Guardian of the Holy Land.

The Jesuits are not to be allowed to return to Germany, according to the latest reports. Government influence is to be brought to bear upon the upper house of Parliament in order to prevent it from acquiescing in the action of the lower house. So Premier Caspi is reported to have intimated to a despatch of Protestant ministers: "This is the same old tribute to the Jesuits. They are feared and hated because they are such effective missionaries, and might make too many converts from Protestantism. This has ever been the cause of opposition to them in Germany since the time when they brought about the reaction against Luther's mischief. And on account of their missionary zeal Redemptorists and others than the real children of St. Ignatius are classed as Jesuits."

The statement has been made and never, we believe, contradicted, that the late Dr. O'Farrell became Bishop of Trenton through a clerical error that crept into the Papal Bull. When New Jersey was divided into two episcopates, according to this statement, Dr. O'Farrell was recommended for the Newark diocese, and Bishop Wigger for Trenton, and these recommendations were favorably acted upon at Rome. When the Bulls of appointment were, however, made out, the names were changed by mistake, so that Bishop O'Farrell was named for Trenton, and Dr. Wigger for Newark. The mistake was allowed to stand, and thus the lamented Dr. O'Farrell failed to succeed to the title held by Archbishops Bayley and Corrigan.