

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.

CONNUGHT.

GALWAY.

The Galway Assizes were opened with Mr. Justice O'Brien presiding. He was presented with a pair of white gloves by the High Sheriff, Mr. Brady Murray, as there was no criminal cases to be heard. Justice Andrews presided in the County Court, where there were only five cases of assault and petty larceny, and the whole criminal business was disposed of in a few hours.

At a Redmondite Convention held in Galway, Mr. Edward Leamy was selected as the candidate of that party for the Parliamentary representation of the old City of the Tribes, at the next general election.

Mitchell Henry's magnificent estate, Kylemore, known by fame at least to every American tourist through Connemara and to thousands of native immigrants as well, was offered for sale a few weeks ago, and it is now stated that some wealthy American, name unknown, is in treaty for it. There are 14,000 acres of land, and probably the finest modern residence anywhere, overlooking the Atlantic on the Old World side. Mitchell Henry, who once played a prominent part in Irish politics, set up as a sort of baronial benefactor and general providence in Connemara. His good intentions were never wholly appreciated, and from being a great Nationalist he drifted to a Unionist, and finally lost his seat in the House of Commons altogether. Now his wealth has been all swept away by the collapse of the English Debenture Corporation, and his connection with Kylemore and with Ireland itself snaps short. And, to think of it! He was not only Member of Parliament for Galway, but also High Sheriff of the County, and Deputy Councillor, with any number of Commissions of the Peace. All the time he was only a Scottish speculator in Irish bankrupt estates. Now, the bottom has dropped out even of his Anglo-Irish speculations. But he retains all the titles in connection with which he is supposed to control the peace of Galway.

MAYO.

The Newport and Mulfanny section (10 1/2 miles) of the Westport and Achill Railway has been opened for traffic as part of the Midland Railway system.

At the Assizes in Castlebar, a man named McCann, who pleaded guilty to the charge of attempting to commit suicide, was ordered to be detained during her Majesty's pleasure.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place shortly, between Mr. Kelly, Crown Solicitor, Castlebar, and Miss Annie Coll, eldest daughter of Mr. Patrick Coll, of 54 Fitzwilliam square, Dublin, Chief Crown Solicitor of Ireland.

The position of Assistant to the Resident Medical Superintendent of Castlebar Asylum is being actively canvassed for. Among the candidates, we are informed, are Dr. Ellison, Dr. Robert Perkins, and Dr. Brabazon.

The Tuzem Herald states that the project is under consideration of a branch railway line from Ballyvary Swinford, and thence on to Charlestown and Ballaghaderreen.

ROSCOMMON.

The Clerk of Boyle Union has refused to accept £30, and £2 10s. costs, for his services as clerk of the Burial Board of the Union, for 20 years. He was asked why he did not draw his salary as the years went by, and replied that he 'thought it was safe as if in the bank.'

SLIGO.

A few Sundays ago, a number of young men of Sligo had a pleasant day at Bundoran, where they presented Mr. James Kilgallen with a testimonial and an address on the occasion of his departure from Sligo. Mr. Kilgallen responded. After-

wards various toasts were proposed and duly honored, and the party broke into groups and spent the remainder of the evening in visiting the various places of interest. A start was made in due time, and Sligo was reached at half past ten, after a most enjoyable day.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

The Chief Baron opened the Assize in Carlow, and addressing the Grand Jury congratulated them on the fact that there was only one indictment for larceny to go before them. In this case, two women named Byrne had been indicted for stealing five and a half pints of whiskey, the goods of a shopkeeper at Hacketstown. The Chief Baron held that there had been no case presented by evidence to go to a jury, and directed an acquittal.

A vacancy has occurred in the Post-mastership of Bagnalstown through the promotion of the postmaster. Hitherto the position has been filled by nomination, and, as in the old days, the patronage was in the hands of the Tories, whatever party ruled in England, it was always a case of 'no Papist need apply' in Bagnalstown. Now when a change in the system was apprehended, and when a well-qualified gentleman, thoroughly acceptable to local opinion, was in the running, that mysterious entity known as 'the department' has come to the rescue of prejudice.

DUBLIN.

The Bank of Ireland, this year, pays the same dividend as usual, though, as the chairman pointed out, the average Irish bill rate has been lower during the past half year than at any period since the bank began to publish its accounts. According to the chairman the Bank is secured against any loss through the failure of the Belfast Warehouse Company.

A young man named Wm. Smith, while climbing a tree at Stillorgan, accidentally slipped and fell to the ground, breaking his left leg and injuring his head. He was removed to St. Michael's Hospital, Kings town.

KING'S.

Captain Smith, of the King's County Militia, was engaged in the military exercise known as 'splitting the lemon,' at the military sports, at Birr Barracks, when he accidentally struck his charger in the right eye with his sabre, completely destroying his horse's eye.

At Barnaboy, recently, Mrs. Hobbs, widow of Captain Thomas Hobbs, who was wounded at Waterloo and fought in many of the earlier engagements of that stirring period, celebrated her hundredth birthday surrounded by many members of her family, including children, grand children, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. She received a telegram of congratulation from the Commander-in-Chief.

KILKENNY.

At the Rosbercon Petty Sessions, two men named Doolan were sentenced to two months' imprisonment each for assaulting a man named Fitzgerald, who had taken an evicted farm at Busherstown.

LONGFORD.

We are pleased to learn that the Bishop of Ardagh, Most Rev. Dr. Woodlock, D.D., has so far recovered from his late serious illness as to have been able to leave his friend's residence, Kensington, W., London, and take up his abode at Margaret House, Hammersmith, W., in order to regain a little strength before his departure for Ireland.

LOUTH.

At the meeting of the Drogheda Board of Guardians, Mr. Thomas Malone presiding, a report from the committee appointed by the Board for the introduction of the Sisters of

Mersey as nurses into the hospital was adopted, as were also plans for certain buildings necessary for the accommodation of the nuns.

The Most Rev. Dr. Croke is on a visit to his Eminence Cardinal Logue. The distinguished Prelate are sojourning at Carlingford, which has for years past been the summer resort of His Eminence.

WESTMEATH.

A veteran fisherman named Wm. Meares, who resides in Mullingar, had the good fortune to capture, by means of rod and reel, a huge trout, the following are the dimensions of the fish: weight 26 lbs 2oz; length, 34 1/2 in.; girth, 23 1/2 in.; at the gill, 20 in.; at the tail, 9 in.; tail, 10 1/2 in.; diameter, 1 1/2 in.; thickness, 5 1/2 in.

WEXFORD.

At the New Ross Regatta, the New Ross Boat Club Challenge Cup was won by the Waterford Boat Club, New Ross Club being second, and the University Boat Club, Dublin, third.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

The Rev. Patrick Sweeney, C. C., Kilrush, died at the Presbytery at the age of 82 years. Father Sweeney was native of Birr, in the King's County. His collegiate career was exceptionally brilliant, and he was a priest of very extensive and varied reading. He was universally esteemed by the priests of his diocese. Widespread grief is felt at his death.

CORK.

The Hon. John E. Fitzgerald of Boston has arrived at Queenstown for a holiday tour of Ireland. After leaving Cork he will visit Glengarriff and Killarney, after which he will proceed to Dublin, where he has a number of friends who will be glad to hear that he is in the best of health and spirits.

An old woman named Ellen Roche residing at Middleton died recently at the remarkable age of 115 years.

The Council of the Institute of Journalists has unanimously nominated Mr. Thomas Crosbie, the editor of the Cork Examiner, President of the ensuing year. There is little doubt that the nomination will be enthusiastically endorsed by the general meeting of the Institute when the members assemble at Norwich.

At the Cork County Assizes, a middle-aged man named Michael Heaphy was indicted with having feloniously assaulted Catherine Heaphy. He was adjudged insane by the jury.

It is likely that the Traboung, coursing meeting will be revived again this year.

Shipool House, the residence of Captain Sarasfield, at Innishannon, has been completely destroyed by fire.

KERRY.

In the presence of hundreds of the townspeople of Glia, Mr. T. Mangin accomplished the daring feat of riding across the Suannon on a bicycle laden and built by himself.

At the recent Assizes in Tralee, in the grand jury room, the McGillicuddy handed in the following resolution: "That, having regard to the decrease in our population by nearly 4,000,000, while all other English-speaking populations are increasing—to the increase in our taxation and difficulties of living after ninety-four years of Imperial Government—we are of opinion that the advantages of the Union are in no way equal to its disadvantages to Ireland. That the principle of self-government is demonstrated as the only one under which a nation can prosper and retain self-respect, and we call upon the Government to introduce and pass a good Home Rule Bill embodying it at the earliest opportunity. The Chairman said he had discharged the Grand Jury, and could not receive the resolution.

LIMERICK.

At the Limerick Assizes, Judge Holmes presiding in the County Court and Judge Harrison in the City Court. There were but a few unimportant bills to go before them.

TIPPERARY.

At Nenagh, William Hanson was returned for trial on the charge of murdering Thomas Ryan at Ballinaboy on the 13th of July.

WATERFORD.

The Journal of the Waterford and South-East of Ireland Archaeological Society is the organ of a society which claims the Most Rev. R. A.

Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford, as its president. The Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan has evidently carried with him the zeal and learning in regard to archaeological studies which he displayed in connection with a society during his ministry in Cork. His first number is an excellent survey of the field of local history and antiquities, and a stirring call to the young men of the country not to let the historic ruins and records which tell of Ireland's glories in the past remain undiscovered. The Journal should do excellent work in gleaming a rich harvest of the kind suggested. Its opening number is exceptionally high-class. Dr. Ringrose Atkins writes on 'Old Waterford,' the Very Rev. F. O'Brien, P. P., deals learnedly with 'The Birthplace of St. Declan,' Mr. M. J. Hurley contributes a valuable paper on 'Charles Smith,' the historian of Waterford County, while a number of notes and queries conclude a splendid issue.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

The Ulster Tory Convention League has issued another appeal for funds to carry on registration work in the North. Evidently the Orange element in the North are feeling that they are in a tight spot. But, with the County Funds at their disposal, it is not usual that they should be in need of monetary resources.

DERRY.

Dr. Cuthbert J. Clibborn, Medical Inspector for the Local Government Board, held a sworn inquiry at Aghadowey Dispensary, near Coleraine, regarding the death of five children from erysipelas following vaccination, and also alleged irregularity in allowing the midwifery nurse of the dispensary to vaccinate. Dr. H. R. Morrison, Medical Officer of the dispensary (who had recently resigned his office, and then withdrawn his resignation, on being unanimously requested to do so at a meeting of the committee), was in attendance, as well as the chairman and several members of the committee. A number of witnesses were examined, after which Doctor Clibborn said he would report on the case to the Local Government Board.

DOWN.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. D. Colquhoun, Q. C., County Court Judge for Down. The deceased gentleman had for some time past resided at Greystones, in the County of Wicklow, and it was there he died after an illness of several months. Mr. Colquhoun was admitted to the Bar in 1867. Twenty years later he was made a Queen's Counsel, and in 1891 he received the judicial appointment. In practice Mr. Colquhoun was recognised as a painstaking and accurate lawyer and a keen debater of legal points. He had a good deal of business, both in the Four Courts and in the North West Circuit, and both in professional and private life he was greatly esteemed. He was a connection by marriage of the late Isaac Butt, Q. C., M. P.

Mr. John Roche, Q. C., has been appointed to the County Court Judgeship of Down, vacant by the death of Judge Colquhoun.

DONEGAL.

At the Donegal Assizes, James McGonigle, charged with the manslaughter of Con Doherty, at a stilling affray, was found not guilty, and was discharged. David Campbell, an inmate of Dunfanaghy Union, was charged with the manslaughter of a fellow inmate, named Denis Callaghan, and was discharged on the jury finding him guilty, with a recommendation to mercy.

TYRONE.

We deeply regret to announce the death, at the Parochial House, Fintona, of the Very Rev. Patrick Canon Clifford, P. P., one of the most energetic and respected ecclesiastics in the diocese of Ogher. The Rev. gentleman had been suffering for many months from a heart affliction, and it was known for some time that there was no hope of his recovery. The late Canon Clifford was no ordinary man; he was full of energy, buoyant in spirits, humorous, patriotic, and devoted to his sacred duties. It may be well said of him that he went about doing good, and was for many years one of the most popular priests in the diocese.

Over fifteen hundred delegates were present at the State Convention of the Catholic Benevolent Legion held in Huntington, Ind., on August 7th.

LONDON'S WATER SUPPLY.

Economy In Its Use as Compared With American Experience.

In London, the largest city in the world, the water is furnished by companies and is charged for by the quantity. No one has a free faucet, or can afford to waste his water. Every family bargains for as many gallons per diem as it needs, and this amount is placed in tanks. Then the water is shut off. If the family uses it up by noon, it gets no more until the next day unless it can be procured of its neighbor. There is no waste. The water is all measured and paid for. With three times our population London does not use one-third as much water as Chicago does, simply because the water is not wasted.

In Chicago the city furnishes the water, and every one is free to do with it what he pleases, and the result is anarchy in water. The man on the second story has no rights the man on the first floor claims both of them by running water via the sewers into the river and lake. So long as there is disregard of human rights by human hogs this waste will continue, and those on the upper stories will suffer because those on lower stories are running water all day to cool their rooms or to flood their lawns—in other words, are letting millions of gallons run into the sewers without being used at all.—Chicago Tribune.

Beginning to See the Point.

"What have you to say to this charge of assaulting Michael Rafferty?" asked the judge.

"Oh licked 'im," replied Mr. Dolan, looking the court in the eye. "An wid no disrespect to anybody, it's hopin' O' an that O' done it good."

"Was there any provocation?"

"They wor that same."

"What was it?"

"O' have a goat, yer honour—a foinc animal too. 'Does yer goat give milk?' says Rafferty to me. 'It does,' says O'. 'Thin,' says he, 'it's buttermilk.' 'It's as swate an foinc as any ye ever saw,' says O'. 'Certainly, but it is buttermilk,' says he, an thin we came together. 'Though O' must say, yer honour, that when O' come to ripate it over a few times an consider the nature av the goat O' m' compelled to say O' wor a bit hasty. 'Bedad, if the court'll give me lave, O'll pologize to Rafferty, so O' will.'—Washington Star.

"The Paradise of Tips."

"The paradise of tips," as we are told by a writer in The Kleine Zeitung, is Carlsbad. His estimate is that not less than a million marks must be paid during the season in the questionable shape of "voluntary" gifts or gratuities to waiters and others, which do not appear in any bill. Everybody who does any service in Carlsbad looks for his or her "trinkgeld" before he departs. The waiter gets upon an average from 6 to 10 florins (19 shillings to £1). The maiden who serves you with water at the Brunnen expects and mostly receives 3 florins the postman gets a florin, and there are various other male and female benefactors to whom you pay what you please.

A Valuable Play Toy.

Miss Olive Schreiner recently told the following story. She and her brothers and sisters had as one of their play things a bright stone that they called the candle stone. It was about the size of a walnut and would flash in a bright and singular way when held to the light. It had been found quite grown up and the candle stone had been lost for years but any of them realize that it was a charm of doubtless immense value. The children's mines were in the unknown future, but this stone had perhaps been washed down by some torrent or brought by other chance from that region.

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