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CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

American visitors are very numerous this season, in the West of Ireland.

Rev. Father Higgins, Professor of St. Jarlath's, Tuam, has been changed to the curacy of Annadown.

The potato blight has again made its appearance, in an aggravated form along the Western coast and in the mountain districts.

A very successful bazaar was held recently, on the grounds of St. Joseph's College, Esker, Athlone. A large concourse of people showed by their presence and liberality their appreciation of the worthy object of the bazaar. The proceeds are to be devoted to the decoration of the pretty little church attached to the college.

LEITRIM.

The Congested Districts Board have decided to make a grant for the improvement of the road from Glenfarna railway station to Killyclogher, North Leitrim, on the condition that the improvement be carried out by the Leitrim Grand Jury on plans approved by the Board.

MAYO.

The Empress Eugenie, accompanied by Princess Napoleon Bonaparte, Madame Le Breton Bourbakie, and Mlle. d'Allanville, presided at the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Convent of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Hillside, Farnborough, Hants, England. The prizes of honor, which were gifts of the Empress, and the first prize for instrumental music, were awarded respectively to Miss Gill, (daughter of Mrs. Anthony Gill), Westport, county Mayo; Miss J. McConniff, Blantyre, Scotland; Miss E. McDonnell, London; Miss F. Dixon, Dublin, and four young Irish ladies.

ROSCOMMON.

Mr. J. J. Bourke, coroner, held an inquest, recently, at Mount Talbot, Roscommon, on the body of a child named Kate Peard. After hearing the evidence, the jury returned the following verdict:—That the death of Kate Peard was caused by poison in consequence of her having eaten the tops of some matches from the effects of which she died.

SLIGO.

Recently, the solemn and imposing ceremony of the reception and profession of Sisters of Mercy took place at the Convent of Mercy, Sligo. Most Rev. Dr. Gillooly officiated, assisted by Very Rev. Canon McLaughlin, V.F., Very Rev. Dr. Corcoran, and many other priests. Eight young ladies made their final vows on the occasion, among them being Miss Connolly, daughter of the Mayor of Sligo; Miss Dolan of Dublin; and Miss May Doran, Roscommon. There were five young ladies received, including Miss Murray, of Roscommon, and Miss Keane.

Most Rev. Dr. Gillooly, Bishop of Elphin, has made the following changes in that diocese: Rev. J. Coyle, P.P., from Oran to Georagh. Rev. J. Doherty, O.C., from Dangan to P.P. of O.C. Rev. T. Lynch, C.C., from Ballyleagus to Dangan. Kilmore. Rev. Thos. Gavin, O.C., from Stokestown to Ballyleagus. Rev. Father Hill, O.C., from Westminister to Roscommon. Rev. B. Geraghty, O.C., from Roscommon to Stokestown. Rev. Father O'Donoghue, O.C., from the diocese of Killaloe to Scramogue. Rev. J. Cummins, O.C., from Aughrim to Elphin. Rev. Father Russell, O.C., from the diocese of Killaloe to Elphin. Rev. Father Houlcan, from the diocese of Killaloe to Stokestown. Rev. F. Kelly, O.C., from Broogue to Frenchpark. Rev. C. O'Connor, O.C., from Elphin to Mantua. Rev. C. O'Brien, Adm., from Ballinacree to Rye. Rev. W. White, Adm., from Frenchpark to Whitehall.

LEINSTER.

DUBLIN.

It is rumored that Mr. Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, is about to take Mount Eagle, Killiney, for a suburban residence, after the rising of Parliament. Usually it has been the custom of English Chief Secretaries to keep as far away from Ireland as possible. Mr. Morley seems to desire to become more intimately acquainted with the country of which the Chief Secretary—not the Lord Lieutenant—is the actual Governor-General.

Mr. J. L. Murphy has been sworn in as a solicitor of the High Court in Ireland. He is a son of the late John Murphy, Ballfounder, Thomas street, and Monterao Lodge, Blackrock. He served his apprenticeship with Messrs. D. & T. Fitzgerald, St. Andrew street, and intends to practice in Dublin.

KILDARE.

At the Kildare Assizes, the notorious 'Rev.' George Cotton, of Carogh Orphanage, was convicted of starving and ill-treating two young children, a boy and a girl, who had been entrusted to his care; and this being his third conviction, he was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. His wife, who was jointly indicted with him, was acquitted on the legal fiction that she was acting under her husband's influence, though it was evident the pair were equally guilty, and were nothing but sanimonious hypocrites, living on sectarian bigotry and false pretenses. Yet this ghoul is a recognized minister of the Protestant Church in Ireland, and has traded on his position, in this nefarious way, for years.

KILKENNY.

Mr. S. G. Fraser, C. E., 14 Westmoreland street, Dublin, has been elected Assessor to the Kilkenny Waterworks.

We regret to have to announce the death of the Rev. William Murphy, late C.C. of Inistigue, which took place at Forbes, Australia, recently. Father Murphy was born at Freneystown in the year 1861, and in 1873 entered St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, where he studied for five years, and successfully entered Maynooth, where, after a brilliant course, he passed to the Dunboyne in the year 1885, and was ordained on the 10th of June, 1887, appointed by the Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, Ecclesiastical Professor in St. Kieran's. After three years, owing to delicacy, he was removed to the curacy of Inistigue, where he labored with indefatigable zeal for three years, when his health broke down. He was advised by eminent doctors to go to Australia, whither he went in Sept., 1893, but his health was irrevocably gone, and his death soon followed.

KING'S.

Considerable comment has been created by the report which appeared in the papers, from a Birr correspondent, endeavoring to minimize the recent outrage at Birr Military Barracks. There has been a general desire in Tory and aristocratic circles to have the matter hushed up; but the informations of Surgeon-Major Fox's two servant girls, in conjunction with the other evidence which has come into the hands of the authorities seems to point to the occurrence as being anything but a lark. Up to the present, summonses have been issued against seven of the officers charged, all of whom belong to the Dublin Militia regiment, but the police are keeping the names of those implicated concealed.

LOUTH.

What threatened to be a serious driving accident, occurred on the return journey from the interment of Mr. P. Byrne, V.E. A spirited horse, driven by Mr. T. L. Simcocks, got not only restive, but resisting all efforts at controlling the car, finally ran away along the country road at

full speed, with the broken shaft snapping after him. Mr. Simcocks escaped from what might have resulted in serious injuries, with comparatively a slight abrasion about the face.

MEATH.

At the ordinations which took place at the Mansion des Missionnaires, Oblates, Rue Beane Lez, Liege, Belgium, John Flynn, son of the late Mr. Lawrence Flynn, Cook Hill, was ordained priest by Monseigneur Doultraux, Bishop of Leige.

WEXFORD.

Wm. Leary of Ballinamonabeg, was exercising a horse on the road, when the animal threw him off and and then fell on him. He was conveyed to the county infirmary.

WICKLOW.

At the meeting of the County Wicklow Grand Jury, comment was made on the county surveyor's report expressing the hope that an amicable adjustment of affairs may be made with the Blessington Steam Tramway company.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

A farmer named Pender, residing near Kildysart, was stabbed with a pitch-fork, by a neighbor named McGrath, whose wife had taken refuge in Pender's house, owing to the alleged ill-treatment of her husband. The injured man lies in a critical condition, and his depositions have been taken. McGrath has been arrested.

The Admiralty have made arrangements for the Shannon, as a temporary station for the fleets engaged in the usual manoeuvres. For this purpose three large colliery steamships have arrived in Kilrush harbor in charge of a naval officer, for coaling. It is eighteen years since a fleet put into the Shannon before.

CORK.

The result of the recent police inquiry, held at Ballinoolig, into charges preferred against Sergeant McLoughlin and Constables Morgan and Conlan, stationed at Donoughmore, has been made known. Sergeant McLoughlin has been reduced to the rank of constable, Constable Morgan is fined £3, and ordered to be transferred to the County Mayo, at his own expense; Constable Conlan is fined £2, and is ordered to be transferred to the County Kerry, at his own expense. Constables Duffy and Conroy were admonished.

Dr. M. O'Driscoll has been elected Dispensary Officer for the Union Hill District.

A valuable colt belonging to Mr. John Twomey was found in a field with one of its legs smashed so completely as to necessitate the immediate destruction of the unfortunate animal. Mr. Twomey has lodged a claim for compensation.

Considerable damage was done by fire to Messrs. Denny's bacon curing establishment, Watercourse road, Cork.

An unknown man, aged about 66 years, was found unconscious on one of the quays of Cork, having apparently fallen off a wall. He was taken to the South Infirmary, in an unconscious condition.

KERRY.

A little boy, the son of Patrick Kelly, was accidentally drowned in Latchford's mill-race, at Listowel.

Mr. David Barry of Listowel, was fined £2 for refusing to accept service of a summons to attend on a jury.

A man named Sullivan, who had been a guide or car-driver, died suddenly in the Killarney District Lunatic Asylum. He had been suffering from heart-disease.

An interesting ceremony took place in the Tralee Protestant church, being the unveiling, by Mrs. Johnston, of a brass tablet to the memory of the late Major Boyton, of the 1st Battalion Munster Fusiliers, over whose grave at Portrush, a cross has been erected.

The High Sheriff of Kerry has appointed to the vacant office of County Court-house keeper ex-Coastable John Gray.

Excellent new potatoes are getting very cheap, especially in Caheriveen.

It is understood that the negotiations, by the Great Southern & Western Railway directorate, for the purchase of Parknasilla House, Sneeem, the property of the Protestant Bishop of Limerick, Dr. Graves, have been successfully completed.

It is stated that a woman was the leader of the band which sent the sub-sheriff, Mr. Hobson, and his party home from Mungret without accomplishing the eviction of John Bridgeman, and that it was a woman, too, who struck the agent, Mr. O'Brien, with a piece of iron on the head, and this fact may account for the other fact that the wound inflicted was not a serious one. It did not prevent him from pursuing his ordinary avocations. The police, it seems, communicated with him, but he declined to prosecute.

Some surprise is expressed in local Limerick circles at the continued vacancy for the office of Town Councillor, to represent the Glentworth Ward in the Corporation.

TIPPERARY.

A man whose name was subsequently ascertained as McCormack, from Templemore, was knocked down by an engine between Nenagh and Roscrea. He was conveyed to the hospital.

A young man named Costelloe, belonging to Lisatunney, outside Nenagh, had his arm blown off while leading a gun.

A young woman named Mary Power set her clothes on fire while cooking in her mother's house at Nenagh, and was so seriously burned that her life is in danger.

WATERFORD.

We regret to announce the death of a very worthy resident of Waterford, Mr. Joseph Fitzmaurice, which took place at Manor st., after a protracted illness, at the venerable age of 82 years. The esteemed gentleman was the father of Rev. E. B. Fitzmaurice, O. S. F.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

Mr. James Imrie, storekeeper on the Great Northern Railway of Ireland, and resident in Belfast, died suddenly on board the steamer Princess Victoria, while crossing from Larne to Stranraer.

Three houses in Belfast suddenly collapsed, the back wall falling to a distance of forty feet. A little girl, aged five, was seriously injured, not being expected to recover.

Rev. Robert T. Simpson, a Presbyterian minister of Dungannon, recovered £10 damages for libel against J. D. Crockett, the ex-secretary of the Anti-Repel Union.

ARMAGH.

In Armagh, recently, while a Protestant excursion party was passing through the Shambles, Orange flags were waved in an exasperating manner opposite the houses of Catholics. In passing the Cathedral, where Divine Service was going on, a number of shots were fired by the Orange rowdies, but fortunately no one was injured.

DONEGAL.

It is stated that the War Office has definitely resolved to purchase the ground at Finner, between Ballyshannon and Bundoran, and that the only thing remaining to be completed is the final arrangement with the landlord. The place is to be used for a rifle range, and as a training ground for artillery.

DOWN.

John Harkiston-Houston, Vice-Lieutenant of the county Down, has appointed as Deputy Lieutenants of the county Charles William Dunbar-Buller, of Woburn, and Captain John Harrison, of Hollywood House, Holywood.

MONAGHAN.

In the Vice-Chancellor's Court, Dublin, the case of the Callen estate came up, but the proceedings were dismissed.

TYRONE.

The solemn and impressive ceremony of religious profession took place in the convent of Mercy of the Sacred Heart recently. The lady who made her final vows was Bridget, second daughter of Mr. Rice, of Bellurgan, county Louth, (in religion Sister Joseph Agnes).

The directors of the Great Northern Railway have elected to a seat at the Board of Directors Lieutenant-Colonel Buchanan, of Edenfels, Omagh, in place of the late Mr. P. Cairnes.

The young ladies of St. Mary's parish, Florence, held a lawn party last Saturday on the grounds of the church. It was under the direction of Rev. Cornelius Phelan, formerly of St. Mary's Cathedral, Trenton. The affair proved a splendid success, many people from Trenton being in attendance.

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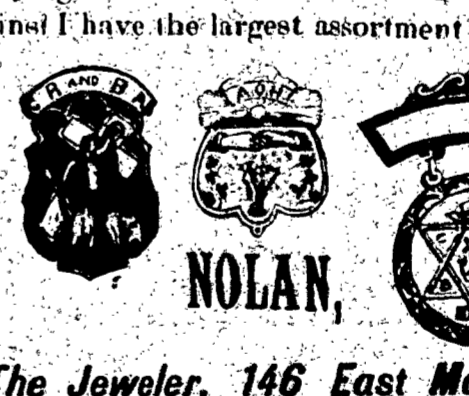


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