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CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

At the last meeting of the Clifden Board of Guardians, Mr. Henry A. Robinson, J.P., in the chair, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Patrick O'Hara, seconded by Mr. John Connolly, and adopted:—'That in consequence of the total failure of the potato crop, we call upon the landlords of the district to imitate the action of the landlords of the county Roscommon and elsewhere by giving a substantial reduction in their rents, and thereby enable the poor tenants to tide over this year of exceptional distress.'

LEITRIM.

Dr. Carroll's numerous friends will be pleased to learn that, as a result of the late Local Government Board inquiry, at Dromahair, he has been entirely freed from all blame in the case in which he was charged with neglect of duty.

Mr. John Dolan, Chairman of the Manorhamilton Board of Guardians, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county Leitrim. Mr. Dolan is a sterling Nationalist, and has taken a prominent part in all popular movements.

MAYO.

The report of the Court of Inquiry recently held at Achill, and the Inspector-General's decision upon it, reached the County Inspector's office, in Westport. The following is a summary of the decision. Constable Carrigan is found guilty of the two charges preferred against him, is fined £3, and will be transferred to another county at his own expense. Constable Sullivan is found not guilty of the charge which was investigated, and for the offence which he admitted he is admonished with a record. Constable Gwynne is to be transferred at his own expense to another county. District Inspector Rainsford is found guilty of the charges preferred against him. He is transferred to another county at his own expense. Constable John Flannery has been acquitted of the charge preferred against him. Sergeant James Hoey is acquitted of the charges preferred against him, but has been pronounced by the court to be guilty of other misconduct in connection with the escape of Lynchehan, for which he is to receive an unfavorable record, and is warned that he will be reduced should he again fail in the discharge of his duty. Constable Muldoon has been found not guilty of the charge preferred against him. He will, however, be transferred to another county. Constable Patrick Ward has been found guilty of the two charges preferred against him, and is dismissed.

ROSCOMMON.

Mr. William O'Brien, M.P., attended a demonstration in North Roscommon recently, and in course of his speech referred to the Land Bill which he said would be introduced next session. He strongly denounced the practice of land-grabbing.

SLIGO.

Mr. Brinkley, D.L., has granted a reduction of 4s. in the pound to his Ballymote tenantry.

At a meeting of the Dromore West Board of Guardians recently, a letter was received from the Local Government Board stating that their final decision was that as a result of the recent inquiry the schoolmistress, Miss Flannell, and the nurse, Miss Kelly, should be called on to resign immediately; and that in deference to the Guardians wishes the Local Government Board would not require the master and matron to resign. The schoolmistress and the nurse, on being called before the Board, sent in their resignations.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Both the Irish Masters of Foxhounds who recently met with accidents (Mr. Watson, of the Carlow and Island Hunt, and Captain Dayrell Hammond, of Wexford), are not only convalescent, but are once more hunting with their hounds.

DUBLIN.

On the recommendation of the Common Council of Dublin, Councillor, Daniel Tallon, 136 Leinster road, Rathmines, has been appointed High Sheriff of Dublin city.

The Irish mail steamer Munster, which left Holyhead for Kingstown recently, was run into a few miles outside Holyhead by an unknown steamer bound northward. The Munster was struck on the port beam and her port peddle was entirely disabled. She was able, however, to return to Holyhead, and the mails were transferred to the steamer Connaught for Kingstown. There was an unusually large number of passengers on board, none of whom, however, were injured; but it was the general opinion that only the merest trifle in the location of the collision had averted a frightful catastrophe.

KILDARE.

The funeral of Mr. Michael Murphy, one of the Luggacurran Campaigners, took place recently in Clopook. The deceased, who was held in the highest respect by every one, and died at an advanced age, had for some time before his death been residing in one of the 'campaign' huts at Loughglass. A large number of people were present at the funeral, including the majority of his brother campaigners and most of the surrounding farmers.

KILKENNY.

Thomas Power, Esquire, Parade House, Kilkenny, has been appointed High Sheriff of the city. For the office of High Sheriff of the County, the Judges of Assize have recommended the names of Edward K. Bunbury Tighe, Esq., D.L., Woodstock, Innistiogo; Harvey de Montmorency Fleming, Esq., Barraghcore House, Goresbridge, and James Smithwick, Esq., Kilreene Lodge, Kilkenny.

KING'S.

Mary Ann Wilmot, Dowager Countess of Huntington, died recently at her residence, Shanavogue. The deceased lady was the widow of Francis Power Plantagenet, fourteenth Earl and daughter of the late Col. Westenra, and died at the comparatively early age of 48 years. She had been ailing for a few months, and suffered severely towards the close of her illness from insomnia. Her eldest son, the present Earl, and other members of her family were with her when she passed away.

LONGFORD.

In a letter to Rev. Thos. Langan, D.D., Administrator of Athlone, Rt. Rev. Dr. Woodlock announces that he has sent in his resignation of the diocese, and the Pope has graciously granted his petition to be allowed to resign the charge of the diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise.

LOUTH.

Captain Coughlan, Governor of the County Prison of Dundalk, died suddenly in his bedroom. He had fallen down stairs the previous day, but thought nothing of the accident. Heart failure was the cause of his death. Deceased was about 54 years of age, had served in the 12th Lancers, and leaves a widow and four children. He had been in charge of the County Louth Prison for about six months.

QUEEN'S

Dr. Higgins, Coroner, held recently an inquest at Ballylinan respecting the death, at Oldcourt, of a child named William Behan, aged about four years. From the evidence given it appeared that the father and mother of the child went to Athy fair, leaving a boy named McDonald to look after their children, one of whom had been hurt a short time before, and had not yet left his bed. During the day the deceased boy left his bed, and going towards the fire, his clothing became ignited, with the result that he was badly burned about the body, and died within a week afterwards. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

WESTMEATH.

Athlone will be the scene, in May and June next, of a great fete, which promises to rival the very best that have been held during the past two or three years of great fetes in Ireland. Already preparations are in progress, and during the coming months everything possible will be done to surpass all previous entertainments in this direction. There will be a whole week's amusements, including horse jumping, international dances for the children of the town, band performances, garden parties, fireworks, shooting galleries and other sports. The title of the fete is to be the 'Shannon Carnival' or 'The Wonders of the West.' The object of the fete is the wiping out of the debt on St. Mary's Church and Schools, Athlone, and for the necessary improvements on the church. Rt. Rev. Dr. Woodlock has given a prize of £100 for the grand drawing of prizes. His Holiness the Pope and Most Rev. Dr. Nulty, Bishop of Meath, have also given valuable prizes.

WICKLOW.

The fee simple of the licensed premises of the late Mrs. Tierney, at Suncroft, were put up for sale recently, and after spirited bidding were sold for £750.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

A young fellow named Michael Coghlin, who had been arrested on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences in Ennis, succeeded in effecting his escape from Ennis Bridewell, and has not been recaptured.

CORK.

An old woman named Kathleen Guerin, who lived to the remarkable age of 115 years, died recently, near Middleton, leaving a large number of children and grandchildren. Deceased, who resided near the townland of Ballinckelligs, had been for some time confined through old age, but otherwise was in full possession of her mental faculties. All her children had emigrated to America and Australia, some years ago, with the exception of one daughter, who is an old woman herself, being about 82 years. The deceased spoke only in Irish.

KERRY.

An eviction, at the suit of the Land Commission took place recently, at Glebe, about six miles from Caherciveen, the person evicted, with his wife and seven children, being a farmer named John Sullivan. The farm was put up for sale in Caherciveen some months ago by Mr. J. J. O'Connor, auctioneer, Killarney. Sullivan failed to pay the annual instalments of the loan due by him, and also some money he had borrowed from the Board of Public Works. He gave up possession quietly.

LIMERICK

The Common Council of Limerick have nominated Patrick Kenna, Esquire, of Glentworth street, for the office of High Sheriff of the city.

Mr. Michael Fitzgerald, P. L. G., Loughhill House has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county Limerick. Mr. Fitzgerald is a well-known Nationalist, and his appointment is a very popular one.

A football match played between Garryowen and Queen's College teams in the Market Field, resulted in a victory for Garryowen by 1 try to nil. A match played between Garryowen and Cork, at Blackrock, resulted in a scoreless draw.

TIPPERARY.

Alderman R. W. Carey, who has recently been elected Mayor of Cardiff, Wales, is an Irishman, having been born near Cashel. The failure of Sadlier's Bank compelled him to emigrate to Cardiff, where he worked as office boy at the docks for a time, gradually bettering his position until, in 1880, he was first elected Alderman of one of the wards in Cardiff, and has held the position since. Alderman Carey is a prominent member of the Irish Catholic Party in the town of which he is the chief magistrate, and is the only Irish Catholic who has ever held the position of Alderman, Magistrate or Mayor of that borough.

WATERFORD.

P. J. Whitty, Esq., M.D.O., Lady lane, Waterford, has been nominated by the Common Council, for the office of High Sheriff of the city.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

At a meeting of the Belfast Branch of the Irish National Federation held recently, Mr. James McCann in the chair, it was unanimously agreed, that Mr. Joseph Devlin, of Belfast, be re-elected civic delegate for Belfast. Mr. Devlin returned thanks, and expressed his satisfaction at the earnest support which the branch had given to the majority of the Irish Parlamentary Party.

ARMAGH.

The noble work of completing the great Cathedral of Armagh has now taken definite shape, and judging by the result so far, it gives promise of being a rare success. Priest and people have responded with a true, characteristic liberality and with an alacrity that does them great credit to the appeal of the Cardinal Archbishop. The respected Administrator of Armagh parish, Father Grimes, also states that most satisfactory returns have already come in from many other parishes of the Archdiocese.

DERRY.

In the Probate Court, Dublin, recently, the will of the late Mr. J. — Stevenson, solicitor, of Fort James, county Derry, who left property to the value of £18,000 to his nephew, and the remaining £6,000 in various bequests, including a bequest of £3,000 to his executor, the Rev. J. Corkey and his nephew, in trust, to keep up his mansion and his stock of pigeons, was confirmed, after examination of witnessess, who deposed to the testamentary capacity of the deceased and the due execution of the will. The validity of the will was disputed by Jane McKay, a sister of the deceased, on the grounds of want of due execution, that the deceased did not know the contents of the document, and want of testementary capacity. Defendant had served notice that she only intended to cross examine the witnessess. Among the bequests the will gave £500 in deposit receipts lodged in bank, to be held in trust by the executors for Rose Gallagher, deceased's housekeeper, and her children.

DOWN.

The steamer Stanley Force, of Whitehaven, bound from Whitehaven to Cork, recently put into Douglas, Isle of Man, where Captain Looby reported a series of murderous assaults on board the vessel. When Bahama Light was reached, a sailor, who has been identified as James McCann, of Newry, made his appearance on deck, having stowed himself away in order to reach home. At six o'clock in the morning McCann entered the Captain's cabin and said some of the crew were going to throw him overboard. The Captain called seaman William Blanch, who declared there was no truth in the allegation. The Captain then told McCann to go to the boiler-room to warm himself, but after Blanch had left the cabin McCann stabbed the Captain in the neck, as he was getting into his bunk. The Captain shouted 'murder' and fainted. McCann then made his way to the bridge, where Blanch was standing near the steersman, William Gill, and stabbed Blanch in the neck. Blanch ran away, and the stowaway then attacked Gill, striking him also in the neck. The steersman left the wheel, and the vessel broached-to and was in some peril for a time. The engineer ran on deck to see what was the matter, and McCann rushed toward him with his blood-stained knife. The engineer, however, grappled with the frenzied man, and after a desperate struggle he was overpowered and put in irons. McCann was brought before the High Bailiff of Douglas, and was rommitted to prison.

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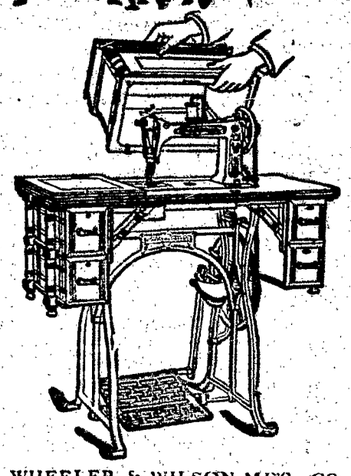
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