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CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

The Galway and Clifton Railway was opened recently by the Midland Great Western Company, for goods and passenger traffic, between Galway and Oughterard, a distance of seventeen miles. The rest of the railway, from Oughterard to Clifden, is in a forward state toward completion, and will be open throughout before long. The total length of the line is 49 miles. It is being constructed by the Midland Great Western Company, on the same gauge as their own railway, and will be of great benefit to the districts served, which have been so long dependent upon road communication.

LEITRIM.

Mr. Lynch, Local Government Board Inspectors, recently visited Mahorhamilton Union, with a view of reporting on the conditions of the crops. He was accompanied by the relieving officers of the district, Messrs. Kelly and Keany.

The news of the recent decision of the Local Government Board Inquiry, at Dromahair, was received by the inhabitants of that village with general evidence of satisfaction and rejoicing. Most of the windows were illuminated, a bonfire was kindled in the Market square, and a large crowd assembled outside Dr. Carroll's house and cheered and congratulated him on the happy termination of the inquiry.

MAYO.

Mr. Tilson Shaen-Carter has given a reduction of 15 per cent. to his Erris tenantry on their rent. Mr. and Mrs. Shaen-Carter had a very cordial reception the other day in Erris, on going there for the first time since their marriage.

The police have been vainly dragging Lough Mallard, near Rehins, Newport road, for the body of the missing man, Peter Grimes, of Ringgerrane, ever since his hat and bundle were taken out of the lake. The man's house was near Belcarra, the very opposite side of the country.

ROSCOMMON.

The Privy Council recently had before them an application to approve of a scheme for the construction of a line of railway between Castlerea and Ballaghaderen, a distance of twelve miles. Mr. Joyce, C.E., who laid out the plans for the proposed line, Mr. Tallow, manager of the Midland Great Western Railway, The O'Connor Don, Mr. M. Sweeney, and Mr. John Fitzbibbon, Castlerea, and Very Rev. Canon Hanly gave evidence in support of the line. The Bishop of Elphin, Most Rev. Dr. Gilhooly, also wrote in favor of the proposal, pointing out the immense tract of country that would be benefitted by it, and the number of people it would accommodate. The Board of Works and the Treasury opposed the line; but the Lord Chancellor declared that the committe were of opinion that, on the merits, the line should be passed, as it seemed to supply an obvious want.

SLIGO.

With feelings of profound regret we announce the death of Mrs. Carroll, Ballinacarrow, which occurred recently. Deceased, who had scarcely reached her 29th year, was the only daughter of the late Thomas O'Connor. A few days previous to her death she had given birth to a son, and all thought of danger was abandoned, when bronchitis supervened, and she peacefully passed away. Her demise is keenly regretted by her husband and her widowed mother and a large circle of friends. The interment took place in Kilvarnet cemetery, and the large and respectable cortege which followed the hearse testified the esteem in which deceased was

LEINSTER.

DUBLIN.

Very Rev. John Ryan, S.J., Rector of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, is Acting-Superior of the Order of Jesuits in Australia since appointment of Very Rev. P. Keating, the late Superior, as the Provincial of the Irish Province.

It is announced that Major Spyer has been appointed to the command of the 1st Battalion of the 18th Royal Irish Regiment, in succession of Lieut.-Colonel Edge, who died lately in Dublin. Major Spyer has been 38 years an officer of the regiment, and served in that corps in the Afghan War of 1880, and the Nile Campaign of 1885. Major Guinness, now serving in India, will become the second in command of the 1st Battalion.

KILDARE.

We regret to announce that Mr. Richard Newcomen, of Turf Lodge, Curragh, the owner and breeder of Grotanstown, who so recently defeated a large field of horses at Manchester, England, is seriously ill. Mr. Newcomen is one of the oldest and most respected residents in the County Kildare. Dr. Thunder, of Newbridge, is in attendance and doing all that medical aid can to ensure his patient's recovery.

KILKENNY.

At Killeen, about four miles from Mullinavit, an intermediate station on the Waterford and Central Ireland Railway, the dead body of a man was found in the railway cutting, in a mangled condition. The matter was reported to the Mallinavat Constabulary, who arrived on scene, but were for some time prevented from examining the body by a terrier dog, which remained faithfully guarding the body till the evening. The remains were subsequently identified as those of a man named Luke Brennan.

LONGFORD.

At the last meeting of the Granard Town Commissioners, Mr. P. O'Reilly, Chairman, presiding, the Dublin Corporation 'No Confidence' resolution was rejected by 5 votes to 2.

LOUTH.

We regret to announce the demise of Mrs. Mary Connolly, which took place at her residence, Newtown, near the Railway Station, Stameen, recently. Mrs. Connolly had attained the venerable age of 89 years, and throughout that length of years had secured the respect of all who knew her. Although much enfeebled of late years, Mrs. Connolly retained her faculties clear to the last and her recollection of Drogheda of the olden time was vivid and full of interesting incidents. Her interment took place in the family burial ground in the Chord. The mourning cortege was a large and representative mark of respect to the memory of the venerable deceased.

MEATH.

Mr. Reilly, Coroner for Meath, held an inquest recently in the school-room of the Drogheda Workhouse, on the body of a female inmate of the Lunatic Asylum, named Catherine Dempsey, who had died on the previous Saturday. The deceased had been an inmate of the lunatic ward for the past three years, and a verdict was returned that her death was due to natural causes.

QUEEN'S

On Christmas Day, in Maryborough, considerable excitement was caused by the conduct of the police, acting, it is stated, under the directions of a local J.P., in endeavoring to prevent a local fife and drum band from parading the streets. The band turned out at 6 a. m. and marched down Main street. When passing the police barracks, the police rushed out and took hold of the first members of the band. Things looked serious for some minutes, but eventually the police withdrew and the band played across the Square. As they were about going home an attempt was made to arrest the drummer. It is expected that some explanation will be demanded from the authorities.

WEXFORD.

Ballycullane Post-office will shortly be opened for money order and savings bank business, and about March next the telegraph system will also be extended to that place.

Captain Richard Kearon, of Arklow, master of the brigantine Dannebrog, was recently drowned in the Barrow, at New Ross, by falling overboard from his vessel, he being the only one of the crew on board at the time.

WICKLOW.

The extension of the line of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company from the Blessington terminus to Poulaphuca is being proceeded with steadily, and the Directors expect to have it completed in time to secure a large amount of next summer's traffic. The extension is 4½ miles in length, and the portion that yet remains to be laid present no special difficulty. When it is completed not only will the beautiful fall of Poulaphuca be brought within easy and comfortable reach of Dubliners, but a most picturesque part of Wicklow, which lies further south, will be opened to tourists, and the extension is likely to prove a valuable feeder for the parent line.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

A sad fatality occurred recently, near Kilrush, by which a respected citizen of Limerick, Mr. J. McSherry, lost his life at Cappa Pier, causing a poignant feeling of regret to the many friends who knew him in his native city. Mr. McSherry was in the prime of life, an unostentatious, intelligent, and industrious member of the community, remarkable for unvarying attention to business. He was just after fulfilling a contract at Kilrush. Getting aboard the steamer at Cappa Pier, he fell accidently between the quay and the vessel, and was not taken from the water until life was extinct.

CORK.

Two farmers named Donovan and Sullivan have been arrested by the Skibbereen police, charged with assaulting and endangering the life of another farmer named Looby, whose depositions have been taken.

A curious accident happened recently to a woman named Hannah Murphy, a servant to a farmer residing near Banteer, when, by some means, her false teeth got embedded in her throat. She was brought to the North Infirmary, Cork, to get them extracted, and the necessary operation was successfully performed by Dr. S. O'Sullivan, who was called in.

KERRY.

Doctor John R. Hayes, District Coroner, held an inquest at Reen, near Killorglin, on the body of a farmer named John Teahan, aged 66. The evidence showed that the deceased left his home for Killorglin on Christmas Eve, and not having turned up at the expected time in the evening, his family became alarmed and went in search of him. They did not, however, succeed until next day, when they discovered his dead body in a shallow pool near the side of the road, with the face immersed in the water. Dr. Dodd, Killorglin, attributed death to suffocation, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

LIMERICK

The football match between Garryowen and Galway, resulted in a victory for the Garryowens, by 2 goals and a try to nil.

Constable Murray, of Boherbuoy, Limerick; Constable Naylor, William st., and Constable Ryan, Corbally, have been promoted to the rank and pay of acting sergeants.

Four head of cattle were stolen off the lands of a farmer living near Ardpatrick recently; and though the police are very busy in hunting the matter up, no trace of the stolen animals has since been discovered.

TIPPERARY.

Mr. E. Cummins, of Brook Hill, Fethard, Deputy Vice-Chairman of Cashel Board of Guardians, and one of the new Governors on the Clonmel Asylum Board, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for Tipperary.

WATERFORD.

The brigantine Aurora, of Troon, bound from that port to Limerick, put into Waterford in a terrible battered condition; all her deck gear having been washed overboard. The mate, who was in charge, reported that the captain had been washed overboard in one of the terrible seas which were shipped.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

At Gracehill, recently, the body of a soldier named William Kilparick was found by his brother John, on the banks of the Maine, and on the latter attempting to lift the body out of the water he, too, fell in and was drowned.

At Glasgow High Court, James Milton, belonging to Ulster, was charged with murdering his wife. A plea of culpable homicide was, however, accepted, and the Judge sentenced the prisoner to ten years' penal servitude.

ARMAGH.

Mr. Small, of Markethill, has allowed 3s. in the pound to his judicial tenants on the Knockbarrow estate near Rostrevor. Mr. W. Carvill, Rathgar, Dublin, has also allowed 3s. in the pound to judicial tenants on the Ballyvalley property. Mr. Murray, Castlewellan, has offered 1s. to his tenants on Killowen property.

DERRY.

A Lloyd's telegram from Drummore states that a steamer, supposed to be the Oswald of Whitby, from the name picked up on boards, was totally wrecked three miles north of Port Logan, Wigtonshire. All hands have been lost. The vessel was broken in two, and a quantity of wreckage had been washed ashore. The Oswald left Derry for Cardiff.

DONEGAL.

A telegram from Burton Port states that a large quantity of wreckage had been washed ashore there. The stern of a jolly-boat bore the name, 'J. Cambridge, Hartlepool.' The wreckage included seventeen hatches, and was distributed over a large portion of the coast. Inquiries show that a Cambridge boat-builder sold the jolly-boat named above to the captain of the steamer Bordeaux. A steamer of this name, belonging to Glasgow, sailed from Troon for Limerick, and would have been off the Donegal coast about the time mentioned.

DOWN.

Bernard Taggart, a waiter residing in Rostrevor, made recently a desperate attempt at self destruction. He was arrested for drunkenness, and while in the lock-up he fastened his necktie tightly around his neck, and one end of it to a ring in the wall, and was endeavoring to strangle himself when Constable Mullen, attracted by his groans, came on the scene just in time to frustrate his design. The accused had been suffering for some time from insanity. He was brought before a special court, consisting of Mr. Francis Horner and Major Hall, and, after evidence, he was committed to the asylum as a dangerous lunatic.

MONAGHAN

At the last meeting of the Monaghan Poor Law Guardians, Mr. William Murray, J.P., in the chair, the Master reported that the nuns of the Convent of St. Louis had provided all the pauper inmates of the Workhouse, at Christmas, with a plentiful entertainment, consisting of tea, currant cake, jam, fruit, and other dainties, and that a very pleasant evening was spent by both young and old in the house. The apartment in which the entertainment was given was neatly decorated with evergreens. Four of the Sisters attended, and acted as hosts, being assisted by young lady boarders from the convent. A cordial vote of thanks was passed by the Board to the good Sisters.

TYRONE.

Mr. J. G. R. Porter, Omagh, coroner, held an inquest at Fintona, on the body of a farmer named Andrew Ramsey, who had died very suddenly. A verdict of death from rapture of the intestines was returned.

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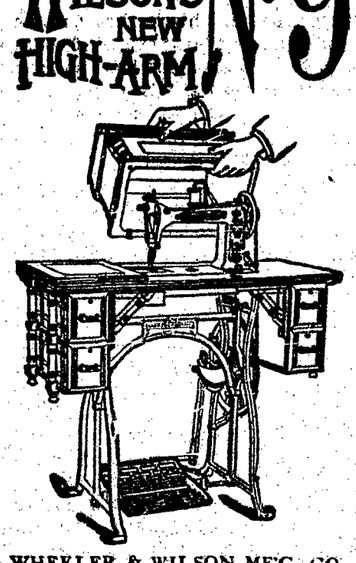

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