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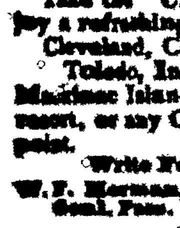

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CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

A man named Stephen Conroy, residing in the village of Bealcouneen, convenient to Clifden, went to sea some time ago on a fishing expedition, from a village near Rundstone, and was accompanied by four other persons, all of whom were drowned in the recent great storm. The occupants of another boat witnessed their struggles in the water, but could render them no assistance. The names of Conroy's companions were Thomas Gorham, Michael Mongan, Pat Connelly and John Connelly. Twenty other men who proceeded from the island of Turk and Turbot on the same day in seven boats, are still missing, and the gravest apprensions are entertained as to their fate.

LEITRIM.

The people of the parish of Kilronan, which comprices the districts of Keadue, Arigna, and Kilronan, recently presented an address and testimonial to the Very Rev. Canon Reddy, Cloghan and Banagher, to which place he has recently been removed in the place of the Very Rev. Dean Monahan, Carrick-on-Shannon.

Recently the eviction of a farmer named Loughlin Beirne, from his farm of eighteen acres, at Clonbonoy, was to take place. The Sheriff, Mr. Harrison, attended with eight policemen, as well as an emergency man from Dublin. The tenant holds under Colonel Clements, at the yearly rent of £15 10s., and owing to the previous bad years he fell into arrears. He made an offer to pay two years' rent on the spot and to pay the remainder by instalments. The Sheriff stayed the eviction, pending offer being made known to Colonel Clements, who, it is understood, will accept Beirne's terms.

MAYO.

At a large and enthusiastic meeting of the parishioners of Kilcommin, Erris, the Rev. Michael Smyth presiding, it was unanimously resolved to adhere to the resolution unanimously adopted at the general meeting held at Ballina Courthouse under the presidency of Lord Arran, calling upon the Government to construct a railway between Ballina and Belmullet as the only means of developing the resources of Erris and Tyrawley.

ROSCOMMON.

The case against the Widow Stretch and her son, for trespassing on the farm from which she was recently evicted by The O'Conor Don, on his property at Clooncrafield, did not come on before the presiding magistrates at the recent Castlerea Petty Sessions. It is rumored on what is considered good authority that the home of the poor woman, Kenny, who was prosecuted on two occasions and fined for taking possession of her holding, has been pulled down to prevent the tenant from returning.

SLIGO.

The Collooney and Claremorris Railway, which has just been completed, was recently opened for goods and passenger traffic by the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company under favorable auspices. There was a considerable amount of traffic over the line, and everything connected with the running of the trains passed off smoothly and satisfactorily.

Deep regret is felt in Sligo district at the death of Mr. J. J. Hannan, eldest son of Mr. John Hannan, Cliffoney, and nephew of Most Rev. Dr. Healy, which occurred recently. Deceased who was only seventeen years of age, was in perfect health up to a few weeks ago, when he was attacked with pneumonia, which carried him off despite the best medical attendance.

LEINSTER.

DUBLIN.

In the present exacerbated state of political feeling in Ireland, it is pleasant to see the members of the Dublin Corporation rise above party, in order to pay a well-merited tribute to an old colleague, who had intimated his intention of retiring. Alderman Meagher wrote to the Lord Mayor to say that he did not propose to seek re-election in November. Though the Alderman has stood steadily by the cause of National unity, the members of the Council who differ from him bore testimony to the worth of his long services to the city, and there was a unanimously expressed desire that he should continue those services. Mr. Leahy declared that, whether Alderman Meagher liked it or not, the electors of the North Dock Ward would elect him next election.

KING'S.

During the past couple of weeks considerable sensation has been created in Tullamore, Philipstown, and the entire of North King's county owing to what is believed to be the discovery of a lad named John Farrell who disappeared in the year 1893 under most singular circumstances, and had not been heard of since. Farrell who was then about sixteen years of age, is the son of a small farmer residing at Kilclonfert, in the parish of Philipstown, and left home on his way to the United States. He arrived safely in Queenstown, and was booked by the Britannic, but when the roll was called next morning he was missing. Inquiries showed that he had been last seen going toward Lynch's quay, and subsequently a boot was found in the water which was identified by the boy's father. The father wrote to the War Office to see if his son had enlisted, but nothing was known there of the boy. Subsequently he wrote to the Admiralty, and was informed that a boy named John Farrell had joined the navy in February last and was serving on board the Caledonia, at Queensferry, North Britain. The father then wrote a letter to his son there, but it went to Queensferry, New Brunswick, instead. In the meantime the captain wrote that no such boy was serving on the ship. Further inquiries are being made, the result of which is awaited with interest.

LOUTH.

At the recent preliminary examinations of the Royal College of Physicians and Royal College of Surgeons, John McQuillan, son of P. McQuillan, West street, Drogheda, passed with honors.

A woman named Margaret Rooney, about forty-six years of age, was recently missed from her house at Stormanstown, near Ardee. She was a single woman and slept with a sister of hers, but got out of the bed unknown to her sister before six o'clock. As she could not be found about the place, her brother and two sisters made all the search they could for her, but no trace was got of her until three days later, when a man named Michael McCabe found her body in a drain in the neighborhood. An inquest was held before Dr. T. J. Moore, coroner, when a verdict of found drowned was returned.

MEATH.

Mr. William Connelly, who for the past nine years has been Inspector of the National Schools in the Youghal District, has been appointed to Trim District, county Meath.

WEXFORD.

The Wexford Corporation has taken up the subject of providing suitable houses for the working classes of the town. Dr. Stafford, of the Local Government Board, recommends the Corporation to put the Act of 1890 in force, under which they can borrow £3,000. A committee has been appointed to select sites, etc., and it may confidently be expected that practical results will follow.

WICKLOW.

A terrific explosion occurred recently, in the Arklow Cordite Works of Kynoch & Co., resulting in the death of one workman and an injury of a girl named Heaney. The deceased workman, Thomas Cullen, who belonged to Arklow, had been in the employment of the company since the manufacture of explosives was commenced, and was looked upon as an excellent and trustworthy servant. He was packing guncotton in a hut situated about 150 yards from and in almost a direct line with the entrance gate. There was no other person in the hut with him when the explosion took place. Work on the manufacture has been suspended pending a Government inquiry, but previously the workmen had struck for an increase of pay.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

One often hears of the dangers of the oppression of the Protestant minority by the Catholic majority under a system of Home Rule. Down in Clare they have just given a specimen of how the minority would be "oppressed." The election of medical officer for the Crusheen Dispensary District took place recently. There were two candidates, one a Protestant, the other a Catholic—the resident medical officer of one of the largest Catholic hospitals, and a young man of great promise. The choice lay with a committee of thirteen gentlemen, ten of whom were Catholics and three Protestants. The Protestant candidate was elected, seven of the Catholic members of the committee voting for him. When will Protestant Ulster give a sample of toleration like this?

CORK.

A young shark, measuring about four feet in length, was recently captured off King's Beach, Queenstown. Sharks rarely come into Queenstown Harbor. It is five or six years since one was captured there.

At the last meeting of the Mitchelstown Board of Guardians several matters connected with Dr. Walsh's report on the condition of the workhouse infirmary patients were discussed. Mr. W. D. Webber gave notice that he would at the next meeting move the appointment of a duly qualified night-nurse to attend to the infirmary patients, as it was quite impossible for one nurse to efficiently attend to all the patients in the general hospital and at the same time look after the imbeciles.

KERRY.

Recently two milch cows and a heifer, the property of a farmer named Regan, were killed by lightning at Keel.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr. Rich. H. McCarthy, The Square, Listowel, to the commission of the peace for the county Kerry.

At Killarney Quarter Sessions, Judge Shaw told the Grand Jury that there were only two small cases to go before them, one for larceny and one for assault, and he was glad to say the district continued satisfactory as far as the peace and order were concerned.

LIMERICK

Catholic Glasgow has been recently celebrating the golden jubiee of a pioneer priest of the Glasgow Mission—Canon Condon, of St. Patrick's. The Canon is a native of Limerick and an old student of All Hallows, the nursery of many an Irish missionary. He received deaconship from the hands of Archbishop Murray, went to Glasgow before the famine days, and has been a zealous laborer in all the work of Catholic organization in the commercial capital of Scotland since. On one occasion, while on the mission in Argyle, he had to travel 500 miles to and from a sick call—so few were the priests available then. He has built churches, convents and schools galore, and is about laying the foundation stone of yet another temple. The Irishmen of Glasgow have celebrated his jubilee.

WATERFORD.

The brigantine Zoe, which was lost, with all hands, off the coast of Wales, during the recent storms, was owned by Patrick Colfer, of Waterford, who commanded her.

TIPPERARY.

The Sisters of Charity Clonmel, recently celebrated the golden jubilee of the establishment of the order in the town. High Mass took place in the beautiful convent chapel at twelve o'clock. Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, presided, and was attended by the Very Rev. Father McDonnell, and a large body the clergy.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

The Catholic and Nationalist community of Belfast can now derive pleasure from the establishment of a really first-class library in connection with St. Mary's Hall. An Irish and Catholic library on a large scale is what Belfast has been wanting in the past, and it is this which the Hall Committee is to supply. They are to be congratulated on having made a good beginning.

ARMAGH.

Mr. John Walker, Sr., of Seagoe Cottage, near Portadown, died somewhat suddenly at his residence. Deceased, who was much esteemed and widely respected, had been in failing health for some time past. Disease of the heart was the cause of death.

DERRY.

An inquest was recently held by Mr. Thomas Lindsay, coroner, touching the death of John Logue, who was found dead adjacent to his house that morning, at Gortnessy, near Derry. Deceased was a widower and lived alone. Andrew Stewart found the body laying in a water hole, in which but about three inches of water remained. Deceased was advanced in years, and it is supposed he fell into the hole and was suffocated. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

DONEGAL.

An important meeting of the inhabitants of Cardonagh and surrounding districts was held in the Courthouse of that town to discuss the projected extension of the Lough Swilly Railway from Buncrana, via Clonmany to Cardonagh. It being a fair day, there was a very large attendance at the meeting. Mr. G. M. Harvey presided, and resolutions were adopted in favor of a light railway from Buncrana to Cardonagh, declaring that the route by Clonmany, Ballyliffin, and Cardonagh is the only practicable line, inasmuch as the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Company are prepared to equip and work it free of charge to the baronies, and appointing a standing committee and a deputation to wait on the Chief Secretary.

DOWN.

A very melancholy death took place in Newry recently. Miss Collins, sister of Mr. Collins, printer, stationer, and bookseller, Hill street, not feeling well for some days, decided that she would consult Dr. M. Dermott, of Poyntzpass. After seeing the doctor, the lady was returning to Newry on the train, when she became very ill, and when she arrived at Edward street station she had to be carried to a car and driven home. A short time after she expired quite unexpectedly. The deceased lady was about sixty years of age, and had enjoyed good health up to the time of her death.

MONAGHAN

A man named Edward Lennon who was evicted some twelve years ago from a farm which he held in Tullycorbet, near Monaghan, has been restored to his home at a rent reduced by nearly 40 per cent. Lennon held under the Court of Chancery on the Chancery on the property of Henry Edward Crawford, a minor. The farm was derelict during the entire time since Lennon's eviction.

TYRONE.

In Stewartstown, recently, a riot of a most serious character occurred, during which a boy was seriously stabbed. An Orange drumming party armed with sticks came into town through Hill Head from the Coalisland and Newmills districts, and being augmented locally, they assumed a most aggressive demeanor, cursing the Pope. The Orange party proceeded down Church street, and traversing West street, where some Nationalists had assembled. Shouting and cheering ensued on both sides until a general riot took place. The windows of the houses of several Nationalists were smashed, and a young boy named Thomas Newell, son of a laborer, aged about seventeen years, was stabbed in the back. Michael Park was charged with having stabbed Newell. He was remanded on bail.

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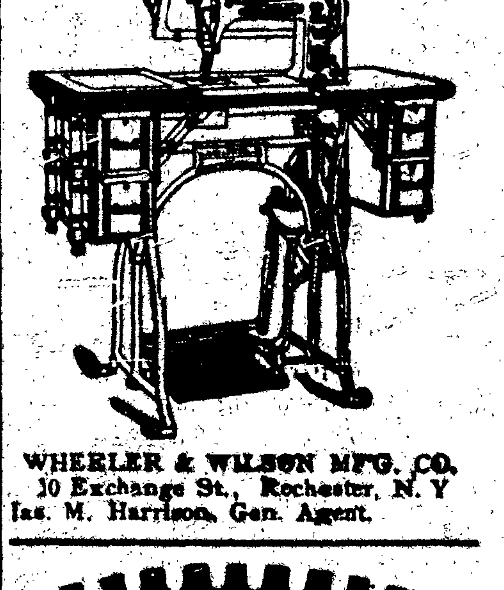

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