

IRISH NEWS

Our Weekly Letter Containing Latest Events.

EVERY TOWN HAS SOMETHING TO SAY.

BRIGHT SPARKS FROM THE LITTLE GREEN ISLE.

LEINSTER.

(By Our Special Correspondent.)

DUBLIN.

The death is also announced of Hon. Anthony O'Grady Lefroy, in Perth, the capital of Western Australia. The deceased was a distinguished official of that colony in the years antecedent to the concession of responsible government. He was born in 1818, being the eldest son of the Rev. Henry Lefroy, a Dublin cleric, and a nephew of two distinguished Irishmen, Right Hon. Thomas Lefroy, Chief Justice of Ireland, and Lieutenant-General Sir J. H. Lefroy, who was for some years Governor of Tasmania. The deceased gentleman commenced his colonial career as private secretary to Governor Fitzgerald, whom he accompanied to Western Australia in 1848.

Last week a man named Charles Foster, aged 42, a glazier, died in Richmond Hospital, Dublin, after having been brought there by the police, on a charge of being drunk in Chapel street, about 11 p. m. While in the police station he was observed to become weak, and to have much difficulty in breathing. He was at once placed on a stretcher and conveyed to Richmond Hospital, where he died about an hour afterward. A son of the deceased, Daniel Foster, stated that his father had been ill for two months, suffering from consumption, and that he had been under medical treatment for it.

One Sunday recently in Dublin the remains of Mr. Denis Fennessy were conveyed from his late residence, Lotts-road, Beggar's Bush, to their final resting place in Prospect Cemetery. The deceased as a mere youth, took part in the '48 movement, and subsequently in the "Fenian rising" of '67. Unassuming in his general demeanor, a good husband and father, those who knew him intimately never suspected that under that quiet exterior burned fervently and to the last moments of a well spent life such a patriotic spirit.

According to the "Civil Service Gazette" the following candidates have been certified as qualified for the appointments against their respective names: Post Office Sorting Clerks, Dublin—Patrick Dempsey, Martin Joseph Kehoe, Sorting Clerk and Telegraph Learner—Jane Beattie Poland, (Belfast). Without competition—Thomas Nolan.

A dispatch from Cherbourg, France, says that, during a recent severe storm a dead body was washed ashore in Montbrville bay, supposed to be that of an Irish seaman, name unknown, who was shipped at Antwerp, on the schooner R. H. Dawson, which was wrecked near Barfleur, in November last. The British Consul made arrangements for the burial of the body in Montbrville Cemetery.

At the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Provincial Bank of Ireland, the directors report for the half-year ending January 1st declared a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent, plus annum free of income tax. The National Bank made similar dividend, while the Bank of Ireland declared a dividend of 11 per cent.

On January 31st, in the House of Commons, in response to a question of Mr. Swift McNeill, the Chief Secretary peremptorily refused to adopt the simple and necessary reform of having the Irish constabulary numbered, as the Dublin Metropolitan Police are numbered at present, for the purpose of ready identification.

It is stated that Lieut. Roberts, son of the Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in Ireland, who is stationed with his regiment, the Royal Irish Fusiliers, in India, has, through an accident, lost his sight. The ball, it seems, struck the eyelids of Lieut. Roberts, and drove several splinters into his eyes.

The contractor for the erection of the Clontarf Electric Power Station, which is to supply the motive power for the new electric tram system, from Clontarf to Annesley bridge, on the North Strand road, has already begun work.

The report of the Hibernian Bank for the half-year ending December 31st, shows that the gross earnings of the bank for the year were £2,242, and the net profits an advance of £23,728 on the corresponding figures for 1895.

Mr. B. C. Molloy, M. P. is reported to be confined to his bed, at his chambers in the Temple, by a serious illness, said to be gastric fever. Dr. McDermott, F. R. C. S., has been appointed to the visiting staff of St. Michael's Hospital, Kingsdown.

On January 31st, Mrs. Anne Crowe, widow of Edward Crowe, one of the men who perished in the ill-fated Clontarf lifeboat, was found dead in bed in a lodging house kept by a woman named Hannah in Ferry place, Clontarf. Her husband had been reported to have returned to his home at Clontarf on the 24th inst., and the Commission of

the Peace for the County Dublin. The "Central News" announces the death of General Sir Gerald Foley, a distinguished Irish officer, who had served many years in India.

WICKLOW.

In Bray, on January 29, a very remarkable funeral of an old man in humble circumstances, who was very popular in the district took place, and was availed of to pay the memory of an old-time Nationalist considerable respect. The deceased, whose name was John Nangle, popularly designated "Captain," was, from the days of the '48 movement until his death identified with the Nationalist bands of North Wicklow, and was never known to be absent from a popular demonstration. The cortege headed by St. Kevin's Independent Band, playing "The Dead March," numbered fully three thousand persons, and included as well as those among whom the deceased moved, clergymen, professional men and merchants of the town. The survey as far as Glendalough has been completed of a line of steam tram or electric railway, which it is proposed to run across Wicklow Gap, connecting the Dublin, Wicklow & Westford Railway with the Blessington & Poulaphuca line, via Rathdrum, Laragh, Glendalough and Hollywood.

In Bray, recently, County Court Judge Kane and a special jury heard a case in which Miss Maria Moran, a dressmaker aged 22 years, brought an action for slander against Thomas Jackson, merchant, Ballyglass, and awarded the plaintiff £5 damages for slander against her character.

At a special meeting of Bray Township Commissioners, last week, Alderman Sir H. Cochrane, presiding, Mr. Alfred Erics, E., was elected Township Surveyor and Resident Engineer, by six votes against four for Mr. R. Butler. There were twenty-two candidates for the position. The death is announced of Mr. William McPhail, founder and proprietor of the "Wicklow News Letter." In the printing world Mr. McPhail was known as the inventor of the McPhail frame, the principles of which have been universally adopted.

Several letters have appeared in the "Wicklow Star" urging that with the approach of the centenary of '98, a movement should be set on foot to erect a monument to Michael Dwyer, the famous insurgent chief of the Wicklow mountains.

WEXFORD.

In the House of Commons, a memorial has been lodged for the Dublin, Wicklow and Westford Railway bill, Shillingleigh, Newtownberry & Carrishal connecting railways General Powers and City of Dublin Junction Railways.

There are so far only two candidates seeking the office of Clerk of Wexford Union, viz. Mr. Edward O'Connor, son of the late clerk, who has had considerable experience, having been for some time assisting his father. The other candidate is Mr. Nicholas Kehoe, Master of the Workhouse.

In New Ross, by direction of the owner (Jonas King), Messrs. Walsh & Son auctioneers, Wexford put up for sale the Kithire residence, out-office and farm, of about fifty-two Irish acres held subject to a terminal annuity of £64, 4s., to the Irish Land Commission for forty-nine years, from May 1895, and the poor-law valuation of which is 274 5s. The bidding opened at 25 and finally Mr. Murphy closed the sale, offering £520, for which figure the holding was knocked down to him. Mr. Huggard, solicitor, Wexford, had carriage of sale.

KILKENNY.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Stapleton, Walkin street, Kilkenny, which occurred, after a long illness. The deceased was one of the oldest citizens and was much respected by all classes for his many good qualities.

Thomas Byrne, Esq., London, the landlord of Freshford, and owner of Uppercourt, has forwarded the sum of £20 to the Rev. T. R. Walsh, for distribution amongst the poor on his estate.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

Last week the Maryborough magistrates fined John Walsh, a workman aged 22, and 20s. costs for trespassing on the Great Southern and Western and Western Railway line.

KING'S COUNTY.

Particulars have reached Tullamore of an extraordinary case of personation which has just come under notice of the authorities. Some time ago a private in the Second Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment, which has its headquarters at Birr, proceeded on furlough to his native place, Plymouth. While there the soldier, whose name was Jones, made the acquaintance of a sailor named Wilkinson, one of the crew of H. M. ship Revenge, then under orders for the China station, and the sailor, who was on board the ship, offered to go on board the battleship and his friend to fill the role of "Tommy Atkins," in the Hampshire. Wilkinson came to Birr on the warrant, but was unable to pass muster as his friend Jones, and the matter being reported he was handed over to the civil power, pending inquiries. In the meantime it is stated Jones did not carry out his intention of trying life as a blue jacket and he is said to have abandoned Wilkinson's whereabouts. Wilkinson's whereabouts were discovered and he was sent to Bristol for him and he will have to stand trial at Plymouth for his extraordinary escapade.

The large distillery in Banagher was reopened last week under new management, and with ample arrangements for utilizing the full resources of the concern. The buildings and plant which cost £200,000, are in perfect working order, and a skilled staff has been placed in charge, with Mr. Thomas Ralph as manager. Henry Joly, Millgrove House, King's County has been appointed the Commission of the peace for that county.

WESTMEATH.

At the suit of Mr. John P. Hayden, Mullingar, a writ has been served on Mr. Peter Daly, chairman of the Mullingar Town Commissioners. The cause of action is that the defendant, without being legally elected in October last, did act in the capacity of a Town Commissioner, on three several and distinct occasions, and for each of these several acts the plaintiff seeks to make the defendant liable for a penalty of £50.

At his last suit of the Mullingar Union accounts, Capt. Gibson, Local Government Auditor, disallowed a sum of £49 10s. for illegal expenditure in outdoor relief, and surcharged the amount against Mr. Patrick Killian, Deputy Vice-Chairman, who occupied the chair on the occasion that the relief was granted by the Guardians. On the same occasion the Relieving Officer was surcharged to the amount of £23.

MEATH.

Last week at St. Mary's Church, Navan, by the Rev. Paul Cullen, C. M., assisted by the Rev. Edmund Cullen, C. M., brothers of the bride, and the Rev. Denis Flynn, C. C., Mr. Williams Deaslay, eldest son of Edward Deaslay, Esq., of Woodlawn, County Deaslay, was married to Josephine, youngest daughter of the late James Cullen, Esq., of Lincarton Castle, and niece of the late Cardinal Cullen.

LONGFORD.

The people of the parish of Gallen have presented Very Rev. Canon Reddy, P. P. V. G., with a handsome illuminated address on the occasion of his elevation to the dignity of Vicar-General of the diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, which shows the high esteem and regard in which he is held by his parishioners, and his untiring efforts in the cause of religion and education.

LOUTH.

The resignation of Mr. Patrick Kinahan, Poor Rate Collector for the districts of Droimlekin, Darver, Louth, Killynny, Inniskeen and Castling, creating a vacancy which a number of young men were anxious to fill. The candidates were Mr. McDonnell (assistant to clerk of Union), Dundalk, Mr. Murphy, Stonetown, Mr. Rogan, Droimlekin, and Mr. Neary, do. Mr. McDonnell was elected.

There was deep and sincere regret felt about Dundalk, last week, when it became known that Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, of Haggardstown, had passed away to her eternal rest. Deceased who was wife of Mr. George Moore, Haggardstown, and sister of Mr. Peter Clifton, St. of Mill, Drogheda, possessed very many estimable qualities, and had attained to a ripe old age.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Drogheda Trades Council the following officers were re-elected: President, Mr. Thomas McCullough; vice-president, Mr. P. McCabe; treasurer, Mr. Bartle Collins; secretary, Mr. Owen B. Collins.

With deep regret we have to announce the death, last week of Mrs. John Collins, widow of the late Mr. John Collins, merchant, Shop street, Drogheda. The deceased lady had been for some time past in failing health.

The death of Mr. John McCourt, Westcarne House, occurred at the Bolles, Duleck, on January 31. For some time past, Mr. McCourt was invalided.

MUNSTER.

CORK.

We regret to have to announce the sudden death of Mr. Patrick Tuohy, of Merton Lodge, Killiney, secretary of the Irish Board of Works, which sad event occurred on the 29th of January at Dalkey avenue, Dublin, under peculiar and sad circumstances. Mr. Tuohy, who had long suffered from weakness of the heart, was walking to the train, accompanied by his son, a boy of 10 years, when he became suddenly ill and fell. He was immediately conveyed to St. Michael's hospital, but on arrival there the doctors pronounced him to be dead.

In the Court of Queen's Bench, Dublin, recently, before Justice Murphy and a common jury, the case of Patrick O'Callaghan vs. Edward Godfrey, came up. The plaintiff, a publican in Lantry, sought to recover from the defendant a farmer, £500 damages for an assault. The plaintiff alleged that on the 27th of last July the defendant (who is also a bailiff on the Kennors estate), struck him across the mouth with a stick, without having any provocation. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff with £100 damages.

In London recently an inquiry was held at the Paddington Coroner's court, into the circumstances attending the death of Dr. Robert Uniake Romayne, aged 57 years, of roughs, whose death took place suddenly at 63 Lancaster Gate, Hyde Park, on the previous Monday morning. Among the witnesses examined was Mrs. Elizabeth Romayne, the widow, who deposed that deceased had for some time past been suffering from heart disease. The jury returned a verdict of death from heart failure.

The Conciliation Committee formed by the Mallow Board of Guardians for bringing landlords and evicted tenants together, in the hope of a settlement, had concluded its labors last week, in a complete failure. They found only three landlords who did not object their proposals, though the committee was half composed of landlords. It is evident that the old spirit of landlord vindictiveness against the evicted is still alive.

Last week a new steamship, the Canada (Capt. McAuley), of the Dominion Line, called at Queenstown, from Liverpool, en route for Boston, to embark passengers and dispatches. This was her first visit to Queenstown outward, but it is understood she will henceforward call regularly every fourth week to embark passengers. She is a magnificent steamer.

Last week at the Cork Police Office, Michael Crowley, a hackney carriage driver, was sent to jail for a month for striking Sir George Penrose, and was fined 10s. and 4s. costs for having demanded excess of fare.

At the meeting of the Mallow National Federation, Mr. Thomas Barry was nominated for re-election as

County Delegate. Resolutions were passed expressing confidence in Mr. John Dillon and the Irish Party.

The Cork Butter Market Trustees have decided that their market brand shall not in future be given to any butter containing more than 18 per cent of water.

The death is announced on January 31, at 83 Grand Parade, Cork, of John late alderman, second son of the late Thomas Jones, merchant, aged 65 years.

KERRY.

On Feb. 3 Kate Donnelly, the only survivor of the victims of the Kerry bog-floer, accompanied by her uncle, with whom she had been living since the disaster, came to Killarney with reference to the Queen's subscription of £5 for her. The money was lodged in the Post Office Savings Bank, as will also be any further sums subscribed for her benefit, until she is 21 years of age. Neither she nor her relatives are in favor of accepting the offer of Mrs. Williams, of Sussex, to provide a home for her.

On a night last week the house of a laborer named Williams, at Killarney, was fired into, three bullets penetrating the door, but happily no one was hurt. On the following evening, while a laborer named Conway, of Killocooley, was sitting in his kitchen with his wife and children, two revolver bullets passed through the kitchen door, and passed close to some of the children, who fortunately escaped injury. Both Williams and Conway worked for Maurice McGrath, who has taken evicted farms.

Work has been resumed on the O'Connell Memorial Church, at Cahirciveen, thanks to the untiring and painstaking efforts of Canon Brogan, its good and loyal supporter. Wherever O'Connell's name is known throughout the civilized world there should be found those willing to contribute to the erection of this, the most appropriate monument that could be raised by his admirers.

Early in the morning of January 31 the grocery and spirit establishment of Mr. P. J. O'Regan, Upper Castle street, Tralee, was completely destroyed by fire, which was discovered by Night Watchman Costello, who raised an alarm. There was no chance of saving anything in Mr. O'Regan's establishment.

Last week a Mrs. Clifford, the wife of a laborer residing at Barley Mount, near Kenmare gave birth to three sons. The triplets are healthy, and they and the mother are doing well. Mrs. Clifford is the mother of fourteen children, all of whom are living.

At last week's Quarter Sessions Margaret Hillane, of Meena, a young married woman, sought to recover damages from John Carmody, her brother-in-law, for having used slanderous language regarding her Judge Shaw gave a decree for £20.

A respectable woman named Mary Twomey, aged about 60 years, was found lying dead on the roadside near Ardea, a few miles from Kenmare, on January 2. Her death is attributed to failure of the heart's action.

Mounted Constable P. Curran, who was for a number of years stationed in Tralee, has been transferred to Killarney.

LIMERICK.

At the meeting of the Court for Crown Cases Reserved, in Dublin, recently the conviction obtained at Limerick Quarter Sessions against Thomas Kirby, who was charged with having maliciously wounded a cow, his own property, which injury he had alleged was committed by one William McCormack, was quashed, on the legal ground that Kirby could not be accused by malice against his own property, and that he should have been prosecuted for making a false charge against McCormack. The Crown legal authorities were evidently tender to Kirby regarding him as an "agent provocateur" of the most approved pattern—a rustic "Jones" or "Paddy Mackey."

At the Limerick Quarter Sessions, before Judge Adams a case which excited considerable interest came up for hearing. The plaintiff was a man named William Burke, who occupies the position of sub-sanitary officer in the Cahirciveen district of the Limerick Union, and the defendant was a Sergeant of Constabulary named Morrison, stationed at Cahirciveen. The action was to recover £200 for false arrest and imprisonment on a charge of drunkenness. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff, with £5 damages, but without costs.

On the initiative of the Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, a project which he has been considering for some time is now nearing completion, namely, the establishment of an auxiliary Training College for female National teachers, to be located in Limerick, and provisional sanction has been obtained to the scheme formulated by the Bishop.

The sale of the Limerick County Club property on George street, Limerick, was completed on January 23, at the office of Mr. Fitz, auctioneer. The club bought in the tenant's interest (which is held under lease) at £725. There was a large attendance and bidding started at £500. The club will be reorganized as a new basis.

A committee of the County Board of Guardians has been appointed to endeavor to bring about an arrangement between landlord and tenant on the evicted estates in the Union, which will it is hoped lead to the reinstatement of the tenants.

Alderman P. Kenna has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the city of Limerick. Alderman Kenna occupied the position of City High Sheriff for two years in succession.

CLARE.

Mr. Patrick J. Glittan, of Bradford, has received a communication from the New South Wales Courts, stating that he has been awarded £2,000 of the assets of a relative who died intestate in Australia.

Recently Mr. A. M. Harpur, R. M., presided at the Court house, Ennis-trymon, and resumed the hearing of the case in which Patrick Kelly, of Killybegs, was charged with firing two shots from a revolver with intent to murder George Blood. At the close of the evidence the prisoner was committed for trial at the Assizes.

At the recent meeting of the Guardians of the Kilrush Union, Mr. Michael Keacall presided. Mr. Edmund Burke, Inspector, made through the Local Government Board a report of the financial state of the Union, which he described as extremely unsatisfactory, there being a balance at foot of treasurer's account of £520 16s. 11d., and estimated debts due amounting to £1,000. He added, in reducing the clerk's estimate, he feared that financial embarrassment cannot fail to ensue during the next nine months.

TIPPERARY.

At the Clonmel Quarter Sessions before Judge Anderson and a jury, a young man named Cahill was charged with assaulting a bailiff named Shee, who is minding his (Cahill's) mother's evicted farm at Robinstown. Shee's story was that he was coming home from Ardhan, on the night in question when he was set upon by Cahill and beaten. Next day he identified Cahill out of four others. For the defence, several witnesses proved that Shee was very drunk on the evening in question, and was seen to fall several times on the way home; and three young men who were with Cahill before the time of the alleged assault and for hours after, deposed that they never met Shee at all. The jury acquitted the prisoner, and the verdict was received with applause.

On the night of Feb. 4, about 11 o'clock, a licensed house, the property of Mr. James Keogh, in Friar street, Thurles, accidentally caught fire. The occupants were warned by a passerby, who perceived the flames. The fire proved to be of a serious nature, and could not be extinguished notwithstanding the efforts of many who lent a willing hand, at great risk to themselves. The flames at length reached the adjoining dwelling house of Mrs. Dunne, which being also thatched like Mr. Keogh's, caught fire instantly and in the course of about two hours both houses were destroyed. Serious loss has been sustained by both families.

WATERFORD.

In Waterford, recently, the work of unloading the Yara Yara of her cargo of salt for a Waterford bacon merchant, was continued during the day in the presence of a large force of foot and persons. When the imported men who are doing the work were being escorted to the cellars there was a great deal of angry shouting, and the police charged, with the result that there was a general stampede, and a respectable pig buyer named Joseph Gilligan was bludgeoned.

At the last meeting of the Waterford Board of Guardians a letter was read from Mr. White, High Sheriff, regarding the calling of a county meeting about the Financial Relations Commission, which the Duke of Devonshire had refused to summon. The High Sheriff stated he thought it outside his sphere to do so, but he would give the matter further consideration and hand his decision to the Guardians.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

In the Custody Court, Belfast, last week, James McKnight, who carried on the business of a clothier and outfitter at 39 Donegal street, was charged by the instance of Mr. Edward Allworthy, official assignee of the local Bankruptcy Court, for that the defendant at Belfast, on or about the 7th of January, 1897, and after a petition for an arrangement, did fraudulently remove part of his property of the value of £2 10s and upwards. Evidence having been given by the accused was returned for trial, bail being accepted, himself, in £100 and two sureties of £50 each.

One morning last week a strange discovery was made at the river Lagan. A man named John O'Donnell, residing at Dalton street, off the Bridge End, Belfast, while proceeding to his work, observed a box floating in the river, and brought it to land. On opening the lid it was discovered that the box contained the dead bodies of two newly born female children, wrapped in wadding. The bodies were in an way decomposed, and the box evidently only been in the water for a short time.

There are nearly a thousand workmen on strike at Besbrook Mill. Some of the weavers went out at first, because of the imposition of fines. A compromise was effected with them but on their returning to work, a new dispute arose with the winders. Now both classes of workers are out on strike, the weavers in sympathy with the winders.

At a meeting of the Belfast linen manufacturers it was reported that the employees of several of the factories had refused to return to work until morning, and that the linen masters refused to refer the dispute to the Ulster Conciliation Board.

A recent billiard match at the Victoria Hall, Belfast, between H. W. Stevenson, the Scotch champion (English) champion and Duncan the Irish champion, resulted in the Englishman being declared victor by 678 points.

ARMAGH.

Recently an inquest was held before Mr. T. G. Peet, Coroner, touching the death of an old man named Robert Allen, who had resided at Armagh for a great number of years, and who was found dead in his house by the police. On breaking open the door they found the deceased lying on a heap of cinders and sacks. He was fully dressed, except that his boots were off. The room presented a most wretched appearance, medical evidence showed that the deceased had died of failure of the heart.

DOWN.

At the last meeting of the Newry Board of Guardians, the clerk announced that the Board's solicitor, Mr. A. Gardlan, had been served with a writ, at the suit of the Local Government Secretary, for the recovery of the fees of the Board's solicitor, which had been paid by the Guardians, on behalf of a decree obtained against them by Philip

McGovern, of Cavan, for the recovery of four persons taken by a man who had been sent to the County Board. The Local Government Board refused to allow the cause McGovern was not a regular authorized physician. The Guardians decided to defend the suit, and advised their solicitor to take legal advice on the matter.

A large and representative meeting of the workmen of Portadown was held recently in the Town Hall, for the purpose of considering the advisability of establishing a co-operative society, on the principle that has proved so beneficial to the working classes in England and Scotland. It was decided to open a co-operative store in the town.

CAVAN.

Arthur Hughes, aged about 40, an employe at the Lisnabo Minting Works recently started by an English syndicate, was charged, at Kingscourt Petty Sessions, with bigamy. From the evidence given, it appeared that the defendant was married at Stoke-on-Trent, England, in 1875, to a woman named Mary Anne Jones, who is still alive. He was also married in a rural court Catholic Church, on November 12, to Margaret Neill. The accused was committed for trial at the assizes.

MONAGHAN.

The magisterial inquiry into the death of the young man, James O'Hara, which was opened at Castleblayney, and was continued during the week, by Mr. P. D. Sullivan, R. M., and on suspicion of causing whose death, O'Hara's second cousin, Henry O'Hara, was arrested, resulted in the acquittal of the prisoner, who was promptly discharged.

Last week the remains of Bernard Toal, of Conaghy near Smithborough, were interred in Killarney Roman Catholic Churchyard. The deceased had attained the extraordinary age of 111 years, and was in good health up to the Sunday before his death.

DONEGAL.

Mr. R. Flower, District Inspector, R. I. C., has been transferred from Ballyshannon to the County Clare.

DEERRY.

Some excitement was occasioned in Derry by the receipt of a telephone message that the Forde Hill Hospital was on fire. On the arrival of the Fire Brigade the flames were found raging not in the main building, which is an old family mansion but in an adjoining store where paraffin oil was stored. The danger of the hospital itself catching fire was at one time imminent, but the Brigade promptly cut away the dead-house roof and prevented the necessity for removing the few patients in the building.

An order appears in the Dublin Gazette authorizing the expenditure of £1,350 in the purchase of certain lands at the Derry District Lunatic Asylum. This is in addition to a sum of £10,200 already granted.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

The meeting called to protest against the overtaxing of Ireland, by requisition on Lord Clonbrock, Lieutenant of the County, was held in the Court House, Galway. There was a large attendance, most of those present being local landlords. Lord Clonbrock presided. Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack, Bishop of Galway proposed the first resolution which was unanimously adopted, as were several others of similar tenor, most of the speakers being landlords and magistrates, who have at last been made to feel the pinch they formerly thought was inflicted only on the people.

A Galway paper announces, apparently on authority that Mr. Thomas Rice, Henn Q. C., has no intention of retiring from his position as Recorder of Galway. Judge Henn was called to the bar in 1839, fifty-six years ago.

LEITRIM.

A very successful meeting in favor of amnesty for the Irish political prisoners was held in Drumcra, last week, and a branch of the Amnesty Association was established. Mr. M. F. Gallagher, of Carrick-on-Shannon, was elected president of the branch.

SLIGO.

The new Temperance Hall in Temple street, Sligo, was formerly opened Feb. 5th by the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin. The hall which comprises the Temple Street School, is intended to be utilized as a reading and recreation room for the members of the Sligo Total Abstinence League of the Sacred Heart, which has kindly given premises in the town where the hall is to be held.

It is regretted to announce the death of Mr. Michael Flynn, of Knocknagall, Ballinacorney, at the age of 61 years. Deceased was a staunch and untiring protesting Nationalist, and his demise is regretted by a large circle of friends.

MAYO.

The Mayo "News" says: "We learn upon most reliable authority that the people of the several villages in Arrahilly are on the verge of starvation, and the sooner the officials of the local Government Board inquire into the matter the better off to the present they have taken no steps to meet the crisis, not only in Arrahilly, but throughout the congested districts; and their responsibility will be very serious indeed if there be further delay.

The death is also announced at Ardara, in the 54th year of her age, of Mrs. Mary Ann Glynn, wife of Mr. Thomas Glynn, for many years driver of the public car plying between Sligo, Ballina and Reahilly. The interment took place in the family plot in Edgewood Cemetery. Mrs. Glynn was beloved by all in her neighborhood, and the people of Arrahilly regret her demise with much sympathy.