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(By Our Special Correspondent.)

LEINSTER.

DUBLIN.

The Protestant Archbishop of Dublin, William Conyngham, fourth Lord Plunket, died recently at his official residence, "The Palace." Stephen's green. He had attained his 63rd year at the time of his death, but his active habits seemed up to a very recent date to promise him a very old age. He succumbed, however, to a mortal disease of long standing. The deceased was born on the 26th of August, 1828, and was the grandson, on the paternal side, of the great Lord Plunket, and on the maternal side of Chief Justice Bushe, two men of genius, conspicuous in an age of intellectual giants. He graduated at Trinity, and was in due course ordained. His early career was in the West of Ireland, where he distinguished himself by his intense anti-Catholic bigotry, for which he was rewarded by appointment, by the Castle, to the title of Bishop of Meath, which was followed, eight years later, by his designation for the See of Dublin as the first Protestant Archbishop of the Diocese since the Reformation. Though an intense Low Church bigot in religious matters, Dr. Plunket, was in private life, a man of amiable character, and in his dealings with public bodies his relations with his Catholic colleagues were cordial. On the National Board of Education he was in favor of fair play for the Christian Brothers; his last important appearance in public was when he delivered, in Dublin, a speech on the patriotic side in the controversy on the Financial Relations question. Dr. Plunket was married to Miss Guinness, the only sister of the great Dublin brewer, Lord Ardilaun and Lord Iveagh. She died in 1882. Six children survive. The eldest son, (William Lee), now fifth Baron Plunket, is in the English Diplomatic Service, and is married to a daughter of Lord Dufferin. The late Lord Plunket's youngest brother is Lord Rathmore, better known as the eloquent David Plunket. One of his nephews is a distinguished member of the English Parliament, Mr. Dunbar Barton; another, Mr. Greene, is the British Envoy to the Transvaal Republic, and one of the rising men in the English Diplomatic Service.

Last week Monday the new Irish mail boat ran between Kingstown and Holyhead, for the first time, under the new contract, for the due performance of which they were built for the Dublin Steam Packet Company. Their performance was conclusive proof that they keep their time in all weathers. The maiden voyage on the morning service from Holyhead, with a run of two hours, thirty-nine minutes. The Ulster performed the morning service from Dublin in two hours thirty minutes, and returned in the afternoon, in two hours and thirty-three minutes, and both these passages were made in the teeth of very rough weather.

One night recently a widow, named Bridget Byrne, had a narrow escape from being burned to death in a room in No. 57 Francis street, Dublin, where she lived alone. The room was strewn with rags, which became ignited from some sparks from the grate, and set fire to the room. The police, who found Mrs. Byrne lying in an unconscious state on a heap of rags that she used as a bed. She was brought to the Meath Hospital, where she was detained as a patient.

Dr. Kenny recently held an inquest at the Richmond Hospital, Dublin, into the circumstances attending the death of a laborer, named John Sutton, of No. 3 Walker's alley. It appeared that the deceased and two other men, named John Andrews, and Christopher Moore, were drinking together, and had a fight, in which Sutton was knocked down, his right leg being broken. The jury returned a verdict implicating Moore, who was held to answer the charge of manslaughter.

The City of Dublin Steam Packet Company, last week, landed at their wharves a heavy shipment of machinery, which had been shipped from New York, consigned to Mr. E. J. Pennington, as the first installment ordered for the Irish Motor Car and Cycle Company, which is about to commence the manufacture of motor cars, in Dublin, right away. The preference has been given to American tools and machinery as the best for the purpose.

The bill for the establishing of St. Patrick's Park, Dublin, which had already passed through the House of Commons, came before the Examiners of the House of Lords, on last week, for proof of compliance with the standing orders. There was no opposition, and the necessary formal proofs having been given, the bill was certified for second reading.

A gentleman named Christopher H. O'Connell, stated to be of independent means, was found dead, at his lodging, 48 Munster street, Dublin. The deceased was about 65 years of age, and had been stopping at the address since he was eight years of age. The death rate in Dublin continues to rise, though it is on the de-

crease. The deaths registered for the first week in April were 31 for the average, and represent an annual rate of mortality of 36.1 in every 1,000 of the population.

A grant of £150 has been made by the Treasury to Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Brush, the two surviving daughters of William Carleton, the Irish novelist.

WICKLOW.

Mother Mary Magdalen Husey, of the Presentation Convent, Ballymoe, died one day last week. The deceased Nun entered on his novitiate in the Convent of the Community at Carlow, where she spent twenty years of her religious life. She left Carlow to found a convent of the order in Ballymoe, and the success which faith and zeal almost compel attended her efforts. She was its first superior, and when her term of office was drawing to a close the late Most Rev. Dr. Walsh petitioned the Pope for an extension of the prescribed period, and Mother Magdalen's kindly and firm rule was extended for an additional three years. Subsequently she was again elected to rule over her foundation, in charge of which she ended a holy life.

KILDARE.

Dr. P. J. Smith, Coroner for North Kildare, resumed the inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Samuel Bell, who is alleged to have been murdered on the Grand Canal banks, in the Hotel Allen, on St. Patrick's night, and in connection with which a man named Thomas Joseph Balfe had been arrested. Having heard the evidence, the jury returned the following verdict: "We find that Samuel Bell died from compression of the brain, produced by a blow inflicted by Thomas Joseph Balfe, under provocation of most irritating language." A magisterial investigation was also held, and the prisoner was returned for trial to the Assizes.

CARLOW.

At Myshall Petty Sessions, Patrick Lyons and Charles Lyons, father and son, were brought up on remand, charged with the homicide of a laborer, named Patrick Kavanagh at Crasmore, Fenagh. The evidence was a repetition of that given at the inquest. The bench returned the prisoners for trial at the Assizes, and agreed to accept bail for their appearance. The quarrel between the parties arose over the trespass of some sheep belonging to the Lyonses.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

The Rev. John Hughes, Adm. Ballyadams, Stradbally; Rev. Father Maher, C. C., Lugacurran; and a strong committee representing different political parties, have issued an appeal for funds for the purpose of restoring or otherwise providing for the Lugacurran evicted tenants. The friends of the evicted from Queen's and the adjacent counties are asked to help. The committee state that they believe the proper method of succoring the evicted is based on some £250,000. They are in present need of £250,000 to help restore Denis Shannon whose eviction at the time awakened widespread indignation and sympathy. Shannon is purchasing back his farm, and his friends are making up a sum equal to the £200 that Father Hughes is striving to raise. Nearly £30 has already been received toward this object, the subscribers including the clergy of Maryborough, Rathangan, Hacketstown, Monastervan, Carlow, Stradbally, Elmo, Arless, Timaboe and the two reverend gentlemen on the committee.

WEXFORD.

Not for a long time has an event with more of sadness attached to it occurred in Ennisicorthy than the almost simultaneous death of Mr. and Mrs. Myles Moore, New street, April 3rd. Mr. Moore expired, after a short illness, and all the arrangements had been made for his interment, but on that morning his wife, who had been ailing for a considerable time previously, died, and in consequence the funeral of Mr. Moore was postponed, when both were interred in the new cemetery, followed to their last resting place by a large and respectable mourning cortege.

Mr. William Field, M. P. for the St. Patrick's Division of Dublin, was called before the Select Committee of the House of Lords, presided over by Lord Broekwood, which inquired into the Pembrokeshire and Fishguard Railway Bill. The measure provided for the construction of sixty miles of railway through the center of South Wales to Fishguard, with a service of passenger and cattle boats to and from Rosslare. The bill was finally rejected by the committee.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Loughlin Keefe, Ballywilliam. Deceased was but 65 years of age, and enjoyed robust health until lately. At the last fair of New Ross he contracted a cold, and, after being but a day or two in bed, he succumbed. His remains were interred in his native place, Paulstown near Gorebridge, when a large funeral cortege attended. Through life deceased was a thorough Nationalist, a courteous gentleman, and a good friend.

In Wexford on April 7th, Mr. W. J. Paul, R. M., resumed the magisterial investigation into the circumstances concerning the alleged murder of the young man, William Kenny, in Keysers lane, Wexford, and with the commission of which the two brothers, William and John Smith, were charged. After hearing a number of witnesses the two prisoners were returned for trial to the Wexford summer assizes.

On last week, Monday, in the Market House, Ennisicorthy, Messrs. Walsh & Son, Auctioneers, offered for sale by directions of the tenant, Mr. Richard Whitney, the interest in his farm at Moneytricker, containing 132a. 3r. 1p, statute measure, at the yearly judicial rent of £70, the Government valuation being only £81 10s. Mr. Rothwell, Ballyroley, purchased at £210.

Recently Dr. J. R. Cardiff held an inquest in the Wexford Infirmary touching the death of an old man named Peter Barton, of Bride street, who had died on the previous morning owing to injuries he received from

a bank of earth and stones falling on him. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

One week ago in the Hammond Hotel, Wexford, an address, accompanied with a silver tea and coffee service was presented to the Rev. Canon Gibson, M. A., Rector of Ferns, by the past pupils of the King's Hospital, on his retirement from the Head-Master-ship.

KILKENNY.

With deep regret we announce the death of Mr. John Hackett, High street, Kilkenny, which sad event occurred on a recent date. The deceased gentleman, who had been ailing for about two months, was a son of the late Mr. James Hackett of Borriskane, County Tipperary, and had carried on the business of general grocer for the past thirteen years in Kilkenny, during which time he had made a host of friends, who sincerely regret his departure from among them at the early age of 39 years. The interment was at Poulakstown, and the funeral was very largely attended by all classes, and testified very much to the esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held.

The man, Owen Lynch, who fell from a scaffold at St. Patrick's new church, Ormonde street, Kilkenny, one day in the early part of April, is still in a serious condition. He was working at a window at the time, and fell from a height of nearly forty feet. He received severe injuries about the head, and was unconscious for some time after being picked up.

The sum of £50,000 has been allocated by the War Office for the purpose of improving and enlarging the Military Barracks in Kilkenny.

KING'S COUNTY.

An affray of a serious nature is reported to have occurred on the Bangor road, in which a man named Egan, a farmer living near the Spill Hills, received such injuries that his life is in danger. It appeared that Egan had been returning from Crilick, where a hurling match had been held, to his own home, accompanied by a number of others, when at Woodville, the seat of Col. Rutledge, Egan was attacked by a number of his companions and knocked down. He was found in an unconscious condition and conveyed to the local hospital. Two well-to-do farmers, named John Deane and Michael Bennett, have been arrested in connection with the occurrence.

At Geashill Mr. William Arbet Gowling, Coroner for the Tullamore division, held an inquest on the remains of Mr. Sidney Jennings, of Bloomville House who came by his death by being run over as already stated, on the railway line near Geashill station. Evidence was given that deceased had been under the influence of drink in Coneygowan that evening. He had been riding the liquor by a publican there, and was in the habit of walking home along the line. The jury found a verdict of accidental death, adding that no blame could be attached to any person.

WESTMEATH.

On April 9th the police of Mullingar arrested Christopher Moore, a native of Dublin on a serious charge. It appears that in February last, during the course of a drunken row in the streets of Dublin, Moore is alleged to have knocked down a man named Sutton and broken his leg. Sutton was taken to the hospital, where he was treated, but he died in the meantime Moore, who belongs to the Westmeath militia, from the annual training of which corps he had absented himself for two years, was arrested as a deserter. For this offense he was tried by court-martial in Mullingar, and sentenced to twenty-one days' imprisonment. When he underwent in the cells of the Mullingar military barracks. On emerging from the prison he was rearrested and escorted to Dublin.

A carpenter named Daniel Moran, residing in Austin Friar's street, Mullingar, made a determined attempt to commit suicide on April 5th. The man, it appears, became suddenly insane, and seizing a razor inflicted a deep gash in his throat. Some neighbors who were alarmed called in the police, who had the would-be suicide conveyed to the asylum, where he is now an inmate.

LOUTH.

The appalling disaster, resulting in the loss of six workmen, which occurred at Annapenness, on the Dundalk Bay, on the morning of the 18th ult., brought together on April 6th, at the court house in Castleblinham a large and influential gathering of sympathizers with the poor widows and orphans left destitute by the sad occurrence. A subscription list was started, and a sum of £103 was subscribed on the spot for the relief of the sufferers.

The Drogheda Corporation have done some good work in taking power to acquire the works of the Drogheda Water Works Company, by which the citizens will get cheaper and purer water.

MUNSTER.

CORK.

On the burning of March 29th word was brought to the Ringaskiddy Police Barrack that a man named Thomas Barter, aged about forty-three years, had been missing since the previous Monday night. A wooden shed, in which the man lived, was forthwith entered, when a horrible scene was discovered. Lying on his back on the floor was the object of the search, with a double-barreled gun at his side, with which he had committed suicide, one barrel of the gun having been discharged and the left side of the unfortunate man's head being completely blown away. It seems that financial difficulties led up to the suicide. Barter, who had been a law clerk years ago, earned his livelihood in different ways in Ringaskiddy. He at one time held a shop in the village, besides being the tenant of some small plots of land which he farmed. For the last few years things did not go favorably with him, and he had to give up his shop about twelve months ago. He

was a widower, but leaves no family as an only son of his died some years ago.

At the last fortnightly meeting of the committee of the Cork National Federation, a resolution was passed calling on Nationalists of all sections not to give any countenance to the celebration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

Capt. Donelan has been informed by the president of the board of trade that an additional gratuity of £50 apiece is to be granted to Mrs. Noonan and Mrs. Daly, two of the sufferers of the Puffin Lighthouse disaster.

At the Cork police office, Jeremiah Molony, an old man, was remanded, charged with having put the tails on twenty cows, the property of Daniel Hearty, of Whitechurch.

The death is announced, at his residence 15 Margaret street, Cork, of Joseph Linden, only son of the late Chas. Linden, aged 22 years.

The death is announced at Athlone, after a short illness, and at the advanced age of 85, of John Murphy.

KERRY.

In Tralee, a special sessions court was held, before Major Deane, R. M., on last week Tuesday when a woman named Bridget Connell was brought up, charged with sending letters or notices threatening to kill one John Lalde, or causing same to be sent or delivered by one Thomas Fitzgerald. It appeared from the evidence of Lalde that two years ago he purchased a farm of ten acres from the accused, together with four cows and some furniture, and paid £137 to her in consideration thereof. He found notices posted up in his place last month calling on him to give up the land under a deed of death. The information of a lady named Thomas Fitzgerald was read, in which she said that he wrote the notices at the dictation of the accused, and that he saw her paste them up. On being sworn and examined he denied all this, and said that he was frightened by the police into making the information. They kept him fast from 10 o'clock until 4 o'clock in the evening. He denied having been interfered with by anyone since he made the original information. The depositions having been read over, the accused was returned for trial to the next assizes.

On the night of a recent date a very sudden death occurred to a respectable woman, named Catherine O'Donoghue, at Knockree within a mile and a half of Caheriveen. The deceased, with whom her son lived, seemed to be in some little health though delicate for some time past, until 10 o'clock on the night in question, when she was suddenly seized with weakness, and expired in a few minutes from heart failure.

The Poor Law contest in the Tralee Electoral Division, resulted in the return at the head of the poll of the only lady candidate, Miss A. M. Rowan, who sought election. There were five candidates for the four vacancies. Miss Rowan is the second lady Guardian on the Tralee board, Mrs. Donovan having been elected unopposed for another division.

LIMERICK.

The reception recently took place at the convent of Mercy, St. John's, Rathangan, County Kildare, of Sister Mary Angela, Miss Kate O'Dwyer, third daughter of Mr. James O'Dwyer, merchant, Doon, County Limerick. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. M. J. Murphy, P. P. V. G. Kildare, assisted by the Rev. Patrick O'Donnell, P. P. Doon, County Limerick. Rev. Father Kavanagh, P. P. Monasterevan, Rev. J. Hughes, C. C. Rathangan, Rev. J. Nolin, C. C. Ailken, and Rev. J. Breen, C. C. Kildare. Among the ladies present were Mr. and Mrs. O'Dwyer, father and mother of the deceased young lady, and Misses Ellice and Lizzie O'Dwyer, her sisters.

The tenants on the property of Lady Louisa Fitzgerald at Ballyhabill which is under the control of the Court of Chancery are negotiating with the Receiver as to an immediate purchase of the estate. Through their solicitor, Mr. McCoy, Newcastle West, they have requisitioned the co-operation of the tenants situated at Ballinacrag, another extensive portion of her ladyship's property, with a view to the purchase.

The tenants on the property of Lord Annally, situated at Drumcollogher, have also forwarded a proposal to Mr. Robert Lane Joyn, No. 2, Ballymore, Ennis, County Clare, agent of the estate to be laid before the church with a view to the purchase thereof.

We regret to announce the death of the Rev. Brother Joseph Kelly, which took place at the Christian Brothers' Community House, Sexton street, Limerick. The deceased was a native of Ballyhale, County Kilkenny, and before being transferred to Limerick, spent some time in the community house in Dublin and Caheriveen.

The taking of depositions as to the charge against Arthur Evans, a respectable farmer, of having, at Annacott, on the 6th of March, fired into the dwelling house of Bridget Quilly, was continued at the last Castleconnell Petty Sessions, before Mr. E. F. Dickenson, R. M., and the case was again adjourned.

TIPPERARY.

A large and representative meeting of the people of Thurles, Clonoulty, and Cloneyharpy was held in Thurles on April 3, for the purpose of taking steps to offer, on the occasion of his silver jubilee, a tribute of congratulation and respect to his grace, Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, who was born in Thurles. Mr. Hugh Ryan, T. C. proposed, and Canon Daniel Ryan, P. P. Clonoulty, seconded that the Rev. N. Rafferty, Adm. take the chair. Rev. J. Ryan, V. P. St. Patrick's College, and Mr. Patrick Darmody were appointed secretaries. The following were appointed as committee to draw up the address and have it suitably illuminated for presentation: Very Rev. Canon Daniel Ryan, Rev. J. Dwan, C. C. Thurles; Rev. Michael Bannion, Mr. Richard Cummins, and Mr. Hugh Ryan, Thurles. Dr. M. Cahlan, Mr. D., and Mr. Patrick Finn were appointed treasurers. A subscription list was successfully opened to meet the necessary expenses in connection with the address, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Preparations are being made by the parishioners of Holycross and Ballyca-

hill to fitly celebrate the gold jubilee of their worthy pastor, Rev. J. O'Brien.

WATERFORD.

On the night of April 4, a three-masted ship, stated to be the Glenwood, of Waterford, bound to Cardiff with grain, having experienced bad weather in the Channel, endeavored to make the port of Kingstown for shelter. She missed ways off the entrance to the harbor, and, not having room to "wear," was carried by the tide on to the rocks at the back of the East Pier. The master (Michael Madden) of the Belfast tug "orm Light," which was at anchor in the harbor noticed the accident, and went at once to the assistance of the Glenwood. Having passed a rope, the tug succeeded in getting the ship out of her perilous position, and towed her into the harbor. It was believed that the ship was injured, but the extent of the damage could not be ascertained.

The annual election for chairman of the Waterford Board of Guardians took place recently. Mr. P. J. Power, M. P., was proposed for re-election as chairman, by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Alderman Power. Mr. Anthony Cadoگان, vice-chairman, was also proposed; and on a poll Mr. Power was elected by a majority of 13 to 8. Mr. Cadoگان then proposed for the vice-chairman-ship, but refused, stating that after the treatment he had received he would not come there again. He then left the board room, but was elected in his absence. Mr. David Hlyand was elected deputy vice-chairman.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

One day recently a shooting affray of a serious character took place near Belfast. A man named John Burns who has been employed for some time at the Mourne Water Supply Works, at Garryduff, charged a lodginghouse-keeper, named Graham, with having shot him and John Connolly the police on going to Graham's residence found a man lying in an unconscious condition on the roadside. Graham stated that two men had attacked his house. He was arrested, and a revolver was found in his possession. Burns and the other man, who was subsequently identified as a navy named John Connolly, of Dublin, employed at the Water Works, were conveyed to Belfast. The former was placed in the Royal Hospital. Connolly was taken to the Union Hospital. His injuries not being quite so serious, Graham was brought before Mr. McCormick, J. P., and remanded for a week.

In the Chancery Court, Dublin, on April 3rd, before the Vice-Chancellor, the hearing was resumed of the case of the Giant's Causeway Company v. the Attorney-General and others, in which the plaintiffs seek a declaration that they are entitled to the Giant's Causeway under a certain lease, and in which the question is practically whether the public have a right of way over the Causeway. After hearing counsel for the plaintiffs, the Vice-Chancellor said the case must stand over for judgment until next sitting.

DOWN.

On April 6th, a child named David McCullough, aged three years, died at its parents' residence, East street, Newtownards, from the effects of falling into a tub of boiling water.

ARMAGH.

An important meeting of tenant farmers was held one day in the latter part of March, in the townland of Killybrid, near Middletown, for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a tenants' defense association. The attendance was very large, and the proceedings throughout were most enthusiastic. Mr. Robert Hamilton presided. A resolution pledging the meeting to establish a defense association was passed unanimously. The sale of a number of additional townlands, at seventeen years' purchase, on the Verner Estate, in Tyrone, has been sanctioned by the Land Commission. The purchase money represents the large sum of £8,500.

TYRONE.

There is a mild excitement in South Tyrone over the confirmed retirement of Mr. T. W. Russell, M. P. No one has been surprised at the step thus taken by the "farmer's friend," and very little regret is felt in the constituency at the announcement. Mr. Hugh de F. Montgomery, Bivertown, has been named as the likely Unionist candidate, but the rumor lacks confirmation. The Nationalists are making preparations, and they are confident of winning the seat.

MONAGHAN.

The impressive ceremonies of profession and reception took place recently in the beautiful little chapel attached to the Convent of St. Louis, Monaghan. The young lady who made her solemn vows and received the veil was Miss Mary McEneaney (in religion Sister Mary Brendan), eldest daughter of Mr. Owen McEneaney, Edmondstown, Ardee, County Louth. The reception of two other ladies took place on the same day. Most Rev. Dr. Owens, Bishop of Clogher, officiated.

On the morning of April 6th a fire, which resulted in the almost entire destruction of the extensive steam saw mills of Mr. James Corrigan, Smithborough, occupied. It was at once observed that the portion of the building in possession of the flames was doomed, and one police, aided by the people, proceeded to cut away the connection, which had the effect of saving a small portion of the premises, but the greater part, which included a large quantity of new machinery, the fitting of which had just been completed, was destroyed. The premises were not insured.

FERMANAGH.

A meeting of tenant farmers was held on April 8th, at Lattone, near Belcoo, to protest against the cruel treatment the tenants are receiving on the Grey and Jones properties. Lattone is situated on the borders of Fermanagh and Leitrim, in a wild, mountainous district, and the land is scarce-

ly worth cultivating. Recently, several of the tenants have been ejected from their holdings. Mr. Jordan, M. P., although still suffering from the effects of his recent severe illness, attended the meeting and delivered a stirring address. There were also present—Rev. J. Gaughran, P. P. Arney; Rev. J. Gallagher, C. C. Belcoo; Mr. John Crozier, J. P.; Blacklion, as well as deputations from Hollywell, Killyclogher, Cashel, Glenfarnie, Belcoo, etc. The patriotic parish priest of Arney, Rev. L. Gaughran, presided.

DERRY.

A large number of the tenants on the Somers estate have agreed to accept the offer of the landlady (Miss Torrens and Miss Richardson) to sell at twenty years' purchase of the judicial rents; and a memorial to that effect was very largely signed in Coleraine. The tenants are acting on the understanding that the estate will be sold provided two-thirds of their number agree to purchase on the terms stated.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

The obsequies of the Rev. Father Kenny, P. P. Moycullen, took place one week ago last Wednesday. The Rev. gentleman, who was one of the oldest clergymen in Ireland, died suddenly in his ninetieth year, while suffering from the Angerles. He was a native of Castlereagh, in the County Roscommon, but came to Galway, on the invitation of the late Most Rev. Dr. Browne. Father Kenny was ordained curate in Oranmore, whence he was changed to Oughterad, and afterwards to Spiddal, from which place he was raised to the position of P. P. of Moycullen, on the 14th of October, 1848. In his youth the deceased clergyman was a man of strong constitution, and a great athlete. He was a very eloquent preacher, both in Irish and English, and labored with much zeal in the cause of temperance.

Intelligence has been received in Portumna of the death, at Lougrea, of the Rev. Father Joseph Bodkin, parish priest of Aboegormican and Killyoran, one of the best known and most highly respected clergymen in the west. The sad event occurred at the residence of a relative, Mr. M. Bowes, Lougrea, on the first Sunday evening in April. Father Bodkin's unaffected kindness and simplicity of disposition made him a favorite with all ranks and classes. He was an indefatigable parochial worker, and materially advanced the position of his united parishes during the period of his zealous and faithful ministry.

On the morning of last week Tuesday, the body of Michael Ward, Ruane, Ballinacloe, was found in the River Suck, convenient to the town, by a party of men who had been dragging the river for his body. The young man, who was the son of a well-to-do farmer, was all his life a little demented, but but harmless and industrious, never leaving his father's land, and never showing any signs of suicidal mania, but during the last few weeks he appeared to be getting worse.

The largest catch of trawfish ever captured in one day, in Galway, was taken on March 27th. Forty tons of fish, packed in 400 hampers, and occupying ten fish wagons, were sent to Dublin, where they were on sale next morning, but that being St. Patrick's day, and not being observed as a fast-day, the market price was not equal to expectation.

LEITRIM.

A few evenings ago the house of a respectable farmer named Charles Levine, who resides at a place called Kilmadmore, near Drumana, was visited by several men whose names are unknown, who completely tore off the roof of the lower end of the house and cast the thatch and scraps about in all directions. Not content with leaving the family (who were terrified and remained indoors) without a roof, they smashed a cart into pieces, and wrecked every utensil about the place, which they could lay their hands on.

ROSCOMMON.

At the last Castlereagh Quarter Sessions, before County Court Judge O'Connor Morris, a large number of decrees were granted against tenants on the estates of Lord de Freyne, O'Connor Don and others.

SLIGO.

An old man named Thomas Feeney was found dead in his bed on Saturday morning, April 3, at Lugnamackin, Colonyne. Dr. Roe, Cliffoye, held an inquest, and, after some evidence was given, the jury found that death resulted from natural causes.

The Sligo Mayor's Chain, has had two new gold links added to it at the instance of the present Mayor, Mr. P. A. McHugh, M. P., and M. Thomas Ceanlan, J. P., who was Mayor for 1893. The work was done in Mr. Francis Nelson's establishment, Castle street, Sligo.

The Sligo Board of Guardians have re-elected Col. Cooper as Chairman; Alderman Collier, M. P., Vice-Chairman, and Col. Campbell, Deputy Vice-Chairman.

MAYO.

In Swinford, on April 7th, Mr. M. J. Mellet, put up Dr. Horan's house property for sale. It was sold to Mr. Andrew Kelly, Swinford, for £750.

Regular excursion steamers to Clare Island and Connemara commenced running on Monday, 5th April, by the Augustus Warburton, Esq., Governor of Castlebar Prison for some years, has retired from the service.

The remains of Mrs. James Gill, of Castlebar, were removed to the Parish Church April 6th, where High Mass De Requiem was celebrated. Father Lyons, P. P., was celebrant, Father O'Malley, C. C. deacon, and Father O'Flaherty, sub-deacon. The church was crowded, and after the religious ceremonial the funeral took place. The attendance was very large.

Notwithstanding the unusual severity of the past season, some very good new potatoes were dug on St. Patrick's Day in the gardens at Cranmore, Ballinrobe. The potatoes were of the kidney variety, and their maturity so very early in the season reflects much credit on the care and skill of the gardener, Mr. Patrick Connolly.