

OUR IRISH LETTER.

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

What is Being Done by the People at Home—Various Items From Every Section of the Emerald Isle.

LEINSTER.

DUBLIN.

Irish race-horses appear to hold their own in value, even in the advance of their recent triumph on the English "Turf," which is supposed to be the final arena in such matters.

Though the local epidemics which raged in Dublin during the spring of the present year have considerably increased in virulence, the health of the city is still far from normal.

With much regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Patrick F. Leonard, M. P., E. L., which occurred at his residence, St. Margaret's, Cloniffoe road, Drumcondra, on May 22nd.

On May 20th, Mr. W. Robinson, J. P., T. C., of 2 Knappin terrace, Kingtonoway, met with a serious accident while proceeding home from Dublin on his bicycle, by coming into collision with another bicyclist.

On May 29th, a public meeting convened by the Dublin Adversity Association was held in the Phoenix Park. The crowd was an enormous one, and the proceedings were characterized by good order and enthusiasm.

On May 25th, the body of Christopher Doyle, who was drowned on the 12th of March, along with his brother, by the swamping of their boat, in Kingstown harbor, while they were conveying four officers to the British naval vessel Jason, one of whom, Dr. Gibson, was also drowned at the same time, was found near Kingstown harbor, a short distance from where the boat went down.

It is stated that a site comprising an area of thirty acres has been selected for the new factory of the Irish Motor and Cycle Company. It is a meadow on the north side of the London Bridge road, Sandymount, and lies between the Gas Company's works and the Dodder.

The Triennial Chapter of the Discolored Carmelite Order has just been held in St. Teresa's, Clarendon street, Dublin, and the following appointments have been made:

On May 20th, a public meeting was held in the Town Hall, Bray, in connection with the project for establishing a tramway or light railway communication between Bray and Glenageary, via Glen of the Downs, Delany, Newtownmounkenedy, Roundwood, and Larch.

they have been thus clearly shown that they are only catpaws in the hands of their English governors.

WEXFORD.

The "Wexford People" says: "We are glad to learn that a memorial to the Mayor of Wexford from the descendants of those whose ancestors took a prominent part in the insurrection of 1798, is about being presented, praying his Worship to convene a meeting for the purpose of forming a County Wexford Committee to make preparations for the fitting celebration of the coming centenary."

By a recent decision of the chancery Court, in Dublin, Colonel Tottenham, of Ballycurry, has been appointed as controller, to represent the heirs of "Thomas Gregory," and to appoint the Master of the Gregory Institution, which controls a large amount of property in Wexford.

On Sunday May 29th, a meeting of the Clongorey evicted tenants was held in the vicinity of their former homes for the purpose of consulting together on the subject of regaining their former holdings.

The Western Australian "Record," of March says: "We regret to announce the death of Sister Bridget of the order of Nursing Sisters of St. John of God, which occurred on Saturday at Kalgoolie. The deceased lady was born in Dublin, and at the age of 18 entered the Convent of St. John of God, Wexford, and subsequently came to Western Australia."

MUNSTER.

CORK.

On Sunday, May 29th, in the Pro-Cathedral, Skibbereen, Most Rev. Dr. Kelly was consecrated Bishop of Ross, with all the impressive ceremonies which the Church employs on such occasions.

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KERRY.

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LIMERICK.

A meeting in support of the amnesty of the Irish political prisoners was held in the Town Hall, Limerick, on May 24th, at 8 o'clock, presided over by Mr. J. J. O'Connell, M. P.

mayor proposed a resolution calling for the release of the prisoners. Alderman Riordan seconded the resolution, hoping that the jubilee celebrations would be marked by the release of the prisoners.

At the last Rathkeale Road Sessions, Riddelstown, for £800, the value of the sire horse Traverser, alleged to have been maliciously poisoned on the 18th of January last, was considered.

CLARE.

On Sunday, May 19th, a public meeting was held in the town of Lisdoonvarna to protest against the action of the Representative (Protestant) Church Body of Ireland, in their attempt to deprive the public of the free use of the local sulphur and chalybeate springs which they have enjoyed from time immemorial.

At the Ennis Petty Sessions, on May 28th a young man named Daniel Bennett, a native of Cork, was brought up in custody, on a charge of misappropriation of a post of £18, the property of the Postmaster-General.

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ULSTER.

In the Belfast Custody Court, on May 18th, James McCallan, an auxiliary postman in the Belfast Post Office, was

prosecuted on three different charges—for destroying a letter on the 23rd of April, 1897, and for stealing postal orders from letters, on two other dates. The prisoner was returned for trial at Recorder's Court.

Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, has subscribed £100 to the fund for the establishment of the new Victoria Hospital in Belfast.

One of those devastating fires which Belfast has been periodically afflicted for the past twelve months, and attended with great loss of property, broke out in the early hours of the morning of May 22 and caused extensive damage.

The United Operative Brick Laborers' Society of Belfast, have decided to hand over £5 to the Victoria and Mater Infirmorum Hospitals £10 to the Victoria and £15 to the Mater Hospital.

On May 20th, in the Belfast Custody Court, John Chambers, of No. 46 Upper Townsend street, was charged by Sergeant Murphy with riotous conduct.

On May 22nd, in Armagh Cathedral, with religious services of more than usual grandeur and solemnity, over one hundred priests were present, and special trains, run at cheap rates, from the Great Northern Railway Company from Dublin, Belfast, Derry, Enniskillen, Warrenpoint and calling at the intermediate stations, brought large crowds, which, augmenting the faithful of Armagh and the adjoining country, filled the magnificent cathedral with an immense congregation.

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drawing manure from the town. About five hundred persons took part in the demonstration of sympathy.

Sergt. P. Casey, R. I. C., who had been stationed in Clifton for a number of years, has been elected master of the Clifton Workhouse. Sergt. Casey was about retiring on pension, when he obtained permission from the authorities to apply for the position. He will assume the duties of workhouse master after a period of upward of 29 years in the police.

LEITRIM.

At Carrickmore Petty Sessions an evicted tenant named John Logue, of Ballinacorney, was sentenced to pay a fine of 10s. and 10s. 6d. costs, or in default go to jail for a week, for having trespassed on lands from which he was evicted three years ago.

Mr. Michael McKeon, solicitor, of Carrick-on-Shannon, was appointed a Commissioner for Oaths in that town. Mr. Charles W. Allyn, solicitor, has also been appointed a Commissioner for Oaths in the same town.

ROSCOMMON.

A special Solemn Requiem High Mass was offered up in the parish church, Roscommon, on May 22nd, in memory of the great Irishman, Daniel O'Connell. The spacious church was crowded by members of the faithful, who offered up their prayers fervently for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

The following priests officiated: Rev. Michael Keane, C. C., celebrant; Rev. Thomas I. Cummins, C. C., deacon; Rev. Father Kearney, sub-deacon; Rev. J. Corcoran, master of ceremonies. In the choir were Canon James Casey, P. P., Athleague; Rev. Bernard Geraghty, P. P., Killybeg; Rev. Roderick Gearty, P. P., Ballygar.

In the town of Roscommon, on May 29th, Miss Mary Dunne, a native of Queen's County, who for some years past has been in charge of a bread store belonging to Mr. Joseph O'Neill, Castle street, was attacked, and stabbed with a carving knife, by a young fellow named Martin Belme, just as she had entered Mr. O'Neill's house, after returning from Mass. Belme, who is a native of Roscommon, and about 22 years of age, was up to recently, also in the employment of Mr. O'Neill as a servant but for some reason he was discharged a few weeks ago. It is alleged that since then he has been threats towards Miss Dunne. He has been committed to jail. Miss Dunne's wounds though severe, are not deemed to be dangerous.

SILIGO.

Rev. Father Lynch, C. C., Cahry, has been transferred to Stokestown to fill an important appointment there.

On May 22, a solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral, Sligo, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the death of the Liberator. There was a large attendance, and the principal Catholic citizens of Sligo and the surrounding districts were present. The panegyric was delivered by Very Rev. J. Flynn, O. P., and was of an eloquent and touching nature. At the meeting of the Committee of the Collooney Co-operative Dairy and Agricultural Society, on May 20, the tender of Mr. Edward Brennan, Collooney, was accepted for erecting the main buildings at Knockbeg. The amount of the contract is £235. Mr. Thomas Caldwell has received the contract for constructing the millrace at a cost of £30. The machinery tenders will be considered at next meeting.

MAYO.

In the Cathedral, Ballina, on May 25, a solemn High Mass of requiem was offered in memory of O'Connell.

In Castlebar arrangements are already in progress to celebrate the centenary of the French Invasion in 1798. The centenary in Mayo, especially in Castlebar, Killala Bay, where the French landed, will be a feature of paramount interest to the American contingent, and also many interesting memorials in connection with the "Races of Castlebar"—notably a monument erected within a few miles of the town at French Hill where several men were buried. There is also a memorial slab inserted in the boundary wall of the Protestant church bearing the following inscription: "Erected to the memory of James Beatty, Angus Macdonald, George Munroe, Donald Urquhart, William Ross and Douglas Cameron, privates of the Fraser Highlanders, who were killed in the action at Castlebar, with the French Invasion on August 27th, 1798, as a small tribute to their gallant conduct and honorable death, by Col. Simon Fraser, of Lovat."

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