

# 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.

## MUNSTER.

### CLARE.

Decrees for eviction were granted against tenants on the Vandeleur estate at last session in Kiltush. Among them are James O'Dea, Monmore; James Cleary, Ballinacrenna, and Thady Cahill, Thomas Williams, Martin Madigan, Eliza Martin, Patrick O'Dea, Thomas Quinlan, John Madigan, Mary Hunt, Thomas Bourke, Winifred Connors, John Keane, Michael Keane, Mary Keane, Denis Madigan, Mary Brew, Patrick Brew. Others are expecting the same treatment.

### CORK.

The new church at Dararah was solemnly dedicated for divine service Sunday, August 29, by the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross. The district of Dararah, which is situated two and a half miles from Clonsilla, is united with the latter parish and under the pastoral care of Rt. Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, P. P., V. G.

On Sunday the Rev. Father O'Callaghan of Goleen, was the recipient of an address from the parishioners of Carriguvavar and Upper Giamire, where he officiated as parish priest of Goleen.

The terrific thunderstorm and rains of Aug. 30, which wrought such disastrous havoc to the grain crop, whether out or uncut, has, it is feared, done many other injuries in Skibbereen. The weather continues wild and showery, and all industrial operations on land and sea have been brought to a standstill; the fishing industry along the coast is suddenly knocked in the head. It is difficult to augur what will be the result of the exceptionally bad weather which, it has pleased Providence to send during the now past summer and the opening days of autumn.

### KERRY.

The dead body of John Teahan, aged 7 years, of Tralee, was found in a field near his home. The remains bear signs of deceased having met a violent death.

The people of Tralee are reported as having presented an address of welcome to the Duke and Duchess of York during their visit to Ireland a few days ago.

### LIMERICK.

Rev. Canon O'Brien, Protestant rector of Adare, was most conspicuous in the reception given to the Duke and Duchess of York at Adare Manor, the residence of Lord Dunraven. He is son of the illustrious Irish patriot, William Smith O'Brien.

Very Rev. Archdeacon Flanagan, parish priest of Adare, was on the platform of Adare station to receive the Duke of York.

Sunday the Rev. Father Casey, P. P., Abbeyfeale, addressed a large assemblage of the parishioners, instituting a collection for evicted tenants. Father Casey reminded his hearers that organization was necessary, and to promote that it was incumbent to support those who sacrificed themselves for the general weal. It was not charity they asked, but justice, and he hoped and prayed that when collectors would be appointed the contributions would be generous.

### TIPPERARY.

O'Halloran's Hotel, Clonmel, has been purchased by Mr. J. C. Ryan, solicitor, for £1,500.

A meeting for the establishing of a creamery at Drangan was held Aug. 29, the Rev. Michael McGrath, P. P., in the chair.

### WATERFORD.

Father Knowles, O. S. A., recently brought to a close the mission in the Augustinian church, Dungarvan.

Mr. John E. Redmond intends to visit Waterford city in the near future. His adherents will, as usual, give him a hearty reception.

James Crowley, who worked in the factory at Kilmacomas for many years, met with a slight injury to his leg in the factory last week, and death resulted.

Thursday a pony and trap, the property of Mr. John O'Brien, Tramore, took flight and dashed along by Ballyvaughan from Fermoy, Ballyvaughan, Pembrokestown, Lisnakhil, Loughda-keen, Killowen, Shanacune and some distance beyond it was captured, having run ten miles. Mr. Nolan of Fenor, who followed, but had not a chance of catching a glimpse of the

runaway until he arrived at Dunhill.

The *Citizen* of Aug. 31, stated that the visitors at Tramore and Dunmore witnessed in the raging waters a spectacle which at this season of the year is exceedingly rare. The high spring tide rose abnormally owing to the gale, and the promenade at Tramore, so recently reconstructed at a cost of over £5,000, was completely inundated and swept from end to end by huge seas. Monday morning revealed the roadway in a lamentable state of wreck, and those portions of the sea wall which still remain intact, showed many signs of fresh damage. Indeed, it is more than probable that another such gale will see the end of the sea wall. The seas went clean over the pier at Dunmore East, but as that is a solid structure and not so exposed to the full force of the waters, not a single stone was disturbed. The waters of the dock were much disturbed, and as the place is just now crowded with fishing boats from Arklow, Dungarvan and elsewhere, the hands aboard the different craft were kept pretty busy making all fast and avoiding accidents. So heavy was the sea in the harbor that the pilot cutter had to run up the harbor to near Duncannon for shelter.

## ULSTER.

### ANTRIM.

The Manchester hotel, Larne, was completely destroyed by fire last week.

A boy named Crawford was sitting on the parapet of Royal Bridge one day last week, lost his balance, fell into the River Blackstaff and was drowned. So far the body has not been recovered.

On Aug. 26 the funeral of late Mr. Hugh Osborne, Ballypatrick, Ballycastle, took place to the family burial place, Oulfrightrim. Mass was celebrated in the house of the deceased by his son, Rev. John Osborne, and afterward, amid many manifestations of grief, the funeral started for the cemetery.

### ARMAGH.

The September list of fair rent applications to be heard before the Armagh Sub-Commission has been received. It contains 396 cases, eleven from county Tyrone, the remainder from Armagh.

The Very Rev. Prior Glynn, O. S. A., Rome, is staying with Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh, and Primate of All Ireland.

Rt. Rev. Dr. McGivern has appointed the Rev. M. B. McConville, C. C., Bishop of Dromore, Lurgan, to the pastoral charge of that important parish, vacant by the death of Very Rev. James O'Hare, P. P., V. F. Father McConville was curate in Lurgan for the past nineteen years.

Rt. Rev. Dr. McGivern administered the sacrament of confirmation to a great number of children in Lurgan last week.

### CAVAN.

On Aug. 24 Most Rev. Dr. Magennis, Lord Bishop of Kilmore, administered the sacrament of Confirmation to 800 children in the Swanlinbar Catholic church, and expressed himself highly pleased with the answering of the children. He congratulated the pastor of Swanlinbar, Very Rev. Patrick O'Reilly, on the satisfactory state of the parish, and spoke in high terms of the two churches, particularly the parish one (Kinawley), which he said was one of the most beautiful in the diocese of Kilmore.

### DERRY.

The mission opened in Loop church by the very Rev. Father Dominick, Rev. Father John the Baptist, and Rev. Father Mark, of the Passionist Order, closed on Sunday. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather during the mission, morning and evening services were attended by large and devout congregations.

The funeral of Miss Mary Reid, Kiltrea, took place last week in the Rahrarkin church. Father McGugan officiated at the graveside.

Michael McAteer, aged 30, of Fahan street, Derry, while carrying grain from a ship at Derry quay, last week, fell off the plank and was drowned.

### DONEGAL.

In the Convent schools, Bundoran, last week, a musical and dramatic entertainment was given by the pupils in aid of the Building Fund of the new parochial house. The Very Rev. Canon McKenna presided, and the Rev. Father O'Neill was assiduous in his attention to the visitors.

### DOWN.

The Board of Guardians of Newry have changed their officers. Last week the election of Mr. Wauchope as master, Nurse Henderson of Maghera, and Mrs. McGrath, Dundalk Union, as female infirmary nurse, took place.

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### FERMANAGH.

Rev. Andrew J. Maguire, O. C., left Enniskillen on Friday for Carrickmacross. He has been replaced by Rev. Father Connolly, Threemilehouse.

Died.—Aug. 24, at Lisahully, Bal-look, Catherine Slevin, sister of Mr. Charles Slevin, Cherrymount, Ballyshannon, aged 57 years.

### MONAGHAN.

Mr. Thomas McCabe of Loughmoylan House, Carrickmacross, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county. Mr. McCabe has been a member of the Poor Law board for twenty years.

### TYRONE.

Members of the Greenacres branch of the Irish National Federation, at a recent meeting, passed the following, proposed by Mr. John Coyle and seconded by Mr. Barnard Montague—"That a public meeting of the tenant-farmers of Greenacres and the surrounding parishes be held at Greenacres, Sept. 12, 1897. The subjects to be discussed will be the land question in its bearings, including the evicted tenants, the present unsatisfactory constitution of the Land Commission, registration and other cognate matters, and that Mr. G. Murnaghan, M. P., Mid-Tyrone; Mr. B. O'Neill, Alackwater, county delegate for Armagh; Mr. T. O'Neill, president, Carrickmore, L. N. F.; Mr. Charles Clarke, Gortin, be requested to address the meeting."

## LEINSTER.

### CARLOW.

Three hundred children were confirmed by the Right Rev. Dr. Foley, bishop of Kildare, in Bagnalstown last week.

The Garryhill Cottage Industry was founded in 1884 by the Viscountess Duncannon, and employs about fifty women and girls. The work is done in the cottagers' homes. The specialties of the "industry" are jewel and silk embroidery and drawn thread work or veining. Several first prizes and awards have been obtained at exhibitions in Dublin, Glasgow and Chicago.

The death of Mrs. Lizzie Maher, Ballinkillen, occurred on Aug. 23.

### DUBLIN.

The Duke of York and his wife opened the Textile Exhibition in Dublin lately. It may be added that the undertaking owed nothing to the Duke or his wife. It was inaugurated and brought to a successful issue by Lord and Lady Cadogan. The presence of the "royal pair" was simply an incident, nothing more. Possibly they were surprised that the Irish could make such an imposing display of textile work, considering how industriously England has made laws to kill all such in Ireland.

Miss Florence McCarthy, youngest daughter of Mr. R. McF. McCarthy and Mrs. McCarthy, of Largo House, Rathmines, and sister of Rev. Eugene McCarthy of SS. Michael and John's, has been received into the Benedictine Order by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Graham, co-adjutor bishop of Plymouth.

On Aug. 28 a very sad fatality occurred in the Sacred Heart home, Drumcondra. Christopher Doherty, aged 5 years, was amusing himself by swinging from a large metal cross. Suddenly the cross fell, crushing him beneath. On being extricated he was bleeding profusely. Death ensued before he arrived at the hospital.

Mr. Clancy, T. C., will propose at the next meeting of Dublin Corporation—"That a site in Upper O'Connell street (formerly Upper Sackville street), immediately opposite to the Rotunda, be granted the '98 Centenary Executive, to place thereon a national monument to the noble Wolfe Tone, to commemorate his gallant efforts on behalf of Ireland, and to perpetuate the memory of a patriot and a soldier."

The weekly meeting of the Inchicore and Palmerstown Catholic Registration Association was held at Blacklion, Inchicore.

### KILDARE.

On August 13, Andrew Farrell and his sister of Grangemellon, Ashy, were evicted by Sir A. Weldon, from a holding comprising twelve acres, held at a rent of £16. The rent up to recently was £20. The eviction was carried out by Alec Roberts, sheriff's bailiff, and police. The tenant endeavored to settle, but the landlord demanded two years' rent. Farrell was unable to make up the sum required, being a few pounds short, and he was dispossessed of the holding, which he and his predecessors have held for the past eighty years. He ascribes his

inability to pay rent to a barley crop failure last year, as this was his principal means of making up rent. He is of the opinion that some person has cast a covetous eye on the holding, and has made overtures to the landlord, and that it is for this reason the latter is so much disinclined to make a settlement.

### KILKENNY.

The people of Windgap and Tul-labaugh have sent a substantial subscription to the Irish National Fund, per Patrick Moore, Edmond Coonan and Michael Davis.

A farmer named Delahanty of Lufflany, near Mooncoin, died suddenly in his yard on August 31. Day previous he attended in the chapel of Mooncoin to have his child christened.

Edward Brennan, laborer, who worked on the coal steamer *Reyell* at Fiddown, last week, was struck on the head by an iron bucket filled with coal, knocked over the side of the ship, and when falling into the river his head struck the side of the quay and he sustained a fatal fracture of the skull.

Died, August 29, at 5 Upper Rutland street, Dublin, Mrs. Sarah Allen, aged 75 years, formerly of Kilkenny.

### KINGS.

The recent terrible continuous wet season has completely ruined the crops in the county. Until it set in the outlook for a good harvest of every description of farm produce was bright, indeed. But, alas! the rain came and all is in a state of rottenness.

### LONGFORD.

On Sunday, August 29, the beautiful Church of St. Bridget at Adragh, was the scene of a solemn ceremony. The altar and communion rails were consecrated by the Most Rev. Dr. Hoare Friday and solemn pontifical high mass was celebrated within its well Sunday, being the first celebration of high mass therein. The consecration sermon was preached by the Most Rev. Dr. Flood, O. P., Archbishop of Trinidad, a native of Legan parish. The site of the church is close to the old cathedral where St. Mee was Bishop, the first cathedral of Ardagh erected by St. Patrick. The church cost close upon £10,000, and is one of the finest specimens of Gothic architecture in Ireland.

### LOUGH.

James Daly, aged 55 years, in the employ of Denis McArdle, Corridor, was killed by a cart loaded with coals passing over him on the way from Dundalk.

The feast of St. Augustine was fittingly celebrated in the church of the order at Drogheda. Masses were celebrated from an early hour, and large numbers received holy communion.

### MEATH.

Marquis Conyngham died Aug. 28, at Blane Castle. His successor is his eldest son, Victor George Henry Francis, Earl of Mount Charles, born in 1883.

Died.—August 28, at 42 Summer street, Eliza, second eldest daughter of the late Thomas Montgomery, Ballynare, County Meath.

### QUEEN'S.

The month's mind requiem office and high mass for the late Rev. A. Dempsey, P. P., Ballinakil, was celebrated on Tuesday in the parish church. The Right Rev. Monsignor Phelan, Mayboro', presided. Celebrant, Rev. W. Murphy, Ballinakil; deacon, Rev. A. Delaney, Abbeykil; sub-deacon, Rev. J. Donohue, Emo; master of ceremonies, Rev. Father Dempsey, Arless; chanters, Rev. P. Garry, Carlow, and Rev. D. Garry, Ballinakil.

### WESTMEATH.

What will the men of Westmeath who are in the United States think of the Town Commissioners of famous Mullingar presenting an address of welcome and of loyalty to the Duke of York? Here is the precious document. Lord Greville read: "We, the Town Commissioners and inhabitants of Mullingar and surrounding districts, without distinction of class and creed, desire to bid your Royal Highnesses a hearty Irish welcome, and to assure you of our loyalty to the person of her Majesty, the Queen. We hope your Royal Highnesses may bear back with you from the green isle pleasant memories of your visit to Ireland and such as may induce you to renew, after a short interval, your acquaintance with its people. Our only regret on this occasion is that the time at your disposal has not been sufficient to enable your Royal Highnesses to visit the midland and western districts, where

we assure your Royal Highnesses you would receive a welcome not less hearty and not less sincere than that which you have already received. Signed, Lord Greville, Lord Castle-maine, Lord Kilmaine, the High Sheriff, Col. Cooper, C. B. Barlay, Rev. Dean Dowse, James Doyle, J. P., Patrick Keenan, J. P., T. C., William Gordon, T. F. Mooney, Thos. J. Shaw, J. P., honorable secretary."

### WEXFORD.

William Murphy, Shelbaggan, was lately evicted from his farm. Denis Daly, sheriff's bailiff, New Ross, took possession. The plaintiff in the case being Murphy's sister, Mrs. Anne Browne, Shelbaggan, who, in order to realize the effects for the purpose of administration, was obliged to evict her brother.

## CONNAUGHT.

### GALWAY.

Terrible ravages were committed in and around Galway last week, among sheep by a dog. Fifteen sheep belonging to Lawless were torn and killed, and one belonging to Kearns of Barnacranny. The dog, which it is stated, belonged to a man named Murphy, was caught while attacking the sheep and killed.

Mr. C. O'Connell, Ballinasloe, died suddenly in Galway city lately. He was a native of Portunna.

The high mass for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. S. J. Flanagan, was celebrated in Woodford church. Deceased was parish priest of Ballinakil.

### LEITRIM.

Mr. Michael Flynn presided at the last meeting of the P. A. McHugh branch of the L. N. F., in Newbridge, at which very important business was transacted.

An inquest was held in Tooma, near Cloone, last week, on the body of John Kilkenny, whose body was found in the river Cloone.

### MAYO.

A large and influential meeting was held in the Christian Brothers' school, Castlebar, on Tuesday. Rev. Father O'Brien, O. M. I., presiding, for the purpose of organizing a grand bazaar next year in aid of the new church. Father O'Brien referred to the program for next year's bazaar, which would comprise varied attractions never before witnessed in Mayo—in fact, an entire week of amusements of every description, so that the exiled Mayo men, when celebrating the '98 centenary, will be able to participate in the time-honored attractions, games and pastimes of their native land. The funds derived from the bazaar, etc., will be handed over by Rev. Father Lyons, to assist in the completion of the new church. Luke Malley, T. J. Kelly, H. R. Sheridan and M. J. Sheridan are secretaries.

### ROSCOMMON.

Mr. Edward McDermott, Chapel street, Boyle, died August 22. He held the situation of relieving officer in Boyle Union, and at one time was considered one of the most expert hand ball players in Ireland.

### SLIGO.

Mr. Hugh Markey presided at the last meeting of the Ballymote branch of the I. N. F., when this resolution was unanimously passed: "That we are of opinion the farmers should approach landlords for a reduction in the November rents, as a total failure of the potato crop and the prospects of a very bad harvest make it apparent that the landlords should meet their tenants and give a substantial reduction."

Peter Goulden, Carrowmurray, on August 21 was found dead in a field. Coroner's jury found that deceased died from heart failure.

### A Unique Jubilee.

A midwife at Stolpe, near Berlin, Germany, celebrated the 6000th occasion on which her services had been required by inviting all the children she had helped into the world to dinner at her house. They afterward formed a torchlight procession and marched through the town.

Ashamed of Their Small Beginnings. It is a singular fact, which we have observed on more than one occasion, that most men, when they have attained prominence in political life or in social life, or as men of wealth, prefer not to have it said that they were once poor and had to work for a living. They seem to be ashamed of the fact that they have made their own way in the world and made a success of it. Very often we have had occasion to notice this when called upon to write up people, and have more than once been requested not to mention the fact that the subject of the sketch was once a poor fellow, engaged in some very small business, not small in the sense of being mean, but small in the sense of being insignificant.—Sandusky (Ohio) Register.

Ripans Tablets: one gives relief.

## FREAKS OF LIGHTNING.

Four Men Stranded at the Bottom of a 1,000-Foot Shaft.

Four men who were working in a Reilance, (Penn.), colliery gangway recently, were felled by a stroke of lightning and were for a time paralyzed. The men were Charles Rutz, William Beck, William Rutz and Eli Decher. It was the most thrilling experience of their lives, as well as being exceedingly un'que.

During the height of a thunder storm lightning struck at the entrance of the deep slope. Darkness was made bright as day. The bolt struck a rail and hurried into the bowels of the earth. The four miners 1,000 feet from the surface, saw what they thought was a ball of fire. "It's an explosion," one shouted. "The mine is on fire." Charles Rutz dropped his pick and told his comrades to press their faces against the bottom of the gangway and allow the fire to pass over them, but before they could follow his advice all were knocked down as though struck on the head with a blunt instrument. Presently Decher recovered. He suffered with severe pain, and when he tried to talk his tongue remained stiff. The miner thought his mouth had been blown off and that he was blind. Finally recovering power of speech, he called to his companions, but received no answer.

Imagining them dead, Decher remained quiet for a brief period. His strength returned and he arose. A sulphurous odor made him think that a big gas explosion had occurred. He was afraid to light a lamp until air from a fan drove the bad air from the gangway. Then his lamp showed the miner that there was no evidence of an explosion, but his companions were lying in a heap. He shook them, although his right arm was almost paralyzed, and within thirty minutes William Rutz and Beck revived. Decher directed his attention to Charles Rutz, who lay as though dead. He was rubbed and rolled over the floor, and two hours later could talk, although unable to walk for some time.

Decher called for help, and miners in brasses close by aided the stricken men to the surface, where they rapidly became as well as ever. The mystery of how they were stricken was explained by an outside hand, who saw the lightning strike at the top of the slope.

### Plucking the Innocent.

"No," said the soap faker to a group of people that had gathered about him. "There is no use talking to me about the innocence of the countryman. He may buy a gold brick occasionally or sign a blank check and lose his farm, but as a rule he can take care of himself just as well as the next one, and generally a little better. If I knew as much as some farmers I wouldn't be in this business, and you can gamble on that."

"Why, say, do you know what happened to me the last time I was down in the country? I got pinched, that's what I done. I got my satchel out in front of the hotel in a little town about thirty miles out east here, and began to do a few tricks to draw the crowd."

"After I'd made an egg disappear and pulled a few knots open for them. I says 'Now, gentlemen, I'm going to show you a trick that nobody on earth has ever attempted. You see my hat here? Well, well, imagine for the time being that it's a flower pot. Out of this hat I'm going to make a bush grow up, and when I've done that, I'll make every leaf on it turn into a five dollar note.'"

"What? Did I do it? Of course I did! But say, do you know what come of it? Blamed if they didn't arrest me and fine me \$15 for raising bills, which the justice of the peace said was 'contrary to the statutes made and provided.'"

"Well, I sorter had a hankerin' to know whether they done it in good faith or just because they thought I was easy pickin', and what do you think I found out? They'd actually been runnin' things by pluckin' just such innocent fellows as me."

"Now, gentlemen, there's a \$1 bill in one of these little packages. Who will give me 10 cents for the first choice?"—Cleveland Leader.

### Insanity in Animals.

That animals are, to an extent, subject to the same mental maladies as human beings has not been a popular belief among the insanity experts. It has, however, become necessary to admit that there is some corresponding affection in animals and man, or one answering to the same description. Hydrophobia appears to be a form of insanity and it is said that horses have gone mad from fright. There is no good reason why this should not be, and very much can be brought in as corroborative testimony of the statement. With a perfectly manageable animal, hitherto without fault or evidences of viciousness, suddenly turns upon its keeper and savagely attacks him, there must be some good reasons for it. The animal's nature is so mild up that cause and effect stand in very close relations to each other. It is, therefore, in order to make no sweeping assertions on conditions of this sort until incontestable evidence is furnished upon which to base the premises.

### Sea Turtles off Florida.

Great numbers of large sea turtles have been caught in the region of Englewood, Fla., since June 1, and their meat has been salted. The meat cured is said to taste much like beef. Near St. Augustine a story is told of a mule which patrols the beach, and finding a turtle, turns it over on its back and then goes after its own master.—Boston Times.

### Grasshoppers Eating Hemp.

Grasshoppers of Jackson County, Mich., have undergone a change of appetite, and have been eating the hind-corn from the bundles of wheat, causing farm hands the extra labor of rebinding.

### This Mixture Removes Old Paint.

Take a wine bottle, put into it two parts of ammonia to one of turpentine, cork tightly and shake thoroughly together. The preparation softens the paint thoroughly and it can easily be removed.

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