

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.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

The Mayor of Belfast has received a "jubilee" decoration.

The linen warehouses at the corner of Franklin street, Belfast, were destroyed by fire September 10. Damage and loss are estimated at \$250,000.

The quarterly meeting of the Belfast National Brass band was held in the rooms, Stephen street, Belfast, recently. Mr. Hugh McCarron occupied the chair.

ARMAGH.

John Stewart, Armagh, who lately attempted suicide by shooting himself in the stomach, was declared insane. "Failure" is the answer to the query as to the condition of the flax crop in the county.

CAVAN.

James Cullen, aged 40, farmer, Killadown, Loughduff, was admitted to the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, last week, suffering from injuries to his left hand, caused by a gun accident. Mr. Cullen was shooting crows upon his farm when the barrel of the gun exploded, blowing off the index and middle fingers and shattering the other two.

DERRY.

Right Rev. Dr. Gaughran, Bishop of the Orange Free State, South Africa, is staying with Rt. Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry. His consecration was in 1886.

Five of the sixteen Nationalist members of the Derry Corporation attended the reception of the Duke of York and his wife, and were present at the luncheon given in their honor. Who were they?

DONEGAL.

A. R. Wallace, Ardnamona, Lough Eske, has been appointed a deputy lieutenant for the county.

DOWN.

Guard Moorhead of Newry was thrown from the van of the train one day last week at Dublin's Bridge and seriously injured.

Crops are in a bad way in the district around Newry and in South Down generally.

FERMANAGH.

The tenants on the estate of Major Capel St. George, Kilmallen, Lack, have signed agreements to purchase their holdings through the Irish Land Commission at 1 1/2 years' purchase.

MONAGHAN.

Clones is a thriving market town in this county, situated on the borders of the County Fermanagh. It has a considerable retail trade, and a fair, at which cattle, sheep and horses are sold, is held on the last Thursday of each month.

TYRONE.

Sunday evening a meeting in connection with the Stewartstown '98 Club was held in the Hall, Stewartstown in favor of the release of the political prisoners. Mr. John McElhene, president, occupied the chair.

the grave." The resolutions were unanimously adopted."

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

John Kelly, signal man at Ennis railway station, was killed by a train September 4.

CORK.

The wrecked lightship Purdin is now fully exposed at low tide on the strand at Rushbrooke. A preliminary examination was made by an expert surveyor of the Board of Trade and Irish Lights. She is a complete wreck.

Recent deaths in Cork.—Kilman—July 15, at Albina, Portland, Oregon, U. S. A., Thomas Kretman, formerly of Cork city. Leonard—September 5, at Ballyhooley, Michael Leonard, aged 57 years. Sheehan—September 5, at Lisserda, Mary Sheehan, O'Sullivan—On September 4, at 13 Grattan Hill, Mary (Mollie) aged 15 the third and dearly beloved daughter of John and Hannah O'Sullivan. Sexton—September 6, at Albert street, Daniel Sexton, aged 78. Kiely—September 5, at Loughane, Blarney, Johanna Kiely. Roche—On September 6, at Courtmacsherry, Joseph Burke (Joe) Roche, 85 Douglas street. North—On September 5, at Spike Bridge North, Downes—September 5, at Schull, Mary Anne Downes, youngest daughter of the late Valentine Cannon Schull. Ryan—September 2, at 2 Muirgrave road, Margaret Ryan. Noonan—On September 2, at Brughill cottage, Charleville, D. Noonan, late H. M. Customs. Lehane—At Glen, South Banteer, Timothy Lehane, aged 76 years. Payne—At St. Martin's, Farnham, Bandon, R. W. Payne, aged 54. O'Driscoll—On September 3, at Bantary, Nellie O'Driscoll, aged 23 years. Johnston—On September 2, Laura E. Johnston, Ballyedmond. Heffernan—On September 1, at 19 Devonshire street, Margaret Heffernan, widow of the late Michael Heffernan.

KERRY.

Cool. James Crooble of Ballyherge Castle, died suddenly at his residence on Sunday, September 5, aged 70 years.

Mrs. O'Kelly, Pembroke street, Tralee, died suddenly Saturday, September 4. Mr. Patrick Clifford, Castle street, also died very suddenly on the same day. Mrs. O'Kelly had been to Holy Communion the morning she died.

Rev. J. Lawlor, parish priest of Ballymacelligott, made this report on the condition of the crops in his district. Potatoes—Blighted very early; bad; unfit for food. Hay—The hay cut in June is well saved. For the last three weeks it has been raining incessantly; hay quite rotten. Oats—Fair, but a great deal uncut. Oats soft and wet; won't be worth much. Barley—Very little grown in the district; same condition as oats. Green crops—Good, especially turnips and mangolds.

An amnesty demonstration was held in Listowel Sunday, September 5, and, notwithstanding continuous rain, brought in a large number of persons. Had the day been fine the demonstration would have assumed imposing proportions. Before the meeting addresses were presented to Mr. Daly by the local Amnesty association, the Labor Federation and the Board of Guardians. A platform was in the square, and over it was suspended a green streamer bearing the words: "Remember '98." Other streamers across the street bore patriotic inscriptions. Deputations were present from Lixnaw, Abbot's Cross, Ballylongford, Newtownadillon, Ballybuston, Altice, Daugh, etc. Among those present: M. Farvin, M. P., W. More Stack, E. J. Stack, J. J. Dillon, W. McMahon, T. Hayes, Jer. Kennelly, C. Carthy, J. Stack, J. Scanlon, J. O'Shaughnessy, P. Hayes, J. Moynihan, W. Toomey, E. Moran, D. Nolan, W. Fitzgerald, W. Cronin, S. O'Halloran, P. B. Cronin, D. O'Leary, J. Sullivan, P. Trant, J. Trant, James Burayne, E. O'Sullivan, W. Fitzgerald, T. McGrath, J. T. Behane, T. Dowling and the following Poor Law Guardians: Messrs. J. Kane, M. O'Connor, E. Walsh, M. Galvin, J. Boland, T. O'Connell; Town Commissioners: M. Connor, T. Buckley, T. E. Collins, D. Loughane, W. S. Leary and J. O'Meara. Mr. William Moore Stack, Tralee, presided.

LIMERICK.

The report on the condition of the crop in Athlee is: Potatoes—This crop, owing to late tillage consequent on a wet spring, and to early blight

and constant rain, is the worst for the last twenty years. The most of the tubers are black and rotten, and the sound ones small, immature and uneatable. Hay—The most of the hay is uncut and partly uncut. What was cut for the last month is actually rotten, and the uncut stretched and rotting. Oats—This crop is all but worthless; it did not fill; it is all straw which, from being stretched for a long time is rotten. It does not come in early here and is partly uncut. Barley—There is not much barley sown here, and what is is the same as the oats. Green crops—These are the only crops doing well, but they are not extensively sown.—John Quinn, parish priest.

A meeting of the general committee of the 98 Centenary Association was held in the Town hall, Limerick, a few days since. The attendance was large. Mr. John Daly, chairman, presided. Present: Alderman Carr, William Whelan, T. C., John Crowe, Michael Prendergast, James K. H. D., Daniel Donovan, Denis O'Dwyer, David Williams, Denis Duffy, Patrick Cusack, James Prendergast, James Moloney, David Gilligan, Thomas Ryan, Patrick R. Cleary, Patrick O'Brien, Matthew Neville, Michael Gilligan, James M. Ginnane, Thomas O'Neill, William Cullen, James E. Moran, solicitor, John Nunan, Michael Bourke, sr., John Carr, John O'Mara, John Prendergast, jr., Michael Bourke, jr., B. J. Doyle, James O'Mara, John Organ, Michael Barton, J. Cane, M. Walsh, James Ryan, sr., Patrick Ryan, Patrick Ryan, (Pennywell), John Salmon, John Cronin, Thomas Savage, Henry P. Matthews, John Prendergast, John McKnight and John Sheehan, honoraries, secretaries, Patrick McInerney, Murgret street, John Killeen, George street, Stephen Shanahan, Arthur's quay, Matthew McNamara, Broad street, Patrick A. O'Connor, William street, Thomas Moloney, Bank place, Patrick Keane, Sand mall, Michael Horan, Nelson street, Patrick Mahony, Mary street, Jeremiah Carey, Patrick Carey, Michael Shine, Michael Kerley, Broad street, Thomas Carroll, Pennywell, Denis Hickey, Thomondgate, James Connerly, Thomondgate, Daniel Moloney, Black Battery, were accepted as members. The several reports as to the prospect of electing John Daly mayor of Limerick were pronounced good.

TIPPERARY.

Fethard Town Commissioners at last meeting. Dr. O'Connell presiding, passed these resolutions unanimously: "We call upon the government (1) To take measures to provide for the poorer classes a supply of seed potatoes in the ensuing spring. (2) For a prompt readjustment of the judicial rents, so as to enable farmers in general to tide over the results of what now must be regarded as a most disastrous harvest. (3) That they bring pressure on the landlords of future tenants to give suitable abatement.

Died, August 20, at Ballysheehan, Clogheen, at an advanced age, William Fogarty. September 4, at Carney, Michael Hogan, at the advanced age of 101 years, father of Michael Hogan, Talbot street, Dublin.

WATERFORD.

Reports relating to the crops in the county are most alarming. Corn cut has lain upon the fields for a month, because of the incessant and heavy rain. The potatoes are ruined by blight, and prices of cattle have fallen considerably.

The death of Mr. William Tower, Barronstreet, Waterford, occurred lately.

The sisters in charge of the weaving industries, Convent of Mercy, Stradbally, have received an order from Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York for hand-made linen towels for York House. Not only are all sorts of household linens, pocket handkerchiefs, etc., manufactured at Stradbally, but the convent has gained a reputation for woven colored linens, in various art shades, used for decorative purposes as well as dresses. Contess Cadogan ordered one of the rooms at the Viceroyal Lodge to be hung with Stradbally linens. Another order which the sisters have on hand is for 200 yards of white serge for the Cistercian Monks of Mount Melray.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

At the Carlow Board of Guardians' meeting last week, the Right Hon. Henry Bruen, P. C., presiding, a communication was received from the Cavan Board of Guardians on the subject of the report of the Financial Relations Commission, and after some discussion as to the precise terms the resolution should take, it was pro-

posed by Mr. C. J. Engledow, M. P., seconded by Col. Philip Doynelgors and unanimously resolved: "That in the opinion of the Board of Guardians of the Carlow Union the report of the proceedings of the Royal Commission on the Financial Relations between Great Britain and Ireland established the existence of an undue burden of taxation on Ireland which constitutes a great grievance to all classes of the Irish community, and makes it the duty of the government to propose at an early date remedial legislation; that we hereby invite all residents in our union, irrespective of class and party, to become members of the Carlow Branch of the Irish Financial Reform League, and secure united action on the part of all Irishmen in furthering the movement for the redress of the overtaxation of Ireland, and to maintain the financial rights to which she is constitutionally entitled."

Died, at Browne street, Carlow, August 28, Thomas Mullins, aged 61 years. August 30, at Ballyannon, Harry Thornton, in the 50th year of his age.

DUBLIN.

The remains of the late Mr. David McMullen of the firm of McMillen Bros., portmanteau manufacturers, Newmarket, Coombe, were interred in Glasnevin cemetery, September 7. The regard in which the deceased and his family were held was made manifest by the large representative concourse that accompanied his remains to the grave.

The death of Mr. F. J. Kennedy, the well known manufacturer of tobacco in Dublin was lately reported from his home in Dalkey. For some time he was a member of Parliament for Cavan, in 1885 he was High Sheriff for the city of Dublin, in 1890 he was Lord Mayor of the metropolis. Internment was in Glasnevin, and a vast concourse accompanied the remains to the cemetery.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Irish Industries association was held in Dublin last week. Present: Mr. W. R. Molloy (in the chair), the Earl of Drogheda, Lord Langford, Mr. Horace Plunkett, Mr. John E. Fottrell, Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Browne, Mrs. Bulger, Miss Blanche Tottenham, Miss Fitzgerald and Mr. T. W. Rolleston, secretary. Goods from the Roscos, Fivecillies, Co. Galway, County Bligo, and other industries were examined and ordered to be placed on sale in the depot. An important communication relative to an exhibit of Irish woens in England was laid before the committee, and a sub-committee was appointed to deal with it, consisting of Mr. Powers, Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Horace Plunkett, Mr. E. Macartney Figgate and Mr. Fottrell. It was ordered that a full report of the annual general meeting, held on July 8, under the presidency of the Countess of Aberdeen, be printed for distribution.

KILDARE.

The town of Athy is situated on the River Barrow, and is the largest in the county. Corn is the staple article of trade, which in years past used to be ground in the mills nearby and sent to Dublin by the Grand Canal. Tuesday in each week a market is held, and a fair on the first Monday in each month. Four newspapers are published every Saturday. Population in 1881, 4,181; in 1891, 4,866.

Father J. G. Oorbett, C. C., has been transferred from Monasterevan to Carlow cathedral.

KILKENNY.

The annual show of the Iverk society was held in the demesne of the Earl of Rosborough on September 7. The weather was beautifully fine and the show successful. The number of exhibits was larger than in previous years, and their quality much better.

KING'S.

Some out offices on the holding of an evicted tenant named Eddy Dooly, of Broughall, were recently destroyed by fire. An Emergency man has charge of the property.

LONGFORD.

Mr. Thomas Duffy at last meeting of the Longford town commissions, proposed a resolution asking the government to rescue the Irish people from the approaching period of terrible distress, as the harvest of all kinds of produce will be extremely small, rain destroying everything. It was passed.

LOUTH.

At the meeting of the Drogheda Board of Guardians, September 2, the chairman, Mr. Thomas Malone, presiding, a resolution was received from the Navan local committee in favor of the appointment of local committees

in various parts of the country to enforce the adoption by Parliament of the report of the financial relations commission. Mr. Drew said their friend, the mayor, was chairman of a public meeting in Drogheda, and he thought he was the proper party to take action. The mayor, Mr. Lynch, said that he would call a meeting in a few days for the purpose mentioned.

MEATH.

Report on the condition of the crops in this county just to hand, says the prospects of the farmers in the Navan district are gloomy. The heavy rains and cold weather of the past six weeks did irreparable injury. Old and late meadows suffered severely, and it is feared there will not be half a crop of hay. The oat crop is in a deplorable state. It could not ripen in the rainy, cold weather of the last month, and whole fields are flattened by the heavy rains. Both straw and corn will suffer. This crop promised to be an abundant one. But the worst of all is the condition of the potato crop. There has not been so bad a year in twenty years. The blight has appeared in every district, and the crop is deficient in quality and quantity. At this period last year good, wholesome potatoes sold at 8d. per stone, now 8d.

QUEEN'S.

Since the terrible days of '47 and '48, no such serious failure of crops occurred in this county as is being experienced just now. How the farmers are to obtain the money for rent is a problem no one can solve.

WESTMEATH.

This was taken from the Freeman's Journal of September 7 last: "Our Athlone correspondent says: The aged mother of Leo Casey is at present living in a state of great destitution at Ballymahon, county Westmeath, and a recipient of outdoor relief. The poor old lady is now upwards of 88 years of age. Very often she says she has been forgotten, and that if her condition were only known she would not be long without receiving assistance from the friends of her son.

WEXFORD.

Mr. Murphy, a young Courtown fisherman, has received notification from the Royal Humane society that he has been awarded a medal for saving life.

WICKLOW.

Efforts are being made to have some of the Paris fund drawn to pay off the encumbrances of the estate of the late Charles Stewart Parnell. Five thousand pounds is the sum mentioned as being required to pay off the debt and have the old homestead of the Parnells in the family again.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

The vast extent of country between Clifden and Slyne Head, known as Errismore, which generally supplied the local market with potatoes, will not yield this season as much as will keep alive the people of the immediate locality.

The scene presented on September 6 in the beautiful gardens and halls of the Carmelite Fathers at Loughrea was magnificent. St. Patrick's hall, all the other buildings and the beautifully laid out grounds and gardens were transformed into a veritable paradise. The old abbey tower, still bearing eloquent testimony to the religious zeal of the Middle Ages, was crowned with flags and decorations. Mrs. Burke, William street, Galway, died September 2, after a short illness, deeply regretted. The remains were conveyed to the Pre-Cathedral of St. Nicholas, where solemn high mass was celebrated.

LEITRIM.

Miss Annabella Taylor of Ardmeehan died lately at the early age of 19 years deeply regretted by all classes in her immediate neighborhood and in Drumshambo.

MAYO.

At the fine old age of 78 years died at Sarnagh, Castlebar, lately Peter Lavelle, deeply regretted by his family and neighbors. Mr. Thomas Tuohy, Barnaby, died recently. He was connected with the most respectable families in Ballaghaderreen.

ROSCOMMON.

Crop reports from all over the county are extremely gloomy. The fears entertained about the failure of the potato crop have unfortunately been fulfilled.

Patrick Drury of Cloonkeen, near Castlebar, who was aged over 90 years, was fatally burned last week. The annual reunion of the National School Teachers of Sligo was held on August 27, and was an unequalled success.

HEIR FOR MARLBOROUGH.

The Young Duchess, Formerly Consuelo Vanderbilt, Gives Birth to a Son.

The Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, was safely delivered of a son in Spencer House, the London residence of the young pair.

Both mother and son are doing well, according to the latest reports from the attending physicians.

The Mayor and corporation of Woodstock wired congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough. Bells were rung throughout the town, and feus de jule were fired on the roof of Blenheim.

The little mite of humanity has the title by courtesy of the Marquis of Blandford. If he survives his father he will be the tenth Duke of Marlborough and have a long string of titles, including Earl of Marlborough, Earl of Sunderland, Baron Churchill of Sandridge, Prince of the Holy Roman Empire and Prince of Mindelham, in Suabia.

In addition to a great name, the lucky child will inherit a magnificent entailed estate, which has been restored and improved by American dollars. Through his father he can trace descent from some of the most famous men in English history; on his mother's side he will be related to the wealthiest family on this side of the Atlantic.



DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH.

The name of the baby's father is Charles Richard John Spencer Churchill. He was graduated from Cambridge University, where he made a good record as a student, and became an adept at polo and cricket. He was married to Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt at St. Thomas' Church, on November 4, 1895. The Duchess is now about 22 years old. She is the daughter of Mr. William K. Vanderbilt and great-granddaughter of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, founder of the family fortunes. She was named Consuelo for the Duchess of Manchester who was an intimate friend of her mother.

The young Duke and Duchess entertained the Prince and Princess of Wales and a large party at Blenheim palace last November, and they were the personal guests of Queen Victoria at Windsor last May. Their London residence is called Spencer House.

The title of Duke, which is quite common, and consequently comparatively unimportant in some countries in continental Europe, is borne by very few in Great Britain. The dukes stand at the head of the English peerage and the Queen addresses them as cousins. They have honor and precedence everywhere, and the Churchill infant will start in life with everything in his favor.

A Cynic's Suggestion.

Here is an ingenious plan of a French writer on hygiene to persuade women to adopt looser-fitting, and therefore healthier, garments: "As long as a small waist is considered elegant and modish, women will face," says this old cynic, "Very young girls, especially, are almost impossible to control in this respect. I see only one way to effect a remedy. Let it be decreed that between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five a floating but becoming garment shall be worn; that will be like the Greek dress, beautiful, but so adapted as to allow the growing body to develop without restraint in the healthful way nature intended. The very young girls will hasten to adopt this costume, because they always wish to attain the dignity of womanhood. They will hesitate to quit it, because it will be an avowal of their age, and until they are thirty, at least, they will not be ready to confess to twenty-five; by which time they will have found the untrammelled garment so comfortable that they could not be persuaded to relinquish it."

A Bicycle Parachute.

A parachutist, known as "Prof." Anthony, has accomplished a sensational descent at Linton by dropping from a height of 3,000 feet while "pedaling" a bicycle. This is said to be the first introduction of the bicycle into this hazardous kind of exhibition. Signor Ballini, of the Crystal Palace, took the balloon up with the "Professor" dangling below the car, and when an elevation of 3,000 feet had been reached he gave the signal to drop. The parachute opened by an apparatus worked by "pedaling" the bicycle, and the "Professor" afterward stated that he dropped 50 feet before it opened properly. During that time he had to "pedal" hard. The descent was very slow on account of the parachute being rather too large and the parachutist was carried by the wind to some far side of Caddington from which place a road back to Luton.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Blue Not Popular in Literature.

Some one, with 'ime hanging heavy on his hands, has tabulated the references to color in literature. He finds that blue is not mentioned at all in either the Bible or Homer. Since the Christian era red and yellow are the most frequently mentioned colors, and since the sixteenth century blue is mentioned twice as often as before.

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