

while shooting on the Powerscourt estate lately, was carrying his gun at full cock, with his finger on the trigger, when his foot caught in some brambles and he fell. The gun was discharged and the contents entered the thigh of a young gamekeeper.

On March 3, passed away, at her residence, Ballynackan, Blessington, Mrs. Anne Nolan, in her hundredth year. The deceased, who had been a widow for thirty years, devoted her life to works of charity, and was greatly beloved, not alone in Ballynackan, but for miles around. Many a distressed family she brought hope and comfort to, many a deathbed she consoled and brightened by her presence. Her own death was supremely happy. Fully conscious to the last, she passed away, surrounded by her children, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, supported by all the consolations of Holy Church. The funeral cortege was over a mile in length. The burial service was read by the Very Rev. Father Curran, of Blessington. The chief mourners were Hugh Nolan (son), Daniel McEvoy (son-in-law), C. McEvoy, D. McEvoy, Jr., Patrick McEvoy, and Hugh McEvoy (grandchildren).

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

On Feb. 23 shot were fired into the dwelling of James Clair, Birchfield, Liscomnor. No one was injured. Residents say it was intended as a warning, and not to injure the people.

A meeting of the members of the Kiladysart Labor association was held at Mr. Patrick Nash's on Sunday. Mr. Patrick Nash presided and delivered a lecture on the prospects of the laborer and the L. G. bill. He advised his hearers to pay no attention to electioneering dodges. What they wanted was an independent candidate, prepared to fight their battles. He advised that they form themselves into a canvassing committee to solicit the support of every elector in the division. The following were appointed members of the canvassing committee: Mr. P. Nash, Mr. P. Halloran, Mr. T. Macnamara, Mr. J. Purcell, Mr. P. Griffin, Mr. J. Macnamara, Mr. Thomas Cooley, Mr. John McCarthy, Mr. M. Hahir, Mr. P. Bourke, Mr. M. O'Connor, Mr. Timothy Hallinan, Mr. Thomas Meany, Mr. Patrick Carroll, Mr. P. O'Connor, Mr. M. Murphy.

CORK.

On March 3, while hunting with the Hunt Club hounds, Mr. David Moore, of Middleton, aged 32, was killed at Ballyleary, near Middleton. His horse bolted and threw the rider from the saddle. The base of the skull was fractured. Death was almost instantaneous.

Henry Allen, aged 27 years, of Ballyvaughy, near Clonakilly, was fatally injured Feb. 25, by being thrown from a car under which the horse ran away. Much regret was felt at the announcement of the sudden death of Mr. William Kingston, of Skibbereen, which occurred March 1, after being in his shop the day before. He was one of our best known merchants and universally respected by all classes in the community. He was little over the prime of life.

The annual meeting of the Cork branch of the Gaelic League was held recently in the Young Men's Society hall, Castle street. Alderman Phair presided. Father Kavanagh, O. S. F., was unanimously elected president, and in moving the vote of thanks to the late president, Alderman Phair said: "This movement of bringing back our own language, of having it spoken by all Irishmen again as it was in the past, would have a great, a very great effect in forwarding the national cause, of making us all realize that we are Irishmen, and not West Britons. This was the chief reason why he had always been enthusiastic about it."

A great meeting was held in Dunshallow on Feb. 19, under the auspices of the Freemount branch of the United Irish League, to select representatives for the Newmarket district in the County Council.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

KELLEHER—On March 2, at Knocknagour, Margaret Kelleher.

DREW—On March 2, Rathcoola, Donoughmore, Thomas Drew.

FOLLY—On March 2, at Dunbologue, James Foley.

DOYLE—On March 3, at 23 Crowley's lane, Mary Doyle, aged 72 years.

GEARY—On March 3, at Newcastle, Blarney, Redmond Geary, aged 75 years.

CORCORAN—On March 3, at Maugool, Inniscarra, Margaret Corcoran.

DESMOND—On March 1, at 21 Warren's place, Hannah Desmond, formerly of Broadale House, Douglas.

O'CONNOR—March 3, at 247 Blarney street, Mrs. Mary O'Connor.

O'CONNOR—On Feb. 26 and 27, at 33 Fernlea road, Balham, London, S. W. Anne Catherine Emmerick and Imelda Mary Elizabeth, aged respectively 8 and 9 days, infant daughters (twins) of Robert Francis and Emily Teresa O'Connor, and nieces of the late Rev. E. F. O'Connor, Dublin.

WOLFE—On Feb. 28, at 16 Deane street, St. Finbarr's, Edward Richard Wolfe.

CANTY—On Feb. 28, at the North Infirmary, Eliza Canty, daughter of Thomas Miller, Randon, late of Cork.

CALLANAN—On March 1, at Lower Monkstown, Nora Callanan.

O'FLYNN—On Feb. 28, at Gortnahilly, Carrigahav, Johanna O'Flynn, aged 70 years.

KERRY.

The four balliffs engaged on the Kenmare estate lately proceeded to Biddisburgh, parish of Kil-

cummin, to seize cattle—belonging to three tenants named Scannell. The head bailiff, Rahilly, with the three others, proceeded to seize Scannell's cattle, which were grazing a few fields from the dwelling house, but the oldest Scannell called upon the crowd not to let the cattle go, and after a serious fight between Rahilly and the Scannells, assisted by the crowd, the cattle were driven back to the fields amidst the cheers of the multitude that had assembled.

Mr. Thomas Mainfold, station master at Caherciveen railway, has been removed to Charleville, County Cork.

Regret was occasioned in Listowel lately when it was announced that Mr. Thomas F. Rahilly, the clerk of Petty Sessions, had died.

LIMERICK.

Lord Dunraven has been appointed a member of Queen Victoria's Most Honorable Privy Council in Ireland.

Michael Griffin, aged 45 years, of Ballysheedy, near Limerick, was choked by a bit of beef sticking in his throat during dinner Feb. 23.

Died.—FLANAGAN—Feb. 6, the Rev. Henry Flanagan, Scholastic of the Society of Jesus, second son of John Flanagan, Inland Revenue, Glasgow, former student of Munster College, Limerick, died at St. Charles' College, Grand Coteau, La., United States, of America.

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Cleave, of Limerick, was celebrated on Feb. 14, when they were the recipients of congratulations and addresses from the English and Irish employees of the Condensed Milk company of Ireland, which was founded by Cleave Bros. A massive silver service, weighing 400 ounces, was presented to them on the occasion.

TIPPERARY.

Recently a remarkable discovery was made on the premises of Mr. John Ryan, tinsmith, O'Brien street, Tipperary. Mr. Ryan was carrying out repairs on his kitchen floor, and while doing so he observed the outlines of a zinc square, which on closer examination proved to be the outer covering of a wooden box, three feet in length, and a foot and a half in width and depth, filled with ball cartridges. The matter was reported to Constables Maguire and Loughlin, and they had the find removed to the police barracks. Here it was found that the box contained 2,000 cartridges, about 1,500 of which are used with a Snider rifle, and the remainder large revolver cartridges. The box presented the appearance of having been concealed for many years.

Some alarm was caused in the Parliamentary lobby lately by a visitor to the House of Commons falling in a fit. The stranger was Mr. Clancy, solicitor, Clonmel, who had come to attend an Irish deputation to the Treasury, and was provided by Mr. John Redmond with a seat under the gallery. Mr. Clancy suddenly fell forward with a groan, and was carried out by a couple of attendants to the Government whips room, where he was at once attended by Dr. Farquharson. Mr. Clancy was able shortly afterward to be assisted to a cab and drove to his lodgings.

How her Majesty's Mails Were Lost.—As customary one day lately James Cummins, mail car driver, loaded the mails at Thurlespost office to bring them to the railway station for Dublin. When the mails were loaded he started the horse, an old one and accustomed to the journey for many years, and he followed at a distance of fifteen yards. Thus they proceeded until Mr. James Kpough's, Dublin Bar, was reached. From this point two roads lead to the station, but in order to get the mails to the proper side it would be necessary to go the longer route. The driver, trusting to the habits of his old, faithful horse, allowed the animal to go by the longer route, while he took the shorter. Arriving at the station, he discovered the animal had not arrived. He immediately set to search, but failed to discover any trace of the horse, cart or mails. He returned to the post office, where he apprised the officials of the occurrence. In their dilemma they hastened to the police barracks, where they reported the matter, and Serjt. Jacob Ryan immediately proceeded to search for the missing mails. He procured a horse and car, and searched the locality around the station, eventually arriving up with the wandering mails in Bohernanave, about 8 o'clock a. m. By this time the mail train was well on its way to Dublin, and James Cummins was responsible for the non-delivery of the Dublin mails from Thurles. Some of the matter, of course, was anxiously looked for, but there was assuredly some notes in the bags that some people would not be sorry if they had never arrived.

WATERFORD.

The greatest sale of land held in the County Waterford for many years will take place on an early date. Six farms, the property of Mr. F. W. Budd, Sweet Briar Park, Tramore, will be offered to the public.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

A convention of the 'Ninety-eight clubs in Belfast was held in the Avenue hall lately. The attendance of delegates was large, and the greatest enthusiasm characterized the proceedings. Mr. Joseph Devlin, president of the Belfast and Ulster Centenary association, presided. On the motion of Mr. John Diffin (Dr. Drennan club), seconded by Mr. Mullan (James Hope club), the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That as it is an undeniable fact that no progress can be made and no success attained

in the fight for Irish freedom without unity amongst Irishmen, and as we are convinced that all constitutional efforts would be totally ineffectual without loyalty and discipline in the ranks of the Irish parliamentary party, this convention pledges itself to support only those representatives which pledge themselves to do everything in their power to satisfy the passionate desire of the Irish people for reunion among all sections of Nationalists."

The death of Dr. P. J. O'Hara of Ballylissan, near Ballymena, which happened lately, was deeply and universally regretted.

Messrs. Harland and Wolff of Belfast, builders of the White Star liner Oceanic, voluntarily intimated on March 1 an advance to all iron shipwrights, boiler-makers and platers' helpers of two and one half per cent. on piece-work rates and to laborers of sixpence a week in their wages, in commemoration of the successful launching of the largest ship in the world.

ARMAGH.

A Nationalist convention was held in Armagh Catholic Reading Room lately to select a candidate to contest county council division of Middletown. Rev. Patrick Fagan, Armagh, presided. Present: Rev. Patrick M'Rory, Middletown; Rev. Anthony McDonnell, Middletown; Rev. Michael Quinn, Armagh; and Rev. Felix McNally, Armagh. Messrs. Cornelius Hughes, Killylea, and Michael Garvey, Ballyrath, were proposed and seconded, and on a poll being taken Mr. Hughes was declared selected. The contest is expected to prove a keen one, two candidates being already in the field, viz., Mr. Thomas McClure, in the Presbyterian interest, and Mr. Thomas Knipe, as a Liberal Unionist.

CAVAN.

How Ireland has prospered under British rule! Father Coyle, P. P., tells what has happened in the case of the once flourishing town of Ballyhaile, County Cavan. In this town, in 1832, the manufacture of linen was carried on extensively, and there existed besides a tannery and flour and oat mills. The result was that "there was fifteen or twenty flourishing shops in Ballyhaile fifty or sixty years ago." To-day there are no local industries, and the shops are reduced to four. In the period wherein the industries described existed, 200 families had their homes in Ballyhaile; now twelve constitute the population. The monthly fairs, which once made the place a scene of bustle and commerce, have perished, and the surviving weekly markets "are hardly worthy of being called by such name."

Died.—BRADY—March 1, at Loughdavin, Rev. James Brady, C. C., Ballymahon. Office and Requiem Mass at Loughdavin church.

DERRY.

John Diamond of Boveagh, farmer, aged 80 years, was found dead on the Knaught mountain lately.

DONEGAL.

John Williamson, aged 55 years, of KERRYKEEL, was found dead in his home, Feb. 24. The people entertain some idea of foul play, as deceased had drawn £100 from the bank and the pockets of the deceased were rifled and the house presented the appearance of having been searched.

DOWN.

Mr. George Crawford H. Handcock, second son of Mr. H. H. Handcock, manager of the Newry branch of the Bank of Ireland, was lately killed by a lion. On the night of Jan. 22 last, while in camp at Fort Sebungwe, Zambesi, South Africa, the deceased, who was in the Cape Mounted Police, heard a noise proceeding from the stables. He went out to see what was wrong, and did not take his rifle with him, nor had he a light. In a few minutes his companion heard young Handcock calling him loudly, and he at once jumped up, and, grasping his rifle, ran in the direction of the stables. To his horror he saw the deceased lying on the ground and a large lion standing over him. The deceased's companion at once ran forward and attacked the beast and ultimately drove the lion off. He next tried to rouse young Handcock, but finding him unconscious he at once gave the alarm. Assistance was soon at hand and the deceased was carried into his bungalow. On examination it was found that he had received a severe wound on the back of the head and that he was beyond human skill. He never regained consciousness, and died in half an hour. From the position of the wounds it appeared that the lion had sprung upon the deceased from behind, so that he was taken by surprise. He was buried on the following day with full military honors.

FERMANAGH.

Died.—ROGERS—Feb. 9, at Knockmore, Patrick Rogers, aged 58 years. Mr. Edward Madden addressed a meeting of his supporters at Derryard, near Rosslea, March 5. The meeting was largely attended. Mr. Michael Cassidy, Crocraha, presided, and in a neat speech asked them to support Mr. Madden, whom they all knew well. They were all aware of his ability, patriotism and honesty. Mr. Madden said they knew his record, and if they thought him worthy of the position he would proudly accept it.

MONAGHAN.

Died.—JOSEPH—Feb. 21, Patrick Joseph, aged 22 years, eldest son of Felix McCaffrey, of Carrickmacross.

TYRONE.

At the meeting of the electors, held at Dungannon after last Mass on Sunday in St. Patrick's Academy, Rev. J. Quinn, C. C., presided.

EASTER LILIES.

Thro' mellow gloom of dim old room
The white ascension lilies bloom;
And fragrance bear in still cool air
As they bend o'er silver salver there.

Ingly white—with radiance bright—
Shine hopes of heaven's starry light,
And wealth untold, in heart of gold
Suggests Christ's glories manifold.

His flower thou art—from stamen heart
To feathery petals' pearl-tipped dart;
And I see in thy purity,
A semblance of His Majesty.

A LEGEND OF EASTER EGGS.

BY ROSE PORTER.

As Winnie and I talked we sat down on a fallen tree trunk; the ground all about us was carpeted with spring flowers, blue and white violets, Solomon's seal, tiny yellow sorrel, baby blueets, and all were in profusion. In truth, I think there never was so sweet a morning, and so lovely a spot in which to talk of Easter and Easter's Lord.

It was so natural there, with nature's beauty all about us, to remember the sepulchre in the garden and the rock-hewn tomb, where with reverent care Joseph, the rich man of Arimathea, laid the body of his crucified Lord. And then, the sacred history tells us, "he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed."

Near this sepulchre—thus the legend runs—there grew a stately tree, laden with early fruit buds, and pendulous leaves, and deep in the green of the thick-leaved boughs a beautiful bird sat singing beside the nest she had built with patient labor of fluff and straw, and bordered with moss, soft and green like malachite; and safe within the nest there lay four eggs of white, pure and stainless as newly fallen snow.

Now when the little bird beheld the body of the crucified Lord wrapped in a clean linen cloth, and laid in the tomb, when she looked on the Holy pale face, and saw the dear feet and hands placed with the cruel nails; her song of joy became a song of woe, and all night long that song continued, a song of sorrow like the moan of "the wind with its wants, and its infinite wail." And the bird sang on "until the grief of the world was turned to song." And the song did not end when, "while it was still dark," through the gloom a glimmering angel clothed in white, swiftly sped from heaven to earth and rolled the stone from before the sepulchre. As Christ, the Lord of Life, came forth robed in the glory of the resurrection morning, the sun shone over the eastern hills—Easter dawned—and "earth, and her various mysteries, seemed touched with holy bliss as holier things they symbolized."

And lo! as the bird on the leafy bough beheld the heavenly wonder of "death swallowed up in victory," her heart was filled with exultant gladness, that straightway turned the songs of the night into morning songs of joy—songs of cheer, so sweet, so glad, "the pastures clothed with flocks, and the valleys and the hills heard, and they too, signed with joy, they also sang." When the angel heard this joyous chant of universal praise, in which every praise note was in tune with the bird's glad refrain, "Rejoice, rejoice," he said: "Sweet bird, be forever blest thyself, thy eggs and thy moss-burdened nest." And—

"Ever since that blessed night
When death bowed down to the Lord
Of Light,
The eggs of that sweet bird changed
their hue,
And burn with red and gold and blue,
Reminding mankind in their simple
way,
Of the holy marvel of Easter day."

This is the legend I told Winnie. I read it long ago. I do not remember when or where, I only know—

"Thus with glories rich and bright,
What after the sweet voice of Faith,
Shall dawn for us heaven's holy light,
After the solemn night of death!"

for Christ is risen. "As in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive." "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

Just Before Easter.



"Is now that happy ever glides
A trifling space before
To see how quickly he can pass
Each millinery store."

When a woman resolves to spend
sunshine and happiness around her
she begins by carrying a sad, wistful look
in her eyes and talking in a low,
mournful voice.—New York Press.

day that was.

Nothing was definitely settled in the way of a universal agreement until the question was taken up by the council of Nice. That body settled the date as the first Sunday following the 14th day of the calendar month which happened upon or next after the 21st of March; so that if this 14th day be a Sunday, Easter was not to be on that date, but on the next following Sunday. Easter, therefore, may be any date within five weeks, inclusive of March 22 and April 25th. It cannot happen earlier or later than these two days. In 1883 Easter occurred March 25th and again on the same date in 1894.

It was after keeping the pasover with the disciples that Christ's crucifixion took place, and the Christian era

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