

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.

CONNACHT

GALWAY A very sad, though not fatal shooting accident occurred at Cappard, near Peterwell, County Galway, recently. A young man named Giambrath, while out fowling, fired at a rabbit going round a tree in the field, and Mrs. Kerin, who happened to be passing at the time, had one of her eyes injured by the shot. It is feared that the sight of the eye will be lost.

Reviving the Irish Language A meeting of the Tuam Branch of the Gaelic League was held in the town hall on June 17. M. O. Shine, and subsequently Dr. T. B. Costello, V. P., in the chair.

LEITRIM—Glory to Leitrim—The members of the County Council of Leitrim are solid men, they are not cringing before the British Local Government Board.

MAYO—The Ceremony of reception took place in the chapel of the Presentation Convent, George's Hill, Dublin, lately.

Most Rev. Dr. McEvilly, Archbishop of Tuam, on June 12, visited Mayo Abbey and administered the Sacrament of confirmation to 300 children.

Mr. Francis O'Malley, an old and respected inhabitant of Cappahamain, died June 16, after a short illness.

Mr. John Tufty, Belcarra, died June 15, widely regretted. On Sunday afternoon High Mass was offered up for the repose of his soul.

ROSCOMMON—Coercion Defeated—The prosecution against Patrick McGarry, Sr., Patrick McGarry, Jr., and Owen Grady, who live near Frenchpark, and who were charged under the Coercion Act with rioting on the boycotted estates, has been abandoned.

The new school in Castleplunket will soon open, and will be a great boon to the children of the districts in the vicinity.

Mr. John Fitzgibbon, the veteran Nationalist of Castleroa, now in Sligo prison, under the Coercion Act, for simply being a patriot and helping the great work of the United Irish League that desires the "Land for the People," was unanimously elected chairman of the local Board of Guardians whilst in King Edward's bastille.

Revival of Irish Industry and Commerce.—The Catholic Church Property Insurance Co., Ltd., has been registered with a capital of £100,000. The company is established to carry on in all its branches, particularly in re-insurance as a fire insurance company.

they had subscribed \$3,000, and they hoped to get a great deal more. Bog Slide.—A bog slide of enormous proportions occurred at Annagh, near Coothball, on June 15 causing serious damage to crops and newly-cut turf of farmers.

SILIGO—William O'Malley died in Drumore West on June 6 at the age of 102 years.

New Industry.—Mr. Rev. Dr. Casey, Bishop of Elphin, on June 16, formally opened the new shirt factory in Siligo.

Mrs. Gilgan, of Breogue, died June 10 after a long period of sickness, deeply mourned.

CARLOW.—A large delegation from Carlow and Graigue attended the recent laying of the foundation stone of the memorial to Michael Dwyer.

DUBLIN.—Mr. Thomas Murphy, proprietor of the Yellow House, Rathfarnham, died suddenly at his home on June 19.

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Bathlimes, aged 67 years. MURPHY.—June 19, at Yellow House, Rathfarnham, Thomas Francis Murphy, aged 35 years.

CONDREN.—June 19, at Newtown Park, Blackrock, Esther Condren, aged 84.

CULLEN.—June 19, at 19 Middle Gardiner street, Annie Cullen, aged 29.

MR. MICHAEL BOWEN, son of Mr. James Bowen, Tenison avenue, Balbratha died June 18 in deeply mourned circumstances.

WESTMEATH.—Mr. James Carroll, National school teacher, Rathway, died June 16 after a few days' sickness, deeply regretted.

The first meeting of the new Committee of Management of the Mullingar District Asylum was held in Mullingar, June 20.

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At the Parochial House, St. Peter's, Drogheda, the Rev. F. Carolan, St. Peter's was presented with an address and testimonial, June 19, by the Catholic people of Faughart.

MISS BRIDGET CARRY, news agent, Trimgate street, Navan, died June 15 after a very brief period of sickness.

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The death of Mr. John Hackett, Killenaule, occurred June 11, aged 74 years, deeply regretted. He was a thorough Irishman, both in sentiment and in practice, and had the experience in Ireland's battle of being an evicted tenant for pluckily sticking to his guns until he succeeded in getting on his own terms reinstated in his old homestead at Lanepark, where he passed away on Friday morning the remains were removed to the parish chapel, where Requiem Office was held and High Mass celebrated.

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MUNSTER

LARE—Judge Carleton, June 17, resumed the hearing of the Coercion Act appeals by P. J. Linnane, T. Flanagan, M. Griffithy, M. O'Brien, M. Hickey, M. O'Loughlin and J. O'Sullivan against the sentences of four months with hard labor in the case of Mr. Flanagan, three months without hard labor in the case of Mr. Linnane, one with hard labor in the case of Mr. Griffithy, and two months in the other cases.

SAD RECORD.—According to the last census returns from the County Clare there has been a decrease in speakers of the Irish language in that county since the previous census was taken. According to the 1891 figures there were at that date 800 Clare inhabitants who could speak Irish only, and 4,978 who could speak both Irish and English. The figures for 1901 are 238 and 43,160 respectively.

Disgraceful Condition.—The organizer of the Gaelic League in Clare, according to 'The Clareman' of June 21 made the following report as to Doora National School and the Irish language. 'Doora N. S. (mixed)—Michael MacMaster teacher, Miss Fahy, work mistress, Fifty on rolls. Average, 30. No Irish at present and poor outlook. Teacher states that the parents of his pupils object to the teaching of Irish. There is no bread and butter in it. Teacher shares their views and pokes of his want of confidence in 'that Gaelic mania'. No Irish history taught here. This is a sample of what is being done in many places to make Ireland Irish.'

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ULSTER

ANTRIM.—The Catholics of Larne, under the guidance of Father I. O'Neill had their annual excursion on June 2. The place visited is named Garrison Tower. Five hundred persons were in the cavalcade of twenty-one long brakes.

The death of Mr. James J. Shanley, an old and respected member of the Typographical Association, Belfast, occurred on June 15. Deceased was a native of Belfast and was for many years employed on the Irish News.

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