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.-A successful concert under the auspices of the Emmett Commemoration Club, was given to a crowded house on July 25 in St Mary's Hall, Belfast, on which occasion the magnificent new banner was unfurled. The concert opened with a selection by St. Patrick's Boys' Brigade Band, entitled Irish March. The principal event, the unfurling of the banner, followed the ceremony, being performed by the Rev. Father Greaven, B. A., amid great enthusiasm, and in doing so Father Greaven paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of Robert Emmett. In this connection James Hoctor was heard to great advantage in The Memory of the Dead, for which he was applauded and in the second part of the programme he gave The Wearing of the Green.

Seaton F. Milligan, at the meeting of the Antiquarians in Dorey, July 28, read a most interesting paper on Some Ancient Ecclesiastical Bells in Ulster. Among the bells mentioned was the Bell of Ballymena.

ARMAGH.- A meeting of the Mid Armagh Divisional Executive of the United Irish League was held in Forresters' Hall Armagh on July 22. James Donnelly, Armagh City, occupied the chair, the principal business being the election of officers for the ensuing year and to make arrangements for a county meeting of the different executives Patrick Watters, Keads, was elected chairman, James Donnelly, secretary and Francis Ryan, treasurer. The following resolution was proposed by Francis Ryan: "That we pledge ourselves to support no candidate for any public position in future except those selected by our respective branches of the U. I. L.

CAVAN.-The marriage of Miss Mary Fitzpatrick of Killishanea to Sergeant Rennick of the local police took place on July 28.

On Sunday, July 27, a successful football tournament was held in Arva, under the auspices of the "Arva Davits." Clubs attended from Killishandra, Scrabby, Lacken, Kilmore, Kildallan, Drumbiss, Ahavis, Columbkille. The field was given by Mr. Patrick Cosgrove. The Crania, Arva and the Scrabby team were accompanied by the Gowna Fife and Drum Band, to the number of sixty, which enlivened the proceedings by excellent rendering of national music.

DONEGAL-Miss Bridget Dolan daughter of the late Felix Dolan, Bundoran, was professed a religious of the order of Saint Louis, in in the Convent at Monaghan, July 29. Her name is Sister M. Aquin.

Miss Helena McGowan, daughter of Mr. Thomas McGowan Ballymena was professed a religious of the Order of St. Louis in the Monaghan Convent, July 29, taking the title of Sister M Paul.

A man found dead in Garrell Glen, Kilsyth Scotland, having apparently been killed by falling from the rocks thirty feet above, was identified by relatives as Edward Devlin, employed at Carron Bridge waterworks, who belonged to Templemoyle, Culdaff.

On July 21 the Sessiaghoneill creamery, auxiliary to the Finn Valley of Crossroads, Killygirdon was formally opened, and the meeting held was thoroughly representative. Father Doherty was moved to the chair, and in an able address pointed out the manifold advantages of co-operation among the farmers and the benefits that will ensue from their new undertaking, as is well illustrated in the working of the creamery.

The annual meeting of the County Donegal National Teachers Association was held in the schoolrooms, Stranorlar, under the presidency of of J. C Ward.

DOWN—The twenty-sixth annual horse and cattle show of the Banbridge Farming Society was held in the market of the town, and was attended with a success exceeding very considerably anything hitherto achieved during the career of this body.

FERMANAGH—In the King's Bench Division of Four Courts Dublin lately in the case of Anna Bella Ferguson vs. Edward Rogers Mr. Pringle on behalf of the defendant, a farmer at Corelom, County Fermanagh, an order was granted [illegible] permitting an action [illegible] by the plantiff, [illegible] Derrygonelly [illegible] breach of promise [illegible]

MONAGHAN—A meeting of the Monaghan Teachers Association was held in the Temperance Hotel Monaghan. The secretary having read the correspondence from the Central Executive Committee, a most interesting discussion ensued on the new rules and on the new programme issued by the Commissioners of National Education.

The scene witnessed on July 29 in the chapel of the Convent of St. Louis, Monaghan, will never be forgotten by those present. On the accasion ten novies were admitted to profession as Sisters of St. Louis and four were received.

TYRONE—On July 31 the funeral of late Mr. John McWilliams, of Edergole, took place to Drumagh and was very numerously attended. He had lived to age.

During life he had been greatly esteemed in Omagh.

Miss Margaret Martin, daughter of the late Mr. Claude Martin Lisnacrieve House Fintona. was professed a religous of the order St. Louis. in the Monaghan Convent July 29 taking the title of Sister Claude.

The annual excursion this year of the Sacred Heart. Temperance and apostleship of Prayer Societies Omagh, in connection with the general holiday, was successful about 700 ladies and gentleman took part in the excursion the pretect of the Sacred Heart portion all wearing badges and sashes. and the promoters of the Apostleship of prayer wearing similar decoration. The excursion arrived in Bundoran about 10 o'clock. A procession was then formed and marched through the town. Headed by the Omagh Sacred Heart Bass and Reed Band and after paying a visit to Catholic Church, dispersed, At 1 o'clock luncheon was served to them in Great Northern railway ground The excursionists deported themselves on the Green sward. and the band discoursed a special selection of music under Mr. Joseph Nugent. Everything passed off creditably, and all returned home having enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

MUNSTER

CLARE.-John Sheehan of Clonroadmore died July 29 after a few days' sickness from blood poisoning, The remains were removed from the Cathedral on July 30 and the funeral to Clare Abbey, where they were interred in the family tomb, was large and representative

At Cork Assizes, July 30, Bartholomew Crowley and James Eustis pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging them with having on the night of March 9, at Dysart, near Kilrush, being armed with firearms assaulted and injured the dwelling house of one Margaret McInerney The jury found Crowley guilty but acquitted Eustis. The judge sentenced Crowley to fifteen months' imprisonment. This case is very like cases made up by Sergeant Sheridan.

A meeting of the Ballyer branch of the United Irish League was held on July 27. Rev J Nolan, president, presided. A correspondence was before the meeting from the trustees of the United Irish Parliamentary Fund thanking the branch for their contribution. The selection of delegates to the great county convention, was proceeded with

It was proposed that the three United Irish League District councillors within the area be selected but as only two of them were present, it was decided not to send cards to any member who was absent.

On July 30 while some workmen were carrying out excavations for Leonard Costelloe, plumber, in upper Jail street, Ennis, leading into Barrack Square, they came on a quantity of human remains three feet below the surface. Two skeletons were got, two skulls of other remains and a number of small bones, with the remains of a coffin They seemed of great age. There is a tradition that the square into which the road runs where the bones were found was used at one time as a place of execution, and the designation Gallows Park and Gallows Green have been applied to the locality. There is no record of the place beeing used as a grave yard Perhaps these poor human relics are those of victims who were executed at the "Assizes" which were held from time to time in Ennis in the troublous days of old

The first of these "Assizes" was held by Sir Edwin Eitton in 1570 the high sheriff, the first, by the way, who ever held that office in Clare, being Teige O'Brien of Smithstown. About 1590 there was another Assizes when seventy persons, men and women, were put to death. In 1591 the first jail was established in Ennis- by the English, the jailer being Pat Morgan, and the site was near this place Eight years later there was another Assizes which lasted fifteen days.

CORK.—The members of the Berlin Rowing Club arrived home August 1st. The Vice-President states that the day after the races unsolicited contributions began to pour in from all sides with the object of enabling the regatta committee to provide a suitable memento on behalf of the people of Cork for presentation to the Berlin crew. The Vice-President speaks enthusiastically of the hospitality shown by the Irish, and promises a suitable return if an Irish crew visits Germany.

The summer excursion which Messrs. Allman of Bandon give year by year to their employees was made to the Exhibition July 28. The excursionists, to the number of 230, were conveyed to Cork in carriages attached to the morning train. The men formed in procession, headed by the Bandon Workingmen's band and marched by the South Mall, Parade and Western road, to the Exhibition gates. A special tram car followed with the women and children. Mr. W. J. Wyatt showed the large party through the Industrial Hall.

An accident attended by severe injuries to two men occurred July 28 at the Old Head of Kinsale. Patrick Connell and John Connelly, both of Kilcolenan, were employed by a farmer named Wm. Murray, of same place, in throwing down an old outhouse, when one of the walls collapsed, pinning the two poor men to the ground. The Very Rev. Canon Dunlea and Dr. O'Leary Ballinspittle, were soon on the scene. On examination Connell was found to have both legs broken, and sustained other injuries to the body. Connelly was more fortunate, having only one leg broken. Canon Dunlea having administered the rites of the Church to Connell, and both men having their injuries attended by the doctor, they were later on conveyed to the Kinsale Hospital.

Recent deaths in Cork—O'Donoghue on Jnly 30, at 8 East View Terrace, John O'Donoghue. On July 31, at Ballinahina, Carrignavar, Timothy Hegarty. On July 30, at Ballinvoskig, Douglas, Frank O'Connell, Frankfield, Mary Crowley, Behaugh, died in Cork on July 30. On July 27, at 30 Evergreen Buildings, Margaret Fleming. On July 27, at 23 and 24 Castle street, Cork, James S. McCarthy. On July 27, at Dromalour, Kanturk, Denis Ignatius Archdeacon. On July 27, at her father's residence, Julia, eldest daughter of William Stanley, Blarney. On July 27, at Landscabe Terrace, Mallow, Molly O'Conner, of 67 Main st., Mallow.

KERRY.—Father John Breen St. Brendan's Seminary, Killarney has been appointed president of St Michael's College, Listonel.

Most Rev. Dr. Coffey, Bishop of Kerry, has appointed the Rev. Patrick O'Leary senior dean of Maynooth College, to the pastoral charge of Newtownsands. Father O'Leary is a native of Tralee and a brother to Very Rev. David Canon O'Leary, Dingle.

At the Mercy Convent, Ballinagh, Tralee, lately Miss Lizzie O'Sullivan, in religion Sister Mary Mercy, daughter of Maurice E. O,Sullivan, Banemore was received into the order and on the same occassion Miss E. McMahon in religion Sister Mary Raphael daughter of the late John McMohn Listellich and Miss Norah Mahar in religion Sister Mary Malachi of Lixnaw, were professed. The Very Rev. Thomas Carmody dean of Kerry officiated.

LIMERICK.—Mr. Daniel J. Frenton, Queeu street, age 30 year was found dying on the public road at Bellview, July 31 Some persons were with him when the fatal sickness fell on him but they went away and have not since been discovered

The Land War.—Mr. D. B. K Lucas, sub-sheriff, accompanied by a bailiff, proceeded from Newcastle West, July 26, with the intention of executing a decree for rent and costs on the effects of a tenant, named Sheehan, on the Cahill property at Seconglass, Mountcollins. Sheehan is at present under bail awaiting trial at the October sessions in a coercion appeal case, it being in connection with the holding of an alleged illegal assembly near his farms that three others were sentenced to imprisonment by a Crimes Court at Abbyfeale. A force of policemen accompanied the sheriff, but their approach was detected by some mounted observer who immediately gave the alarm, when all Sheehan's effects were rendered invisible and nothing seizable was found when the unwelcome visitors arrived.

LEINSTER

CARLOW—At the extraordinary age of one hundred years died Miss Mary McDonald of Ballycormack Bagnalstown, July 29. Office and high mass were held in Ballenkillen Chapel which, as well as the funeral, were numerously attended.

July 27 a meeting of Father Murphy Memorial Committee was held in the Town Hall, Tullow, to consider the drafting of an appeal for funds. Mr. James Dempsey, and subsequently Mr Thomas Bolger, presided. Father Ramsbottom, Hacketstown, sent an encouraging communication for the success of the movement, and enclosing $5 towards the memorial fund The committee then proceeded to consider drafts of an appeal for funds to erect the memorial, and agreed upon its wording

DUBLIN.—Denis Boyle, a butcher living in Bray, met with a horrible accident at the Bray railway station July 27 He was on the platform and fell to the rails, and was rolled over by a passenger train But slight hope is entertained for his recovery

In the Franciscan Capuchin Church, St Mary of Angels, Church street, Dublin Aug 10, at 2 o'clock, the Portiuncula Indulgence, of Grand Parton of Assisi, was begun Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament took place at the opening of the festival and the high altar was decorated and illuminated Throughout the afternoon the church was crowded with worshippers to gain the plenary indulgence granted to all who visit it during the celebration The festival sermon was preached by the Very Rev Father Fidelis, O S F C

A Council meeting of the Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language took place on July 29 at 6 Molesworth Street, Dublin Count Plunkett R L M R I A, F S A, in the chair This being the first meeting since the death of Most Rev Dr Croke, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr J J MacSweeney, seconded by Father Dinneen That the Council of the Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language record their profound sorrow at the death of the Patron of the Society, his Grace, the Most Rev T W Croke, D D, Archbishop of Cashel, and Metropolitan for Munster and do adjourn as a mark of respect to his memory, and to express their deep sense of the loss Ireland has sustained in the death of so patriotic exemplary and distinguished a prelate

On Sunday, July 27, at 12 o'clock mass in the Carmelite Church, Whitefriars street, Dublin, Most Rev Dr Hanlon, Bishop of Teco, and Vicar Apostolic of the Upper Nile, preached a sermon in aid of his missionary work He explained that he was in Dublin for the purpose, not only of interesting the people in the mission which he is conducting in Equatorial Africa, but to obtain help for the good work At the request of the Holy See he commenced his missionary labors among the Hindoos of Northern India, and in 1894 was transferred to Central Africa. At that time they had no facilities for the conduct of the Mission, but their work had since grown so that they had ten stations and thirty missionary priests They had instructed and baptised 8,000 persons, and there were 16,000 under preparation for baptism With the conversion to Christianity the life of the people had improved and thousands had now set their faces against the evil customs formerly practised by the race

A meeting of the members of the Old Guard Union was held at 87 Marlborough street, Dublin, lately Brother F Mitchell presiding and Bro J Daly in the vice chair Correspondence was read in connection with the pilgrimage to Confrey Churchyard, Leixlip to honor the remains of Nicholas Dempsey The chairman informed the members that he and Bro O'Brien had visited Lucan, where they met Messrs Dunne and Maher, of Leixlip, and Mr Mahoney, of Lucan. In conferring with these gentlemen it was decided to fix the 10th of August, as on that day a large number of excursionists would arrive in Dublin from the west of Ireland, and would be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity to pay a visit to the grave of Dempsey and other historic spots in Leixlip Bro. O'Brien stated that he would endeavor to make arrangements for Louisa Bridge, the nearest station to Confrey Churchyard. Mr. Mi Plummer having submitted to the usual tests for membership, was duly initiated

Recent deaths in Dublin

MAHONY.—July 26, at 11 Woodfield place, Inchicore, Bessie Mahony, County Cork

MARKEY.—July 26, Mary Marke, Corabiles, Donabate

BEHAN.—Aug. 1, at 7 Richmond row, Portebello, Bridget Behan

BRENNAN.-Aug. 1, at 14 Ormond street, Patrick Brennan

MURPHY.—Aug 1, at 25 Valentia parade, Eliza Murphy, formerly of Monasootha, County Wexford.

TREACEY.—July 25, at Shannon View, Mrs. E. Treacey, Shannon View 74 years.

WALSH.—July 28, at 49 Lower Gloucester street, Willie Walsh.

POWER.—July 30, at Sorrento, Dalkey, Joanna Mary Power, of Dunhill and Eastlands, Tramore, County Waterford.

RYAN.—July 29, at 69 Church street, John Ryan.

TAAFFE.—July 29, at Coolquay, The Ward, Mary Taaffe.

WADDOCK.—At Downings, John Waddock, aged 83 years.

DUNNE.—July 30, at 3 Ashe street, Joseph Dunne.

GARAHAN.—July 31, at Clonbraney, Kenagh, Bridget Garahan, aged 80 years.

MARTIN.—July 26, at the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Donnybrook, Anne Martin, aged 70 years.

CLINCH.—July 23, at 137 Thomas street, Miss Mary Clinch.

HANLEY.—July 31, at 53 Hadding road, Bridget Hanley.

COSTIGAN.—At St. Kevin's, Glencree, Br. William Costigan, Q. M. I., in the 75th year of his age, and the forty-sixth of his religious profession.

KILDARE.—A fatal accident occurred in Celbridge on July 26, William Mane, Redmond Hogarty and James Coffey went into Dublin with three loads of hay. Coming home, they all went in Coffey's cart, tying the two horses behind. After crossing the bridge over the Liffey at Celbridge the men were asleep, and the leading horses went down a slope to the water's edge, where animals usually drink and walked too far in. The river was very much swollen, and the current was running at a very high rate, so much so that it swept the horse off his legs. The rope between the second horse and the cart parted, and the vehicle on which the three men were was carried down the river. Mape plunged off the cart and was never seen again. The others held on, and, the horses finding footing, they came to the bank nothing the worse for their immersion. No trace could be found of their companion.

KILKENNY—The remains of James Morrissey, of Garrenheby, were found drowned in the river Barrow, at New Ross.

The members of the Bennettsbridge branch of the United Irish League held a meeting July 28, at which Mr. Ed Foley presided. It was arranged that a collection be held for the Irish Parliamentary Fund.

On July 29 Cardinal Moran arrived in Kilkenny on a visit to the Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, Lord Bishop of Ossory At night the whole city was in a blaze of illuminations; tar barrel burned in the streets—the Mayor, Alderman P. Hoyne, had three of them opposite his residence—and every window was filled with lighted candles, colored lanterns, etc. Even the placid bosom of the Nors was availed of by enthusiastic individuals who set burning tar barrels merrily floating over its limpid waters. All the city bands paraded the streets during the night accompanied by enormous crowds, including all classes of the community, and on every hand the enthusiasm of the citizens was unbounded. The scene was altogether most inspiring. The Most Rev. Dr Brownrigg and the Mayor welcomed the Cardinal, the latter speaking in the Irish language.

Mr. Thomas Downey, of Trimalinton, died July 23, deeply mourned. The funeral took place on Friday to Castlecomer, and was one of largest seen this long time, there was more than fifty cars in the cortege.

KING'S—Mr. James Byrne, ex officer of Inland Revenue, died at his residence in Kilbeggan July 27, aged 72 years. The interment was in Glasnevin. Mr. Byrne was a native of Bagnalstown, County Carlow.

LONGFORD—A branch of the Anti-treating League has been founded at A beylarn under the spiritual guidance of Father Gray.

Miss Bridget Kilduff, daughter of Mr. Matthew Kilduff, of Ardagh was professed a religious of the Order of Saint Louis in the Monaghan Convent July 29, taking the title of Sister Benignus.

LOUTH—Cardinal Logue recently made the following changes: Very Rev. Canon Dillon, P. P., Louth to be P P. Tallanstown, vacant by the death of the late Canon Mackin.

MEATH—Mr. Sheridan, Martins. Athboy, died July 27 deeply mourned. The requim services and the funeral to Rathmore was very largely attended.

The new Catholic church in course of erection in Oldcastle is to be one more in hand after a long interval. Patrick Nolan, Monaghan has secured the contract.

CONNACHT.

GALWAY.—Most Rev. Dr. McEvilly, Archbishop of Tuam, on July 30 administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 500 children in the united parishes of Park and Keelogues. All confirmed took the total abstinence pledge until they be age 21 years.

The friends of the Very Rev. Father O.Connor, O. S. F. ,Galway, were pleased to learn that at the recent Chapter of the Order in Ireland, he was re-appoined Guardian of the Franciscans in the "Citte of the Tribes."

A case of considerable interest was decided at the Carna Petty Sessions on July 24. Hugh King, bailiff to Mr. Berridge, Balliuahinch, had several persons sommed for cutting and removing seaweed from the foreshore, Freaghillrun; Mr. King has had several sommonses of the kind tried before the Carna Petty Sessions Court within last six months, and had the people fined and imprisoned. At the last court, however, thanks to Mr. O'Malley, M.P. for the division, Mr. Hallowes, of Hallowes & Hamilton, solicitors, Dublin. attended by directions of the Board of trade and claimed on behalf of the Crown the whole of the foreshore below high water mark. This put a new complexion on the case, and the magistrate were obliged to dismiss the sommonses.

The death of Mr. Dominick Burke, proprietor of the well known posting place in Eyre Square, Galway, occurred on July 23 He took a very active part in the religious and charitible societies. As a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, he labored to promote the work of the association. He was a member of the Temperance Society, and was head of a gild in the Sodality at the Jesuits' Church. He was admitted a member of the Sodality in July, 1872, and was a member of the Temperance Society for thirty years.

HOW THE COW WENT

One of the Queerest Cow Stories on Record

The story is told in the Outlook, and is probably one of the queerest cow stories on record, if not one of the truest. The scene of it is on Cape Cod, on a little farm near Barnstable. Upon this farm a retired sea captain had settled down for his old age,, along with a horse, a cow and two or three dozen hens.

The cow, ,though a lank and rather stubborn creature, was said to come from a very good stock and when the Barnstable people took it into their heads to have a fair Captain Patterson determined to exhibit her.

But when the day came for driving her to the grounds the cow showed that she had a mind of her own. She would not budge a step beyond the farm yard gate. In vain the old captain tugged at the rope, pummelled her sides and pushed her flanks. The cow wanted to go to pasture, and was bound she wouldn't go to the fair.

Captain Patterson's patience was nearly gone when suddenly an idea occurred to him. Though he was not strong enough himself to force the cow to got to the fair his training suggested something that was.

Tying the cow to the gate post, he went up into the loft of his barn and threw down an old sail attached to a dory mast. Then he put a horse's blanket belt through an iron ring strapped the belt around the cow. Inserted the end of the mast in the ring and bound the mast to the side of the cow with some fifty feet of rope.

The wind blew "querting," and when the captain untied the cow and raised the sail the canvas swelled out over the cow's back and away she went "sidling" down the road, mooing and plunging, and trying in vain to stop herself.

Captain Patterson seized her tail and using it as a rudder, guided her skillfully in the right direction. With every fresh puff of wind the obstinate cow would be hurried along faster, while the dust blew up in clouds, and the sail flapped and tugged as Captain Patterson held to the main sheet with one hand and the cow's tail with the other it was a hard voyage for both of them but not a long one; and when they came in sight of the fair grounds everybody ran out to see the remarkable sight of a cow being sailed through the streets like a ship

Cheers and laughter filled the air and when the captain finally whirled his cow around at the gate of the fair ground, and brought her neatly up into the wind, the shout that arose might have been heard two miles away

Unfortunately, Captain Patterson's cow did not take one of the prizes for blooded stock,, but the captain himself was given a special prize by the fair commissioners for "the best device for getting balky cattle to market"

For the Little Folk.

"Did you hear what Whimpton's little boy said when they showed him the twins?" "No; what was it?" He said "There' mamma's been gettin' bargains again."

Carl, aged four, has a German nurse who has taught him to say his prayers in German. One evening his friend Ralph, who is six, came to see him just as he was at his prayers Ralph listened open-mouthed for a minute and then burst out with "Oh, golly! just listen to Carl! He thinks God's Dutch!"

Nora's mother having given her a good-night kiss, reminded her gently as usual, not to forget her prayer to God that she might be made a good little girl. "Must I ask him that every night, mamma?" Norah asked, gravely. "Yes, little one," her mother replied Nora was thoughtful for a moment. "Mamma," she said, in an injured tone, "is I such a dreffully bad little girl as all that?"

A little boy about five years old, too tired for anything but sleep, refused one night to say his prayers. His uncle, who was present, said: "Oh, Harry, would you go to sleep without asking God to take care of you during the night?" The little fellow answered: "I didn't say, 'em last night, I ain't doin' to say 'em to-night and I ain't doin' to say 'em to-morrow night and then, if nothin' don't det me, I ain't doin' to say 'em no more."

There is a little girl living out on Tilden avenue who is rapidly causing her father's hair to assume the color of the driven snow. The other day she looked up at him from between his knees and asked: "Papa, was it a wise person who said 'the good die young?'" "Yes," said the musing man, "I guess so." "Well," she went on, after thinking it over for some time, "I'm not so much surprised about you but I don't see how mamma ever managed to get growed up."—Cleveland Leader.

The Curfew in Cambridge.

The board of aldermen in Cambridge seems favorable disposed towards a curfew ordinance providing that children under sixteen years old shall not be in the streets after half-past nine in the evening unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, or furnished with a note written the same day authorizing them to be away from home says Harper's Weekly. The ordinance which has progressed so far as enrollment, has a majority of five five to three behind it, and its effects are likely to be tried. Its enforcement will call for much discretion on the part of the police, and the experiment that Cambridge has with it will doubtless influence the action of other New England cities.

The Laughing Plant.

The laughing plant grows in Arabia and derives its name from the effects produced by eating its seeds. The plant is of moderate size with bright yellow flowers and soft velvety seed pods, each of which contains two or three seeds resembling small black beans. The natives of the district where the plant grows dry these seeds and reduce them to powder. A small dose of this powder has effects similar to those arising from the inhalation of laughing gas. It causes the soberest person to dance shout and laugh with the boisterous excitement of a madman, and to rush about, cutting the most ridiculous capers for nearly an hour. At the expiration of this time exhaustion sets in, and the excited person falls asleep to wake after several hours with no recollection of his antics.