

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.

CONNAGHT

GALWAY.—Mr. M. S. Kelly, printer and stationer, Loughrea, died lately, leaving a long sickness. He belonged to a most respectable family, who carried on the printing business for generations. He was related to Colonel Kelly of the United States Army, whose connection with the Fenian movement, and with the tragic occurrence in Manchester, when the police van in which he and other Fenian leaders were being taken to prison was attacked. Colonel Kelly escaped, but Allan, Larkin and O'Brien were arrested and murdered by the British. The late Mr. M. S. Kelly used to write very nice things in the monthly journal he carried on for years.

Mr. David Burke, of Galway Road, died Jan. 19, at the fine old age of 82 years. The funeral was exceedingly large and respectable. The services at the graveside were read by the Rev. W. J. McKelvey.

KILTRIM.—The branches of the United Irish League and of the Gaelic League are making good progress in the County. With the land in the possession of the tillers and the revival of the active language will come an era of independence and prosperity for the Irish people.

On Jan. 19, Mr. Thomas Joseph Clarke, F. J. L. of the "Leitrim Observer," Carrick-on-Shannon, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Maggie Mulvey, of Cloontarf, sister of Mr. Francis Mulvey, editor and proprietor of the "Leitrim Observer." The ceremony was performed in the Catholic Church, Roden, parish of Anghrim, Roscommon, by the Very Rev. P. A. Flanagan. The bridegroom is the only son of Mr. William Clarke, late of Slaney View, Bartstown, Co. Wexford, and the bride is the second daughter of Mr. Thomas Mulvey, of Cloontarf.

A large crowd awaited the arrival of the ex-prisoner, Michael Muldowney, in Dromed from Mountjoy prison, where he served 18 years penal servitude for the alleged Craughwell murder. Some 25 years ago Mr. Muldowney became a member of the R. I. Constabulary, and in the year 1884 was stationed at Craughwell, County Galway. In that district there was an evicted farm and Paddy Doherty was boycotted for having taken possession of it. One morning Doherty was found shot outside his residence, and Muldowney and a man named Finnegan were charged with his murder. They were tried at the Sligo Assizes, convicted and sentenced to death, although both of them denied all knowledge of the horrible crime. Subsequently their sentences were commuted to penal servitude for life, as some doubt existed as to their guilt. Finnegan was released some six months ago, but Muldowney, for some reason or other, was detained in prison. It was owing to the exertions of Mr. Tully, M. P. for South Leitrim, that Muldowney obtained his release.

MAYO.—Mr. James Daly, chairman of the Castlebar Urban Council, has been appointed a justice of the peace for that district.

Mrs. Rose Dunne, wife of Mr. Michael Dunne, contractor, died January 17. Her funeral to the old Church on Monday was largely and respectfully attended.

At a recent meeting of the Ballinrobe Board of Guardians, a letter was read from Father Corbett, P. P., recalling his knowledge of the partition, passed at preceding meeting in reference to him; thanking the Guardians for the testimony to his services therein contained, and intimating that all the landlords in his parish, except one, who was a landlord on a small scale, had sold out to the Congested District Board, that he expected that he would also soon sell and that then he (Father Corbett) would be able to show a clean slate.

The death of Mr. Thomas Keene, Elkpatrick, Killesnoe, occurred on Jan. 16, deeply regretted. The funeral to the Roscommon burial ground was very numerously attended.

ROSCOMMON.—Mr. Joseph Keane, of Castleplunkett, died Jan. 23, deeply mourned. The funeral procession was the largest seen in that part of the country for some years. The interment was in Killecorkey cemetery.

Mrs. John McDermott, of St. Vincent street, Roscommon, died Jan. 15, deeply regretted. On Friday evening the remains were removed to the Catholic Church, and on Saturday morning solemn requiem mass was offered for the repose of her soul. The Rev. M. O'Brien being celebrant.

SLIGO.—At the Ursuline Convent, St. Joseph's, Sligo, Miss Jane Cogan, of Keshmura, Sligo (in religion Sister Mary Catherine), lately had the happiness to receive the white veil. This was the first pontifical sum bestowed since the death of the late Rev. Dr. Chancy, Bishop of Elphin, assisted by Rev. Dr. O'Loan, and Rev. J. McKeown, St. Mary's, Sligo. After the ceremony, the guests were entertained by the good Sisters of the convent.

At the recent meeting of the Soer Branch of the United Irish League several local topics were discussed, after which the chairman addressed the meeting on the importance of organization. A settlement of the land question seemed near, but until that question had been finally settled, until the people were planted on the ranches all over the country, and home rule had become an accomplished fact, there would be no grounding of arms on the part of the National forces.

LINENSTER

CARLOW.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Honora Brady, of Clononee and Agha, took place Jan. 14 and was numerously attended. She had reached the fine old age of 92 years. The interment took place at Newtown, where a solemn requiem high mass was celebrated.

DUBLIN.—An impressive ceremony took place on Jan. 10 at the Sacred Heart Convent, Nottingham, England, when Miss Mary Teresa Kelly, in religion Sister Mary Teresa, Adrian of the Sacred Heart, of Dublin, and Miss Margaret Mary Cassels, in religion Sister Mary Annunciate, of Dublin, and Miss Catherine Elizabeth Judge, in religion, Sister Mary De Chantal, and Miss Bridget McHale, in religion Sister Mary Benedict Demmin, both from Ireland, had the great happiness of receiving their religious veil in the order of St. Joseph of Holy Pease.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Father Mathew Memorial Hall, Church street, Dublin, was held Jan. 25. The main hall of the building which the zeal of the Capuchin Father had erected for the furtherance of the temperance cause, was crowded. The platform was occupied by a most representative of clergymen and laity.

A public meeting was held lately of the friends and parishioners of the late Rev. Canon Carberry, of James street and Dolphin's Barn, Dublin, to take steps for the erection of a memorial to his memory. The meeting was held in the Church of Our Lady of Dolours, Dolphin's Barn.

On Jan. 25 the members of the various branches of the Irish National Foresters, Dublin District, took part in a parade to Mount Argus Church at Haroldscross. About 10 a. m. they began to assemble at Boreford place, the appointed rendezvous, and half an hour later all the contingents were in position. Brother John O'Brien acted as grand marshal, and under his directions the necessary arrangements were expeditiously made. The Workmen's Temperance Brass Band headed the parade.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—FARRELL.—Jan. 20 at Cabinteely, John Farrell, aged 73 years.—TOOMEY, Jan. 23, at 3 St. Teresa's Place, Charles Henry Toomey.—WARD.—At Our Lady's Hospital, Haroldscross, Miss Catherine Ward, of Garristown and Oldtown; sister of the late Major Richard Oulahan, Washington, D. C., U. S. A.; also aunt of Patrick Loughran of New York.—REILLY.—Jan. 23, at 92 Marborough street, Anne Reilly.—McCORMACK.—Jan. 24, at 5 Leo street, Dublin, in her 72d year, Mary McCormack, formerly of 2 Greville street, Mullingar.—HODSMAN.—Jan. 24, at Dremorne, Donore avenue, Dublin, John Hodsmann, pyrotechnist, aged 73 years.—KELLY.—Jan. 25, at 41 Usher's quay, John Kelly, aged 62 years, late of Moone, County Kildare.—BOYLE.—Mr. Boyle, on Jan. 25, at 1 Lower Vere's Terrace, Haroldscross.—CORBALLY.—Jan. 20, at Glasnevin, John Corbally.—CONLAN.—Jan. 27, at 112 North Strand road, Mary Conlan.—DELANEY.—At Northumberland road, Dublin, James Delaney, late of Grenaldstown, Athboy, County Meath.—FINNEGAN.—Jan. 26, at 13 Upper Gibbstoe street, Margaret Finnegan, daughter of the late James Lewis, Sutton, aged 30 years.—BROWN.—Jan. 27, P. Brown, late of Beverly Smith's.—ANDREWS.—Jan. 29, at 6 Mountain View, South Circular road, Kilmahain, Mrs. Ellen Andrews.—KENNEDY.—Jan. 23, at Second Lock, Royal Canal, Mary Kennedy.—NOLAN.—Jan. 23, at 17 Portland place, Thomas Nolan, late D. M. P.—BOILER.—Jan. 23, at Our Lady's Hospital for the Dying, Haroldscross, Francis Bolger, of 93 Cork street.—BURKE.—Jan. 22, at Athlone hotel, 45 Upper Dominick street, William J. Burke, master plasterer and builder, in the 74th year of his age.

KILDARE.—Mr. Edward Doyle, Tipper House, Naas, died Jan. 23, aged 50 years, highly regretted. Solemn office and high mass were held in Eastdown; funeral very largely attended.

KILKENNY.—At a recent meeting of the members of the Kilkenny County Council, the resolution was unanimously adopted in re the recent conference between the landlords' and tenants' representatives in Dublin: That each County Council be asked to appoint two representatives to meet and consider the findings of the Land Conference, as some of the clauses are unsatisfactory. Mr. Fitzgerald was ordered to forward a copy to each County Council in Ireland.

Mr. Geoffrey Brennan, Ballyhemond, died January 17, in the 85th year of his age, deeply regretted. In his last days of illness he had the happiness of being nursed by his daughter, Sister Mary Patricia, of the Augustinian Order, St. George's Retreat, Burgess Hill,

Sussex, England. He was one of Father Mathew's pledge-takers, and never broke it during his long life. The funeral was large and representative.

KING'S.—On Jan. 20, at Mercy Convent, Tullamore, Sister Mary Evangelista Molloy died in the 75th year of her age and 41st of her religious profession. Office and requiem mass were held in Convent Chapel.

Mrs. Eliza Kilmartin, of Clononey, Banagher, died January 22, aged 80 years. She was mother of the Rev. Mother of the Convent in Clara.

LONGFORD.—On Jan. 4, Miss Margaret Shanley, daughter of Mr. P. Shanley, ex-National Teacher, Cloonteeagh, Newtownforbes, died suddenly, aged 77 years. The funeral was the largest seen in the district for many years. The Rev. J. Skelly officiated at the graveside.

LOUTH.—Mrs. Jane Duffy, of Whitefield, Donecorney, Drogheda, died Jan. 23, deeply regretted. Office and high mass were held in St. Mary's Church, and the funeral to Chord cemetery was very numerously attended.

On Jan. 19 a very interesting debate took place at the Catholic Club, Drogheda. The subject was "Is the Irish Language Essential to the Prosperity of the Country?" The discussion lasted two hours and after the subject being fully debated, a vote was taken with the result that the affirmative side was declared carried by a clear majority.

MEATH.—Rev. Richard Blake, pastor of Churchtown, Navan, who died Jan. 2, was aged 25 years. His death was deeply mourned by his parishioners and a great circle of friends. Office and requiem mass in the parish church Dunderry, was largely attended by the priests of the diocese.

On Jan. 17 the employees of Mr. John Spicer, Navan, owner of the Boyne and Blackwater mills, Navan, were entertained in regal style by their employer to celebrate the coming of age of his son, Jack Spicer. The entertainment was given in the Young Men's Catholic Society Hall. More than two hundred guests were entertained.

On Jan. 18 a largely attended and most successful meeting was held at Cullinhill in support of the United Irish League. On the motion of Mr. P. O'Flanagan, seconded by Mr. Edward Champion, Mr. John Lalor took the chair. These resolutions were adopted: Resolved—That we reaffirm our adhesion to the principles of the United Irish League. We believe that movement worth the support of Nationalist Ireland as the only means toward the attainment of national self-government and the land for the people. We approve the result of the Irish Land Conference, and we call upon the government to give immediate legislative effect to the recommendations of the conference. We express confidence in the Irish party.

WESTMEATH.—The street preaching nuisance has been resumed in Athlone, after a lapse of months, the occasion of the great annual fair being availed of, when there were large numbers of persons in the town. The people, acting on the advice of the priests, left the "preachers" alone. There was a strong force of police present, but the good temper of the people saved the need of their intervention. The "preachers" retired crestfallen after holding a very brief "service."

The death of Mr. Charles O'Donoghue occurred on Jan. 25, at his residence, Ballinahower Court, Athlone, He was the second son of Daniel O'Donoghue, the O'Donoghue of the Glens, County Kerry, and former Parliamentary representative for the Borough of Tralee. Charles O'Donoghue was born in Kerry in 1860, and succeeded to the Westmeath estates of his uncle, Sir John Ennis, Jr., after the death of the latter's wife, Madam O'Donoghue, in October 1891. These estates are the largest and most valuable in County Westmeath, and are scattered over several parts of the county. In 1892 Mr. O'Donoghue contested the Parliamentary constituency of South Westmeath in the Pamellite interest. Since the formation of the United Irish Party Mr. O'Donoghue was several times invited by the chairman to enter Parliament. His medical advisers, however, prevented him from accepting any of these offers.

WEXFORD.—The United Irish League and the Gaelic League are making great progress in this county.

WICKLOW.—The Parnell estate remains in a very unsatisfactory condition yet. The death recently of Mr. Boylan, Dublin, who purchased the property, has in some measure helped to delay the arrangements that were being made.

The Trooperstown Gaelic class is progressing favorably under the able direction of Mr. R. F. O'Brien, N. S. T. Mr. O'Brien's halls from that portion of the Emerald Isle to which Cromwell assigned the Irish who declined to be-leave themselves to a warmer region presided over by "An Fear Dhu;" consequently the students of Trooperstown class are in a position to command the genuine accent. Judging from the attendance and interest taken in the lessons, the most of the students will be qualified to compete in N. 1 of O'Donoghue at the forthcoming Feis. There are a number of "bou hal oges" in the community who have not yet opened, but could easily attend.

A large and representative meeting of the Tynoch and Kiltegan branch of the United Irish League was held Jan.

25, Mr. William Murphy, president, in the chair.

MUNSTER

CLARE.—Dr. J. J. O'Malloran, Corofin, County Clare, died in Dublin, Jan. 24.

Under the Coercion Act, Mr. Michael Henely, of Ennistymon, and John McGuane, in the employment of Mr. John McInerney, were sent to prison for four months. The stereotyped charge of intimidation was alleged against them.

The funeral of the late Mr. M. Molloy, butter buyer, of Market street, Ennis, took place on Jan. 20, to Drumcliffe cemetery.

CORK.—Confidence, the property of Captain Lynch, Parkgriff, Monkstown who gained jumping prizes in all of the horse shows in Ireland, and carried off the championship of the United Kingdom, at Ballsbridge in 1901, and made a record in Limerick show, when he jumped the champion wall, six feet high, died on Jan. 23, after carrying his owner a fine hunt of nine miles with the United. At last year's show in Dublin Captain Lynch refused £350 for him. A post mortem examination by Mr. Willis Hoare, V. S., revealed the fact that the great hunter whose performances had gained him a reputation all over the United Kingdom, died from heart disease. He was ten years old, and Captain Lynch bought him when he was four years old, and the horse never gave his master a fall.

Rev. P. F. Kavanagh, the author of "History of the Insurrection of '98," in a recent lecture in the Young Men's Catholic Institute, Cork, made this significant statement: "I am strongly of the opinion that in the restoration of the Irish language as the ordinary speech of the people, and in the teaching of Irish history to the growing generation of boys and girls, are to be found the most effectual means that can be employed to attain the end we have in view." To have an Irish Ireland.

In the Town Hall, Dunmanway, on Jan. 22, before a large audience, an instructive lecture was delivered by the Rev. D. Crowley, of London, who has been prominently associated with the movement for the revival of the Irish language.

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WALSHT.—At the residence of her brother on Jan. 25, Maryanne Walsht.—BUCKLEY.—On 25th January, at Millfield Cottages, Malloy Road, Kate Buckley.—O'LEARY.—On the 25th of January, at North Square, Macroom, Anne O'Leary.—LUDGATE.—On 26th January, at Lombardstown, Elizabeth Ludgate.—HEALY.—On the 26th of January, Maurice Healey, late of Sreane, Ovens.—HENNESSY.—On the 22d January, at 27 Evergreen street, Mrs. Honora Hennessy, relict of the late Patrick Gardner Hennessy, daughter of the late James de Courcy, Ivagh, Cahirciveen, niece of late Mrs. Fanny O'Connell, of the late Cornelius Clancy, M. D., Michaelstown, and of the late Major Maurice de Courcy, and grand niece of the great Col. McCarthy, Mor.—O'KEEFE.—On the 26th January, Church Hill, Glanmore, Ellen O'Keefe.—DALY.—At 66 Roches buildings, Julia Daly (Lady's Well brewery)—McCARTHY.—On 27th January, at New street, Bantry, John McCarthy, aged 61 years.—O'SHAUGHNESSY.—On 26th January, at Bannry, Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessy.

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TIPPERARY.—Father D. Fogarty, pastor of Tronevara, who died Jan. 8, to the great regret of all who knew him, was aged only 54 years, of which 24 were spent in the priesthood. Father Fogarty was a native of Kilkoman near Neamagh. His studies for the ministry were made in Ennis and Maynooth Colleges. The first curacy was in Kilkilmea, where he ministered during six years. Fourteen years ago the late Bishop Ryan appointed him pastor of Tronevara.

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WATERFORD.—Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, celebrated mass in the Cathedral, Waterford, Feb. 1. It being the anniversary of his consecration as Bishop of the diocese.

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ULSTER

ANTRIM.—Rev. Patrick McErlane, of St. Brigids parish, Derryvoigle avenue, Belfast, died on Jan. 17, in the Mater Infirmary Hospital, Crumlin's road, Belfast.

ARMAGH.—The death occurred at Ter, Crossmaglen, on Jan 15 of Mary McGreesh, who had attained the age of 107 years. Until the hour of her death she retained possession of all her faculties. Her recollection was vivid of the stirring incidents of the rebellion of '98.

A painfully sudden death occurred in Armagh Jan. 23, Anne Smith, aged 30 years expiring on the public street.

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A Scientific Request.

Professor Buggology (to the Jantress)—"One of my tarantulas has escaped, Mrs. Jenks, and I think he is somewhere about the house. He is an extremely rare and valuable specimen and I must caution you against stepping on or otherwise injuring him; and if he should happen to bite one of your children I wish you to notify me at once. I am especially desirous of observing the effects of tarantula virus on the human system in a northern latitude."—Puck.

Indian Soldiers.

A noteworthy experiment was made in the little regular army of the United States last year. Seven full companies of Indian soldiers, three of cavalry and four of infantry, were recruited and added to as many regiments; and more companies are now being recruited, so that ultimately every regiment stationed west of the Mississippi will have an Indian company. The Indians already enlisted are much pleased with the service. They are uniformed exactly like the white soldiers; they receive the same rations, cook their food in the same way, and are treated in all respects like their white comrades. The military commands used in drilling them are in English, and they receive from the officers regular instruction in the English language, and in the ways of civilized life. The Indian soldiers, so far, have conducted themselves exceedingly well. They have good military bearing, are courteous to their officers, and take excellent care of their arms, equipments, and horses.

Spider Web Factory.

Some ten years ago a French missionary started the systematic rearing of two kinds of spiders for their web, and the Board of Trade Journal states that a spider web factory is now in successful operation at Chalais-Meudon, near Paris, where ropes are made of spider web intended for balloons for the French military aeronautic section. The spiders are arranged in groups of twelve above a reel, upon which the threads are wound. It is by no means easy work for the spiders, for they are not released until they have furnished from thirty to forty yards of thread each. The web is washed and thus freed of the outer reddish and sticky cover. Eight of the washed threads are then taken together, and of this rather strong yarn cords are woven, which are stronger and much lighter than cords of silk of the same thickness.

The Power of a Cyclone.

Careful estimates of the force of a cyclone and the energy required to keep a full fledged hurricane in active operation reveal the presence of a power that makes the mightiest efforts of man appear as nothing in comparison. A force fully equal to four hundred and seventy-three million horse power was estimated as developed in a West Indian cyclone. This is about fifteen times the power that is creatable by all the means within the range of man's capabilities during the same time. Were steam, water, windmills and the strength of all men and all animals combined they could not at all approach the tremendous force exerted by this terrible storm.

Why John Brown Learned to Fight.

There is an anecdote a-going to the effect that John Brown, when he was raising sheep in New York State, and missed the choicest of his stock, wrote to his neighbor, who was dining on mutton daily, to say that he had other sheep just as good or better for eating, which he would give the neighbor, because he (Brown) was raising the merinos for wool. His neighbor, having the courage of his rascality, thereupon horsewhipped Brown, who, professing non-resistance at that time, made no trouble. He arrested the thief for assault, but the justice of the peace decided with the wisdom of Dogberry that if a man doesn't resist he can have no cause of complaint. John Brown's notion of non-resistance ended then.—Springfield Republican.

Color blindness is far more common among men than women.