

NEWS FROM IRELAND

ALL THE HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST IN THE OLD COUNTRY.

What is Being Done by the People at Home—Gossip From All the Counties of the Emerald Isle.

Ulster

ANTRIM.—David Walsh, who lives opposite the cemetery in Lisburn, when shooting at a cat which had been stealing his fowl accidentally shot his daughter. He was arrested, but lib-erated.

ARMAGH.—An accident of a shock- ing nature lately at Gortaleigh, near Ar- magh, resulted in the death of a youth Thomas Sparks, who lived at Killylea, was returning home on a car with his father and mother, when a horse at- tached to a farmer's cart ran away, running in the same direction his car- was proceeding in. The man in the cart was thrown out and deceased jumped off to try to stop the horse, when he was struck on the temple and killed instantly.

CAVAN.—John Corr, Legaginney, re- cently died at the age of sixty-five years.

DERRY.—The death occurred on June 21, at Coleraine, of the Rev. John Car- roll, pastor.

DONEGAL.—The final negotiations for the purchase of the Conolly estate have taken place. Mr. Roper, a mem- ber of a firm of solicitors in Dublin, was in attendance at the courthouse, Ballyshannon, lately, arranging details, and all of the tenants signed the agree- ments for the purchase of their farms.

The death of Thomas Potter, mer- chant, Market street, Ballyshannon, occurred June 20.

A serious accident occurred lately to signal operators on the Donegal Bal- lyshannon Extension railway at Con- neely's bridge, about a mile from Ballyshannon. Six men were travel- ing on a lorry at a speed of over ten miles an hour down the incline, when it upset at the bridge, throwing all off with great force. Four were injured, two of them seriously. Peter Walsh and Thomas Wilson were most seri- ously injured.

DOWN.—The Irish National Forest- ers in Newry held their annual outing to Armagh on Sunday, June 18. The special train from Newry left the Ed- ward street station shortly after 10 a. m. and carried 650 passengers, to the chorus of "Sinn Féin Anúna" "A Nation Once Again," and other Irish airs. The principal bodies in the ex- cursion were the John Mitchell Branch Irish National Foresters, Newry, who organized the trip; members of Branch Father Rooney, Ballyhollland, Branch Alexander, Blaine, Camlough, the Ladies' Branch, Camlough; Branch Father Charles Quinn, Bessbrook; Branch St. Monica, Bessbrook; Fag- an Bealach Hurling Club, Newry, and Irish Ireland society, Newry; St. Pat- rick's band, St. Colman's brass band and Ballyhollland and Camlough bands.

On June 17 Rev. J. H. Denver, eldest son of John Denver, Downpatrick, was ordained to the priesthood at the ca- thedral, Carlisle, by Most Rev. Dr. Foley, bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. Father Denver, who is a relative of the late Dr. Denver, bishop of Down and Connor, was educated at St. Malachy's college, Belfast, and finished his stud- ies at Carlow college. His first mission will be at Portmarnock, England. On Sunday he celebrated his first mass, was subdeacon at high mass and officiated at vespers in the Memorial church to St. Patrick in Downpatrick, the native place of the new priest.

A fire took place on June 22 in Newry on the premises of Edward Byrne, Water street. A large quantity of in- flammable material was stored on the premises and surrounding the work- shop and a long range of wooden sheds with tar roofs. On market days these sheds are used for horses while the carts remain in the yard. It was mar- ket day, and the accommodation was taxed to the utmost. When the fire was discovered, it had a good hold of one side of the workshop and part of the roof. The fire brigade directed the efforts to clearing the yard of all the machines, so that they could get the horses out, as they were in danger of suffocation from the smoke. All were saved. When the yard was cleared, the brigade speedily extinguished the fire. Some of the roofs fell in.

FERMANAGH.—The Nationalists of Brookboro have forwarded a check for a good sum through the representative for South Fermanagh, Jeremiah Jordan, to the trustees of the Irish parliamen- tary fund. Very Rev. Canon McKen- na, Rev. J. Keelan, Rev. P. McCarney, Coonlan; James O'Donnell, chairman of the Lisnaskea board of guardians; P. McManus, John K. Bogue, John J. Mohan, a friend, Michael McDonagh, Mr. McCaffrey, Miss Mohan and John Curran, T. Johnston, A. Crudden, E. Magee, J. Kane, M. McElroy and Miss McBarron were among those who sub- scribed.

MONAGHAN.—The death of John Flynn, Carrickmacross, occurred on June 21.

TYRONE.—In connection with the pilgrimage to the battlefield of Fon- tefoy an interesting relic of the his- toric battle has come into the hands of Barry O'Brien. It is the sword of Cap- tain Thomas O'Connor, who fought in Dillon's regiment and took part in the famous charge of the brigade. Cap- tain O'Connor subsequently became a general in the French service, ultimate- ly returning to Ireland, where he is buried in Killeevan, near Castlereagh. The sword passed to his nephew, Thom- as O'Connor, from whom it passed to his nephew, Daniel O'Connor. From the latter it was handed on to his son, Alexander, and from Alexander

to his daughter, Miss Charlotte O'Connor Eccles, the talented writer and lea- surer, well known in connection with the efforts on behalf of the domestic econ- omy throughout Ireland, but especially in Drogheda.

On June 26, while driving from Clog- her the Rev. Patrick McElkenney of Ballygawley met with a painful ac- cident. He met a train on a level cross- ing in Annahilt, on the Clogher Val- ley railway. His horse was a fresh animal and started to bolt. Father McElkenney endeavored to get out of the trap and fell heavily on the ground and broke his leg and arm, besides re- ceiving other injuries. The Rev. Fa- ther Donnelly, Killeshill, and Dr. Wil- liam A. Abernethy, Ballygawley, were in immediate attendance. The rever- end gentleman was conveyed home in a trap.

Munster

CLARE.—Mrs. Healy, widow of the late John Healy of Kiltinan, died re- cently at West Clare.

Margaret, widow of the late Thomas Killeen of Kiltarney and Milltown-Mil- bay, died unexpectedly a few days ago at Milltown Malbay.

CORK.—James Brennan, aged twenty years, was drowned in the river Alfo, near Freemount, on June 25, while bathing.

The tenants on the Aghada portion of the estate of Sir Robert Penrose Fitzgerald, M. P., of Corkbeg, have agreed to purchase their holdings un- der the land act on the following terms:—First term tenants at a price equivalent to 5s. 6d. in the pound of their rents, second term tenants at a reduction 3s. 6d. in the pound of their rents. As to arrears some difficulty at first arose, but both sides have arrived at an amicable basis. Half a year's rent to be wiped out in all cases, half a year's rent to be paid in cash, and where tenants owed more than a year's rent half a year's rent to be ad- ded to the purchase money. The land- lord reserved sporting rights on the estate during his lifetime. The town- lands comprised in the sale are Lahard, Ballyvolcan and Inch. The agent, James Penrose Fitzgerald, Middleton, facilitated the tenants in arranging the terms of purchase and a word of com- mendation is due to the Rev. L. M. Murphy, Aghada, for the interest he took on behalf of the tenants. James Dun- lea, solicitor, Middleton, is acting for the tenants.

The death of William J. Walsh, Kil- leena, Barmore, occurred recently.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—EDGELL.—On June 25, at Passage, John Edgell. MULLINS.—On June 25, Jeremiah Mullins, cattle dealer, Wolfe Tone street.—O'DLYNN.—On June 25, at Park, Young John O'Dlynn, aged eighty-five years.—COTTER.—On June 25, at 13 Rockbrook road, Patrick Cotter, late of Monkstown.—O'CON- NOR.—On June 22, at St. Patrick's hos- pital, Wellington road, James O'Con- nor.—BROWNE.—On June 20, at 27 Summer Hill, St. Luke's, Mrs. Mary Browne, late of Prince's street.—AHERNE.—On June 20, at Harbour View, Killbrittan, Ellen Ahern.—O'DWYER.—On June 22, at Castle- town, Kesh, Kathleen O'Dwyer, eldest daughter of the late James Sheehan, Castle-town, aged twenty-five years.—MILLER.—At Ballyhollland, Char- lie Miller, William Miller, aged ninety-five.—KENNEDY.—On June 24, at Kil- leigh, Richard Kennedy, aged ninety-six years.—LEAHY.—On June 24, Denis Leahy, bootmaker.—HAR- RINGTON.—At South Infirmary, Cork, Hannah Harrington, Castle-town, aged forty-nine years.—DUGGAN.—On June 27, at Rossmore, Johanna Duggan.—CRONIN.—At the Square, Bantry, Patrick Cronin, at an advanced age.—NUNAN.—On June 28, at Cur- raneen, Kanturk, Joseph Nunan, aged sixty-six years.—GERAGHTY.—On June 27, at 56 Great Britain street, Thomas Geraghty.—BARRY.—On June 27, at Glounthaune, Eliza Barry, daugh- ter of the late Cornelius McCarthy, Ballinacraig.—O'CONNELL.—On June 30, at Carrigrohane, Blarney, Cath- erine O'Connell, aged sixty-five years.—HIGGINS.—On June 29, at Ring- meen, Ballyleary, Queenstown, John Higgins.—BOWMAN.—On June 29, at St. Patrick's hospital, Wellington road, Cork, Michael, son of the late John Bowman, Kildorrery.—CUMING.—On June 30, at 4 Woburn place, Mary Cuming.—COVENEY.—On June 28, at Passage West, Hannah Maria Covey.—M'PHILLIPS.—At 11 South View, Ballinacraig road, Sarah M'Phillips.—COONEY.—On June 25, Patrick Cooney, Ballinacraig.—CRO- NIN.—At Conlecarra, Belgooly, Julia Cronin.

KERRY.—T. Kavanagh of Tralee, head of the firm of Kavanagh, O'Dris- coll & Nagle, died recently.

Sister Mary of Mercy of the Convent of Mercy, Abbeyfeale, died June 23, aged thirty-eight years.

On June 14 a most terrific thunder- storm passed over the town of Kil- lorglin, accompanied by forked light- ning, and, being market day, the peo- ple and even the animals in the streets were terrified. Michael Costelloe of Gurrans, two miles from Killorglin, about twenty-five years of age and un- married, was engaged in one of his fields mowing potatoes when the elec- tric current struck him on the back of the head, passed down his body and tore the soles of his shoes from the uppers, killing him on the spot.

Harold O'Mahony, son of the late Richard O'Mahony of Drogheda castle, near Kenmare, met with a tragic death recently.

LIMERICK.—The agent of the Car- berry estate, J. R. Stewart, attended at Fogarty's hotel, Bruff, lately for rent collection. The tenants attended and prior to meeting the agent held a con- ference for the purpose of defining the terms of purchase. A deputation, of which Rev. Michael Conry, Drogheda,

acted as spokesman, and including Father Mangan, Bulgaden, and Father O'Connor, Bruff, was appointed. The deputation offered on first term rents twenty and three-quarter years' pur- chase and twenty-two and one-half on second term rents, twenty-three and three-quarter years' purchase. Mr. Stewart said he would telegraph to the Carberry estate trustees and communi- cate the result to Father Conry. The tenants paid their rents.

The mayor, Alderman Joyce, M. P., was lately the recipient of an interest- ing presentation from the members of the Independent Order of Odd Fel- lows. The presentation, a beautifully illuminated address and valuable gold medal, took place at Fox's hotel. Michael Hayes, P. P. G. M., presided and there was a large attendance of members, all wearing their regalia. The medal bore the inscription: "Pre- sented June, 1905, from Shannon Lodge, I. O. O. F., to the Right Worshipful Alderman Joyce, M. P., mayor of Limerick, as a token of their re- spect." The mayor returned thanks for the honor, after which an enjoyable evening was spent.

The death of Mrs. Thomas E. Leahy of Ballybeg, member of the West Limerick Magdalen family, occurred re- cently.

The friends of the Rev. Thomas Mo- lloy O. S. F., guardian, Franciscan church, Limerick, will hear with regret of his departure from the city for Wat- terville. Father Molloy took charge of the Limerick House ten years ago, after having spent a number of years at Ennis, where he was held in high re- spect by the people, who presented him with many souvenirs on his removal. He will be succeeded as guardian by Rev. Father Shattery, O. S. F., late of the Australian mission.

TIPPERARY.—The agents Guinness and McMahon of Dublin met Lord Clonmell's Kilsheelan tenants and com- pleted purchase terms. The terms are: First term tenants, twenty-one and a half years' purchase, nonjudicial ten- ants, twenty-two and a half years' purchase, second term tenants, twenty-three and three-quarter years' purchase. Those who paid the last half year's rent were refunded the money, and those who owed it were forgiven the amount. To those in arrears a year's purchase was added. Four per cent will be charged on the purchase money until the government makes an advance when it will be reduced to 3½ per cent.

The archbishop of Cashel held an ordination in the cathedral, Charles- town, on June 22, at 10 a. m. The pri- ests were ordained and destined for the four dioceses, though four of them are of the archdiocese of Cashel. After a brief vacation they go to their respective dioceses, having been or- dained for the following dioceses: New Zealand, Australia and the United States. The following are the names of the ordained, with their missions: Rev. Michael M. O'Dwyer, Wellington, New Zealand; Rev. John Connolly, Cashel; Rev. Thomas Landy, Helena, Mon.; Rev. Denis O'Brien, Cashel; Rev. John Gavin Sale, Victoria; Rev. Wil- liam Quigley, Cashel; Rev. Michael Mc- Cormack, Helena, Mon.; Rev. Richard Buckley, Sale, Mon.; Rev. Matthew Lynch, Helena, Mon.; Rev. Laurence Meenley, Cashel; Rev. Timothy Mount- ban, San Francisco, Cal.; Rev. John O'Connell, Great Falls, Mon.; Rev. John Connolly and Rev. Denis O'Brien have selected Alton, Ill., and Rev. W. Quig- ley, St. Paul, Minn., for some years, while waiting vacancies in their native diocese.

On June 18 the third annual fairs of the Land League were held at Knockavilla, near Cashel. Any one acquainted with the district cannot but feel proud at the great improvement which the Land League movement has made there, and this is due to the exertions of that sagacious, Father Mat Ryan, who was known in the days of the Land League by the sobriquet of "The General." There was a large gathering at the fairs, some 2,000 people assembling on Father Ryan's own grounds. Very Rev. Deán Kinnane, Cashel, presided. The follow- ing clergy attended: Very Rev. Canon D. Ryan, Clonoulty; Very Rev. N. J. Brennan, president Rockwell college; Rev. Father Healy, C. S. Sp., provin- cial Rockwell college; Rev. J. Kelly, Boherlahan; Rev. P. W. Ryan, Cashel; Rev. P. C. Ryan, Cashel; Rev. T. Dunne, Cashel; Rev. T. O'Keefe, Clonoulty; Rev. J. Russell, Golden; Rev. Father Walsh, Knockavilla; Rev. Father Muller, C. S. Sp., Rockwell col- lege; Rev. Father Hickey, Cashel; Rev. M. O'Shea, C. S. Sp., Rockwell college; Rev. Father Quinlan, New Inn.

A member of the Order of Mercy, Sister Imilda, died at the convent, Cahir, on June 24, at the age of thirty-two years.

WATERFORD.—Mrs. Julia Commins, relict of Patrick Kent Commins of Commins' hotel, Quay, Waterford city, died in Tramore lately, aged sixty-eight years.

The death of James Quinlan, Water- ford city, occurred on June 6.

On June 17 the solemn and impres- sive ceremonial of ordination took place at the cathedral, Waterford city. The sacred edifice was crowded by friends of the young gentlemen about to be raised to the priesthood. The consecrating priest was the Most Rev. R. A. Sheehan, D. D., lord bishop of Waterford and Lismore. The fol- lowing students were ordained priests: Rev. John Walsh (Bonnabon), for Wa- terford and Lismore; Rev. T. Henne- bry (Kilrossney, Kilmacothomas), for Waterford and Lismore; Rev. John O'Brien (Aghlish, County Waterford), for Waterford and Lismore; Rev. Daniel Kane (Tycor, Waterford), for Arml- dale, Australia; Rev. J. Levy (St. Mary's college), for Salford; Rev. Brother Camillus, Rev. Brother Colum- ba, Rev. Brother Thomas (Mount Mel- lery abbey). The following students from St. John's college were ordained deacons: Rev. M. Crofty, Lismore;

Rev. M. Hearn, son of Alderman Richard Hearn, J. P., Waterford; for Mount Mellery, Rev. Brother Al- bertus. At the conclusion of the cere- mony the newly ordained clergyman imparted their blessing to the large congregation.

Leinster

DUBLIN.—T. L. O'Shaughnessy, K. C., was sworn in as recorder of Dub- lin June 26 before the lord chancellor.

The archbishop of Dublin announces that the committee for the adminis- tration of the university scholarship fund established by the archbishops and bishops of Ireland at their re- cent meeting in Maynooth has been constituted. The following consented to act as members of the committee: The right honorable the lord mayor of Dublin, Michael F. Cox, M. P.; the Very Rev. William Delany, S. J., LL. D., president University college, Dub- lin; John Dillon, M. P., Judge Drum- mond, K. C.; Sir Thomas H. G. Es- monde, Bart., M. P., chairman general council of the county councils of Ire- land; John McNeill, vice president of Gaelic league; the Right Rev. Mr. Molloy, D. D., D. Sc., rector Catholic University of Ireland; the Very Rev. Andrew Murphy, president St. Mun- chin's college, Limerick, honorable secretary of Catholic head masters, Ire- land; Patrick J. O'Neill, chairman Dub- lin county council, and Laurence A. Waldron, M. P.

The first meeting of the newly elect- ed college of Dublin was attended by thirteen members. The first business was the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the result was as follows: President, G. A. Mooney; vice presi- dent, J. Donnelly; secretaries, E. O'Hig- gins, Carrow, and O'Grady; treasurer, J. T. Kelly. A question was raised by the St. Kevin's branch regarding the publication of the collection returns, and the college confirmed the method adopted by the collection committee. A delegate to Ard Fheis and a substitute were appointed.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—BURY.—On June 30, John Bury, late of 30 Gardi- ner's place. GAYNOR.—On June 20, at 45 North Clarence street, Thomas Gay- nor.—LYNCH.—On June 20, at 41 Reuben avenue, S. C. R. Julia Lynch, widow of the late John C. Lynch, aged fifty-eight years.—O'BRIEN.—On June 20, at Ter- race, Patrick O'Brien, aged forty-three years.

QUINLAN.—On May 20, at Villa Margherita, Alexandria, Elizabeth Quin- lan.—SINCLAIR.—On June 30, at 12 Westland row, George Sinclair.—YANE.—On June 20, at Ormonde House, Upper Drumcondra road, Isabel Yane.—WHITE.—On June 30, at Dundrum, Herbert White, nephew of J. White.—CONNELLY.—On June 20, at 206 Great Brunswick street, John Vincent Con- nelly.—DOWDALL.—On June 28, at Gar- ristown, Edward Dowdall, aged sev- enty-two years, formerly of the court, Ballymaline, Ashbourne.

LEAHY.—On June 28, at 36 Cabra road, Lissie Leahy, 14 Great Charles street, daugh- ter of the late Thomas Burgess, 29 North Frederick street.—QUINN.—On June 26, at Liverpool, Captain James Quinn, son of Michael Quinn, late in- spector general postoffice, Dublin, and brother of Mrs. M. Flood, Omagh, and Mrs. B. Luck, New Zealand.—HEA- LY.—On June 28, at 29 Commons street, John Healy.—M'DONNELL.—On June 27, at Whitworth hospital, Dublin, Bridget M'Donnell of Mount Gordon, Castlebar and daughter of the late James Burke, Lightford, Castlebar.—O'HANLON.—On June 27, at 150 Upper Rathmines, John O'Hanlon.—REIL- LY.—On June 27, at 46 Marlborough street, Mary Reilly, daughter of the late Pat- rick Maher, Rathcoole, County Wick- low.—BUTLER.—On June 24, at 78 Ad- dington road, Mary Butler, in the sev- enty-fourth year of her age.—CUR- RAN.—On June 24, John James Curran, formerly of Arbour Hill Military pris- on staff, aged twenty-five years.—HARRISON.—On June 24, Willie Harri- son, 49 Connaught street, aged sixteen years.—KEELING.—On June 25, at Ma- glistown, Daniel Keeling, Donabate.—MONTERRAT.—On June 24, sudden- ly, at 13 Upper Pembroke street, Dub- lin, John Howlin Monterrat, M. A., late rector of Ratoath, diocese of Meath.—PORTER.—On June 23, at North Dublin Infirmary, William T. Porter, composer, aged sixty-five years.

BLACK.—On June 25, at Firhouse, Marg- aret Black.—COYLE.—On June 26, at the Mater hospital, Dublin, Teresa Coyle, 10 St. Anthony's place.—FARRELL.—On June 26, at Mullagh, Margaret Farrelly.—HOLMES.—On June 26, at 2 and 3 Tara street, John Patrick Holmes.—YOUNG.—On June 26, at 6 De Courcy square, Glasnevin, Hannah Young, Spring Cottage, Malahide.—DOYLE.—On June 26, at the Mater hos- pital, John Stephen Doyle, 18 North Richmond street.—FEEHILY.—On June 26, at the Sisters of Charity, Ravens- well, Bar. Gretta (in religion Sister M. Calabracius).

KILDARE.—On June 27 W. Fitzpat- rick, Cloughree, Monasterevan, met with a serious accident. He was lying on the battlements of the town's bridge. Presumably he fell asleep, with the result that he rolled over into the river Barrow. His companions went to his assistance, and medical and clerical aid were at once summoned. It was found that he was suffering from serious injuries to the head and side. The distance he fell is twenty feet.

KILKENNY.—The civic council of Kilkenny has made a freeman of the borough of Most Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, archbishop of Adelaide, Australia. The archbishop is a native of Kilkenny.

The death of R. A. Stephenson, Ring- wood House, occurred on June 19.

KING'S.—The bishop of Kildare's complimentary references lately to the work of the nuns who prepared the girls for confirmation were a revelation of the teaching capacity of the St. John of God Order, to which the sisters belong. The nuns have only been es- tablished in Edenberry for nine months,

and in that time they have gained the highest encomiums of the bishop for their religious education of the chil- dren.

As Miss Lily O'Brien was cycling down the steep incline at Lorrha Cross lately she lost control of her machine and ran with terrific force into the op- posite wall. She was picked up bleed- ing and unconscious, and on examina- tion it was found she had sustained serious injuries. There was a deep wound in the forehead and another on the side of the nose, some of her teeth were knocked out and her left arm broken.

LONGFORD.—Sunday, Sept. 24, will be a red letter day in the parish of Anlagh. The consecration of the com- pleted church of St. Brigid will be per- formed by Cardinal Logue, assisted by eminent ecclesiastics. Most Rev. Dr. Hoare, bishop of Ardagh, will sing the pontifical high mass, and a sermon will be preached by the Most Rev. Dr. Hed- ley, bishop of Newport, South Wales, one of the most eloquent bishops of the Catholic church in England. The cere- mony of the consecration of the Church of St. Brigid is very fittingly placed in the lands of the cardinal archbishop of Armagh, for it was his predecessor, Most Rev. Dr. McGettigan, archbishop of Armagh, who laid the foundation stone in 1882, and on that occasion the sermon was preached by the late Fa- ther Tom Burke.

WESTMEATH.—Mrs. Margaret Ma- hony, Finea, died recently at the age of 105.

Rev. Father Lynch, C. C., County Ros- common, was lately made the recipient of a flattering address and presenta- tion from the parishioners of Cloon- tusker and Carrowroe on the occasion of his change to the parish of Bally- more. The presentation was made at a public meeting presided over by P. Mc- Dermott.

The death of Matthew Fay occurred at Galinstown on June 18 at the age of 103 years.

WEXFORD.—On June 25 Patrick Byrne, a farmer from Bollarush, who was returning from Carnow to his home with a load of phosphate, was al- most instantaneously killed in an ac- cident.

Monopied chapel was the scene of a wedding on June 27, when Miss Julia Brosnan, Skeevabawn, was led to the altar by P. J. McDonagh, Main street, Gorey.

On June 25 last there was a revival of the old Irish custom of bonfire and dancing around it at Ballyroley. Over fifty couples took part. The music was rendered in excellent style on fiddles and fife by Peter and Michael Fortune and James Murphy, Garrycliff. The food for the bonfire was supplied by Pat Doyle, Ballyroley.

The death of Dr. Frederick J. Rob- erts, son of George C. Roberts, Sum- merhill, Fennessorty, occurred on June 23.

WICKLOW.—The third fairs under the patronage of the Wicklow Gaeltacht Committee was held at Clie Mantain (Wicklow) on June 20. In point of at- tendance and entries and, in fact, gen- erally, the fairs surpassed its predeces- sors. On this occasion an industrial exhibition was added, and it was a great attraction to the visitors. Many expressed surprise at what was to be seen. The exhibition features were in- troduced by Simon J. Doyle, to whose credit the success of the department was due. The exhibits, which were numerous, consisted of local manufac- tures. The opening ceremony took place at the market square. On the platform were the Very Rev. Canon Carberry, Wicklow; Rev. Laurence Byrne, Orona; Rev. Father Sherwin, Wicklow; P. O'Daly, central secretary Gaelic league; Joseph McCarroll, C. Davis, Christopher Murray, etc. Canon Carberry in declaring the fairs open said he was glad to see such enthusi- asm. After this day Wicklow could look on itself as having taken a prom- inent position in the march of Ireland's progress. Mr. O'Daly addressed the meeting in Irish. The competitions were then commenced. They took place at different centers throughout the town.

Connaught

GALWAY.—In the Convent of Mercy, Westport, lately Elizabeth Kelly (in re- ligious Sister M. Jarlath), daughter of Martin Kelly and Mrs. Kelly, Vicars- choral Land, Tuam, made her final vows and received the black veil of the order at the hands of Most Rev. Dr. Healy, archbishop of Tuam, assisted by the Rev. J. McDermott, adminis- trator, Tuam, and the Rev. Father Mc- Donnell.

The death of Mrs. Julia Harte, Ballin- asloe, took place at River street on June 19, at the age of sixty-five years.

MAYO.—A dreadful thunderstorm, accompanied by heavy rain and light- ning, swept over Castlebar district on June 17. Very serious damage was done to the hay crops. At Baloar, a fine horse, the property of James Gannon, was struck by lightning and killed. On the Westport side of the town sheep and lambs were killed. In the Ballyglass district a man was killed by lightning.

John Gallagher, Swinfond, has pur- chased the Railway hotel in that town for \$5,750.

During a terrific storm of thunder and lightning on June 17 midway be- tween Partly and Ballinrobe a man and his sister going from the bog, where they were engaged saving turf, were struck by lightning. The man was killed and the girl rendered uncon- scious. A donkey which they were driving was also killed. One family in Hollymount had a providential escape. They were all in the kitchen, when a colts dog, lying at the door, was struck by lightning and killed. In Kilmalte, two donkeys and a colt in fields were killed, and in another field near by the lightning descended and plowed up

the land for a space of over a hundred yards.

On June 25 the annual handball championship contests for the silver cup for the championship of Con- naught were played in the Foxford hall court before an immense con- course of spectators, who had come from all parts of the county to witness the fifth and final contest for the pos- session of the cup between the two picked teams of the province, the West- port team, Greally and O'Malley, and the Swinfond team, Walsh and Dur- kan. The Westport men won.

ROSCOMMON.—The historic little village of Ballinagare was recently in- vaded by enthusiasts of football from all directions to witness the game be- tween the Elphin William O'Briens and the boys from Kiltewan (Castle- rae) teams. The Elphin team were vic- torious. For the Elphin team Tom Kelly, M. F., Jack Brennan and Bernie played a fine game. For Cas- tlerae Burke, Hanson, Elwood and Faly played a good game.

On June 25 a very plucky rescue from drowning took place at Asslin, a place most frequented by bathers around Boyle. A young fellow named Brennan of Cope was bathing and, unable to swim, jumped in at a dan- gerous portion of the river, with the result that he began to sink and started to shout for help. There were sev- eral persons on the bank, one of whom, Patrick Nally, Chapel street, after leaving the water, jumped in and suc- ceeded in bringing Brennan to the bank. The difficulty young Nally had in rescuing the boy can be inferred from the fact that his body was torn about the shoulders and side by Bren- nan in his heroic struggles.

While turf cutting was going on re- cently in the Strokesstown district, what is supposed to be a gold tray or salver of great antiquity and of a rare Celtic design and a pair of old dueling pistols were unearthed. Near the spot where these articles were discovered the men found eighteen feet below the surface a coffin containing a skeleton, to which were clinging fragments of clothing. From some mouldering mil- itary emblems found in the coffin it is surmised that the remains are those of a French officer who died on the march from Killa in the year of the French invasion. On the top of the coffin was found a large horse pistol.

On June 26 a very interesting mar- riage took place in Boyle, the contract- ing parties being Thomas F. Moran, Ballymore, and Miss Jane Lindsay, sister of James Lindsay, Boyle. The cere- mony was performed by the Very Rev. Canon Coyne.

On June 22 the second fairs organi- zed by the Athlone Gaeltacht league was held in the college of the Marist Brothers. The streets were densely packed with people. For street decorations was substituted Irish goods in the shops. The use of the Irish language in greetings showed how far Athlone had advanced in the language revival. The Gaelic league procession included the Marist Brothers' pupils, headed by Master Joanne Russell playing the Irish war pipes; the Irish National For- esters, headed by brass band; the St. Patrick's Boys' brigade, with fife and drum band, the pupils of St. Joseph's, Summerhill, Clonow schools, children of St. Peter's, carrying several beau- tiful banners; Bower content girls, wear- ing ivy wreaths and attired in white costumes with green sashes; St. Pe- ter's Gaelic league choir and Mullingar Christian Brothers, in charge of Broth- er Luke. In one of the large class- rooms of the college the formal cere- mony of opening the fairs was perform- ed by the dean of Elphin, The Right Rev. Dr. Kelly, president of the local branch of the Gaelic league, said they had as- sembled to proclaim that they were a people distinct and separate from other peoples in language and in all char- acteristics that constitute a separate nationality, and, God helping them, such they were resolved to remain. But if the cultivation of the Irish lan- guage was neglected then all these other accessories were mere shadows for the substance. At night a great Irish concert was given in the Father Mathew hall, in which the prize win- ners during the day took part as well as J. F. McCormack, the well known Dublin tenor, who is a native of the town.

SILGO.—On June 25 James Connolly, Silgo, was united in the bonds of mat- rimony to Miss M. E. Armstrong, Lis- sadell.

Bonfire night (St. John's eve) was celebrated in Silgo with old time cus- tom, and all the pleasant rejoicings as- sociated with the ancient rite were freely indulged in. In the street fires, squibs and crackers were in evidence. The fires were lit at 9 o'clock and around them men and women, boys and girls had their pleasant gayer. Un- usually large fires blazed brilliantly till the gray dawn of morning on Church hill, Harmony hill, Lord Ed- ward street, Quay street, Mail Coach road, Abbey street and others.

Michael Gilmarin, president, presid- ed at recent meeting of the Rossinver branch of the United Irish league. Present: J. O'Rourke, vice president; P. Rooney, treasurer; F. Harte, T. Mc- Guire, O. McGorin, J. McGowan, J. McGerty, P. McDermott, P. Sheeran, M. Sheeran, H. O'Rourke, J. Sweeney, P. Gilbride, J. Clancey, D. Connolly, J. McMorow, W. Mehan and P. Dolan. The following delegates were appoint- ed to attend the North Leitrin execu- tive. James Gordon, Patrick McDer- mott, P. Gilbride, Patrick Rooney and Thomas Gallagher. The committee made arrangements for the holding of a musical entertainment and ball in Parish hall on Aug. 15 next to pay off some of the debt which was incurred by its erection. It was also agreed that fife and drum band would go for a sail on Long Melvin on the very kind invitation of J. J. Gallagher, who has promised to meet them with his boat.