

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.—Sir Daniel Dixon, Bart., M. P., D. L., Ballymena; James G. Leslie, D. L., Leslie Hill, Ballymena; and Right Hon. William G. Ellison Macartney, royal mint, London, have been appointed sheriffs.

ARMAGH.—James Lonsdale, D. L., the Pavilion, Armagh; John Johnston, Ekeby, Lurgan; and Major Maxwell A. Close, D. L., Drumahaire, Newry, have been appointed sheriffs.

Complaints are heard on all sides as to the scarcity of laborers, and several farmers find it somewhat difficult to obtain the necessary aid to dig out the potato crop. This arises from several causes, the principal being the migration of the laboring classes.

CAVAN.—A. T. Whyte-Venables, Redhills House, Beltrabert; John Richards Orpen, 14 Fitzwilliam street, Upper, Dublin; and Lieutenant Colonel W. Crawford Roe, Greenwell, Beltrabert, have been appointed sheriffs.

A sensation was caused in Mullingar when it became known that the body of Thomas Prior of Arva, County Cavan, who had been missing since the great November fair, was found in the Royal canal at a place known as the "Old Mill" convenient to the Dublin bridge. The deceased gentleman had attended the Mullingar fair on Nov. 12 for the purpose of selling horses and was not seen alive after. The canal in the vicinity of Mullingar was dragged, and the body was found in the water about eight feet from the bank. Deceased, who was the proprietor of a public house in Arva, in addition to being a cattle dealer and farmer, was a brother-in-law of Dr. Gray, coroner for North Longford. A verdict of accidental drowning was found.

DERRY.—Sir William Lennox Conyngham died on Dec. 4 at Monymore, aged eighty-two years.

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, lord Bishop of Derry, who, it will be remembered, left for Rome on his quinquennial visit, was on Sunday, Dec. 2, received by his holiness in private audience.

The Derry Journal announces that special arrangements have been made for holding Gaelic classes for national teachers. The session commenced Saturday, Dec. 8, in St. Eugene's schools, Francis street, Derry. It may be added that persons other than teachers desirous of acquiring a good knowledge of Gaelic will be admitted to these classes on application.

Dec. 4, in the board room of the Derry harbor offices, Middle Quay, James Dawson, secretary to the harbor board, instructed by Dr. Kelso Reid, solicitor, conducted the revision of the harbor lists. W. L. Perry, clerk of the union, and Hardress E. Waller, rate collector, were in attendance. Michael McDaid, registration agent, appeared for a large number of rate payers. Some very interesting points were raised and discussed by the solicitor to the board, the rate collector, the clerk of the union and Mr. McDaid. During a very exhaustive analysis of the lists Mr. McDaid objected to persons being admitted as voters whose names appeared in the rate books as joint occupiers where the valuation was not sufficient to qualify all the partners. Mr. Waller argued that when the valuation was sufficient to qualify one of the partners in such firms the same appearing first in the rate books should be inserted in the list. Dr. Reid agreed with this view.

In pursuance of a decree of the county court at the suit of Johnston Love versus Susanah Devlin and others John Cunningham, auctioneer, put up for sale in the town hall, Limerick, two farms situated in the townland of Drumrammer containing in all 20 acres 2 roods 38 perches, with mountain grazing rights, held under M. M. McClelland, D. L., at the aggregate judicial yearly rent of £25. The following were the bidders: John Adams, £300, £300, £300, £410 and £430; William Seeds, £350, £370 and £420; Matthew McFeeters, £400. John Adams was declared the highest bidder at the sum of £430. On 1st inst. at Largy, for Mrs. Neely, ewel land for 100 acres brought £25 7s. 6d., and 100 acres for 25 17s. 6d. and manured land 10 6s. 6d. Proceeding to Maghera, for William Horner, there was an exceptionally good all round letting, less for oats bringing from 10 2s. 6d. to 10 12s. 6d., grazing 12 10s., cutting and grazing 13 10s. Afterward, at Drumahaire, for Charles Mullan, grazing brought 12 12s. 6d., ewel tea 14 10s. and manured land for oats 10 6s. 6d. per acre.

DOWN.—The death occurred on Nov. 15 of the Very Rev. John Lowry, P. P., V. F., Upper Drumgoolan, County Down, a zealous priest and a strong upholder of the Nationalist cause.

Down new sheriffs: John Bar-Milne Barber, Conway House, Dunmurry; Colonel Robert Wallace, C. B., D. L., Myra Castle, Downpatrick; Robert J. Kennedy, C. M. G., D. L., Cultra Manor, Hollywood.

At the monthly meeting of the Newry No. 1 (County Down) district council, William Bradford presiding, a resolution was received from the Irish county council's general council in favor of the purchase and management of the Irish railways by that or some other body representative of the whole of Ireland. The chairman said there was no doubt that an improvement of the

existing system was needed. In cases where a railway company had a monopoly very high rates were charged. The clerk remarked that Colonel Pleva, the general manager of the Great Northern Railway company, giving evidence before a commission recently, spoke very strongly against canals. But for the canals, however, railway rates would be more excessive. Mr. Kerr remarked that that company seemed to have a spite at Newry. Mr. McAleny moved the adoption of the resolution. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion, which was passed.

DONEGAL.—Sir Arthur Robert Wallace, C. D., Cochrane, Redcastle, Derry, and Henry Muirgrave, Drumlagan House, Belfast, were appointed sheriffs.

James Henderson of the Diamond, Donegal, has been appointed to be a justice of the peace for the County Donegal.

The monthly meeting of the Letterkenny urban council was held on Dec. 8, Thomas Mulhern, chairman, presiding. There were also present Messrs. P. Doherty, Sr.; Patrick Doherty, Jr.; John Ward, Thomas Sweeney and Henry Gallagher. It was proposed by Mr. Mulhern, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and passed unanimously that a vote of condolence be passed to Mr. Carroll in his recent and bereavement, occasioned by the death of his daughter. The clerk was directed to convey the vote to Mr. Carroll.

FERMANAGH.—Major H. St. George Richardson, Summerhill, Clones; J. C. F. Collum, 185 Norwich road, Ipswich, and Samuel Kidd Jackson, Carrigrohane, were appointed sheriffs.

Vincent Kennedy asked the chief secretary whether his attention had been called to the complaints made by Nationalist electors in County Fermanagh with regard to the manner in which the recent revision sessions were conducted and whether these complaints would be considered at the next appointment of revising barristers. Mr. Bryce replied that no complaint had come to his knowledge, and the lord chancellor informed him that none had reached him. The list of voters for County Fermanagh was revised by the county court judge, with the aid of an assistant revising barrister. The gentleman appointed as assistant revising barrister in Fermanagh was one in whose efficiency and impartiality the lord chancellor had every confidence.

MONAGHAN.—Major General W. Vesey Brownlow, C. B., Coolderry, Carrickmacross; Edward H. J. Leslie, Ballybay, and Joseph Wright, D. L., Kilmacley, Monaghan, were appointed sheriffs.

Joseph McEntee, who had been connected with the Monaghan pork market for a quarter of a century, died on Nov. 28.

The work in connection with the erection of a new industrial school on beautifully situated grounds attached to St. Louis convent, in Monaghan, is being pushed rapidly on by the contractors.

TYRONE.—John W. E. Macartney, Mountjoy Grange, Omagh; John Carmichael-Ferrall, Augher Castle, Augher, County Tyrone, and Evelyn J. Storey, D. L., Errington, Kilskeary, were appointed sheriffs.

In Dungannon the other day there was money "in the air." The phenomenon came about this way, says the Derry Journal: During the half sale which blew on Monday, Dec. 5, a woman in Dungannon went to the local postoffice to lodge £15, when the wind swept seven one pound notes out of her basket. The woman was unaware of her loss until she opened her basket in the postoffice, but fortunately Mrs. Reatty, Irish street, had seen the occurrence and caught two of the notes, and, having informed Constable Gardiner, the latter succeeded in finding four others flying about the streets. Only one note could not be discovered.

Munster

CLARE.—Reception of a religious tract place recently at Hammesburgh, England, when Miss K. Glanville, youngest daughter of Mrs. Glanville, Llanabour House, Killybegs, County Clare, was received into the Order of the Sisters of Nazareth. The young lady's name in religion is Sister St. Colman. A large number of the young lady's friends from Limerick and Clare attended the interesting ceremony.

After an illness of some weeks Michael Cusack died on Dec. 5 in the Whitehall hospital, Dublin.

CORK.—Diocesan changes have been announced in the diocese of Cork as follows: Rev. Father McCullagh, P. P., Douglas; Rev. P. Sexton, D. M., All Hallows' college, president St. Finbar's Diocesan seminary; Rev. J. Sexton, C. C., Blackrock; Rev. T. Cullinan, C. C., Clontarf; Rev. W. F. McCarthy, chaplain St. Patrick's hospital; Rev. Charles Walsh, Clontarf, to chaplain St. Angela's convent.

The following list of subscriptions was received from the priests and people of Rathormack parish toward the United Irish parliamentary fund: Very Rev. Canon Power, P. P., and Mathias Walsh, J. P., county council, £1 each; Rev. M. Carroll, C. C., and Jeremiah Nugent, Jr., 10s. each; Robert Kirwan, 7s. 6d.; William Dee, Robert Power, M. Kennedy, D. C., Patrick Kennedy, Jeremiah Nugent, R. Kennedy, William Habessy, Thomas Terry, Mrs. Torpey, Mrs. Skehan and Mrs. Fogarty, 5s. each; John Phelan, Denis Power, Michael Kelly, Michael Curry, D. C., and Miss Kennedy, 4s. each; John Nugent and Thomas Kelly 3s. 6d. each; James Connolly, 3s.; anonymous, 2s.; Michael Lynch, R. Power, Thomas Walsh, Thomas Power, Ed Hogan, Thomas Phelan, Patrick Grey, James Power, Patrick Walsh, Mrs. Phelan

and Mrs. Coleman, 2s. 6d.; Ed Gorman, Martin Walsh, Patrick Heary, Walter Hennehy, Maurice Phelan, Ed John, Ian, Larry Norris, John Ryan, John Hennehy, Michael Geary and Patrick Halpin, 2s. each; P. Cahill, Timothy Fleming, Daniel Bletley, John Healy spoke very strongly against canals. But for the canals, however, railway rates would be more excessive. Mr. Kerr remarked that that company seemed to have a spite at Newry. Mr. McAleny moved the adoption of the resolution. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion, which was passed.

KERRY.—The death of Mrs. John O'Sullivan of Leith occurred at her residence on Nov. 23, at the age of fifty-two years.

The Burke estate, situated near Brea, was purchased at eighteen and a half years and a large amount of arrears remitted to the tenant.

On the Galvy estate, near Knocknagoshel, the terms of sale are 6s. 6d. in the pound reduction in the existing rents.

The Chute estate is situated near Castleland, and the terms of sale are 6s. 6d. on first term rents and 4s. 6d. on second term rents.

The tenants on the Hickson estate between Clogher and Castleland, have bought at 6s. 6d. on first term rents and 4s. 6d. on second term rents.

The following are returned by the judges of assizes as eligible to serve the office of high sheriff of Kerry during the ensuing year: Sir Morgan Ross O'Connell, Bart., D. L.; Samuel Thomas Heard and St. John Henry Donovan.

Lord Headley's estate, situated in the Knocknagoshel district, is a very large one. The tenants agreed to terms of sale a few days ago at nineteen and one-fourth years. The tenants on the Castleland portion of the property agreed at twenty years.

Died.—Mrs. Margaret Stack, wife of Jeremiah Stack, Doon.—Mrs. Thomas J. Eagar, Milltown.—At Tralee, Nov. 25, Michael Daly, Scartaglin, brother-in-law of the late Jeremiah Broonan, Hibernian hotel.—On Nov. 19, Lisaculane, Lixnaw, the wife of Michael McCarthy.

Collis Sandes estate is a large estate at Brossa, and after a vigorous campaign between tenants and landlord it was purchased by the congested districts board and resold to the tenants at prices from sixteen and one-eighth to nineteen and five-eighths years. The board is accomplishing a great deal of improvements on the estate.

TIPPERARY.—The lord chancellor has appointed Maurice J. Power, Clonmel, commissioner of oaths for County Tipperary.

The South Tipperary county council unanimously elected P. Ryan, Limerick Junction, a member in the room of the late General Denham Massey, C. B., D. L.

Pony races will be held at Ardinnan, Clonmel, on St. Stephen's day, with a view to insuring their success to amalgamate the Clonmel pony race committee with the Ardinnan sports committee. There will be four races—one for horses, one for cobs and two for ponies. Valuable prizes will be given.

A Kilmallock resolution stating that poor food and insanitary dwellings accounted for the increase of consumption was read at the Waterford district council. It suggested the abolition of the existing government system, which existed for the benefit of landlords only. The resolution was adopted, Captain Carey dissenting, with the remark that the constant use of white bread and tea was responsible for the deterioration.

At the Ormonds hotel, Clonmel, on Dec. 1 Messrs. Stokes and Quirk put up for auction for Captain E. W. Sargent the two valuable houses in Irish town under a fee farm grant from Richard Bagwell, D. L., at the yearly rent of £26 10s. over taxes, except the poor rate, the valuation being £36. R. J. Crean, solicitor, was the highest bidder, purchasing the property in trust for the Catholic curates of St. Mary's parish at 1870.

Frank Byrne, who has been for thirty-five years an efficient member of the Clonmel postal station, was on Dec. 1 presented by the postoffice officials with a handsomely illuminated address, an armchair and a case of pipes on his impending retirement on pension. F. C. Morgan, postmaster, presided and was supported by R. R. O'Brien, J. P. The presentation was made by Edward O'Neill, overseer, who alluded to the excellent record of Mr. Byrne during his connection with the postoffice.

LIMERICK.—The old Christmas Ballykett (Kilrush) fair took place on Dec. 3 and was largely attended. Good prices were realized by farmers for the various classes of cattle.

A general meeting of the Munster-Connaught exhibition committee is to be held at the chamber of commerce, Limerick, for the purpose of winding up and appointing a liquidator.

A number of the members of the Kilrush urban council who had refused to pay the usual town rates were served C. with summonses, which will come up for hearing at petty sessions.

The Croagh (County Limerick) branch of the U. I. L. has subscribed £11 to the Irish parliamentary fund per Alderman S. O'Mara. The priests and people of Nenagh have subscribed £35 and the priests and people of Kilrush £18.

At a meeting of the Limerick harbor commissioners a letter was read from the Kilrush town clerk requesting the harbor commissioners to vest in the Kilrush urban council authority for issuing plots' licenses. The secretary was directed to reply that the commissioners had no power to vest in the council such authority.

A letter was read at a recent meeting of the harbor board from Messrs. Mulock & Son, regretting that the board could not see its way to waive claim for lying up dues on the Dione. Considering that the vessel had paid the large sum of 1126 14s. 3d. harbor dues already, they hoped the matter would again be brought before the

committee. The letter was marked "Read."

James J. Conyn, youngest son of James Conyn of Killyharry and brother of M. Conyn, B. L., was among the successful candidates at the recent honor examination in Trinity college for the degree of B. A. Mr. Conyn secured the moderatorship, with silver medal, in legal and political science. He was also awarded the O'Hagan silver medal for oratory at the King's Inn.

The marriage of Richard Maume of Bolane House, Kildimo, to Miss Margaret M. Kennedy of Ballybricken was recently celebrated at the Dominican church. Father Murphy of Ballybricken was the celebrant, and the bride was given away by her brother, Richard Kennedy.

The polling for the election of councillor for the Irishtown ward, Limerick, was held on Dec. 3. The vacancy was created by the appointment of Councillor M. Donnelly to the aldermanship when ex-Alderman Daly resigned. There were three candidates in the field originally—viz, P. McInerney, Donat Cantrell and John Sheehan. The last named, however, withdrew, so that the contest lay between Messrs. McInerney and Cantrell.

WESTMEATH.—The tenants of the Paget estate at Ballymanus and Thursohammer, County Westmeath, have arrived at the following terms for purchase with the agent, J. C. French: First term, reduction of eight shillings in the pound, eighteen and a half years' purchase; second term, 6 shillings in the pound, twenty-one and a half years' purchase. Two evicted tenants are to be reinstated, one getting a clear receipt and the other to pay a half year's rent.

A meeting of Multyfernham branch, U. I. L., was held recently, Rev. J. Murphy in the chair. The following members were also present: Thomas Coyle, Dan Sharry, D. C.; J. Downes, Thomas Keough, J. Mulvaney, J. Reilly, T. W. Moore, Thomas Gaynor, Thomas Creamont, James Reilly, J. Duncan, Edward Maxwell, J. McLoughlin, Thomas Gorman, Jr. The principal business of the meeting was to elect a committee for the coming financial year. Rev. J. Murphy was unanimously selected president, Thomas Gorman, Jr., and Thomas Leavy, D. C., secretaries. John Mulvaney treasurer, also a committee of fifteen with power to add. Some subscriptions were handed in, notably £5 from Sir Walter Nugent, Bart. The thanks of the meeting were unanimously voted to him.

WATERFORD.—The death took place on Dec. 4 at Bury, England, of the Very Rev. Dean Walsh. The deceased priest was a brother of Edmond Walsh, Woodbine Cottage, Carrick-on-Suir.

Leinster

CARLOW.—On Nov. 24 and 25, Saturday and Sunday, the beautiful new Church of St. Patrick, Rathvilly, County Carlow, was the scene of solemn and imposing religious functions, the occasion being the consecration of a high altar and two side altars recently erected. The ceremony of consecration was performed by his lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, bishop of the diocese, assisted by the Rev. John Delaney, C. C., and on Sunday high mass and a singularly powerful and eloquent sermon preached by the Rev. Michael Phelan, S. J. At the high mass the Most Rev. Dr. Foley presided, being attended at the throne by the Very Rev. T. O'Neill, P. P., Ballyglass. The Rev. William Wilson, C. C., Mountrath, was celebrant, the Rev. James Byrne, C. C., Rathvilly, deacon; Rev. E. Kinnealy, Kiltegan, subdeacon; and the Rev. J. Delaney, P. P., Rathvilly, master of ceremonies. The music of the mass was rendered by the girls' choir under the direction of Miss Carmony, teacher of Kocklishan school. It may be mentioned that other improvements have recently been carried out in the church, including the tilting of the sanctuary and the heating of the church.

DUBLIN.—In the police court, Dublin, on Dec. 4, Mr. Drury sentenced James Armstrong of 22 Charles street to a month's imprisonment for selling buttermilk adulterated by the addition of 87 per cent of water. Edward Condel, solicitor, of the firm of Dalton & Co., 11 Stephen's green, Dublin, has been appointed a commissioner to administer oaths for the supreme court of judicature of Ireland. H. J. Hennehy, Ireland's fullback, played in the football match for seventy minutes against the South Africans while suffering from split ear, injured skull, broken middle finger on the left hand, strained chest muscles and torn finger cartilages. The death of Mother Mary Conception, foundress of the Presentation convent, Lucan, occurred on Nov. 16 at Lucan. Deceased was the daughter of the late Michael Kennedy, Dublin. She had been forty-four years in religious life.

KILDARE.—The death of a well known and popular journalist, Robert F. Hughes, who was for some years connected with the Limerick Leader, took place on Nov. 30.

Married.—Nov. 29, at St. Saviour's, Dominick street, by the Rev. A. Fenelon, C. C., assisted by the Rev. J. Fenelon, C. C., and the Rev. J. E. Purcell, O. P., John Shiel O'Grady, Rickardstown, Newbridge, to Mary, daughter of the late Thomas Flood, Newhall, Nans, Nov. 14, by the Roman Catholic church, Rathdowney, by the Very Rev. Canon Brennan, D. D., P. P., Patrick J. Nugent, son of James Nugent, Water town, County Kildare, to Mary Ellen Murphy, daughter of James Murphy, Green Roads, Ballybrophy, Queens county.

LOUTH.—George Taaffe, D. L., Smarmore, Castle, Ardee; B. R. T. Bal-

four, D. L., Townley hall, Drogheda, and John J. Eastwood Bigler, Falmore hall, Dundalk, were appointed sheriffs. LONGFORD.—On Nov. 29, at his residence, Lisnagill, Lenamore, Michael O'Farrell died in the seventy-eighth year of his age.

The Feta Anaghilla has been approved by the executive of the Coasde Gnotha and will be held, as arranged at the last meeting of the Coasde Comasata, in the vicinity of Grand on the third Sunday in June next.

The pig fair at Ballymahon was held on Dec. 1 and was well attended by buyers. A large quantity of pigs were available. Prices were also very good, and a few went as high as £6. Large numbers went over £5 each. The weather prevailing during the two fairs was ideal.

KING'S.—Laborers' cottages.—The L. G. B. wrote requesting to be informed of the amount of the outstanding loans and also the number of cottages completed up to Oct. 31. The clerk gave the number of cottages at forty-seven and the amount of the loans outstanding as £6,011 6s. 5d.

MEATH.—Mrs. Gerrard, Odder, Kirmessan, County Meath, died after a tedious illness on Monday, Nov. 26, fortified by all the rites of the Catholic church.

The death of Owen Gaffney took place at his residence, Gravelstown, Kells, on Nov. 22.

QUEENS.—Fine weather favored the meeting of Maryborough and Raheenabrogue football teams in the contest for the senior county honors at Boley on a recent Sunday, says the Limerick Leader, and there was a big crowd of spectators along the lines when the teams joined hands. Maryborough played minus Bunworth and Bell, who were both on the sick list. It was half past 3 when the referee, E. P. Tarrant, Castle town, got the men in position. Raheenabrogue, having won the toss, elected to play down hill. Maryborough practically closed the first act, and the score stood: Maryborough, 4 points; Raheenabrogue, 3 points. Act second was opened by Maryborough scoring two points in quick succession. Play came into Maryborough ground for a while, then back again over the line. Forcing their way back, Raheenabrogue got a free, and a goal resulted, thus placing them on equal footing. The play now waxed fast and furious, Raheenabrogue, holding the ground they had gained, repeatedly closed on Maryborough goal and succeeded in placing themselves ahead by two points, while Maryborough were showing signs of weakening. The light was now falling, and spectators could scarcely see the ball across the field. Maryborough made a determined effort and got round the Raheenabrogue goal, but one of the defenders sent the ball behind. This was twice repeated, and on the third "fifty" the ball flew in for sly Messrs. McCann, D. C.; J. Sheridan, minor, which was followed, after some D. C.; P. Morris, H. Maguire, J. Reynolds sharp play, by another minor, bringing odds, P. Sheridan, P. Mulligan, N. Duff, the teams again level amid intense excitement. The balance of the time Nixon and M. Donohoe, secretary. The was spent in Maryborough quarters, reverend chairman in the course of his and at times Raheenabrogue looked like scoring, but drew blank. The long whistle went on a drawn game, the score being: Maryborough, 8 points; Raheenabrogue, 1 goal 5 points.

WEXFORD.—The death of Mrs. Paul J. Carroll, Leinster warehouse, Main street, Wexford, is announced. The Nationalists of Ballindaggin district commemorated the anniversary of the Manchester martyrs with a large procession, in which the people of the village and surrounding districts participated. The Ballindaggin band assisted and in the parade through the village played national airs. On arrival at Canon Meehan's residence, in the absence of the beloved pastor, the processionists were addressed by Thomas Rafter, Shroghmore, who dwelt on the sacrifices made by the martyred three in the cause of Ireland. He congratulated those present on turning out in such large numbers, which showed that Irishmen, and more particularly Wexford men, would be the last who would forget the sacrifices of their countrymen in the fight for the regeneration of their native land.

WICKLOW.—The winter assizes for the Leinster circuit were opened on Dec. 4 in Wicklow by Justice Madden. His lordship, addressing the grand jury, said he was glad to be able to inform them that their duties on the present occasion would not be of a heavy character. As they were aware, criminals would come before them from thirteen jurisdictions—from twelve counties and from the city of Waterford. The number of cases to be investigated was thirty-one, or a little over two for each of those jurisdictions. He did not attach much importance to the fluctuations in the statistics periodically presented to the judges. He observed that, though in some of the counties concerned there was a slight increase in the number of cases, in others that was counterbalanced by a decrease in the number of cases to go before the grand jury. Though the number of cases was about the same as that presented on the occasion of the last assizes held in Waterford, what was to his mind a more important matter was that the cases were almost universally of an extremely light character. They represented the class of crime which must recur in any community so long as human nature remained what it was.

Connaught

GALWAY.—The people of Clifden parish have sustained a great loss at the departure of Rev. Father Walsh, C. C., Clifden, who has been changed to the important parish of Menlough. The death of Sister Joseph Ignatius MacDermott removes from the scene of her labors in the interest of the poor

one of the most religious, industrious and charitable members of the pious Sisterhood of the Convent of Mercy, Galway. She entered the convent about forty years ago.

A very successful experiment in the culture of maize in this district has been carried out during the present year by Martin Connelly, D. C., Bellwell, Dunmore, who has grown a crop of that cereal equal, in the opinion of experts, to any that could be produced in these countries to which it is indigenous.

The death of James Perry, Esq., C. E., county surveyor, took place at his residence, Weltpark, on Nov. 28, after a few days' illness of brain fever.

Married.—At St. Augustine's church, Galway, on Nov. 29, by the Very Rev. Richard Connolly, O. S. A., D. D., brother of the bride, assisted by the Very Rev. John Graven, P. P.; the Very Rev. D. Travers, O. S. A., and the Rev. John Murphy, O. S. A., Thomas Hamill, Connaught rangers, to Margaret, second daughter of the late Patrick Connolly, Flood street, Galway.

At the last meeting of county council the secretary said that the sum of £610 10s. 4d. tax for extra police in the Tuam district had been stopped out of the agricultural grant by the L. G. board. He wished to know how he should continue to allow it to remain a county at large charge or make it a charge on the district of Tuam. There was no need of the police in Tuam whatsoever, says the Tuam News.

MAYO.—The Irish lace school under the care of the Sisters of Charity, Benada abbey, Tubbercurry, has been awarded a gold medal for the beautiful lace exhibited at the recent Milan exhibition.

On Oct. 17, at the cathedral, Ballina, the marriage took place of Thomas MacHale, draper, Arran street, Ballinacross, to Maggie, third daughter of Robert Buttledge, D. C., Quignashoe.

It appears that M. T. H. Rutledge, Bloomfield, has declined to sell to his tenants under twenty-seven years' purchase, which the latter properly consider a most exorbitant figure. The estate comprises 900 acres, 500 of which are unoccupied, and the other 400 acres are held by forty-one tenants. The tenants are willing to buy through the estates commissioners if Mr. Rutledge will agree to sell at a fair price.

LEITRIM.—George White, Clean himself ahead by two points, while Maryborough were showing signs of weakening. The light was now falling, and spectators could scarcely see the ball across the field. Maryborough made a determined effort and got round the Raheenabrogue goal, but one of the defenders sent the ball behind. This was twice repeated, and on the third "fifty" the ball flew in for sly Messrs. McCann, D. C.; J. Sheridan, minor, which was followed, after some D. C.; P. Morris, H. Maguire, J. Reynolds sharp play, by another minor, bringing odds, P. Sheridan, P. Mulligan, N. Duff, the teams again level amid intense excitement. The balance of the time Nixon and M. Donohoe, secretary. The was spent in Maryborough quarters, reverend chairman in the course of his and at times Raheenabrogue looked like scoring, but drew blank. The long whistle went on a drawn game, the score being: Maryborough, 8 points; Raheenabrogue, 1 goal 5 points.

WEXFORD.—The death of Mrs. Paul J. Carroll, Leinster warehouse, Main street, Wexford, is announced. The Nationalists of Ballindaggin district commemorated the anniversary of the Manchester martyrs with a large procession, in which the people of the village and surrounding districts participated. The Ballindaggin band assisted and in the parade through the village played national airs. On arrival at Canon Meehan's residence, in the absence of the beloved pastor, the processionists were addressed by Thomas Rafter, Shroghmore, who dwelt on the sacrifices made by the martyred three in the cause of Ireland. He congratulated those present on turning out in such large numbers, which showed that Irishmen, and more particularly Wexford men, would be the last who would forget the sacrifices of their countrymen in the fight for the regeneration of their native land.

WICKLOW.—The winter assizes for the Leinster circuit were opened on Dec. 4 in Wicklow by Justice Madden. His lordship, addressing the grand jury, said he was glad to be able to inform them that their duties on the present occasion would not be of a heavy character. As they were aware, criminals would come before them from thirteen jurisdictions—from twelve counties and from the city of Waterford. The number of cases to be investigated was thirty-one, or a little over two for each of those jurisdictions. He did not attach much importance to the fluctuations in the statistics periodically presented to the judges. He observed that, though in some of the counties concerned there was a slight increase in the number of cases, in others that was counterbalanced by a decrease in the number of cases to go before the grand jury. Though the number of cases was about the same as that presented on the occasion of the last assizes held in Waterford, what was to his mind a more important matter was that the cases were almost universally of an extremely light character. They represented the class of crime which must recur in any community so long as human nature remained what it was.

ROSCOMMON.—In the house of commons Mr. O'Dowd asked the chief secretary if he would state the result of the negotiations between the estates commissioners and Mrs. Perry-Knox-Gore for the purchase of the latter's property at Ardagh, Ballina, County Mayo. Mr. Bryce replied that the estates commissioners had informed him that in July last they approached Mrs. Perry-Knox-Gore with a view to the purchase of her untenanted land in County Mayo. Mrs. Perry-Knox-Gore had intimated her willingness to sell to the commissioners, and the matter was now under their consideration.

SILIGO.—Bernard Couley, Gregg House, Siligo; Colonel J. Percy, Gethin Balthood, Boyle; and Charles E. MacDermott (The MacDermott), D. L., Coolavin, Monasteraden, were appointed sheriffs. While crossing a bridge in Siligo on Dec. 1 a married woman named McGowan threw her infant over the parapet. The wind, which was blowing strongly, caught the child and caused it to fall into a yard abutting the river bank. Here it lay until a baker working close by was attracted by its cries and picked it up. He found it was absolutely unharmed. Meanwhile the mother had given herself up to the police, who at once set off to the spot indicated only to learn, however, of the child's wonderful escape. The woman was subsequently committed to the asylum.

William H. G. Flood has been requested by his eminence Cardinal Logue to give evidence at the sitting that will take place in Dublin in January next in connection with the proceedings for the canonization of Von Oliver Plunkett, who suffered martyrdom in defense of his faith during Cromwell's advent in Ireland. No better man could have been selected than Mr. Flood to give evidence from state papers. Cardinal Logue's selection of Mr. Flood is only another testimony of the well known abilities for research of that gentleman.