

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.—In the chancery division Dec. 21, before Justice Barton, judgment was given in the case of Maclean versus Rosevere, which came before the court for the determination of questions arising in the administration of the will of the late Samuel Frew Maclean, a Belfast merchant. The testator made his will on Dec. 4, 1855, and at that time he estimated he was worth £20,000. He left his goddaughter, Minnie Cullen (now Mrs. Rosevere), a legacy of £7,500, with the proviso that should his property have increased in value to £30,000 at the date of his death the legacy was to be increased to £10,000, "to be settled on herself for her own benefit and use." The balance of his property was to be left to residuary legatees, of whom Thomas Frew Maclean and Mrs. Harrison, his mother, alone survived him. The testator died on March 28, 1903, twenty-six years after the date of his will, and it appears that his property at the date of his death amounted in value to considerably more than £400,000 instead of £20,000 estimated by himself in 1855. Although his property had increased so much in value, he made no further testamentary disposition. The question for the court was whether Mrs. Rosevere was entitled to the sum of £10,000 absolutely.

ARMAGH.—The personal estate of the late Colonel Sanderson, M. P., has been proved at £25,071. Probate of his will has been granted to Captain Somerset Francis Sanderson of the rifle brigade, son of the deceased; Thomas Cosby Burrows of Lismore, Crossissey, County Cavan, and Arthur French of Bungleigh, Burlington road, Dublin.

DONEGAL.—A very destructive fire broke out at Ballybay in the fax stores in Church street belonging to Peter-Mullan. Owing to the large fax market here on a recent Saturday (fax day) it is estimated that upward of £8,000 worth was stored in the ill-fated premises. The fire was discovered about 10 o'clock a. m., and a large number of willing workers at once assisted in trying to save as much of the fax as possible, but despite their efforts over £800 worth was destroyed. A strong breeze was blowing at the time, which fanned the flames and rendered the work very difficult. It was feared at one time that the Methodist hall, which adjoins the stores, was doomed to destruction, and it was found necessary in order to save the building to cut away the roof of the burning stores. Workmen were engaged at the fax when the outbreak occurred, and while the cause of the fire cannot as yet be ascertained, it is alleged that it was due to a spark from a steam stone crusher which was working close by. Some accidents were sustained during the progress of the fire, but fortunately none of them was of a serious nature. The stores were completely gutted, and the following firms sustained the heaviest losses: the Sinton company, Tandragee; the Beesbrook Spinning company, the York Street Spinning company, Belfast; the Linn Thread company, Belfast; and Glasgow. It is believed that outside the buildings there was no insurance.

DOWN.—On Dec. 22 Newry and Leitrim competed in the Gaelic football championship at Maybridge, near Newcastle, County Down, in fine but stormy weather, in the presence of almost 3,000 spectators. Interest in this year's final is enhanced by the respective teams being representative of the opposite ends of South Down and the Chilterns cup, valued at £40, being also at stake. Newry, embracing a favorable wind, scored 7 points in the first half. Leitrim made a good defense and scored 3 points. On changing over Leitrim failed to come up to expectations, their efforts only producing 1 point, the only score in this half. Result: Newry, 7 points; Leitrim, 4 points. Referee, Mr. Fearon, Camlough.

MONAGHAN.—The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils attending the boarding school attached to St. Louis convent, Monaghan, took place in the grand concert hall attached to the convent on Dec. 21. The distribution was preceded by a most successful entertainment given by the pupils of the school. Among those present were: Most Rev. Dr. Owens, lord bishop of Clogher; Lord and Lady Rossmore; Very Rev. Canon Murphy, P. P., Kilmore; Rev. Patrick Keown, administrator, Monaghan; Rev. Hugh O'Neill, C. C.; Rev. Thomas Brennan, C. C.; Rev. James Murray, professor, St. McCarty's seminary, Monaghan; Rev. Denis McGrath, professor; Dr. T. P. Conlon, the stay-jump; Dr. James Henry, Monaghan, and others. The programme was opened by the overture "Cornelius March" (Mandelstam) by the orchestra, under the conductorship of Miss Clifford, Dundalk. The following also took part in the programme: Miss Nora Meade, Miss Walsh and Dempsey, the young children attending the school. When the entertainment had concluded the distribution of prizes to the various pupils was performed by Most Rev. Dr. Owens, assisted by Rev. Patrick Keown, administrator, and Sister Mary Elizabeth. At the conclusion Most Rev. Dr. Owens said that he remembered well that as an account of his own day in the convent of St. Louis in the general history

of the convents of Ireland and all the young ladies' schools of Ireland. The Victoria college, Belfast, had the assistance of the professors of the Queen's college at its back. Was it any wonder that Victoria college scraped up first place in Ireland? It was a great credit to the convent of St. Louis, Monaghan, with its slender appliances, but brilliant and persevering staff—it came next to Belfast Victoria college. [Applause.] He would say that much in favor and in praise of the St. Louis sisters who brought to the diocese of Clogher. The St. Louis convent, Carrickmacross, came next, and then the convent of St. Louis, Kiltmagh, was not far behind the others. That convent was only established four or five years ago, and his lordship was there himself endeavoring in a way to establish that school. If the convent of Monaghan, Carrickmacross and Kiltmagh could be grouped together, certainly there would be a rival to the Victoria college, Belfast. [Applause.] In fact, if there was anything like a Catholic university, they would sweep the whole country. Perhaps they would give it hard enough to those colleges in Dublin that were supported and patronized by the powers that be. His lordship thought it right to say so much on that occasion of the wonderful influence which the Order of St. Louis as a teaching body had attained in Ireland. He thought that was only just a forecast of what would come in the future. The success of the teaching of the sisters of St. Louis, whether in Carrickmacross, Monaghan or Kiltmagh, was a foregone conclusion that would do credit to the sisterhood of St. Louis and credit to the pupils.

TYRONE.—What seems to be a "genuine ghost," says the Dublin Freeman of Dec. 22, has visited Newtown Stewart. On a Saturday night some persons encountered a strange apparition standing at the corn market gate, which was originally the entrance gate to the castle. Certain members of the party summoned up courage enough to ask the ghost what it wanted. The specter made no reply, but suddenly disappeared. The next night at midnight a great ringing of bells was distinctly heard over the town, and several persons, looking out to discover the cause, saw, to their amazement, a figure dressed in a suit of mail standing at the entrance gate to the castle and a bright light shining all round. On Monday night the apparition was seen again in the same garb.

Munster

CLARE.—At the parochial house the Rev. P. Moagher, P. P., Drom, Templemore, died on Dec. 21.

John Walsh, a Clars farmer, was at Limerick petty sessions fined 5 shillings for expiring for sale butter containing 21.6 per cent of water. Defendant said the butter had been made in the ordinary way.

The reply of the chief secretary to Mr. Redmond on the subject of the evicted tenants contains one announcement that will be received with general satisfaction. Preparations are in progress for the reinstatement of "a large number" of the Masserene tenants and of thirty of the tenants evicted on the Vandeleur estates. These were plan of campaign estates, and the tenants are the victims of many baffled efforts. It is to be hoped as untenanted land comes into the possession of the estates commissioners the remaining tenants on those estates will be given holdings. Elsewhere the progress of the work is slow. A fresh attempt is being made to open negotiations with the 44 landlords who had previously rejected the commissioners' offer of mediation. Their continued refusal to agree to peace might induce even Lord Dunraven and Colonel Everard to modify their opposition to compensation. In all 623 evicted tenants, exclusive of the Masserene tenants, have been restored or are being restored. It is a small result as an accomplishment of the purchase of £45,000,000 worth of land at the present exorbitant prices. The appointment of twelve new inspectors to examine the cases and endeavor to arrange settlements may expedite matters. But here we shall have to arrive at compensation in the end.

CORK.—The report submitted by Rev. Brother Connolly, the superior of the Presentation college, Cork, at the presentation of prizes there by the bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, before the dispersion for the Christmas holidays was one that our educational institution might well be proud of and showed remarkable success in such public examinations as those of the "Internationale," the civil service, the Royal university and the medical schools.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—Dec. 21, at her residence, 8 Sullivan's quay, Cork, Lucinda, widow of Joseph Constantine, master plumber; Dec. 20, Richard, eldest son of James and Lizzie Walsh of 16 Rathmore buildings, Cork; Dec. 21, at her residence, Crossissey, Upton, Cork, Julia, widow of the late Jeremiah Crowley; Dec. 14, at his residence, Glasvorth, Peter Heilman, late of Ballyhea, Charleville, for sixty-eight years a faithful servant of the G. S. and W. R.; Dec. 21, at her residence, Rosemary building, Cork, Mary Foley.

Universal public satisfaction has been expressed at the restoration of the evicted tenants on the Saunders estate at Kilmurray, some three miles distant from Castleisland. In this estate there were two evicted tenants, named Daniel and David Loughlin, who were evicted many years ago from their holdings, which have been since derelict. Recently the tenants on this estate purchased, and those two evicted tenants were reinstated and were accorded good concessions and allowed to purchase with their tenants. It is understood negotiations are in progress for the reinstatement

of the evicted tenants on the House estate, which is in the same district. Mr. Gilhooly, *lancet* the chief secretary to the lord lieutenant of Ireland whether the congested districts board had discontinued improvement works on the estate of Dr. Bird at Ballylane, County Cork, and, if so, whether, in view of the bad crop of potatoes in that district, he would suggest the works be recommenced to mitigate the sufferings of the small farmers. Mr. Bryce replied: "I am informed by the congested districts board that their improvement works on the Bird estate generally are completed, but some further work has to be done in the townlands of Eskeragh and Ballytegragh, and this will be put in hand as soon as possible after Christmas."

KERRY.—As the result of a conference between Messrs. David M. Moriarty and J. Moran, solicitors, and the Limerick urban council it has been decided to obtain senior counsel's opinions as to rights of Lord Listerwell to levy tolls for the usual fortnightly fairs as distinct from those known as the patented fairs and markets. A writ has been issued by his lordship through Messrs. Craugh and Byrne, and the urban council has instructed their solicitors to enter an appearance to same. Developments are looked forward to with keen interest.

Thomas O'Donnell asked the chief secretary to the lord lieutenant of Ireland whether he has received a resolution passed at a public meeting in Keel, County Kerry, dealing with the failure of the potato crop in that district, whether he has made inquiries into the matter, and, if so, whether he proposes to take any steps, and, if so, what steps. Mr. Bryce replied: "I have received a copy of the resolution referred to in the question. The reports which I have received indicate that there has been a partial failure of the potato crop in the Keel district. I would refer the honorable member to my answer to the question put by the honorable member for East Mayo on the 5th inst., when I fully stated the intentions of the government in respect of the partial failure of the potato crop in Kerry and other counties."

Though suffering from illness for some months past, the news of the death on Dec. 20 of Mrs. Mary McDonnell, wife of Michael McDonnell, Bedford House, Listowel, came as a great shock to her many friends. Mrs. McDonnell was the daughter of the late Michael Sheahan of the Farm Yard, Abbeydorney.

LIMERICK.—John Joseph Kenny died on Dec. 21 at 55 Drumcondra road, Limerick.

At a meeting of the directors of the Limerick chamber of commerce John F. Power was appointed president for the year in room of W. McDonnell, resigned, and Mr. Thomas H. Cleve was appointed vice president.

In the chancery division, before Mr. Justice Barton, in the case of Crowley versus Crowley, P. D. Fleming, K. C., instructed by James Blinchy, applied on behalf of Rev. Richard Crowley, executor of Michael Crowley, who died in the year 1887, for administration of his estate. Michael Crowley was possessed of two farms of land at Stockers and Martinstown, near Kilmallock, and by his will he left the farms to his executor, the profits to be given to his children, of whom the defendant Denis was one, when they arrived at twenty-one years. Owing to difficulties in the construction of the will the executor was advised it would be necessary to have the estate administered in court. Pierce Nolan, instructed by Mr. Blinchy, appeared on behalf of the defendant, Denis Crowley. C. F. Doyle, instructed by Mr. Fox, asked to have a daughter named Katie Crowley added as defendant. Justice Barton made the usual decree for administration and added Katie Crowley as defendant at the risk of costs.

Details have been received regarding the British four masted ship *Morven*, bound with an Indian corn cargo from Portland, Ore., to Limerick, which was wrecked in the Shannon recently. The night was fine and clear, not stormy, as at first reported, but the ship when tacking miscalculated its position and went on a treacherous rock formation of the peninsula kind, called Horse Island, at a spot midway between Killybaha and Look head, and is now a total wreck. The cargo is destroyed. The *Morven* was commanded by Captain Rees and had a crew of twenty-six hands all told. Her passage until she made the Shannon was exceptionally fine. The master reports that on the one hundred and sixty day out from port he lost a young Norwegian sailor, aged about twenty-one years, who fell from aloft. Lloyd's representative at Killybaha and the chief officer of coast guards at Cappa have proceeded to the scene of the wreck to render any assistance necessary to the men.

WATERFORD.—On Dec. 20, at his residence, the Manor, Watertown, Edmund Shelley died at an advanced age. Last season 400,000 forest trees were exported from the celebrated Waterford nurseries of Messrs. William Power & Co. to help in the reforesting of England, Scotland and Wales. Tipperary has not quite abandoned the hope, says a correspondent, that in some way or another it will secure a reasonable influence on the Waterford bridge commission. The latest proposal is that, if there has been any appointment made to a membership of the new commission of anybody who might even unconsciously be influenced by local prejudice, the commission should be recast and include five outsiders entirely—viz, men of large technical and professional capacity—who would approach the problems with a purely impartial mind. With such a commission Tipperary would be perfectly contented. Mr. Condon is still in communication with Mr. Bryce, who has promised to give due consideration

to the latest suggestion that has been put before him. The chief secretary has said that he will inform Mr. Condon of his decision before the session ends, but the exact terms of that decision have not been reached.

Leinster

DUBLIN.—Usher's quay ward electors held a meeting in the laborers' hall, 31 Lower Bridge street, to endorse the candidature of Donohoe Healy at the forthcoming election. Alderman Cole, P. T. Daly, T. C.; J. J. Healy, T. C.; J. Byrne, T. C.; M. O'Leane, T. C.; P. O'Carroll, T. C., and others addressed the meeting.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—Dec. 21, at the parochial house, the Rev. P. Meagher, P. P., Drom, R. I. P.—On Dec. 21, at Monastervan, Miss Mary Brogan, over fifty years faithful, trusted friend to Patrick McCabe and family, deeply regretted.—On Dec. 20, Mary (May), the only daughter of the late James O'Byrne, deeply regretted by her brother.

A meeting of the committee of the Dublin and Irish association district of the Institute of Journalists was held Dec. 21 in the district offices, Dame street. F. H. Wayland presided. The committee for the ensuing year was completed as follows: Messrs. George Crosbie, Cork, chairman; F. H. Wayland, vice chairman; W. Clarke, honorable secretary; J. T. Jameson, honorable treasurer; W. Algonson Locker and Robert Donovan, representatives on the council; T. A. Stodart, James Carlyle, M. F. Linehan, John McGrath, W. Stewart, Andrew Dunlop, F. J. I. A. P. Delany, T. B. Harrington, James S. Macarney, Charles Ryan, John D. Collins, J. W. Beresford, H. Honohan, J. W. Frith, E. R. Healy, E. Tuohy, J. C. Percy and F. McPhail.

The annual general meeting of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland was held at 20 Lincoln place, Dublin, on Dec. 20. The president, W. M. Mitchell, F. R. I. B. A., R. H. A., occupied the chair. The following were also present: J. Holloway, J. Geoghegan, R. J. Stirling, R. C. Orpen, C. H. Ashworth, G. Crowe, E. Bradbury, A. F. Murray, F. Hayes, E. H. Morris, C. A. Owen, G. C. Ashlin, C. H. Mitchell, G. O'Connor, F. H. Tallon, F. G. Hicks, A. G. C. Millar, Sir Thomas Drew, H. Allberry and James H. Webb, honorable secretary. The report of council for the year 1906 was read and adopted. The president announced that the following members were elected to serve on the council for 1907: C. H. Ashworth, R. C. Orpen, G. C. Ashlin, Sir T. Drew, H. Allberry, F. Batchelor, C. A. Owen, G. P. Sheridan and A. E. Murray, together with the honorable treasurer, F. G. Hicks; the honorable secretary, J. H. Webb, and a representative of the Architectural Association of Ireland.

At the meeting of the town tenants' executive at Dublin on Dec. 21 the several members referred to the passing of the town tenants bill and spoke in praise of the work of the Irish party throughout the whole discussion of the measure. The chairman, Mr. Seville, said some of the unjust privileges conferred by law on town lords were now swept away, but town tenants would not and could not rest satisfied until every grade of town tenure—the relations between owner and occupier—were put on a footing of justice. It showed the value of combination and agitation. Mr. Briscoe said a remarkable feature of the final proceedings in the commons was the attitude of those Ulster members who earlier in the session sought to cripple the bill in committee.

Before Mr. Justice Gibson and a special jury in Dublin on Dec. 18 Major McBride obtained a verdict of £1 damages in an action against the Independent Newspapers, limited, for alleged libel contained in a statement published in the Irish Independent in February of last year to the effect that Mrs. McBride was suing for divorce on the ground of her husband's drunkenness and infidelity. Defendants pleaded the statement was a fair publication of the proceedings in the French court, to which the public was admitted. Plaintiff on examination stated there was no truth in the charges of infidelity or misconduct alleged against him. He had only once been drunk, and for that he apologized on the following day. There was no truth in the statement that he was illiterate. Evidence was given as to the plaintiff's employment and the satisfactory discharge of his duties. A witness from Paris stated there was not sufficient evidence to sustain the charges of infidelity, but the French court found he had been guilty of drunkenness to such an extent as to amount to grave injury against his wife, a decree nisi being pronounced on that. For the defense T. B. Harrington, editor of the Irish Independent, said in publishing the reports he had no hostility or malice toward plaintiff. The jury returned a verdict as stated.

KILKENNY.—The Kilkenny show for 1907 has been fixed for July 31 and Aug. 1.

John R. Holohan, son of Captain W. Holohan, Roseville, Kilkennae, obtained first place at the recent examination for scholarships of the second year in the faculty of law, Queen's college, Cork, and also obtained a scholarship last year. Certainly this reflects great credit on Mr. Holohan. Mr. Holohan is apprentice to John A. Kennedy, solicitor, Kilkennae.

KING'S.—At his residence, 1 Mina terrace, Island Bridge, Michael Kavanagh, ex-sergeant R. I. C., brother of E. Kavanagh, Mountmellick, died on Dec. 20.

The usefulness of directories, not only from a general point of view, but from a local point, will be found, as it has been found in the cases of Ballyragget

and Castlecomer, by contrasting the statistics of Ballinakill in the last census with those of about eighty years ago. In 1823 the population of the town of Ballinakill was about 2,500 its population at the present day is only a little more than a quarter of that. If it be that much itself. Among the shopkeepers and traders in Ballinakill at that time were the following: Grocers, Mary Brannan, John Butler, James Mulhall, Catherine Ryan; shoemakers, Patrick Burke, Edward Daly, John Duggan; harness-maker, "Rich and Buggy"; woolen drapers, J. Butler, Mary Hendy; brewery, Baker's; pub-licans, Ed Comerford, Patrick Dillon, James Fitzpatrick, John Jackson, Patrick Lawler, Maurice Neill, James Nowlan, Ed Phelan, Catherine Ryan; Michael Moore, wool comber; Michael Gorman, wool comber; Bernard Dunne, tanner; John Dunne, tobacco manufacturer; Patrick Goss, blanket maker; Mat Hughes, leather seller; Patrick Dolan, miller. Ballinakill town has in recent years evinced great signs of progress, the principal merchants having greatly improved their residences. At the same time young men feel the want of a regular society in their midst, and more of them have been thinking of forming one. They have a very nice building in which a billiard table could be fixed, and if they had such they would not feel the monotony of life so pressing.

LONGFORD.—The annual general meeting of the Thomastown Reading Room association was held recently. M. P. O'Gorman, vice president, in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. President J. Bowe, P. P., conducted the proceedings in a most satisfactory and good humored manner, not a single hitch occurring throughout the meeting and election. The members turned up in fairly good numbers. Among those who took an active part in the proceedings was the Rev. M. Fitzpatrick, C. C. The result of the election was as follows: Rev. J. Bowe, P. P., president; Mr. O'Gorman, vice president; James Walsh, treasurer; James Ryan and P. F. Drea, joint honorary secretaries. The balance to the credit of the association was £45. The outgoing honorary secretaries, T. O'Gorman and B. J. Ryan, received a warm vote of thanks for their valuable services, which they richly deserved. The association was formed in 1880 by the Rev. Father O'Farrell, P. P., Urlingford, who during his time as curate at Thomastown devoted the most painstaking attention to the association and when leaving left it in a sound, healthy condition, which the members past and present have upheld.

LOUTH.—At her residence, Abbey House, Ellen, widow of the late Robert Moore, 19 West street, Drogheda, died on Dec. 20, aged eighty-six.

Two important meetings of the North Louth U. I. L. were held at Bridge-Crin and Killeurry. The first meeting was held after last mass and was well attended. Mr. Quigley presided. Dermot O'Brien delivered a timely speech on the subject of land purchase, which is now occupying the attention of some of the tenants. He spoke on the absolute necessity of unanimity in the coming crisis. At the conclusion the parliamentary fund was inaugurated and liberal subscriptions handed in. James McCourt, county councilor, wrote expressing regret at not being able to attend and promising every assistance. At Killeurry an enthusiastic meeting was held at 2 o'clock. Rev. N. Lawless, P. P., presided. The hall was packed to overflowing, and speeches, which were well received, were delivered by the reverend chairman.

MEATH.—At her residence, John street, Kells, County Meath, Margaret, relict of the late John Christie, died on Dec. 20, aged ninety-five years.

QUEEN'S.—The first meeting of the newly formed committee of the Maryborough Catholic Young Men's society, consisting of representatives of the society and the Maryborough Dramatic club, which has been amalgamated with the society, was held on Dec. 2. The Rev. M. Carlon, C. C., vice president of the society, occupied the chair, and there were also present Messrs. Mark Walsh, J. P., C. T. C. P., Kelly, T. C.; P. J. Meehan, solicitor; William C. Meehan, Thomas Smyth, Edward Bergin, William Carroll, F. P. Harckham, honorable secretary of the society, and Messrs. P. C. Mathews, P. Templing, Edward Delgan, F. O'Carroll, Joseph Brock and Thomas Lydon of the dramatic club. P. C. Mathews informed the meeting that the dramatic club had appointed ten representatives on the committee—viz, Messrs. D. Mulready, C. Bannan, J. Grant and P. Brady. It was agreed, on the motion of the chairman, that P. C. Mathews act as cotreasurer of the society with P. Kelly. On the motion of Mr. Mathews, seconded by Mr. Delgan, it was resolved that for the future the entrance fee to the society be 1 shilling and the subscription 1 penny per week. Arrangements were made for the collection of arrears of subscriptions due to the dramatic club. P. Bell was appointed billiard marker and caretaker of the society rooms. Steps were taken to organize a billiard handicap, and the following were appointed a subcommittee to organize a dramatic class: Messrs. P. Templing, P. C. Mathews, E. Delgan, T. Lydon and P. J. Meehan.

WESTMEATH.—The usual monthly meeting of the Killasnett division, U. I. L., was held recently, Brother John Feeney in the chair. There was a fair attendance of members. Eight new members were proposed for admission at the next meeting. Every member is required to be present. The following resolution was, on the motion of Brother M. McDermott, seconded by Brother John McAviney, passed unanimously: "Resolved, That we, the members of the Killasnett division, A. O. H., in meeting assembled, pledge our-

selves to support the revival of Irish industries and the Irish language and also the revival of the old Irish games and pastimes of hurling and Gaelic football, and we call upon the surrounding divisions to give their mutual aid and support, and we are surprised to learn that our brothers of the Sligo division are giving their support to the anti-Irish game of soccer." After the routine business was transacted the meeting terminated in the usual manner.

WEXFORD.—Jem "Reche" Wexford, champion boxer of Ireland, has decided to visit America and leaves early in February. Roche's intention is, he says, to get on matches with the best boxers in the States.

Mrs. Redmond, the beloved wife of M. J. Redmond, J. P., Millmount, Gorey, died on Dec. 17.

The death of Sister Mary Magdalen occurred at the Convent of Mercy, Enniscorthy, on Dec. 18.

WICKLOW.—At his residence, Ballygannon, Rathdrum, Sylvester, second eldest son of Matthew Farrell, aged twenty-nine years, died on Dec. 20.

Connaught

GALWAY.—At a special meeting of Galway county council Miss Alice Perry, B. E., was appointed interim county surveyor in room of her father, the late James Perry. The permanent appointment will be made at the February meeting of the council. It was resolved to fix the emoluments of the office as follows: Salary, £340; office expenses, £60; traveling expenses, £100; total, £500. Formerly the appointment was worth about £1,000.

In the matter of the estate of H. Blake, in the County Galway, there was an application by the landlord to the estates commissioners. Mr. Commissioner Bailey said they would have far more power of dealing with the distribution of grass lands by selling under section 6. They were able to make advances out of the reserve fund where the sale was under that section, whereas they could not do that under section 1. Mr. Blake said the only untenanted land he was keeping was his demesnes in Hollypark. Two of his tenants had only small patches from him, but had much more from Lord Chalmers, and he did not want their holdings made economic at his expense. The commissioners postponed the matter for the inspection of the estate. Then they would decide whether the sale should be under section 6 or section 1.

The Countess of Glancarty, who was at one time well known on the stage as Belle Bliton, died on Dec. 31 at her residence at Garbaldy Park, Ballinasloe, County Galway. The countess was popular with her neighbors at her husband's county seat in Galway and with the tenants of the place. Several children survive the deceased.

LEITRIM.—James Black, who was a ganger on the new railway at Castlewellan, was killed by a train passing over him a short distance from Leitrim railway station. The deceased was endeavoring to reach Leitrim station in time to travel home to Corbett station by the train which killed him.

ROSCOMMON.—A man named Corcoran, a carpenter, living near Roscommon, accidentally fell off a car while attending a funeral and sustained injuries which subsequently proved fatal on Dec. 20. It seems that a woman sitting beside him in the car dropped her umbrella, and Corcoran in trying to recover it fell on some stones, breaking two of his fingers and fracturing his skull. He was attended by Dr. Ormsby, but never recovered, dying the following day.

Dr. McDonnell held an inquest on the remains of Pat Feeney, a laborer, sixty-seven years of age, belonging to Athlone, who met his death on Dec. 21 under peculiar circumstances. The deceased had been working at Corral with a plumber named Begley and was returning home on a trap with the latter. At a place about three miles from Athlone the deceased got off the trap. As there was some delay in his returning, Begley got down to look for him and found him quite dead on the other side of the embankment, over which he must have fallen. The deceased was quite sober. A verdict of heart failure was returned, and the coroner was requested to bring under the notice of the county council the dangerous state of the public road.

Meeting of the Boyde U. I. L. was held on Sunday, Dec. 16. Owen Lavin presided. New members were enrolled and subscriptions handed in. Correspondence was read from the national directory re the laborers' act. Many laborers were present, and representation forms for cottages and allotments were filed for those requiring them. The committee desires to draw the attention of the laborers to representation form No. 4, which will enable those who do not require houses to obtain allotments of land, and also to representation form No. 6, which will enable the district council to acquire tracts of land to be divided among them. Any laborer requiring the above forms should attend the next meeting of the branch. The following selections for the vacancies on the county council were unanimously made: Proposed by Joseph O'Dowd, seconded by Pat Feely, "that we, the Boyde branch U. I. L., respectfully ask the members of the Roscommon county council to co-opt our worthy president, John Drury, D. C., for the vacancy in the Boyle division of the county." Proposed by Michael Cunningham, D. C., seconded by Thomas J. Devine, "that we, the Boyde U. I. L., recommend to the members of the Boyle No. 1 district council Messrs. Joseph Martin and John Callaghan for co-optation for the vacancies on their council created by the resignation of Messrs. Higgins and Devine."