

NEWS FROM IRELAND

Events of Interest in the Emerald Isle.

BOSSIP FROM ALL PROVINCES

What is Being Done by the People in the Old Country—Record of Deaths, Social Functions, Fraternal Society Gatherings and Public Meetings.

Ulster

ANTRIM—At his residence, Glasswater, Crossgar, William Morrison died on Dec. 30, in his seventy-eighth year. Patrick McDonnell died on Dec. 27 at Chapel street, Balbriggan.

It was reported at a meeting of the Belfast tramways committee that the loss of fares owing to the inclement weather of Christmas week amounted to about £1,000.

The people of the Ballymacarrett district were startled by the discovery on Dec. 28 in an empty house on the Albertbridge road of a schoolboy named Samuel Acheson, who had been missing from his home at 24 Belvoir street since Christmas eve. He left his home for the purpose of gathering holly, and from that time nothing had been heard till Dec. 28, when he was found in an insensible condition.

St. Paul's division 57 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians met in West Belfast hall on Sunday, Dec. 23, Brother Coleman presiding. Dr. Hill, the newly elected doctor to the division, was present and thanked the members for the honor conferred on him by his election. The chairman having vacated the chair, Brother Moore was called upon to preside, and the annual election of officers was then proceeded with, as follows: President, Brother Coleman; vice president, Brother Power; financial secretary, Brother M. Moran; recording secretary, Brother Ferran; trustees, Brothers Cole, Ferris and Boyle; money steward, Brother Mallaghan; sergeant at arms, Brother MacArdie. Brother Moore thanked the members for their kindness in calling upon him to preside and congratulated them on their wise selection of officers.

ARMAGH—The death of Patrick Sheridan, Cornawave, took place on Dec. 10 at an advanced age. Deceased was possessed of many sterling qualities and was held in much esteem by his neighbors.

The festival of Christmas passed over in Newbliss in the usual quiet way. In Killeevan chapel the early masses were celebrated by Rev. L. Murray, professor of St. MacCartan's seminary. Mrs. Murray, Newbliss, presided at the choir, the sacred music being excellently rendered. During the day as well as on St. Stephen's day the young men of the district indulged in various kinds of outdoor amusement.

A serious accident befell Bernard Connolly, Jr., Newbliss, while playing in the football match between Killeevan and Monaghan Harps, which came off at Smithborough. Mr. Connolly collided with a Monaghan player and suffered from a kneecap being displaced, together with a fracture of one of the smaller bones of the knee. He was at once taken to Dr. J. T. Elliott, Smithborough, who rendered the necessary medical assistance. Dr. Canning, Rockcorry, subsequently attended. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Connolly, who is a most popular figure in the district.

William McCracken of Drumorieve, Newbliss, asserts he is the nearest kin to the late Alexander McCracken, for whom a commission of inquiry is at present being held. He states he is a nephew to the deceased man, who was born in the town land of Pastry, near Drum. He worked in his company at public works at Drum in the years 1846 and 1847 and afterward went to live some place in the district of Clones and then joined the revenue police and was stationed at Brookborough. William McCracken is a very poor man and states he has no means to put forth his claim, which, he says, is bona fide in every way.

CAVAN—The Balleborough (Cavan) U. I. L. per T. M. Farrelly, Patrick Cooney and James Traynor, sent to the parliamentary fund the sum of £10.

DERRY—The passengers by the morning mail express from Derry to Belfast recently had an extraordinary experience midway between Limavady Junction and Coleraine. The train, running into a heavy snowdrift at a deep cutting, was forced to stand still. Relief gangs were secured and dug the train out.

DOWN—The Crossgar (Down) branch, U. I. L., per Rev. J. McArdie, P. P., sent £10 to the national treasurer of the United Irish League.

The death took place somewhat suddenly, on Jan. 4, at her sister's residence, Sandys street, Newry, of Miss M. Cochrane. Deceased complained of being very ill, and two medical men were hastily summoned, but their efforts proved unavailing. Miss Cochrane for several years was an assistant in the Newry branch of Messrs. Tyler's boot establishment.

At the residence of his brother, Lower Street, Downpatrick, John O'Connell, lately employed by Mitchell & Co. of Belfast, died on Dec. 29.

DONEGAL—Ardara fair was held in mild weather, but owing to the slippery and impassable condition of the roads caused by the great snowstorm, the supply of cattle and sheep was considerably under the average. Buyers from a distance and local dealers being well represented, there was a brisk trade done in the line of milk cows and springers, but young stock

and stores were not improved. Best sell, P. P., the happy pair proceeded beef, 52s. to 55s. per hundredweight on their bridal trip to Dublin. The Rev. J. J. McCready gave a most enjoyable treat to the Tulla workhouse inmates on Sunday, Dec. 30. It is not the first time that Father McCready has remembered the poor people there. He was ably assisted by the Rev. A. Susan McAteer, spirit merchant. J. Moloney, the College, Ennis, who DOHERTY—On Jan. 2, at his residence, 33 Main street, Limavady, John, of some fine Irish songs; also M. Doherty, cattle dealer, aged sixty ter M. McKenna, with other friends; seven years.—M'FEELY—On Jan. 3 E. Vaughan, clerk; Mr. Moloney, was at her father's residence, Bridge street, Derry, Anne, the beloved daughter of John and Susan McFeely, aged six years.—TAGGART—On Jan. 3, at her father's residence, Brick Kiln, U. I. L., per Alderman Denis O'Calla Mary Jane, aged thirteen years, only daughter of John Taggart, remitted £5 FERNANAGH—On Jan. 4 the Rev. Bishop O'Donnell, national treasurer.

Negotiations for the sale of the Wall consequence of the landlord refusing to agree to the terms suggested by the Rev. Father Sheehan, who has been conducting the overtures for the tenants for a considerable time past.

Sympathy is extended to Michael O'Donovan, Sovereign street, Clona killy, on the death of his eldest son Denis Joseph O'Donovan, which occurred at his father's residence recently. Deceased, who was twenty-eight years of age, was for some years in the general postoffice, London.

The death of Very Rev. F. Canon McCarthy, Bantry, occurred on Jan. 14, at his residence, Gortlaggart, Colmaun at the age of about sixty years.

KERRY—After a prolonged illness Mrs. Catherine Beckett of Kilgarvan breathed her last. Always a zealous Catholic, she died fortified by the rites of holy church. She was a national school teacher for thirty-three years, and with her educational genius, together with her kindness and generosity, she had endeared herself to all her pupils. The coffin was borne to the graveyard by her four sons, amid the tears of a large circle of friends.

A largely attended meeting of the Killarney U. I. L. branch was held Jan. 1. John Murphy, M. P., presided. Also present: Messrs. D. M. Moriarty, chairman county council; J. T. O'Connor, M. N. D.; D. O'Shea, R. D. C.; P. Courtney, R. D. C.; J. O'Shea, R. D. C.; M. Coffey, C. Collins, R. Eager, D. Lyne, D. O'Shea, T. O'Sullivan, D. Ahern, J. Connor, J. Sullivan, B. Collins, T. Hoyle, E. Donoghue, M. Courtney, H. Bartlett, M. Donoghue, T. Kinsane, T. Shea, J. Foley and T. Cahillane. James T. O'Connor said they were all satisfied with the work of the party and proud of the position that they occupied. The town tenants question, the laborers' position, the educational question and, above all, the home rule question had been advanced, protected and improved by the party during the year, and their action merited the support of all Nationalists. Killarney and East Kerry were ready now, as always, to subscribe to the parliamentary fund for a united party, and he would on this occasion double his own subscription and give £2 2s. to mark his support of the Irish party. He begged to propose "that we pledge our strong support to the United Irish party and that as a mark of our support we hereby inaugurate the parliamentary fund and call on all Nationalists of the district to subscribe to same." D. M. Moriarty, chairman Kerry county council, in seconding the resolution said he considered that at no time in the history of this generation was the Irish party more entitled to the support, moral and material, of the Irish people than at the present under the skillful leadership of John Redmond.

LIMERICK—The death has taken place at Limerick of Brother J. Darcy of the Christian Brothers, Sexton street.

The usual monthly meeting of the Rathcoole and Newcastle branches of the U. I. L. was held on Sunday evening, Jan. 8, when the forms for laborers' cottages were filed.

As Mr. Molony, assistant in the grocery establishment of Mr. Egan & Son, Limerick, was drawing the cork from a bottle of claret, the bottle, which he held between his knees, broke and ripped up his leg severely. He bled profusely and was conveyed to Barrington's hospital.

The death occurred on Dec. 30 of Dr. T. G. O'Sullivan, William street, Limerick, after a protracted illness. He was discovered in premises of a firm was a member of the corporation for of drapers, Fivemiletown, County Tyrone. The sound of the alarm attracted a crowd of townspeople, and under the direction of Sergeant Carson they made strenuous efforts to extinguish the flames. It was soon evident, however, that the drapery establishment could not be saved, while the boot warehouse of the shop next door also caught fire, both premises becoming in a short time like roaring furnaces. The crowd then devoted their attention to the adjacent houses and were successful in preventing the flames spreading to the latter. It was at one time thought that the whole street would be involved in the conflagration, and church and chapel bells were rung to attract assistance from rural districts. Blessingbourne fire apparatus rendered valuable aid in extinguishing the outbreak.

TIPPERARY—The priests and people of Roscrea, Tipperary, per U. I. L. per Rev. John Cunningham, C. C., Joseph Dwyer and R. Meagher, jointly £20 to the parliamentary fund. John Cullinan, M. P., for South Tipperary, is lying seriously ill at his residence, Banaha, County Tipperary, suffering from pneumonia.

On Dec. 30 Coroner Morrissey, Tipperary, held an inquest on the body of William Magner, thirty-five years of age, who was found practically frozen to death in the snow at Thurles railway station. The evidence produced went to show that the man was found in an unconscious and benumbed condition lying in the snow at Thurles railway station. He was removed to the waiting room, where he was discovered dead. A verdict in accordance was given.

A very sad fatality occurred at Cahire W. J. Frost, sent to the national treasurer the sum of £14.

On Jan. 2 a pretty marriage took place in Kilbecany parish church, built beside Mrs. Ahern's, in Church when Miss Eileen Hynes, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hynes, late of Mrs. Ahern's, suddenly collapsed during the night and toppled wedded to Dermot Fahy, second son of the late Michael Fahy, Bakerin, roof was smashed in, and the debris, Gort. The bride was given away by Michael O'Donohue, D. C., Kinvara. Raleigh lay sleeping, drove it through immediately after the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. J. O'Far-

men were killed instantly. The police, who arrived soon after, were engaged for an hour extracting the bodies. The priest and doctor arrived, but the latter pronounced life extinct. Miss Alice Raleigh had been employed in Dublin and Miss Kate Raleigh in Limerick. The servant had a narrow escape, one of the falling stones striking her as she lay in an adjoining room. Mrs. Ahern slept at the other side of the house and was uninjured.

Ordinations were held at St. Patrick's college, Thurles, on the mornings of Dec. 24 and 25 by his grace the Archbishop of Cashel, The Rev. James Hayes acted as master of ceremonies, and Rev. J. J. Ryan, president, and Rev. Michael Ryan, senior dean, assisted his grace at the function. The following received tonsure: Messrs. William Quirk, San Francisco; Thom Kincaid, Wellington; Richard Ryan, San Francisco; Daniel J. Kelly, San Francisco; John P. Hayes, Nasqually; Edmund Ryan, Goulburn, N. S. W.; Michael Slattery, Helena; Michael Power, San Francisco; Patrick Ryan, Duluth, M. Dunne, Helena; Michael O'Dwyer, Nasqually; Daniel Dineen, Great Falls. The following received minor order: Messrs. Nicholas O'Han, Cashel; William Ryan, Cashel; Robert Ryan, Cashel; John Meagher, Cashel; James Dunne, Cashel; Maurice Ryan, Cashel; James Harny, Cashel; Thom O'Shea, Cashel; Michael McLoughlin, San Francisco. The following were promoted to deaconship: Messrs. Daniel Higgins, Alton; Edmund Burke, Cashel; Michael Crotty, Cashel; William McLoughlin, Sale, Victoria.

WATERFORD—The 8.30 a. m. express train from Cork broke down on Jan. 5 between Dungarvan and Durrow stations, necessitating the sending out of a special train and breakdown gang from Waterford in command of District Superintendent Purdon. On his arrival matters were set to rights, and the train proceeded to Waterford, reaching there about 3 o'clock. In the meantime the Fishguard boat had left Rosslare without getting the 'Cork connection. There were fifty four or fifty five cross channel passengers on the train, including a party of over forty military.

The monthly meeting of the Tallow (County Waterford) U. I. L. was held on Sunday, Dec. 20. P. F. Walsh, president, in the chair. The annual reorganization of the branch will take place toward the end of January, when it is expected that all the "old guard" will attend and renew their membership, as it is necessary to keep the national organization intact in order to show the moral support of the Irish nation behind a united parliamentary party. As a result of full discussion of correspondence relative to the working of the new laborers' act, a resolution was unanimously adopted on motion of the chairman, seconded by P. Heekin, V. C. Lismore district council, calling upon the laborers of the parish who require cottages and allotments to make their applications through the branch, as they will get all necessary assistance in filling up and forwarding the representation forms, and further urging on them the necessity of taking immediate action, as the time for making representations expires on Feb. 1.

of N. J. Murphy, seconded by Father Brennan, a vote of grateful thanks was tendered to their true and trusted representative, James O'Mara, M. P., for his unflinching watchfulness of the interests of his constituents in an alliance with parliament and trusting that he may continue to represent us in the British house of commons till he shall take his seat for South Kilkenny in College Green; resolved "that we renew our thorough confidence in the United Irish Parliamentary party, under the leadership of John Redmond, and tender to it through him our appreciation of its indefatigable work."

KING'S—St. Stephen's day in Rathdowney was observed as a general holiday, all business being closed. A most gratifying feature during Christmas week was the total absence of drunkenness. There was not a single person to be seen under the influence of drink.

LONGFORD—The recent reception by Pope Pius X. of the survivors of the pontifical army, which in 1890 fought in defense of the states of the church from the successful raid of Victor Emmanuel and Garibaldi, must recall to recollection the honorable record of the "battalion of St. Patrick," consisting of 2,000 Irishmen under the command of Major Myles O'Reilly, who subsequently represented Longford in the Nationalist party in the house of commons.

LOUTH—Recent Deaths in Louth: Dec. 24, at Platten road, Drogheda, Anne, relict of the late Richard Brogan; Dec. 24, at White Hall, Rathmullen, Margaret Jane, beloved wife of Peter Curran; Dec. 21, at Rushwee, Stackallen, Anne Flood; Dec. 24, at his residence, Greenmount, Drumcondra, William McCulloch, late of Gerrardstown, Ballybowl county, Dublin, in his eighty-first year.

MEATH—On Monday, Dec. 30, James Russell, a plumber of Navan, was killed as a result of a gas explosion. Two laborers were injured.

The Slane (Meath) U. I. L., per Michael Boyle, county clerk, sent the sum of £12 to the parliamentary fund.

QUEEN'S—The Mountstath (Queen's) county U. I. L., per P. J. O'Gorman, contributed £12 11s. to the general fund.

John Robert O'Sullivan, popularly known as "Bard," has been released from Maryborough prison, where he had been incarcerated for the past fifteen years for agrarian offenses for which he was sentenced to twenty-four years' penal servitude.

Mrs. Hopkins, Blackall, County Kildare, has sold her estate at Grogan, Queen's county, to her tenants and has agreed to sell to the estate commissioners the untenanted land held by her for the purpose of subdivision among deserving parties. Twenty-two and a half are the number of years' purchase given the tenants.

Negotiations for the sale of the Stubber estate, situate at and about Castlefleming, Queen's county, to the tenantry, which comprises about 1,500 acres, have been completed. The terms of purchase are first term tenants twenty-one years and the second term twenty-four years. Mr. Stubber reserves to himself the turbary and game rights, but has guaranteed to give a supply of turf to the tenants at half the price charged to outsiders and to keep the drains cleared and the bog road in good repair.

WESTMEATH—M. P. J. Weymias, T. C., Mullingar, per John P. Hayden, M. P., sent £1 as his annual contribution to the parliamentary fund.

Negotiations which have been going on during the last three years for the sale of the Paget estate in Westmeath to the tenants were brought to a successful termination the other day, when the tenants, under the guidance of Mr. Ginnell, their parliamentary representative, met the agent in Old castle and all signed purchase agreements except a few who owe arrears. Mr. Ginnell's acquaintance or friendship with the agent was of great assistance in filling up and forwarding the representation forms, and further urging on them the necessity of taking immediate action, as the time for making representations expires on Feb. 1.

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Connaught

GALWAY—The annual drawing of prizes for the benefit of the poor penitents will be held at the Magdalen asylum, Galway, on Wednesday, Feb. 6; tickets, sixpence each, and the winning numbers to be published in Freeman's Journal on Feb. 8 and local papers of same date. Tickets for this charity cannot be sold in this country through the mails, but we are sure that every Galway person will be interested in the success of the drawing and send even a few postage stamps to the sister in charge.

LEITRIM—The tenants on the Johnston estate, Drumkeerin, in Leitrim, have completed their purchase on terms at 7 shillings in the pound reduction on first term rents (twenty years' purchase) and 5 shillings on second term rents (twenty-three years' purchase). The current half year's rent is to be paid at time of purchase or added to the purchase money. All arrears are wiped out. The game and sporting rights are vested in the tenants after the landlord's life. All evicted tenants are to be reinstated. This has given general satisfaction. A large number of first term and nonjudicial tenants purchased at 45 per cent reduction, equivalent to 9 shillings in the pound (seventeen years' purchase). All the waste land in the landlord's possession and let under the eleven months' system will be sold with the town, through the estates commissioners, for the benefit of the town tenants. The negotiations for purchase on behalf of the tenants were carried out through John F. Cullane, solicitor, Dublin, and the Rev. Laurence Galligan, C. C., Drumkeerin.

MAYO—The parish of Castlecomer (Mayo) U. I. L., per Rev. E. Timlin, P. P., whose £1 is included has forwarded to the national treasurer the sum of £3 4s. 6d.

In a letter to the press John Dillon states in reply to the critics who follow William O'Brien that the evicted tenants got £1,000 out of the party funds last year.

Michael O'Donnell, honorable secretary of the Irish town (County Mayo) branch of the United Irish League, has received a letter from John Dillon, M. P., in which he refers to the work of the Irish party in connection with the reinstatement of the evicted tenants and states that a compulsory measure was necessary to deal with some landlords. He also refers to the necessity for the starting of remunerative works by the congested districts board owing to the failure of the potato crop in the west.

ROSCOMMON—The Arigna (Roscommon) U. I. L., per J. McLoughlin and J. Tymon, sent £5 4s. to the Right Rev. Bishop O'Donnell, national treasurer, also the priests and people of Baileck, Roscommon, per John Fitzgibbon, J. P., contributed £4 12s. 6d.

The death of the Right Rev. Mgr. Hanly, P. P., V. G., Castleera, occurred Dec. 31 at the private hospital, Mountjoy, Dublin. Mgr. Hanly came to Dublin with a brother priest, who had come to consult a doctor. While in Dublin he became ill and was taken to the Mountjoy Square hospital for treatment. He got a bad turn the day previous, but it was not thought that the illness would have terminated fatally. Coming unexpectedly, as it does, his death will be a great blow to the people of Castleera and of the diocese of Elphin, where he was universally esteemed. Some of his relatives were with him at the last moment, and he received absolution from the Rev. Father Carrilous, O. S. F. C.

At the weekly meeting of the Roscommon district council on Jan. 2, Mr. Hayden, in the chair, Mr. McGreevy brought under the notice of the board the dire distress at present existing in town and country. To his knowledge eighty or ninety families were on the verge of starvation, and if something were not at once done to provide employment many of them would have to break up their little homes and go into the workhouse. He suggested that the county surveyor be asked to employ all idle men at cleaning up the streets. The chairman said there was no doubt there was great need of employment. What had been suggested had been carried out in other provincial towns. An order was made requesting the surveyor to have work started at once.

SLIGO—At his residence, The Mall, Sligo, Michael Keighron, died on Dec. 30, aged eighty-three.

John McLoughlin, native of Ballisoda, died in South Athboro, Mass., on Dec. 3, aged sixty-five years.

A county board meeting of the Gaelic Athletic association was held on Sunday, Jan. 6, in Biverstown, County Sligo. Entries for the North Sligo league was among the business of the day.

On Dec. 27, at St. Nicholas church, Galway, by the Rev. J. Fleetwood Berry, B. D., Charles P. Mackenzie of Coolaney, County Sligo, was married to Ella E., eldest daughter of Richard B. Smith, Model school, Galway.

Owing to the labors of the frost king during the last few days the people of South Sligo situated at the back side of the Ox mountains have had some extraordinary experiences with the introduction of the new year into their midst. Along the mail car road from Tobercurry to Achra since the first day of the snowstorm at a few points, principally at Benda, Carus and Achra, deposits of snow averaging at several places seven feet or more have been laid within the hedge-rows and retained there up to a recent date.

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