

SUMMARY OF IRISH NEWS.

Limerick.

We regret to record the death of Coroner Sheehy, which took place on May 9th, at Shannongrove House, Pallaskeenry. He was coroner for the western division of Limerick for the past 25 years. The deceased had been ailing in health for some time, but his death was not expected.

The death of Lord Emily has placed at the disposal of the Prime Minister a pension under the Political Offices Pension Act of 1869. Lord Emily commenced the services which entitled him to the pension forty years ago, being Clerk to the Ordnance from January, 1853, to February, 1857. He was subsequently Secretary to the Board of Trade, Under Secretary for the Colonies, and Postmaster-General from 1871 to 1873. The pension was awarded to him in June, 1886.

A meeting, under the auspices of the Sarafeld League, was announced to be held at Monabrah, on Sunday, May 6th, in connection with what the League alleges as the grabbing of a farm held by Mr. Hartigan. County Inspector Moriarty and thirty police prohibited the meeting in the vicinity of the farm, and those assembled had to move away a mile distant. Mr. Donnellan, tenant in possession, and a member of the Federation, publishes a statement that in taking the farm he violated no principle of fair play, and public opinion is divided against Mr. Hartigan, who long since surrendered the farm, on which a judicial rent was fixed at £30 reduction.

Longford.

County-Inspector Lennon, of Longford, has arrived in Lisburn to replace County-Inspector Browning, superannuated. District Inspector McGee has also arrived to take over charge of Lisburn district, in room of Mr. McDermot, who has been promoted County-Inspector, and transferred to the county Longford.

Louth.

The death of Dr. Joseph M. Callan, Coroner for North Louth, took place on May 7th, at his residence, Roden place, Dundalk, under painfully tragic circumstances. On the previous night Dr. Callan had retired to rest, and, as was his wont, proceeded to read in bed by candle-light. He evidently fell asleep while reading, and, from some unexplained circumstance, the candle came in contact with and ignited the bedclothes. Before help could be rendered Dr. Callan was so severely burned that, notwithstanding that three or four of his professional colleagues did all that skill could accomplish in his behalf, he died in great agony at ten o'clock next night. Deceased was visited before his death by the Rev. H. McSherry, Adm., who administered the last Sacraments. Cardinal Logue and the Sisters of Mercy also visited him. Dr. Callan was one of the most universally respected men in Dundalk. He belonged to an old and respected family, and his charity and goodness to the poor knew no bounds.

Mayo.

At their regular meeting, on May 7th, the Westport Town Commissioners were unanimous in appointing as their chairman (in room of the late Mr. Livingston), Mr. Arthur M. O'Malley, J.P., of the Quay, Westport.

Roscommon.

With deep regret we announce the death of Mr. Patrick McGreevy, which took place at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. P. Collins, merchant, Bridge street, Strokes-town, on Sunday night, April 29th, at the advanced age of 74 years. The deceased was an old and respected inhabitant of the town, and his funeral, which took place on May 1st, was very largely attended by all classes of the community, which showed the respect in which he was held. He was laid to rest in the family burial place, Derrane, Roscommon. May he rest in peace.

Tipperary.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr. P. Quirke, of Toom, Cappawhite, to the Commission of the Peace for the county of Tipperary.

Tyrono.

On the night of May 5th, as the special train from Enniskillen races was passing Carryclogher station, where a country road crosses the line, a man named Blakely, coming from Clogher Fair, opened the gate. The train struck the gate and flung the man so violently on the road that he was killed on the spot.

On Saturday evening, May 5th, a man named Thomas McWilliams, aged 35 years, residing on a farm with his mother, at Mullaghmore, Glenkeen, near Aughnacloy, committed suicide by hanging himself. He had been setting potatoes all day, and about 5 o'clock he went into the house and took out a pair of hemp reins saying he was going for the horses. Some men going home from their work, soon after, saw him hanging and cut him down, life being extinct. An inquest was held, when a verdict of *felo de se* was returned.

The landlords of South Tyrono must feel that they are in straight quarters. They have held another meeting to placate Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P. Three of them, Mr. H. De F. Montgomery, Lord Caledon and Mr. James Bruce, D.L., have declared there is

no foundation for Mr. Russell's statement that there is a combination against him. The fact is, the landlords cannot do without Russell, as their case is desperate; and the Scotch renegade, true to his old instincts, has put the screws on to his Irish landlord allies, and they have promptly "squealed." It is a beautiful alliance of parties without principle or conscience, but who feel that they must stick together, through thick and thin—or both must go down.

Waterford.

A large number of hands have been dismissed from the various bacon cellars in Waterford, in consequence of the small killing of pigs. A considerable amount of distress is thereby prevalent in the upper portion of the city.

Mr. Thomas Power, of Waterford, land valuer, has been appointed by the Dungarvan Board of Guardians to value the plots of ground for the laborers' cottages. The artisans' dwellings are approaching completion. The roofs are on five houses, and they look a comfortable and well got-up building.

A young son of Mr. E. Kirwan, T.C., Patrick street, Waterford, met with a serious accident on Saturday evening, April 28th, by falling into the hold of a collier lying at the Quay. On being taken home the little fellow was seen by two medical gentlemen, who found that he had sustained serious injuries. Since then, however, the child has been progressing as well as could be expected.

On May 2nd, Mr. Whelan, of Ballyknock, died rather suddenly at Dungarvan. He had been in town, to market, the day previous, and, feeling unwell, he went to a friend's house in William street. He gradually grew worse, and died early the following day. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family, who are much respected, and on whom so heavy a blow has come by Mr. Whelan's unexpected death.

Westmeath.

On May 4th, Mr. John Gaynor, coroner for Westmeath, held an inquest on the body of a child named Mary Ellen Parsons, who was burned to death in Preachy lane, Athlone. From the evidence it appeared that the child had been left alone in the house, and that some neighbors, hearing screams, rushed in and found the child's clothes on fire. The flames were quenched; but the child, after having the burns dressed by Dr. McCormack, died the same evening. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

On April 25th a boy named Arthur Chapman was playing on the canal bank, near the Mullingar Railway Station, where the company are making some changes. The lad was in company with some others, when they ran along the embankment erected to keep back the water while the repairs are being done. It would seem that when the deceased came to the end of the planks he turned and fell into the water. A boy named Nolan made an effort to get his companion out of the water, being unable to help himself, was drowned. Deceased was son to Sergeant Chapman of the 9th Battalion Rifle Brigade.

Wexford.

A specially summoned meeting of the New Ross Town Commissioners was held on Monday evening, May 7th, to consider what steps they should take, as representatives of the ratepayers, in view of the claim made by Mr. Daniel Murphy, Mary street, New Ross, for £145 for the malicious burning of hay, etc., at the rear of his premises, last Winter. A discussion took place on the matter; when it was passed unanimously that, in order to preserve the fair fame of the town, the Commissioners should instruct their solicitor to oppose the application, as the Commissioners believe that the burning was in no way malicious, but accidental.

Wicklow.

The *Irish Nationalist* notes that Mr. E. P. O'Kelly took his first seat on the bench at the last Balinglass Petty Sessions. The suggestion of the Chief Secretary—that the Lord Chancellor contemplated the revocation of the Commission of the Peace conferred on Mr. O'Kelly caused general indignation (our contemporary states), at such a slight being put on a gentleman so deservedly popular and so well qualified for the position. As it is admitted that the holding of a retail licence is no legal bar to being a Justice of Peace, as the Balinglass County Court Chairman and Bench refused to transfer Mr. O'Kelly's licence, it is to be hoped that the Lord Chancellor will see the inadvisability of entertaining any further objection to Mr. O'Kelly's appointment. The law is not supposed to conflict with its own decisions; but, in Ireland, the English law is always doing just that thing, and doing it with such a vengeance that all impartial historians justify the Irish people in resisting the application, to their country, of "English law."

He is truly obedient to the Divine will who does not inquire why he is moved, does not care where his placed, and does not beg to be changed.

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