

to throw cold water on this movement, ranked in two classes—those who think they have an interest in extirpating the people, and those who seek favor of the powerful by doing dishonor to themselves.

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IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

DEATH OF THE MOST REV. DR. DURCAN.—The Catholic episcopacy have sustained a sad bereavement in the death of the Most Rev. Dr. Durcan, Lord Bishop of Achonry, which took place on Saturday evening.

On the 20th inst. at the Convent, Ballinrobe, Mary (in religion Sister Mary Peter) the eldest daughter of Mr. Charles Daly, of Naphin, County Mayo, and niece of His Grace the Archbishop of Tuam, received the black habit of the Order of Mercy Nuns.

ORDINATION IN CORK.—The holy order of priesthood was on the 25th ult., conferred by the Right Rev. Dr. Delany upon the Rev. Richard Barrett, who had received deacon's orders previously at the Cathedral.

BELGICUS CEREMONY IN CASTLEPOLLARD.—A correspondent of the Weekly News writes:—Sunday the 2nd of May will long be remembered in the town of Castlepollard, for on that day one of the grandest and most imposing religious ceremonies ever witnessed there was solemnized.

FUNERAL OF FATHER MATHEWS.—On the 20th ult., all that was earthly of the late Reverend Thomas Mathews, O.C., Tenure, county Louth, was laid to rest in the beautiful churchyard of the village of Louth, eighteen miles from Drogheda.

many years. The body lay in state, enclosed in an oak coffin, in the Catholic church of the village of Louth, his native place. Funeral wax lights burned on either side of the coffin.

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His Grace the Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to appoint Arthur Moore, Esq., M.P. for Clonmel, a deputy-lieutenant for the county of Tipperary, on the recommendation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lismore, lord Lieutenant of that county.

MINING IN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT.—A deputation of Irish members of parliament waited upon the Under Secretary of the Treasury on Friday week to ask the government to assist local efforts in making borings in Ireland to ascertain the nature and extent of its mineral strata, as is done in England in the case of the Sub-Walden borings.

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VOTING ON THE COERCION ACT.—The Home Rule members were supported in their opposition to going into Committee on the Peace Preservation Bill by the following English and Scotch members: Mr. Potter, Sir W. Lawson, Sir Henry Havelock, Sir C. Dilke, Mr. Cowen, (Newcastle), Mr. Eustace Smith, Dr. Cameron, Mr. Lyon Playfair, Mr. Arthur, Mr. Richard Macdonald, Mr. M'Laren, Mr. Mundella, Mr. William Holms, Mr. J. K. Cross, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Leatham, Mr. Serjeant Simon, Mr. Dodds, Mr. O. Trevelyan, Mr. Watkin Williams, and Mr. Hopwood.

A large mountain, the property of Colonel Bernard took fire near Killybegs last week, and owing to the extreme drought for some time past the heather burned fiercely, the fire spreading with great rapidity.

A special meeting of the Queen's County branch of Irish Bakers' Union was held in Maryborough on Sunday, 2nd inst., for the purpose of arranging to have the association represented at the Centenary of O'Connell about to be celebrated on the 6th of August next.

A fire which threatened the destruction of several thousand pounds' worth of property broke out last week in a portion of the large mills of Messrs. Russell, in Limerick, but with the aid of the military it was suppressed before any considerable amount of damage had been done.

In Mullingar on Tuesday week a young man named Joseph Glimmer threw himself from his bedroom window, a height of over 30 feet, into the street. He was immediately brought into the house and medical aid procured, but he expired shortly after.

It is with sincere regret we (Dundalk Democrat) announce the death—in the morning of her days, and the dawn of a brilliant and happy future—of a late pupil at Sienna Convent—Ellie (in religion, as a professed tertiary of the Dominican Order, Sister Mary Catherine), second and dearly beloved daughter of Mr. James H. and Ellen Magill, Brooklyn, New York.

On the 22nd of April there was a meeting held at Williamstown, in the county Galway, of the inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood, to take steps to preserve their petty sessions court, which they fear is in danger of being removed to Ballymoe.

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Mathews, J.P., arrived at Drogheda by the Drogheda steamship Colleen Bawn, and a considerable number of the inhabitants assembled at the disembarkation. The remains, which were in a plain lead inner coffin, were conveyed to a hearse in waiting, and a funeral procession formed, consisting of the Catholic clergy, two and two, other relatives, also chief mourners, the members of the corporation, and general inhabitants.

The death is announced of Thomas Cantwell, Esq., J. P. Clonmel. Mr Cantwell was one of the oldest members of the Clonmel corporation, by which body he was elected to the office of mayor.

The remaining number of the unhappy tenants on the now famous Killeacle and Dineens portion of Mr. Crosbie's property were summoned to the estate office on Tuesday last (says the *Traveller Chronicle*), and were there informed that Mr. Crosbie adhered to his intention of insisting on the large increase of rent which he first demanded from them over three years ago; and, furthermore, that the three years' arrears of this increase must be paid up.

On Saturday evening a farmer named Michael Walsh and his wife were returning home from the market of Kilkenny with seed potatoes. A cart was filled with potatoes and Mrs. Walsh was seated on the sacks. Coming down Garnaman Hill the breeching gave way, and the horse taking fright started off.

THE LATE MARQUISNESS OF THOMOND'S DIAMONDS.—Vice-chancellor Hall had before him on Saturday the case of Montagu v. Lord Inchiquin, which was a suit instituted by the executors of the will of the Marchioness of Thomond to obtain the opinion of the court with reference to bequests of family diamonds, "four bog oak tablets with the history of Brien Boroihme," some pictures, &c.

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scription was what Mr. Suffield went in for when he threw off his religious habit and violated his religious vows; and therefore the subject was quite in keeping with the man to whom it was assigned.

The May session of the Central Criminal Court, London, was opened on Monday morning 3rd inst. The first edition of the calendar embraced the names of 54 male and 10 female prisoners, and the charges included 5 for murder, 2 of attempting to murder, 3 of perjury, 1 of robbery with violence, 4 of feloniously wounding with intent to murder.

CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS IN THE DIOCESE OF BEVERLEY.—The Very Rev. Canon Robert Thompson has been appointed to Carlton, near Selby, vacant by the death of Canon Heptonstall; the Rev. W. A. Wilson to Nun Monkton; the Rev. L. McGonnell to Stokesley; the Rev. George Pearson to Goole; the Rev. Dr. Van Cauwenbergh to Barnsley.

STRANGE PLACE FOR A NEST.—The familiarity of redbreasts has formed the subject of many interesting narratives in all countries where these little birds are known. At present a remarkable trait in their liking for the haunts of man has come under notice at Markinch, Fifeshire, Scotland.

About half a gallon of gin, which had leaked from a jar on board a steamer lying in the Liverpool Docks, was found by two lads, aged 16 and 17 respectively, who drank the whole of the contents between them. They became insensible, and one of them died the same evening.

A correspondent of a contemporary writes from Rome:—"On the 1st of May an Englishman by birth, named the Marquis Stapoole, received the holy orders of subdeacon in the Roman Catholic chapel within the palace of Prince Massimo.

THE CONVERSION OF ENGLAND.—To the Editor of the *Univers*.—Sir,—A few days ago I was conversing with a travelling tinker who informed me that at a very early age he "had all England for a playground." We Catholics have all England not for "a playground," but as a place in which to work hard for God and His Church, and if we only do our duty, we shall fill a page in the future history of our country.

I cannot help feeling that since the death of the saintly Father Ignatius (the Passionist), no one appears to have taken up his peculiar mission. I would fain quote the burning words uttered by the Bishop of Birmingham at the obsequies of the second apostle of England:—"Pray for England; pray for her conversion."

DEARLY BELOVED BROTHERN, how often in his Missions and in his ministries has he written those words upon your heart? Let them not die out. Let them live on with something of his flame of charity. Be you as his missionaries; carry these words to your children and your brethren.

PROTESTANT HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION.—To the Editor of the *Univers*.—Sir,—Some of the Protestants of this well known and romantic locality have been sorely exercised in their minds by the proclamation of a "holiday of obligation," and no less than three "days of abstinence," in the parish conventicle yesterday.

THE ENFOLA (Aln) *Times* says a gentleman who is cultivating a piece of land about seven miles from that city, in one of the Cowikee bottoms, assures it of the presence there of the genuine buffalo gnat, which is now killing so many horses and mules in the Mississippi bottom lands.

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POLITAN POLICE.—By their vigilance the county police stationed at Northampton have exposed what may turn out to be an attempt to swindle. The resident inspector had his attention called to the following advertisement which had appeared in the columns of a daily paper: "Two and sixpence per hour easily earned by beginners (either sex) by preparing cards de visite papers at their own homes, at 8d. per dozen.

A CHIEF FATHER-IN-LAW.—The son of a devout old Scotch clergyman having married without his father's approbation, the old man took occasion, in the very first family gathering when the bride and groom were present, to insert his opinion of the affair in the midst of a prayer in this wise: "Thou hast added, O Lord, to our family: 'So has been Thy will; it was never in mine mind. But if it is of Thee, do Thou bless the connection. But, if the fule hath done it out of carnal desire, against a reason and credit, may the could rain of adversity settle in his habitation."

UNITED STATES.

THE GREAT JESUIT MISSIONARY.—Father Damien, the celebrated Jesuit Missionary, is a man of indomitable will and energy of purpose. This carries him successfully through every enterprise he undertakes, how great soever may be the difficulties or embarrassments in the way.

THE COLLIER STRIKERS.—A despatch from Osceola, Pa., says determined efforts are being made by the operators to bring the strike in the Clearfield mining region to a close this week.

THE STRIKE.—TYRONE, Pa., May 19.—Strikers' meetings were held at various points last night, but were poorly attended.

FIRE.—GALVESTON, Texas, May 19.—A fire at Waco destroyed property of the estimated value of \$125,000, with \$50,000 insurance.

REVENUE FRAUDS.—NEW YORK, May 19.—The Post's Washington despatch says an official telegram from Chicago says that Golzen and Eastman, rectifiers, and Watson and Rutishanzen, two gaugers, have been arrested there, on the charge of defrauding the Government.

The Postmaster-General has issued an order modifying the postal regulations by striking out that part providing that no subscriptions to newspapers for less than three months shall be considered a regular subscription within the meaning of the law.

At Gilroy, Cal., a few days ago, a child less than three years of age drank nearly a pound of quicksilver from a bottle to which it gained access.—Though quite ill for some time, it has since recovered perfectly.

A writer in the N.Y. *Evening Post* gives the following hint to ocean steamship lines:—"Can you inform me, through your paper, whether the Atlantic steamers carry any such contrivance as the mortar and life-car, which are attached to the life-saving stations on shore? We have been told that but for the delay in communicating with the mainland the majority of the Schiller's passengers could have been saved.

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