

IRISH NEWS.

FROM OUR IRISH EXCHANGES.

MUNSTER.

A frightful accident occurred at Summerhill Mill, near Mallow, on March 1st. About three months ago the mill was almost completely burned—nothing escaped but the mill wheel. A man named James Callaghan was with two other men engaged in the mill when the wheel, which it was necessary to take down, was being worked. The lower part of the wheel was nearly removed and the upper part was kept stationary by means of ropes and pulleys. These ropes were fastened to the water shoot which brought the water to the wheel when it was at work. Callaghan was employed in removing part of the wheel and the half of the wheel which had not been taken away toppled over, struck Callaghan, broke the plank he was standing on, and buried him in the mill stream. People flocked to the scene of the accident, and did their utmost to extricate Callaghan, who when taken out was quite dead. He leaves a wife and ten children to mourn his untimely end.

Mr. Richard Bolton, son of James H. Bolton, Esq., manager Munster Bank, Cork, was on the 27th February, admitted a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature in Ireland.

Choosing new working classes of Limerick, has been received by telegram from London. Most of the tenders from the Limerick Army Clothing Factory, Edward street, for the supply of uniforms for the various regiments of the army, have been accepted. The order is one of the heaviest obtained since the extensive establishment at Limerick passed from Sir Peter Tait, and it means work all the year round for some 600 girls and women and a considerable number of operatives.

For some time past efforts have been made towards the establishment of a Farmers' Club and Tenant's Defence Association in the county Clare; but owing to a great measure to the want of proper organization, the movement was merely conceived, no practical steps being taken towards its inauguration. On March 5th, however, owing to the persistent efforts of Mr. Thomas Clery of Ennis, a meeting for the purpose was held in the Queen's Hotel, Ennis; and in consequence of the majority of the tenant farmers having to attend as jurors at the assizes court, the attendance was not so large as it otherwise might have been. The chairman having stated the object of the meeting, which, he said, was merely preliminary to one that will be shortly held, and at which he trusted the tenant farmers would largely attend, proceeded to dwell at some length upon the advantages likely to result from its formation; and after a somewhat desultory discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Halpin, seconded by Mr. Jordan, and resolved that Mr. Clery be authorized to summon a general meeting of the tenant farmers of the county on the 20th instant, for the purpose of formally inaugurating the society, appointing officers, &c. A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, and the meeting separated.

On March 4th, Justice Fitzgerald opened the assizes at Ennis and in addressing the Grand Jury he considered it peculiarly fortunate, in opening the commission for their county, to learn that peace, order, and quiet continue to reign amongst them.

Francis Sheehy, who pleaded guilty to the homicide of his son, was up for sentence. Justice Fitzgerald said he had carefully read over all the information, and could only come to the conclusion that no motive of malice existed. He had made desolate a widow and two orphans, and upon the condition of his fulfilling the will which he had made in favor of his son at the time of his marriage he would discharge him. This terminated the assizes.

The assizes for the North Riding of Tipperary were opened on March 4th, by the Lord Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, who congratulated the Grand Jury on the exceedingly satisfactory state of the riding.

Mr. John Hayes Hogan, of Greenane, Tipperary, has been admitted a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature in Ireland. Mr. Hogan has commenced practicing in the town of Tipperary.

Arthur Moore, Esq., M. P., Clonmel, and D.L. has been raised by the Pope to the Italian peerage as Count Moore of Moorefort, in the county of Tipperary.

There will be contests in three electoral divisions of the Nenagh Union—namely, Knight, Ballynag, (recently burned down), Mr. Jeremiah Mara, for many years elected guardian of Ballynag, for having retired, nominated Mr. James O'Meara, postmaster, Toomavara, in his stead. Mr. Boyd nominated Mr. Denis Loughnan, J. P.

The works at the new convent at Ferrybank, (recently burned down), are again in full operation. The building will be completed about the end of July, or the first of August next. The contractor, Mr. Walker, had it insured for only £1,000. The claim to be made at the coming assizes is £2,500. The convent is intended for boarders, as also for the education of the poor.

The Rev. P. S. Kennedy, C.C., for many years connected with the Cathedral Barronstrand street, Waterford, died on March 2d, at his residence, Manor street. He was a gifted linguist, and was well versed in general literature, whilst some contributions of his to the Rev. P. S. Kennedy were greatly appreciated, and stamped him as possessing poetic talent of a very high order.

Mr. Patrick Walsh, for upwards of 38 years a borough constable in the service of the Corporation, died on March 1st, at his residence, Peter street, Waterford, aged 76 years. For several years Constable Walsh's particular sphere of duty was in charge of the Corporate fish-house.

CONNUGHT.

Much alarm was recently felt by a gentleman in the neighborhood of Ballynag, in consequence of some rabbits which he had poisoned having been stolen from him by poachers. He poisoned five rabbits, and intended to leave them in the rabbit paths to destroy dogs which were infesting the place, worrying and destroying the rabbits. He left the poisoned rabbits in an out-house at night, intending to lay them on the ground next day, but found them gone, with ten others not poisoned, in the morning. He gave notice to all the constabulary and rabbit dealers in the district, but the poachers are not yet found.

Information was wanted of James and Daniel McCabe, born in Drumboy, in the parish of Mohill, county of Leitrim, Ireland, supposed to be now in America. Any information of the above will be thankfully received by his brother, Peter McCabe, 21 Duke St., Glasgow, Scotland.

Mr. James Eversand, B.A., eldest son of Mr. George Eversand, T. C., Athlone, has passed his final examination, and with three fellow-countrymen, has been called to the English Bar. Mr. Eversand, we may observe, is sixth in descent from James Eversand, of Killbeg, near Cloughan, county of Tipperary, the second son of Sir Richard Eversand, Bart., of Petham, whose grandfather (Sir John) was a distinguished member of the Irish Judicial Bench.

An inquest, which continued during two days, was concluded on March 1st, before T. P. Peyton, Esq., one of the coroners for the county Roscommon, on view of the body of a man named Patrick Drignan, who came by his death at a place called Ballyfarmon, in the following manner:—At the last fair of Ballyfarmon the deceased was leaving the fair

green when he accosted a man named Banks, with whom he had previously had a quarrel regarding a heifer he had lost. Banks resented his professed friendship, and threatened to take his life with a blow. Deceased returned to the fair green, and some time after, accompanied by his friends, proceeded homewards. He was waylaid by Banks, who struck him a violent blow with the fist, fracturing the inner table of the skull. Deceased survived the injury only a few days. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against Banks, who has yet declined arrest by the constabulary, though the most strenuous efforts are being made to effect his capture.

Anthony Kelly, of Main street, Castlebar, in the county of Mayo, spirit grocer, leather and hardware dealer, has been adjudged bankrupt.

Information was wanted of John Gaughan, a native of Killinacough, who, when last heard of was in Chicago, Ill., U. S. Any information of him will be thankfully received by his sister, Mary Gaughan, South Ocean Bank, Halifax, Yorkshire, England.

Mr. Alfred O'Hea died at 186, Finsboro Road, Dublin, on March 5th, at the early age of 32 years. The deceased was for many years editor and proprietor of the *Connacht Telegraph*, but owing to declining health he had to retire from all active business a few months ago. He belonged to an old and highly respectable family, and was nephew of Lord Justice Deasy.

A police station has again been established in Clonsilla.

ULSTER.

The Rev. W. Orr died suddenly on March 1st, at his residence, Killybeg, county Antrim. He retired to bed about the usual time, and an hour after wards he was found dead in bed.

Wm. Cosgrave and Robert W. Bell, both of Donegal street, Belfast, trading as Cosgrave, Bell & Co., wholesale druggists, have been adjudged bankrupt.

The Belfast ironfounders are on strike. On March 3rd, D. R. Taggart, Esq., M.L.A., coroner, held an inquest in the Town Hall on the body of a man named Moses Sheels, residing in West street, Carrickfergus, who was found dead in his bed on the previous morning. Deceased was aged forty-eight years, and was a fisherman by occupation. On the previous evening he complained of being slightly unwell, and having partaken of supper he retired to bed about ten o'clock. Not being up next morning at his usual time, one of the inmates of the house went to his room to see what was the matter, where he was found as above mentioned. The medical evidence of Dr. Weir having been heard, the jury found that death resulted from natural causes.

The Rev. P. Phelan, P.P., pastor of Saintfield, in the diocese of Down and Connor, died March 7th, after a brief illness.

On March 3rd, the monthly meeting of the Town Commissioners of Newry was held. A letter was read from Mr. Henry Thompson, J.P., the newly-elected chairman, declining the responsibility of accepting the office. After some discussion, Mr. Eskine, J.P., was unanimously elected.

On March 2d the dead body of Mr. Wm. Wright was found about ten perches from his own residence at Finner, between Newry and Rathfriland. In the morning he was in his ordinary health, and took breakfast, after which he started to attend the Newry fair. A few minutes afterwards his lifeless remains were discovered by a neighbor, who informed the family.

Father James Dixon, who had been for a long time connected with the Vincentian community at Pilsborough, Dublin, died on March 6th, after a long and painful illness, in the 64th year of his age. Father Dixon, who was brother of the late Primate, the saintly Dr. Dixon, was born in the year 1816, near Dungannon.

The tenants on the estate of John Maguire, Esq., of Finton, had their farms under a lease at annual nominal rents. The last life expired a few months ago, and two arbitrators were appointed to fix the rents. The arbitration gave satisfaction to all concerned, but Mr. Maguire struck off from 10 to 15 per cent, of the rents settled by it.

LEINSTER.

The deaths registered in the Dublin Registration district during the week ending 12th March, 1879, represent an annual mortality of 42.5 in every 1,000 of the population, by the census of 1871; omitting the deaths of persons admitted to the district from localities outside the district, the rate was 40.3 per 1,000. In London the death-rate was 25.5 in every 1,000 of the estimated population; in Glasgow, 28.4; and in Edinburgh, 23.0.

A deed of terrible and, we are glad to say, of rare atrocity, was attempted, on February 28th, at a place known as the "Back of the Pipes," Dublin. A little child four years of age having wandered away from its mother's door, was seized by a strange woman, who stripped the child of its clothes, and threw it into the Liffey. Luckily the water was low, and the stream flowed more sluggishly than usual, so that otherwise nothing could have saved the child from being swept away. Its screams, as it lay in the water, protected from being carried away by some obstruction, were heard by some persons who were passing. On the following day, the clothes of which the child had been bereft, were found in a narrow office where they had been pawned for two or three shillings.

Father Pacificus (the Rev. Patrick Farrell) one of the best known members of the Passionist community, died at St. Paul's Retreat, Mount Argus, Dublin, on February 28th. He was born in Dublin about 1828, and was at first engaged in commercial pursuits, but showed his devotion to the Holy See by volunteering as a Papal Zouave and fighting at Castelfranco. The energy and zeal he displayed in defence of the temporal interests of the Church were afterwards more than rivaled by his efforts in promoting the spiritual work of his religion. In 1867 he entered the Congregation of the Cross and Passion at their house in Worcestershire, and after going through the novitiate of the order in a way that was the admiration of his superiors and the edification of his brother novices, he was ordained a priest in 1873. His life since then has been a record of missions and hard labor.

Dr. Thomas O'Kelly has been appointed dispensary doctor for the two dispensaries of Maynooth and Rodanstown. He is son of the late Dr. Edward Talbot O'Kelly, who was for many years associated with Maynooth.

On March 4th the house and premises belonging to Mr. Patrick Tierney, hardware merchant and grocer, William street, Athy, were discovered to be on fire. The fire engine of the Town Commissioners was immediately on the spot; the towns people also went to work with a water and there being a plentiful supply of water, the fire was soon got under.

A man named Thomas Keegan, about sixty years of age, was found murdered on March 1st at a place called Ballylusk. Some time ago he married a woman named Keating. She had three sons by a former husband. One of these sons, named Garrett, married a girl named Byrne a few years ago, and brought her to live in the house with his mother and stepfather. The mother died a short time ago, and the young woman supposed she should have the whole control. As the old man was unwilling to surrender his rights, it led to frequent quarrels. On the above day a boy found his body in a small stream. The boy reported the affair to his father, who sent for the Hollyford police. They removed

the body, and immediately arrested Garrett Keating, his wife, her two brothers (named Patrick and James Byrne), and a servant girl who had been in Keating's employment. There were seven fearful gashes on the back of Keegan's head, supposed to have been produced by a bill-hook. Two bill-hooks were found on the premises. There were stains of blood from a woman's dress in the kitchen and on Keating's shirt and handkerchief.

The Spring assizes for Longford were opened on March 4th. Justice O'Brien presided at the Crown Court, and addressing the Grand Jury said that that was the first time he had the honor of presiding in that county. He was very happy to be able to say that there was no criminal business to go before them, and desired to congratulate them on the very happy state of things that existed in their county.

The High Sheriff, Mr. John P. Porter, then said that he was very happy to have the opportunity afforded him of presenting him with the customary pair of white gloves, as emblematic of the purity of the county as regarded crime.

Sergeant Robinson opened the Dundalk assizes on March 4th. He briefly addressed the Grand Jury, and congratulated them on the satisfactory state of their county, the constabulary report showing an almost entire absence of crime.

A BOY'S POCKETS AND A GIRL'S POCKET.

Tommy is twelve years old. His sister is sweet sixteen and a half. The other morning Mary accosted her mother with, "Ma, see what a lot of stuff I found in Tommy's pockets." And she deposited on the table the following articles, to wit: Eight marbles, one top, a broken-headed knife, a leather strap, a buckle, a pair of old keys, a fishing line, a piece of lead, a smooth stone, four pieces of slate pencil, a worn out pocket-book, an officer's shell, a wounded jewel, a piece of blue glass, a rubber ball, lump of chalk, two dried fish worms, a slingshot, a piece of Indian rubber, two corks, a fractured comb, piece of hair, a broken comb, two medals, and a juvenile land tortoise. Tommy looked thoughtfully at the contents of his pockets were deposited before the eyes of his mother, and sullenly remarked that it "was none of his' business, and he just wanted her to let his trousers alone."

Next day Tommy captured the outside pocket of his sister's dress and carrying the contents to his mother, sarcastically observed in the presence of Mary: "Ma, just see what a lot of trash I found in sis' pocket!" and he produced from his hat the following knick-knacks, viz.: Three hair pins, a broken locket, elastic garter, piece of ribbon, two slate pencils, another piece of chewing gum, photograph, piece of orange skin, a love letter, broken tooth brush, more chewing gum, spool of silk, a thimble, piece of cotton, saturated with white powder, one inked, two smart balls, garter head, ivory ornament belonging to a parrot handle, handkerchief perfumed with jockey club, garter buttoner, withered geranium leaves, ivory handled pen knife with a knife with a broken blade, a fan, five visiting cards, belt buckle, box of rouge, another piece of chewing gum, fragment of looking-glass, a peach-stone, a cigar-holder, stolen from "Charley," a piece of demasse silk of the pattern of her friend Lucy's new dress, an artificial flower, horsehair ring, a long brown hair entangled in a hunk of taffy, and a slip of paper containing directions for handkerchief illustrations.—*Narrator's Herald.*

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