

SUMMARY OF IRISH NEWS.

Antrim.

On October 14th a fatal accident occurred during some wedding festivities at Mount Hamilton, near Clough. The wedding party were leaving for church, and a large crowd had assembled, some carrying firearms with which to a *firo feu de joie*. A farmer named John Taylor, residing at Ballyvenney, was in the act of preparing a revolver to join in the shooting, when it accidentally went off, and shot his nephew, Francis McCarroll, who, as one of the spectators of the event, was standing in the avenue of his mother's house. Young McCarroll died ten minutes later, before Dr. Wallace Lavin, who had been hastily summoned, could arrive. Taylor was arrested and remains in custody.

Armagh.

Mr. John F. Small, coroner, held an inquiry on Oct. 17th into the death of a lad of eleven years named Joseph Grant, who lived with his father, Mr. P. F. Grant, National School teacher, at Carrigans, near Forkhill. From the evidence it transpired that on the previous evening deceased left the house to bring in a horse, which was grazing in a field. He mounted the horse, which ran away, and the boy was thrown on the roadside and received such injuries that death followed almost immediately. A verdict in accordance with the evidence was returned.

Cavan.

The following is the result of the municipal elections for the town of Cavan, on October 16th:—Wm. Finlay (N.), 110 votes; Wm. Vance (C.), 107; Patrick Mison (N.), 99; James Burns (R.), 87; James Matthews, M.D. (R.), 78; James Brady, C.E. (N.), 73. The first named five were declared duly elected.

Cork.

The Bishop of Cloyne has appointed the Rev. Michael Aherne, P.P., Clondrohid, as parish priest of the parish of Castlemartyr, in succession to the late Rev. Timothy O'Connell. The appointment of Father Aherne, who is himself a native of the parish, has been received with universal favor by the parishioners, and a general feeling has been expressed that a worthy successor to an able and patriotic priest has been found.

On the morning of October 17th the remains of the late Mr. R. J. Humphreys, Manager of the Imperial Hotel, Cork, were removed for interment to the picturesque little cemetery at Douglas. Previous to being taken to the cemetery the coffin was borne to St. Finbarr's Cathedral, where a full choral service was rendered by the Revs. W. E. Connolly and G. Healy, B.D., assisted by the choir, of which the deceased was an able and earnest member.

Derry.

Tolerance seems to be making some headway in Ulster, notwithstanding the evil example of Belfast. A gratifying feature of the municipal elections at Coleraine was the return of Mr. Robert Ferris, a Catholic, at the head of the poll. His position must be due to the votes of a large number of his Protestant fellow-countrymen, who have given a lesson by which Ulster might profit. But Derry was always more progressive and tolerant than the Orange "North-east corner." The effect of an incident like this may be felt even in darkest Ulster.

Down.

The municipal elections in connection with the Warrenpoint Town Board took place on October 16th. The presiding officer, Mr. J. J. F. Green, J.P., Chairman of the Town Commissioners, declared the result of the poll, as follows:—Mr. Robert H. Doherty (N), 127 votes; Mr. David Connolly (N), 121; Mr. Thos. Caulfield (N), 118; Mr. Francis Keenan (N), 114; Mr. R. J. Jones (T), 113; Mr. Joseph Mayne, J.P. (T), 110; Mr. James Wilson (T), 104; Dr. Theodore Bell (T), 101; Mr. James McMurray (T), 6. The first four gentlemen were declared duly elected. The announcement was received with much enthusiasm by a large crowd that had assembled.

Dublin.

At the last Athy Petty sessions the magistrates forfeited the spirit license of Mr. John McDonald, of Leinster street, as there were three recorded convictions for illegal selling against him. It appears that, under the circumstances, Mr. McDonald cannot get a license for five years, nor can the premises be licensed for two years.

The death, on October 19th, is announced of Mr. Joseph Gallagher, a member of the reporting staff of the Dublin Freeman's Journal. There were few figures in Dublin better known than was that of Mr. Gallagher. The sphere of his duties was almost altogether confined to Dublin, but in Dublin he was known to everyone, and his quiet, unassuming and ever genial disposition made him exceedingly popular with all who knew him. Mr. Gallagher's family hailed from Cork. His father, who is still living, was for many years editor of the Freeman. His grandfather was the celebrated Gallagher, "The Ventriloquist," another of whose sons was for many years the leading journalist in Liverpool, while still another was at the head of the profession in Australia.

Galway.

The new marble altars of the pro-Catholic, Galway, were consecrated on Saturday, October 14th, when an impressive ceremony

took place. On the following day (Sunday) High mass was celebrated, when the Bishop of Galway delivered an eloquent sermon.

The five outgoing Commissioners of the Ballinasloe Town Board—Messrs J. Ward, J.P.; J. Cosgrin, L.J. Courty, J. Rigney, and T. F. Meagher, were re-elected without opposition. Mr. John Rigney was elected chairman, for the seventh time, without opposition.

On October 7th, at St. Joseph's, Rockfield, County Wexford, Mrs. Monica Henderson died, aged 84. The deceased belonged to a highly respectable family in Galway. Her maiden name was Fiench, and her daughter is Mother Aloysius, of the Convent of Mercy, at Tuam. Mrs. Henderson was greatly respected by all at Rockfield, where she had resided for the last five years of her life. She was interred, on October 9th, in the New Cemetery, near Wexford. The funeral obsequies were performed by the Rev. T. Murphy, chaplain of Rockfield, and her grave was made bright with wreaths of flowers sent by kind friends. A beautiful cross was also presented by the Sisters under whose care the deceased was nursed in her illness.

Kilkenny.

On the evening of October 4th, William Gorman, a car-driver, residing in Upper Walkin street, Kilkenny, was killed by a fall from a side-car on the Castlecomer New Road. The accident occurred about three hundred yards above the Dunmore police barrack, directly opposite the spot where a man named Dowling was killed some years ago.

On Sunday, October 8th, the blessing of five new statues for the Catholic Church, at Freshford, took place, the impressive ceremony being performed by Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, before a large and devotional congregation. The statues were selected by the Bishop as most suitable to the outlines of the Church, and evidenced the greatest taste and judgment. The imposing function was followed by High Mass, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Thomas Feehan.

Leitrim.

The executive committee of the Surgeon Parko Memorial Fund held its first meeting at 24 Kildare street, Dublin, on October 14th, when several letters enclosing subscriptions were read. An appeal is being prepared and will be published as soon as possible.

The laying of the rails on the incline from the Sligo, Leitrim, and Northern Counties' Railway to Aforesaid colliery is now proceeding on the borders of Cavan and Leitrim, and everything will be ready for working in a short time.

Limerick.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed the following gentlemen to the Commission of the Peace for the county of Limerick:—Cecil M. McLoughlin, Richard Joseph O'Kennedy, Edward Lloyd, John Ryan, Edward Hannigan, Robert Gabbins, Vincent Nash, and Patrick Joseph McNamara.

A painful incident occurred, on October 10th, at Moanoola, near the village of Oola, the scene of the recent eviction of the two orphans, John and Mary Kirby, at the suit of Mrs. Ellen O'Connor, of Rathmines, Dublin. It appeared that Miss Kirby retook possession after the process of eviction had been carried out. In the afternoon she was again ejected from her former home, but not until she had made a determined resistance. The people of Oola turned out, en masse, as she was being conveyed to the railway station, in the evening, on her way to New-pallas, where she was brought up, at a rather late hour in the night, before Col. De Burgh, J.P., and the charge was formally preferred against her. She was remanded, on bail, for three weeks.

Louth.

Stagreenan House, the residence of Mr. James J. Keappock, with the grounds attached, was, on October 13th, submitted at auction in Mr. L. J. Elcock's sale-rooms, Laurence Street, Drogheda. After keen competition the hammer fell at £1,450 to the bid of Mr. T. McCourt, Ball Ring. It is only a few years since Mr. Keappock became the purchaser of the interest of the then resident in Stagreenan—Mr. McConchy—at £1,200.

Mayo.

Killala and Ross are bound to become favorite watering places. The railway is already down to the sea and into the town.

Mr. Patrick J. Moran (second son of Mr. James Moran, T.C., P.L.G., Westport), has lately passed his first examination at the Royal University of Ireland.

Meath.

The many friends of the Rev. G. A. Taaffe, P.P., of Oristown, will be glad to learn that he is almost convalescent from his recent severe attack of illness. A movement has been set on foot to present the Rev. gentleman with a testimonial that will enable him to visit a health-resort, in compliance with medical advice. The prime mover and instigator of this project is Miss Annie Reilly, of Oristown.

Roscommon.

With sincere regret we have to record the death of J. J. Kelly, Esq., J.P., which took place on October 7th, at his residence, Essex Lane, Roscommon, in the 36th year of his age. He was the youngest son of the late John Kelly (who for nearly forty years was County Surveyor of Roscommon), brother of George A. Kelly, B.L., of the Connaught

Circuit, and son-in-law of the late Joseph Burke, Esq., Crown Solicitor for the County Roscommon. His remains were interred, on the 9th, in the family vault at the ancient abbey. May he rest in peace.

Sligo.

We announced the death of Mr. Michael Gilgan, who died on Wednesday October 14th, at his residence, Cartonbrey, Strand hill, County Sligo, at the advanced age of eighty years. The deceased was kind to the poor, and a good and charitable neighbor. In him the people of district have lost a sincere and generous friend. His funeral, which took place on the 6th inst., was one of the largest seen in the district for a long time, and testified the respect in which the deceased was held. The interment took place in Kilmacowen burial ground.

Tipperary.

On Tuesday, October 3d, the interesting ceremony of a religious profession was performed before a numerous congregation, both lay and clerical, in the beautiful chapel attached to the Presentation Convent, Glenview, Ballingarry. The young ladies who pronounced their solemn vows were Miss Hickey (in religion Sister Mary Francis de Sales), daughter of Mr. William Hickey, Donoughmore, county Limerick, and Miss Muleshy (in religion Sister Mary Peter), daughter of Mr. Patrick Muleshy, Bushfield, Nenagh, county Tipperary. Very Rev. James (Canon) Cantwell, P.P., V.E., officiated, and was assisted by the Rev. James Meagher, chaplain to the convent, and the Rev. M. Barry, C.O., Gortnaboe, Thurles.

Waterford.

Mr. George Nolan, of Waterford, has been declared contractor for the new building in connection with the Waterford Lunatic Asylum, he being the lowest contractor by something like £300. The whole work is estimated to cost £19,000, which will give large employment in the city.



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