

SUMMARY OF IRISH NEWS.

Antrim.

On December 29th Mr. David Leahy was sworn in as Justice of the Peace for the borough of Belfast, before Mr. Dempsey, J.P.

Early on the morning of December 22nd a fire broke out at Lagan Corn Mills, in Lisburn. The mills were completely destroyed, and some adjoining property had a narrow escape. The loss is mostly covered by insurance.

On December 29th a woman named Eliza McGuigan took suddenly ill at her residence, 31 Great Patrick Street, Belfast, and died next day. The cause of her death was heart disease.

Carlow.

The nuns at the Parent House at Tullow, of the Order of St. Bridgid, whose rules have recently received the sanction and approval of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII., have adopted an address of thanks and gratitude for such special favor to the Holy Father. The address has been forwarded to the Very Rev. Prior Glynn, O.S.A., St. Patrick's National Church at Rome, who has kindly undertaken the duty of the presentation. The address is a very charming work of art. The illuminated borders are specimens of Celtic ornament, interspersed with artistic miniatures.

Cavan.

Mr. C. R. McNamara, solicitor, Dublin, agent to Captain William A. Gresson, of Bellawly Park, Dundrum, attended at Swanlinbar, during Christmas week, for the collection of the rents due up to 25th March last, and granted a reduction of 3s. in the pound. This is the most liberal reduction given by any of the land-owners in the neighbourhood of Swanlinbar. Similar reductions have been given on this estate for several years past.

Cork.

An old woman named Mary Driscoll was found dead in a lane off of Old Market Place, Cork, on December 27th.

On December 21st, while hunting with the United Club fox-hounds, Dr. Roche, of Fermoy, got a nasty fall from his horse, sustaining a fractured collar-bone. He was promptly attended to, and is progressing favorably.

The landlord of the Ponsonby estate has, through his solicitors, made to those of his tenants whose offers for purchase were declared by the Land Purchase Commission to be too high, an offer to accept their tenders at the price fixed by the Purchase Commissioners.

The efforts to improve the Irish butter market and reconquer the markets lost to foreign competition, are being rewarded with success. According to recent reports, it appears the Irish and Dutch butters have driven the French article out of the market, and that the Irish butter-maker is now beating his Dutch rival. The *Graves*, however, points out that the reputation of "Cork firsts" in past years has not been restored by the application of the more euphonious term of "superfine," and generally blames misleading trade descriptions.

Down.

On December 29th a fire broke out at the rear of the extensive establishment of Messrs. Kinneary & Co, grocers and Italian ware-housemen, situate in Hill street, Newry. The fire originated in one of the stores in the yard, and a good deal of damage was done. The premises and stock are, it is stated, covered by insurance.

Dublin.

On December 27th an old man named Ryan was burned to death in a house which was destroyed by fire in Kingston.

With much regret we announce this week the death of Mr. Edward Byrne, which occurred at his residence, 9 Berkeley road, Dublin, on December 29th. Mr. Byrne was for many years connected with the National Registration of Voters.

A man named Terrence Sheridan, living in Calra lane, Dublin, had not been seen since Christmas Eve, and on the police visiting his house they found his charred remains. Sheridan was subject to epileptic fits, and, as he lived alone, it is thought that he fell into the fire and was burned to death.

On December 22nd Dr. Kenny, M.P., City Coroner for Dublin, held an inquest in the morgue on the body of Captain Robert Kerr, aged 50 years, who was found drowned in the Spencer Deck on the previous morning. The jury found a verdict of death from accidental drowning, and expressed their sympathy with the relatives of the deceased.

Fermanagh.

The Lord Lieutenant has appointed P. J. Conway, Esq., J.P., of the Dublin Road, Tuam, and Gortoral Park, county Fermanagh, to be High Sheriff for Fermanagh county for the year 1893.

Galway.

On Dec. 19th the remains of the late J. A. Redington, Esq., solicitor, son of S. P. Redington, Esq., clerk of the Peace for Galway, were removed from his father's residence, 37 Mountjoy-square, Dublin, for interment in Glasnevin cemetery. There was an immense funeral from Galway, Dublin, and other districts.

Kerry.

Sir Thomas Esmonde, M.P., has succeeded in getting the Government to extend

the limits of the fishery bounds in the estuaries of the rivers Owenmore and Scodrib, in the Castlegregory district, to the full extent claimed by the fishermen. For a long time they have been under restrictions, and have been repeatedly fined for fishing within the limits laid down by the fishery Conservators; but under the new rule, this grievance has been done away with. It is expected that several other existing grievances on the West Kerry coast will also be redressed, as Sir Thomas Esmonde has visited the places and has promised to lay the matter before the Government.

Kildare.

On Christmas eve a young man named Rafferty, a native of Kildare, who was employed by the London and Northwestern Railway, on their steamers in Dublin, and who had been working all the previous night, owing to the Christmas trade, when leaving off duty in the morning, slipped and fell beneath the steamer, which was lying alongside the quay wall, and was drowned.

Limerick.

On December 22nd Mr. Henry Purdon Wilkinson, the nephew of General Napper Tandy, died at Friarstown House, county Limerick, in his 89th year. The late Mr. Wilkinson's mother, *nee* Miss Catharine Tandy, was a sister of Napper Tandy, whom she visited while in prison, and whose name is so familiar to everyone who has sung or heard sung "The Wearing of the Green." Napper Tandy, it need hardly be said, was a General in the French service, and was one of the glorious galaxy of Irishmen who are so closely identified with the Rebellion in 1798. The father of the deceased was Dr. Wilkinson, an eminent physician, whom many of the older inhabitants of Limerick remember as being at the head of the medical profession in his time.

Longford.

Mr. E. Skeffington Randal Smyth has been appointed High Sheriff for Longford.

Louth.

It is with sincere regret we notice the death of Mrs. McCourt, of West Cairn House, Duleek. In every relation of life—as wife, mother and friend—Mrs. McCourt fulfilled the duties appertaining to it to perfection. She was the soul of hospitality and kindness, whose greatest happiness was found in spreading happiness around. On December 26th, fortified by the rites of her Church, this amiable and thoroughly good woman peacefully resigned her soul to her Maker.

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It is stated that Mrs. Pery-Knox Gore has granted an abatement of 15 per cent. to all her tenants who have paid up the present year's rent.

With deep regret we announce the demise of Mrs. McDonagh, J.P., of Balla, which occurred at her residence on the 23rd December. Although her death was rather sudden, she having been in her shop some few days before, still it was not altogether unexpected as she had been in failing health for some years past.

Roscommon.

We regret to have to announce the demise of Mr. Patrick McCormack, solicitor, Castles, who died at his father's residence, Castlebar, on last St. Stephen's Day, at the early age of twenty eight years. Mr. McCormack was a brother of Mr. Francis T. McCormack, solicitor, Tuam, and Dr. McCormack, and nephew to the esteemed and popular Bishop of Galway, the Most Rev. Dr. McCormack, and to Thomas McCormack, merchant, Castlebar.

Sligo.

On Dec. 30th the remains of Mr. Richard Crawford, eldest son of the late Alderman Crawford, who died in America, were conveyed to their resting place in Sligo Cemetery. The funeral cortege consisted of a long line of carriages and a large number of pedestrians.

Tipperary.

The Very Rev. J. White, P.P., V.G., Nenagh, has commenced operations at the site of the new Catholic Church, and a number of the rural parishioners have been engaged conveying stones from the quarry of Lahorna to the grounds of the site, which was consecrated last October by the Most Rev. Dr. McRedmond, Bishop of Killaloe.

Tyrore.

The Lord-Lieutenant has appointed Garrett Nagle, Esq., Resident Magistrate for the county of Tyrore, and the Lord-Chancellor has appointed Mr. William Moffat, Dunganon House, Dungannon, to the Commission of the Peace for the same county.

Waterford.

Intelligence reached Dungarvan on Dec. 27th of the death of a widely-respected man—Mr. James Lynch, of Ballyduff. He was missing since the previous day, and was found in a field some distance from his place of residence in a pitiable condition. He had been out all night, sleeping, probably, in the field where found, and though medical assistance was procured with all speed, life could not be restored, as he sank rapidly and died a few hours after of exhaustion.

Wexford.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Martin Sinnott, Ballyboy, Oulart, which took place on the 23rd of December. Deceased was up to the time of his death in the employment of Mr. Thomas O'Brien, Templeshannon,



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and had been ailing for a long period. His age was close on 30, and he was greatly respected in Ennisecorhy and the surrounding districts.

On December 26th Mr. James Boggan, Templeshannon, uncle to Rev. L. Boggan, died after a fortnight's illness. Deceased was close on 60 years of age.

Wicklow.

In Christmas week the interesting religious ceremony of the profession of a nun took place in the Presentation Convent, Waterford. The young lady who had the happiness of making her perpetual vows and receiving the black veil on the occasion was Miss Byrne, daughter of Mr. John Byrne, Glentague, county Wicklow (in religion Sister Mary Columba Joseph). The ceremony was performed by the Most Rev. Richard Alphonsus Sheehan, D.D., Bishop of Waterford.

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