

COUNTY QUARTER SESSIONS.

The Assistant Barrister concluded the civil business at an early hour on Thursday, and then directed the County Grand Jury to be sworn for Crown duties, viz:—James T. Wilkinson, foreman; Benjamin Lucas, Michael Apjohn, Edward O'Farrell, John Carroll, Joseph Hanly, John Kearney, Roger Shine, John Christy, Christopher Adamson, Peter Franklin, Eyre Powell, Hickman Rose.

His Worship said he had to congratulate the Grand Jury on the state of the calendar, there being only 35 persons for trial, not more than a tenth of the number in custody this time two years. The Assizes being recently held, might account for this state of things, but from whatever cause it had arisen, he trusted it was a proof that crime was diminishing.

Two juries having been sworn, trials were proceeded with, and the following convictions took place:—Thomas Osborne, larceny of wearing apparel at Caherelly, to be transported for 7 years; John Leahy stealing a calf at Drumsally, the property of Denis Blackwell, 15 years transportation; Michael and Honora Fitzgerald, stealing sheep, the property of James Foley, of Strabane, to be each transported for 7 years; Bridget Carroll, stealing shirts, the property of Denis O'Connor, to be transported for 7 years; James Doran, larceny of a quilt, the property of Honora McCann, to be imprisoned six months at hard labour, and to be three times whipped; Wm. Myers, larceny of an apron, one fortnight's imprisonment; Mary Dillane, assault on Ellen Shea, to be imprisoned 4 months at hard labour; Honora Ryan, larceny of bed clothing, the property of Tipperary union, to be imprisoned one month; Denis Dwyer, stealing shoes the property of Margaret Coghlan, to be imprisoned 6 months and three times whipped; Patrick Molony, stealing potatoes, to be imprisoned 3 months; Mary Maguire, stealing pigs at Clarina, the property of Mr. Wm. Evans, like sentence; Mary Duggan, larceny of sheets, at Rathjordan, to be imprisoned one month; Patrick Browne, embezzling £9, the property of Mr. John Barry, Herbertstown, to be imprisoned nine months.

CITY COURT—YESTERDAY.

At ten o'clock the Assistant Barrister took his seat on the bench, accompanied by the Mayor in his robes and Alderman Watson, J.P. the civic retinue attending at foot of the bench.

The City Grand Jury having been called upon fines of £5 each, only the following attended, and were sworn—Richard B. Cornelle, foreman; Alderman Dawson, John Tuthill, Robert Unthank, Joshua Seward, John Benson, James Cree, Bryan Hanrahan, Richard Power, John F. Walker, James Morris, Thomas Grubb, and James Alexander, being members of the society of friends affirmed.

The Assistant Barrister said—Gentlemen, I fear I will have to impose the fines of £5 each upon those who are absent—indeed it is essential I should do so in order to ensure a punctual attendance on future occasions. As regards the calendar I am glad to inform you it is light, and the offences of such a nature as that gentlemen of your experience will find no difficulty in disposing of.

MARKET JURY.—The following were sworn to serve as Market Jurors:—Montague Joynt, John Numan, Thomas Bowles, Maurice Hurler, Timothy Halpin, Samuel Jones, David Kelly, Andrew Mann, John Miniter, Michael O'Brien, James Parker, Richard Raleigh. His Worship said the Mayor, and Inspector of Weights and Measures, would instruct them as to the nature of their duties, the proper discharge of which would prove advantageous and beneficial to the public at large.

Applicants for spirit licenses, numbering 39, were then called, and the greater number were qualified by the Bench.

There were no appeals entered for the City.

George Yellon, alias the "Hon. Captain Jocelyn," was arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

James Purcell pleaded guilty of stealing lead gas pipes, and was sentenced to 7 years transportation.

Patrick Hogan pleaded guilty of stealing work-house clothing, and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, and three times whipped.

Maurice Lynch, who had been many years employed as labourer in the Excise stores, at 9s a week, pleaded guilty of stealing half pound weight of tobacco, and was sentenced to one fortnight's imprisonment.

Several were arraigned, and pleaded not guilty.

CITY SESSIONS COURT—THIS DAY.

Thomas Scott, Thomas Finucane, Thomas McNamara, Patrick Maligan, Danl. Dundon, and John Mulcahy, convicted of an extensive robbery in the Diocesan house of Rev. Mr. Hogg, were each sentenced to 7 years' transportation.

George Yellon was then indicted for obtaining goods in Limerick under false pretences. The witnesses examined were Mr. Wright, boot-manufacturer, and Mr. Bull, saddler, who proved the fraudulent representations of the prisoner, under the fictitious name of Hon. Captain Jocelyn. The jury found him guilty, without leaving the court. The Barrister, after consulting with the magistrates on the bench, sentenced the prisoner to 12 months imprisonment and hard labour.

[We refer to another column for a detailed account of this impudent Swindler.]

John and Michael Cantillon, indicted for stealing books the property of the assignees of Mr. James Campbell, bankrupt, Patrick-street, were acquitted.

John Cox, Margaret Cox, and John Boland, were found guilty of larceny in the house of Rev. B. Jacob, and sentenced to 6 months imprisonment at hard labour; John McNamara, larceny of a watch from Mr. E. Welsh, to be imprisoned 12 months. Michael Tuohy was sentenced to 7 years transportation, for stealing tweed from Mr. Beveridge; Michael Hogan, larceny of sheets, 6 months imprisonment, and three times whipped. Michael O'Keefe, violent and wanton assault on private Thos. Grubb, 6th Dragoon Guards, at night, in the streets, to be transported for 7 years.

The difficult task of shutting out the tide from the site of the new Floating Dock was accomplished this week with great success, by the talented Engineer and local superintendant, Mr. Long. In the reclamation of land from the influence of the sea, the first exclusion of the tide is a difficult undertaking, and often attended with disastrous consequences, the labour of years being frequently swept away in one tide, when the attempt is made to finally exclude it. Owing to the great rise of tide in the Shannon, the highest tide around the Coast of Ireland, the reclamation of land

SUICIDE OF THOMAS TRENCH COOKE, ESQ.

The village and vicinity of Clane, co. Kildare, sustained a distressing shock last Wednesday, by the discovery that their neighbour, Mr. Cooke, of Mellicent, had that morning died by his own hand. He had been for some time in delicate health, and since Sunday had betrayed symptoms of mental aberration. He rose very early on Wednesday morning, retired in his dressing-gown to his library, and after some time was there found, stretched forward on a table—the left arm extended—a razor, bloody! firmly grasped in the hand—and the throat cut deeply and too fatally. Tho' the body was warm, life was entirely extinct. The Coroner, Dr. Hayes, of Naas, held an inquest in the afternoon—Verdict, "Insanity." Mr. Cooke was aged about 65, was son of the late Very Rev. Thos. Trench, Dean of Kildare, nephew of the first Lord Ashdown, and cousin of the present Peer. The acquisition of some considerable property caused him lately to assume the name of "Cooke." He held several extensive land agencies, was an active magistrate, an efficient grand juror, and a most useful and most respectable country gentleman. He has left a widow, one son, and four daughters.

"Thoughts on the want of a Great Munster Fair" is the title of a Letter recently addressed to Sir Matthew Barrington, Bart., by John Long, Esq., of this city, Civil Engineer, and which having been submitted to the County Limerick Grand Jury, at the late Assizes, was highly approved of by those gentlemen, who passed a special resolution for the insertion of a clause in the Limerick Markets bill, enabling the trustees to establish one or two Fairs in every year to be held at Limerick, on the principle of the Great annual Fair at Ballinasloe, and to purchase or rent land for that purpose. Here, then, we have suggested, by a professional gentleman, competent from his peculiar knowledge and experience as a public officer, who is so conversant with the Shannon, its tributaries, and the vast extent of fertile land in the counties which border this noble river, a project of inestimable value to the people of Limerick, the farmers and graziers of the surrounding districts. The establishment of a Munster Fair in so central a depot as Limerick, even for its own produce, which is considerable, also that of Clare, Tipperary, Cork, Kerry, and Waterford, without travelling to an obscure little town in the province of Connaught for a market, must save incalculable expense to buyers and sellers, when we take into account the distance and loss of time, beside reckoning the marked depreciation in weight and quality of live stock after such a long needless journey. According to the census of 1841 the value of live stock in Munster was £6,396,977, and in Connaught £3,369,078, or only about one-half! Though we admit with regret the deficient amount and value of stock in both provinces for the last few years, the relative proportion holds good, and there is quite sufficient in the above authenticated fact to warrant the establishment of a Great annual Fair in Munster. The advantages of Limerick for this central agricultural and cattle mart are so far beyond Ballinasloe, whether we regard its many public roads, or immediate access by railway and navigation, that it is only requisite for the present, to beg the attention of every farmer in Munster interested in fairs to this most important work, in order to its speedy accomplishment; and we cannot make this passing notice of the project without expressing, on the part of the public, their most grateful acknowledgments to Mr. Long for his admirable suggestion and friendly advice.

The great Agricultural exhibition and cattle show of the Limerick society, which will embrace every district within the union, is fixed for the 16th Oct. From 60 to 80 acres of land are to be taken within a mile of this City, for an agricultural model farm.

Lt. Gen. Sir Thos. Whitehead, died on Monday, at his seat, Upland, near Preston, at an advanced age. The deceased held his rank in the Indian army.

Capt. The Hon. Thomas Brown, married to the daughter of the excellent Mrs. Peyler, of this city, is in possession of 10 clasps for his gallantry in the Peninsula with the distinguished 40th Regt. On his retiring on half-pay he did not recognise his station as Captain in the gallant British army; but being appointed by his noble brother to the Lieut. Colonelcy of the Kerry Militia, he has recognised his rank as such, on the ground that he is gratified to adopt an appointment among his own countrymen, in the county where he drew his first breath.

The vacant Regts. will be conferred upon Major General Loftus, Major General Lightfoot, C.B., and Major General Brown, C.B., the Adjutant General.

The 9th Regt. proceed from Dublin to Athlone; 14th from Athlone to Dublin; 31st from Dublin to Enniskillen; 35th from Enniskillen to Dublin; 62d from Mullingar to Dublin; and 71st from Dublin to Mullingar.

The left wing of the 92d embarked this day at Cork in the Edmonstone, for Corfu.

Lt.-Col. W. E. Lock, R.A., has retired upon full pay, after 44 years service, including the campaign of 1808 in Portugal, battles of Rolecia and Vimiera, for which he received the war medal and two clasps.

The renowned sportsman, Major Campbell, 52d Light Infantry, killed a trout in the river Maigue on Wednesday, which weighed 10lb.

The 6th Dragoon Guards (Carbineers) have detached two troops to Cloumel, to replace the 7th Dragoon Guards.

Dr. Jacob, jun., of Maryboro', is appointed Assistant-Surgeon 10th Foot, in India.

The 57th Regt. move from Ship-street and Beggars' Bush to the Royal Barracks; the 71st from Richmond to Ship-street, Dublin.

The old Lunatic Asylum of Cork is to be converted into a Cavalry barrack, and the troops stationed at Ballincollig are to be moved to Cork.

The Birkinhead steam frigate sailed from Woolwich on Thursday last, with four companies of Artillery for Halifax and Quebec.

Major-General Bainbrigg, from Belfast, was last week attending Stafford assizes, where a compromise was entered into with the Bainbrigg will case.

Julia Ann Cobbe, otherwise Shipley, was convicted of bigamy in Dublin yesterday, having got married to Sergeant T. Magrath, 43d, in the lifetime of her former husband. Three months imprisonment.

Dublin Amateur Garrison Theatrical season closed last evening with the performances of "Who's my Husband, the Sleeping Draught, and Bombastes Furioso," in which officers of the 4th Light Dragoons, 12th Lancers, 31st, 43d, and 71st took part. At Kildare hunt steeple chase, on Wednesday, Lord

MURDER OF A WIFE IN LIMERICK.

VERDICT OF "WILFUL MURDER" AGAINST THE HUSBAND AND HIS PARAMOUR.

(Inquest in continuation from first page.)

Over 5,000 persons assembled outside the Police station at George's-quay, at five o'clock last evening, in expectation of seeing the prisoners, Michael Hanly (husband of deceased) and the female with whom he cohabited, Mary Fahy, brought up from the City gaol to be present at the adjourned inquest; but the crowds were so immense, and excitement so strong, that the Coroner, Wm. C. Murphy, Esq., and Sub-Inspector Williams, deemed it prudent to adjourn to the City Court House, into which the prisoners could be brought from the prison without being exposed to the fury or execration of the vast multitude, which consisted chiefly of females. The moment it transpired that this arrangement had been decided upon there was a tremendous rush in the direction of the Court-house, where a strong party of Police had been previously stationed, and only as many as the building could conveniently accommodate were admitted to the interior, the side gallery being filled with respectfully dressed females.

The prisoners were then brought in from gaol, and placed in the dock, a policeman between them to prevent conversation. Hanly evinced the same indifference as on Wednesday, and Mary Fahy, aged about 23 years, good complexion, plump, and rather well looking, betrayed neither fear or apprehension.

The names of the jury having been called, the following took their seats:—Wm. Unthank, foreman; Thomas Browne, John Ebrill, Thomas Bourke, Maurice Bourke, Michael O'Neill, John Barry, John Johnston, Samuel Whittaker, James Kearney, Henry Connell, John Meskill.

Mr. Michael Sheehy, solicitor, was the first witness examined. I knew the deceased for the last twelve months; she lived in my service; I also know her husband, Michael Hanly; she never complained to me in his presence of ill treatment by him, but did so frequently at my house in his absence; she told me that he did not allow her any portion of his wages, and that he frequently beat her; so severely on one occasion that she was lamed by him; that he was intimate with another woman, and had threatened to cut her throat; that the razor he had to do it with was at one time taken from under his head; she was a very industrious woman, but constantly complained of the cruelty of her husband; on one occasion I discharged her for refusing to take proceedings against him for his conduct; she said he used to give all his earnings to the female with whom he cohabited; she washed occasionally for Lady Franklin.

Coroner—Hanly, have you any questions to ask Mr. Sheehy?

Hanly—I have not, sir.

John Meade sworn—I am a shoemaker; I knew Mary Hanly; I know Michael Hanly and the female prisoner, Mary Fahy; I remember Monday night; I was going home by Charlotte's quay with a physic for one of my children, which I got at Frith's; it was after 9 o'clock; I met Mary Hanly near the old theatre; she lived in the direction of my house; I saluted her, and asked her if she was coming home; she said 'no, I am watching the lads—there they are over on the bridge,' (looking in the direction of Baal's bridge; I know she meant her husband and Mary Fahy; I again asked her to come home and not to mind them; she said 'no, I'll dog them into whatever cellar they go, and bring the priest on them'; I went on and saw Michael Hanly and Mary Fahy at the corner of the bridge; I spoke to them, and told him his wife was watching them; I said, 'give up your devilment and go home;' he said he would not; I told them deceased was dogging them, and would make a show of them; Mary Fahy said, 'By G— if she dogs me she will pay for it; 'twill be the last time she'll do it.'

Female prisoner—This is not the first time, you cobbler, you took a false oath; I'll engage you won't tell how often you called me out of my bed.

Witness—Wait, now, let me put a few questions to her.

Mr. Williams desired him not to do so, but to answer such questions as were put him.

Witness (to the Coroner)—It was about half-past nine o'clock when I saw them on the bridge; they both went out Clare-street. On Wednesday morning when my wife told me about Mary Fahy being taken for the murder, I said Mrs. Hanly "dogged them out the canal, and they murdered her," my wife once told Mary Hanly that she saw her husband with Mary Fahy; I met him in the streets after, and he swore Jesus Christ he would take satisfaction of my wife when next he met her.

Johanna Dundon sworn—I know the female prisoner, Mary Fahy; she came to lodge to my house yesterday week; she told me she had a dispute with her father and brother, and I took her in at 2d. a-week to help to pay the rent; on Monday night she borrowed my cloak, and went out about 7 or 8 o'clock; I waited up for her till a late hour, but she did not return till 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning; she said she slept with her sister, as her father, a watchman, was out that night; there was dry puddle on my cloak when she returned if; I did not rub it out, but washed it yesterday when I heard of the murder. This witness underwent a long examination with the view of eliciting that there was blood on the cloak previous to its being washed, but she positively denied it.

Head Constable Joynt then examined the cloak, and said spots of blood were discernible in the lining.

Acting Constable Nash, by whom Mary Fahy was arrested, produced the clothes she wore at the time, besmeared with blood, especially the petticoat.

The jury, at nine o'clock, retired with Acting Constable Nash, and examined the clothes produced.

THE VERDICT.

In a few minutes the jury returned to court with the following verdict:—"We find that Mary Hanly has been murdered, and it is our opinion that Michael Hanly and Mary Fahy have been guilty of said murder."

This announcement gave general satisfaction. Both prisoners were unmoved at the verdict.

The Coroner having cautioned the prisoners, said he was ready to hear any statement they wished to make.

Female—We can't help the judgment of men, but there is a judge above that knows all.

Male Prisoner—All we have to say is, any person come forward to say they saw us do it—(murmurs). The prisoners were then fully committed for trial under the Coroner's warrant.

On returning to the gaol Hanly said it was all perjury that was sworn against him. Mary Fahy wept bitterly, and aloud.

The Rev. Thomas Moriarty, of Ventry, preached the last Lent controversial sermon at St. Michael's Church last evening. The sacred edifice was crowded to excess. The subject was "Transubstantiation."

The religious meetings in Dublin have been most largely attended this year. About 500 clergymen from various parts of Ireland attended the Clerical meetings on the mornings of Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, presided over by the Lord Bishop of Cashel. The subjects discussed were—the peculiar duty of ministers at the present time: the best means of promoting the moral and spiritual improvement of the Protestant population of Ireland, and the best means of reclaiming the rest of the population.—Friday morning was reserved for subjects connected with the Church missionary society. Archdeacon Singer, F.T.C.D. addressed the Clergy each morning.

Lord Roden presided at the annual meeting of the Hibernian Bible Society, Dublin, on Thursday. The report read by Archdeacon Singer was favourable. The issue of the Scriptures much increased, and the funds steady. The Rev. Dr. Urwick instituted a beautiful parallel between the Bible and the Crystal Palace. The Bible was the "true Crystal Palace," which contained wonders with which no others would admit of comparison.

The Rev. John D. Penrose succeeds to Magourney, the Rev. Francis Webb to Castlemagner, and the Rev. Henry Jellet to the Vicarage of Ballyspilane, Cork.

Mr. James Hutchinson, M.A., preceptor to Princess Mary of Cambridge is appointed by the Prince of Wales, whose income as Duke of Cornwall last year was £60,052, to the rectory of Great Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, vacant by the death of Rev. James Crofts. The appointment to the vacant Rectory of Pains-town, on the present occasion, rests with the Bishop of Meath.

Robt. S. Palmer, Esq. Trafalgar-square, London, is appointed Registrar of the diocese of Meath, in the room of the late Rev. George Erabazon.

John C. Erck, Esq. L.L.D., is about to resign the office of Ecclesiastical Commissioner for Ireland. His salary is £1,000 a-year.

Income of the Sunday school society of Ireland last year—£2,452; number of schools, 3,004; scholars, 226,515; gratuitous teachers, 19,753.

All the young men receiving instruction in Dublin to qualify them as Masters of schools belonging to the National Board of Education, regularly attend the public lectures in Trinity College.

Mr. R. B. Cornelle, secretary, thankfully acknowledges the following subscriptions in aid of the fund for re-building St. John's church:—Major J. H. Dupuis, R.H.A., £2; Rev. J. V. Benson, Messrs. G. Dartnell, Robt. Swaine, a friend, per Dr. Geary, £2 each; Capt. Irvine, Abby, Capt. Richards, £10s each.

The Rev. Godfrey Massy thankfully acknowledged £5 from Mrs. Yeaton, and £2 from Miss M. Bates, for the Protestant Orphans; also, £6 from anonymous, for Bruff Branch.

The Rev. Mr. O'Farrell preached every evening this week at St. Michael's chapel.

At a meeting of the committee on Monday, Rev. Mr. Malone, O.S.F., in the chair, Mr. John O'Connell, M.P., was admitted a member of the Limerick Roman Catholic Association.

It was not at the French Convent, Laurel Hill, the recent death of a Nun occurred; the entire community there, and pupils enjoy the best health.

The Association for the propagation of the Roman Catholic faith received from the 3rd of March to the 7th of April inst. £357 in Ireland.

The Sisters of Mercy are refused access to the workhouse by the guardians.

Mr. John Quin, of Ellen-st., paid this week his duty on wines alone, taken out of bonded stock, the largest sum paid by any trader in this country in Limerick for many years.

Mr. Long, C. E. has ordered from Mr. Purcell, Henry-st. £160 worth of Limerick marble, for use in London and Dublin, who approved of the specimens sent forward for the great Exhibition.

BIRTHS.

Wednesday last, at Corbally, the Lady of Captain Lowe, of a daughter. At Shanagolden, on the 10th inst. the Lady of Henry Taylor, Esq. M.D. of a son. At Loughlinstown, the wife of the Rev. Wm. Bourke, of Heathfield, county Mayo, of a son. At Castlegar, county Galway, the Lady of Robert St. George, Esq. of a daughter. At Athlone, the wife of Major Tidy, of the 15th Regiment, of a daughter. At Ventry Cottage, on Saturday, the Lady of Matthew Moriarty, Esq. of a son. At Dangan Cottage, Galway, the Lady of John Harris, Esq. of a son. At Castle Cottage, Tipperary, Mrs. Richard O'Donnell, of a son. At Brickfields, Cork, Mrs. J. Brabazon, of a daughter. At Heytesbury Terrace, the wife of the Rev. Saml. Haughton, of a son. In Upper Leeson-street, the Lady of Richard James, Esq. Q.C. of a daughter. At Salem-place, the Lady of John Morris Hogan, Esq. of a son. The Lady of the Rev. H. Verschoyle, of a son. At Leinster-road, Mrs. John F. MacMullen, of a daughter. At Castleroe, county Londonderry, the Lady of Thos. Bennett, jun. Esq. of a son. In London, the Lady of Richard Lindsey Bucknell, Esq. of a daughter. At Bute House, Petersham, the Lady Louisa Whitmore, of a daughter. At St. Enoch's Hall, Lanarkshire, the Lady of William Hozier, Esq. Royal Scots Greys, of a son. At Shanks House, Somersetshire, the wife of the Rev. Marindin, of a son. At Woodside, Cheshire, the Lady of M. D. Heron, Esq. of twin daughters.

MARRIAGES.

At Donnybrook, Isaac Hardy, Esq. Stoney Hill, Glencounty Antrim, to Margaret Casement, daughter of the late Roger Casement, Esq. of Harryville, Ballymena. Rodney William, son of Captain Purdon, of Lisahally, county Westmeath, to Angel, daughter of the late Rev. Chas. Rawlins. In Donnybrook Church, William Allen Forde, Esq. of bells Verling, daughter of the late Alexander Ford, of Moy-joy-square, Esq. At Leamington, Robert William Dallas, Esq. late Captain of the Queen's Bays, to Emily Florence, only daughter of the late Esq. of Newbold Fitz. Viscount Goderich, eldest son of the Earl of Ripon, to Vynor, daughter of Captain and Lady Mary Vynor, and daughter of the Earl of Grey. At Southampton, Captain John Shepherd, Royal Navy, to Anne, daughter of Vice-Admiral Dick. At Glasgow, Julius Jeffreys, Esq. F.R.S. to Jane, daughter of the late James Graham, Esq. At Florence, Balcarres Dalrymple Wardlaw Ramsay, Captain 7th Regiment, to Anne Margaret, daughter of the late Edward Collins, Esq. of Frowlesworth, Leicestershire.

DEATHS.

Yesterday morning, at his house, in Queen-street, Mr. Thomas O'Donnell, Chief Clerk to Shaw & Dufield, Prom

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