

LATEST NEWS.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.]

LIMERICK CHRONICLE OFFICE,

SATURDAY EVENING 7 P.M.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Prince of Wales left Marlboro' House this afternoon for Sandringham to rejoin the Princess.

CABINET COUNCIL.

A Cabinet Council was held at the Foreign Office at 12.30 to-day. Previous to the meeting Mr Matthews, Mr Goschen, and Mr Smith had a consultation at 10, Downing-street. The Ministers sat for two hours, and discussed the Irish measures to be introduced next Session.

SUICIDE OF A MAGISTRATE.

The Press Association in Buckingham correspondent telegraphs early this morning:—Mr Richard Proctor Greaves, J.P., of Grove Hill, Buckingham, shot himself dead in a closet of his house. He had appeared to be in a desponding state of mind for some time past. He was a large landowner, a well-known agriculturist, and held many important positions in the district, where he was highly respected.

THE DURHAM COLLIERS' STRIKE.

The Press Association's Durham correspondent telegraphs this morning:—Although no official statement has yet been issued of the voting on the question of accepting the advance of ten per cent offered by the coal-owners to the Durham colliery workmen on strike, in default of obtaining fifteen per cent advance demanded, it is stated that the ballot of the county has resulted in their accepting the offer.

At a meeting of the council of the Federated Association of Colliery Workmen this morning, at Durham, it was announced that nearly thirty thousand out of over thirty-eight thousand men had accepted the ten per cent advance.

COMMUTATION OF LAURIE'S SENTENCE.

The Press Association's Greenock correspondent telegraphs:—The Governor of Greenock Prison this afternoon received a communication from the Home Office, stating that the sentence of death passed on Laurie for the Arran murder had been commuted to one of penal servitude for life.

CORK MAYORALTY.

At a meeting of the Nationalist members of Cork Municipal Council, to-day, Dr Tanner, M.P., was unanimously nominated for the next Mayoralty.

THE LATE SUSPICIOUS DEATH AT BIRKDALE.

At Birkdale, Southport, this morning, an inquest was opened into the death of Rosina Elizabeth Norris O'Field, the third of the children in charge of Elizabeth Pearson, who was present in custody with her husband. The inquiry was adjourned, as was also the magisterial inquiry into the charges against the prisoners.

THE BRISTOL DOCK LABOURERS' STRIKE.

The Bristol merchants held a meeting this morning, and determined to accept the mediation of the Mayor in the Dock labourers' strike.

THE DALSTON TRAGEDY.

An inquest was held at Dalston this afternoon on the bodies of the victims of the Dalston tragedy—Annie South, 33; Ada South, 14; and Edith South, 12. The jury found that Mrs South murdered her children, and then cut her own throat while in a state of temporary insanity.

THE BOY GOSSAGE.

The Queen's Bench to-day made absolute a rule for a writ of habeas corpus directing Dr Barnardo to give up the boy Henry Gossage, Roman Catholic, whom Dr Barnardo had sent to Canada after the mother had desired his removal to a Catholic institution at Birmingham.

FOREIGN.

Paris, Saturday.

In the course of an interview with the correspondent of the Petit Journal, Mr Hector Fabre, ex-Senator of the Dominion Parliament, said he believed the Canadians desired no other Government than the present, and that they would only be losers by any change.

Bangalore, Friday.

Prince Albert Victor this morning laid the foundation stone of Maharajah College at Mysore, and arrived at Bangalore this evening, being received with great enthusiasm, and was entertained to an official banquet.

FUEL FUND COMMITTEE.

In accordance with a circular sent out by Mayor, a meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, for the purpose of making arrangements to carry on the Fuel Fund charity this winter. Owing to the lamentable death of Mr L. O'Keefe, T.C., the Mayor unable to be present. The High Sheriff presided and there were also in attendance—Rev Hallinan, Mr Wm. Spillane, J.P.; Mr P. Bourke, Mr P. R. Poppin, Mr J. Flynn, Mr J. Bourke, Mr Martin Morris, C.E.; Mr D. Tidman, Dr O'Shaughnessy, J.P., and Mr J. P. Morris.

Mr Spillane, Treasurer, presented the balance sheet of last year's accounts, already published in the local papers. Dr O'Shaughnessy, Secretary, stated that meeting would have to appoint a treasurer for the ensuing year. He pointed out that the coal had lately been sent to the houses which obviated the necessity of their coming, as was formerly the case. The people lost time; were put to the expense of removing the coal to their homes, and the system, in fact, led to a great deal of demoralisation (hear, hear). The society delivered the coal the coal poor saved a great deal of privation.

Mr P. E. Bourke proposed that Mr Spillane again requested to take the treasurership of this important fund. He need not say no better treasurer could be found.

Mr Tidmarsh seconded the resolution, which was passed nem con.

Mr Spillane thanked the meeting for the confidence bestowed on him.

Dr O'Shaughnessy suggested that some person would undertake the duties of Secretary and any assistance that he (the speaker) give him would be cheerfully afforded. Mr Spillane received with a certain amount of caution what the doctor had said. He had been Secretary for a great number of years, and but he (Mr Spillane) was very much afraid they deposed him that they would be making a very sad mistake. The poor man would be miserable for the rest of his life (laughter) that was his candid opinion. It would be a mistake, in the interests of the charity, to move him, and if the doctor found he was out in the cold he would feel he had been treated, and no wonder. He proposed that O'Shaughnessy be re-elected secretary.

Dr O'Shaughnessy declared that Mr Spillane was wrong in his sarcasm. However, a Spillane was treasurer he would accept the office of secretary (hear, hear).

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Dr O'Shaughnessy suggested that he, as Secretary, should request the members of the Committee to collect in their respective Wards, to enable the committee to give out the coal as possible. There would be no difficulty, regard to collecting from the large mercantile houses. Mr Spillane, Mr Bourke, Mr Quin, himself, and others, would do this and they were sure to get, as always, large subscriptions from such establishments as Caquin, Shaw, Bannatyne, etc.

Mr Tidmarsh proposed a resolution in accordance with Dr O'Shaughnessy's suggestion, being seconded by Mr Morris was adopted.

Mr Poppin proposed, and it was agreed that as heretofore the distribution of the coal be left in the hands of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Dr O'Shaughnessy said that the books should be sent in by the 9th, so that the delivery take place on the 14th or 15th December.

The Chairman said that while visiting poorer districts he was informed that cartmen demanded money for carrying coal to the room—in fact levying black-mail. The coal should be sent out from the yards with a warrant under no conditions were they to accept gratuity (hear, hear).

Mr Flynn—I understood the coal was delivered gratis.

Chairman—So it is, but it is the cartmen themselves who demand it.

Dr O'Shaughnessy said that cases of this kind had come before the magistrates. He took care that the High Sheriff's suggestion would be carried out as far as possible.

Several subscriptions were then announced. The Chairman was sure the meetings have been larger but for the death of the respected and old fellow-citizen, Mr C (hear, hear). He (the Chairman) had the habit of attending these meetings and he never saw such a small meeting as it was easily accounted for. He regretted much the very sad event which had caused the absence of the Mayor, and he took the absence of the Bishop would be accounted for in a similar way would come well from the meeting to express sympathy with the Mayor in the loss indeed the city, had sustained in the one of their oldest citizens (hear, hear).

Arrangements having been made, motion of Mr T. M. Bourke, for the collection of the large houses, the committee adjourned.

NEWCASTLE WEST UNION

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Newcastle West, Friday. The usual weekly meeting of the B.G. Guardians of the above Union was held on Friday—Mr David D. Leahy, Chairman, presided. Other Guardians present were—Mr O'Shaughnessy, J.P.; J. B. Massy, J.P.; Cremin, J. J. Doody, M. Leonard, L. C. Ambrose, E. Mulcahy, J. Kennedy, T. M. W. D. Leahy, William O'Sullivan, and Harnett.

Rev. Wm. Casey, P.P., Abbeyfeale, Rev. Hurley, C.C., Newcastle West, and the (Mr Ambrose), were also present.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. LAURENCE O'KEEFE, T.C.

The remains of Mr Laurence O'Keefe, T.C., were interred this morning in Mount St Laurence Cemetery. The funeral cortege was one of the largest and most representative witnessed in the city for a considerable time, testifying to the esteem and respect in which the deceased and his family have been held by the citizens. The remains were conveyed last evening to St Michael's R.C. Church, where they were allowed to lie over night; and at ten o'clock this morning, solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul. His Lordship the Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer presided, and the officiating clergy were—Rev Father Naughton, Dublin, celebrant; Rev Father Quinlan, deacon; Rev Father O'Grady, sub-deacon; and Rev Father O'Shaughnessy, master of the ceremonies. During yesterday and today the flags on the Town Hall, and those on the establishments of Cannon and Co, M'Birney and Co, the Limerick Warehouse Co, and Alexander Bros., were lowered half-mast high, and the National League meeting was adjourned on Thursday, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased. At the Petty Sessions yesterday, after the criminal business had been disposed of, the magistrates adjourned the court, and a vote of condolence was passed to the family of the deceased in their bereavement. The coffin was of polished oak with massive brass mountings, and literally strewn with flowers, sent by sympathising friends.

The chief mourners were—The Very Rev Father O'Keefe, S.J., Rector Sacred Heart College; Rev Joseph O'Keefe, C.C., Dublin; the Mayor of Limerick, (Mr F. A. O'Keefe, M.P.), and Mr Alphonse O'Keefe, sons of the deceased; and the Rev Father Naughton, Dublin, nephew of the deceased.

The Clergymen present included—His Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Very Rev. Dr. Moloney, P.P., V.G.; Rev. J. O'Shea, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. Father Halpin, P.P.; Rev. D. Fitzgerald, P.P., St. Mary's; Rev. Father Dundon, Prior, O.S.A.; Rev. Father Healy, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Father Head, S.J.; Rev. Fr Maher, O.S.F.; Rev. Father O'Shaughnessy, St. Michael's; Rev. Father O'Grady, R. v. Father Shanahan; Rev. Father Lee, C.C., St. John's; Rev. Father Bourke, O.S.F.; Rev. Father Foley, S.J.; Rev. Father O'Farrell, Rev. Father Scurie, S.J.; Rev. Father Murphy, St. John's; Rev. Father Coveney, O.P.; Rev. Father Corcoran, S.J.; Rev. Father Quinlan, C.C., St. Munchin's; Rev. Dr. Meehan, P.P., St. Patrick's; Rev. Father Curtis, St. Munchin's; Rev. F. O'Shaughnessy, Rev. Father Boylan, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Father Gunny, S.J., Munster; O.P.; Rev. Father O'Connell, C.C., St. John's; Rev. Father Ryder, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Father Gleason, P.P.; Amongst the laity in attendance were—Alderman J. F. Walker, Alderman Thomas Gaffney, J.P.; the High Sheriff, Mr W. J. O'Donnell, T.C.; Alderman D. Ryan, Mr W. F. O'Grady, J.P.; Mr A. C. Wallace, Town Clerk; Mr J. J. Cleary, J.P. Alderman J. Dundon, solicitor; Mr S. Hartings, solicitor; Mr J. McCarthy, solicitor, T.C.; Alderman Riordan, Alderman J. Counihan, J.P.; Mr W. E. Corbett, C.E.; Mr John Ellard, Clerk of the Crown and Peace; Mr James O'Mara, T.C.; Mr B. O'Donnell, T.C.; Mr T. Hartigan, George Hotel; Mr J. Flynn, Cruise's Hotel; Mr W. B. Fitt, Mr J. McNamara, solicitor; Mr F. Fitt, Mr C. H. Fitt, sub-sheriff; Mr Patrick Kenna, T.C.; Mr P. McSwaney, T.C.; Mr P. S. Connolly, solicitor; Mr J. Anglim, T.C.; Mr P. E. Toppin, manager Cannon and Co.; Captain Kenny, Mr P. Herbert, Mr D. F. McNamara, T.C.; Mr M. Lennihan, J.P.; Mr Wm. Heffernan, Mr Patrick Thomas Dunne, Mr J. Delaney, Mr David Begley, T.C.; Mr J. Clune, T.C.; Mr M. Donnelly, T.C.; Mr M. Kennelly, T.C.; Mr M. G. Dowling, T.C.; Mr F. W. McCarthy, Mr E. Halpin, Mr Thomas McCarthy, Mr James Nash, J.P.; Mr Robert McDonnell, T.C., J.P.; Dr O'Shaughnessy, J.P.; Mr Laurence E. Ryan, T.C.; Mr P. D. Bourke, Mr Andrew Murray, Mr J. Coyle, Mr Ralph Nash, solicitor; Mr Terence O'Brien, Mr Joseph Gaffney, Mr E. C. Winter, V.S.; Mr O'Callaghan, Mr James Harris, Secretary Harbour Board; Mr J. Bodkin, Mr J. McInerney, Chairman Limerick Board of Guardians; Mr J. McNamara, P.L.G.; Dr O'Sullivan, Mr J. Sweeney, Mr Leonard, Mr Wm McDonnell, Mr J. V. Gidding, Manager Munster and Leinster Bank; Mr J. E. Ryan, C.E.; Mr Wm. McNamara, Mr J. Goodwin, Mr W. J. Hall, B.E., Harbour Engineer; Mr M. A. Hennessy, C.E.; Dr Shanahan, Mr James Quin, J.P.; Mr Stephen B. Quin, J.P.; Mr J. Wallace, Mr G. Smyth, Mr O. Wallace, J.P.; Mr J. Kennedy, Mr J. O'Malley, Mr S. Dowling, T.C.; Mr Kileen, Mr S. O'Flanagan, T.C.; Mr P. J. Kearny, Mr R. Keating, Mr Leonard, Mr J. Byrne, Mr J. Donoghue, Mr J. Meaney, Mr J. McDonnell, Mr James Watson, Ald. D. Landers, Mr D. Nolan, Mr Griffin, Mr J. Kane, Mr M. Riordan, solicitor; Mr W. Delaney, Mr J. Halpin, Dr O'Mara, Mr O'Donnell, solicitor; Mr J. McDonnell, Mr M. D. Carr, Mr John Ryan, solicitor; Mr T. Hartigan, P.L.G.; Mr T. Carr, Mr P. B. Ryan, Mr Curran, Limerick Warehouse; Mr D. Bourke, Dr Humphreys, Mr J. Halpin, Mr P. Tymons, Mr Minihan, Mr John Nolan, Mr W. Barry, Mr W. Bassett, Mr M. J. DeCoursey.

THE ALLEN, LARKIN, AND O'BRIEN CELEBRATION.

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RAILWAY EXTENSION TO CLAREMORRIS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE. Sydnan, Tuam, Nov. 28, 1889. SIR,—Whoever looks at the railway map of Ireland must be struck with the gap which at present exists between the Waterford and Limerick at Tuam and the Midland Railway in Mayo. The distance is only some 16 or 18 miles; yet within 80 years no less than seven attempts have been made to bridge over this trifling distance. Every effort has ended in failure, and these frequent failures are evidence enough that aid more powerful than can be got in the locality is required to place the two Connaught railways in connexion. The Light Railways Act of last session was passed for the development of fisheries and "other industries." It can be shown that a whole series of existing industries, and the prosperity of four or five counties are suffering through the want of this short railway link, which the neighbourhood has been unable to finance, a case would clearly be made for special aid under the Act. In the Session of 1887, on the occasion of the Midland Railway Bill, a committee of the House of Commons and another of the Lords took a large amount of evidence on the importance of railway communication between Mayo and the South. Mr A. W. Shaw, of Limerick, stated (May 8th, 1887), that there were 866,000 pigs per annum killed in Limerick, and that his firm alone killed 120,000. As the total number of pigs in Connaught and Munster, according to this year's police returns, amounts to only 700,000, the absence of a Claremorris and Tuam Railway means a serious limitation in the supply to the Limerick bacon industry, while it involves a restriction in the demand to the Mayo farmers. "We buy all over Munster, Leinster, and Connaught," continued Mr Shaw, "We can only touch the Claremorris district (i.e. Mayo), to a small extent for the reason that we are opposed by the live shipping trade, which can give better terms inasmuch as they have greater facilities and cheaper rates. We have got to go round by Athlone and Athenry to Limerick. If the railway was made we could buy in several districts we have not been able to buy in. It is decidedly an ad-

THE COTTAGE PETITION.—The Guardians of the Kildysart Union were on Thursday last informed by circular from the Clerk that Mr J. Hehir would no further oppose the granting of the plot of ground in connection with the labourer's cottage which has so long occupied attention at Kildysart. The petition was to go before the Privy Council on the 28th November, but on the eve of the parties leaving for Dublin a telegram was received stating that the hearing was deferred to the 3rd prox. It is to be regretted that Mr Hehir did not adopt this course before, but even now it meets with general approval.—COR.

LIMERICK AMATEUR ATHLETIC AND BICYCLE CLUB CONCERT.—It will be seen by advertisement that the committee of the Limerick Amateur Athletic and Bicycle Club are making arrangements to give a full dress concert at the Theatre on Friday evening December 13th. A recherche programme is in preparation, and eminent lady and gentlemen amateurs from the city and county, as well as from Dublin and Waterford, will take part in it. Another great attraction will be the band of the Worcestershire Regiment. We anticipate an excellent concert, and hope the efforts of the club will be rewarded by a bumper house.

PROTESTANT YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION LITERARY CLASS.—Last evening the Class, owing to the unavoidable alteration in the programme, was obliged to substitute readings and recitations, and the thanks of the Association in general are due to the gentlemen who came forward at such a short notice and filled the gap. Especial thanks are due to Mr Fennis, who in addition to a Reading gave a capital impromptu address on Phrenology. Messrs Moore, A. J. Bakins, J. Alexander, and E. Gibson, recited in very creditable style. The President, Mr Moore, conveyed the thanks of the Class to those who proved themselves friends in need. The next meeting will be held on Friday, December 6th, when short papers will be read by members.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—Advent Sunday.—Day of Intercession for Missions.—Mornings, 11.30 o'clock; Introduction Hymn, No 106; Venite, Humphreys in C; Chants, Hayes in G, and Hopkins in C; Service, Te Deum and Jubilate, Berthold Tours in F; Hymn, No 109; Communion Service, Tours in F; Offertory Sentences (Choral), Barnby; Preacher, the Dean (in advocacy of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts). Evensong, 8.30 o'clock.—Chants, Turle in D mi. and ma.; Service, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis; Anthem, R-citative, "Comfort ye my people," air, "Every Valley"; Chorus, "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed," from the oratorio of "The Messiah," Handel; Preacher, Rev. J. W. P. Hudson, V.C.; Hymn after Sermon, No 107. Week-day Services at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Litany on Wednesday and Friday.

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