

PROSECUTION OF THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK LEADER. THE DEFENDANT STILL ABSENT.

ANOTHER ADJOURNMENT.

F. G. Hodder, B.M. (in the chair), and Rolleston, R.M., sat to-day at eleven o'clock in the City Courthouse, to hear the charges against Mr John M'Enery, the editor registered publisher of the Limerick Leader. Enery is summoned for alleged intimidations towards Michael Ryan, the tenant of an old farm at Boherlod, on the 15th and 18th and the case was fixed for hearing on Friday. The defendant not having then appeared, the Crown Counsel, Mr Morphy, applied for a warrant for his arrest, which having been granted the Court adjourned till to-day. Matters will remain in the same position, as Mr Enery has not been found by the authorities. To-day's proceedings, as a consequence, were more than of a formal character. This had to have been anticipated, as the attendance in court was comparatively small. Some members of the National League were present, Mr M. Beardon, solicitor, attended in the defence of Messrs Moran and Condon, the solicitors for the accused. District Inspector Lawless presented the Crown, but shortly after the adjournment had been made Mr Enery arrived by the mail from Dublin, and having been informed by his worship of what had taken place, immediately withdrew. The Court adjourned till Tuesday next. The magistrates taking their seats, the first summons—that relating to the 15th inst—was read, and "John M'Enery" appeared, but no response.

Lawless then said he should apply for an adjournment of the case to this day week, or to other day as would suit the convenience of magistrates. It was hardly worth while arguing it till Friday next. Chairman—Under any circumstances it would be sufficient for one magistrate to attend to-day is specially fixed. M. Riordan, solicitor, applied for a summons for production of Michael Ryan. Rolleston—Mr Moran applied for a summons last week and it was granted. Riordan—Well, it was not served. Mr Moran went out yesterday with the summons, but was unable to effect service. Chairman—There is no objection to that if you Mr M'Enery's solicitor. Riordan said that he represented Mr Moran, M'Enery's solicitor, who was at the Nenagh seat. The Court granted the application. Hodder said they would make the same order in the second charge against Mr M'Enery. defendant was also called in this case, with the same result. An order was then made adjourning both cases to-day next.

LIMERICK AMATEUR ATHLETIC AND BICYCLE CLUB CONCERT.

This concert will take place in the Theatre on Friday next, and promises not alone to be a musical event of the season, but the best ever held in Limerick for years. A recherche and nicely varied programme will be presented, and the amateurs, in addition to known local names, include several from Dublin and Waterford artists. Notice that on this occasion some local ladies make their debut before a Limerick audience, of whom, at least already possesses a high artistic reputation. The name of Miss Creagh must be associated with the Dublin Amateur Concerts, where she recently obtained enthusiastic reception. Mr and Miss Kelly, of Waterford, are inimitable in their comic selections. A novelty will be the appearance of Mr Septimus Hewson as a siffense, a accomplishment at which he is most proficient, and another great attraction. On the whole anticipate a crowded house, and a most successful performance in every respect.

HEALE MUSICAL AND LITERARY REUNION.

The second meeting of this session was held on Monday evening in the schoolhouse, and, notwithstanding the sudden and continuous downpour, was a success. Every available seat in the large hall was filled. This augurs well for the prospects of the session—for if there were such a meeting in the town, what shall we have in the coming bright moonlight night? There was an extensive programme, every item of which was well executed—only that there were just two absences—one doubtless from the severity of the weather, and the other from a passing cold. Miss M. Massy conducted the proceedings with her usual skill and power, and as of old she was warmly appreciated. Miss Bessie Massy sang most effectively, and, in response to a loud encore, treated the audience to "Thady and I," amid applause. Mr Griffin and the Misses Wills sang some sweet well-known songs; and it may well be stated that Mrs Griffin is a great favourite. Mr Wills was heard to advantage, as was Mr Parker, an old friend of the society. But perhaps the highlight of the evening was Mr Septimus Hewson, of Limerick, who sang "The Children's Home," "Molly Bawn" with great power and feeling; and, by request, favoured his audience by whistling—after the most accomplished Liffey's art—some, Sweet Home"—accompanying himself on piano-forte. He was warmly welcomed to the Heale platform, and a unanimous wish was expressed that he would "come back again—more!" Canon Wills read "I wouldn't—ld you?" and a short piece from Dickens; the proceedings were wound up with "God bless the Queen." We understand that the next

"THE LIMERICK HARBOUR DIRECTORY."

We have been favoured with a copy of this work, compiled unofficially by the Harbour Engineer, Mr W. J. Hall, but published, by permission of the Harbour Commissioners, by Messrs G. McKern & Sons, of George-street. Viewing the rather modest appearance of the cover, we must confess to having been agreeably surprised at the elaborate nature of the contents. The book numbers upwards of 100 pages, all filled with most interesting matter. In addition to the information usual in such a work it contains an historical sketch of the city, a description of the port and harbour, all the bye-laws and regulations of the quays, the tide tables for 1890, descriptions of the docks, with all pilotage, import and exports and other rates, postal and telegraph regulations, and an amount of miscellaneous information of a generally useful character. It is besides illustrated with six beautifully executed photo-types, and has attached an instructive plan and chart of the docks, quays, and harbour, which, in itself, is most valuable, and we should think indispensable to all merchant traders, importers, and exporters. The whole work reflects the greatest credit on the publishers, for the excellent manner in which it has been turned out, and provides a long-felt want, as we believe it to be the first and only directory of its kind published for any Irish harbour, while to our knowledge Liverpool, Cardiff, Swansea, London, and other leading English ports already have circulated directories of this description. Mr Hall is entitled to the thanks of the Commissioners and the traders generally, for his laborious work which is certain to prove of great public utility. We congratulate him on the success which has attended his efforts.

ELECTION OF MATRON AND HEAD NURSE FOR BARRINGTON'S HOSPITAL.

A special meeting of the Governors of Barrington's Hospital was held to-day for the purpose of electing a matron and head nurse for the Institution. Mr C. B. Barrington, J.P., presided, and there were also present—Very Rev Dean Banbury, Alderman Jerome Counihan, J.P., Mr J. F. Bannatyne, Mr Swain, Mr Hunt, and Mr P. S. Connolly. Miss Margaret Haughton, City of Dublin Hospital, applied for the position, stating that she had almost five years experience of hospital life. Accompanying her application were certificates of competency for the position, and reference as to character from Dr H. Benson, Senior Physician to the City of Dublin Hospital and Hon Secy; Miss Beresford, Lady Superintendent City of Dublin Hospital, and Dr W. Wheeler. The latter, in his recommendation, stated he could not speak too highly of Miss Haughton as staff nurse, and regretted her leaving, as she was a credit to the institution. Miss Beresford stated that the applicant had frequently acted as superintendent in her absence and performed the duties in a highly satisfactory manner. Her influence and good temper and disposition would make her invaluable to any such institution. Dr Benson, in recommending Miss Haughton, stated that while the candidate was thoroughly trained as a surgical and medical nurse, she also firmly enforced strict conformity with rule and order. He was not aware of anyone more suited for the position. Mr Bannatyne begged to propose Miss Haughton's election. In the face of the recommendations, and considering they had no other applicant of experience, he thought they could obtain no better. Mr Hunt seconded the resolution, which was unanimously passed. The Chairman announced that Miss Haughton was duly elected to the position of matron and head nurse of the institution. The business then terminated.

THE CORPORATION.

CLEANSING COMMITTEE.

A meeting of this committee was held to-day, Alderman Landers presiding. Also present—Town Councillors P. Kenne, L. E. Ryan, B. O'Donnell, John Bernal, P. M'Sweeney, P. Herbert. Mr A. C. Wallace, Town Clerk; Mr Corbett, City Surveyor, and Mr J. Forrest, High Constable, were in attendance. Mr Forrest reported that the cost of cleansing the city for the week ending 5th December was £43 6s 5d, while for the week ending 28th November, 1889 it was £40 14s 2d. The cost of feeding a horse for the first week was 9s 2d, and for second, 9s 3d (straw not included). Mr Woulfe, City Treasurer, reported that the net expenditure for the month ending 30th November for cleansing and repairing the streets, was £456 2s 5d. The amount paid to the contractors for corresponding period was £378 6s, showing the amount paid in excess by the Corporation to be £82 16s 5d. Mr O'Donnell said that the Cleansing Department had gone up nearly £100 for the past month. Mr Corbett reported that the expenditure on repairs of streets and roadways for the four weeks ending 28th ult. was £229 6s 7d with £12 13s on Corbally roads. Cleansing, £250 11s 10d. Total, £492 11s 5d. Repairs for corresponding period last year, £248 15s 1d. Corbally road £17 14s 3d. Cleansing £299 12s 1d. Total, £566 1s 5d. IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. The fortnightly meeting of this Committee was held to-day—Alderman Landers in the chair. Also present—Alderman Walker; Town Councillors—L. E. Ryan, B. O'Donnell, P. Kenne, John Bernal, P. M'Sweeney, P. Herbert, James O'Mara, and M. Spain. Mr Connolly (Law Adviser), was also present,

FATAL RESULT OF AN ASSAULT.

A man named John O'Neill, residing at Ballyfin, a short distance from Limerick, succumbed yesterday morning to the effects of a wound inflicted upon him on Saturday, the 9th ult. On the Friday following the assault John Mackey, a jarvey, was brought up at Petty Sessions charged with the assault. The deceased stated that he was standing in the Corn Market when the prisoner came up to him and demanded a half-crown, which he alleged was due to him for car hire. Deceased denied he owed him any money, and after an exchange of words Mackey picked up a stone and struck the deceased on the back of the head, inflicting a wound from which the blood flowed copiously. On the application of District-Inspector Lawless the case was adjourned for a week, as Dr Riordan, medical officer at Barrington's Hospital, to whom the deceased went for treatment, could not certify his life out of danger, his skull being fractured. At the next Petty Sessions the case was disposed of as no fatal consequences were apparent, and Mackey was sentenced to a month's imprisonment. A few days later O'Neill became very ill, and Dr Holmes who attended him at his own residence, recommended his removal to Barrington's Hospital. O'Neill's condition became gradually worse, and he expired yesterday morning. Although imprisoned for the minor offence Mackey will be prosecuted again on the charge of homicide. Yesterday evening Mr M. J. DeCoursey, City Coroner, and a jury held an inquest on the body at Barrington's Hospital.

Mr Daniel Clancy, P.L.G., in reply to Mr Lawless, who conducted the proceedings on behalf of the Crown, stated that the deceased was his brother-in-law. He was with him on Saturday, 9th November. On that day he came to Limerick to sell corn. Witness saw him first at eleven o'clock; at that time there was nothing the matter with him. He did not see him again during the day. He met the deceased on the Monday following. He looked very ill, and witness inquired what was the matter with him. Deceased replied, "I was struck with a stone on the market ground by Mackey, but I have no business in going against him." He saw deceased several times afterwards, and he complained of his head. Witness saw Dr Holmes on Friday morning the 6th inst, and was directed by him to have deceased removed to Barrington's Hospital as his condition was dangerous. When witness saw deceased on the preceding day he was raving. Deceased was not a delicate man, but was very strong. To a Juror—Deceased told me that the reason Mackey struck him was because he would not give him money for porter. To another Juror—He took no drink to my knowledge since he was struck. He had the pledge taken before he was assaulted.

Patrick Keane stated that he lived close to the deceased's residence. He came to Limerick with him on the 9th November. The horse and car belonged to deceased, and the grain belonged to witness. Deceased was in his company nearly all the time he was in the market. After passing a float witness heard a shout from O'Neill and looking around he observed him staggering. Witness proceeded to his assistance, but before reaching him he had recovered and was standing. He told him he had got a stroke of a stone. He did not say who struck him. When witness went to O'Neill's assistance a man named Mackey came up and asked him what he wanted. He replied he was not doing anything, whereupon Mackey hit him into the face with his fist. Mackey was in charge of a side-car, and drove off immediately. Witness subsequently pointed out Mackey to the police as the man who assaulted him.

Dr M. R. O'Connor deposed—The deceased came under my care on Friday, 6th inst. He was suffering from a fracture of the skull. I elevated the bones on Saturday, 7th. The deceased never rallied, and died on the morning of the 9th inst from the results of the fracture.

To the Coroner—I understand the deceased was treated as an external patient. A post mortem examination was held by Doctors O'Connor and O'Mara, who made the following disposition:—"We found on opening the brain of the deceased that there was a large abscess which was caused by a fracture of the skull in the occipital region, and that this abscess was the cause of death. We may add that there was congestion of the right lung, but the direct cause of death was the abscess which resulted from the fracture of the skull."

To a juror—There is no doubt the man contributed to his death by not remaining in hospital. It was a mistake for a man with a fractured skull to be walking about, but the abscess might in any case have set in. I have never known a case of abscess on the brain to recover.

Constable McNamara deposed that when the prisoner was brought before O'Neill, and when the latter accused him of having struck him with a stone, Mackey said, "You deserved it and more. Why didn't you pay me my car hire?" A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned.

STRIKE OF RAILWAY PORTERS IN CORK.

Cork, Monday. The threatened strike of the men engaged in the goods department of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company took place to-day, and somewhat earlier than was anticipated by the railway authorities. The latter declined, notwithstanding the expressed determination of the employees to turn out, to yield to the demands made on them, considering that both the hours of work and the remuneration paid constituted fair and reasonable terms as between employers and employed. This view was not shared in by the men, who pointed to the long hours of labour and small pay as a justification of their expressed determination to leave the company's premises if the concessions they asked for were not granted. To meet any possible inconvenience

MUNSTER WINTER ASSIZES.

Nenagh, Monday. Mr Justice Murphy entered the court at ten o'clock this morning, and proceeded with the business of the assizes.

FINING JURORS FOR DRUNKENNESS.

At the sitting of the court, Patrick Kennedy, the juror who had been taken into custody on Saturday evening for having been drunk in court, was put forward. Addressing him, his Lordship said that he had come there to serve as a juror, and might possibly have got on a jury to try a man for a serious offence. But he had thought fit to come into court perfectly drunk, and he (his lordship) looked upon the fact of his coming beastly drunk to take part in the administration of the law, as a great contempt of court. He had intended at first to send him to gaol for a fortnight, but he would not, however, do that now, but would impose upon him a fine of £2. John Meara, another juror similarly charged, was dealt with in like manner.

CRIMINAL ASSAULT.

Patrick Lehane, convicted on Friday of an indecent assault on a young girl near Donoughmore, county Cork, was then put forward for sentence. His Lordship said he had taken into consideration the character which the prisoner had received, and as he had already spent some time in gaol he would now impose upon him the very light sentence of nine months' imprisonment with hard labour.

INJURY TO PROPERTY AND ASSAULT.

Daniel Ryan, James Rielly, James Hanrahan, and Laurence Hanrahan, pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging them with having, on the 25th September, damaged property to an amount exceeding £5, belonging to one John Ryan. They were further charged with assault.

The case for the Crown was this—Ryan is a publican residing at Arderonin, Tipperary. On the night in question the four prisoners came to his house and had drink. At ten o'clock he was anxious to get them out, but they refused to go. He went for assistance, and while he was out they smashed everything about the place, doing damage to the extent of £10. They helped themselves to drink, and, finally, when they were turned out assaulted Ryan, threw stones through the windows, and behaved in a generally turbulent manner. The evidence, however, did not prove any offence against the Hanrahans (for whom Mr Gleeson, solicitor, Nenagh, appeared), and they were discharged. James Hanrahan was then examined for the remaining prisoners, but his evidence only went to strengthen the Crown case. Both prisoners pleaded drunkenness in explanation of their conduct, one of them saying that he had been drunk for three days before, and didn't know what he was doing. The Jury found the prisoner guilty. Sentence was deferred.

SENTENCING PRISONERS.

Edward Stokes and Daniel Power, found guilty of cattle-stealing, were sentenced to ten months' each, with hard labour.

Wm Connors, convicted of larceny, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

Wm Ryan and James Reilly, convicted of assault, were each sent to gaol for three months.

A labourer named Touhy was sentenced to four months for indecent assault.

Patrick Mellion pleaded guilty to the larceny of lead, and was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

MANSLAUGHTER.

Patrick Gibbons pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with having on the 28th July last, in the city of Limerick, killed one Ellen Maher. Mr Connolly, solicitor, Limerick, on behalf of the prisoner, explained that the occurrence was principally brought about by the deceased. There was a quarrel, and the woman threw a stone at the accused, which split his lip in two. Gibbons picked up the stone and threw it back. Unfortunately it struck the woman on the side of the head. Erysipelas set in and death ensued.

Mr Hickson said the facts were substantially as Mr Connolly had stated, and expressed his belief that the occurrence was more or less a misadventure.

The prisoner, who received an excellent character, was sentenced to five months' imprisonment with hard labour. He has been already four months in prison.

EXTRAORDINARY SUCCESS OF A PIANOFORTE TUNER.

MR. KELLER.

Who, without undue praise, has proved himself to be the first Pianoforte Tuner in the Empire, has been attending every day since the 1st of October the highest families about Dublin, Cork, and throughout Ireland. He never solicits engagements, does not announce his arrival in each locality, so that his long absence from home is not caused by chance work, but all reliable engagements by invitation and command. He has, after a life-study succeeded in making a pianoforte stand perfectly in tune for six months with any amount of heavy playing, and in exceptional instances 12 months with one tuning. Mrs Wray Palliser, one of the most distinguished musical ladies in Ireland, with many others, have placed their grand pianofortes in London and other parts of England under his exclusive care, and he makes them stand perfectly in tune 12 months. This contradicts the general statement made by tuners, that a pianoforte requires tuning every three months. Mr Keller has made his enormous connexion by his energy, ability, and respectability, and through the recommendation of his distinguished, noble and aristocratic musical friends, the most musical and critical and cultivated musicians of the present day, and can command higher terms than any living pianoforte tuner in the United Kingdom. There are, of course, innumerable persons travelling about, calling themselves

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