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"Experiments in checking potato disease"
(describing experiments made on the Continent
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"The Advantages of the Weigh-Bridge to the
Farmer," by McJannet.
"Hints on potato culture."
We have also received from the Agricultural
Department of the Land Commission a very use-
ful coloured diagram with descriptive notes,
which they have had prepared with a view to
placing before the farming community in a con-
cise and popular form the cause and nature of
the potato disease. Copies of the diagram can
be had for the moderate sum of threepence each
on application to the secretary of the department.

WEST CLARE AND SOUTH CLARE RAILWAY COMPANIES.

(FROM OUR REPORTER).

Ennis, Tuesday Evening.

The half-yearly meeting of these companies
was held this afternoon in the Queen's Hotel,
Ennis, Mr James F. Lombard, J.P., presiding.
The Chairman, in submitting the West Clare
report, said there was a satisfactory increase in
the receipts, but the expenditure also increased in
a still greater degree. The increase in the expendi-
ture was due to the acquisition of the mail contract,
which they would endeavour to alter, also to
cost of coal and locomotive repairs. The shares
were a safe channel of investment, and were
daily becoming more popular. In moving the
adoption of the South Clare Railway report,
Mr Lombard said the work had made substan-
tial progress, and the line, no doubt, would
be open for next summer's traffic. He referred
to the unreasonable and selfish opposition offered
by land occupiers, and trusted they would hear
no more of such selfish obstruction.

The reports were adopted, and the proceedings
terminated.

The following are the reports of the directors—
WEST CLARE RAILWAY.

Having given the tabulated statement, the
report proceeds:—"It will be observed that
there has been a very satisfactory development
in the traffic receipts during the half-year, equal
to an increase of 27 per cent on the corresponding
period. On the other hand, there has been a
still greater increase in the working expenses,
which arises principally in the item for coal
(owing to the higher price and to the extra train
mileage run in connexion with the Mail Service),
and in locomotive repairs, which were exception-
ally heavy. There was also a large outlay in-
curred in painting the carriages and waggons, all
of which is included in the Revenue Account for
the half-year, although with a small
additional outlay for varnishing, this work will
last for the next two or three years. The other
increases are also attributable to the
additional train mileage of 28,966 miles, as
against 26,178 in the corresponding period. The
Directors look forward to the early completion
and opening of the South Clare Railway next
summer, for which a considerable amount of
traffic for this line may be confidently expected.
The guaranteed dividends for the half-year end-
ing 30th April were posted to the shareholders
as usual on the 12th of May last."

SOUTH CLARE RAILWAY.

The report of the directors was as follows:—
"The directors submit herewith the annexed
statement of accounts for the half-years ending
31st October, 1890, and 30th April, 1890. The
Act of Parliament confirming the Order in Council,
authorising the construction of the Company's
line, received the Royal Assent on the 14th of
August, 1890, and steps were immediately taken
to prepare the contract drawings, and to acquire
the lands necessary to enable the works of the
railway to be commenced. The "first sod" was
turned by Mrs Reeves, of Beshborough, on the 9th
of October last. The works are now in a forward
state, having been vigorously prosecuted at all
points of the line, while the section between
Kilrush and Killee is approaching completion.
1,900 tons of steel rails and fastenings, out of a
total of 2,450, and 17,000 sleepers have been
delivered by the contractor. There is every
reason to expect the line will be completed and
opened for next summer's traffic."

[A detailed report of the proceedings in our
next issue.]

CITY POLICE COURT—YESTERDAY.

(Before Mr G. W. Bassett.)

A man named Martin Sheridan was put
forward in custody, charged by Sergeant Kerris with
drunkenness in the public street, the previous
evening. The prisoner was amongst a number
of other men, who had collected at a corner, and
refused to leave when requested by the Sergeant.
He promised, however, that a repetition of the
offence would not occur. His worship imposed a
fine of 2s 6d and costs.

Wm. McGrath was charged by the same
complainant with disorderly conduct in the street
on the preceding night. McGrath, who was
slightly under the influence of liquor, was en-
deavouring to get hold of a girl. The Sergeant
complained that a great deal of bad conduct was
carried on by boys of the prisoner's age and ap-
pearance, and was most annoying. His worship
said such a practice could not be tolerated, and
fined the accused 5s and costs.

THIS DAY.

(Before Mr S. P. Quinn.)

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An adjourned meeting of the Town Council
was summoned for to-day at two o'clock, but a
quorum not having assembled up to ten minutes
to three, the roll was called and the members
dispersed. Those present were—Alderman D.
Landers, *locum tenens* for the Mayor, presiding;
Aldermen—J. Counihan, J.P.; T. Gaffney, J.P.
Town Councillors—J. Hayes, M. Donnelly, J.P.
McCarthy, B. O'Donnell, D. Begley, P. Kenna,
Messrs A. O. Wallace, Town Clerk; W. Spillane,
J.P., Gas Manager; M. J. DeCourcy, Water Works
Secretary, were in attendance.

ALLEGED DEATH FROM VIOLENCE IN THE CITY.

THE INQUEST.

An inquest was held at Barrington's Hospital
last evening, by Mr M. J. DeCourcy, city
coroner, and a jury, of which Mr M. Richardson
was foreman, touching the death of an infant
named Ellen Kelly, aged 8 months. Two persons,
named William Ryan and Bridget Cassidy,
are in custody on a charge of having
inflicted injuries on the deceased which en-
dangered her life. Mr Lawless, D.L., appeared
for the police, and Mr P. E. O'Donnell repre-
sented Bridget Cassidy.

Alice Kelly deposed that she was mother of the
deceased, who was eight months old; she
died on Saturday night at 8 o'clock; she
remembered a row happening on the
24th June between her husband and
people named Cassidy; her husband was arrested;
on that night between nine and ten o'clock four
of the Cassidy's came to her place and the windows
were broken; about that time she went down
stairs; she had the door shut to keep the people
from coming in, but it was burst in, and she then
saw Bridget Cassidy in the house; she sent her
out, and fastened the door; she had the de-
ceased in her arms and kept her knee against the
door; Bridget Cassidy, the girl she sent out,
pushed the door, coming in with it; the door was
pressed against the child, who began to cry; the
door struck the child on the left shoulder; the
child was restless that night, and remained so
until she died; there were several persons outside
the door when it was forced in, but she did not
know any of them; she remembered Saturday,
the 11th July; she had an argument with a
woman named Margaret Duffy; a man named
Ryan, lodging with Mrs Duffy, caught hold of a
man named Keane, who was lodging with witness;
she had the child in her arms, and asked Ryan
what he wanted; immediately she asked him he
caught hold of the child by the back, and still
holding Keane, pulled them into the street.

To a juror—Both men were drunk.
To Mr Lawless—The child screamed when he
seized it.

To a juror—The child did not leave her arms.

To Mr Lawless—She asked Ryan to let the
child go as it was near being murdered before,
and not to kill her; he did not let go the hold of
the child, but a young man named O'Grady got
her out of his grasp; the child got a good deal
worse after this.

In reply to Mr P. E. O'Donnell, witness said she
brought the child to Dr O'Sullivan, but did not
tell him how she received the injuries, because if
the child got well she did not want to get anyone
into trouble; the child was not vaccinated, and
Dr Holmes did not tell her that she was too weak
to be vaccinated.

A man named Patrick O'Grady deposed
that on Saturday, 11th inst, he saw a row going
on near Mrs Duffy's place at Watergate; he saw
Mrs Kelly there standing in her own door; he
saw Keane catch Mrs Kelly's arm, and in a
struggle which ensued between Keane and Ryan,
Mrs Kelly was pulled over the threshold of the
door, and then made use of the words, "oh, my
child, my child"; when Keane heard these words
he let go her arm, and witness then went be-
tween the two men, and separated them; he did
not see Ryan catch hold of Mrs Kelly or the de-
ceased.

To Mr O'Donnell—It would not be true if Mrs
Kelly swore that Ryan had hold of the child.

Dr J. Holmes deposed that about 12 o'clock on
the 13th inst the deceased was brought to the
Dispensary. He gave an unfavourable opinion of
the child from the appearances that she pre-
sented; he saw her again, and she was then
much worse, and died on Saturday night; before
the death of the child he believed she had some
affection of the brain or spinal chord; on this day
he held a *post mortem* examination, assisted by
Dr Riordan; the brain was very much congested,
as was also the upper portion of the spinal chord;
they were of opinion that death resulted from
abscess of the brain and congestion of its cover-
ings, and a fusion of blood at the junction of the
brain and spinal chord; they were further of
opinion that the abnormal appearances they had
described resulted from external violence.

A girl named Margaret Moran deposed that on
Saturday, 11th July, she saw a child of Mrs
Kelly, aged four years, minding deceased; she
saw them fall, and thought no portion of her
body came against the ground but her poll; she
then took the child from the person minding it;
the child was continually crying.

The jury found that death was the result of
a fall on the 11th July.

It having been reported that Mr Clifford,
Surgeon Dentist, is about to discontinue attend-
ance in Limerick, he wishes to state the rumour
(which arose owing to a sale of furniture taking
place at his address), is entirely unfounded, and
there is regular daily attendance, as for many

Witness saw Mr Daniel Kelly, T.C., present who
asked him to arrest the constable and the care-
taker, as they were drunk. Witness got a cart,
and Keogh got on it and went to the barrack, and
while they were going there they met the defend-
ant Daniel Casey with his coat off, and as he ap-
proached him Casey limped and held up his arm,
the skin of which was torn off, and said, "There is
what I got. I was just going to the barrack."
Witness said in reply, "No doubt you have a
grievance; take a seat on the car and come to the
barrack." Casey then sat on the car and pro-
ceeded to the barrack, and on the way stated to
witness that he was attacked in a laneway by the
constable and caretaker. The cartaker, he stated,
said to the constable, when he saw Casey coming
through the laneway, "This looks like a fellow
that wants fight." The constable then seized
Casey by the throat, and the latter got a blow of
a blackthorn stick.

Cross-examined by Mr Barry—It was not in
consequence of Mr Daniel Kelly's suggestion that
I sent Constable Cahill to the barrack with the
constable. When witness came out of the house
that himself and the other constables searched
he saw Constable Fennell, who was at Keogh's
door, reaching his arm through the door as if to
catch somebody, and when he got to the door he
saw Keogh inside, and Constable Fennell said he
was the man who had assaulted him. Keogh
then complained that the constable had torn his
vest in trying to assault him. Witness could not
smell any drink from Constable Fennell, but he
thought he found the smell of liquor from
Williamson.

When the case was about to be adjourned,
Mr Rafter, D.L., asked to have three of the
defendants bound over by recognizance to appear
on Monday.

Mr Barry said he would undertake that the
defendants would appear.

Mr Rafter said that would not satisfy him.
The magistrate ordered the defendants to be
bound by recognizance to appear on Monday.

YESTERDAY.

The magisterial investigation into a charge
against eight men and women of Tipperary of
assaulting Constable Fennell and an Emergen-
cy-man named Williamson, was resumed to-day.

At the conclusion of the case for the prosecu-
tion, Mr Barry, who appeared for the accused,
addressed the court and said that he would pro-
duce Mr John V. Bourke, C.E.; Mr Daniel Kelly,
and fourteen others to show that Fennell and
Williamson were drunk and had attacked the
accused, Casey, without provocation, and after-
wards hauled the lame prisoner, Keogh, out of
his house and assaulted him.

Colonel Tynte, R.M., said that he believed the
case was one for a jury, but Mr Barry said he
would call evidence, and could only regret if
Colonel Tynte had his mind made up after hear-
ing only one side of the case.

Before evidence was allowed to be gone into
for the defence, the depositions of the Constabulary
witnesses were read over, and Keogh and
Casey, the two defendants in custody, made
statements in support of the allegation that
Fennell and Williamson were drunk and com-
mitted unprovoked assaults on them.

The court adjourned until to-day.

KILDYSART PETTY SESSIONS.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT AGAINST A CLERGYMAN AND TWO OTHERS.

Yesterday at Kildysart Petty Sessions, before
Messrs Hodder, R.M., (chairman); Keogh, R.M.;
Harper, R.M.; and Colonel Lloyd, the Rev John
George McKenna, C.C., living at Cranny, and two
others were summoned for assault.

Michael Morgan deposed that he was in the act
of bowling on Sunday evening 21st June, with a
crowd of persons on the road. Father M'Kenna,
with whom Morgan had been on unfriendly re-
lations, came up and said—"Bowl away tailor,
though you are only a breeches maker." Morgan
retorted in a defiant manner, and Father
M'Kenna hit him three blows of a stick, which
knocked him down, and while on the ground
Morgan swore her received two kicks. Morgan was
afterwards going home with his brother James,
but considering himself injured he went to the
police barrack at Labasheeda, with a view of
showing his condition.

Witnesses sworn on behalf of Morgan consisted
of three neighbours of his and Sergeant Lucret,
of Labasheeda, to whom Morgan showed himself.
Those witnesses swore that it was with a rod they
saw Father M'Kenna strike Morgan, and that the
latter gave great provocation to him, calling him
scandalous names. Sergeant Lucret said that
when he examined Morgan he saw a small trace of
blood on his face and a slight swelling on the
crown of his head. Another witness swore that
Morgan was drunk, and that he called the priest
"Balfour's spy" and "bullif," and that the
priest did not strike, but merely advised him to
go home.

James Morgan, complainant's brother, swore
that Father M'Kenna afterwards came and
smashed in his door, but this was denied
by the defendants.

Father M'Kenna was fined 21s in each case.
The other defendants were fined 5s each.

FISHERY PROSECUTIONS AT PATRICKSWELL.

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