

# THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE, TUESDAY

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Relief works started this time last year in view of the expected distress in the western counties have been brought to a close. The report by Major Peacocke, the superintendent, has been presented to the Government, and may shortly be made public. It may be recollected that the time Mr Balfour voluntarily made himself responsible to Parliament not only for the success of these works but that to a certain extent they should have been carried out without the gross and scandalous blunders which characterised former attempts of the kind. It has been complained of bitterly by Irishmen, and there was a great deal to justify the complaints, that former relief works had been undertaken in relieving the class for whose benefit the measures had been contrived, that the money voted by Parliament with a liberal hand had not succeeded in reaching those in need of assistance, that in fact for one reason or another her highly honourable and respectable Government under one excuse or another intercepted the stream of charity and turned it to its own advantage. That such has been the result cannot be denied. Again works executed under former systems of relief had turned out to be utterly useless. For all the permanent works that had been done the money might have been flung into the deepest spot in the Atlantic. All this Mr Balfour realised, and determined to provide against the future. Relief funds, public or private, must reach those for whose benefit the funds have been provided, and the works should be useful, such as a private owner would desire to see carried out. The series of operations carried out in the Western counties and in the islands off them have been completed. Abundant employment has been given during the winter when danger of famine was apprehended. Works have been constructed in West Mayo, and up such distant, and hitherto inac-

**FOUND DROWNED.**—On Sunday morning George Flynn, of the Docks Station, discovered the body of a poor woman named Mary Geagan in the river at Mountkenett. An inquest was subsequently held by Mr Coroner DeCourcy. There was no evidence to show how the deceased got into the water, and Dr Shanahan found no marks of violence on the body. The jury returned an open verdict, and recommended the Harbour Commissioners to run a chain from Mountkenett to the brick quay, with a view to preventing any further accidents.

"FUN ALMANAC" for 1892 is full of interest. Grottesque sketches, applying to each month of the year, witty puns, and poetic items, as well as several capital illustrations, go to make up a most attractive paper. It is the best of the "Fun Almanacs"—always of the highest merit—that we have seen, and, what is really a novelty in its way will, we are certain, be highly appreciated by those who are of a humorous turn and desire half an hour's entertainment in this direction. To such we certainly commend the "Fun Almanac" for 1892.

**KILDYSART PARTY SESSIONS.**—These sessions were held yesterday before Mr A. M. Harpur, R.M. Patrick Downes summoned James Meany for assaulting him. Downes deposed that while he and his brother were at Mrs Fawl's house Meany came in and struck him. A fine of 5s was imposed. Meany summoned Downes for assault, but the case was dismissed. Mrs Fawl summoned Joseph Macaulay for breaking her door and windows. A fine of 5s was imposed. Patt Fawl summoned a young fellow named Sullivan for assaulting him, and he was fined 10s and costs.

**RAILWAY FACILITIES AT LISTOWEL.**—At a meeting of the North Kerry Ratepayers' Association held at Listowel, the following resolution on the subject was proposed by Mr C. Mulvihill, and seconded by Mr J. Harty, and adopted:—"That the North Kerry Ratepayers' Association hereby call on the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company to give greater facilities by erecting additional pens for the loading of pigs at the Listowel station, as the farmers of the district complain loudly of the great inconvenience they have been put to on market days at this station; and we ask the pig buyers attending Listowel to make some arrangements as will meet the requirements of farmers offering pigs for sale in Listowel market. Copies of the resolution to be forwarded to Mr Roberts, Traffic Manager; Mr G. Sandes, Mr E. Cooke, Listowel; and the Secretary of the Pigbuyers' Association, Limerick."

### THE FEDERATION CONVENTION.

#### OPPOSITION PLACARDS.

#### EXTRA POLICE IN TOWN.

As already published, the Convention of the National Federation for the county and city will

## LIMERICK CORPORATION

### ELECTION OF MAYOR.

This being the 1st of December, a special meeting of the Town Council was held in the Chamber, Town Hall, for the purpose of electing a Mayor for 1892. As we anticipated, a contest for the civic chair took place on this occasion, and for the first time in years back, and this fact caused more interest to be centered in the proceedings than in any previous election. Mr Denis F. McNamara, the out-going Mayor, was re-elected by the Parnellite members, who possess a small but influential voting power in the Council. Mr Riordan, however, besides obtaining the support of the Parnellite members, also secured the votes of three non-Parnellite members, and was elected Mayor. Mr McNamara had 20 to 18 votes. With one exception, the full attendance of the members of the Council was present. There was a pretty large number of the public present both inside and outside the Chamber, and the majority were apparently in favour of the outgoing Mayor. Some good singing was indulged in, and a good deal of amusement was brought into play at the expense of the members who voted for Mr McNamara. The proceedings at times somewhat noisy. On the whole, the meeting passed in a very satisfactory manner, and the business transacted very little time in disposal, the Mayor being short and to the point.

The Mayor presided. The other members of the Council will be found in the division lists. A general public we noticed the following: Rev Father Shanahan, C.C.; Rev Father C. St John's; Messrs M. J. Keatinge, J. J. P.; A. Hall, J.P.; C. H. Fitt, Sub-Commissioner; F. Vanasbeck, J. DeC. M'Donnell, M'Enery, M. O'Dea, J. P. Gaffney, Basset, F. P. Gaffney, Mr Cullen, Mr S. Hastings, solicitor; Mr J. Keenan, etc.

Mr A. C. Wallace, Town Clerk; Mr Corbett, City Surveyor; Mr M. DeCourcy, Water Committee, were in attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed, and the Town Clerk having reported the result of the recent municipal election.

The Mayor stated that the first business of the Council was to elect a Mayor for 1892. The paper was to receive the nomination of a candidate for the office.

Alderman Dundon said—Mr Mayor, the members of the Town Council the privilege conferred upon me of proposing the name of F. McNamara—(A voice—We won't elect we want Alderman Riordan as Mayor)—be elected as Mayor of the city for 1892. I am happy to say, Mr gentlemen, that in making that proposal it is not necessary for me to dwell at large on the merits of Mr Denis F. McNamara.