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TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 12, 1892

THE conflagration last night, which has, we regret to say, resulted in the death of a brave man, shows how dependent Limerick is on external aid in case of fire. This has been known already, and each additional occurrence seems to point the moral more clearly. Last night's fire arose with extraordinary rapidity, and before more than a few score passers-by had collected in front of the building the huge flames issuing from the lower story were climbing half way up the front of the house, and the second story was beginning to burn. The heat at this time was so great that those standing at the opposite side of the street could hardly endure its fierceness. A corner of the beam forming the name-board at Messrs Laird's had been laid hold of by the flames when the Artillery fire-engine arrived upon the scene, and no time was lost in securing the safety of the adjacent establishments. A well directed stream prevented the fire spreading to Messrs Laird's. The pressure of the water from the mains appeared to be very weak, and did little more than carry the jet to the windows of the second storey, that above the shop. The Artillery fire engine was hardly employed before that of the Highlanders arrived, and both were worked with a will. Soon the steady, monotonous throbbing of the pumping engine was heard, and a vigorous and well-directed jet smashed the windows of the third storey and drenched the walls of the adjacent houses. All danger of the fire spreading on either hand seemed now removed, and to many it looked as if the fire was got under. Unfortunately before the stronger jet of water could be directed on the building the fire had succeeded in catching hold of the upper stories, and though two jets were playing on the lower parts of the burning building the upper was entirely out of the reach of assistance. A fireman named Jones, accompanied by two others, succeeded in getting to the roof of the building and was endeavouring to protect the neighbouring house of Mr Bourke with a hopelessly inadequate supply of water. The men were in an exceedingly dangerous position. Their lives were in imminent danger on the topmost storey of the blazing building, which cut off all retreat below. Yet the Corporation fire-escape was left standing ten yards off, where it had been standing for a couple of hours, and it does not appear to have occurred to anybody that its services could have been required by any of the men in danger. Suddenly the crowd were horrified at seeing a man fall through the broken roof into the burning room below. After a few anxious moments the man appeared at the window, his clothes on fire, and flinging himself through, he fell to the pavement and was taken up dead. The Corporation fire-escape was still leaning gracefully against the neighbouring house, keeping the equally efficient Corporation fire-engine in countenance. Such is the story of the burning of this empty bandbox of a house and of the death of the brave man Jones, who so fearlessly sacrificed his life in the discharge of what he believed to be his duty. The public are now asking the question—how many gallant lives do the Corporation wish to sacrifice before they take adequate measures for the protection of the lives and property of the citizens from fire? Last night, as ever, but for the untiring efforts and skilful training of the Artillery and the Black Watch there might be a huge gap of burned buildings in George-street, and perhaps many lives sacrificed that could not be spared. To the soldiers belong the credit of saving that block from destruction, for the Corporation fire-engine and fire-escape were a ludicrous and disgraceful sham. All this has been pointed out over and over again, but the City Fathers will not stir a finger to remedy this unfortunate state of things. It is only quite recently even that the soldiers were remunerated for the destruction of their uniforms whilst endeavouring to save the properties of the insurance companies and the lives of the citizens. This work should not be thrown altogether upon the military as it has been done. Whilst the citizens may always rely upon the efficiency of the soldiers every effort should be made by the people themselves through their representatives, the Corporation, to have some civic organisation against the terrible ravages of fire. It is hardly to the credit of that body to know that a minute of the Committee respecting a new fire-escape lies unsigned this moment on the minute-book after the lapse of nine months. The state of things last night as exhibited by the light of the burning building was deplorable. With the exception of the military, nobody knew what to do; everybody was shouting orders, and there seemed to be a total lack of organisation. The confusion was hopeless within the cordon of soldiers who kept the crowd back and preserved an open space in front of the conflagration. There was every desire to be as useful as possible, to spare neither exertion nor (as is shown in the case of Jones) life itself to get the fire under, but the result speaks for itself. With regard to the gallant fireman who lost his life, a spontaneous effort to do something for his widow and family was started in half-a-dozen quarters in the city to-day. The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer lost not a moment in giving the movement the impetus of his kindly support, as will be seen from a letter from his Lordship which we publish elsewhere. Jones leaves a widow and six children totally unprovided for by the sad fatality which brought his life to a premature end. The fund in aid of the widow and orphans will testify to the citizens' appreciation of the gallantry and heroic discharge of duty of the brave fireman, and we hope the incident, sad as it is, may direct attention more earnestly to the pressing need which exists for the speedy organisation of a properly organised and suitably equipped fire brigade for this large city.

OUR anticipation that Limerick would occupy a prominent position in connection with the subscriptions to the Royal Wedding Fund have been verified by the list which appears in yesterday's Dublin papers. Donations were received from the presidents of committees in eighteen districts up to the 4th instant. The county of Dublin sends £206 11s 9d as the first instalment, per Lady Victoria Hamilton, while the city, through Lady Ardilaun contributes £176 15s 11d. The next highest figure on the list is £150, being the first instalment from the city of Limerick, per Mrs J. F. Bannatyne. We are very pleased that Limerick has so generously responded to the call made upon it, and we have no doubt that the second instalment will be equally creditable. Nineteen district committees, including that for the county of Limerick, have not yet sent in their return, but, doubtless, they will do so immediately, her Excellency having decided to close the list on the 20th of this month.

Mr Newport, Accountant of the Provincial Bank, Kilrush, has been transferred to Listowel, on promotion.

The Kilrush Quarter Sessions terminated on Saturday. Save the Vandeleur estate business, very few important cases came before his Honor.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—At a meeting of directors held on Saturday last, Mr O'Gorman tendered his resignation of the Secretaryship, and Mr Octavius Wallace having consented to accept the office of Honorary Secretary, was appointed thereto.

The Lord Lieutenant has rented from Mr P. W. Kelly, Erinagh House from the 17th of March to the 31st of May next, as also the Erinagh fishery, and that at the Limerick side known as the World's End or De Burgho fishery. His Excellency and suite will probably stay at Castleconnell as often as his public duties will permit.

CHARGE OF INJURING AN INFANT.—Yesterday before Mr G W Bassett, J P, at the City Police Court, James Dahy, a dock labourer, was brought up in custody by Sergeant Sliney, of John street, charged with inflicting serious injuries on his child, a little girl ten or eleven months old. It would appear that the man had a dispute with his wife, and, it is alleged, threw a teacup at her, striking the child who was in her arms, and inflicting two wounds of a more or less serious nature. Prisoner was remanded to Petty Sessions.

THE ROYAL WEDDING GIFT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

January 12.

DEAR SIR—I wish again to trespass upon your kindness, and to express my grateful sense of the prompt and ready manner in which my appeal for the Royal Wedding Present Fund has been taken up and responded to on all sides throughout the City, and my thanks for the hearty co-operation of my fellow citizens which made my task an easy and most gratifying one, the response having come, as was wished, from all classes.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
GERTRUDE BANNATYNE.

P.S.—I would draw the attention of your readers to Her Excellency's intimations that the subscription lists would be finally closed on January 20.

THE LINGARD COMIC OPERA COMPANY AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

This eminent company commenced a week's engagement at the Theatre Royal last night, and the artistes were accorded a very flattering reception by Limerick playgoers. Every part of the house was crowded except the circle, and money had actually to be turned from the doors. Since it was here last the company is about double its strength, and the orchestra comprises a number of men of the Black Watch and the 85th Regiment from Cork. The conductor is Mr A. M'Innes and the leader Mr G. D. Nicholls of the Guildhall School of Music. Last night *The Old Guard*, a very amusing and picturesque opera, was produced, and created a most favourable impression. The cast was generally a good one, for it included some of the most prominent members of the company. Mr Horace Lingard capitally impersonated "Polydore Poupart," a very droll character. The choruses were excellently balanced and most effectively rendered, and the solos warmly applauded. We regret that pressure on our space prevents our giving a more extended notice of the performance. A great attraction will be *Fricette*, by M. Audre Messager (composer of *La Basoche*), which will be produced to-night for the first time in Limerick and is to be repeated on Saturday. The excellent bill of fare which the company presents should draw bumper houses during the week.

CLARE DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The Lord Lieutenant has appointed the following gentlemen, Governors of Clare District Lunatic Asylum for the year 1892:—Bagot, Blood J P, Templemaley; R H Cooke, J P, Toonagh; T Crowe, D L, Dromore; J F V Fitzgerald, D L; Maynes; J Frost, J P, Ballymoris; Joseph Hall, J P; Right Hon Lord Inchiquin, D L, Dromoland Castle; Marcus Keane, J P; Michael Roche Kelly, J P; Thomas G Stacpoole Mahon, D L, Corbally; Most Rev Dr MacRedmond, Bishop of Killaloe; Pierce O'Brien, J P; Captain Charles G O'Callaghan, D L; Thomas O'Gorman, J P; Lieutenant-Colonel Marcus Paterson, D L; R W Carey Reeves, D L; Colonel George Charles Synge, J P; and Richard J Stacpoole, Edenvale, Ennis.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICES.

The many friends of Mr E. Warren in this city will be interested in the following extract from the *Bendigo Independent* of December 4th:—The Huntly Shire Council yesterday marked their appreciation of the services of their secretary (Mr E. Warren), by awarding him a "Christmas box" of a purse of sovereigns, and each councillor making complimentary references to his secretarial abilities. Cr. Coyne, who introduced the matter, said that Mr Warren had been secretary of the shire for something like ten years, and every year the auditors' report spoke in high praise of the manner in which the council's books were kept. The rates had also been well collected, as there was at present only £25 outstanding. This showed that the council's interests were well looked after, and in his opinion the secretary should be encouraged to persevere in the future as he had in the past. Cr. Hinton, in supporting the motion, referred to Mr Warren's uniform courtesy, punctuality, and attention to business, and other councillors reiterated these remarks. The motion was carried unanimously. In responding, the secretary said that he valued the bonus granted him very much, but the councillors' expression of opinion ten times more. He thanked them sincerely for both.

THE PEARL CASE.

The following, which we observe in a contemporary, will be of local interest. The pearl case has lost none of its interest, but sympathy with Captain Osborne deepens in the public mind. The costs have already been enormous, and have all been promptly met by the unhappy husband. Drawing-room musicians of the last generation will remember popular pianoforte pieces, light and sparkling in style, bearing on the title page the composer's name—George A Osborne. The mannerism of Mr Osborne found a host of imitators, until the mode became effeth. Mr Osborne married as his second wife Miss Chappell, daughter of the founder of the great musical firm, and the present young man is their son. Mrs Osborne did not live to see her son grown up to manhood, but long enough to train him with a sense of honour which is a part of his very existence. A good deal of his mother's fortune came to him at her death, the rest will fall in at his father's, who is now a nonagenarian. A daughter of Mr George Osborne by his first wife is married to one of the Judges of the Irish Court of Chancery. By his father Captain Osborne is Irish. For three generations Limerick Cathedral had an Osborne for an organist, and the family mansion was a centre of artistic and literary life such as could be had in pre-railroad days. Of this charmed circle was Miss Wheeler, afterwards Lady Bulwer Lytton, the mother of the French Ambassador who has just gone over to the great majority.

MAGIC LANTERN ENTERTAINMENTS.—Messrs Cole, Nelson & Co, Limerick, are now prepared to undertake Magic Lantern Entertainments within 50 miles of Limerick. Terms per post. Address, COLE, NELSON & CO, Patrick-street, Limerick. Sept 12.

ALARMING FIRE IN THE CITY.

SHOCKING DEATH OF A FIREMAN.

A fire, attended with very serious consequences to property, and unhappily resulting in one death, occurred last evening in the establishment of Mr Sace, hair dresser and perfumer, George street. Shortly after eight o'clock flames were noticed issuing from the shop, which had been closed some time previously the lights put out, and the usual precautions taken to see that everything was right. Where the fire originated is not clear—some believing it occurred in the shop, and others in the kitchen, but at all events on the alarm being given, the Police, Military, and the High Constable were communicated with. The Artillery, Black Watch, and Corporation engines were soon on the ground, but there was some delay in getting the water, owing to the fire plugs being frozen. When the water was obtained it was not sufficient for the demand—unfortunately the new supply is not on yet—but the engines worked as best they could in endeavouring to subdue the flames, which had now got complete hold of the building. Mr Quinlan and his family who occupied all the house with the exception of the shop, cleared out as quickly as they could, but were unable to save any of their furniture or property which we believe is insured. The Corporation engine was almost useless though the volunteers which the High Constable had collected did the best they could, but the brunt of the work fell on the military, and there is no doubt that but for their presence the consequences would have been simply alarming. The great danger was that the fire would spread to Mr Laird's establishment next door where there was a great deal of inflammable material stored, or to Mr Bourke's house at the other side. The military, therefore, worked desperately to cut off the connection, and in this they succeeded, though the fire was dangerously near getting into Mr Bourke's premises, the flames having got through the wall at one particular point. The timber work over head Mr Laird's shop was scorched, and but for the efforts of some young gentlemen who kept pouring buckets of water on the corner which had taken fire, the flames would have made quick headway without much difficulty. The fire was apparently got under about 11 o'clock, but soon the flames shot out with great fury at the back, and grave fears were again entertained for the safety of the adjoining premises. The firemen experienced much difficulty in getting the hose to the back, and it was shortly after this that the fatal accident occurred. Mr P. B. Ryan and others went up on the roof for the purpose of getting up the hose to play on the flames. Amongst the party was a man named Patrick Jones, caretaker of the Carr-street depot, who worked in a brave and intrepid manner during the entire night. When the accident occurred he was out on the roof by himself, and it having given way the deceased fell down to the next floor, and the poor fellow's clothes were enveloped in flames. He ran to the window, and either jumped or fell down to the flags below, a distance of forty feet, and was killed. The occurrence created the most painful sensation amongst the immense crowd which had by this time assembled, and the terrible end of the poor man, who worked so bravely and so disinterestedly, was deeply deplored. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss, and we are glad to see that a movement, which we are certain will have the most generous support of all classes of the citizens, is on foot to provide some compensation for his afflicted family. It may be remarked that a fire escape belonging to the Corporation, which is only 30 years of age, was planted against Mr Bourke's house, but it was perfectly useless as a means of saving the poor man's life, being some distance below the position from which the deceased fell. It was late this morning before the flames were completely subdued. The house, of course, is a complete wreck, and in a dangerous condition. Not a bit of property has been saved. Mr Sace was insured in three offices, and the damage is fully covered by insurance. Several citizens, including Mr R. Nash, Mr R. Lee, Mr Plummer, Mr T. Shaw, and others lent valuable assistance, and a party of police in charge of District-Inspector Lawless and Head-Constable McBrinn worked most energetically. We have only to say again that the military deserve the thanks of the citizens for their brave and unselfish efforts to save life and property.

THE INQUEST.

At two o'clock this afternoon, Mr Coroner DeCourcy, held an inquest on the deceased Corporation man, Patrick Jones, who lost his life over the burning. Sergeant Hanley, William street, had charge of the case for the police, and very considerable interest was centred in the inquiry. The greatest regret has been expressed in the city for the poor man's fate, and much sympathy has been awakened for his sorrowing family who are now deprived of their means of living.

The following were the jury—James Smyth (Foreman), Patrick Moloney, Wm. O'Friel, James Delaney, Ambrose Hall, John Butler, Henry O'Shea, John Kelly, Patrick Hayes, Michael Richardson, John Buckly, Cornelius Foran.

The Jury having viewed the body, evidence was come into, and the first witness examined was Joseph Sace, who in reply stated he was the occupier of the house, 119 George street, and was in it until eight o'clock last evening. He shut up the house, then his assistant putting off the gas and quenching the lamps left the shop after witness and gave him the key. It was paraffin oil that was used in the lamps, and there was an American stove in the gentlemen's room, but the fire in it was out as witness left. He had only a gallon of paraffin oil in the house to fill the lamps, and these were filled each morning. He had a large quantity of other oils for hair. After locking the establishment witness, with his assistant, went home, and he was there only about ten or twelve minutes when he was informed the house was burning. He returned immediately and found the door forced in. The only belief he could form as to the fire was that it came from Mr Quinlan's kitchen underneath.

Mr Butler—Have you got a passage through your shop?

Witness—No.

Mr Delaney—Was it you yourself put out the gas? Yes.

Did you notice any trifling escape of gas during the day? Yes.

Did you quench the lights over the window before turning off the meter? Yes, and closed the meter after.

Were you smoking? No.

Nor did not light a match to show you the way out? What are all those materials you had in the shop composed of? Spirits.

That is inflammable? Oh, yes.

Mr Butler—Had the flue in the range any connection with the shop? It passed through the shop.

In reply to another question from Mr Delaney, the witness said when he came to the house the greatest amount of fire was in the corner where the meter was turned off, next to Laird's shop.

John Bannon, assistant to Mr Sace, deposed he put out all the lights, and Mr Sace turned off the gas; he waited until the gas was shut off from the meter before he turned off the taps.

Mr James Forrest, City High Constable, deposed he was superintendent of the Corporation Fire Department; he should candidly admit they had no brigade in Limerick; at a quarter after eight o'clock he received the alarm that there was a house on fire in George-street; he took a side car, drove to the Corporation yard, where the fire engine is kept, and gave the alarm to the employees in the vicinity; he sent out the hose carriage in charge of Patrick Jones, the deceased, and the fire engine; when they arrived at the fire, which was only about four or five minutes, he employed a number of men to assist in laying down the hose and get it ready; they worked from a hydrant at Mr Delany's corner at the commencement of the fire (about fifty yards away); the plugs were frozen, and they had to wait for fifteen or twenty minutes to get the water.

Mr Delany—When you got the water what was the supply?

Mr Forrest—It was a bad supply.

Mr Delany—You could say a very bad supply.

Mr Hall—Was the hose sufficient to reach the top? Yes.

Mr Delany—The pressure of the water would not be sufficient to have it reach above the drawing-room floor—Well, it would not be effective.

Could you do it with an engine? Yes.

What was the necessity of that man going on the roof? He wanted to come under the fire.

Mr Smyth—Was it on your instructions he went on the roof? Yes; I instructed him with three or four others to go up. I think the fire escape is thirty-years old.

When was it repaired last? It was repaired within the last twelve months.

Was it tested before the contractor was paid for repairing it? Yes; on yesterday, and it failed.

How long was it since instructions were issued for repairing it? About nine months ago.

Mr Delaney—What was the meaning of bringing out this ineffectual, good-for-nothing fire escape last night, if it was not to parade it before the citizens? There was enough of it to reach half the building, but if we wanted to go to the top we would be in a sorry way.

Mr Hall—The Improvement Committee are responsible for the repairs of the escape.

Mr Delaney—If a fire were to break out in Messrs M'Birney's, or Cannock's, or Todd's, where on an average there are one hundred people, would there be any means of escape except by this good for nothing escape?

Mr Forrest—No, sir. We have no brigade, nor we have no organisation.

Mr Delaney—In your opinion as Commander of the Fire Brigade do you believe that the man would have been anywhere but on the fire escape, if you had a proper one?

Mr Forrest—I believe he would have been on the escape; he was the best fireman in the three kingdoms—I might say in Europe—and thoroughly understood the working at fires; he knew no danger, the poor fellow.

Head Constable McBrinn—I knew him, and he was always ready to carry out the suggestion of any citizen, and to do that at any risk. I looked upon him as an exemplary man.

Mr P. B. Ryan, jeweller, Patrick-street, deposed he was at the fire from its origination; he rescued Mr Quinlan, who occupied the upper portion of the house. Deceased assisted him in pulling up the rope; the nozel in the hoze refused to act, and witness cried out not to put on the water until the nozel was screwed on; an assistant of witness gave him great assistance, and three or four men of the Corporation ran away when they saw the great danger they were in.

Mr O'Shea—Did the military render very important assistance?

Mr Ryan—Indeed they did, and were it not for them I think the whole block would have been lost. He saw the military do some splendid acts.

Sergeant Hanly deposed to having visited the scene with about twenty police immediately that the alarm was given; the Artillery brigade were requisitioned by him and they turned out in an incredibly short time when they got orders; the military rendered invaluable services.

The room was then cleared for the purpose of the jury considering their verdict, which resulted as follows:—"That the said Patrick Jones died on the 12th inst; that his death was caused by a fall from the top of a house in George-street while he was engaged in trying to extinguish a fire, and that same was accidental, and we wish to add that having heard the evidence of Mr. Forrest at this inquest we are of opinion that the Council of the Corporation of Limerick are grossly neglecting their responsibilities in not providing their citizens with an efficient means of escape from fire such as occurred last night, and we censure them to the greatest extent in our power."

A COLLECTION FOR THE FAMILY OF JONES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

The Palace, Corbally,
Limerick, 12th January, '92.

DEAR SIR,—I am sure many of my fellow-citizens will gladly accept an opportunity of contributing to a fund for the relief of the widow and helpless young family of the poor fellow, Jones, who lost his life so sadly last evening.

I shall, then, be happy to take charge of any subscription which may be sent to me for the purpose.

Subscriptions may also be sent to Mr William Spillane, who has kindly consented to act as treasurer to the fund.

I am, dear sir,
Your obedient servant,
✝ EDWARD THOMAS,
Bishop of Limerick.

The Grand Jury to-day, acting under Mr R. Smith, as Foreman, unanimously subscribed to the fund for the family of the late fireman Jones. The following were appointed to wait on the Mayor to call a public meeting:—Messrs R. Smith, Foreman; James Flynn, M. Spain, T.C.; W. Christie, and Robert Hanna.

It will be perceived by advertisement that Alderman Connihan (*locum tenens* for the Mayor), has convened a meeting of the citizens, to be held in the Chamber of Commerce at four o'clock to-morrow evening, for the purpose of organizing a fund.

Three separate committees have been already started in town for the purpose of collecting subscriptions for the family of the deceased Fireman. To save any confusion they are merged into one, and we are asked to state that the General Treasurers will be the Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer, the Mayor, the High Sheriff, and Mr Wm Spillane, J.P.

DEATH OF MR JOHN R. GILDEA.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr John Rudolph Gildea, Governor of the county prison, which took place on Sunday at the Governor's house. It was only on that day week that Mr Gildea became ill from influenza, but his indisposition gave no great cause for alarm for a few days when it developed into pneumonia, and on Saturday evening the patent's condition became most critical. All that the skilful aid of Drs Gelston, Fogerty, and Myles could do, was of no avail, and Mr Gildea breathed his last some time about two o'clock on Sunday morning. He had been eight years Governor of the Limerick District prison, previous to which he was Governor of Kilmainham, and during the political excitement of recent years, when so many "suspects," and prisoners convicted under the Crimes' Act, were under his charge, Mr Gilden's name was never mentioned in relation to a complaint—he never displayed harshness, or undue severity, but rather showed a kindly feeling towards the prisoners, which gained for him their respect. By his staff he was highly esteemed, and looked on as a friend, and they one and all lament his loss. Mr Gildea in private life, enjoyed the acquaintance of a large circle of friends in Limerick and throughout the city his untimely demise is sincerely regretted, every sympathy being expressed with Mrs Gildea and her family in their affliction. The interment took place to-day at St Mary's Cathedral, and the funeral was of a very representative character. The chief mourners were—Mr Gildea, Dublin, brother, Mr H. L. Gildea, Limerick, cousin, and Mr Smith, of London, brother-in-law of the deceased.

Amongst the general public were—Rev Canon Gregg, Protestant Chaplain to the Gaol; Rev Father Quain, Roman Catholic Chaplain; Dr Gelston, Rev J W Chapmen, Mr Alexander W Shaw, J P; Mr F G M Kennedy, J P; Mr Wm L Stokes, J P; Mr R Gibson, Drs Myles and Fogerty, Dr O'Neill, Resident Medical Superintendent Lunatic Asylum; Dr Reilly, Erinagh House, Castleconnell; Colonel Maunsell, J P; Capt Vanderkiste, J P; Mr W S Cox, C E; Mr Stack, Rev Father Lee, C C; Mr Wm L Hunt, Capt Hunt, Mr R de Ros Rose, J P, Mr M E Conway, Mr James O'Mara, Mr Wm Lloyd, Mr John Guinane, J P; Mr O'Brien, Mulgrave street; Mr John M'Enery, *Limerick Leader*; Mr A J Eakins, Messrs Guy and Co; Mr John M'Inerney, P L G; Mr P. Kenna, T C; Mr Francis A. O'Keeffe, M P; Rev Father Griffin, C C; Mr W L Hunt, Mr M'Nab, Mr Barnett, Mr Birney, and Co; Mr A C Wallace, Rev J Dowd, Mr Troy, Mr Gale, Mr Wm J. O'Donnell, J P; Mr J. Casey, Mr J J Clery, J P; Mr Hallowell, Mr M'Gann, Chief Warder of the Prison; Mr Castles, do City Gaol; Mr T Cooney, Mr Herriott, etc.

Amongst those who sent carriages were—Dr T Gelston, Mr R Hunt, J P; Mr Wm Sidney Cox, Mr T E O'Brien, D L, South Hill; Mr A W Shaw, J P; Dr Myles, Mr R de Ros Rose, J P; Mr Archibald Murray, Mr F G M Kennedy, J P; Mr Stokes, J.P.; Mr Troy, etc.

The coffin was borne from house to the hearse by some stalwart warders, and it may be added that the staff of the prison sent a beautiful wreath as a tribute of respect.

IMPORTANT TO LADIES.—Madam Worth's Celebrated Guinea Corsets (black 25s) may be obtained from her Local Agents, Messrs Cannock and Co. (Limited), Limerick. Dec. 10.

At Cork, on Saturday, Ellen Sullivan, a married woman, was committed for trial on a charge of having [illegible] her husband and her [illegible] the latter's throat with a razor. She was admitted to bail.

THE ENNIS MUNICIPAL ELECTION PETITION.

(BY TELEGRAPH FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

Dublin, Tuesday Evening.

To-day, in the Queen's Bench Division, before Mr Justice Harrison and Mr Justice Holmes, the Ennis municipal election petition came on for hearing. The petitioner was William Carroll [illegible] respondents were Martin S. Horan and J. A[illegible]. The facts have been already published.

The Court annulled the previous election and directed a new one to be held, each party to pay his own costs of the present petition.

Counsel for the petitioner—Messrs D B Sullivan, Q C; M J Bourke (instructed by Mr M'Namara). For the respondent—Mr Daniel Mahony (instructed by Mr Bunton).

LIMERICK QUARTER SESSIONS.

The business of the Quarter Sessions for the city was commenced to-day by Mr Theobald A. Purcell, Q.C, County Court Judge. His Honor was accompanied on the bench by the City High Sheriff, Mr T. MacMahon Cregan, J.P., and Mr Wm F. O'Grady, J.P., was also present.

Mr J. Ellard, Clerk of the Crown and Peace; Mr M. J. Kenny, Assistant, and Mr C. H. Fitt, City Sub-Sheriff, were in attendance.

The following gentlemen were sworn on the Grand Jury:—Messrs Richard Smith (foreman), Daniel Tucker, John Egan, Edward G. Fitt, John Goggin, James Keenan, Richard Lee, Owen McCarthy, Patrick O'Connor, Frederick H. Pollexfen, Michael Spain, John V. Bassett, Wm Christy, James Flynn, and James Goodwin.

His Honor, addressing them, said he was happy to inform them that on this occasion their duties would be very light. There were four bills to go before them, practically for the one offence, and when they had discharged their duties in connection with these bills the Court would have pleasure in discharging them.

The Grand Jury then retired, and the consideration of the licensing business was then taken up, and the following transfers granted, there being no objection by the Constabulary:—Catherine Daly, 3 Shannon-street; Elizabeth Lever, 10 Carey's road; Patrick J Mulqueen, 42 George-street; Nora O'Neill, 11 Cornwallis-street; Catherine O'Shaughnessy, 6 Lower Cecil-street; John B D Waugh, 51 Thomas-street.

The solicitors engaged in the cases were Messrs P S Connolly, Ralph Nash, Jeremiah McCarthy, and Stephen Hastings.

The Grand Jury found true bills against Thos Foley, who was indicted on four counts for having obtained a number of articles in the establishment of Mr Hassett, George-street by means of false pretences.

The prisoner, who was undefended, pleaded guilty on all the charges, and his Honor ordered him to be put back.

Before the Court rose, the prisoner was called forward, and his Honor sentenced him to eight months' imprisonment from the date of his committal.

The Court adjourned.

LIMERICK LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The monthly meeting of the Governors of this Asylum was held to-day in the Board room of the institution, Very Rev Dean Bunbury in the chair. Also present—Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer, Mr R. Hunt, J.P.; Alderman J. Counihan, Mr J. G. Barry, J.P.; Mr Wm Spillane, J.P.; Mr James Harris, Hon Gaston Monsell, Alderman Landers.

Dr O'Neill, Resident Medical Superintendent, and Mr. James Bodkin, Clerk, were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

STATE OF THE HOUSE

for the month ending the 12th January. Number of inmates, 262 males, and 249 females; remaining on the 8th December, 263 males, and 250 females; admitted from the city, 1 female; from the county, 4 males, and 3 females; died—from the city, 2 males, and 1 female; from the county, 2 males, and 4 females; remaining to-day—from the city, 57 males, and 199 females; from the county, 205 males, and 150 females.

The Visiting Committee—Messrs W Spillane, and J. G Barry, reported that they had to-day visited and inspected the establishment, including the slaughter and bakehouse, and dormitories on the male side, and found everything most satisfactory. They found the observation dormitory and seven male rooms adjoining, approaching completion, and they wished to put on record their opinion of the very creditable manner these works have been planned and carried out under the supervision of their medical superintendent. This dormitory when completed, will be one of the finest and most perfect of its kind in any public institution.

Alderman Counihan—I did not catch in that report any mention of the abbatoir.

Dr O'Neill said there was.

Mr Spillane said they saw a side of beef hanging up there and it was good enough for any man's table.

Dr O'Neill said the contract price for beef and mutton was 5 11-16d per lb.

A letter was read from Joseph Mescall, shoemaker, resigning his position which he held for 18 years. The doctor recommended the man for his pension, and the resignation was accepted.

A letter was read from the Lord Lieutenant, authorising the appointment of the present Board of Governors for 1892.

A letter was read from the Office of Asylums, transmitting three copies of the reports of the recent committee, consisting of Sir R Mitchell, Mr Holmes, and Dr. McCabe, on Lunacy Administration in Ireland. The Lord Lieutenant, the letter stated, expected that the issue of these valuable reports would do much to educate public opinion on the question of Lunacy Administration, and having regard to the importance of the subject he thought it desirable that they should be brought under the special attention of the Boards of Governors.

Mr Harris proposed, and Dr O'Dwyer seconded that each Governor be supplied with a copy, and this was agreed to.

Dr O'Neill said the report gave the Resident Medical Superintendent the appointment and dismissal of attendants.

The Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer objected to this, remarking that the more power the authorities left in the hands of the board the better.

Dr O'Neill in his monthly report stated that he had a Christmas tree for the patients, and a couple of very pleasant hours were spent. Nearly 250 of the patients, male and female, were present, and each person received something off the tree to suit their different tastes.

THE FATALITY AT THE FIRE.

The Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer said that he proposed writing to the *Chronicle* to-night asking for a collection on behalf of the widow and family of the poor fellow who lost his life at the fire last night. He would be happy to receive the subscriptions of the Governors.

The Governors handed subscriptions to the Bishop.

The Board adjourned.

THE SHOOTING OUTRAGE NEAR DYSART.—On Saturday morning a young man named Patrick Sullivan, son of a farmer residing at Ballyea was arrested by Sergeant Connerton, of Newhall police station, on a charge of having been concerned in a shooting outrage near Dysart on the 10th of October last, when a farmer belonging to the district named, John Reidy was fired at from behind a ditch while proceeding along the road towards his home, and in connection with which no person his been, so far, inside amenable. Sullivan was conveyed to Ennis under police escort, and confronted with Reilly in the presence of Mr Hodder, R.M. Reidy failed to identify the prisoner, and he was discharged.

ANOTHER TESTIMONIAL RE CELLULAR CLOTHING.—Mr C. Corneille has received the following:—"84 George-street, Limerick, Dec 21st, '91. DEAR SIR—I am sure you will be glad to hear that the Cellular Shirts I purchased at your firm 'after a fair trial' have given me every satisfaction, and I have great pleasure in recommending them as the proper shirts for health, comfort, and cleanliness. Owing to the peculiar construction of the material, it gives free scope to the pores of the skin, and does not allow perspiration to collect on the surface of the body—at the same time the shirts give sufficient warmth in either winter or summer without fear of chill. Yours truly, ROBERT BARRY, M.D, F.R.C.S.I, Supt. Medical Officer of Health, Limerick. To Mr C. Corneille, Thomas-street." (Oct 17.)

It having been reported that Mr Clifford, Surgeon Dentist, is about to discontinue attendance 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 years past, at 11 Upper Mallow-street. (Feb 1 a)

ILLNESS OF SIR THOMAS BRADY.—Sir Thomas Brady was confined to bed for nearly the whole of the past week, but is now able to sit up, and his speedy recovery is expected. He has been attended by Drs [illegible] For over 40 years this [illegible] Sir Thomas has been confined to bed by illness.

NORTH TIPPERARY INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

FUNERAL OF THE VERY REV. M. PYNE, P.P., V.G., NENAGH.

On Friday evening the remains of the Very Rev. Dr. Pyne were removed from the parochial residence to the Church. The funeral *cortege* was remarkably large and representative of all creeds and classes. A number of the local clergy walked in front of the hearse, which was followed by a long line of the pupils of the Christian Brothers and Convent Schools, the boys displaying crape armlets looped with white, and the girls all wearing white veils. The Confraternities of the Holy Family also marched in the procession, which was swelled into large dimensions by thousands of the townspeople and parishioners, the rere being occupied by the Constabulary. In the procession also walked the Rev. Mr. Thomas, Rector of Nenagh.

The funeral obsequies commenced at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning, the Most Rev Dr McRedmond, Bishop of Killaloe presiding, assisted by Very Rev P. White, P P, V G, Kilrush; Very Rev M. Calligan, P P, V G, Killaloe; and Very Rev D. Kelly, President Diocesan College, Ennis. Celebrant at High Mass, Rev J. McMahon, P P, Silvermines; Rev D. Courtenay, C C, Kilrush, deacon; Rev M. J. Curry, C C, sub-deacon. The chanters were—Rev D. Fogarty, P P, Toomevara; and Rev Peter Bourke, Diocesan College, Ennis. Masters of ceremonies—Rev J. Scanlan, C C, Nenagh; Rev J. O'Brien, C C, Nenagh.

Amongst the clergymen present in the choir were—Rev J. Phelan, P P, Borrisokane; Rev J. Nolan, C C, do; Rev J Egan, P P, Youghalarra; Rev P. Crowe, C C, do; Rev J. Kennedy, P P, Terryglass; Rev J. Gaminy, C C, do; Rev J. Scanlan, P P, Clonoulty; Rev D. O'Meara, C C, do; Rev J. G. M'Keana, C C, do; Rev P. Egan, P P, Monaseed; Rev J. Darcy, C C, do; Rev J. O'Halloran, P P, Portroe; Rev E. Flynn, C C, Roscrea; Rev J. Cunningham, C C, Silvermines; Rev S. Slattery, C C, Dunkerrin; Rev J. James O'Brien, C C, Ballina; Rev D. M'Namara, C C, Toomevara; Rev J. Maxwell, C C, Templederry; Rev J. Gleeson, C C, do. After High Mass the coffin was borne round the church to the grave at the foot of the High Altar, and the Blessing and last Absolution having been gone through by the Bishop, the remains were lowered to their last resting place.

THE VALUE OF LAND IN TIPPERARY.

A couple of days ago Mr John F. Tumpane, auctioneer, &c, Nenagh, attended on the lands of Johnstown, between Nenagh and Birr, and, pursuant to an order of the Master of the Rolls, made in a Chancery suit, put up for sale the interest of the late Dr Cleary in the lands of Shanragh, or Kyle. The attendance of bidders was large and the bidding spirited. After considerable competition lot one, containing about 81 acres (statute), held at the yearly judicial rent of £42 5s, was knocked down to Mr P. Hoctor at the substantial sum of £675. Lot two was then offered. It contains 40 statute acres, held under Mr W. E. Head at the yearly rent of £20, and was knocked down to Mr P. Eremane for £200. The biddings have to be submitted to the judge on whose order the sale took place; but this, no doubt, is under the circumstances, a mere matter of form, as all parties, including the landlord, who was present, are satisfied with the result.

DARING OUTRAGE—CLEVER CAPTURE OF THE PERPETRATOR.

A report reaches Nenagh of an outrage of a dangerous character, which is said to have been committed on Major Brockett's property at Army Hill, between Nenagh and Moneygall. It is alleged that the farm house, which is occupied by a man named Hyland, recently brought there, was attacked a couple of nights ago when Hyland and his wife were forced to go upon their knees and sworn to quit the place at once, reference being made to the party by whom they were brought there. Mrs Hyland got out of the house and fled to the next police barracks