

Sheriff and Police, when proceeding to go some, after having carried out an eviction. County Inspector Fleming and Mr F. G. Hodder visited Bodyke on Saturday to inquire into the affair. During the day, while a constable named Hogan was riding a bicycle to Tulla, on official business, he was thrown off, and broke one of his legs. He is progressing satisfactorily under medical treatment.

EXCURSIONS TO KILLARNEY.

The fine weather has increased the influx of tourists "to the Lakes." They come in batches daily, by the Prince of Wales' route, and the trains from Cork and Dublin. The number of hotels in Killarney having been increased, competition will doubtless tend towards making the trip cheaper. It has been remarked that there has not been an excursion to Killarney (except on Whit Monday) from Cork or Limerick this season. On former years the sons and daughters of "Rebel Cork" and the "City of the Violated Treaty" used to favour Killarney with a visit. It is difficult to assign a reason for the new departure.—*Kerry Post.*

A COUNTY LIMERICK MAN IN CALIFORNIA.

Among the political leaders to whom the *San Francisco Examiner* devotes an illustration and biographical sketch appears that of Mr James C. Nealon, formerly of Feenagh, in the Co Limerick. The *Examiner* says—"There are few, if any, of our citizens better or more favourably known than J. C. Nealon, an Assessor of this city and county, whose picture is here presented. He came to this country in 1867, and settled in Sacramento. Desiring a larger field and a better opportunity he came to San Francisco in 1871. In 1876 he was appointed to an important position in the office of Matthew Neenan, Sheriff. Mr Nealon next worked in the Assessor's office as an extra deputy for about two years, and then in the clerk's office as a deputy under W. T. Seanon, and then as Courtroom Clerk to Hon John F. Finn. In speaking of Mr Nealon, Judge Finn has on many occasions remarked that he was one of the best clerks he had ever met with, and he doubted if he had an equal in the City Hall. From Deputy County Clerk Mr Nealon was elected Assessor after a hard and well fought battle. Mr Nealon distinguished himself for Executive ability. His most ardent supporters never hesitated to him such an administration of the affairs of the office as the record now shows. Never since before has the work been better done. Mr Nealon is still a young man, being only about forty-three years' old."

IMPORTANT TO LICENSED GAME DEALERS.

At the Newcastle West Petty Sessions on Friday, on the application by Mr Patrick O'Shaughnessy and Mr Patrick Woulfe, for the annual licenses to deal in game, a letter was read from the Secretary of the Game Protection Association asking the magistrates to refuse to grant the annual game licenses to dealers in the town. Mr P. T. Liston, solicitor, Rathkeale, appeared for Mr O'Shaughnessy; and Mr John Condon, solicitor, Newcastle West, appeared for Mr Woulfe.

After some arguments the licenses were granted, but on the condition that a register in which the name of each person from whom game would be purchased should be kept by the game dealers.

CITY POLICE COURT.

The presiding magistrates at the City Police Court yesterday morning was Mr G. W. Bassett. There was only a few cases of the ordinary character to be disposed of. Francis Kane was arrested on the previous night by Constable Brennan for drunkenness at Carey's Road on Sunday evening. He was sent to gaol for seven days in default of paying a fine of 5s and costs. A woman named Johannah Roche, described by Sergeant Cully as being a most notorious character, was charged by Constable Martin with disorderly conduct and drunkenness. His worship made a like ruling in her case. Michael Dillon for a like offence was treated similarly, and Stephen Bonian, charged by Constable Thompson for a breach of the Act prohibiting the excessive use of porter, was also fined 5s with the alternative of 7 days' imprisonment.

There was no magistrate at the Police Court this morning, and even a diligent search for an administrator of justice proved fruitless. There were no less than six cases to be dealt with, in three of which the defendants were charged with rioting in Mungret street. The other three offenders were alleged deserters from the Black Watch. After an hour's search for a magistrate the prisoners were removed, and subsequently, when brought before a magistrate, the rioters were remanded to Petty Sessions, and the deser-

Mr W. Boatman also sang. Mr Felix Somers' facial imitations of Beaconsfield, Gladstone, and other "People we know," were very good. We should specially refer to Herr Blitz, who is not inaptly described as a plate charmer, and the performances of three men on ladders were really most astonishing feats. A capital orchestral band performed some inspiring music during the evening. The Myriorama is most enjoyable in every respect, and we hope to see crowded houses during the week.

SAD DROWNING ACCIDENT.

A sad case of drowning occurred on Sunday evening in the river, opposite Lansdowne. Robert Twyford, a boy of fourteen, went boating in company with a young companion named Davoren. By some misadventure the oar used by the former slipped from his hand and he fell into the water and was drowned. His comrade, a lad about the same age, was powerless to render any assistance. It is stated that some attempt at rescue might have been made by a number of people, amongst them two or three soldiers, but not one amongst the onlookers mustered sufficient courage to try and preserve the boy's life. When the boy had been some time in the water two boats were put off, but although one of the occupants directed himself and dived several times for the boy, his efforts were fruitless. The occurrence is rendered more sad by the fact that the boy, although a cripple, made strenuous and valiant efforts to save himself, but was overpowered. A search was made for the body, which was not recovered until about four o'clock the following morning.

An inquest was held yesterday in the house of Mr Butler, publican, Wickham-street. Head-constable M. Brian watched the case on behalf of the Crown.

Robert Twyford was the first witness examined. He stated—I live in High-street. The body which the jury have seen is that of my son, Robert Twyford, aged 13 years. I saw him last alive on yesterday morning at ten minutes to 9 o'clock, and he was in good health. I have a boat in the river and a small boat is attached to it. The deceased was very fond of the boat. I cautioned him several times not to go into the boat. I went to Cork on an excursion yesterday. Deceased was to have accompanied me. On my return I heard the sad news that my son was drowned. About 4 o'clock this morning the body was brought home, and no marks of violence were on it. I have no reason to suppose that he lost his life by foul play.

John Davoren, aged 11 years, was next examined. He stated—I knew Robert Twyford. I met him yesterday evening after six o'clock at High-street, near his own door. He asked me to go down boating, and I went. There were only two of us got into the boat. Some other boys came in, but deceased made them leave. Then he slipped off with only two of us in it. The deceased was sitting up on the side of the boat trying to put her out. He caught a "crab," and his oar came out of the stern hole, where he was sitting. I was at the stern of the boat. We were a short distance from the slip, when his oar came out, and fell on his back into the water. I saw him rise to the surface, and he tried to swim to the slip, but sank after the fourth stroke. He came twice to the surface. I tried to "back water," but could not, as I had only one oar, and the boat turned round. I did not see the body after it sank.

John Sullivan, Crosby's-row, gave evidence as to being down at the Ferry slip last evening at 20 minutes past seven, and hearing screams. He heard young Twyford was drowned, and saw the boat from which he fell. He searched for the body but did not find it. This morning he found it about twenty yards from the slip. There were no marks of violence except a scratch on the face. This was the only evidence, and the jury gave the following verdict:—"That Robert Twyford died on the 31st July; that his death was caused by being drowned in the river Shannon, and that same was accidental."

THE NOBBER INCIDENT.

PROSECUTION OF FATHER CLARKE. At a special petty sessions court held at Wilkington, county Meath, yesterday, the Rev. Father Clarke was returned for trial on the charge of having on the 14th July, the polling day of North Meath election, at Nobber, violently assaulted an old man named Owen Reilly. Father Clarke was admitted to bail, himself in £100 and two sureties of £50 each.

CYCLING IN IRELAND.

Bicycle riding in this country is very different to what it is in England owing to the altered condition of the roads and other circumstances. Riders should always look

Barrington might therefore be perfectly within their right in giving advice to the Grand Jury, but he thought that except as an *amicus curie* they had no authority to control their proceedings there that day (hear, hear). He, as chairman of that sessions, would tell it upon himself to decide the questions that had been raised, but then going to consider these questions it appeared to him that a very nice question of law might be involved in this matter, and whatever decision he on behalf of that meeting arrived at might, of course, be reversed, or altered, or set aside by a properly constituted court of law. The House of Commons was, he believed, the only authority in the realm that could describe its own course of proceeding without being overhauled in any way again by a court of law. Therefore, whatever decision he arrived at might be overridden. It appeared to him there was no use in his discussing, or attempting to discuss these questions of law, and he declined to go into a nice point of law. If any party were aggrieved by anything that was done there, he (his lordship) thought it would be for them to raise the question before a court of law which alone could decide it. He just wanted to point out to them the general principles on which he proposed to go. As regards the letter which Mr Ellard had read, he wished to point out that there was nothing which could have any weight with any reasonable man, and that they could not, therefore, with any profit consider the terms of that letter in any shape or form (hear, hear). So far as he saw, the meeting had been duly and properly summoned, and they would, therefore, proceed with the section.

Mr Wm. Waller asked whether all the magistrates summoned were competent to vote. In one point of view the chairman had ruled the meeting properly summoned, but at the same time he (Mr Waller) questioned whether the magistrates coming in there without having received notice from the proper officer directed to convene the meeting were entitled to record their votes.

The Chairman—I understand summonses were sent generally to all the magistrates.

Mr Ellard then read the section of the Act empowering him to call a special meeting at the assize town of the division in which the vacancy for Cess Collector had occurred. The notice alluded to by Mr Waller was merely to be given to the magistrates residing within the division. He (Mr Ellard) had no power to summon other magistrates, but he put the notice of the sessions in the four newspapers circulating in the county.

Mr Waller continued to argue that no magistrates, according to the section, could vote except those within the division, and to whom notices had been sent.

Mr J. Dalmege asked if he would be denied his vote, as he did not reside in the division, in which, however, he had a shooting lodge.

Mr Waller said he would raise the question whether Mr Ellard was right in giving notice except to the magistrates in the Rathkeale division.

Mr James Greene Barry said Mr Ellard had not alone summoned the magistrates of that division, but he had summoned the other magistrates of the county through the Press. He (Mr Barry) had attended special meetings for the same purpose, and every magistrate in the county exercised his vote without any question being raised. Therefore, he maintained the present meeting was properly constituted.

Mr Wm. Spillane said it was perfectly plain there was a distinction between the two paragraphs of the Act. The statute gave the right to vote to every magistrate in the county, and no act of Mr Ellard could deprive them of that right. Under the Act of Parliament, he had done all he had a right to do. He gave special notice to the magistrates in the division, and general notice to the magistrates of the county.

The Chairman said as regards the notice, he thought Mr Ellard had complied with everything necessary. On the second point, as to the right of each magistrate to vote, he held that the statute empowered such votes. There was nothing in it limiting the voting.

Mr Waller said it was laid down that he should be a resident in the division, and if a gentleman was not resident in the division he was not entitled to vote.

The Chairman—The statute says, "It shall be lawful for the justices of the county to appoint a fit and proper person."

Mr J. B. Hewson agreed with Mr Waller that only the magistrates in the division were entitled to vote.

Mr Wm. Leahy, solicitor, Limerick, said from the circumstances which had arisen, and the legal complications that had taken place, he should withdraw the candidature of Mr James Leahy. It was obvious why he did so. The business being proceeded with rested on a sandy foundation.

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