

prosperous manufacturing districts in the United States. Large numbers of oil wells are to be found in the locality, and the industry is the raising, refining, and export of petroleum, which gives employment to numbers of artisans, and helps to swell the colossal fortunes of those who have accumulated enough to "strike oil," as the saying is. The loss of life exceeds that caused by the bursting of the great reservoir at exactly three years ago, when the waters rushed down upon the doomed city, before it, wrecking the town, and carrying away hundreds of human beings to their doom beneath the roaring torrent. The same is the case in the Pittsburg district of Pennsylvania is of a more singular nature. For a month past unusually heavy rains have been falling, with the result that the rivers had become swollen, and all low-lying lands were more or less flooded. The waters continued to rise during the closing week, and the waters of Oil Creek created an inundation of the valley through which they flow, and in which are two towns named Titusville, and Oil Creek, eighteen miles lower down the valley. Early on Sunday morning the waters were hastened by what the telegrams describe as "a wind-burst," or perhaps waterspout, over the district, which caused an inundation of the two towns mentioned as lying in the valley. At the same time the swollen torrent rose so rapidly that a large portion of the town was flooded, and many of the inhabitants could escape out of the water, and were immediately drowned where they were. Many endeavoured to make their way to higher ground, but were swept back and forth by the waves. The torrent swept away the oil barrels, and the contents were liberated to float on the surface of the water. One of the houses was struck by lightning when the rain was at its highest. The oil then burst out, and a terrible explosion occurred. The liquid spread everywhere over the surface of the water, and the upper town was in a state of alarm, many of the inhabitants being in the flames, whilst many sought refuge from fire and flood in the adjacent woods. The blazing petroleum was carried by the rushing torrents, spreading destruction all round. The calamity

by Mr Standish O'Grady, entitled "Finn and His Companions." Finn is the celebrated Finn MacCool, the giant of Irish legend. MacPherson's Píngal, King Arthur, we understand, figures in Mr O'Grady's sagas, in which the giant is treated in a quite serious spirit.

**THE HARBOUR BOARD**—The fortnightly meeting of the Harbour Board was summoned for yesterday, but owing to a quorum of members not attending, no public business was transacted. The members present were:—Messrs Robert McDonnell, J.P.; J. Counihan, J.P., and William McDonnell, J.P.

**THE DEPARTURE OF MR. JOHN E. REDMOND FOR AMERICA**—The deputation from Limerick present at Mr Redmond's departure from Cork for America on Saturday last, were—Messrs James Gilligan, John Crowe, Mat Cummins, F. Gaffney, J. Gaffney, James Jones, Secretary Amnesty Association, P. O'Brien, etc. Addresses were presented from the Limerick Branch of the Amnesty Association, and the Independent and Sarsfield Branches of the National League.

**ROYAL HOTEL, KILLALOE**—The following is a list of the visitors at the Royal Hotel, Killaloe, for the salmon fishing and "dapping" season. Arrivals—Major and Mrs. Traherne, Col. Rogers, Dr. Riordan, Mr. Parker, Mr. Duncombe, Mr. Pike, Mr. Greig, Mr. Moens, Mr. Spurrier, Dr. Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Alec. Shaw, Mr. Thompson Shaw, Mr. Wm. Shaw, Mr. Tom Shaw. Latest departures—Judge Griffiths, Mr. W. Griffiths, Mr. Collins, Mr. Riversdale, Col. St. John Willans, Captain Hardisty, Captain Hodder, Mr. Dumaresq, and Dr. Trinder.

**SALE OF HOUSE PROPERTY**—To-day Mr F. W. McCarthy, auctioneer, held some important property sales at his mart, 60, George-street. There was a good attendance. The first lot offered were the two newly built houses situate in Richmond-street, let to tenants and producing a gross rental of £51 per annum. The biddings opened at £300 and went steadily up to £550, when they were sold to Mr Philip Madden at that sum and fees. Lot 2 were the two houses, No. 11 and 12 Wellesley Place, producing a gross rental of £43. This lot was withdrawn to be sold by private treaty.

**DEATH OF THE SUPERIORESS OF THE CONVENT OF MERCY, ENNIS**—The death is announced of Miss Mary Joseph Perry, Rev Superioress of the Sisters of Mercy at Ennis. The deceased lady, who belonged to Limerick, was a religious for over thirty years, and previous to her becoming Superioress, which occurred about 13 years ago, she was Mother Assistant to the late Rev Mother, Miss M'Mahon. Miss Perry was instrumental in founding the fine industrial school which is attached to the Convent, and to the poor she was a devoted friend. Her demise at the comparatively early age of 52, is deeply regretted.

**FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE**. A marriage is arranged and will take place early in July, between Capt. Bernard Randolph, 2nd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment, and Mary Frances Phelps, third daughter of the late John Lecky Phelps, Esq., J.P., of Waterpark, Co. Clare.

## HARBOUR COMMISSION

The election of commissioners for Tralee and Fenit Pier and Harbour in connection with the ex-officers members on Friday. Lieut-Col. Rowan being officer. Messrs St J. H. Donovan and M'Cowen being returned as the two porters for last year were elected 5 of the Provisional Order, and a vote was taken for three members and there were five eligible candidates as follows:—Messrs Thomas G. W. Hickson, 11; E. Latchford, 9; 9; and B. M'Cowen, junr, 1. Messrs Hickson were declared elected, and Latchford and M'Cowen being a tie for the draw was taken with the result that was elected.

## MILITARY NOTES.

### THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

General Lord Wolseley, commander of the Forces in Ireland, will commence his inspection of the Cork District on June 22nd, when he inspects the 13th Ballincollig. On subsequent dates he will visit Cork, Cork Harbour, Fort Kinsale, Tipperary, and on the 29th conclude his tour at Limerick, in the garrison as well as the Militia. It is thought that Lord Wolseley may remain in the Horse Show, which opens on the 30th June.

The 15th Hussars, from Cahir, Fethard, and Limerick, commence their march to the Curragh on Friday next.

Major E. R. Hope Torin has been appointed to the command of the 13th Hussars, vacant on the 1st prox.

An officer and 40 men of the 1st Battalion are ordered from Ennis to Fort Camden on the 10th inst. to prepare for the encampment for the training of the brigade. The Limerick Militia will train at Fort Camden.

The second party of recruits of the 1st Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers, numbering 50 men, will proceed to Woodcock Hill on the afternoon for their annual course. The regiment will assemble this morning for preparations are being made for encampment attached to the Strand Barracks, the case during the past two years.

A few evenings ago, a very pleasant party took place at the New Barracks, the occasion being a complimentary presentation of the non-commissioned officers of the 2nd Battalion to the non-commissioned officers of the 15th (King's) Hussars, stationed in Limerick. Since the two regiments have become associated with each other, cordial relations have existed between them, and it was in recognition of this good feeling that the non-commissioned officers of the 2nd Battalion decided to mark their appreciation of the 15th Hussars by presenting them with a beautiful cup prior to their removal from Limerick. The cup bears an inscription, attesting to the good friendly relations between both regiments, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by Major Baldwin of the Black Watch with his usual courtesy and grace.