

in custody with having obtained the sum of five shillings from Mr. Stannard McAdam, County Petty Sessions Clerk, and agent of the Bodyke estate, under false pretences.

Mr Purdon, D I, prosecuted. The accused was not professionally represented. The information of Mr MacAdam was to the effect that he had the defendant employed as caretaker and bailiff on Colonel O'Callaghan's estate at Bodyke. On the 13th August, the defendant quit his employment, and on the 23rd came to him at the County Court-house, representing that a settlement would be come to in a claim against him, by paying so much at the time and so much weekly. He asked him to square accounts, and witness at first refused until he knew if he had got any money from the caretaker (Porter) at Bodyke, and the cost of his board there; accused said he got no money from Porter, and that his board cost only 2s; on this representation he gave him 5s, believing he would return to his employment; he had since learned that the accused got 7s 2d from the caretaker at Bodyke, besides owing 5s for his support, and he obtained the 5s from witness under fraudulent pretences, as he would not have given it to him if he had known he had received this money.

Mr Purdon said the defendant had been on bail, and on failing to appear at the last Petty Sessions he was again arrested on Monday. In cross-examination by the accused, Mr McAdam denied that he said he would cry "quits" with him when he made up his books; he did not afterwards ask witness for a loan of 5s; the accused told witness he could do his best.

James Porter, caretaker on the Bodyke estate, deposed to giving the defendant 7s 2d from the 15 to the 20th; it was usual for him to give the men advance, and have them deducted from their wages. The defendant owed 5s 5d.

The magistrates returned the accused for trial.

**RENEWAL OF LICENSES.**  
The magistrates signed all the publicans' certificates for renewal of licenses. There was a formal objection against the renewal of the license of Francis Doyle, Pennywell, on the ground that he had been convicted once since last licensing sessions.

The magistrates renewed the certificate, but, on the suggestion of Mr Purdon, cautioned the defendant against a commission of the offence in the future.

**THE VALKYRIE.**

Late information from New York in reference to the Valkyrie-Vigilant matches for the America Cup is to the effect that the result of conferences between the English and American representatives as to the conditions of the contest is so far entirely satisfactory to Lord Dunraven. Valkyrie's hollow boom, 96 feet in length, is to be removed, and the solid one of 90 feet, with which she raced in our own waters, substituted, as it is feared that the former is not stiff enough to stand the strain of the mainsail, which would be thrown out of set by any buckling of the spar, and thus make an important difference where everything may depend upon a minute of time. Vigilant's great boom measures no less than 99 feet. Valkyrie will probably not be measured until she leaves the dry dock at the end of this week. Before that time, however, Lord Dunraven will take a trip down the bay aboard the racer to try her in the strange waters. Vigilant, with Herr Eshoff aboard, has been as far as Captain's Island. She pleased him greatly. Vice-Commodore W Butler Duncan, of the New York Yacht Club, who is on the Vigilant in all her races, said that she was in splendid condition, and that they were merely trying her new sails and strengthening her rigging. Rear-Commodore Archibald Rogers will probably represent the America Cup Committee on board the Valkyrie.

**THE ROYAL BANK OF IRELAND.**

At the annual general meeting of the Royal Bank of Ireland, held yesterday, it appeared from the report of the directors that the net profits for the year amounted to £87,814 5s 2d, that an interim dividend of 11 per cent had been paid to the shareholders, that a like dividend was now declared, the remainder of the profits, together with the balance brought over from last account, being allocated to bad and doubtful debts fund, to credit of bank premises, to officers' superannuation fund, and £8,479 19s 9d to credit of profit and loss new account.

**EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE CONFERENCE.**

The Evangelical Alliance Conference was resumed yesterday. The morning meeting was addressed by Canon Bell and Rev R M'Cheyne Edgar, and at the night meeting a very able address on "Reasons for Faith" was delivered by Archdeacon Taylor. The members of the Conference were entertained yesterday afternoon at Old Connaught House, Bray, by his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin.

Cusack, Rathkeale, got the contract for the building of the new school at Rathkeale. Mr O'Malley, Limerick, was declared contractor for hardware. Miss McDonnell, Rathkeale, was accepted for certain articles of drapery. Mr Reidy, Rathkeale, was accepted for beef and mutton at 5 1/2d a pound, and Mr Johnstone, Castle-matrix, was accepted for Indian meal and flour.

**DEATH FROM SUFFOCATION AT RATHKEALE.**

At Rathkeale Board of Guardians yesterday were read the minutes of evidence of an inquest held at Rathkeale on Monday last, by Mr Daniel M Maunsell, J P, and Mr George B Fosbery, J P, on the body of Patrick Connell, 60, an old blind man, who died on Saturday last. John Rourke, who is employed at the limekiln at Rathkeale, stated that on Saturday last the deceased came into the kiln at a quarter past one o'clock. He lit his pipe and had a smoke. On his return from dinner he found deceased stretched on the floor of the kiln, and he appeared quite dead. Witness gave him food several times for the last fortnight. Witness had asked him to go home with him and have some tea, but he declined. Dr John T Boucher Hayes deposed to having gone to see the deceased immediately on the case being reported to him by the police. He found life extinct. He believed that death was caused by asphyxia, produced by the fumes of the carbonic gas given out from the burning of the lime. He would not swear that the man had a sufficient quantity of food. The immediate cause of death was suffocation, but a stronger man would hardly have died under the circumstances. Peter Williams stated that for the last six weeks Connell was lodging with him. He told him that 2s a week relief had been taken from him, and that he was badly off. He had no food but what witness's wife would give him, and he used to go out and beg. His breakfast the morning he died was a cup of tea and a slice of bread, but he could eat more. This was his diet twice a day for the past fortnight. He gave a shilling for his lodging, and the rest for his food, and he had no means since the outdoor relief was stopped from him. Further evidence showed that Williams' wife acted very kindly towards the deceased. Mr Stephen Casey, relieving officer, stated that Connell was getting relief for some years. In the discharge of his duty he had frequently to caution him that he would have the relief taken off him. Saw him immediately before the relief was taken from him, and a very serious report was made of him to witness. He invited him to attend before the Board, but he would not. The relief was struck off by the Guardians. He offered him a ticket for admission to the Work-house, but he refused to take it. Some time after he came for it and got it. The jury found a verdict to the effect that Connell died from suffocation, and added—"We further desire to say that for the past six weeks the said Patrick Connell, deceased, was suffering from starvation in consequence of being deprived of outdoor relief from the Poor Law Union of Rathkeale; and that a copy of this finding and the evidence attached be forwarded to the Guardians of said Union and to the secretary of the Local Government Board."

A Guardian—Was he a union charge?  
Mr Casey, R O—Yes.

Mr Hewson inquired what had been the serious charge against the deceased man?

Mr Casey, R O, said that from time to time the man used to spend his relief money in drink, and he had to caution him frequently. The man being almost blind he was afraid that while under the influence of drink he might get into collision with something (hear, hear). On the last occasion he found him under circumstances that necessitated his reporting the matter to the Board, and he informed the deceased of his intention to do so, and wished him to attend the meeting, but he did not do so. Having no fixed place of residence, and taking all the circumstances of the case into account, he thought it would be the better course to get the man into the house (hear, hear).

Mr Hewson remarked that it was right the public should understand that the man was asked to enter the workhouse, which was only a few yards away from where he lived.

Mr Casey said he would not be responsible if relief was given to a man who had no fixed place of residence, and who, after paying for his lodging, had little or nothing to support himself.

Dr Hayes remarked that some of the people to whom they gave one or two shillings a week were in a helpless condition. There had been inquests on people who were found in solitary places and died from neglect. If this man had been compelled to go into the workhouse, he would not have been suffocated in the lime kiln.

Mr O'Neill—I don't think Mr Casey ever refused relief to anyone entitled to it.

Dr Hayes—He is the best officer that ever lived.

The Board unanimously approved of Mr Casey's explanation.

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Mr Fitzgerald—Oh, it only shows how these things are managed.

Mr Roughtan mentioned a somewhat similar case from his district.

Returning to the matter of the Sixmile Bridge cottage, from which the discussion had wandered, Mr Fitzgerald remarked they had done wrong, and unless they were forgiven by the authorities there was no remedy but to pull down the walls.

Mr Scott—The contractor is not responsible. What would be the cost of pulling down part of the wall?

Mr Killeen—If you pull down any you will have to pull down the whole of it.

Mr Sexton—He could use the stones again.

Mr Fitzgerald considered that the best thing they could do would be to refer the question to the County Surveyor.

Mr Scott then drafted the following minute to meet the case—"That Pat Farrell's letter relative to the labourers' cottages at Sixmile Bridge be referred to the County Surveyor, and he be asked whether it is necessary to remove the buildings already erected, for whether under the circumstances of the case the mistake which has been made by the board's architect and not by the contractor can be overlooked. An early reply is requested."

**THE CHOLERA EPIDEMIC.**

With reference to the precautions to be observed in view of a possible outbreak of cholera, a further letter was read to-day from the Local Government Board, asking to be informed by the Sanitary Authority whether they were fully satisfied as to the condition of the district committed to their charge, and especially in regard to the character of the water supply, the sufficiency and suitability of hospital accommodation for the isolation and treatment of cholera cases, the condition of the sewerage and drainage, the absence of nuisance, and the cleanliness of the dwellings occupied by the poorer classes, which duty demanded their earnest and sustained attention.

Messrs Martin, Dublin, forwarded in reply to the Board's request, plans and estimates for cholera hospitals to accommodate 6, 12, and 24 patients at prices varying from £69 12s to £200.

It was decided to take no action for the present on the subject.

Mr P Carmody, R O, was appointed to take the annual stock in the house at a remuneration of £7.

**THE LATE MRS QUINLIVAN.**

Mr D'Corey proposed the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted—"That we, the members of the Ennis Board of Guardians have learned with regret of the death of Mrs Quinlivan, wife of an esteemed member of this Board, Mr Michael Quinlivan, and desire to convey our expression of our sincere sympathy with him in his deep affliction."

The Board adjourned.

**A SINGULAR CASE.**

Remarkable evidence was given at an inquest held at Cook street Hospital, Dublin, yesterday regarding the death of a woman named Keogh, who kept a dairy in Cuffe street. It appeared that, claiming ownership of a cow in the possession of a relative at Rathfarnham, she went there at midnight, and, with a hammer, broke open a gate and got out the cow; but, while endeavouring to secure the animal, she was attacked and frightfully injured about the head with an iron bar, as she asserted, by her relative, a woman named Kelly. The medical evidence, however, showed that the immediate cause of the death of the dairy woman was a gangrenous disease of the arm, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

**RAILWAY FATALITY NEAR TRALEE.**

A shocking and fatal accident occurred on the Tralee and Dingle Railway last evening to an old man of the menicent class named Timothy Griffin. He was walking along the public road near Derrymore, at a place where the rails are laid on the road, when just as the train was approaching him he swerved from the road on to the rails, and was knocked down and run over. His left foot was cut off from above the ankle and he was badly bruised about the head and body and was bleeding profusely. He was conveyed to the County Infirmary, Tralee, where he was attended by Drs Fitzmaurice and White. He was, however, unconscious and shortly afterwards died.

**350 PERSONS DROWNED.**

Vancouver, B C, Wednesday.  
Advices received here from Hong Kong by the Canadian Pacific steamer state that enormous damage has been caused by floods in the Chung Fu district. Nearly 700 houses have been swept away and 350 persons drowned. Nearly 8,900 have been rendered homeless.

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