

SWORN INQUIRY AT THE LIMERICK WORKHOUSE.

THE RECENT SUICIDE OF AN INMATE. (Continued from fourth page.) An inmate of the infirm ward named Patrick Hayes was then examined by Mr McNamara, and deposed—

I believe he was a very quiet sort of man? Quite enough, sir, and harmless and never gave the workhouse officials any trouble. He was quite incapable of doing any sort of work. He made frequent complaints of the treatment he received at the hands of the Labour Master.

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MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE IN THE CITY DEATH FROM EXCESSIVE DRINKING.

A painful discovery was made yesterday morning in the public-house of Mr James O'Sher, Broad-street. On going to open the shop in the morning about eight o'clock, the proprietor was amazed to find the dead body of a man lying behind the counter, and convenient to an ale barrel. A candle almost burned out was found on the counter near the deceased, and the barrel was tilted forward. The cock was turned on, indicating that the unfortunate man had been drinking from the vessel. It is not known how the deceased got into the shop, but was secured, as Mr O'Sher left it on the preceding night, but the inference is that he was sleeping, or had concealed himself, in one of the drinking compartments while the shop was being closed on Sunday evening. The medical evidence showed that deceased died from suffocation, caused by the consumption of an excessive quantity of beer. Deceased was about 25 years of age, and it was stated that his name is Patrick O'Halloran, who was employed as a labourer at Tulla, Co. Clare, but positive identification was not forthcoming.

Yesterday at two o'clock Mr Coroner DeCourcy and a jury, of which Mr J Richardson was foreman, held an inquest on the body.

Mr Hatred, D.J., assisted by Head Constable McManama, conducted the inquiry for the Crown.

George O'Shea, the publican, deposed, in reply to Mr Hatred, that deceased came into his shop between five and six o'clock on the previous day; he had no sign of drink at that time; he did not know the deceased from appearance; he looked like a labouring man; the deceased had a parcel, which he gave to witness to keep for him; subsequently witness gave the parcel back to him, and after that he did not notice him in the shop again; there were about ten or fifteen people in the shop at the time that deceased went out; he locked the shop at seven o'clock, and so far as he could see there was no one in the place; he did not examine the drinking compartments, but he believed the deceased must have been in one of them; witness went for a drive after closing the shop, and returned about ten o'clock, when he went into the shop for the cash box, and locked the bar door; he did not hear any noise or see the man who had been in the shop, and from the way in which the shop was secured it would have been impossible for anyone to have entered; witness got up about half-past seven yesterday morning, and on going to the shop he found a candle lighting, and which was almost burned out; he then went behind the counter, and knocked against the deceased; he informed the servant woman of the occurrence, and subsequently reported the matter to the police; deceased must have been in the shop at the time it was locked at seven o'clock; the ale barrel was tilted forward and touching deceased's body; witness had left the barrel in an upright position; deceased must have drank from the barrel; there were candles in a package quite convenient, and deceased must have procured one of them and lit it.

Deceased stated that he examined the body of the deceased; it was lying behind the counter on the face and hands slightly to the right side, the head being under the tap of the ale barrel; the body was crumpled up as if it had fallen in that position; on lifting deceased's head he saw some blood on the forehead, on which was a slight scratch; there was a good deal of froth from the mouth which had the smell of beer; he believed deceased must have died in the position in which he was found; subsequently he examined the body to see if there was any sign of violence, but he could not find any; the scratch on the forehead was probably caused by the deceased falling against the barrel or counter; the face was congested; he believed that death was caused by suffocation after excessive drinking.

Thomas Dwyer, a shoemaker residing in George's Quay, deposed to seeing the deceased in Broad-street, between five and six o'clock on the previous evening; he came up to witness and asked if he saw anyone passing down with his pipe; witness said he had seen several passing with a pipe; deceased, who was staggering, then turned into O'Shea's public house; deceased appeared to be a country labouring man; he never saw the man before.

Mr J A Carrick stated that the deceased bought a shirt from him on Saturday; he stated that he had got for by-night hours from the Mary-street police a fortnight ago for being drunk.

Sergeant Hickey, Mary-street, stated that he believed the deceased was the man who had been convicted under the name of Patrick O'Halloran, and sentenced to forty-eight hours' imprisonment.

The Coroner said of course sometimes persons give wrong names, and he would not take that as being sufficient identification.

Constable Doherty, Mary street, stated that he believed the deceased was the man whom he had arrested for drunkenness, and who had given the name of Patrick O'Halloran, Tulla.

The Coroner reviewed the evidence, and the jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased died from suffocation resulting from excessive drinking.

Mr McNamara (to Master)—Did Madigan make any statement before he died?

Master—Not to me, but I believe he did to the clergyman.

Mr Bourke—That should have come out at the inquest.

Mr McNamara—I believe the inquest did not last very long, and all that was elicited was not much.

This concluded the evidence, and the minutes

INSPECTION OF 4th BATTN ROYAL IRISH (NORTH TIP) REGIMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.) This gallant corps are now being disembodied, after the month's annual training at Nenagh. The inspection previous to dismissal has been conducted by Colonel Webber, commanding the 18th Regimental district, Clonmel, before whom the battalion was paraded in review order. The smart and neat appearance of the men as well as their military proficiency which they displayed in drill elicited the warm praise of Colonel Webber. The principal manoeuvre of the day was the march past, which was performed with great precision. The battalion first passed the flag staff in column, and then in quarter column, and afterwards, to the tune of the "Rocky Road to Dublin," the men went at the "double." The battalion having been formed up in line Colonel Webber addressed them saying the smart soldierly appearance of the men, and the manner in

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The magistrates decided to send as usual to a reformatory for three years.

The same Constable charged Patrick and Michael Quilligan father and brother respectively of last defendant, with aiding and abetting at the larceny of the 2s 9d.

The case was dismissed.

A publican named Murmano was charged by Sergeant O'Neill with keeping his licensed house open for the sale of drink to non-bona-fide travellers on Sunday, the 15th of July. The Sergeant stated that on entering the house he found the bar full of bona-fide and non bona-fide travellers.

Mr Irwin said the magistrates were determined to put a stop to drinking on Sundays. He knew that it was the custom of residents in Castlebonswell to go into the public houses along with excursionists, and so obtain drink.

Mr Coffey, solicitor, who appeared for the defence, contended, that there was no proof that the men in question were supplied with drink, and it was impossible for the publican to identify them as being non-bona-fide travellers.

Defendant was fined 2s and costs.

The same sergeant charged four men, named Michael Bourke, Michael McNamara, O'Brien, and James Enright, with being on the licensed premises of Mr Murmano on Sunday, 15th inst, they not being bona-fide travellers.

Defendants were each fined 5s.

A man named James Nicholas charged Michael Richardson with assaulting him on the 5th June.

Mr Moran, solicitor, appeared for complainant, and Mr Coffey, solicitor, for defendant. Complainant stated that the defendant caught him by the throat, knocked him down, and otherwise ill-treated him. He was fined 5s and costs. There was a case of assault against the complainant which was dismissed. The Court then adjourned.

PATRICKSWELL PETTY SESSIONS—THIS DAY.

These Sessions were held to-day before Mr Irwin, B.M. in the chair, Lord Clarina, Colonel Westropp, and Mr O'Grady.

The Court was for a long time engaged in hearing a case in which an old woman named Mary Garry charged a man named O'Brien with assaulting her on the 14th July. It seems that the assault was the result of a dispute over a quarry. Mrs Garry claimed the quarry as her property, and it appeared that on the day in question she had filled the quarry with road-scraps; it was the first time she had done so, O'Brien came with his horse to the quarry and complained taking the road-scraps away; she tried to prevent him and eventually defendant struck her in the chest with a spade and knocked her down; she got up and still continued to prevent him carrying away the stuff; defendant then went and brought a cart full of his horse and they carried away the stuff. It was contended that the complainant had no claim on the quarry at all, and defendant had been told when he took the farm that no one had any claim to the quarry. He produced a map in which the quarry was marked as belonging to the farm. At the conclusion of the evidence,

Mr Irwin said the magistrates were of opinion that defendant had used unnecessary violence towards complainant. As to the question of the ownership of the quarry he thought it would be best for the magistrates to express no opinion so that it could come before another court. They would fine the defendant 10s 6d with 10s costs for the assault.

Mr Blackall appeared for complainant, and Mr Kenny for defendant.

There was no other case of interest before the Court.

LATEST NEWS

(SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.)

LIMERICK CHRONICLE OFFICE, TUESDAY, EVENING, 7 P.M.

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Details of the fatal accident at Parli Junction show that the foremost carriage over on the right side, the second on the Both-ways were blocked for three hours altogether eleven trains were delayed. The guard, leaves a widow and two children. Most of the injured passengers were able to proceed during the night. The most severely was Canon Donaldson, of Tralee. Hilary driver, probably averted a more serious disaster by raking out the fire, thus preventing poison that must have occurred but for promptitude, the water being low.

YACHTING.

The yacht, Satanita, left Greenock for Penzance. The Britannia will compete for the H. Guinness Prize in the Swansea Regatta. It is not fixed.

COLLISION BETWEEN STEAMERS.

During the thick weather last night a collision occurred off Folkestone between a steam unknown vessel. The former sank, 1 whole or part of the crew landed at Folkestone.

The steamer sunk was the Mount St. Sunderlin, and the other vessel was the I. steamer, Trinidad. The Trinidad has an in Dover Bay with damaged bows.

FATAL STABBING OF A WOMAN.

A man named Emery, belonging to Bromwich, has been arrested at Northampton on a charge of fatally stabbing a young girl last night. Emery is only twenty, and of South Staffordshire Regiment. He was subsequently charged and remanded. He stated he had admitted the crime.

THE MINNIE PALMER DIVORCE.

The hearing of the Minnie Palmer case resumed in the Divorce Court to-day. Rogers, petitioner, cross-examined, admitted he had never taken a house in England. A number of American engagements, witness once organised a Negro Cake Walk, and money.

His Lordship—Evidently you took the witness could only explain his letter, saying determination to remain in New York, saying respondent's going wrong had sent his head.

The proceedings were stayed by arrangement between the parties. His Lordship, in making an order for the proceedings, declined to have anything with the arrangement.

WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.

The Wesleyan Conference was this morning engaged in discussing a report from the district churchmen from circuit work, a debate was adjourned until to-morrow. This noon the Conference received the Noncon deputition.

DEATH FROM OPIUM SMOKING.

Joseph Gault, Paisley, chimney sweep last night found unconscious and taken infirmary, where he died from the effect of opium smoking. He leaves a widow and

THREE BOYS DROWNED.

Three boys, Robert Graham, William Robert Stewart, went on a raft to fish in near Edinburgh, last night. The rafters and all were drowned.

EIGHTEEN MONTHS FOR FRAUD.

At Old Bailey to-day John Davis was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment for extensive frauds on advertisers of "The Standard."

THE ATTEMPT TO STAB A LADY IN WESTMINSTER.

Watson Hope Scott, the man charged with attempting to stab the wife of Professor outside the House of Commons, was committed to the workhouse as insane. It follows' brain was affected through sun while serving as a soldier in China.

TERRIBLE SEQUEL TO A TRIAL.

The Press Association says—At York yesterday Valentine Crossland, dock-gang at Hull, was charged with unlawfully assaulting his daughter, but was acquitted. This morning while at the Albert Dock land was shot by one of his nephews, was taken a prominent part in the process against him. The man died immediately his assailant was arrested. It is reported he had previously attacked

LORD LONSDALE'S MONEY BAG.

The Police Court yesterday, George B. wire wounder, was remanded, selling from Euston Station a bag of notes, and other property, value £100, to the Earl of Lonsdale.