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THE STORM IN LIMERICK.

A gale of unusual severity sprung up from West North West last night and increased almost to a hurricane in the small hours of the morning. It was accompanied by heavy showers of rain and was certainly the severest weather experienced here since winter set in. The wonder is that in the old town serious damage to already dilapidated property did not occur, but beyond bricks and stones, which were blown off rather plentifully, there was nothing worth talking of to report. In some of the country districts traffic was for a time partially suspended to-day, tall trees, which had been blown down during the night were removed. So far as can be ascertained here, no casualties have occurred in the Shannon, where a heavy sea is running. It was reported in to-day's papers that a vessel, name unknown, had been driven on the rocks at Cahercon, near Kildysart, but no information, so far as can be ascertained, has been received in Limerick to verify the rumour, beyond the fact that an Ordnance Survey launch went ashore near the place named. The Clyde Shipping Company's steamer, "Aranmore," due in Limerick last night from Glasgow, was obliged to put into Black Sod Bay at ten o'clock yesterday morning, and put out at 12.30 to-day. As the gale, however, shows little sign of abating, it is not improbable that the steamer may again have to return to Black Sod until the conditions are more favourable. The large sailing vessel, "Cromartyshire," for which a tug is waiting in the Docks to convey her to Cardiff, is wind-bound, and is unlikely to leave the port for a day or two, at least. This evening the weather continues very threatening, and the barometer is falling.

COUNTY LIMERICK HOUNDS.

Yesterday will be long remembered as one of the most unpleasant days the County Hunt have had since the season opened. Rain fell without ceasing throughout the whole day, while a stiff north-westerly wind, which might almost be described as a storm, blew the flying vapours right in the faces of the field. Dromore was the place of meeting, but at the last moment it was decided to draw Castletown first and return to Dromore in the evening. A start was accordingly made for Castletown, but after some time it was declared blank. Miltown was next tried, but neither this place nor Newtown, which was drawn, responded. About 1.30 the field wended its way, through rain and slush, to Dromore. This cover has, I believe, been seldom drawn blank, and on this occasion we were not disappointed. A fox soon dashed out at the northern end, and away went hounds and huntsmen, heedless of the wind and rain, in hot pursuit. Reynard at first kept a partially straight course, but then bending to the right presumably with the wind, he made Mellon in good time, and saved his brush. Gallantly led by the Master, whose cheery voice, by the way, could be heard above the howling of the wind, the hunt dashed on to Dromore. Owing, probably, to the thickness of the wood, it was found impossible to oust Reynard, although the music of the hounds at this juncture was truly delightful, and gave rise to expectations of great things. Despite the inclemency of the weather, a rather good field turned up, although as the day advanced and the weather had no sign of clearing, numbers began to drop off. Amongst those out I noticed—The Master (Mr J B Charters), Mr P G Griffin, Capt McMahon, Capt M Westropp, Mr F E Fosbery, Mr E Westropp, Dr Clifford, Mr J Sheehy, Miss Caulfield, Miss Rice, Mrs P G Griffin, Mrs Wm Waller, the Misses Waller, Miss Gavin, Miss Bennett, Mrs Bennett, Miss Morgan-Westropp, Officers of the Garrison, etc.

THE NURSING SYSTEM IN WORK-
HOUSES.

At the usual meeting of the Mitchelstown Board of Guardians a long and important discussion took place on the nursing system in the union workhouse, which had been highly disapproved of by the Local Government Board and the Workhouse medical officer. Under the existing system one paid nurse attended to all the infirm patients, as well as attending to lunatics and idiots and acting as workhouse midwife. The condition of the lunatics and idiots was described by Dr Walsh as pitiable, some of them getting several epileptic fits during the day. Mr W D Webber, J P, moved that a duly qualified nurse be now appointed at a salary of £35 per

INQUEST AT NEWCASTLE WEST.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Yesterday an inquest was held at Newcastle West on the body of a little girl named Grady, aged five years, and as there was an allegation of ill-treatment while attending school at Templeglantine, the proceedings created considerable interest.

District Inspector McAuly, Abbeyfeale, and Sergeant Gaynor, of Newcastle West appeared on behalf of the Crown, and Mr Charles McCarthy, Solicitor, Newcastle, appeared on behalf of the Schoolmistress of the school.

Rev Father Daly was also present. A jury, which comprised the leading business men of the town, was empanelled, with Mr D. Kennedy as foreman, and the Coroner, Mr Michael McDonnell, in the absence of Dr Ambrose, presided.

John O'Grady, examined, refused to be sworn, but on the threat of the coroner took the oath. He deposed in reply to District Inspector McAuly, that he identified the body as that of his child; she lived with her grandmother; she was a healthy child up to six months ago; he brought Dr McCarthy to see her on two occasions a month before; she went to hospital when recommended by him, and he saw her afterwards and was speaking to her; she never complained of being beaten or hurt by anyone.

Johanna Haugh, wardswoman, deposed that he did not remember the night of the child's admittance; the child died on Sunday night; she never saw any marks on her; the little child was always complaining she had a pain in her back, and pains in her head; she was in bed all the time but one day; she was a weak child when she came in, and was always since a delicate child.

To the District-Inspector—She told her and everyone else in the ward that she was beaten while at mid-day play by her schoolmistress with a cane.

Mrs Crowley, examined, stated she was assistant teacher to Mrs Neiligan, who is in charge of the school; she was sixteen years teaching, and knew the deceased child, whose attendance was irregular, and whose general appearance was delicate; she stopped going to school about 6 months ago altogether; the grown girls of the sixth class teach the infants; she was told by the deceased's sister, Julia, aged 11 years, when she asked about the absence from school of her sister that she was not able to walk and had fallen from a ditch; she never saw any child get any beating at school, or even a slap; the infant children are never punished, and punishment could not be inflicted without witness seeing it.

Dr McCarthy, Abbeyfeale, examined—Was medical officer of the district of Templeglantine; attended deceased child on 5th July on a red ticket.

The previous witness, in answer to Mr McCarthy, said she saw deceased in hospital, and she never complained anyone had beaten her.

Dr McCarthy, resuming, said that in his opinion the child was suffering from phthisis or consumption; he saw her on 5th July, and she was then in an advanced stage of the disease; on Oct. 20th he recommended her removal to hospital, knowing her previous condition; he attended her mother who had died from consumption, and he was not surprised to hear of the child's death. To the District Inspector—On the 5th July he heard no complaint of injury, and found no marks on the child; the woman in charge of the child said she had a cough, and was very thin; he would not think her appearance was the result of violence.

Dr George Pierce, Medical Officer of the Newcastle Workhouse, deposed that he attended the deceased child on her admittance, and found her suffering from paralysis; he examined her for some marks on the body, but found none; he heard some report of an injury, but found none after his examination; the paralysis began in the legs, and gradually extended all over the body, and was the cause of death. A post-mortem examination would be unnecessary.

The jury unanimously found the following verdict:—"That Johanna O'Grady, aged five years, of Meenoline, in the parish of Templeglantine, died on 1st December, '95, in the Newcastle Workhouse, and that death was the result of natural causes."

IRISH LUNATIC ASYLUMS.

DEPUTATION TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY
Dublin, Wednesday Night.
A deputation from the Irish Lunatic Asylum Boards waited to-day on the Chief Secretary to

THE CORPORATION.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held to-day. The Mayor presided; and there were present—Aldermen—P Kenna, High Sheriff, J J Cleary, J P; Thomas Gaffney, J P; Ambrose Hall, J P; Lawrence Carr. Town Councillors—P Herbert, M Cusack, Thomas Donnellan, John Hicks, D Kennelly, Thomas Hartigan, R Gleeson, James O'Mara, and Patrick MacDonnell.

Mr Robert MacDonnell, Town Clerk; Mr John Dundon, Law Adviser; Mr M J DeCoursey, Water Works Sec; Mr Spillane, Gas Manager; and Mr W E Corbett, City Surveyor, were also in attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Dundon stated with reference to the resolution adopted at the last meeting, about the Corporation being represented in the Court of Queen's Bench in the case brought by Alderman Hall against the retention on the Burgess roll of Messrs MacMahon and Hartigan, that he had sent the resolution and all the papers on the subject to the standing counsel for the Corporation, Mr D F Browne, B L, and he had written stating that in his opinion the Corporation had no *locus standi* to appear before the Court of Queen's Bench in the matter, and therefore there would be no further action taken by the Corporation.

Alderman Cleary—That is very honest advice.

Alderman Hall—I thought so, but it would look invidious on my part to take further action than to warn you not to do so. I never put my foot down until I am sure of my ground.

Arising out of remarks in the minutes with reference to the extension of the Borough boundary,

Mr James O'Mara thought something should be done on the matter, and which would also have an effect on the rates. Some time ago the Borough boundary went out four or five miles, but now at one point it terminated near the Asylum, and all the people outside this limit are free from rates, though they make as much use of the city as he (Mr O'Mara) did. He would suggest that the Law Adviser take the matter into consideration with a view to getting an Act of Parliament passed to extend the boundary, and relieve the rates of the city.

The Mayor—That matter is at present under the consideration of the Law Adviser.

Mr O'Mara—There are more things than the extension of the Borough boundary that could be looked into. There are plenty of things coming into Limerick that should be taxed.

Mr Dundon—In dealing with a matter such as the extension of the Borough boundary they should take into consideration whether they would go to Parliament and ask for an Act of Parliament affecting their own city, or whether through the means of the Irish representatives they would get introduced a public Act of Parliament to apply to all the Boroughs in Ireland. Having regard to the city, and the opposition perhaps, likely to be given, it may not be to the interest of the city to promote what would substantially be a private bill for the city of Limerick, and incur the large expense involved, and perhaps nothing ought to be done except as part and parcel of a public Act of Parliament.

Mr Cusack—Has not Belfast got it?

Mr Dundon—Belfast is going to Parliament about it.

Mr Herbert thought they should endeavour to consolidate the rates, and strike but one rate to cover everything. People are complaining of having to pay two and three different rates, and would be better pleased if they were all paid in one. Besides, with one rate there would be less arrears. He was speaking to some of the biggest merchants on the subject, and they would be glad of the change.

Alderman Hall—As to the consolidation of the rates, if I were called upon to pay all my rates at once I should considerably overdraw my bank account.

The subject was deferred.

THE MARKETS' TRUSTEES.

The following members were elected to represent the Corporation on the Markets' Trustees—Alderman Cleary, 17; Alderman Riordan, 15; Mr Herbert, 15; Mr Donnelly, 14; Mr Frost, 12; Mr Donnellan, 10; Mr Gleeson, 9, and Mr Hartigan, 9.

LIMERICK FISHERY BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held to-day in the Grand Jury Room, County Court House, Mr Ernest Phelps presiding. Also present:—Mr Peter Fitzgerald, J P; Mr J A Place, Mr F Fitzgibbon; Colonel O'Donnell. Mr Patrick