

last, for the purpose of connecting the Chief Secretary to the purpose of constructing a line connecting Oranmore with Ballyvaughan. The proposed line, if carried out, would connect the North side of Clare and the North side of Galway Bay with Oranmore, with the railway system.

The Midland and the Waterford railway extensions intersect at right angles at Athenry, formerly a place of great importance, both in Norman and Celtic times.

The town of Oranmore is situated on the North side of the line, between Athenry and Ballyvaughan, somewhat nearer to the latter than to the former, and marks the spot where the line, after its long run from Dublin, crosses the centre of the island, first strikes the coast at Galway Bay.

Ballyvaughan, the western extremity of the Clare coast, forms the southern shore of the island, and lies north-east of the famous Moher. By connecting these two points, a way of communication would be opened between the North Clare Coast, passing through the North and turn directly northward, skirt the western inlets of Galway Bay, till it reaches Oranmore.

It is also to be borne in mind in reference to other places that a much better communication with a railway would be running the line direct east from Oranmore to Ardrahan—a town on the western coast, south of Athenry, and about a few miles of the south-eastern shore of Galway Bay.

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The Chairman remarked in regard to one class of edibles, lobsters, that sometimes splendid specimens are sold at one penny the dozen, and if that price be not forthcoming, the lobster is left to rot on the foreshore. It is an interesting statement that lobsters are being sold for sale in this country at a penny a dozen, and that the penny is not always forthcoming.

There is abundant room for the development of an industry there, especially as oysters are not difficult of transport. But it is pointed out that the most remunerative industry would be done. The name of Burren is well known for its shelly esculent, and the flavour of the fish bivalve is unsurpassed by any rival.

The price which the "natives" pay for oysters at present is such as to exclude them from the tables of any but the wealthy. It is pointed out that oysters recently connected with the coast are a remarkable fact that the

age of 88 years. He was educated in Trinity College, Dublin, through which he passed with distinction, and was afterwards for some time an inspector under the Board of Erasmus Smith's Schools. Mr Poe was also for many years an elected member of the Nenagh Board of Guardians, and also a member of the Grand Jury of the North Riding, and for some time foreman.

THE HEATING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER.

An apparatus has been erected in the Town Hall for heating the Council Chamber by means of hot water pipes. To-day when the Council assembled, the sensation of over heating and bad ventilation was intolerable. Complaint was made by various members of the danger likely to accrue to their health in being obliged to remain for any time by such an overheated apartment. As a precaution against future unpleasantness, Alderman Hall gave notice of motion that the caretaker of the Town Hall be instructed in the work of the apparatus, and be paid a reasonable sum for taking charge of, and attending to the heating of the room.

SUICIDE AT OLD PALLAS.

Mr Clery, Coroner, held an inquest this afternoon on the body of James Reith, a caretaker of an evicted farm at Oldpallas, who died on Tuesday from the effects of wounds self-inflicted on the preceding Sunday.

The following jury, with Mr James M'Mahon as foreman, was sworn:—Joseph Ryan, Jeremiah Dwyer, John Byrane, Patrick Mackey, James O'Shea, Jeremiah Byrane, Michael Godfrey, James Power, Jeremiah Ryan, Patrick Dwyer.

District Inspector Toppia conducted the proceedings on behalf of the Crown.

It appeared from the evidence that on Sunday last, at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the deceased was asked by Mr Dobbs, his employer, to produce his accounts preparatory to his dismissal, these were perfectly correct, except that one receipt for a small amount was missing, and on Mr Dobbs pressing him to produce the receipt he became excited, made an exclamation, and ran out of the room. In about an hour's time a revolver shot was heard by Mrs Reith, deceased's wife, who immediately ran down stairs and found her husband lying unconscious on the kitchen floor, with blood coming from his mouth; a pistol was lying by his side; she screamed for help; Mr Dobbs and another man came on the scene; they sent immediately for Dr O'Callaghan, who did all he could for the man; Mr Dobbs also got a nurse from Limerick; however the sufferer died on Tuesday.

The Coroner, in summing up, said that from the evidence before them there could be no doubt that the deceased died from self-inflicted wounds, and the only question they had to decide was whether he was in his right mind when he committed the act. With regard to the motive for doing away with himself it was a mystery. The fact that he had been dismissed by Mr Dobbs for not looking after calves properly, was not sufficient reason to induce him to do the act. He was apparently a sober man, his accounts were all correct, and he had received a good character from Mr Dobbs for honesty and integrity.

The jury, after considerable delay, returned a verdict that James Reith committed suicide while temporarily insane.

LIMERICK PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of Committee of this Society was held on Tuesday, 5th inst, Very Rev the Dean of Limerick, Chairman.

Applications relative to employment for two or three of the elder orphans were considered, and it was reported that one boy has passed for the Royal Navy.

The thanks of Committee were voted to the ladies who kindly undertook stalls at the bazaar, and to Lieut Col Spyer for services of the band of 1st Bat. Royal Irish Regiment.

The Secretary reported receipt of bequest £19 19s of late Mrs E Todhunter. Nov 6, 1895.

Gaffney seconded, that these six names be submitted to the Lord Lieutenant for selection.

THE MUNICIPAL REGALIA.

On the proposition of Alderman Gaffney, seconded by Alderman Riordan, it was decided to give the Charters Mayors Chain and Regalia on loan to the Arts and Crafts Exhibition subject to an insurance policy of £1,000, and a guarantee to be entered into with the Law Adviser for their safe return.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

The Town Clerk said the next business on the agenda paper was the consideration of the electric lighting scheme.

Alderman Hall considered the scheme a very serious matter, and he thought it more serious since he had seen a paper with Mr Herbert which he got from Londonderry, and if the facts contained in it were correct, he would think twice before going on with the scheme. Under these circumstances, he thought the matter should be referred to a committee.

Mr P E Bourke—The only hesitation I have about that is, that experience has taught us that we never get a quorum, as generally the lukewarm members keep away, and the enthusiasts only attend. The question is of such importance it should be decided forthwith, and he therefore proposed that the matter be taken up right off.

Mr James Gaffney seconded the proposition. It is incumbent on the Corporation to carry out this scheme, and it is absurd for them to be postponing it.

Mr Begley inquired whether the Town Clerk had obtained any information from any municipalities where the electric lighting was adopted.

The Town Clerk—No, I got no instructions.

Mr Joseph Gaffney suggested that a small committee be appointed to consider the various details, and report to the Corporation on the replies to be sent to the queries from the Board of Trade.

Mr John O'Donnell proposed that a committee of the whole house consider the scheme.

Mr Donnelly seconded the proposition, and on a poll Mr Gaffney's proposal was adopted. The following members were appointed on the committee—The Mayor, D Begley, M Cusack, P E Bourke, James Gaffney, P Herbert, M Donnelly, Joseph Gaffney, and Alderman O'Mara.

Mr Bourke thought power should be given to the committee to incur some expense in providing necessary information.

Mr Begley suggested that the expense should come from the gas committee.

Mr Spillane said the gas committee up to the present had borne all the expense, £530. The Corporation had not spent a shilling, and the committee ought to have power to incur some necessary expense in order to be fortified with the opinion of an expert on some matters of detail.

It was decided to empower the committee to spend £0.

THE WATERWORKS PLANS.

A letter was read from Mr Browne, C E, stating that himself and Mr Fogarty, CE, had returned to the Corporation the signed plans in connection with Mr Dickson's contract for the waterworks.

TRAGIC OCCURRENCE IN LIMERICK.

AN OLD WOMAN DIES FROM INJURIES INFLICTED BY HER DAUGHTER.

To-day at twelve o'clock Mr Coroner DeCourcy held an inquest in Barrington's Hospital touching the death of an old woman named Ellen Galway, who was admitted to the institution on the 1st inst. suffering from serious injuries to her body and legs, alleged to have been inflicted by her daughter, Johanna Galway.

Head Constable Fitzgerald, John street, and Head Constable Feeney, Wm street, conducted the case for the Crown.

Emly Anglim was examined and gave evidence to the effect that she resided in a house in Bow lane, off John's street, with the deceased, who was her grandmother; about four o'clock on the evening of the 1st instant the deceased and her daughter were arguing in the house, the daughter being in bed; witness went out on business, and on her return she found the door shut, and being unable to open it, she called a Mrs O'Brien, with whose

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