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The weather, past, present, and to come, is usually a very exciting subject of conversation, though the discussion of its prospects runs up a ready way of breaking ground in talking to the casual acquaintance. There is generally variety in the subject, if the novelty, under ordinary circumstances. At the present time we are passing through a period of exceptional temperature in this portion of the Northern hemisphere, and the subject forces itself upon the conversation of all, even in this city of ours, in which we are very favourably situated as compared with other places. The thermometer at night does not generally register more than fifteen degrees of frost at its lowest. The day is bright and sunny, and where the sun shines there is light thaw. This, unfortunately, is accompanied with drawbacks, for the thawed snow freezes into slippery ice, and walking is rendered very difficult. The fierce wind of Saturday and Sunday, with its accompanying low temperature, confined almost everyone to the house, but on Monday and to-day hundreds enjoyed the pastime of skating on Lough More. In the north of the county of Cork the blizzard, which visited Limerick on Saturday night and Sunday, was accompanied with a heavy fall of snow, which was drifted by the wind into masses that blocked railways and ordinary roads. The American mail on Monday morning was embedded in the snow at Charleville, and the train from Cork was similarly blocked on the other side of the river. By the exertion of gangs of men working night and day the line was cleared, and the American mail was allowed to proceed on its way after a delay of about twenty-four hours. As a result of the intense cold the flight of the seagull is as familiar in the streets of the city as the chirp of the sparrow would be in summer. These sea birds have thrown aside their fear under the pressure of hunger, and haunt the street, the suburban gardens and back yards with the boldness of pigeons. The small birds, frequenting the out-lying haunts, are diminishing in numbers, and are apparently dying off. Even seagulls have been observed floating dead in

DEATH OF MR JOHN GLEESON, CLONDRINA.

After a few days illness from an attack of acute bronchitis, Mr John Gleeson breathed his last, surrounded by his sorrowing family and friends. Mr Gleeson contracted a cold in the early part of last week while attending to his duties, and on Saturday, the 9th inst, it took rather a serious turn, and Dr Holmes, who was called in, found it had developed into bronchitis. All the assistance that medical aid could render proved unavailing, and on Tuesday Mr Gleeson became unconscious, but partially recovered, growing weaker, however, till at 5.30 o'clock on Thursday morning when he peacefully passed away.

Notwithstanding the very inclement weather and the dangerous state of the roads, the funeral cortege was large and representative. The interment took place at the ancient church of Crohane, and the burial service was read by the Rev Luke Gleeson, P P, Meelick, and the Rev Father Hanly, C C, do. The chief mourners were—Mr Thomas Gleeson, son; Rev Michael Byrnes, P P, brother-in-law; Mr Robert Holmes and Mr Denis Kennedy, sons-in-law; Mr Jeremiah Markham, Mr J Boland, Mr P Graham, Woodfield.

Amongst the general public were—Dr Brennan, Parteen; Messrs John M'Inerney (Chairman Limerick Board of Guardians), Dr Johnson, V S; Denis M'Namara, P L G; John M'Namara, P L G; John O'Donnell, T C; Richard Gleeson, T C; Coroner Frost, George Frost, Portaraine; Patrick Frost (Todd and Co.), P J Frost, Clerk Limerick Lunatic Asylum, Messrs Enright and Carney (Cannock and Company), M Frost, The Hill; E Ponche, E Ryan, L Foley, W F Ryan, Thomas Hartigan, T C; Robert Nix, P L G; W B Goggin, Meelick; James Smith, Patrickstreet; Wm Cullen, Athlunkard; P Mulcahy, Caherdavin; P Shine, Trugh; E Walsh, E Setrite, Cra'loe; W O'Connell, Roche's-street; R Frost, George-street; J Hartigan, Quinpool; P Dundon, D Quinlivan, Clonmoney; J L Frost, Meelick, &c.

A number of beautiful wreaths were sent, amongst others, by the widow and family of the deceased, Mrs M Graham, Coonagh; Mr Robert Frost, George-street; the Nuns, Presentation Convent, &c.

MALICIOUS INJURY TO A CHURCH.

Shanagolden Church has, for the second time within a recent period, been the object of a wanton and malicious outrage. A few nights since thirty panes of glass were broken, the blinds torn, and the water pipes of the roof smashed. The interior of the building presented a partially wrecked appearance. No clue as to the perpetrators of this sacrilegious outrage has been obtained. A claim for compensation will be lodged.

ARREST FOR HAVING ARMS NEAR ENNIS.

On Saturday evening a patrol of police from the Barfield hut came upon two men named Kerin and Molony near the lake at Tourseen. Molony was carrying a gun, and when requested by the police to produce a license was unable to do so. Both men were arrested and brought into Ennis. Molony is a farmer and Kerin is a herdsman. They were discharged to be summoned to Petty Sessions.

THE RELIEF FUND IN ENNIS.

THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' ASSOCIATION.

We desire to draw particular attention to a very attractive concert which will be given at the Garrison Gymnasium, New Barrack, on next Saturday afternoon, and we trust that the laudable efforts of Mr Garrison and Mrs Spyer, and the officers of the Irish Regiment, will be rewarded by a large attendance in furtherance of so good a cause. Some of our best amateurs are assisting in the programme that has been arranged, and the excellent band of the regiment will feature in the entertainment. A feature of the concert is the strong claim for sympathy which the above Society has upon our readers may here be added, in which the wives of our soldiers and sailors are in instances of special need in consequence of frequent removals from one home to another, or when husband is away in service, or dies abroad leaving widows in this country, are well known chaplains and parochial clergy in garrison and seaport towns, and the regularly organized association throughout the kingdom in aid of what is truly a noble cause has long been widely felt. This admirably supplied by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, established by the patronage, and in connexion with the various branches are being everywhere formed. Limerick has always been the headquarters of a considerable garrison, and both officers and men have largely benefited in consequence of the subscriptions or contributions have raised in this locality. A concert, however, has been formed for the purpose, and we hope that this concert may be successful in producing a considerable sum of money, but by drawing public attention to the need of such an association, may secure for the future, a more general support to a cause so deserving. It has been said that "no greater responsibility rests upon the care of the wives and families of our soldiers and sailors who have made England their home in the world," and every Irishwoman should remember that a large portion of the British Army and Navy are represented, and what of gallant deeds our Irishmen can boast of.

SHOOTING PARTY AT KILRUSH.

(BY TELEGRAPH FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

Kilrush, Tuesday

On Saturday, yesterday, and to-day, a shooting party, the property of Mr de laune, D L, were shot over by Hickman, J P, and party, comprising D L, Mr W Vandeleur, Reeves, Bennett, M A, Mr George Gore, M Captain Bainbridge, Dr Conihill, Lloyd, J P. The bag at the end of the day was full, and taking everything into consideration the birds were plump and in good condition. E J Murphy, land steward on the occasion, had the in-charge of the arrangements. A notable feature of the shoot was the accurate and successful marksmanship of Mr W V Reeves, who was bird beaten out to him. The bag of the day thirty one brace of woodcock and one brace on Monday. This shooting