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MELANCHOLY DROWNING ACCIDENT IN THE CITY.

THE INQUEST.

Yesterday at one o'clock Mr. Coroner DeCourcy and a jury, of which Mr. Daniel Kenneally, B.O., was foreman, held an inquest in Barrington's Hospital into the circumstances connected with the death of a man named John Coughlin, whose body was found in a trench adjacent to the Canal on Sunday evening.

Head-Constable Fitzgerald, John-street, conducted the inquiry on behalf of the police. James Mannix identified the body as that of John Coughlin, who was about thirty-seven years of age and unmarried. Deceased lived at New-road, Pennywell, on yesterday evening witness was walking with deceased and a man named James Buekner, a painter, which occupation was also followed by deceased; they had been together from about six o'clock till a quarter past seven; they went along the Canal and returned to deceased's house by Clare-street; they again went out and walked along Clare-street; deceased said he required to leave them for a few minutes; witness noticed something strange in the deceased's demeanour all day, he said that there were seven or eight men going to attack him; as deceased was not coming back to them witness looked over the wall and saw him running in the direction of the grove; James Buekner and witness followed him.

Head-Constable Fitzgerald—Why did you follow him?

Witness—From the way he was ploughing through the grove I thought his intentions were not good and that he would do away with himself.

The Coroner—What led you to believe that he was going to do away with himself?

Witness—Because of his sayings all day. He seemed to think that the men of whom he spoke during the day were following him, and it looked as if he wanted to get away from some imaginary persons; the deceased disappeared from our view through the grove. We heard some people calling on us to come on, that the man was drowning in a trench; we were unable to get through the grove, and did not see the deceased until we saw his body in the hospital; deceased was quite sober yesterday.

The Coroner—What brought the delusion into his head could you suggest?

Witness—I could not; he was similarly affected about four months ago; deceased would not take drink yesterday.

Henry Ryan, examined, stated that he resides in Clare street; about half-past seven o'clock on the previous evening he was sitting on the river wall near the Canal; his attention was attracted by a number of people running and saying that a man was drowning; witness ran to the place and saw the deceased being pulled out of the trench by James Cramer; there was about three feet and a half of water in the trench; deceased appeared to have life in him when taken out; witness assisted to bring him to the hospital.

Eliza Coughlan deposed that deceased was her brother; he left the house yesterday about one o'clock, and returned with two men in the evening; they remained about half an hour and left again, and she did not see him again until she saw his body in the hospital; deceased had been drinking a little up to Saturday last. His manner appeared to be peculiar lately, being very silent; he complained on yesterday that there were men following him to do something to him. He had given expression to similar words about four months ago; it was a delusion.

John Cramer deposed he was attracted to the Canal Bank by a woman shouting that there was a man in the trench; witness ran through the grove, and saw deceased in the trench, the face being downwards and the hands spread; his poll was uncovered; there were about two feet of water in the trench; witness lifted him out, and used all the means in his power to restore him, but life appeared to be extinct. It took him about ten minutes to get through the grove.

Miss Haughton, Matron of Barrington's Hospital, gave evidence that the deceased was brought to the hospital the previous evening; she believed he was dead when brought in; all available means were tried to restore respiration, but without effect.

The jury having consulted, a verdict that deceased died from drowning, and that same was accidental, was returned.

This verdict was come to, as the jury believed that while endeavouring to get through the grove, the deceased accidentally fell into the trench.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.

The Registrar-General writes to us—

Sir—I beg to acquaint you that the collection of Agricultural Statistics throughout Ireland, for the present year, will commence on Monday

establish a precedent then. The Harbour Master said he had half vessels at the Pier head, and ordered them back again. The Board decided that they could not accede to the application. Rev Mr. O'Donnell, Adm. St. Michael's, wrote on behalf of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, thanking the Board for its prompt and generous response in granting additional land for the new schools in Henry street, and also thanked the Commissioners on his own behalf for the courteous manner in which they had received him in reference to the application.

A discussion took place in reference to the water supply for the pilots at Cain's Island. Mr. Power said that the High Sheriff, the ex-Mayor and himself had visited the Island on the occasion of the recent inspection of the lights, and they found that the supply was impure. The tenant of the Island wrote asking for compensation for any land the Board might take away for the purposes of a new supply, and after some discussion, it was decided to adjourn the matter pending an arrangement with the tenant.

Some improvements to the Pilot House were ordered.

The Harbour Engineer brought up a report on the "Inspection of the Light," and

The High Sheriff proposed that the thanks of the Board be tendered to Mr. Cleve for his courtesy in giving the Commissioners the use of his splendid steam yacht "Surf" on the occasion.

Mr. Power seconded the resolution, which was passed unanimously.

Mr. Power proposed—"That this Board deeply regret the death of Mr. Robert MacDonnell, for so many years a member of this Board. The Harbour Commissioners recognised his ability and great usefulness, and offer their deep sympathy to Mrs. MacDonnell and her family."

The proposition, which was seconded by the High Sheriff, was unanimously passed.

The claim of a man named Thomas Meany for injury to a horse and cart, his property, which fell into the river at Howley's Quay, owing to the chains not being fixed in position, was refused.

A complaint was received from Messrs Sutton and Co., Cork, stating that the vessel "Morren" was not allowed alongside their stores at Limerick, and asking if the Board declined to put the berth at that place in repair.

The Secretary was instructed to reply stating that the Commissioners would not guarantee the safety of the berth in question, inasmuch as a sewer over which they had no control discharged into it.

The other business was routine.

CORPORATION PRESENTMENT COMMITTEE.

Yesterday a meeting of the Presentment Committee of the Corporation was held at twelve o'clock for the purpose of disposing of the borough presentments. Mr. M'Donnell presided, and there were also present—The High Sheriff (Mr. J. P. Gaffney), Mr. M. Cusack, and Mr. D. Kenneally, with the Town Clerk (Mr. Wm. M. Nolan), the assistant do. (Mr. A. Killen), the Law Adviser (Mr. Dundon), and the City Coroner (Mr. M. J. DeCourcy).

With regard to an item of £12 to the Sheriff of the City of Limerick, half year's salary due this assize,

The High Sheriff remarked that he had never heard anything about last year's account.

Mr. Spillane, D.L.—The City Treasurer must have it.

The High Sheriff—Well, it is there since last year.

Mr. Spillane—And it would be there for forty years.

The High Sheriff—It should be made payable to me as the Sheriff of Limerick. I would like the Law Adviser's opinion.

Mr. Dundon—I would recommend that it should be made payable to the High Sheriff.

The High Sheriff—I would like to know about last year's cheque.

Mr. Woulfe (City Treasurer)—It was given to the Sub-Sheriff.

The High Sheriff—Well, it should not have been given to him.

Mr. Woulfe—I shall carry out your orders.

Mr. Spillane—How does the Sub-Sheriff get the endorsement of the cheque?

The High Sheriff—The cheque should be made payable to me.

Mr. Dundon—I was not aware before that the High Sheriff had a salary (laughter).

The High Sheriff—Well, it appears he has.

The other items, which were for miscellaneous purposes, government presentments, and city courthouse and constabulary expenses of the usual kind, were passed without discussion.

ENNIS PETTY SESSIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

The magistrates presiding at these petty sessions on Friday were—Messrs A. N. Brady, R.M., in the chair, and Mr. H. B. Harris.

OLD MILL STREET BRAWLS. A number of cases arising out of brawls in Old Mill street were before the court. Patrick Casey,

paid his costs. Complainant consented to the adjournment. Mrs. Patrick Griffin, South (Patrick Connors for using abusive language and attempting to assault Mr. E. Cussen, colr, for plaintiff Liston, s.c., for defendant. Mrs. Griffin stated defendant while her husband was out, put his hands on her face and attempted to abuse her and used threats. Mr. Liston said it would be justice if they adjourned the case. Connors was under the influence of drink and it would not occur. In reply to Mr. Liston, Mrs. Griffin never gave her annoyance but not say if he would repeat the charge with.

Major R. Weston said respecting this lady must be protected from description.

He was bound to the peace himself in £2 and two sureties. Eliza Benson charged Bridget (stepdaughter) on informations of some articles of apparel, for arrested in Cork, and brought O'Shaughnessy, J.P.

Mr. Condon, solicitor, appeared. Mr. O'Shaughnessy considered a trivial one after hearing the evidence allowed the defendant out on his own recognizance to appear at next Petty Sessions.

NEWCASTLE WEST BOROUGH GUARDIANS—TRUSTEES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Mr. E. Mulcahy presided. Other members G. L. Sheehy, J.P.; J. C. Thomas, Ambrose, James Kennedy, L. Curtin, P. Reidy, Wm. Irwin, W. M'Entery, Laurence O'Callaghan, Cramin.

Dr. George Pierce, Dr. Richard J. D. Leahy, C.E., were in attendance.

STATE OF THE HOUSE. Number on previous Saturday, 12; discharged, 22; born, 0; died, 1; Glin Industrial School, 23; at home, 171; on outdoor relief, 39; work, £22 19s 6d; cost of inmates, 3s 4d; fever hospital, 7 inmates, 2s 4d; average cost, 2s 8d.

FINANCE. Cash received during the week, £248 6s 11d; balance, £176 10s 5d.

CORRESPONDENCE. A letter enclosing a copy of the Guardians (Ireland) Women's Act received the Royal Assent on the 1st inst. The Act enables elected Poor Law Guardians in guardians made no comment on the Act.

The Local Government Board thought the Guardians, as Authority, should institute legal proceedings against John Ahern, for having taken to the Medical Officer of Health children had suffered from scarlatina at Keale, in the Athlone District.

The matter was referred to Dr. of the district.

A resolution from the Downpatrick Guardians was adopted, in which the Local Government Board to appointing to the appointment of a local dispensary doctor is called away. Guardians are only expected to pay in the event of the officer being ill, or he absent on leave.

Michael O'Rourke, Kildimo, was tractor for sinking a well at Cahavagh part 15s per foot, and for the rock portion 32s 6d per foot, and material.

LABOURERS COTTAGE. The following was read:—

"Office of Public Dairies, 26 Dardin, 26

"Sir,—With reference to you 23rd inst, I am directed to state that the issue of the first instalment of disbursements by to-day's post, decided in respect of Ratona River some amendment, no instalment is at present in respect of the loan for

"Your obedient servant

"D. T. JONES,

The following contracts for of labourers cottages were approved by the division, But Hyde, one at Upton, one at £104 10s; M. Flynn, one at Glengower division, M. Flynn, one at one at £84; Garryduff division one at £97; Knockaderry division, at £91 15s each; Bools and Mo division, E. Sullivan, one at £11 10s each; Clonacagh one and two—P. Quinn, at £97 each; Cleary Jeremiah O'Sullivan, one at £10 division, D. O'Neill, one, at £96.