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PULLING A PIGS TAIL OFF.

At Ennis yesterday Constable Greene had James O'Brien, of Limerick, up on a charge of cruelty to animals.

The Sergeant deposed that at the Ennis Railway Station he saw defendant and another man removing pigs from the West Clare to the Great Southern Platform. He warned them to "take them easy," but defendant caught one of them by the tail to put it out on the platform, and, in doing so, he pulled the tail clean out. The animal bled. Witness produced the tail of the

Cross-examined by Mr. Lynch, who was for the defence, complainant said defendant was a pig drover. It was often difficult to take pigs from the West Clare side to the other side. Defendant gave the animal a sudden throw and pulled the

tail out.

Defendant said that the pig was nearly dead, as it was in a creel. He was paid for looking after them. He did not use any unnecessary violence. Chairman: You did, such violence that you pulled the tail right off.

Defendant : Did you see me pull off the tail? As a matter of fact I called your attention to it. Constable Greene: It was not. I saw you do it myself.

The Chairman said it was a brutal way to handle the animals.

Mr. Lynch said it was all an accident. The cruelty was not premeditated.

The Chairman was in favour of imposing a fine of 20s., but other members thought a less fine would meet the case, and it was decided to adjourn it for seven days, the bench being equally

DEATH OF MR. MICHAEL CLIFFORD, G.P.O.

Very much regret is felt amongst the public at the death of Mr. Michael Clifford, who until recently held the position of Inspector of Telegraph Messengers at the Limerick Post Office, and was also caretaker of the building. The deceased was a most courteous official, and was very highly esteemed and appreciated by the public, as well as those who knew him in private life, while the staffs of the several departments of the Post Office held him in the highest respect. funeral took place to-day, and was of very large dimensions. All the available officials of the Post Office, including the Postmaster, attended, and representatives attended from the other Government offices in the city, large numbers of the Constabulary being present. The very numerous attendance was certainly a striking proof of the great popularity which the deceased enjoyed. The coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths.

SPRAYING POTATOES.

COPPER | SULPHATE DANGER.

An inquest was held at Ballynena yesterday on the body of James Gordon Bailie, who died under unusual circumstances on Wednesday. The deceased was spraying potatoes on Monday and Tuesday, and was very ill on Tuesday night. Two Doran has been medical men testified that death resulted from right leg into the lett jaw; he then turned to the fire and Wm. Coffey caught the poker and thought to go for the deceased again; Patrick Coffey caught Coffey and put him outside the door; witness ran over to his father and caught his head and raised it up. After the kick witness's father never spoke; His head fell

Medical Officer for Newpallas and Doon, deposed that he believed death to be due to effusion of blood on the brain

and shock.

The Coroner: What would cause that?
The Witness: Extreme violence.

District Inspector Meredith: Would a kick cause the injuries?

The Witness: Yes, any external violence.

The Coroner said there was no question the deceased met a sudden and violent death; unddoubtedly, it was a case of homicide, and the question for the jury to say was: How did James Grady come by his death? The two men were not good friends; they quarrelled, and would have fought but that they were prevented. According to the evidence of Patrick Crowe, the deceased appeared to be the aggressor, and there was no doubt the injury inflicted was the cause of death.

Mr. Frewen asked the jury to return an open verdict, as there was no evidence to show whether Coffey inflicted the blow, the evidence of the

witnesses not agreeing in this particular.
Ultimately the jury found—"That James O'Grady, of Carrigmore, aged 55, died at Carrigmore, ou the 21st day of August, 1901, and that death wat due to effusion of blood on the base of the brain, and shock, the result of a kick adminis-tered by Wm. Coffey."

Subsequently the funeral took place and was attended by a large concourse of people. The wailings and lamentations of the relatives were very trying to all present,

Deceased's assilant has not yet been arrested.

FUNERAL OF MR. PETER M. DONOVAN.

The funeral of the above deeply lamented young gentleman took place on Thursday, and was one of the largest witnessed in West Limerick for many years. The youth of deceased, his popularity, and the sudden close of his life as he was about entering on the threshold of a brilliant professional career, evoked general sympathy. Deceased, who had been enjoying a holiday with some friends at Ballybunion, went out on Tuesday afternoon for a plunge in the sea, and almost instantly expired on the strand from weak action of the heart. The remains were removed from Ballybunion to Ardagh railway station on Wednesday evening, where they rested overnight in Kilcolman Church, and were removed next day for interment to Killrathern.

The clergy present were—The Rev R. O'Kennedy, P.P.; Kev J. Bresnihan, C.C.; Rev J. Tierney, C.C.; Rev. O'Gorman, C.C.

The chief mourners were John M. Donovan, D.C. (brother) Miss Donovan and Mrs Dalton (sisters); Peter M. Cullane, Patrick M. Cullane, Miss Cullane, Patrick Donovan, P. J. Murray, J.P.; James Marray, C Murray, C. Cussen, Solr.; M. Cussen, J. Cussen, (cousins); John Dalton, brother-in-law; Masters Joe and Willie Donovan, Masters Stephen and James Dalton (nephews),

There was a very large attendance of the general public, and several beautiful floral wreaths and crosses were placed on the grave.

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