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NEWS-NOTES AND NOTIONS.

LIGHT UP.

Cyclists and others liable to prosecution under the Lights on Vehicles Act should light up to-night at 3.40 To-morrow night at 3.40, and on Saturday at 3.40.

MULEY HAFID, JOURNALIST.

The Paris newspapers publish a telegram from Tangier, says Reuter, announcing that Muley Hafid is about to start a newspaper in support of his policy. The Sultan will himself act as manager.

THE WEALTH OF FRANCE.

Numerous attempts have been made to compute the wealth of France. The latest est mate, that of M. Leroy Beaulieu, the eminent economist, is (says Reuter) based on the death duties, which are probably as good a criterion as any other. As the result of elaborate calculation, M. Leroy Beaulieu says the private fortunes of the French nation represent a grand total of £9,030,000,000. It may, perhaps, be doubted where these statistics make full allowance for the traditional French "stocking," the contents of which are as mysterious and difficult to estimate as the secret hoards of India.

EARL GRANARD'S ENGAGEMENT.

The Earl of Granard, the Minister assisting the Postmaster General, is engaged to be married to Miss Beatrice Mills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills, of Staatsburg, Duchess County, New York. Miss Beatrice Mills is a granddaughter of Mr. Darius Ogden Mills, the well-known philanthropist, of New York, and niece of Mr. Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador in England. During the Parliamentary recess the Earl of Granard spent several weeks in America, where he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills.

A REMARKABLE IDEA.

A poor old Exeter woman refused to send in her claim for a pension on the ground that so many persons were asking for pensions that the King would not have enough money to pay them all. She has been induced to fill up her paper.

THE LAUGHTER CURE.

A doctor in Frankfort is prescribing laughter as a cure for nervous diseases. He says sufferers should laugh regularly every day, and warns them that half-hearted measures are useless—they must laugh until the tears run down their cheeks.

INTERESTING TO PHILATELISTS.

A special issue of 5,150,000 postage stamps will be made, says a Constantinople correspondent, in commemoration of the revival of the Constitution. The stamps, which will be issued on the 17th inst, will bear the following inscription: "In commemoration of the Constitutional Regime, July 10, 1324," and will be divided into five series, 20 paras, 1, 2, 5, and 10 piastres.

SIR THOMAS CLEEVE.

Sir Thomas Cleeve had rather a bad night, but we are glad to learn from inquiries that he has had a little rest during the day, and this evening his condition is improved if anything.

COUNTY LIMERICK FATALITY.

Gentleman Killed at a Hunt.

Mr. James Bennett, Rathanny, Hospital, was killed by a fall from his horse in the course of a stag hunt at Knockaney on Tuesday. Death is stated to have been instantaneous. Deceased was about 46 years of age. He was a gentleman of independent means and a member of a well-known and popular county Limerick family of that name.

Deep regret is expressed throughout the entire district at the very tragic occurrence.

Our correspondent writes:—Mr. James Bennett, of Rathanny, was out with the Black and Tan Hounds, and when jumping a double ditch between Hospital and Knockaney the horse fell backwards and threw its rider, falling upon him, and poor Mr. Bennett sustained injuries which caused his death, his neck being broken. He died before he reached the house where he was being taken on a stretcher. Very deep regret on all sides is felt for one of the most popular young gentlemen in the neighbourhood.

Owing to the sad death of Mr. Bennett the County Limerick Hunt have postponed their Friday's meet to Saturday next.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Lord and Lady Clarina are entertaining a party this week at Elm Park, Clarina, for covert shooting.

An aged farmer named Martin Carroll, while watching the sick bed of his wife at Tomoan, near Castleplunket, in the Castlerea district, on Friday, suddenly died. His wife passed away a short time afterwards.

Sanction has been given for Captain E. B. Place, Limerick City Royal Reserve Artillery, being appointed as assistant district commissioner in Uganda.

The engagement is announced of Captain W. H. Nicolls, Kilbrack, Doneraile, and Kathleen, only daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. A. H. Longfield, Waterloo, Mallow.

Previous to the Christmas vacation the annual concert and distribution of prizes took place at the High School, Richmond House, last evening. A full report will appear in our next issue.

Mr. E. F. Hickson, R.M., presided at the City Police Court this morning. There was no case for hearing.

The Rev. Father O'Connor, C.C., has been appointed Administrator of St. Michael's Church, in succession to the Rev. John Lee, promoted to the pastorship of Askeaton. The appointment is a very popular one.

Major F. A. D'O. Goddard, 2nd Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers, having gone to retired pay, the vacancy has been filled up by the promotion of Captain Arthur M. Bent, of the 1st Battalion, Gharial.

Some days ago the Right Rev. Dr. Meade, Bishop of Cork, instituted the newly appointed Rector, Rev. A. J. Roberts, B.A., at the parish church, Ballinadee.

Mr. C. W. Chabrel, a native of Cork, but who resided in Cardiff for the last eighteen years, has died at the age of 53 years. He was well known in Welsh winning circles, and also as a breeder of Irish terriers, his dogs, especially "Old Stock Donovan," having carried off numerous prizes all over the country.

The Cork Technical Instruction Committee have decided to approach the Corporation for a site in the Cornmarket for the proposed new technical schools. The idea is to have a frontage of 192 feet in Anglesea-street from the Carnegie Library, taking in the Board-room of the Cornmarket and one of the gates. The funds at the resource of the committee, calculated at their ordinary rate on an income of £800, amount to about £16,000.

At the recent examinations of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons held in Dublin, the undermentioned students of the College passed the fourth or final professional examination, and were registered members of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. J. J. Walsh, Glanmire, Cork; W. Devane, Nenagh; J. P. Mahony, Templemore; D. Barry, Rathcormack, County Cork.

At Dublin, on Tuesday, Thomas Grant, a Scottish sailor, was found guilty of the murder of Mary Carroll, at the North Wall, on November 7, and was sentenced to death. The prisoner declared his innocence. The jury made a strong recommendation to mercy.

On Tuesday night a constable called at the residence of Mr. Farrell, M.P, at Longford, and served a summons on him to appear before a Judge of the King's Bench Division on Monday to show cause why he should not be committed to prison, in default of finding sureties for his good behaviour. The service of summons is in respect of resolutions of the United Irish League Branches, published in the "Longford Leader" in November and December, and also in respect of speeches delivered on December 5th at Clondara.

The Railway and Canal Commission resumed yesterday, in London, the hearing of the application of the Great Northern Railway Company of Ireland v. the Postmaster-General, asking the Commissioners to fix a sum which would be a fair and reasonable remuneration for the carriage of his Majesty's mails. Colonel Henry Plews gave further evidence, and the hearing was again adjourned.

NEW MAGISTRATE.

The Lord Chancellor has been pleased to appoint Mr. T. Broderick, Knockeen, Freemount, Charleville, to the Commission of the Peace for the County Cork.

THE CITY SEWERAGE.

A deputation consisting of the Mayor and some members of the Corporation to day waited on the Manager of the local branch of the Munster and Leinster Bank, Mr. T. H. Brett, to apply for a loan of £2,500 to construct certain sewerage works in the city. Mr. Brett received the deputation very courteously, and promised to bring the application before the directors for their consideration.

BURNING ACCIDENTS IN THE CITY.

A young lad named Thomas Hinchan, Creagh Lane aged two years, was brought to Barring-

FUNERAL OF THE LATE CAPT. VANDERKISTE.

The funeral of the late lamented Captain W Vanderkiste took place yesterday morning from his residence, 13 Barrington street, for interment in the family vault at St. Mary's Cathedral. The funeral was of large proportions, and representative of city and county, though the cold foggy morning prevented many county people from being present to pay a last mark of respect to the memory of a venerable gentleman who was held in the highest esteem by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Preceding the hearse, a large party from the different Companies of the Limerick Church Lads Brigade, marched with reversed arms; others followed, bearing beautiful wreaths, and a party of the Royal Munster Fusiliers staff also attended.

The chief mourners were—Lieutenant J. S. Vanderkiste (son), T. Harding (brother-in-law), Rev. St. T. Seymour, Captain T. Finch (nephews), R. Gelston, F. T. Gelston (cousins).

The clergy present included—Rev. J. T. Waller, Archdeacon Wynne, Precentor Adderley, Canon Luther, Rev. C. V. Atkinson, Rev. S. E. Taylor, Rev. T. B. Robertson, Rev. R. H. Semple.

As announced in our last issue, the Right Rev. Dr. Orpen was unable to be present, having to attend a meeting of the Bishops in Dublin that day.

Amongst the general public were—Colonel Milton Henn, R.A., E. M. Russell, C. A. Ryan, Ballymakeogh; M. G. S. Welsh, R. S. Welsh, B. Lucas, W. M. Beauchamp, Colonel Massy Westropp, C.B; Major Mawe, E. H. Poe Hosford, William Barrington, C.E; B. Barrington, Surgeon Colonel Browne, R. de Ros Rose, Peter Fitzgerald, H. Blackall, Sir V. Nash, Martin White, M. Browning, Croom: J. E. Murphy, T. A. Ferguson, C. Corneille, J. Heath, Dr. Long, G. Farmer, J. Heaton Armstrong, F. A. Johnston, R. Cooper, J. W. C. Barry, Colonel Hunt, A. R. Barnett, F. Hobson, A. Hobson, F. G. Kennedy, S. Travers, R. Nash, H. V. Moroney, T. Grubb, J. R. Wallace, A. J. Eakins, E. C. Winter, V.S; A. Blood Smith, J. Day, P. R. Toppin, T. Auchmuty, B. Hanna, T. Harnett, G. Belshaw, S. Hastings, J. Hewson, Colonel Graham, Castlecrine.

Amongst those who sent carriages were:—Lord Clarina, Mrs. J. Vankerkiste, Mr. P. Fitzgerald, Mr. Cooper, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Kennedy, Shelbourne; Mr. J. O'G. Delmege, Mr. J. Russell, Dr. Gelston, Mr. R. S. Welsh, Clonlara; Mr. J. F. Green, Greenmount; Mrs. O'Grady, Erinagh; A. White, Attyflinn; A. Murray, T. A. Ferguson, Mr. Shine, Mrs. Hunt, Friarstown; E. F. Hickson, Dr. Massy, Col. Graham, Mr. G. Furrell, W. Barrington, Rosmadda; Sir V. Nash, Dr. Winter, F. St. C. Hobson.

Wreaths were sent by the widow of the deceased, Captain and Mrs. F. W. Vanderkiste, Dr. and Mrs. Gelston and family, Mrs. J. M. Croker, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Ryan, Miss Croker, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Harding, Mrs. Bradshaw Hunt, Mrs. J. Vanderkiste, Archdeacon and Mrs. Gabbett, Mr. and Mrs. Browning, Miss Mary McNamara, Captain Finch.

Rev. J. T. Waller, who with the Dean and Archdeacon Wynne officiated, paid a touching tribute to the many excellent qualities of the deceased gentleman, and the interest he took in Church matters.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs P. McCarthy and Sons

AGRARIAN OUTRAGES IN IRELAND.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday, Mr. Birrell, in reply to a question set down by Mr. Lonsdale, said that in 1906 there were 20 agrarian and 36 non-agrarian outrages in Ireland in which firearms were used. In 1907 the respective totals were 56 and 53, and in the eleven months of this year 128 and 62. In regard to crimes involving injury to property the figures were—1906, 20 agrarian, 120 non-agrarian; 1907, 29 agrarian and 152 non-agrarian, and 1908, 35 agrarian and 99 non-agrarian.

MOONLIGHTING OUTRAGE IN CLARE.

A report received in Ennis from East Clare brings particulars of an organised attack by moonlighters on Saturday night on the house of a farmer named Donal Minogue. About 8 p.m. several shots were fired through a window into the kitchen, in which there were at the time three or four children of Minogue's, and a servant boy. No one, however, was injured. Simultaneously another volley of shots was fired, and some stones flung through the window of a bedroom in which Minogue and some other children were. None of them were struck. Several stones were also flung through the windows of another bedroom in which Minogue's mother was sleeping. The outrage is attributed to local feeling over a land dispute. No arrests have been made.

KILRUSH PETTY SESSIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

At the Kilrush Petty Sessions Court on Monday the magistrates presiding were—Mr A. M. Harper, R.M. (in the chair), Mr. P. Collis

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