

OUT AND ABOUT.

here are 91 entries for the Miltownmalbay (County Clare) Races, which take place at town on the 22nd instant.

While fishing with a spoon bait on Lough Derg a few days ago, Lieutenant-Colonel Toler killed a large finished pike, weighing 26 lbs.

Miss Ireland, 112 George Street, desires to invite to her customers she will be from home August 20th.

At the New Ross Guardians' meeting on Saturday, Dr Dundon, county Limerick, was elected judicial officer of the Market District by forty votes to 38 for Dr Boyle, Carlow.

The Bishop of Cork has appointed Rev. Canon Lway, LL.D., to be Precentor of Cork Cathedral and Rev. G. W. Healy, B.D., to be Canon of Cork diocese of Coyne.

At Newport Petty Sessions before Captain Lynch in the Chair and Mr. M. Bourke, John Kearney of Birdhill was fined 1s and costs at the instance of Sergeant Curran, for working a donkey cart suffering from a sore breast.

Master John Dunbar, son of Sergeant Dunbar, I.C., William Street has succeeded in passing the Civil Service examination for Boy Clerks in London. The successful candidate was prepared at the Munster and Connaught College, George Street.

The Kerry County Council, on the motion of Mr. Galvin, seconded by Mr. J. T. O'Connor, have passed a resolution by 21 votes to 4 adopting the sanatorium and dispensary scheme, with the proviso that the ratepayers will not contribute more than a halfpenny in the pound.

We regret to record the death of Mr. James Martin, of Ocean View, Kilkee, which took place yesterday. Mr. Martin was a young man who endeared himself to all who knew him. In his native town he was highly popular. We wish to join in the general sympathy which is extended to his relatives in their bereavement.

William Holmes, a country labourer, was charged before Mr. Stephen B. Quin, J.P., at the Police Court yesterday with having been drunk on the streets the previous day. The accused was let off with a caution. There was no other case for hearing. There was no case to-day. Mr. P. J. Kelly, R.M. attended.

On Saturday afternoon a Sale of Work in connection with the Association for the purpose of aiding disabled soldiers and sailors was held in the Gymnasium of the Royal Irish Regiment Depot, Clonmel. The sale, which was pretty well attended, was under the patronage of Her Grace the Duchess of St Albans, and the arrangements were carried out by an energetic committee.

The Church of Ireland Young Men's Society, Clonmel, have presented a leather suit case to their treasurer, Mr. W. Beatty, on his transference to Cork on promotion. Mr. Hugh Healy has also received a presentation from the Clonmel Rowing Club in recognition of his services as coach to the successful crews at the Limerick and Cork regattas.

At Listowel Petty Sessions, Mr. J. Woulfe Flanagan, R.M., presiding, John Carroll, sheriff's bailiff, Listowel, was sentenced to two months' hard labour for assaulting head porter Daniel Shine, G. S. and W. Railway, Listowel. The latter in giving evidence, said defendant charged him with having reported his brother Denis, who was a porter, and then both John and Denis Carroll knocked him down, until he was rescued by Stationmaster Sampson.

The Irish Cattle Trade Association meeting in Cork, received a letter from the Traffic Manager of the Great Southern and Western Railway, stating that no alteration could be made in the arrangements for computing the cost of traders' tickets. It was decided to communicate with the Clearing House on the subject. A similar letter was read at a meeting of the South of Ireland Cattle Trade Association, and declared by the

CASTLECONNELL FATALITY.

Alleged Homicide.

Mr. P. Kelly, R.M., sat in the County Court-house to-day and took the depositions in the case of Patrick Ryan, charged with the murder of his father, Thomas Ryan, on the 28th July, near Castleconnell. The facts of the case have been already made public.

From the evidence of Thomas Joyce, and a statement by the accused, it appeared that on the evening of the occurrence Joyce and young Ryan were out some distance from the house of the Ryans, when the old man was observed following his wife. The prisoner intervened, and as a result of the dispute between them the young man struck his father with a hay-fork. Joyce deposed to seeing the blow given, from the effect of which Thomas Ryan was felled to the ground and rendered insensible, death taking place on the 5th instant.

Dr. Ryan, Castleconnell, deposed to having visited the injured man on the night of the occurrence. Witness treated him for a fracture on the right side of the head. Death was due to this injury received.

Dr. John McNamara gave corroborative evidence, and stated he made a post-mortem examination of the deceased. The wound was on the right temple, four inches long. Death was due to the violence caused, which resulted in effusion of blood and pressure on the brain.

Constable Cornelius Collins produced the hay-fork with which it is alleged the fatal blow was inflicted. The fork was pointed out to witness by Thomas Joyce.

Head Constable McKernan, who had charge of the case, was called, and deposed to the deposition he had made in the case, and including the statement of the accused, in which, on the occasion of the assault, he charged his father with having drink taken and having a knife in his hand. The prisoner admitted striking his father, but not with the intention of hurting him.

Mr. T. H. W. Enright, solicitor, who appeared for the accused, held that there was no evidence to justify the charge preferred against the prisoner.

Mr. Kelly—You admit there is some charge?

Mr. Enright—I admit nothing, sir, at present.

Mr. Kelly asked if the Head Constable wished to have the case returned for trial on the capital charge.

Head Constable McKernan answered in the affirmative. The offence was premeditated, more or less.

Mr. Enright said there was no evidence whatever of premeditation, none whatever. The occurrence was really a matter of misadventure.

Head Constable McKernan said that on the young man's own confession, the father was in the habit of beating his mother, and that he was unable to assist her until now, when he killed the old man.

Mr. Kelly—The only question now is whether the accused should be remanded on the capital charge, or a charge of manslaughter.

Mr. Enright—Yes, sir. It would be ridiculous to remand him on the capital charge. I am surprised at the head constable pressing the capital charge.

Mr. Kelly—There appears to be no evidence of premeditation.

Mr. Enright—No, sir. None whatever.

Mr. Kelly said he would remand the prisoner on the charge of manslaughter, the case to be returnable to the next Limerick Assizes.

Mr. Enright applied to have the prisoner admitted to bail.

Head Constable McKernan opposed the application.

After some argument.

Mr. Kelly refused the application to admit the prisoner to bail, and the inquiry concluded.

LOMBARDSTOWN RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

OUTSIDE OPINIONS

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FEVER SCARE IN KILKEE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE. Kilkee, 12th August.

DEAR SIR,—Having had occasion to refer publicly to the tissue of falsehood that has been woven round this place of late, I have been requested to make a few statements through the medium of your paper.

As many of your readers are aware rumours thick as blackberries in autumn have been for weeks scattered about the unhealthy state of Kilkee. According to these rumours Kilkee is a regular hot bed of fever. Hundreds have been prostrated, and deaths have been by the score. What are the facts? Six or seven weeks ago there was indeed a slight outbreak of scarlatina. The cases were few, the type was the mildest known. The affected cases were isolated, and prompt measures taken to prevent its spreading. No further outbreak occurred. This was the foundation on which the scare was built, and from which the enemies of Kilkee started their career of vilification. News of an outbreak of fever was sent all over Ireland and England. From scarlatina the transition to scarlet fever was easy. Once fever was mentioned the imagination of our calumniators knew no bounds. We had typhoid fever, spotted fever, black fever! The imagination of evil wishers has not been able to affect the phenomenal immunity from illness of every kind which for months past both natives and visitors have enjoyed. The following certified extract which I received yesterday from the Medical Officer of the District speaks volumes—“During the months June, July, up to the present date only two deaths occurred in Kilkee, one of a person 88 (eighty-eight) years of age, and the other of a person 83 (eighty-three).” So that for two months and a half there were but two deaths in this unhealthy (?) spot. The combined ages of the deceased amounted to the respectable total of one hundred and seventy-one years of age. If that does not make a world's record for health I will be very much surprised.

Trusting that in the spirit of justice you will publish this letter, and thanking you in anticipation.

I am, dear sir, yours truly, ALFRED J. MOLONEY, C.C.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE. Limerick, 13th August, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—I have just returned from a short stay in Kilkee, where I have enjoyed a very pleasant holiday, which was to some extent marred owing to the scarcity of visitors, consequent on the reports as to the alleged existence of scarlatina in that beautiful seaside resort. Knowing what I do of the existing condition of affairs, I look upon it as a duty to point out to all persons whose holidays are due to them, that there is no epidemic disease at present in Kilkee. Some of our local medical practitioners are now staying there, which fact in itself ought to be sufficient to re-assure persons of nervous temperament. I don't write this in the interest of any person or set of persons, but I think it a great pity that such a charming holiday resort should be so much ignored, owing to the grossly exaggerated reports that have been put in circulation. That there were some cases of disease in the neighbourhood is undoubtedly true, but it is now stamped out, and it may be honestly and truthfully asserted that scarlatina in Kilkee is at the present time non-existent. Needless to say the loss to Kilkee has been a material benefit to other watering places.—Yours faithfully,