

304. The deaths from all causes appearing to the undermentioned areas for last week and for the past four weeks, respectively, were equal to the following annual rates per 1,000 of the population:—Twelve Town Districts, 13.7 and 12.6; Dublin Registration Area, 13.3 and 13.1; Dublin City, 14.4 and 13.3; Cork, 17.0 and 12.1; Limerick, 12.2 and 8.5; and Waterford, 13.3 and 13.3. The deaths from the principal epidemic diseases registered in the 12 town districts during last week were equal to an annual rate of 1.5 per 1,000. Two of the 9 deaths from all causes for Limerick and 2 of the 7 deaths from all causes for Waterford were from diarrhoea and enteritis of children under 2 years of age. One of the 3 deaths from all causes for Clonmel was from enteric fever. From the point of view of infectious diseases the city of Limerick presents practically a blank sheet, there being but three cases of scarlet fever in the four weeks September 13—October 4th.

DEATH OF MISS MAISIE O'DONOVAN.

Numerous friends in the city will regret to learn of the death, which took place this morning at Wellesley Lodge, Limerick, of Miss Margaret Mary (Maisie) O'Donovan, third daughter of our esteemed fellow-citizen, Mr Philip O'Donovan. Deceased young lady, who had been in ill health for some time past, was beloved by a wide circle of friends for her grace and charm of manner, and deep sympathy is expressed with the family in the bereavement that has come to them. The remains will be removed to St. Munchin's Catholic Church on Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Requiem Mass at 11 o'clock on Saturday, and the funeral takes place at 12 o'clock for Mount St. Laurence Cemetery.

CITY STREETS IMPROVEMENT.

At a meeting of the Cleansing and Repairing Committee of the Corporation last night, Alderman J. McInerney presiding, it was decided, having regard to the representation made by the Citizens and Ratepayers' Society, to instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare a scheme for continuing the work of laying a further schedule of streets in concrete when the present scheme is completed.

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John J. Gilligan was indicted for indecent assault on a married woman. He pleaded not guilty, and was committed to Mr M. Tynan, solicitor. The jury disagreed.

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In the case of Bartholomew Mitchell, charged with attempted murder of Kate Ward, Fitzgerald's lane, Limerick, on the 15th June last, Mr Power, State Solicitor, said his lordship had no jurisdiction unless the charge were reduced to one of wounding. He had been in communication with the authorities with a view to having the charge brought down to wounding, but had received no instructions.

His Lordship said he would adjourn the case to next week, and hoped the authorities would take action meantime.

County Criminal Cases.

His Lordship resumed the criminal business of the Court this morning, when the cases listed from the county were taken up.

Jas. Kennedy was indicted and pleaded not guilty to arson on the 22nd September last.

The accused was not professionally represented. Mr J. J. Power, State Solicitor, stated accused was charged with setting fire to a stack of hay containing about 58 tons and value for £250, the property of his brother, Denis Kennedy, of Ballyneety.

The evidence for the prosecution was that at 4 o'clock on the evening of the 22nd September accused was seen by his brother Patrick in the vicinity of the hay stack. They were not on speaking terms, and a quarter of an hour later the hay was found to be on fire, and word of the occurrence was given to the Civic Guard at Ballyneety. When Guard Carey arrived at the burning he made enquiries, and in consequence of what he learned he arrested the prisoner in a publichouse at Ballyneety. After being cautioned the accused said he burned the hay, and that the Guard could tell them it was he burned it. When searched the accused had a pipe and matches on him.

The prisoner elected to give evidence, and stated that he was at the fair of Cappamor that day, and on returning home he had his dinner. He met Guard Carey at Ballyneety later and he told him the sergeant wanted to see him. He went to the sergeant, who questioned him about the burning of the hay, and he denied having done it.

By Mr Power—He was not on speaking terms with his brother, and had been put out of the