

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents sending in letters or reports for insertion in Saturday's "Chronicle," and these should be brief, are requested to let us have them on Fridays, where at all possible. Otherwise insertion in Saturday's issue cannot, owing to pressure of space, be guaranteed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers will kindly send in all substitutes for standing advertisements on Friday mornings. We cannot guarantee to insert in Saturday's issue any advertisements received after 2 p.m. on that day.

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE

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THE HOLIDAYS.

The Christmas holidays have come and gone, and they have left behind them pleasant associations of the season of peace and good will. True, the atmospheric conditions of the time were not ideal. While there were some hard frosts overnight, inclement weather was too much in evidence during the day and evening, but, nevertheless, the holidays were a source of health and recreation to the work-a-day world, and this morning the routine of everyday life was resumed once more with renewed zest and vigor. Time flies, and the months slip quickly by, until now we are on the threshold of another year. We are thankful for the peace and progress which have marked the year soon to close, though we cannot be unmindful of depression in trade, and consequent unemployment to an abnormal extent. The new year, however, brings with it refreshing thoughts and hopes, and expectations of brighter things to come. That these may be realized in 1926 is the fervent prayer of all thinking minds. In his Christmas and New Year's message, President Cosgrave strikes an optimistic note, which cannot fail to be appreciated, and should inspire a spirit of hope and encouragement for the future of our country. The Boundary settlement has done an invaluable service in the promotion of peace and good will, and so, as the President says, 1925 has been an eventful year for Ireland. "Its events have done much to develop good relations between all parts within the Irish Nation." Thus we may, with a settled state of things in the country, look to a stimulus to trade and industry, and increased prosperity for all classes in the year on which we shall soon enter. As Mr. Cosgrave says, the Irish people are free to develop their National life. It will be for us to make the fullest use of our opportunities to explore our economic resources, and to build up the Nation in a spirit of mutual good will, and with the hearty co-operation of all. That spirit—one of united constructive effort—is, happily, growing amongst us, and we have every hope that it will develop and strengthen as time goes on. The prospects for the New Year are bright and cheery; at all events we may, without being unduly optimistic, regard the vista as encouraging in the direction of progress and advancement for the welfare of the Nation, and the prosperity and content of all classes of the community.

REVOLVER FIRING IN THE CITY.

Some time after six o'clock last evening a number of revolver shots were discharged in John street. The report of firearms startled the locality, and the Civil Guards, who were promptly on the alert, on investigating the incident ascertained that the shots were discharged by a man without any apparent reason. Later a man named Walsh was arrested on suspicion and charged with being illegally in possession of firearms. Subsequently a search for arms was made in the district.

WATCH-NIGHT SERVICES.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

A Watch-Night Service will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral.

TRAGIC BURNING FATALITY

In Limerick.

On Sunday last a tragic discovery was made at No 2 Newsam Street, when the body of Mary Elizabeth Goggin, aged 50, and unmarried, was found lying full length across the fireplace in the room which she occupied. The deceased lodged for some years past with Mrs Wickham, and retired to her room on St Stephen's Day. Not making an appearance on Sunday, her dinner was sent to her room. When the maid opened her door, she was shocked to find Miss Goggin dead in front of the firegrate. With the help of some men who were passing, the body was moved out of its position, and then it was discovered that the face had been badly charred and all the hair of the head burned. The eyes were burned in their sockets and the face unrecognisable.

When Dr McGrath arrived he made an examination of the body, which was fully clothed. Rigor mortis had then set in, and it was his opinion that death had taken place at least twelve hours previously. The deceased, who suffered from epileptic fits, was apparently standing near the fireplace when she was overcome and fell into it. She was the daughter of a highly esteemed citizen, the late Mr S B Goggin, North Strand, who was for many years secretary of the Condensed Milk Co of Ireland.

An inquest was held last evening by Mr J S McNeeloe, City Coroner, and a jury.

Evidence of identification having been given, the position the body was in was described by two witnesses.

Dr M S McGrath described the injuries to the head and face. Death was attributed to the injuries deceased received, and the jury returned a verdict of death by accidental burning.

ATTACK ON GUARDS

In North Clare.

One Shot Dead.

Our Ennis correspondent wires that an attack was made this morning on two Civil Guards who were out on duty at Ballyvaughan, North Clare. One of the Guards, whose name is stated to be Dowling, a native of Kilkenny, was shot dead, and his companion, whose name has not transpired, was seriously wounded. No particulars are so far available in Ennis, but police and military have left for the scene of the tragedy, the motive for which has not transpired.

DEATH OF MR MAURICE FITZGERALD.

The death, which we announce with deep regret, occurred in St John's Hospital at half-past four on Saturday evening of Mr Maurice Fitzgerald, Alphonsus Terrace, City. The deceased, who had not been in the best of health for some time past, was removed to hospital a fortnight ago, but little hope was entertained of his recovery. Mr Fitzgerald, who was assistant secretary of the Limerick Co Council, having been appointed in 1899, the year after the passing of the Local Government Act. He was a well-known and popular figure in the administrative, social and sporting life of the city and county, where his death at a comparatively early age will be keenly regretted. He was a native of Glin, and was educated at Rockwell College, and preparatory to his appointment as Assistant County Secretary he was in business in London, where he was associated with Sir William Byrne, afterwards Under-Secretary for Ireland.

When the Irish Convention was established in 1917, with a view to exploring a way out of the Home Rule impasse, Mr Fitzgerald was one of the four who formed the secretariat, and in that capacity his experience in administrative affairs was of very material assistance.

He took a very keen and active interest in coursing, and was one of the chief supporters of the Irish Coursing Club, Limerick. He also was prominently associated for some years with the famous Clontanna meeting. In social circles Mr Fitzgerald was very prominent, and he lent his aid willingly in the organisation of fetes, bazaars, and other functions for charitable purposes. He was also Secretary of the University Scholarships Committee of the County Council, and of the Old-Age Pensions Committee.

A highly courteous and painstaking public official, the late Mr Fitzgerald made hosts of friends, and was as well known in Dublin and Cork as in Limerick. Of a cheerful disposition, his companionship was always pleasant, and in the hour of their affliction the sympathy of the public will be extended to his widow and children.

The Funeral.

The remains of the deceased gentleman were interred at 3 o'clock last evening in the family burial place at Glin. Overnight on Sunday the coffin rested in St Michael's Parochial Church, and yesterday morning at 9 o'clock Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of the soul of the deceased. Two hours later the funeral left for the last resting place, and was attended by a large concourse of city and county mourners, comprising members and officials of the County Council, the Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, and county and city coursing clubs. En route to Glin the attendance in the cortege was considerably augmented, and as the funeral approached the village there was a further increase in the body of mourners.

The chief mourners were—Mr Maurice Fitzgerald and Mr Thomas Fitzgerald (sons).

The clergy present were—Rev Fr Carroll, Adm, St Michael's; Rev Fr Hannan, C.C. do; Rev Fr Kelly, S.J.; Rev Fr Byrne, S.J.; Rev Fr O'Shea, P.P. Glin.

A large number of floral tributes were laid on the coffin, and the officiating clergyman at the graveside was Father Carroll.

COURSING.

Bawnmore Meeting.

Judge—Mr F. Davis. Slipper—W. O'Donoghue.

This meeting, held under the auspices of Limerick City Coursing Club yesterday over the Bawnmore meadows, was very successful. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance, and some excellent trials were witnessed. The judging and slipping left nothing to be desired. Details:—

NATIONAL BREEDERS' STAKES, for 16 dogs. Winner, £20

First Round.
Mr P Ryan's Glenville Hawk beat Mr E Leahy's Lookey.
Mr W Mannlon's Mist of May beat Mr J B Porlley's Grammont.
Mr P Dillon's Killuragh beat Mr J Enright's Dumpfreed.
Mr T Cotter's Killea Cross beat Mr W Hlokey's Bouncing Hawk.
Mr J Monahan's Merry Minstrel beat Mr P O'Toole's Cheerful Duckie.
Mr M Brouder's Buglemad beat Mr G Hurley's Home Minister.
Mr J P Frost's Fergus Foam beat Mr W Ryan's The Gentleman.
Mr W O'Shaughnessy's Black Charger beat Mr W O'Sullivan's Shello Maid.

Second Round.
Glenville Hawk beat Mist of May (1)
Killuragh beat Killea Cross
Black Charger beat Merry Minstrel
Fergus Foam beat Bugleman

Third Round.
Glenville Hawk drawn; Killuragh a bye
Fergus Foam beat Black Charger

Decider.
Mr J P Frost's Fergus Foam beat Mr P Dillon's Killuragh

LIMERICK CITY CHALLENGE CUP (presented by City of Dublin Assurance Society) for 16 all-aged greyhounds, at £4 each. Winner, £40; runner up, £16; two dogs, £4 each. Cup to be won twice in succession, or three times in all. Present holder—Mr M Cooney.

First Round.
Mr D J McClooney's Mussolini beat Mr M Kennedy's Melange.

Mr M Cooney's Cheesful Guard beat Mr M Quinlan's Bronzino (late Hyacinthus).
Mr M Kelly's Killionan beat Mr P Ryan's Hellowan.

Mr E Leahy's Lax Law beat Mr O Griffin's Charlie Google.
Miss B Looney's Licorice beat Mr W Watson's Beauty's Fancy.

Mr P O'Gorman's St Expedite beat Mr J Hartigan's Legality.
Mr P Cahill's Hot Lips beat Mr P Lalley's Yours Truly.

Mr J Madden's Musical Lady II beat Mr M Kennedy's Clondrina.

Second Round.
Mussolini beat Cheerful Guard
Lax Law beat Killionan
St Expedite beat Licorice
Musical Lady beat Hot Lips

Third Round.
Mussolini beat Lax Law
St Expedite beat Musical Lady

Decider.
Mr D J McClooney's Mussolini beat Mr P O'Gorman's St Expedite.

Bawnmore Stakes, for 16 all-ages. Winner £20.

First Round.
Mr S Cressagh's Grey Cloud beat Mr J O'Meara's Van Diamond.

Mr T F Ryan's Sileve Reagh beat Miss T Manning's Ballymacway.
Mr Brouder's Bold Buck beat Mr P Markham's Rory.

Mr J White's Rathmore Lass Again beat Mr T Watson's Kitty Kelly.
Mr M Ryan's Shades of Eve beat Mr P Ryan's Tady Take It.

Mr J Hickey's Flapwoodie absent; Mr D Barry's Boucail Gurm a bye.
Mr D Ryan's The Baby beat Mr S Morris's Mighty Lass.

Mr Evans' Mount Mahon Lass beat Mr Sheehan's Roxboro.

Second Round.
Sileve Reagh beat Grey Cloud
Rathmore Lass Again beat Rory
Boucail Gurm beat Shades of Eve
Mount Mahon Lass beat The Baby

Third Round.
Sileve Reagh beat Rathmore Lass Again
Mount Mahon Lass beat Boucail Gurm (1)
Stakes divided.

REGISTERED DAIRY COWS.

Since 1906 the scheme initiated by the Department of Agriculture for the grading up of the dairy cattle of the country through the selection and testing of cows, and the registration of those which exhibited superior milking qualities, has been in operation. In the period much headway has been made, and there now exists a nucleus of heavy milking cows which may confidently be expected to form the basis of a superior class of dairy stock. Most of the cows put under test were non-pedigree cows of the Shorthorn type and were typical of the best class of dual-purpose cow to be found on Irish dairy farms. A separate register for pure-bred cattle was established in 1914, but from 1912, the inspection of non-pedigree cows restricted to those which had been tested through the medium of Cow-testing Associations has been in force. The standard enacted for registration requires a yield of 6,000 lbs. of milk with a calculated yield of not less than 2 1/2 lbs of butter-fat and an average of 3 per cent of butter-fat in the milk.

The result of the years of past work has now been tabulated, and Part I of the first volume of the Register of non-pedigree dairy cattle will be available within a few days. The volume completed gives the entries in respect of cows registered up to No 4908 and should be of special interest to cow-owners, as well as to all concerned with the grading-up which give such promise of success. Farmers who are engaged in selective breeding, as well as the many who still need to be induced

STOP PRESS NEWS

SPORTING.

WOLVERHAMPTON MEETING

STOCKWELL HURDLE.
Son of Love (Stott) 1
Indelible (E Foster) 2
Friar Dennis (H Graves) 3
Also ran—Chartered, Cool Warrior, Almond Wine, and The Mount.

[Winner trained by Newey]
Betting—5 to 2 agst Chartered, 3 to 1 Son of Love and Indelible, 9 to 2 Friar Dennis, 8 to 1 Almond Wine, 100 to 8 others.
Won by 3 lengths.

OPEN HURDLE.
Notary (Stott) 1
Outward Bound (owner) 2
Sporting Chat (H Cheshire) 3
Also ran—Calliban, Phacton, and Grakle.
[Winner trained by Newey]
Betting—5 to 2 agst Notary and Grakle, 3 to 1 Outward Bound, 9 to 2 Sporting Chat, 10 to 1 others.

Won by a length.

HANDICAP HURDLE.
Anbretia (owner) 1
Belgian Boy (E Foster) 2
Joseph the First (T Leader) 3
Also ran—Spiny Hill, Redlynch, and Olive Bury.

[Winner trained by Newey]
Betting—7 to 4 on Belgian Boy, 4 to 1 agst Joseph the First, 10 to 1 Spiny Hill, 100 to 8 others.
Won by a length and a half.

STANTON 'CHASE.
Helmet (E Foster) 1
Newtown Wonder (G Goswell) 2
Holiday Maker (S Jones) 3
Also ran—Vive-La, Prickly, Hermocoles, Artistry, and Certosa.

[Winner trained by Bathropp]
Betting—7 to 4 agst Newtown Wonder, 9 to 4 Helmet, 7 to 1 Prickly and Certosa, 100 to 8 others.
Won by 4 lengths.

OTELEY 'CHASE.
Rousham (Stott) 1
Boomerang (E Foster) 2
Test Match (T Leader) 3
Also ran—Jimmu, Stormy Sea, All White, Fassaroo, and Drury Lane.

[Winner trained by D Harrison]
Betting—5 to 4 agst Test Match, 3 to 1 Rousham, 13 to 2 Jimmu, 8 to 1 Fassaroo, 10 to 1 Boomerang, 100 to 8 others.
Won by 10 lengths.

DUNSTALL PARK 'CHASE.
D.D.B (W Kelly) 1
Lotus Land (E Foster) 2
Moorside (owner) 3
*Dead heat. Stakes divided.
Also ran—Tokay, and Wild Dennis.
Betting—5 to 4 agst D.D.B., 2 to 1 Moorside, 7 to 2 Lotus Land, 10 to 1 others.

THE GRAND NATIONAL.

Following the announcement that Ruddyglow would be missing from the list of entries for the Grand National, our Dublin correspondent also understands that Silvo will not be nominated for the race this year.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

COUNTY LIMERICK FOXHOUNDS.
The County Limerick Foxhounds will meet as under:—

DECEMBER.
Wednesday, 30th—Ballinagrane
JANUARY.
Friday, 1st—Garryfine
Monday, 4th—Cahermoyle
Wednesday, 6th—Four Rims (12 o'clock)
Friday, 8th—Mount Coots
Monday, 11th—Clarina
Wednesday, 13th—Adare
Friday, 15th—Mayne
Monday, 18th—Dreora
Wednesday, 20th—Dreora
Friday, 22nd—Rathfredagh

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