

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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TO ADVERTISERS.

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LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

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A CHEERFUL OUTLOOK.

Week-end has brought us cheer and regards the weather. One feels, at times, that the dismal and apparently nable period of gales and floods, and temperatures, has at last passed, to give early summer. The weather has steadily turned quite warm, so much so, that winter garments are being shed, and preparations for the "season" are in evidence. The welcome is not alone good for business, but for the individual, and with thoughts of holidays yet to come. We have heard much lately of the tourist arrangements that are being made, and the prospects of a record influx of American Channel visitors are concerned. In fact, the weather makes or mars a holiday, no matter what the scenic attractions the country may be, and as last year the whole, broken and unsettled, let that the coming season will prove a way propitious and summer-like in all sense of the word. As it is, May weather appearance with a smiling face, though light rainfalls and cloudy skies are unlikely at times, there are indications of bright and genial conditions are before us, if they have not, as said, come. The farmer heartily welcomes the opportunity, too long deferred, of pushing the plough forward, as the season is a late one to the rigorous weather which has prevailed in remaining much later than usual.

But withal that the country is fresh and green at the moment. The trees are rapidly shedding forth their leaves and there is a good growth of grass, the gardens are a picture with flowers in full bloom. Then, so far as sporting instinct is concerned, every sport brings its own opportunities for pleasure and recreation. The football period is over, but closed, and now we look forward, to tennis, cricket, croquet, and golfing. Each has its votaries and devotees, and their popularity, one and all, is as of yore. Again, the advent of the summer season brings to the general public visions of week ends or day trips to the country or to the silvery sea. The railways will thus soon announce excursion arrangements, and, needless to say, the motor traffic will also in a short time be in full swing from one end of the country to the other. We turn to the future, therefore, with buoyant hopes, and with the past with feelings of relief in the knowledge that harsh and depressing conditions have no longer to be feared with at this side of 1928.

ADARE FETE

Next Thursday.

The weather looks propitious for a most enjoyable afternoon and evening on Thursday, amidst the picturesque surroundings of Adare Manor, which, by the kind invitation of the Earl of Dunraven, will be open for the Garden Fete in aid of the funds of the Limerick and district branches of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and which urgently need replenishment. The subject of the Fete was very fully mentioned by the Countess at the annual meeting of the Society, and her ladyship has graciously consented to the opening ceremony at 2.30 p.m. Now many years since an open-air fete was held in the Manor grounds, and from the very meritorious object of the day's fixture, we feel sure the opportunity of visiting "Sweet Adare" with its

GAS EXHIBITION CLOSES

The Gas Exhibition, which had a very successful run at the Gaiety Theatre in the past fortnight, with daily practical demonstrations by Miss Edith Sanderson, N.T.S.C., was brought to a close on Friday evening before a big attendance.

The Mayor paid high tribute to all who had worked so hard to make the Exhibition the great success that it was, and said it had been a source of entertainment and enlightenment to the citizens.

Mr G. R. Ryan said the Exhibition, though nominally opened by the Gas Committee, had really been carried through by the great firm with which their acting Gas Engineer, Mr Law, was connected, assisted by Miss Sanderson and a highly efficient staff. Having sketched the history of the Gas Works, Mr Ryan pointed out that the Gas Committee were eventually enabled to modernise the works by the introduction of efficient plant. With that efficiency came additional support from the citizens as shown by the fact that in 1924 the consumption of gas in the City of Limerick amounted to one hundred and sixteen million odd cubic feet, while the figure for the year 1927 was one hundred and twenty-nine million cubic feet. That showed an increased consumption of thirteen million cubic feet in three years, and it showed that under no circumstances could it be said that gas as a domestic necessity was losing its popularity.

Referring to the Shannon scheme, which they wished every success, Mr Ryan observed that electric power would be a very big factor in the industrial life of the country, but no matter to what extent electricity became popular, gas as an illuminant would hold its own and more than its own. Reductions in the price of gas had been made to city consumers, and he believed it would be possible to still further reduce the cost.

Mr Law suitably thanked the Mayor, the Gas Committee, and the public for their fine support of the Exhibition.

Miss Sanderson also returned thanks. A vote of thanks to Miss Sanderson, proposed by the Mayor, was passed with acclamation.

Subsequently the draw took place for the beautiful wedding cake made by Miss Sanderson. Miss Barry, Ennis Road, was the lucky winner, and the cake was presented to her by the Mayor, who said the raffle proved a splendid financial success, having realised about £20, which sum would be given to that most deserving charity, the Bedford Row Hospital.

LYRIC THEATRE.

"Bought and Paid For."

Exhilarating comedy was enjoyed by a large audience at the Lyric Theatre last night, when the management presented "Bought and Paid For," by George Broadhurst. The four acts in the comedy supplied abundantly bright situations allied to sprightly dialogue, and a well balanced cast made the very most of the material offered for presentation. It was the first time the play was produced in this city, and those who had the pleasure of seeing it were struck by the opportunities it afforded for clever acting, and in this respect they were more than recompensed, as the standard reached all round was excellent. Mr Frank G. Castello, gave a finished and altogether convincing impersonation of "Robert Stafford," endowing it with exceptional artistic skill, and carrying the audience along with delightful consciousness of the expert financier. He was the pivotal character in the comedy which never flags. He was ably supported by Miss Lillian Hallows, who played "Virginia Blaine," who eventually becomes Mrs Stafford, and in her keeping the role was sustained with finish and agreeable artistry. Miss Ninon Gilbert upheld the part of Josephine, a French maid, quite a delectable character, with a piquant flavour. The role of James Gilley, a clerk, was meritoriously portrayed by Mr John Ruddock, while the servant of Stafford, "Oku," was cleverly delineated by Mr Victor Rae, and in the hands of Miss Ada Oakley the part of "Fanny Blaine" was capably enacted.

The comedy will be repeated to-night while to-morrow night, and on Thursday night the society play "The Walls of Jericho," will be staged.

AMALGAMATION SCHEME IN CLARE.

Motion to Abolish Board of Health.

The Clare amalgamation scheme was discussed at the monthly meeting of the Clare County Council by the Chairman, Mr P. J. O'Loughlin, when he moved a motion having as its object the abolition of the County Board of Health, and the appointment of a manager to discharge the duties now performed by that Board. He made it perfectly clear that by the motion he did not seek to cast any

DEATH OF MR DANIEL O'SULLIVAN.

We regret to record the death, which took place at his residence, 25 O'Curry street, last Saturday evening, of Mr Daniel O'Sullivan, head of the firm of Messrs D. O'Sullivan & Sons, builders. He had been but a week or so ill, and his unexpected demise was heard of with sincere sorrow in the city, where for a long span of years Mr O'Sullivan was a familiar and a highly respected personality. In his time he carried out many important building contracts, and whether in business or private life he was characteristic for unvarying courtesy, and for his kindly and unassuming disposition. He was father of Mr Frank O'Sullivan, President Garryowen Football Club, Mr T. F. O'Sullivan, Harbour Engineer, and Mr J. O'Sullivan, a past President of the Bohemian Football Club. With his widow and family the deepest sympathy of the community is felt in their hour of sorrow.

This was evidenced on Sunday night, when at 9 o'clock the remains were removed from his late residence to St. Michael's Parochial Church. There was a very large and representative concourse, including Mr O'Sullivan's section in the Confraternity, of which he was a Diamond Jubilarian.

THE FUNERAL.

The interment took place yesterday in Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. At 3 o'clock the funeral left St. Michael's Church, where Requiem Mass was celebrated in the morning for the soul of the deceased. The cortege to the cemetery was large and representative, and was a striking tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased, and expressed the sympathy felt for his family in their bereavement. In the cortege, the Corporation, the Harbour Board, Trades and Labour Council, and other public bodies were represented, as well as commercial and business interests, and the Rugby football clubs of the city, while many came from outside to join in the final tribute of respect and esteem.

The chief mourners were—Messrs John O'Sullivan, Frank O'Sullivan, James O'Sullivan, Thomas F. O'Sullivan, B.E., Joseph O'Sullivan, Alphonsus O'Sullivan, and Brendan O'Sullivan (sons); Bridget O'Sullivan (daughter); Kevin, Sean, Donald, and Desmond O'Sullivan (grandsons); Senator Lenihan (Cork), Messrs Philip O'Donovan, J. Sheehan, D. Hynes, P. Sheehan, M. Hoare, and P. Hoare (relatives).

Cablegrams of regret were received from Mr Daniel O'Sullivan (Manila) and Mrs Lenihan (Federated Malay States), son and daughter of the deceased.

The clergy present were—Rev Fr. Thoruhill, Adm. St. Michael's; Rev Fr. Carrilly, C.C. do; Rev Dr. Cowper, C.C. do; Rev Fr. Moriarty, C.C. do; Very Rev Fr. McCurtin, S.J.; Rev Fr. Dillon-Kelly, S.J.; Rev Fr. Gubbins, S.J.; Rev Fr. Redmond, O.S.A.; Rev Fr. Farragher, O.S.A.; Rev E. McCarthy, C.C. Tournafulla; Rev R. Noonan, C.C. Fethard; Rev Fr. McDonnell, C.S.S.R.; Rev Fr. Griffin, C.S.S.R.]

The general public included—The Mayor (Mr J. G. O'Brien), Sir Vincent Nash, L.H. Taylor, Manager Provincial Bank; A. McNeice, P. O'Connor, J. Quinn, Captain G. Quinn, Captain R. Quinn, P. J. O'Sullivan, solo; G. R. Ryan, C.E.; T. J. Loughrey, M. Doyle, Barry Kennedy, Cork; Mrs A. Hanley, Killee; Dr P. J. Stokes, Fethard; T. P. Coffey, B.E. do; P. F. Quirk, B.E. do; J. Kenny, Dublin; J. A. Dinan, Miss C. Murphy, Danganally; D. McNeice, J. McDermott, P. Manning, D. O'Dwyer, Alderman P. O'Flynn, J. S. McNeice, City Coroner; Commandant Crean, A. De Prins, J. S. McNeice, solo; H. McMahon, B. O'Connor, T. Donovan, J. Scully, Fethard; H. Goldsbrough, do; T. F. Tubridy, do; J. Flynn, do; T. F. Walsh, do; M. C. McCarthy, do; Mrs McCarthy, do; Mrs Dillon, do; M. Hayes, J. Casey, B.C.; J. Gubbins, J. Byrne, M. Gough, B.C.; W. M. Nolan, Town Clerk; R. F. Lynch, Alderman J. McInerney, B. E. Sheehy, C. E.; G. Killeen, W. Hickey, B.C.; J. Dalton, B.C.; J. A. Baldwin, T. Puggan, J. McCarthy, J. H. Roche, J. J. Quilligan, Secretary City Health Board; Dr M. Graham, E. G. Stokes, C. Geraghty, W. J. Roynane, D. Griffin, M. Egan, M. Griffin, S. Tubridy, A. J. Sexton, A. McCloskey, C. O'Sullivan, Captain C. Hanrahan, J. F. Hannon, J. Lawler, A. Hodgkinson, P. Molloy, J. Coughlan, L. Nestor, D. Hartnett, J. Hartnett, J. J. O'Malley, C.E.; P. A. O'Brien, B.C.; J. O'Connor, A. O'Donovan, T. A. Hartigan, M. Kelly, M. F. Donnellan, M. Fitzgerald, J. J. McGuire, T. Hickey, J. J. McMahon, W. G. Peacocke, J. McNamara, T. Waters, T. Hanrahan, J. Lehane, J. Benson, T. Daly, P. N. Treacy, P. Hodnett, T. F. Ryan (County Surveyor), M. Guerin, W. Gabbett, J. W. Hall, B.C.; Alderman P. J. Henihan, Alderman R. W. DeCourcy, J. J. Scallan, M. H. Cashin, T. O'Kelly, solicitor, T. Browne, J. O'Donovan, M. Costelloe (City Court Registrar), T. O'Connor, C. Harty, W. G. Nolan, S. Christy, K. McK. Harvey, J. McDonnell, P. Barry, J. Kearney, S. Flynn, W. O'Hudson, R. B. Wellwood, R. Quinn, E. Quinn, Wm. Fitzgerald, etc.

Father Thornhill officiated at the graveside.

EGYPTIAN CRISIS.

British Ultimatum.

It was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Sir Austen Chamberlain, the British Foreign Minister, that an ultimatum had been presented to the Egyptian Government on the subject of a Bill at present in the Cairo Parliament demanding the immediate withdrawal of the measure and a written assurance that it would not be passed into law.

The offending Bill, known as the Public Assemblies Bill, concerns the question of public security, and it is asserted by Britain that this matter is completely covered by the reservation made by Britain in a declaration signed in 1922 by the two countries, and therefore cannot be interfered with by any legislation passed by the Cairo Assembly.

The ultimatum demands acceptance of the British claim within three days, failing which the Foreign Minister said, "the British Government would consider themselves free to take such action as the situation might seem to require." Several British warships have left Malta under sealed orders, their destination, it is generally accepted, being Egypt.

The two Houses of the Egyptian Parliament held secret sessions last night, and it was later announced that it had been decided to defer the passing of the Public Assemblies Bill until November, in the hope that in the meantime some arrangement might be arrived at with Britain.

It will be noted that this decision does not conform to the British demand, which expressly requests the withdrawal of the measure, and an assurance that it will not be passed into law. The Egyptian reply to the ultimatum is not expected until to-morrow.

AIR TRAVEL.

An Aeroplane for Prince of Wales.

London, Monday.—In future the Prince of Wales, who is a group captain in the Royal Air Force, may use a service aeroplane for getting to some of his engagements out of London. For some time a Bristol fighter has been kept in readiness at Northolt aerodrome for the Prince's use, and a day or two ago he inspected it and went for a flight.

Sir Godfrey Thomas, the Prince's Secretary, told a Press Association reporter to-day that the reservation of an aeroplane was mainly to establish the principle that the Prince could use a R.A.F. machine should he find it convenient to do so. "The Prince will only use the machine, if at all," said Sir Godfrey, "if he has a public engagement in some part of the country to which there is not a convenient railway service, and if there is an aerodrome near." Sir Godfrey added that there was no possibility of the Prince learning to fly so as to be able to pilot the machine himself. A pilot of the R.A.F. would always be in charge of the aeroplane.

CIVIC GUARD ASSAULTED.

A gang of young fellows assaulted Guard Ferris on Saturday night, and during the week-end a search was being made for his assailants, but without result up to the present. When the Guard requested them to move away from Cream Lane corner, on Barrington's Mall, he was struck and knocked down, and while on the ground he was kicked, and would have fared worse only for the intervention of some women living in the locality. When some Guards arrived from Mary-street station the assailants of Guard Ferris had disappeared, and later a number of young fellows were interrogated, but not detained.

DEARER 'BUS' FARES.

Effect of Petrol Tax in the North. Owing to the petrol tax, the omnibus companies in Northern Ireland are revising their fares. An announcement will be made at an early date. It is expected that the increases will not be great; that they will be strictly in proportion to the increase in the cost of running which an advance of fourpence farthing per gallon in the price of petrol represents.

ENTERTAINMENT TAX IN THE NORTH

Replying to a deputation representing the cinemas and theatres of Northern Ireland, who sought a reduction in the entertainment tax to the level in Britain, Mr H. M. Pollock, Northern Finance Minister, gave the assurance that not only would he go into the matter with his experts, but would give it careful and sympathetic consideration, and if anything could be done it would be.

LIMERICK SHIPPING.

Week Ending April 28th.

Ss. Carrickmore, wheat; ss. Donoughmore, coal; ss. Bedford, maize; ss. Corteen,

ELECTRIC LIGHT UNDERTAKING.

It is stated that £50,000 will be required by the Shannon Board to develop and to carry out the extension required to the city electricity concern. Last year the Corporation decided to expend £25,000 on extensions, but for some reason or other they were not carried out. It is now asked how or from what source the money is to come, but it may be anticipated that it will be supplied by the Board, as they have in a letter informed the Corporation that they intend taking over the concern at the end of the month.

SHANNON SCHEME ACCIDENT.

While working on the Shannon scheme at Ardmacrasha on Saturday evening, an accident befel Jerry and John Keane, two brothers, residing in the city. It appears they were engaged hauling in a rope when it broke, and they were precipitated into a quarry about 30 feet deep. Jerry Keane sustained a fracture of the leg and injuries to the head, while his brother had his chest and left leg injured. The sufferers were conveyed to hospital by the City Fire Brigade ambulance.

LIMERICK MARKETS.

BUTTER—1s 5d to 1s 7d per lb. EGGS—11d to 1s per doz. POTATOES—Small supply; 7d to 11d per st. MANGOLDS—Small supply; 2s 0d to 2s 7d per ton. FISH—Sole, 2s 4d per lb; turbot 2s 4d per lb; plaice, 1s 4d per lb; cod, 1s 2d per lb; whiting 10d per lb; herrings, 2s 0d per doz; salmon, 3s 0d per lb; trout, 2s 0d per lb; mackerel, 4d each. MEAT—Roasting beef, 1s 0d per lb; roasting mutton, 1s 0d per lb; legs and ribs, 1s 0d per lb; steaks and chops, 1s 0d per lb; boiling beef, 8d to 9d per lb; boiling mutton, 8d to 9d per lb; corned beef, 8d per lb. BREADSTUFFS—Flour: Bakers', 4s 0d per sack; Retail, 4s 0d per sack. Wholemeal, 4s 0d per sack; Oatmeal, 5s 0d per sack; Oatmeal (Flake), 2s 0d per cwt; W Bran, £12 0s per ton; Pollard, £11 10s per ton; Indian Meal (C.), £11 18s per ton; Ditto (P.), £12 2s per ton; Barley Meal, £13 0s per ton.

PIGS.

May 2, 1928. The following are to-day's prices:—No. c. qr. lb. c. qr. lb. 0—Sixes, bacon pigs under 1 0 14 75s 1—Sizeable .. 1 0 14 to 1 2 75s 2—Steut .. 1 2 8 to 1 3 0 73s 3—Overweight 1 3 1 to 1 3 14 68s 4—Heavy do. 1 3 15 to 2 0 0 63s 5—Extra do. 2 0 1 to 2 1 0 58s 6—Perwick .. 2 0 1 to 2 1 0 75s If under 1 0 0 .. 73s

CORK BUTTER MARKET.

THIS DAY.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

Quiet tone; values steady. Creameries, 162s to 165s per cwt. To day was a Stock Exchange holiday.

FAIRS OF MUNSTER.

APRIL.

In places marked (a) a pig fair is held on the week day previous. Fairs marked thus (b) are for cattle, horses, sheep, and pigs. Fairs not otherwise specified are usually for cattle, sheep, and pigs, or cattle, sheep, and horses.

Wednesday, 2nd—Limerick: Abbeyfeale, c.s. Cork: Bandon (a); Newmarket, pigs. Kerry: Causeway; Listowel (a), cattle. Tipperary: Clonmel (b). Clare: Doonbeg, cattle.

Thursday, 3rd—Cork: Ballydehob (a), c.s. b. Limerick: Ballylanders, pigs; Croom, c.s. p. Newcastle West (a), c.s. Waterford: Cappoquin (b). Kerry: Tralee, c.s.

Friday, 4th—Cork: Bantry (a), c.s. h. Kanturk, c.s. h. Limerick: Kilmallock, pigs. Clare: Miltown-Malbay; Waterford City (a).

Monday, 7th—Cork: Clonakilty; Fermoy, c.s.; Glengariff. Limerick: Kilmallock, c.s. Tipperary: Roscrea, c.s.; Tipperary Town, horses.

Tuesday, 8th—Kerry: Cahirciveen, pigs; Kilarney (a), c.s. Clare: Doonbeg, pigs; O'Brien's Bridge (b); Sixmilecross, c.s. p. Cork: Fermoy, horses; Macroom (a). Tipperary: Nenagh, pigs; Tipperary Town, c.s. p. Limerick: Montpelier (b); Rathkeale, c.s.

Wednesday, 9th—Tipperary: Cappawhite; Templemore, pigs. Clare: Ennis, pigs. Waterford: Lismore (b).

Mr Robert Chestnutt, for many years chief clerk at the parcel office, Gt. Southern Railways, Waterford, and promoted to Lismore two years ago, has been appointed stationmaster at Tramore, in succession to Mr Troy, resigned. The death occurred on April 29th at