

...age has also been respon-
to bringing all work in the
to an abrupt conclusion.
places are now vast, water-
d areas, where a human
not to mind an animal,
not find footing. Of course,
rather early yet for the ad-
of winter, and it is quite
ble that the bad spell may be
wed by a period of finer
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Wet Weather Welcome.

It would be extremely wel-
come, for there is a considerable
want of potatoes in the locality
to be lifted. This work can-
be carried out in wet, stormy
weather, without causing serious
injury to the crop, for it is well
known that tubers will not keep
well unless pitted in a per-
fectly dry condition. This is due to
the fact that moist clay adheres
to potatoes taken from the soil in
wet weather, a circumstance
which prevents them from drying
when being placed in the pit.
This is responsible for a large per-
centage of the early decay to
which potatoes are subject when
stored under unfavourable condi-
tions. Indeed, it is calculated that
the annual loss to the farming
community from this cause runs
into thousands of pounds.

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Corn Crop.

At a moderate estimate there is
at least four times the quantity of
corn in the district this season
than was the case in former
years. The producers are finding
it almost impossible to thresh same
account of the difficulty of find-
ing threshing machines. The num-
ber of the latter available appear
to be totally inadequate to deal
with the present greatly increased
harvest. Among local farmers it
has been suggested that an appeal
could be made to owners of
machines in County Cork to come
to their rescue. Subsequent in-
quiries, however, elicited the fact
that farmers in that county find
themselves exactly in the same
predicament as their brethren in
West Limerick, owing to a paucity
of threshers. At the moment the
look before farmers who have
much corn to thresh is certainly
discouraging, for even if machines
were available at the moment
threshing cannot be carried out
except in dry weather.

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Wheat Resurrected.

It is said that one farmer, who
lives in an outside district, has
solved the problem of threshing
for himself. He had four large
stacks of oats, and seeing no pros-

the Shannon power to Dromcollog-
her will prove a valuable asset,
and there is every likelihood that
it will be also utilised in a cinema.

Technical School.

The new Technical School is now
completed and in appearance ranks
as one of the finest in the county.
The teaching staff has been selec-
ted and it will probably open at
an early date.

Gaelic Affairs.

Main interest will be centred on
Ballingarry on Sunday next, where
a most attractive programme is
down for decision. The local
minors take on Ardagh, while
Feenagh and Askeaton should pro-
vide a battle royal in the final of
the West Limerick Junior Cham-
pionship. The local minors have
this year distinguished themselves
and will be confidently expected on
Sunday next to advance a further
stage. Feenagh this year have
again come to their own, while
Askeaton, after a lapse of some
years, have proved the surprise
packet of the season. Six or seven
years ago, at the same venue,
Askeaton sprung a surprise in
beating Feenagh in the final, so on
Sunday next two great teams will
again battle for the coveted title.

Whist Drive.

The weekly whist drive in aid
of Red Cross Funds again proved
most enjoyable and a nice crowd
participated.

The Winners.

The winners were:—Ladies' 1st
prize, Mr. John Sheehan, Gurteen
(playing as a lady); 2nd prize, Miss
B. Casey. Gent's 1st prize, Mr. P.
O'Mahony, N.T.; tie for second
prize between Mr. J. Hyland and
Mr. N. Russell.

The I.N.T.O.

The quarterly meeting of the
local branch of the above was held
during the week, and arrangements
were made for the annual dance
in aid of the Widows' and
Orphans' Fund, which will be held
early in the new year.

Regretted Death.

His numerous friends in his
native Dromcollogher learned with
regret of the death of Mr. John
McAuliffe, commercial traveller,
Cork. The deceased gentleman
ever had the greatest regard for
his native town and made it
famous in song and story.



step-dancers. It is the intention
of the committee to hold an
ceilidhe in the near future.

Irish Dances in Africa.

Mr. Sean Dempsey, who has
been out in Africa in his capacity as
an aeronautical engineer, tells me
that he had the niggers dancing
during his stay there. So
that the blacks can be edu-
cated, surely ceilidhe dances could
be taught in the schools. We seem
to have a fetish for education in
this land, whilst neglecting art,
music and drama. During the next
few years most people will know
much for the jobs they will
to fill and still know nothing
of the things that could make
their lives more agreeable and plea-

Culture Neglected.

There can never be a culture
whilst children are being taught
only what they are at present in the national
secondary and technical schools.
It is so hard to become a writer,
assistant or a clerical officer in
the civil service, that a student
foregoes the knowledge of dra-
ma, painting, music, drama, etc.,
in order to qualify at a competitive
examination for jobs that many
who were never at college, could
as well.

"Professor Tim."

We heard good accounts of
the Loughnill dramatic class, and
they visited Foynes Hall on
Wednesday night of last week they
gave a high-class performance of
"Professor Tim" for amateurs. Miss
Kelly was outstanding. I believe
she has acted across in the theatre
as an amateur during her ten
years there, and anyway she has
a natural flair for histrionics. Miss
O'Neill was "Professor Tim," and
rightly well did he portray
the character. During the play
the singing of Miss Maureen and
Cathleen Taylor was highly
appreciated. Nothing was so enjoy-
able as the bidding of Mr. J. Mulligan,
"Paddy Kenny." He has a voice
putting his voice that is a
laugh.

Other Characters.

The other characters were
very good:—Messrs. T. Stack
Scally), A. Taylor (James
roy); M. O'Shaughnessy (C.
Kilroy), P. Murray (Hugh O'Connell),
J. Sheehan (auctioneer), M.
McNamara (Mrs. Kilroy), M.
Taylor (Peggy Scally), and
Taylor (Moll Flanagan).

There is great credit due
to Cregan, ex-N.T., Ballyhahill,
coaching she gave the cast
Fr. Ryan, P.P., Ballyhahill,
three songs, accompanied by
Brenda Joyce, Foynes, at the