

Clare Manslaughter Charge

Before Justice D F Gleeson, at Ennistymon District Court, Thomas McDonagh, of Liadoolvarna, was charged with the manslaughter of a boy named Jos Bennis, aged 16, of Carrowbegh, Kilsbanny, on 3rd November last.

Evidence was given that accused was driving a motor lorry from Liadoolvarna to Ennistymon and was involved in a collision with a donkey and cart driven by Bennis. The donkey cart was shoved into a field by the impact and the lorry was damaged. Bennis received fatal injuries to his head and died in Ennistymon hospital on the following morning.

Mr J Houlihan, solicitor for the defence, said the defendant had done everything possible to try to stop his vehicle but the car was pulling to one side because the steering suddenly became defective.

Sergt Grannell, in evidence, agreed that the defective condition of portion of the steering (produced) would account for the accident, but he was of opinion accused had had time to pull up the lorry.

The accused was returned for trial and admitted to bail, himself in £50 and one surety of £50.
