

water six weeks ago. At present there is very little hope of any grant been available for general work on the river, but the local drainage committee have decided to appeal to farmers to clean the parts of the river adjoining their own lands. This is a step in the right direction, and a temporary arrangement of this kind should be encouraged by every land owner affected by the recent floods.

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## FINE OLD GAEL

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### PASSES TO HIS REWARD

Mr. Daniel O'Brien, Cappanahana, Murroe, the last surviving member of the Murroe hurling team which won the first County Limerick senior hurling championship in 1887, passed peacefully away on last Sunday at a fine old age (writes our Newport correspondent). In 1887 most of the travelling was done on foot and the team often walked to a venue 40 miles away to fulfil an engagement. In that year Murroe, representing Limerick, were to meet Kilkenny in Dublin in the All-Ireland hurling final but the game did not take place. Up to a few years ago the late Mr. O'Brien travelled to witness all the big hurling contests. Four of his sons—Willie, Paddy, Eddie and David—are well-known Gaels and strong supporters of the games their late father upheld 60 years ago.

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### NEWPORT CARNIVAL

Despite the most unsatisfactory weather experienced during the carnival, which concluded on last

frightening frequency and the flashes—not in their usual transient fashion—were of unnerving duration, accompanied by ear-splitting thunder peals reverberating through the heavens. A torrential cloud-burst, which flooded some houses in the town, followed and despite the surfeit of wet weather, the rain was welcome in so far as it bespoke the passing of the storm. While it lasted, the air was charged with the smell of sulphur and the rains, which fell, were almost tepid. Two ponies were killed locally and in view of the storm's intensity, it is providential that more damage was not wrought.

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### DEEPLY REGRETTE

The death of Mr. William Dalton, which occurred at his residence, Parkana, Athea, on Thursday, the 26th ult., is deeply regretted and heartfelt sympathy is extended to his bereaved mother, wife and family (writes our Athea correspondent). Of a kind, gentle and retiring disposition, deceased, who was only in his early fifties, belonged to a highly respected and widely connected farming family of old stock in the parish. The very large cortege of relatives and friends from West Limerick and North Kerry that attended his funeral to Templeathea on Friday was a striking tribute to the regard in which he was held and bore testimony to the sympathy which his passing evoked. Very Rev. Father T. Connolly, P.P., officiated at the obsequies, assisted by the Rev. Father J. O'Beirne, C.C.

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### POINTER TRIALS POST-PONED