T "RAINED" HAY!

'eird Occurrence At Adare

WYNDS CAUGHT UP BY WHIRLWIND

HERE was a strange scene in Adare village on Monday ning, when residents became rtled by a "shower of hay." Ex- dly they rushed from their nes, and watched the "shower" it lasted for half-an-hour. When ad ceased everyone was anxious know what was the cause of the sual happening.

transpired that four wynds, h containing roughly 10 cwts. of , were caught in a whirlwind in ls nearby. The hay was dragged vards into the elements for a ance of 300 or 400 feet, as if by gnetic force. The sight was ched with eager interest until hay was scattered by a sudden t of wind, and then it was wn over a wide area.

A WEIRD OCCURRENCE.

r. John Chawke, Main Street, re, a highly-respected resident, sidered that it was a weird urrence, and said it was the first e in his memory that wynds of had been firmly gripped by a rlwind. He told a "Limerick der" reporter that he had heard ocks of hay having been carried y in such a manner, but not ds.

thers who exchanged opinions the "shower" said that a similar urrence took place some years in the Bruree district.

prominent Limerick citizen re- ed an incident of a similar ure taking place in West Clare 40 years ago. He added colour is story by saying that when the was lifted by the wind into the it was ignited by a series of tning flashes.

ENS SUFFER SAME FATE!

nother citizen said he re- bered an incident in County ry many years ago when cocks ay were blown into the sky, e hens also suffered a similar until they came to rest a long ance from their habitat.

so happened in the Adare omenon—if one might refer to s such—that a transport 'plane ts way to Shannon Airport red over the scene for a short , possibly wondering what the business was all about. Inci- ally, the hay was the property Mr. David O'Shaughnessy, Miss Collins, Mr. Patrick Griffin, Mr. Charles Baker, all resident e locality.

E CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE.

was later ascertained that a lwind of great velocity blew ss Blackabbey, half a mile out- the village, and lifted two ls of hay in one field into the nd two wynds further on about miles, and a man who was ing hay in a hay float had half oad lifted into the air.

e water shoots of a house in vicinity were blown down, gh there was not a puff of wind e village.

OUNTY HOUSING

TENDERS RECEIVED

nerick Co. Council had under deration, at a meeting on Sat- , tenders received for the on of a total of 124 houses, or which the lowest tender re-

DIED IN AMERICA

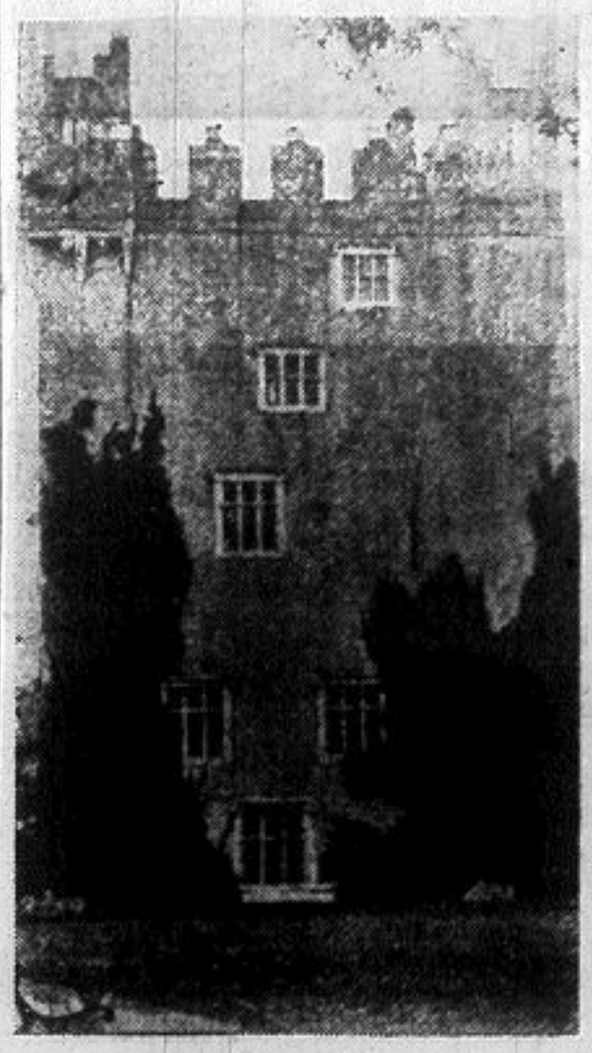
Last Owner Of Noted Mills

DESMOND CASTLE NEAR RATHKEALE

THE death took place recently in America of Mr. John Johnstone, formerly of Castlematrix, Rathkeale, and last owner of the one-time flourishing and noted flour mills there. He is survived by his wife (Hester), his daughter, Mrs. Olga Hurley, and grandchildren, Iris and Kevin. He passed away in his sleep on May 10th at his home in Jamaica, Long Island, New York.

The late Mr. Johnstone left Ireland 23 years ago with his wife and daughter. He was deeply attached to the once beautiful residence on the banks of the Deel. It was there he was born and it had golden memories for him to the end.

Castlematrix was a Desmond



Castlematrix

Castle, built, according to O'Dowd, in the time of Elizabeth, and had a storied history. It figured prominently in the struggles of the past between the Irish and the British invaders of our country. A special sketch of its history concludes as follows:—

Castlematrix has changed hands many times since the days of yore. Over two and a half centuries ago mills were built adjoining the castle by the then proprietor, Mr. J. Southwell Brown. The last owner of Castlematrix to operate the mills that are long since gone were the Johnstones, a popular and respected family.

The castle grounds were always open to visitors and though no knight in armour or gay cavalier met the gaze a joyous reception was accorded to all, by the Johnstone family, who looked on the ancient castle with reverence and love.

"DRY" FELLOWSHIP

MORE ABOUT A.A.

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir,—I shall be very grateful if you will again allow me to encroach on your valuable space in

MARKET PRICES

LIMERICK MARKETS—Saturday.
Butter—2/2 to 2/6 per lb.
Hen Eggs—2/10 to 3/2 per doz.
Duck Eggs—2/8 to 2/10 per doz.
Chickens—14/- to 20/- per pair.
Ducks—6/- to 10/- per pair.
Old Fowl—11/- to 18/- per pair.
Turkeys—2/- per lb.
Potatoes—2/- to 2/3 per stone.
Rye Hay—140/- per ton.
Corcass Hay—50/- per ton.
Weekly Cattle Market — There were 130 calves in market. They sold at from 40/- to 200/- each.

THE PADDOCKS, LIMERICK.

WEEKLY CATTLE AND SHEEP MARKET.

Wednessday, July 13th—Cattle—Supplies in both fat and store cattle showed an increase on last week, but less than seasonable; good attendance; brisk trade and good competition for prime fat cattle, especially medium weighted heifers and bullocks; prime cow heifers also in demand, but heavier sorts and cattle short of condition not so easy to negotiate; few forward stores on offer. In young store section trade continues sharp for choice drafts of feeding bullocks and coloury dairy heifers, but secondary cattle not so much in favour. Late rates ruled. In some cases vendors held for extreme rates, which purchasers were not willing to concede; all round a good clearance. Fat heifers and bullocks, best, £45 5s. to £52 15s.; second run, £35 10s. to £40. Fat cows, £31 to £37 5s.; second run, £21 10s. to £29 10s. Two and a half year old bullocks, £34 to £36 10s. Two year old bullocks and heifers, small, £20 10s. to £25 15s. Yearlings, £19 10s. to £23; small, £12 15s. to £16.

Sheep—Less sheep on offer, but the entry included a large percentage of prime wethers and hoggets; good attendance; steady trade for choice hoggets, medium weights and small sheep in most demand; well-bred wethers also changed hands at satisfactory terms; fresh ewes and choice well-bred lambs in keen demand. All round steady rates ruled. Market almost cleared. Fat middle weight, 132/- to 152/-. Hoggets, best, 151/- to 161/-; second run, 136/- to 150/-; small, 124/- to 132/6. Ewes, 135/- to 171/-. Fat lambs, 100/- to 124/-.—Wm. B. Fitt and Co., Auctioneers.

THE PADDOCKS, LIMERICK WEEKLY DAIRY MARKET.

Tuesday, July 12th:—Slightly increased entry; an average description; usual attendance. Steady trade ruled for the right stamp of dairy cow or heifer, which were sold readily at late rates; secondary cows and heifers quiet. Market almost cleared. Top price for dairy cows went to Mr. Thomas Campbell, Morelands, Clonlara, at £42. Dairy cows, best, £35 to £42; second run, £22 to £29; heifers, £33 10s.—Wm. B. Fitt & Co., Auctioneers

LIMERICK CATTLE MARKET WEEKLY MARKET. SATURDAY, JULY 9th.

Dairy cows and heifers:—The entry showed a slight decrease as compared with last week. Fair attendance of buyers. Good cows and heifers in demand, but for the secondary classes trade not as good as at recent markets; a full clearance was not effected. Top price for cows went to Mr. Martin Browne, Cratloe, Co. Clare, at 40 gns. Top price for heifers went to Mr. J. J. Smith, Newboro', Patrickswell, at 35 gns. In-calf and calved cows, best, £35 to £40; seconds, £32 10s. to £34 5s.; others, £28 to £31 10s.; in-calf and calved heifers, £26 10s. to £35; suck calves, £4 to £5

CAHERDAVIN PUMP

And The Watering Of Cattle

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir,—Permit me, through your ever popular and widely read paper, to protest in the highest possible manner against the way the water pump situated in a field at Caherdavin is being used. A water barrel is placed right underneath the pump for cattle to drink out of. I need hardly explain what is happening. The nuisance caused by these cattle, where they remain for hours around the water, is all going back into the well, and is being pumped back again by the people, rendering the water unfit for human consumption. I would like to know what the Medical Officer of Health would think of that.

I hope that whoever is responsible for the health of this locality will see after this shameful state of affairs immediately. Not alone is this pump being used by the local residents, but hundreds of people passing to and fro from the city use this pump for drinking water. This pump used to be kept in a state of cleanliness, but now it is more like a cow byre.

I trust that the responsible people will remedy this immediately, and start by having this water container for cattle at least placed some distance away, so that the people using the pump will be able to approach it without picking their steps. Surely the health of the people comes before the watering of cattle.

—Mise le meas,

"DISGUSTED."

KILMALLOCK PROPERTY SALE

The licensed dwellinghouse, shop and premises at Sarsfield Street, Kilmallock, the property of Mr. Michael Moran, has been purchased by Mr. J. Moloney, Kilmallock, for the sum of £900. The premises are held under lease for 99 years, subject to the yearly rent of £4 5s. 6d., and the Poor Law Valuation is £7 10s. Mr. M. M. Power, solicitor, Kilmallock, had carriage of sale.

NEWCASTLE WEST FAIR

There was an unusually small supply of cattle at Newcastle West July fair on Tuesday and only a limited number of buyers attended. Trade was largely confined to local transactions. Old cows sold at from £17 to £24; calves from £4 to £6; bonhams, £4 10s. to £6 10s. There was a good clearance of stock at the monthly pig market on the previous day, when suitable pigs sold at an average of £9 5s. per cwt. (d.w.).

CHARLEVILLE FAIR

Small fair. Three year old beef bullocks, £40 to £51; 2½ year old bullocks, £30 to £40; yearling bullocks, £15 to £27; yearling heifers for export, £20 to £28; fat young cows sold well at from £30 to £45; good aged cows, quiet trade; fat hoggets, £7 to £8; store pigs, £6 to £8.

MEADOWING £21 AN ACRE

The record price of £21 per acre (writes our Kilfinane correspondent) was paid for meadowing belonging to Miss B. Rea, Ballyorgan, Kilfinane, at the auction by Messrs. J. F. O'Hurley and Sons.

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