B. Walsh, Mr. Wm. Murphy, Miss T. O'Sullivan, Miss A. Moriarty, Miss M. Harnett, Mrs. Moriarty, Miss A. Mulvaney, Mr. O'Toole, Mr. Gerry Quaine, Miss M. Main, Mr. D. de Lea, Mr. T. Conba, Mr. S. Doolan and Miss K. Madden.

FOR THE HOME

Practical Hints

(BY MARY HARDING)

WISE WASHING.

STEEP all white clothes, with the exception of woollens, for 12 hours before washing, so as to lessen labour and improve the colour of the articles. Do not put soap or soda in the steeping water, except when dealing with very dirty kitchen cloths, when a little dissolved soda may be added.

Handkerchiefs are more easily washed if a little salt has been put into the water in which they are steeped.

STORING PARSLEY.

Parsley is the one herb that needs quick drying if it is to retain its colour and flavour. Break it into sprigs, spread it out on a tray, and about a quarter of an hour in a moderate oven should be long enough to get it dry and crisp. As soon as it is perfectly dry, rub it into powder and store it, well corked, for the winter's use.

MAKING GOOD COFFEE.

If you are making black coffee, a cupful of water should be allowed to each person and rather more than a tablespoonful of ground coffee. Put this in an earthenware jug that has been previously warmed, pour the required amount of boiling water over, stir, leave to stand for a minute or two, and then pour through a fine strainer into another previously warmed pot.

Remember coffee boiled is coffee spoiled, for boiling develops bitterness and spoils the fragrance that is the essence of good coffee.

USE CAMPHOR.

If silver or plate is thoroughly cleaned and put away in a box or cupboard with a piece of camphor, it will retain its brightness for several months.

DOORS AND WINDOWS.

If you tackle the job of re-painting any doors or windows, be certain that you do not paint too thickly around the sides. Accumulations of dry paint, applied directly by brush or allowed to drip and spread during the course of the job, cause a great many preventable difficulties with sticking doors and windows.

LINEN LOGIC.

Do not keep your linen in a hot cupboard once it is aired, as heat discolours and weakens the material.

Use sheets and pillow-cases in rotation. The easiest way of doing this is to put the newly washed linen at the bottom of the pile, and take the articles you are about to use from the top.

If you are storing linen, keep in a dry, cool place.

Make a practice of looking over all household linen before it goes to the laundry basket, and remember the old adage: "A stitch in time . . ."

TOOTH BRUSHES.

These should be dried as much as possible after use. It is a good idea to have two brushes and use them on alternate days. They will last longer, and by remaining stiffer, will do the work of cleaning your teeth much more efficiently.

TAPESTRY CHAIRS.

The best way to clean chairs which are covered with tapestry cloth is to rub in powdered magnesia very thoroughly and evenly with a cloth pad, or a not too stiff brush. Leave this for several hours, then beat out with a fairly stiff brush, and if you have a vacuum cleaner, finish off with a run-over with the furniture nozzle and brush.

DEATH OF NONAGENARIAN

LATE MR. THOMAS O'DONNELL, GRANGE

To few men has it been given to have had such an active and varied career covering almost the span of a century, or to have participated in such thrilling and pulsating events, often fraught with danger, as had the late Mr. Thomas O'Donnell, River View House, Grange, Kilmallock, whose death occurred at his residence on Tuesday, 1st inst., in his ninety-third year.

Belonging to a family of tenant farmers which took its ideals and inspiration from the motto: "For Faith and Fatherland," he was from his early youth associated with practically every movement which had for its object the freedom of his country, and the right of the tenant farmer to own his own holding. He was luckier than most of his contemporaries, inasmuch as he lived to see his early dreams and ambitions realised, and the people he loved prosperous and happy, but he would be the first to acknowledge the vital part played by the men of more recent times in the achievement of the aims for which he and countless others were ready to risk their lives.

FENIAN HEAD CENTRE

When the abortive and ill-fated rebellion of '67 drove the Fenian movement underground, Tom O'Donnell was one of the young men who enthusiastically espoused the almost forlorn cause, and was appointed head of the centre, which embraced six parishes. Some years later when branches of the Land League were formed throughout the country, he became leader of the Vigilance Committee, which had control of the Lough Gur area of seven districts. An ardent follower and supporter of Parnell and later of John Redmond, he enjoyed the friendship and esteem of many public men, including the late Mr. William Lundon, M.P., Kilteely, and his son, Mr. Thomas Lundon, M.P., who was present at the funeral.

Despite his prominence in the various movements, he never sought publicity, or courted public favour, and it was with the greatest reluctance that he was prevailed on to become a member of Kilmallock Rural District Council, on which body he served with zeal and distinction for many years.

OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY

The late Mr. O'Donnell was fitted by nature to be a man of outstanding personality. During his exceptionally long life he enjoyed right to the end the utmost health and vigor. His powerful, stalwart physique, noble head, and handsome features, with Van Dyck beard, gave him a most distinguished appearance, which might be the envy of many an Ambassador of rank. In his declining years, while retaining his interest in all national affairs, he lived quietly on his farm, and had the happiness of having his priest-son with him during his last weeks on earth. In private life he was friendly, sociable and warm-hearted, and having a large fund of anecdotes, and personal experiences from which to draw, he was most interesting as an conversationalist and was the centre of many a group as he recounted particulars of incidents in his early days. A staunch and loyal Catholic, being able to attend Sunday Mass in Grange Church until quite recently; a generous and helpful neighbour, his firm hand-shake when you entered his house betokened a welcome which needed no words to express, and his death, although coming in the fulness of years, and with his life's labour realised, was deeply regretted in a wide area, where his many sterling qualities had won him an admiration and popularity achieved by few. In spite of the turbulence of the early times through which he lived, his was a gentle spirit, breathing a sincerity of purpose and a love of the simple life. In fact, his whole outlook and philosophy of life could be summed up in the valedictory words he uttered to the members of his family a few moments before the end came. As his dying gaze sought out each member of the beloved company which circled his bedside, he was heard to say faintly but clearly: "Let ye all be good to one another." Truly a parting message which typified the nobility and greatness of a generous soul. R.I.P.

THE OBSEQUIES.

The remains were removed to Grange Church on Wednesday evening, accompanied by a large cortege of mourners, personal friends and the general public. The rosary was recited by Very Rev. Daniel Hayes, D.D., Rector, P.S.M., Thurles (cousin of deceased). Other clergy present were Very Rev. John O'Donnell (son), Very Rev. Edmond Ryan, P.P., Ballybricken, and Rev. C. Clancy, S.M.A., Cork.

BISHOP PRESIDES AT MASS.

His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, Bishop of Limerick, presided at the Office for the Dead and the Solemn Requiem Mass at Grange Church on Thursday morning and gave the Final Absolution.

The celebrant of the Mass was Very Rev. John O'Donnell (son), Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Los Angeles; deacon, Very Rev. D. Hayes, D.D., Rector, P.S.M., Thurles; sub-deacon, Rev. C. Clancy, S.M.A., Cork; master of ceremonies, Rev. P. Lee, C.C., Doon. The clergy in the choir were: Very Rev. M. O'Grady, P.P., Fedamore; Rev. J. Browne, C.C., Bruff (chanters); Very Rev. D. Canon O'Riordan, P.P., V.F., Bruff; Very Rev. D. Canon Martin, P.P., Croom; Very Rev. James Canon Moloney, P.P., Effin; Very Rev. Matthew Sampson, P.P., Knocklong; Very Rev. Thomas O'Sullivan, P.P., Ballyhahill; Very Rev. J. Carroll, P.P., Glenroe; Very Rev. J. O'Kelly, P.P., Manister; Very Rev. E. Ryan, P.P., Ballybricken; Rev. J. Shinnors, C.F., Limerick; Rev. D. Crowley, C.C., Croom; Rev. E. Harrington, S.M.A., Cork; Rev Michael Power, Kilfinane; Rev. D. O'Mara, C.C., Knockainey; Rev. J. Kennedy, C.C., St. Mary's, Limerick; Rev. E. Houlihan, C.C., Bruff; Very Rev. John Hennessy, Dubuque, U.S.A.; Very Rev. J. Hogan, Springfield, U.S.A.; Very Rev. F. Hogan, Springfield, U.S.A.; Very Rev. P. O'Dwyer, Los Angeles; Very Rev. T. English, do.; Very Rev. Thomas Lehart, do.; Very Rev. P. O'Connor, do.; Very Rev. D. Collins, D.C.L., do.; Very Rev. T. Crean, do.; Very Rev. Ml. O'Connor, do.

CHIEF MOURNERS.

The immediate relatives present were: Mrs. M. O'Donnell (widow), Rev. John O'Donnell, Thos., Michael, Hugh, Daniel and Richard (sons), Mrs. O'Halloran, Borrisoleigh (daughter), Mr. M. O'Halloran (son-in-law), Mrs. Ml. O'Donnell, Croom; Mrs. T. O'Donnell, Croom; Mrs. Rita O'Donnell, N.T., Grange; Mrs. M. O'Donnell, N.T., Rochestown (daughters-in-law); Ml., Frank and Miriam O'Donnell, Holycross; Thos. O'Donnell, Ballybricken; John, Thomas and Bridget O'Donnell, Croom; Mrs. Quirke, Croom; Phyllis and Ml. O'Donnell, Croom; Mrs. Gleeson, Thurles; Patrick, Thomas and Bridget O'Halloran, Borrisoleigh (grand-children).

THE FUNERAL.

The remains were removed for interment to Cahercorney Churchyard and the funeral, as it wended its way from the church, was of huge dimensions, being representative of the farming, business, professional and labouring sections of the community from all the surrounding districts. No trumpeter sounded the Last Post for this happy warrior of the Fenian tradition, but the genial August sunshine warmed the earth and caressed the grave to which was confined the last of a gallant band of noble men, while in the hearts of those who knew him and loved him, he will be remembered with pride and with a warm affection. May he rest in peade.

WHAT FARMERS PAY

AND WHAT THEY GET BACK

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir—In his reply in your last issue to my letter of July 29th, Mr. D. P. Quish, M.C.C., took good care to evade the real point of what I wrote. I showed from official figures published when the Cosgrave Government was in power that while the agricultural community then represented 57 per cent of the population it contributed only 30 per cent of the total central and local revenue and received 59 per cent of the benefits from the public purse. The agricultural community is roughly the same now but it gets far more out of local and national expenditure than it got then, while its contribution to the common pool can hardly be even the 30 per cent it was at that time. Mr. Quish seems to think that since the agricultural community is 57 per cent of the whole population it is automatically entitled to 57 per cent of the total of the income from local and national taxation, even though it contributes only 30 per cent. Surely he cannot be serious in putting up this contention. What the 57 per cent of the population would be entitled to, of course, would be 57 per cent of the 30 per cent it contributed—not 57 per cent of the whole pool of public money, as Mr. Quish appears to think. I am wondering does he really think this or is he merely pretending. The actual position is that the farmers of this country are not pulling their weight in the matter of contributing to the national upkeep, while they are getting far more out of the public purse than what they pay in would entitle them to get. This is so patent that no one of common intelligence can seriously attempt to deny it. Facts are stubborn things and they can stand investigation and argument from any quarter. They can never be dislodged by ignoring them or trying to smother them fn irrelevant suggestions. In my previous letter I showed what a great advantage the farmers have in escaping income tax whereas town dwellers not half as well off have to pay through the nose. I notice that Mr. Quish has nothing to say about this.

Yours faithfully,

"URBAN VICTIM."

TO DISCIPLINE STRIKES.

Next month the Italian Government is nearly certain to pass an Act disciplining strikes. The Government is particularly concentrating on intervening in civil service disputes.

of his patrons who requires supplies of rationed butter, makes application to Department of Industry and Commerce for a permit authorising him to purchase from the creamery the quantity of butter he is allotted to fulfil his requirements. The quantity of butter disposed of must correspond with the coupons he receives during current period. The shopkeeper is called upon to submit his accounts for verification at intervals. His accounts are also subject to surprise inspection by Government officials, and if his sales do not reconcile with his disbursements according to coupons drastic penalties are imposed, and licence to deal in butter may be withdrawn. Where, then, are the facilities for the dishonest trader or shopkeeper, to indulge in?

Mr. Donegan and his advisers must be studying the Greek Calends (of which I know nothing) when he calculates 48 weeks in a year. However, there is nothing I can say to convince Mr. Donegan but we traders are all a dishonest lot, and use every available opportunity to rob, not only our neighbours, but our friends and patrons. He even suggests how we could get a return of the official wrapper so as to extort from the poor, a crime so damnable as to warrant condemnation by Church and State. In a word, we are all tarred with the same brush, and I, as creamery manager, am entitled to an extra daub, so I may well say with the poet:

"All seems infected to the infected spy,
As all seems yellow to the jaundiced eye."

Mr. Donegan is possessed of rather a high standard of self-importance when he asks me to call a meeting of the creamery managers to hear his ballyhoo, but I would suggest he will find the precincts of the Co. Council more suitable for a display of his oratorical vapouring than the more complacent sanctuary of the Irish Creamery Managers' Association.

EVICTED TENANT'S SON.

Mr. Donegan refers to me, with some degree of insincerity, as an educated creamery manager, farmer and shopkeeper, but it may be unknown to him that I also qualify as a labourer, and it happened this way. In the early nineties my father (R.I.P.) was an evicted tenant and served twelve months in Limerick Gaol for his activities in the Land League. We were a family of six. Obviously we had to work hard, some, perhaps, less hard, but in my case I qualified a full blown farm labourer. I must apologise to my readers for this divergence, but I am anxious that Mr. Donegan, when he is referring to my qualifications next time, will give me my full title, viz., Henry Nash, farmer, creamery manager, shopkeeper and labourer.

In conclusion, I am finished with this loathsome subject and I trust I shall not again be called on to defend the honesty and integrity of my fellow traders, but I am pretty well convinced that all these veiled insinuations meant to despoil our character and social standing are the product of Mr. Donegan's contaminated imagination.

Yours faithfully,

H. NASH.

RATIONING AND PRICE ORDERS

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir—In my letter which you were good enough to publish in your issue of 29th July, Mr. P. H. Donegan was asked either to produce the information in his possession about the malpractice of butter retailers, or to offer some apology. In your issue of 5th August, a letter from Mr. Donegan is printed, in which he catalogues a number of offences against the Rationing and Price Control Orders which, he suggests, are committed by dishonest retailers. Some of these allegations simply show Mr. Donegan's ignor-

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