

Irish News

CLARE—Sudden Death

Mrs. Grogan, a wealthy lady, aged 80 years, was found dead in the hall of her house in Market Square, Kiltish, where she lived alone.

A Local Industry

One would scarcely expect to find in an East Clare village a woollen factory fully equipped with the most up-to-date machinery for converting raw wool into fabrics fit for feminine, or masculine wear (says the 'Freeman's Journal'). Yet this is to be found at Sixmildridge, between Limerick and Ennis, where Messrs. James O'Flynn and Sons are producing home-spuns, tweeds, rugs, blankets, etc., all of the best and most genuine kind. The family has been in the woollen business since 1800, but it was not until 1898 that the modern plant was put down. In that year a disastrous fire destroyed the mills, and when they were being rebuilt Messrs. O'Flynn wisely decided on coming abreast of the times by getting the best machinery that money could buy. Mr. James O'Flynn, jun., went through a three years' course at Leeds Technical College, securing all the certificates granted by the college, as well as a scholarship from the London Clothworkers' Society. He was the first Irish pupil to win the last-named honor. On his return Mr. O'Flynn taught local workers, who are now able to turn out textiles, durable and well finished, which are largely worn in Limerick and throughout Clare, as well as in other parts of the country.

CORK—A Patron Saint

The village of Ardmore, County Cork, celebrated about the middle of July the feast of its patron, St. Declan, who was born in the year 447 and was one of the four Patrician Bishops who preached Christianity in Ireland.

Sale of an Estate

The tenants on the estate of W. F. Coppinger, who resides in England, situated at Templeboden, near Middleton, have concluded negotiations for the purchase of their holdings. All are first term tenants, and have agreed to buy at 20½ years' purchase, sporting rights being conceded to them.

DERRY—An Appointment

The Very Rev. Dr. M'Hugh, for many years President of St. Columb's College, has been appointed to the parish of Clonleigh and Camus, Strabane, rendered vacant by the death of Monsignor O'Hagan; and the dignity of Vicar-General has also been conferred on him at the same time.

DUBLIN—Spread of Temperance

Advocates of temperance—and they are becoming more numerous every day—will derive pleasure (writes a Dublin correspondent) from a perusal of the report of the Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police for the year 1904. There was a total decrease in the number of arrests for drunkenness during the year in question, as compared with the previous year, of 1376. The fact is most gratifying. No doubt the number of arrests for the year is still very high, but it must be remembered that in Dublin people with the slightest sign of drink are arrested—people who would not be noticed in an English city.

Homes for Single Men

The Iveagh Home, situated near St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, has been opened for the reception of single men as lodgers, of whom it will accommodate 500. It has been erected at the sole expense of Lord Iveagh.

GALWAY—Death of a Priest

One of the best known priests in the West of Ireland, the Rev. W. Joyce, of Louisburgh, died recently in his 73rd year. His illness was brief. A native of County Galway, Father Joyce had been for 31 years in charge of his parish at Louisburgh.

Military Appointment

Colonel Kilkelly, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, has been appointed Governor of Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the convalescent home for officers of the army and navy. Colonel Kilkelly was born in 1861, the son of Surgeon-General C. E. Kilkelly, J.P., of Drimcong, County Galway. After leaving Downside, he graduated at Trinity College, Dublin, as M.B. and B.Ch.; and, being gazetted to the Royal Army Medical Corps, served for a time in India on the personal staff of the Duke of Connaught.

KERRY—Sad Fatality

Mr. John Edward Hussey, J.P., County Kerry, died from the effects of injuries received by accidentally falling over a cliff at Annascaul.

A Cynical Breach of Honor

Mr. L. Taffot-Crosbie, D.L., in reply to an address presented to him at Ardfer Sports, described the Government's Redistribution proposals as a cynical breach of national honor, which, when thoroughly apprehended, would be opposed in Ireland by Unionists and Nationalists alike.

A Lady Doctor

The pass list of the Glasgow University includes the name of Miss Mary Teresa Gallagher, who has got her medical degree. Dr. Gallagher hails from the 'Kingdom' of Kerry, her father holding a valuable post in the Civil Service.

A Successful Engineer

The 'Salt Lake Herald' announces the promotion of Mr. B. B. Kelliher to be chief engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. For the past two or three years Mr. Kelliher has been division engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific, with headquarters at Winnipeg, Manitoba. Considering the fact that his engineering associates are in America, that his work before going to Canada was all in Ireland, and further that he went to the Dominion without pull of any kind and worked his way up entirely by merit, Mr. Kelliher's promotion (says the 'Freeman's Journal') is taken as a compliment not only to his own merit and energy, but to the Creighton Short Line system, where he achieved some of his earlier successes. Mr. Kelliher is the third son of the late Mr. John Kelliher, of Ballyplymouth, Castlesland, County Kerry.

LEITRIM—Death of a Priest

The death is reported of the Very Rev. Canon Donohue, of Mohill. Deceased, who was in his 65th year, was educated in St. Mel's, Longford, and the Irish College, Paris, where he was ordained in 1870. For 28 years he was pastor of Mohill, and during that period he erected the fine church of St. Patrick, renovated the outlying chapels of the parish, and built several schools. He was an ardent Nationalist and was highly esteemed by all classes of the community.

LIMERICK—Long-established Flour Mills

Captain Denis Lyons, of the 13th Hussars, is about to close down the Croom flour mills, established by his grandfather in 1788. They provide employment for a great many, who will suffer keenly from their abolition.

The Irish Language

In opening the Thomond Feis the Right Rev. Mgr. Hallinan, of Newcastle West, paid a well-deserved tribute to the work of the Limerick City Branch of the Gaelic League. To this branch he rightly attributed the suggestion of making St. Patrick's Day a national holiday, and to it also he gave credit for its work on behalf of the teaching of the Irish language. He said there was no place in Ireland, as far as he knew, where the Irish language in the schools was making greater progress than it was in Limerick City, and if it was making the same progress in the county the fact was due to the inspiration of the city.

TIPPERARY—Drowned while Bathing

Michael Connolly, son of Mr. Martin Connolly, cattle dealer, Nenagh, was drowned whilst bathing in Nenagh towards the end of July.

TYRONE—Drowning Fatality

Mr. James Vizard, a school teacher, of Drumquin, County Tyrone, was drowned while bathing in the river Blackwater. His brother, Godfrey Vizard, was saved by the gallant efforts of Mr. Theodore N. Stack.

GENERAL

The Conservatives and the Country

An Irish correspondent of the 'Manchester Guardian' writes: 'Some of the Bishops were believed to have strong leanings towards Conservatism; if they had they have been changed by the new policy as propounded by Mr. Walter Long. Whatever English Catholics may think, certainly the manner in which a Conservative Government has placed the administration of Ireland under the control of the Orange party has led the whole body of Irish Catholics to the conclusion that whatever they have to hope for must come through a Liberal source. This feeling is growing stronger every day.'

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