

LIMERICK—Death by Drowning

A young man named John Dore, a farmer, of Mount David, Shanagolden, was drowned in the Shannon while bathing at Foynes. After plunging in he never rose to the surface.

MONAGHAN—Industrial Schools

There is at present in course of erection in the spacious and well-laid-out grounds attached to the Convent of St. Louis, Monaghan, a new block of industrial schools, which, when completed, will form a very handsome and imposing structure. The old industrial schools, within the past year or two, became altogether inadequate to accommodate the large number of the little ones committed to the care of the good Sisters of St. Louis, and his Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Owens, Bishop of Clogher, and the Mother Superior of the Convent deemed it advisable to remove the old building and erect one that would in every way meet the existing wants.

ROSCOMMON—Reported Discovery of Silver

A report has reached Castlerea (writes the correspondent of the "Freeman's Journal") that a silver mine has been discovered in a quarry at Boho. Mr. P. J. Costelloe, foreman over the quarrymen, has informed me that after a rock in the quarry, about 20 feet under the surface of the land, had been opened by blasting, he discovered a large vein in the centre of the rock, which had all the appearance of silver. The vein had been greatly shattered by the force of the explosion, but Mr. Costelloe gathered up as much of the fragments or small bits as he could, and forwarded them to Dublin for analysis. Mr. Costelloe has received a reply stating that it is a most valuable mineral, and to preserve as much of it as possible for further examination. In proceeding with the work of quarrying since further discoveries have been made of material which has all the appearance of containing silver.

TIPPERARY—Death of a Religious

The death has occurred at the Abbey, Mount St. Joseph, Roscrea, of the Rev. Father Gerard (Purcell), who for the past five years had been a member of the community. Previously he was for upwards of 20 years on the American mission, being pastor of Turner's Falls, Massachusetts. Deceased belonged to one of the oldest and most respected families in County Waterford.

Drowning Fatality

On August 4 Mr. H. C. White, J.P., and Miss Radcliffe were drowned in an artificial lake near Roscrea.

WATERFORD—Appointed Dean

The Sovereign Pontiff has been pleased, on the recommendation of the Right Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, to confer upon the Very Rev. P. F. Flynn, P.P., V.F., Trinity Without, Waterford, the dignity of Dean of the Cathedral Chapter. The vacant Canonry has been conferred by the Bishop on the Rev. W. J. Walsh, D.D., President of St. John's College, Waterford.

WEXFORD—An American Visitor

Judge Martin Keogh, of the New York Supreme Court, was on a visit to his native place in Wexford in August.

GENERAL**Ascendancy Dies Slowly**

The determined attempt of the Great Northern Railway of Ireland directors to retain the ascendancy system in the management of their Company, by which Catholics are practically excluded from obtaining positions on the staff (says an Irish exchange), speaks volumes for the desperate struggle which Protestants of the bigoted type are making to exclude Catholics from every position which they control. Their manager agreed to have the clerkships thrown open to public competition, so that the Bill which they were promoting would not meet with opposition from the Irish Party, but the directors repudiated him and stuck to their colors until they found that the Irish Party were determined to prevent the passage of the Bill unless the clerical appointments were thrown open and fair play given to Catholics. The storm raised by Mr. Corbett, M.P., in Parliament over the appointment of a few Catholic magistrates in the County Antrim is another case in point. Over ninety per cent. of the magistrates of the county are Protestants, yet the selection of a few Catholics for the magistracy quite shocked the hon. member.

People We Hear About

The Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, entered on his 77th year on August 17.

Lord Brampton—better known as Sir Henry Hawkins, and a most generous benefactor of the new Westminster Cathedral—attained his 84th birthday recently.

The Queen of the Netherlands believes in early rising, notwithstanding that she has not a great amount to do. She has been accustomed to be downstairs by half-past seven of a morning ever since she was a little child.

To be the possessor of a distinct peerage in England, Scotland, and Ireland, is a rare honor. Only three men can claim it. One of them is the Duke of Abercorn, and the others are the Marquis of Lansdowne and the Earl of Verulam.

Mr. J. J. Clancy, M.P., is the latest member of the Irish Party to be called to the Inner Bar. He was called to the Bar in 1887, and goes on the North-east Irish circuit. For many years he was the director of the Irish Press Agency in London, in which capacity he did excellent work for the Irish cause. The agency was dissolved after the Parnell split.

King Oscar of Sweden is a poet of no mean order, and his sonnets have been translated into most of the languages of Europe. He is an accomplished musician, too, his nautical songs, set to his own music, being very popular in the Swedish navy. He has written histories and dramas, translated classics, and is the author of some hymns which enjoy the highest popularity. Finally, as a tenor singer he is always welcome at concerts.

The King and Queen of Italy have made rather a remarkable motor journey from the Racconigi Palace, by the Valley of Aosta, and over the Little St. Bernard to the shores of the Lac du Bourget. The object of this journey was to show Queen Elena the tombs of her husband's ancestors in the Abbey of Haute Combe, at the foot of Mont du Chat. The visit was made incog. The French monk who did the honors remarked, however, that Madame was very like the Queen of Italy. 'So I have been told before,' replied her Majesty.

Mr. Gladstone hated any appearance of idleness, and in this connection the 'Manchester Guardian' relates a characteristic story. Years ago he met the then Duchess of Abercorn in a country house. She was accompanied by her son, Lord George Hamilton, at that time a schoolboy. Not many mornings had elapsed before Mr. Gladstone said to her, 'Duchess; don't you think it a pity that your son should spend his holidays in entire idleness? I should be happy to give him an hour's Homer every morning.' The offer was accepted, and the foundation of Lord George's lifelong hostility to the Liberal leader was securely laid.

Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, the President of the Chamber of Mines at Johannesburg, and Leader of the Progressive Party in the Transvaal, is, as his name implies, of Irish descent. His father, the late Hon. James C. Fitzpatrick, was one of O'Connell's chief supporters, and the organiser of many a meeting in the Conciliation Hall days. A powerful and effective speaker, and a member of the Irish Bar, he was appointed to a West African Judgeship, and eventually promoted to a puisne Judgeship in the Supreme Court of Cape Colony in the sixties, when these offices were in the gift of the Colonial Secretary.

A distinctive feature of the motor industry has been the generous support accorded to it by the Sovereigns of the world. Apart from King Edward, the King of Italy, and the King of Spain, who are well-known enthusiasts, there are the German Emperor, who has four or five cars, the King of the Belgians, who has three, and the Czar, who at present has only one, but contemplates adding to his 'stud.' The King of Portugal and the Queen of the Netherlands are also of the company. The Prince of Monaco, in addition to a very powerful car, has a motor bicycle, on which he frequently accomplishes very long journeys; and, most astonishing of all, the Shah of Persia has now become possessed of two automobiles.

For Children's Hacking Cough at Night, WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE, 1/6 and 2/6 per Bottle.

A memorial tablet to the memory of Father Le Rennetel was unveiled by Father Ginisty, S.M., at St. Patrick's, Sydney, on Sunday, September 9.