

MEATH.

The Meath County Council, having passed a resolution congratulating Leo XIII. on his Pontifical Jubilee, Sir John Dillon, one of the members, said that as a Protestant he was most happy to join in the resolution. He is, he said, a Baron of the Holy Roman Empire, which title was conferred on his family by a predecessor of the present Pope, because of his ancestor having advocated the cause of the Roman Catholics in the Parliament in College Green.

WATERFORD.—Coercion Law.

A Coercion Court at Waterford on April 26 sentenced the proprietress and the editor of the Waterford 'Star' to two months' imprisonment, the proprietress having the option of finding bail.

WICKLOW.—The Parnell Estate

A movement is in progress in County Wicklow to save the late Mr. Parnell's property at Avondale for the Parnell family.

GENERAL.**Judge Appointed.**

Mr. R. W. Beresford Barry, K.C., has been appointed County Court Judge of the counties of Kildare, Carlow, Wicklow, and Wexford in the room of the late Judge Kane.

A Visit.

During the Whitsuntide recess (writes a London correspondent) Mr. T. W. Russell and a number of Liberal members will visit Ireland for the purpose of seeing for themselves the districts under Coercion. Mr. T. W. Russell will have charge of the party, so it is more than probable that these observers will not 'do' Ireland in the style of the usual political tripper—the gentleman who pays flying visits to the rent office, the District-Inspector of Police and other functionaries eminently incapable of giving a fair, impartial account of life in Ireland. These visitors will, happily, go amongst the people, and their surprise at not meeting desperadoes and their victims at every cross-roads will not be the only surprise which they will encounter. They may be able to get a glimpse of the elaborate measures taken by Dublin Castle to provoke crime; they may see for themselves how vast hordes of armed police are poured into peaceful localities for the purpose of preventing the right of public meeting and free speech, and greatest surprise of all, they will see one of the proclaimed counties interesting itself in so pacific a matter as an international exhibition. There is a likelihood too of a visit of English journalists despatched to Ireland to describe the areas of 'disturbance' so assiduously painted in vivid colors by the Irish correspondents of those newspapers. If they wish, the journalists can tell the truth and shun the devil in Fleet street, but, presumably, some of them will come with a 'brief.'

Emigration.

In view of the resolutions of the Standing Committee of the Irish Hierarchy requesting the pastors of their flocks to discourage emigration, the following, which has been forwarded to us (Freeman's Journal) by a correspondent, will be of interest:—'The Cunard Line writes to their agents in Ireland: "Special notice. Third-class department. Please stop booking third-class passengers for Lucania, 26th April, as she is now absolutely full in that class. Under the heading "Special" the White Star Line writes: "To our agents, American and passenger services, third-class. Please stop booking third-class passengers for the Majestic, 22nd April, as she is quite full in that class."'

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People

Cardinal Vaughan celebrated his seventieth birthday on April 15.

Mr. Barry O'Brien is about to publish, with Messrs Johnston, a new volume, entitled 'A Hundred Years of Irish History.' Mr. John Redmond has written for it a lengthy and important introduction, in which he deals with the position of Lord Rosebery, the position of English parties with regard to Ireland, and takes a survey of the general political situation. The preface will attract a good deal of attention. The main part of this book was already delivered in the form of a lecture before the Irish Literary Society in the session of 1900, and it attracted a great deal of attention at the time, alike from its literary claim and the immense amount of information Mr. Barry O'Brien compressed into it.

Mrs. Marion Roosevelt, wife of Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, of Fifth Avenue New York, uncle of the President of the United States, who has just passed away, was the sister of the well-known Irish journalist and author, Mr. John Augustus O'Shea. Her death occurred at Atlantic City where she had been staying for the benefit of her health. Mrs. Roosevelt was very generous in the cause of charity and an ardent supporter of Catholic institutions in New York.

The English and Americans have been gratified at the cordial reception given in France to Mr. Marion Crawford, the author of the play, 'Francesca da Rimini,' produced by Madame Sarah Bernhardt. Some surprise has also been expressed at a foreign dramatist being welcomed with open arms in a land claiming the monopoly of brilliant playwrights. But it appears that something of French enthusiasm in Mr. Crawford's case is due to the discovery that he descends on his mother's side from France's great writer, Corneille.

Mr. Marconi has offered to fit up a ship for the German Emperor to judge of the superiority of his wireless system of telegraphy over all others.

A lady, who filled a distinguished part in French Royalist society, Mme Robert, widow of General Robert, Senator and Military Secretary of MacMahon at the Elysee, has now taken the veil. She now belongs to a Carmelite Community at Marceuthal, in Alsace. The preacher at her reception was Pere Elie de la Vierge (formerly of Kensington) who had to leave France owing to the Law of Associations. Her retirement to the cloister is due to many crosses and deaths in her circle, but most of all from a wish to expiate so far as she can the Act against the religious associations. Mme Robert, now Sister Theresa de Jesus, is a Lorrainer, and belongs to an old family, descended from Les Quatre Chevaux de Lorraine. The Four Horses, etc., meant in the Ducal time four families that stood at the same plane above the rest of the aristocracy of the Duchy. Marshal and Marechale MacMahon appreciated such a distinction.

Mr. Daniel McCabe, J.P., of Manchester, who has recently been elected an Alderman, is the first Catholic who has been advanced to that dignity in that city since the Reformation.

Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, the Nestor of Nationalist politicians (says the 'Belfast Weekly') was 68 years on Saturday, April 12. He was born at Monaghan and educated at the public school of that town and at the Belfast Institution. In 1841 he was a journalist in Belfast. In 1842 he founded the Dublin newspaper, 'The Nation,' and a year later was tried and convicted of seditious con-

spiracy, O'Connell being one of his co-defendants. The House of Lords, however, liberated the prisoners on a writ of error. In 1846 he founded the Irish Confederation, and was shortly again arrested for treason felony, imprisoned ten months, and twice tried without avail. He next founded the Irish Tenant League, which returned more than 59 members in 1852, including Gavan Duffy for New Ross. The Irish Party was now pledged to independent voting on measures according to their intrinsic merit and holding aloof from both parties. Upon the breakdown of this policy Mr. Gavan Duffy resigned and went to Australia, where he rose to high office, including the Premiership of Victoria, and finally the Secretaryship in 1877. He has published many historical and literary works. 'A Fragment of Irish History' was published separately in London, New York, Melbourne, and Dublin, and a translation in Paris.

A new memoir of Mr. Barry Sullivan may be summarised thus:—His proper name was Thomas Sullivan, and he added the Barry at manhood; born 1821; first appearance at the Cork Theatre, 1837, he got to the Edinburgh Theatre Royal in 1841. During one of his years there as walking gentleman the company acted 132 plays in 150 nights. In 1847 Sullivan was the leading man at Liverpool at £5 a week; advanced to Manchester at £6 10s; engaged for the London Haymarket in 1852 at £10 a week. Irving played small parts to him in an Edinburgh engagement in 1857. Eighteen months in America advanced Sullivan's prestige before coming to Australia. Opened in Melbourne in 1862. Commenced management in 1863. Got £50 a night three nights a week at Drury Lane in 1866; his pay at Drury Lane in 1868 was £75 a night. Lost £8000 managing the Holborn Theatre. Acted Richard III. 60 nights running at Drury Lane in 1876. After his last American trip he refused £24,000 for 10 months there. In his last engagement he occasionally cleared £1200 a week at first-class English provincial theatres.

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