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Irish News.

(From the *Irish World*.)

Antrim.—At a recent meeting of the council of the Linen Merchants' Association, Belfast, Mr William Crawford, president, in the chair. It was unanimously agreed "that we endorse the resolution by the Council of the Belfast Chamber of Commerce regarding the mail contract, and that, in communicating with the Postmaster-General our secretary be instructed to strongly urge from a patriotic point of view the great importance of insuring the transit of the American mails via Queensland."

Cavan.—Mr Justice Bewley and Mr Commissioner Lynch sat in the courthouse, Cavan, recently, and delivered judgment in the following cases: James Beilly vs. Richard Hossard, L3 15s., L2 15s raised to L3 5s; Dennis Cooney, vs. W. A. Adams, L8 5s, L4 15s, raised to L6 on increased area; Isaac Jackson vs Earl of Lanesborough, L13 4s, L8 10s, raised to L9; Patrick Blessin vs same, L19 5s 3d, L13 raised to L14 10s; Francis Murphy vs same L3 7s 7d, L2 10s, raised to L3; Martin Armstrong vs same, L21 1s 6d, L14, raised L15; Patrick Beilly vs same, L8 18s, L5 18s raised to L6 10s; James Fitzpatrick, vs same, L14 19s 4d, L11 10s, raised to L12 10s; Catherine Vesey vs J. H. Scator, L19 18s 6d, L13 10s, reduced to L12 10s; Catherine Fitzpatrick vs Sir Fenelon Hort, L17 19s, L10 10s, raised to L11 10s; Bridget Fitzpatrick vs same, L11 17s 10d, L7, raised to L8 10s; Thomas Prior vs R. Anderson, L16 12s 3d, L12, raised to L13; Thomas McDonald vs Henry Ptkins, Newell Atkins, L8 8s 2d, L7 confirmed; Patrick McManus vs Samuel Saunderson, L6, L4 5s, confirmed; Patrick McMahon vs Robert Cowan, L8 10s, dismiss, dismiss confirmed; Charles Maquire vs Countess of Morley and another, L89 2s 6d, L65, raised to L70.

Clare.—We regret to chronicle the death of Mr J. A. Carroll, an old and respected resident of Kilrush, and editor and proprietor of the *Clare Advertiser*, Mr Carroll settled in Kilrush over half a century ago, when he established the *Advertiser*. He was a journalist of considerable ability, of refined literary taste, and as a public man took part in many stirring and historic incidents in the county. In private life he was of the kindly and social disposition, and his warm and genial manner secured him hosts of friends.

Cork.—The following resolution was adopted at the great demonstration held in Cork city on the anniversary of the Manchester martyrs. Mr B. Cronin proposed "That while we honour the memories of the patriot dead, we must not forget our countrymen who are suffering a living death in Irish and English prisons for political offences, and once more protest against the injustice with which they are treated, and demand their release."

Last week Dr Douglas Hyde delivered a lecture on "Irish Folk Lore," in the large hall of the Assembly rooms, under the auspices of the Cork Literary and Scientific Society. The hall was filled and the lecturer, who dealt in an excellent manner with his subject, was followed with interest throughout. Mr William Lane (president of the society) occupied the chair, and among those present was the Protestant Lord Bishop of Cork (Dr Meade). Having accounted for the difference in the stories and the Scotch Highlands and the Irish, Dr Hyde said no one could lay down anything with certainty until their folk lore had been accurately gathered. They had already pretty well gleaned central Connaught, Achill and Donegal, but in the great province of Munster scarcely a thing had been done to rescue what was perishing and what in a few years would be absolutely irrecoverable. If now caught and fixed for posterity, it would have an European interest and might turn out to be of the very highest value in elucidating the most difficult problems of ethnology.

Donegal.—On Lord Templemore's estate in this county five tenants have purchased their holding for £9688. A pretty round sum, considering all the Templemores got out of some land in the past, and that they were not the legal owners of the soil. It was stolen in the olden times.

The tenants of the Townwilly estate, held under the Commissioners of Endowed Schools, have purchased their holdings at fourteen and a half years' purchase. Mr Jerome Boyce went among them taking affidavits of agreement which they have all signed, and the only thing now required is the sanction of the Land Commissioners. They purchased through an arbitration made by Right Rev Dr O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, who was appointed by the Commissioners. They have already paid the first instalment of the purchase money, which is 8s 6d in the pound less than the original rent.

Down.—A most extraordinary high price for land has just been obtained in Newry district. Mr John Anett, Jr., auctioneer, Kilkeel, put up for sale, a small farm of land in Derryogue, near Kilkeel, containing not quite four Irish acres, belonging to the representatives of the late Mr William Norris, and held at a yearly tenancy from the Earl of Kilmorey at £6 14s. After some very spirited bidding it was purchased by Mr James O'Brien, farmer, at the handsome figure of £360, or £90 per acre.

Dublin.—During his recent visit to Dublin Mr Henry Irving visited the Royal Hospital, and was shown over the institution by Field-Marshal Viscount Wolseley. On taking leave of the Commander of the forces, Mr Irving most generously handed him a check for 20 guineas, to be added to the fund instituted by Lady Wolseley for the benefit of the wives and families of old soldiers.

Galway.—A coursing meeting came off during the week at Dunsandle, Longhrea, over the property of Mr William Daly, J.P. Game was plentiful, and several interesting trials were witnessed. Baveensdale, who carried off the principal honour, has since gained fresh laurels at Borris-in-Ossory, where he was victor in the Champion Stake against such competitors as Regular Demon and Geoffrey. This dog was bred by Mr James Craughwell, Ballinasloe.

The fox hunters met on Monday at Correen Castle, a couple of miles from Ballinasloe and among the ladies and gentlemen who assembled in the field were the Earl and Countess of Clancarty, Mr W. T. Potts, Mrs Bason, Mr J. M. O'Brien, C.J., and Miss Mollie O'Brien, Mr P. J. Leamy, Dr Bossiter, Mr J. Golding, Captain Craddock and Miss Craddock, Mr H. D. Tyacke, D.L.; Mr Dobbyn and Master Fergusson. The covert at Correen was no sooner tried than a fox was found. The "varmint," after being started, made in the direction of Shairea, on to Kilgarriff, and across the country with the hounds in full cry. Reynard cleared all obstructions, and reached the high road on the Roscommon side of Ballinasloe, when he dashed by the residence of Mr R. D. Tighe, solicitor, and made into the River Suck, which he safely crossed. Over hedges and ditches and through fields he sped, until after crossing the Grand Canal water he reached the second canal bridge from Ballinasloe harbour, when he wheeled and ran through the village of Poolboy, the hunting party going fast and furious to try and intercept their intended victim, which they came up with at length, and he was killed at a crossroads near Poolboy, about a mile from Ballinasloe.

Kildare.—In the Land Commission Court recently the following case was heard: Ambrose Mors O'Ferrail, tenant; E. M. Quirke, landlord. The holding contained 142 acres, situate, near Moyvalley, held under a fee farm grant at a rent of £207 16s per annum. The case had been dismissed by the sub-commission on the ground that the holding was demesne land, and Mr O'Ferrail appealed. A dismiss was the result.

Mr I. A. Duncan, it is stated, will be the next Member of Parliament for South Kildare, as Mr M. J. Minch intends to resign. Mr Duncan was recently appointed a Justice of the Peace.

Limerick.—The bacon-curing trade in Limerick city is going through a period of great depression owing to the competition from Denmark. Last week over 20,000 cured pigs were forwarded by the Danes to the English markets, and this plethora of bacon caused a serious decline in prices. As a consequence there has been a fall in quotations, and buyers from Limerick at the fair of Borrisoleigh did not purchase.

Monaghan.—Last week Mr Justice Bewley, Mr Commissioner Fitzgerald and Mr Commissioner Lynch sat in the courthouse,

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