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Irish News.

(From the *Irish World*)

Autrim.—The weekly meeting of the Belfast Young Ireland Society was held in St Mary's Minor Hall last week. Mr James McCann presided, and among those present were: Rev Mr Little, Moneyra; Messrs Joseph Devlin, honourable secretary; J. Rooney, honourable treasurer; Thomas Magee, James McCalmont, Charles Carson, James Lamont, Bernard McGilgan, Hugh Fitzgerald, Peter McIvor, John Yaugh, Joseph McDonnell, James Hugh, Francis McGuigan, James McMullao, James O'Boke, Thomas Johnston, James McCann, California street; V. Gilligan. Rev Mr Little delivered an address, in which he said: "For twenty generations the English power in Ireland was in the hands of men who lived by plunder and by putting down rebellions, which they took good care to create. If an historian were asked to state on peril of death some genuine national good which Ireland has received from English invasions he would have to go to the scaffold, unless he were an adept in the language of historical fiction, like the late Mr Froude."

Armagh.—The Nationalists of Mullaghbawn parish have established a branch of the Irish National Federation.

Many serious accidents occurred in the town of Armagh during the recent severe weather.

Carlow.—Married—Patterson and McDonnell,—January 30, at the Cathedral, Carlow, by the Rev D. Rourke, cousin to the bride, assisted by the Rev John Cullen, Adm; Rev John Kinsella, Edenderry; Rev James Byrne, Rev P. Gorry and Rev John Rourke, John Patrick Hurley Patterson, Edenderry, King's County, son of Patrick Joseph Patterson, Burrowa River, New South Wales, Australia, to Katie, youngest daughter of the late Michael McDonnell, 7 and 146 Tullow street, Carlow.

Cavan.—At the recent meeting of the Guardians of the Pawnboy Union, Mr James Mangauran, chairman, presiding, the following resolution was proposed by Mr Thomas McGovern, seconded by Mr Alfred Griffith, and passed unanimously: "That a deputation wait upon the Chief Secretary to urge the necessity of taking steps to relieve the ratepayers of the heavy taxes imposed by the construction, working expenses and dividends on the capital of the Cavan, Leitrim and Roscommon Light Railway Company; also the acceleration of the mails. Mohill, Carrick-on-Shannon and Cavan Boards of Guardians and the Belturbet Town Commissioners were requested to co-operate in the matter."

Clare.—The cathedral of Killaloe diocese at Ennis, has, by the direction of the Right Rev Dr McRedmond, and under the supervision of the Rev Father Barry, Adm., been subjected to very extensive alterations, renovation and redecoration. The interior has been brightened in appearance. The rearrangement renders the church more convenient for public worship, and the beautiful frescoes and paintings make the cathedral worthy to rank with the great churches of other dioceses.

Donegal.—Mr T. D. Sullivan, M.P., recently visited his constituents in Donegal. The terrible storm which was experienced in Europe as well as in the United States had him snowbound for some days in Dungloe, and on which incident he has written the following beautiful tribute to the people:

DUNGLOE.

I.

Success and good luck to the town of Dungloe!
I was held there for days by a downfall of snow;
The weather was cold, but the hearts were not so
That I met in the brave little town of Dungloe.

II.

The old blood of Ireland is there to be found,
O'Donnelle, O'Boyles and McSweeneys abound;

And the spirit that flamed in the heart of Hugh Roe
Still lives in the brave little town of Dungloe.

III.

Its merchants are few, it has no millionaires,
No boulevards, avenues, places or squares,
But, ah! would to God that great cities could show
A record so pure as the town of Dungloe.

IV.

When comes the good time that we all hope to see,
When Ireland is prosperous, happy and free,
I pray that a full share of blessing may flow
To the brave little, bright little town of Dungloe.

T. D. S.

Sweeney's Hotel, Dungloe, Jan. 26, 1895.

Dublin.—Mr Thomas Wall, barrister, has been appointed Chief Magistrate of police for Dublin in the room of Mr C. J. O'Donel, resigned.

The members of the Commercial and Mercantile Young Men's Sodality of our Lady Help of Christians recently presented their prefect, Mr John Hart, with a beautifully illuminated address and a very handsome solid silver tea service in commemoration of himself and Mrs Hart having reached the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. The presentation took place after 9 o'clock Mass in the St Ignatius Chapel of the Church of St Francis Xavier, Upper Gardiner street. There was a large attendance of the members of the Sodality, and many of the Jesuit Fathers in residence in their Gardiner street house, including Very Rev Father Bannon, were present. For twenty-three years Mr Hart had been prefect of the sodality. Mr Hart and his wife, family and friends arrived in a carriage and pair. They were received by the spiritual director and officers of the Sodality in their regalia, and conducted by the uniformed vergier, in helmet and golden halbert, through the stately corridor to the Ignatian chapel, which for the occasion was carpeted and decorated with oleanders, palms, magnolias and other exotics. During Mass, which was celebrated by the Rev Father Hart, son of the jubilarian, the sodality choir sang several hymns and motets.

In furtherance of the organisation of the proposed Feis on a wide and reliable basis, and in order to secure its complete success and the thorough accomplishment of the above objects, a public meeting will be held in Dublin in the near future to make arrangements for the holding of the Feis and that from the General Committee, an Executive Committee, president, vice-president, secretaries and treasurer be elected. It is intended that four important objects will be aimed at in the holding of a Feis. First—to give the public an opportunity of hearing Irish music rendered in the best possible manner, every effort being made to interpret the old tunes in strict accordance with the traditional manner of performance. Second—To encourage the publication of Irish airs now preserved in manuscript collections, and to secure the notation of such musical fragments as may still be heard in various parts of the country, but which have hitherto baffled the efforts made to record them by collectors. Third—In accordance with the expressed wish of the members of the Gaelic League, to render many of the items in the Irish language. Fourth—To offer such inducement as would give a stimulus to the rise of a new Irish school of composers, who, by their works, may prove that it is possible for Irish musicians to be as truly national in their art as Dvorak or Greig have been.

Kerry.—As an example of the dreadfully severe weather experienced in Ireland during the recent storm it is stated that at Castleisland snow in the mountains renders travelling impossible, and the ground is so hard that graves cannot be dug and bodies remain unburied. The South and West Kerry Railway was blocked with snow, and in the town of Killarney business was completely suspended.

The train service on the Tralee and Dingle Railway was suspended during the last great storm. The evening train from Dingle to Camp stuck in a snowdrift at Glenmor, between Camp and Annascaul. Passengers had to take shelter in the houses of the farmers until