

Irish News.

Armagh.—INCREASED DEMAND FOR LINEN GOODS.—The staple industry of Lurgan is in a particularly flourishing state. The demand for linen goods is now greater than at any previous period for years. Power-loom manufacturers are straining every effort to increase production, and a much needed stimulus to hand-loom weaving has come at last in the form of a general advance of wages, amounting to about one shilling per web.

DEATH OF THE SISTER OF CARDINAL LOGUE.—We regret to announce the death of Mrs John M'Gee, Knockduff, Dan-fanghy, the sister of his Eminence Cardinal Logue, which took place at her residence recently, after a long period of failing health.

DEATH OF THE PROTESTANT PRIMATE OF IRELAND.—His Grace the Most Rev Dr Gregg, Primate of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Ireland, died recently at Armagh. As soon as the news became known the bell of the Catholic Cathedral was tolled for a considerable time, both in the forenoon and in the evening, as a tribute of respect for the memory of the deceased.

Antrim.—MARVELLOUS GROWTH OF BELFAST.—The figures given in the general valuation of Ireland show the marvellous growth which Belfast made in the years 1894-95. Some conception may be formed of the great expansion from the fact that in 1894 1,801 new buildings were erected on the County Antrim side of the river and 851 on the County Down side. In the year just closed 1,630 new buildings were erected on County Antrim side and 666 on Down side this progress is, perhaps, more striking when the figures showing the increase in the ratable valuation are noted. This advanced from an increase of £46,546 in 1894 to an increase of £67,345 in 1895. The total ratable valuation of the borough now is £884,354, an increase since 1862 of £605,267. During those thirty-four years no fewer than 48,854 new buildings were erected.

Carlow.—PRESENTATION.—Mr Hoan, organist and professor of music at Carlow College and organist of Carlow Cathedral, was lately the recipient of a handsome presentation from the male members of the cathedral choir, consisting of a baton of ebony mounted in silver, and bearing an appropriate inscription.

Cavan.—PETITION OF COOTEHILL TENANTS.—A large number of the tenants of the Bellas Mount estate, comprising the town of Cootehill and a large portion of East Cavan, Captain Smith, landlord, waited upon the agent. Mr Samuel Jones, at the rent office, Cootehill, and presented a memorial, pointing out the utter inability of the tenants to pay the current year's rent, on account of the failure of flax and other crops, caused by the dry summer and the low price of produce. Mr Jones said that he had no power to give any reduction, but would leave the memorial before Captain Smith.

Clare.—FUNERAL OF MR FINUCANE.—The death of Mr Edward Finucane is announced. He was very popular, and took a leading part in the Land League movement, being present and generally acting as chairman of the great National meetings in Ennis. He was a personal friend of the late Mr Parnell. Mr John E. Redmond, M.P., travelled from Dublin specially. The Temperance Fife and Drum Band played the "Dead March" and accompanied the solemn procession to Dromcliffe Cemetery, where the interment took place.

Cork.—DEATH OF MR BARTER, SCULPTOR.—The remains of the late Mr Richard Barter were interred in St Finbarr's Cemetery, in presence of a large number of friends. The funeral left the residence at St Anne's Hill and proceeded to the cemetery by way of Cloghroe and Carrigrohane.

Derry.—ANOTHER GUN ACCIDENT.—On Christmas Day a serious shooting accident occurred at Ballyronan, on Lough Neagh, three miles from Magherafelt. A farmer, Samuel Thompson, and Edward Coleman went out to shoot, each carrying a gun. Thompson was walking behind Coleman, when the gun which Thompson was carrying accidentally went off and the contents lodged in Coleman's leg above the knee. The injured man lies at Ballyronan in a precarious condition. Mr D. S. Kelly, Petty Sessions Clerk, attended and took Coleman's depositions, and Thompson has been arrested.

PROTEST OF THE CATHOLICS OF DERRY.—The Catholics of Derry, who number 18000, under the presidency of their good and worthy Bishop, held a meeting to protest against a Bill which has been framed by the Orange Party to perpetuate their ascendancy in that historic town. The Irish Viceroy is said to be in favour of the measure, but it is hoped that the indignation of the Catholics of Derry and opposition of the Irish representatives will foil this little game of the Orange bigots.

Donegal.—MAKING THE POOR HAPPY.—The good Sisters of Mercy of Ballyshannon, through friends, were enabled to give some inmates of the workhouse extras on New Year's Day. Any Christian that would see the joy in the faces of those inmates on receiving their present of tea, snuff or tobacco, would not begrudge a little present at the few festivals during the year.

Dublin.—DRIVING ACCIDENT TO BLACKROCK STUDENTS.—On Saturday a party of eighteen boys, with four masters, from Blackrock College, arrived at Bray in two wagonettes for Powerscourt Waterfall. The excursion was specially organised as a reward to the boys for exceptionally good conduct and efficiency in the college examinations. At Tinabinch Hill the leaders of the first vehicle took fright, and, dashing down the incline, struck against the boundary wall of the Hon Mrs Grattan Bellew's demesne. The wagonette smashed right across. Fortunately none of the boys were much hurt, though the injuries sustained by the driver were somewhat serious.

Galway.—CASTLE LAMBERT DEMESNE.—This demesne has been purchased by private sale by Mr Adamson, Land Sub-Commissioner, and whose son purports taking up his residence there, a social fact which, considering that this fine old mansion has been so long untenanted, will be a matter of satisfaction in the country and particularly in the district about Athenry.

DEATH OF MR O'DONNELL OF TUAM.—We regret to record the death of Mr Edward O'Donnell in the sixty-sixth year of his age. Deceased had been favourably known in Tuam for twenty-five years as a well-to-do draper and member of the civic body. Interment took place at Kilbenan on St Stephen's Day, attended by a respectable and representative cortege.

Kerry.—THE LATE SIR MAURICE O'CONNELL.—The late Sir Maurice O'Connell, says the *Freeman's Journal* was head of the family of which his famous uncle, Daniel O'Connell, has been the most distinguished member. He lived a quiet life at his beautiful residence at Killarney, around which he owned an extensive and romantic estate. Sir Maurice is succeeded by his son, now Sir Daniel Ross O'Connell, a bachelor of thirty-five, who is known in London in theatrical circles, and may occasionally be found at the Garrick.

WHITE GLOVES IN KERRY.—At the Killarney Quarter Sessions, County Court Judge, J. J. Shaw, Q.C., was presented with white gloves as there was no Crown case listed for hearing. His Honour complimented the grand jury on the peaceable state of the district, after which he discharged them. This is the fourth time within the past few years that County Court Judge Shaw has been presented with white gloves in Killarney, and still the number of extra police in the district has not been reduced.

Kilkenny.—THAT BABIES.—William Carey, Mullinahone, has reported to the Callan Board of Guardians that he was bitten by a rabid dog, and having sucked the blood from the injured finger, he is now haunted with the idea that he will be seized with hydrophobia.

King's County.—UNUSUAL USE FOR A SPADE.—John Riverston and Martin Connors of Banagher were working in a ditch near the town lately and had a dispute. Later on, in town, Riverston made some remarks of an aggravating description to Connors, who ran into his dwelling, seized a spade and smashed Riverston's forehead. It is supposed the wound will prove fatal.

DEATH OF THE REV CHARLES YOUNG, S.J.—We regret to announce the death of the Rev Charles Young, S.J., which took place on January 16, at St Stanislaus' College, Tullabeg, King's County. Father Young (says the *Freeman's Journal*) had reached the great age of 98 years, having been born in Dublin on December 21, 1798. His father, whose name he bore in full, was a wealthy merchant in Bridge street, whose devotion to the Catholic faith may be conjectured from the fact that four of his sons became priests and three of his daughters nuns, one among the Poor Clares at Harold's Cross, and two in the Ursuline Convent, Blackrock, Cork. The well known *Ursuline Manual* was the work of one of these. Father James Young was P.P. of Finglass, and Father William Young laboured long and earnestly in several places, especially in neglected districts of Cornwall. But the most remarkable of the brothers was the celebrated Father Henry Young, who lived and died with such repute of sanctity that his biography has been written by the sympathetic pen of Lady Georgiana Fullerton. The youngest son, Charles, was educated at Oscott, and was intended at first for a secular profession, but in his 34th year he entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus, in which he laboured for 64 years, beloved and venerated for his holiness and his amiable qualities by his religious brethren and by all with whom his duties brought him in contact. His remains were interred in the cemetery of St Stanislaus' College, which has been the scene of the closing years of his long and holy life.

Leitrim.—VAGARIES OF A MAD DOG.—Extensive ravages by mad dogs have recently taken place in and around the district of Mohill. The origin of the outbreak is attributed to a dog afflicted with rabies which appeared at Farnaught. Soon afterwards a dog belonging to Mrs Catherine Casey, of Annaghmore, was affected with the dire malady, and ran amuck through the country, communicating the virus to every living thing that came in its way. It got in on the lands of Lunga and bit a bullock of Mr John Humphreys, and, continuing its career across the country to Drumgrania, came in contact with two pigs belonging to Mr John Donnelly, which it also bit. It was pursued by Sergeant Owen Beilly, of the Annaghmore station, and some of the police, and, after an exciting

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