

## Irish News.

**ANTRIM.**—The Agricultural Outlook.—Reports regarding the crops from all parts of Ballycastle, one of the largest districts in Antrim, comprising as it does the entire of the barony of Carr, are very unfavourable. Crops are in a very backward state, and in many cases the seed is not in the ground. In the sandy district of Culfeirtrin things are bad; but in the heavy lands of Ramoon the earth is one mass of wet and slush. In many places the state of matters is most pitiable. Potatoes, which are largely planted here, are as yet very backward. Though the flax is the smallest for years, the braird looks well. Oats are not at all promising, except on light sandy soil. There is every prospect of an abundant hay crop. In some districts more wheat than usual has been sown, and looks well. No turnips or other root crops are yet sown, and farmers are almost in despair of getting them in. Early potatoes in gardens and other shaded places are doing well. The fruit crop promises to be abundant.

**ARMAGH.**—The Appointment of Officials: a Protest.—The Armagh Branch of the Federation unanimously passed the following resolution regarding the Local Government Bill:—That having regard to the dissatisfaction at present existing among rate-payers as to the outlay of public money by irresponsible officials, we call upon the Irish Party to use every means in their power to secure for the new county councils the right to choose their own officers without being called upon to pay exorbitant pensions to men who have already proved themselves incompetent to discharge the duties for which they have been already too well paid. That, owing to the gradual decrease in the wealth of this country, and continued increase of taxation, we hold that the amount of the agricultural grant should be calculated each recurring year. That we call upon all true Nationalists to band themselves together, in order that by united action they may be prepared to take advantage of such benefits as the Bill may confer.

**CARLOW.**—Death of a Local Celebrity.—Mrs. Margaret Kirwin, a heroine of the Crimean War, died recently in Carlow. Her tales of the war were most interesting, and she had the

retail drapery business is carried on. The crowd then paraded through the streets, and on arriving again in front of Murray's building, smashed glass valued at between £60 and £70, while upwards of £50 worth of articles in the windows were rendered unsalable. The windows of several other Catholics were wrecked.

**DUBLIN.**—Recognition of Bravery.—At the Mansion House, Dublin, recently, the Lord Mayor presented to Thomas McGuirk a brave jarvey, a horse and car and harness purchased for him by money subscribed through a local paper, in recognition of his last rescue of a fellow-being. It was only a short time ago since the Lord Mayor, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, decorated McGuirk with the medal and parchment of the Royal Humane Society, the reward for having saved in his short career—he was only twenty-one years of age—seven lives. He had saved two lives from destruction by fire, and five persons from drowning. That was a record very seldom achieved by any young man of twenty-one.

**The Patriotic Gunner and the Shamrock.**—The young gunner who achieved such distinction by refusing to take the shamrock from his hat when ordered to do so on St. Patrick's Day was presented with a handsome watch and chain and medallion at Dublin recently. The watch bears the inscription, 'Presented to Gunner Edward Pilkington from some friends as a slight recognition of his manly action in refusing to take the shamrock from his cap on St. Patrick's Day, 1898, on board H.M.S. Retribution.'

**KERRY.**—Catholic and Protestant Industrial Schools. Judgment was given in Dublin on May 14 in the case of the Queen (Cahill) v the Justices of County Kerry, on an application to make absolute a conditional order which was granted on April 15 for a writ of *certiorari* to quash four orders made by the justices at Tralee Petty Sessions under the Industrial Schools Act of 1868, for the transfer of four children—Katherine, Mary, Sarah, and Richard Peevers—from two Catholic industrial schools in Tralee, where they were then to Protestant schools in Cork. The court now unanimously refused to make the conditional order absolute, and it was accordingly discharged, but no order was made as to costs.

**KILKENNY.**—Charitable Bequests.—Patrick McEnery, of Castlecomer, the shopkeeper, who died about three months ago, has by his will bequeathed £100 to the Superior of the Presentation

# CITY BOOT PALACE.

**WE ARE NOT** Killing the Dead—not making low prices on poor stuff and blowing about it as a marvel. We are slaughtering the living—hewing down a clean, live stock level with the rubbish that is being associated with cheap prices. It's easy enough to repeat these words, parrot-like, but it makes all the difference in the world Who Says Them.

IMMENSE STOCK OF NEW SEASON'S GOODS JUST LANDED.—SEE AND BELIEVE.

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GEORGE STREET, DUNEDIN.

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experience of looking at the Malakoff battle through the telescope of Russell, the celebrated war correspondent.

**Reviving Irish Industries.**—The good fruits begotten of the steps that have been taken towards the revival of the linen and kindred industries finds exemplification in the sewing industry established by Lady Duncannon at Garryhill, which seems to be one of the most successful efforts of the kind in Ireland. The work produced is excellent, especially the veining of fine cambrics and linens. Recently, at London, she opened a sale for this industry, the proceeds of which are to form a means of livelihood for the workers. Many of the girls were field labourers before joining the industry, and one was even tweeding potatoes at six pence a day. Now the same girl does the most elaborate needlework.

**CLARE.**—Protesting against an Eviction.—At a meeting of residents of Clare Castle and district recently to protest against the eviction of James Lynch, P.L.G., of Lissane, a series of resolutions was adopted, pledging support to Lynch, and declaring that by all legal means no stone would be left unturned to restore him to the home of his ancestors.

**CORK.**—Celebrating '98 at an Historic spot.—Of all the enthusiastic demonstrations which have been held in Ireland in commemoration of the Insurrection of '98, that which recently took place at Killooney Wood, near Mitchelstown, possesses a peculiar interest of itself by reason of the historic interest which is attached to the locality—the scene of the heroic fight of Peter O'Neill Crowley and his two compatriots, Kelly and McClure, against a large body of English troops on March 31, 1867. A Celtic cross to the memory of Crowley, erected at Killooney Wood by the Nationalists of the district, was unveiled. There were about 6000 persons present. Contingents with bands attended from Ballymacoda, the birthplace of Crowley, and many other districts of the adjacent counties. Mr. Bracken, of Templemore, T. A. Walsh, of Shangarry, an intimate associate of Crowley, who bore arms under Crowley's leadership in the '67 movement; John Daly, the ex-prisoner, who had only arrived in Ireland from America the previous evening; P. N. Fitzgerald, of Cork; Dr. Sheedy of Kilmallock, and others addressed the gathering.

**DOWN.**—Their Favourite Pastime.—In Ballyhinch, on May 12, an Orange mob attacked with stones the premises of a Catholic magistrate named James Murray, in which a wholesale and

Convent, Castlecomer, for the benefit and support of its schools and for clothing for the pupils; £50 to the Ecclesiastical Society of the diocese of Ossory; £50 to the Convent of St. John of God, Kilkenny; £50 to the Deaf and Dumb Institution, Cabra; and £150 for a marble communion rail in the parochial church at Castlecomer, or such other improvements or additions to the church as the pastor may think fit.

**LIMERICK.**—Death of an ex-High Sheriff.—The death occurred recently, after a lingering illness, of Patrick Kenna, of Limerick. Deceased was an active member of the Corporation, and was High Sheriff for the city in 1894 and 1895.

**LONGFORD.**—A Serious Melee.—A serious row occurred at a fair in Longford a short time ago over the respective merits of the Hispano-American belligerents. One party of countrymen advocated the Spanish cause, while the Americans were egulogised by their opponents as the sympathisers of the exiles from the Green Isle. The American party were very quickly forced to uphold their opinions in face of spades and sundry other weapons. A retreat was sounded on the appearance of the police, but not until the melee had resulted in very serious wounds, which were dressed by Dr. Yorke.

**Death of 'Leo' Casey's Mother.**—The death is announced from Ballymahon of the mother of 'Leo' Casey, the author of 'The Rising of the Moon' and other patriotic songs of the Fenian period. The deceased had attained a very advanced age, and was provided for, being for some years in destitute circumstances, by the Nationalists of Ballymahon, Athlone and Castlereagh, principally the friends of 'Leo' in these towns. Casey was a Westmeath man.

**MONAGHAN.**—The Erection of a New Church.—An event which is destined to mark the progress of Catholicity in the history of the Church in Monaghan, took place on Sunday, May 15, on the grounds whereon the new Church of St. Joseph is being erected. The ceremony consisted of the laying of the first stone of the church by Bishop Owens.

**TIPPERARY.**—An Interesting Relic.—In the local cemetery in the town of Tipperary there is a grave and headstone of very great interest to Irishmen. The grave enshrines the ashes of the grandfather of Robert Emmet, and the headstone, which is in good preservation bears the following inscription: 'Here Lyeth