

# Irish News.

**ANTRIM.—Attack on a Band.**—St. Patrick's Flute Band of Belfast drove in brakes to Randalstown recently, where the members spent an enjoyable day. While passing through Antrim on the return journey they were attacked with stones, although at the time the instruments were out of sight. Two members of the excursion party received injuries.

**Good Harvest Expected.**—In Antrim agricultural district, the prospects of an early and abundant harvest are very promising.

**Accidentally Shot.**—A young man of the labouring class, named James Rodgers, of Drain's Bay, near Larne, was shot dead by the accidental discharge of his gun, recently, at Carngunnock, while poaching, as is alleged, on the grounds of William Chaine with his brother, William Rodgers. Deceased was twenty-two years old.

**CLARE.—Crime Creating.**—At Ennis recently the man Patrick O'Donohue, who was charged in custody with being concerned in firing into a house two years ago, was brought up on remand. The principal witness, a man named Lowrie, contradicted his previous evidence, and as a result the prisoner was discharged. Lowrie was arrested on a charge of perjury.

**More Evictions.**—The devil's work goes bravely on. Evictions are being carried out in the far West Clare, toward Loop Head, on the property of Mr. Westby and Mr. McDonnell, at a time unparalleled for distress and misery. Michael McMahon, one of the tenants on the Westby property, was evicted with his ten children and his wife, and after the eviction his house was pulled down by the emergency men. Mat Fennell of Kilballyowen, with ten in family, was also evicted, and his house wrecked, the windows and doors being pulled out and smashed. John McCarthy of Breaffa, on the same property, was also evicted. Michael McInerney of Kilballyowen settled. The tenants evicted have been in receipt of relief from Father Hayes, parish priest, Kilballyowen, and Father Vaughan, parish priest, Carrigaholt, during past seven months. Two families were evicted on Mr. McDonnell's property at Lisheen, near Carrigaholt. The first tenant evicted was Martin Collins, with a family of seven. After the evictions their houses were immediately pulled down, and the poor people were left on the roadside without food or shelter.

**Gaelic League.**—A flourishing branch of the Gaelic League exists in Kilmihill. Its officers are: The Rev. Thomas McMahon, pastor of Kilmihill, president; George Pilkington, secretary; James Lorigan, treasurer; James Hogan, teacher; Thomas Lillis and David Frawley, members of the committee.

**CORK.—A Dockyard.**—After years of neglect and unfulfilled promises, the Admiralty has at last acknowledged the claims of Haulbowline Dockyard (Cork) to Government patronage. It has been formally constituted a 'home dockyard for naval purposes,' which means that ships on the Irish station will go to Haulbowline for repairs and not to Portsmouth as formerly.

**DERRY.—Obituary.**—The death took place, recently, at the Convent of Mercy, St. Peter's, Derry, of Miss Mary Bridget Smyth (in religion Sister Mary Malachy Bernard). She was the daughter of James Smyth, of Gibstown, and had only attained her twenty-fourth year and second of her religious profession.

**DONEGAL.—A Youthful Scholar.**—At a competitive examination held in Derry, F. Devlin, a pupil in Aughaclay National School, Malin, secured a very high place on the list of successful candidates for the diocesan scholarships in St. Columb's College. This result is highly creditable to a boy under twelve years of age.

**DOWN.—A Riot Prevented.**—Three bands—from Rathfriland, Ballyrone and Cloughakelt—passed through Castlewellan recently. One of the bands returned home by Bransford, but the other two went back by way of Castlewellan. When opposite the Catholic Church the crowd began to curse the Pope, making use of the most disgusting and provoking language. They attracted the attention of some of the insulted Catholics, who were gathering round, when the Rev. P. Magee, pastor of Kileo, came upon the scene. He appealed to the Nationalists to return to their homes. They at once obeyed and a collision was thus avoided.

**DUBLIN.—A '98 Celebrant Ordered to Remove His Badge.**—Captain Purcell, chief of the Dublin Fire Brigade, ordered one of his brigade to discard the badge he was wearing on the occasion of the Wolfe Tone celebration in that city. Captain Purcell, endeavouring to explain his conduct in a letter to the *Telegraph*, the

journal which brought the curious transaction to light, says that the man in question was wearing a cheap, Brummagem device of tin and cloth, which he (the Captain) was informed was obtained by a child from a penny packet of sweets. The Captain did not consider it proper that the man should be permitted to distinguish himself from the other members of the Brigade by the decoration he had adopted, and ordered its removal. The incident appears to us to point to a case of the petty tyranny generally exercised by those 'dressed in a little brief authority.'

**Death of a Prioress.**—The death is announced of Mother Agnes Pettit, Prioress of St. Mary's Dominican Convent, Kingston. She had been several times elected to the position of Prioress, and her death at the comparatively early age of forty-nine is much regretted.

**Curious Proceedings.**—*United Ireland* says that recently Mr. Mayhew, manager of the Central Hotel, South Great George's street, protested in forcible fashion against the noise made at night in the streets by the Tramway employees engaged in converting the line into electric traction. Mr. Mayhew asked the men to desist they refused, and he turned the hose upon them, to which the men replied with stones. Ultimately victory rested with Mr. Mayhew, and the men were forced to retreat. It is understood that Mr. Mayhew was acting on legal advice, and that the matter will be the subject of proceedings in the court.

**Killed While Going to Mass.**—Recently a child named Laurence Hughes, aged seven years, who resided at Glawney's Buildings, was killed whilst proceeding to ten o'clock Mass at the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough street. It appears that the little boy came into collision with a van and was knocked down, the wheel passing over his head. The driver of the van brought the boy to Jervis street, Hospital, in company with Constable 169 O, but on arrival there life was found to be extinct. Dr. Hassard and Mr. Dunne were in attendance, but could do nothing. The driver was arrested.

**The Irish Language.**—At a recent meeting of the Council of the Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language, on the motion of Dr. Ryding, seconded by Mr. D. Hurley, a resolution was unanimously passed thanking the teachers of Irish in the various schools and colleges of Ireland, especially the Christian Brothers for their efforts to promote its study and further the movement.

**A Popular Priest.**—Previous to the departure of the Rev. Father Magennis for missionary work in Australia, the rev. gentleman was presented with an address, which was handsomely designed by Miss Fitzpatrick, Clonliffe road, Dublin. A magnificent gold cross bearing a suitable inscription accompanied this address. Father Magennis had long resided at the house of his Order, Whitefriar street. His departure was regretted by the numerous friends to whom he was known. [Father Magennis is one of those priests whose safe arrival at Adelaide was notified recently in our columns. ED. N.Z. TABLET.]

**Office of Sword-Bearer.**—*United Ireland* says: Mr. James Egan, the ex-political prisoner, is a candidate for the vacant office of sword-bearer to the Dublin Corporation. Mr. Egan's claims to any office for which he is eligible in the gift of a National body needs no advocacy. He suffered for his opinions as an Irishman, the best years of his life were spent in a British dungeon, and he was deprived of all chances of providing for his own future. Under these circumstances the duty of the Corporation is clear, and it is to be hoped it will be performed without fear or favour.

**FERMANAGH.—A Narrow Escape.**—A farmer named John Murphy, of Relan, near Rosslea, has been a lunatic for some weeks. A short time ago he attempted to drown himself in Killavilla Lough. His son sprang in to save him, but was unable to take him out on account of his struggles. Mrs. Murphy then jumped in and caught hold of her son, while he held on to his father. The three then sank. Henry Monaghan, a boy, plunged in and seized Mrs. Murphy by the clothes, after they rose to the surface. The three were then in an exhausted condition. However, with a great deal of trouble, Monaghan was able to tow the three to the shore.

**KILKENNY.—A Centenarian.**—A labourer named Malay was to be seen reaping wheat with a scythe, recently, though within a month of his 102nd year! The old man's dexterity (says *People*) in latching and manipulating the scythe was truly admirable. And so we should say it should, if experience counted for anything. But what about the authenticity of the venerable reaper's age? Careful investigation shows most of these long life stories that we hear about to be wild exaggerations.

**LIMERICK.—Tenants Purchase their Holdings.**—The tenants on the extensive property of Mary Hamilton at Cappanahane

# CITY BOOT PALACE.

**WE ARE NOT** Killing the Dead—not making low prices on poor stuff and blowing about it as a marvel, is being associated with cheap prices. We are slaughtering the living—hewing down a clean, live stock level with the rubbish that 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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