

## Irish News.

**Antrim.**—At a large and representative meeting of the Belfast National Federation, held in St. Mary's Hall—the Rev. Joseph Burns, O. in the chair—the following resolution was proposed by Mr W. H. Campbell, seconded by Mr T. J. Hanna, two voters in the East Division, and carried unanimously:—"That as the Nationalist electors of East Belfast, in consequence of the division in the Tory ranks, hold the balance of power in their hands, and as efforts are being made to get them to commit themselves in view of the expected contest, we call upon them to hold themselves unpledged, and free to act on the advice of their brother Nationalists of the Irish National Federation.

**Carlow.**—Last night the installation of the public lighting of the town of Carlow by electricity was celebrated by a banquet in the Town Hall, given by Messrs J. H. Gordon and Co., who have carried out the works. Some months ago this firm made a proposal to the Town Commissioners to light the town by electric light for a sum of £170 per annum, together with the exclusive right of supplying light to private consumers for a certain number of years. The proposal was accepted, and preparations were at once commenced for the works. Messrs Gordon secured a fine range of buildings, known as Milford Mills, about four miles from Carlow. Here there is splendid water power, and machinery was erected for generating electricity, and wires were laid down along the waterway to Carlow. The town lighting is supplied by 13 arc and 40 incandescent lamps, and Carlow has now the honour of being the first town in Ireland entirely lighted by electricity.

**Clare.**—The body of a respectably dressed man, having all the appearance of a tourist, was found drowned at St. Bridget's Well, near the Cliffs, Mohir, yesterday. How the body got into the holy well is unknown. The coroner has been communicated with to hold an inquest. The place, owing to the great drought, contained about two inches of water, and it is suspected he must have stooped to take the water when he was attacked with apoplexy.

**Cork.**—A resolution was passed by the Grand Jury yesterday in which the Lord Lieutenant was asked to reconsider the question of extending the Skibbereen and Schull Tramway to deep water. The employment of the work of extension would afford as well as the relief it would give to the heavily-taxed ratepayers was also pointed out in the resolution.

Lord Justice Barry, opening the Commission for the city of Cork yesterday, expressed unqualified congratulations to the Grand Jury at the satisfactory state, so far as the absence of crime was concerned, in which he found the city this summer. Referring to the destruction of the Courthouse, he hoped that the new building would be more commodious and better suited for the purpose for which it was intended than the one which had been burnt.

Mr David Sheehy, M.P., writing to Canon O'Mahony enclosing a subscription of £50 to the *Herald* Indemnity Fund for the executive Committee of the National Federation, says: "The services which the Cork National papers did to the cause in the days of its trouble, and the loyalty with which they battled for principle against personality and betrayal, ought to be now remembered with gratitude and sympathy for the *Cork Herald* when it is being struck at by the Parnellite-Tory combination. Right quickly, I am sure, the spirited Nationalists of the South will mark their appreciation of the long and faithful services of the *Herald* to the cherished interests of faith and fatherland."

The *Fanny*, gunboat, which left yesterday, was on an expedition to Schull, where the Customs' officers made several raids, resulting in some captures of tobacco. The gunboat returned this morning, and operations resumed here. On the island of Beengarogue a search was made, in one case the proceeds being a pound and a quarter of tobacco. The wife of one of the coastguards was brought over as a female searcher, but, so far as is known, no important captures resulted from the manoeuvre except the acquisition of some bottles of eau-de-Cologne. A couple of well-known traders in Skibbereen have been visited by the Customs' officials, and it is said some of their goods have been seized.

The Very Rev Canon O'Mahony, Cork, has just received the following letter from his Grace the Archbishop of Cashel:—"The Palace, Thurles, July 13th. My Dear Canon O'Mahony—I think some practical step should be taken at once towards raising an indemnity fund for the *Herald*, in connection with the verdict recently given against it. Indeed, I heard some days ago that it had been already started by a few friends in Cork. I do not know that any of our Irish papers has done better work in the National cause than the *Herald* during the present lamentable crisis. I take it for granted that you feel an interest in the matter, and I send you accordingly my subscription of £5.—I remain, my dear Canon O'Mahony, yours very faithfully, † T. W. CROKE, Archbishop of Cashel.

In the City Court, Lord Justice Barry presiding, the City Grand Jury entered court, and the foreman (Mr A St John Murphy) read the

following resolution, which had been unanimously passed by the Grand Jury of the City of the County of Cork:—Lord Justice Barry having intimated that this was probably the last occasion upon which he would preside in this city as a going judge of assizes, we take this opportunity of expressing our high admiration of the manner in which he has discharged his high judicial functions: the strict impartiality of his judgments, the forensic ability and keen intellectual foresight he has displayed, his unvarying courtesy to jurors and to those who came within the jurisdiction of his court and his dignified bearing on the bench, all mark him, in our opinion, as a judge of the highest standard of judicial eminence. We cannot, therefore, allow him to take his final departure from amongst us without expressing our feelings in respect of his official connection with Cork during well nigh a quarter of a century, and our best wishes that he may long be spared to administer justice in his elevated sphere in the Irish metropolis. Signed on behalf of the City Grand Jury, ALBERT ST. JOHN MURPHY (foreman), HENRY L. TIVY (secretary). His Lordship returned thanks.

Messrs Redmond and O'Kelly, M.P.'s, who left Queenstown some months since in company with Messrs John O'Connor and Henry Harrison, M.P.'s, to collect funds to enable their fallen and disgraced chief to keep up strife and disunion amongst the Irish people, returned from New York by the Guion steamer *Arizona*, and landed here at five o'clock this morning. They left Queenstown by the 9.40 a.m. train for Dublin. During their stay here not a single admirer or follower of "the only possible leader" waited on them to congratulate them on their return on the result of their mission. Not even the Mayor of Cork put in an appearance, and the two delegates were allowed to take their departure unnoticed and unobserved. Mr Harrison was treated similarly a few weeks ago, and no doubt when Mr O'Connor returns a like reception will be accorded to him. Parnellism, if not dead, is asleep in the South, when not a single Parnellite would inconvenience himself to meet the delegates. Dr Joseph Fox, the Nationalist delegate, is expected on Tuesday by the *Majestic*, and the people of the locality are already preparing to give him a hearty reception.

The sessional distribution of prizes was held to-day at the Munster Dairy and Agricultural School, in presence of a select number of visitors. After luncheon an explanation of the spray-distributors for the prevention of blight disease in potatoes was given. The report prepared by the committee was in every way satisfactory. It showed that there were thirty pupils, which is the maximum number present during the winter, spring, and summer terms, making a total of 553 individual entries since the institution opened. It is of interest to examine from what counties pupils come, and while the County of Cork is, as a matter of course, first on the list, several others are also represented. Cork, 70; Limerick, 10; Kerry, 9; Kilkenny, 1; Cavan, 2; Tipperary, 2; Waterford, 1; Monaghan, 1. The answering of the summer examination may be taken as a fair example. In the written examination in general dairy business and in dairy notes, the answering was good. The Committee of Management have taken practical steps to encourage poultry rearing. The financial condition of the institution is only fair, and the committee encourage voluntary subscriptions. The free passes hitherto granted to the pupils by the Southern Railway Companies have been withdrawn, except on the Cork and Bandon line. Those were the main points in the report.

**Derry.**—Is the census accurate, or have the enumerators done their work with a carelessness that detracts from the value of the return? Among a number of other places Derry is dissatisfied with the estimate of its population. The ancient city has no sentimental or indefinite grievance against the Census Commissioners, but boldly asserts that the count is wrong, and the Corporation has demanded a new enumeration. "There can be little doubt," says the *Derry Standard*, "that the return is inaccurate, and if the facts be put before the Commissioners they should have no hesitation in directing the request of the Corporation to be complied with."

**Donegal.**—A shocking bathing fatality occurred on the 16th July at Bundoran, which is a popular seaside resort on the north-west coast. Two ladies named Graham and O'Reilly entered the water at ebb tide, and shortly afterwards were noticed drifting towards the sea. Two male bathers swam towards them, but they were overpowered by the tide and were rescued by means of a boat. Another boat was rowed towards the distressed ladies, who continued above water, and were ultimately reached and taken in. When the boat returned to shore, however, it was found that both were lifeless. One of the male bathers was resuscitated with much difficulty.

**Dublin.**—Clayton's woollen factory at Kingsbridge is beginning to be worked again. That is good news for the workers who were thrown idle by its temporary closing. When in full work the factory will employ about one hundred and twenty girls.

The Chapter of the Irish Augustinians, which assembles every fourth year, was held this week in Dublin. The Most Rev. Father General Martinelli (brother of the late Cardinal Martinelli), presided over the chapter. In the course of the sitting the Very Rev. James Murphy, D.D., Prior of St. Augustine's College, Orlagh, was elected Provincial.