

Irish News.

Autrim.—The *Irish News* is the name of the new paper started in Belfast to combat Parnellism and disunion in the North.

Lady Day passed quietly in Belfast. Large numbers attended services in the various Catholic churches. Afterwards numerous excursions went to the country by special and ordinary train, those to Newcastle, Warrenpoint, and Portrush being well patronised. In no case was there any attempt at political display. A feature of the day was the presence in the streets of a large number of Scotchmen in the picturesque kilt, induced to visit Belfast by the Highland sports at Ballynasoign.

Armagh.—The great festival of the Assumption was celebrated in a manner befitting the City of the Primatial See. Masses were well attended. There was no demonstration, and everything passed off quietly. In the early part of the day a large party on brakes and cars, including the O'Brien Flute Band and the Ballycrummy Flute Band started for Dungannon, and returned home without any mishap to mar the enjoyment of the day.

In Armagh a few days ago an itinerant player on a tin whistle, named Thomas Finnegan, was sent to goal for one month for being drunk and abusive in the street. Here is what took place between the whistler and the peeler in court:—Prisoner—Didn't you tell the people to give me nothing, as I was a Government spy? Henry Hillock, J.P.—Did you say that? No. Prisoner—Do you swear positively that I was drunk? Undoubtedly you were drunk. Prisoner—God forgive you (laughter). The prisoner was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, with hard labour. The prisoner—That is very hard, particularly as I am after doing one month for playing "God Save the Queen" in Newry. I am a man who served his Queen and country, and am the only survivor of the regiment to which I belonged (laughter).

Cavan.—At recent Cavan fair there was large turn out of horned stock. Buyers were well represented from the large centres. There was over thirty waggons of stock railed special to Belfast for shipment. Beef, best quality, 57s to 60s per cwt; second-class, 52s to 56s; inferior, 44s or 50s. Mutton, 7d to 8d per pound. Springers, in good condition, £18 to £20; second-class, £15 to £17. Best milchers, £14 to £16; strippers, £12 to £13 10s; old cows, £7 to £9; three-year-olds, £13 to £15; two-year olds, £9 to £11; one-year-olds from £6 to £8; weanlings and calves from £2 10s to £4 10s. Store pigs from 25s to 35s each; suckers, from 30s to 40s and 44s per pair.

Clare.—Patrick Fall died in the Kilrush Infirmary recently at the age of 100 years. The deceased resided on Scatterly Island and had been a pilot for many years. He had a vivid recollection of the rebellion of '98 and the construction of the fort in Scatterly Island in 1813.

A number of ladies and gentlemen of the Antiquarian Society, accompanied by members of the Cambrian Archaeological Association, arrived at Kilrush Pier a few days ago *en route* for Scatterly Island, picturesquely situated on the Lower Shannon. They were conveyed down the river by the Lower Shannon Company's (special) steamer *Vandeleur* and were joined by a fashionable gathering, which included Very Rev. Doctor White, D. Fetherstone, manager; W. J. Glyno, M. S. Brews, Ballyverra House; H. C. Supple, W. S. Irwin, by whom they were accompanied to the island. The visitors spent some hours on the island, on which there is an ancient round tower and other antiquities.

Cork.—Skibbereen annual horse fair was held last week and was a decided success. There was a good attendance of buyers from Cork, Bandon, Limerick, Millstreet and London. The amount of business transacted was exceptionally large, and good prices were obtained.

At Youghal one day a week ago a most remarkable demonstration was made in honour of the memory of a deceased Irish patriot lady of the town, Mrs Michael Ahearn, who died suddenly. This lady, since her youth, when she was familiarly called Kate O'Neill, possessed in full the qualities of her relatives, who gave many martyrs to the Irish cause since one of them, Father Peter O'Neill, was flogged in Youghal and then transported. There are many of the most prominent "hillside men" of 1867 now in the United States who would have suffered in some of the convict prisons of England were it not for her tact and influence with sheep-owners and sea captains in getting them off disguised. The funeral procession was the largest any person in Youghal ever witnessed, and its length of carriages and cars, which continued all the way to the burial-place at Ballymacoda, was over two miles.

Derry.—The Lady Day anniversary was celebrated in a respectful manner, there being no party demonstration of any kind. Masses were celebrated in St Patrick's Catholic Church, Glen, at nine and eleven o'clock. Both were well attended. Large numbers took advantage of the facilities afforded by the B. and N.C. Railway

Company, and patronised the Draperstown horse-races, while others enjoyed the day in the bracing air of Portrush and Portstewart. The Maghera fife and drum band paraded the streets playing lively airs before leaving Draperstown. During the entire day not an offensive expression was uttered, and the conduct of those enjoying the holiday bore a striking contrast to that of the crowd who favoured Maghera with their presence on the 12th of July and went through the town playing such "music" as "Kick the Pope," "No Surrender," "Bayne Water," etc. It is to be hoped the inhabitants of Maghera noted the contrast.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Nationalists was held in Derry a few nights ago to further the work of registration. The hall, capable of holding 3,000 persons, was packed to its utmost extent. A powerful address was delivered by T. M. Healy, M.P., who received a hearty ovation. During the progress of Mr Healy's speech he was several times interrupted by Mr O'Hanlon, M.P., one of Parnell's champions. His interruptions were most unfavourably received, and the chairman intimated he would not be allowed to disturb the proceedings, but an opportunity would be afforded him, after the other speakers had concluded, to address the meeting. When Messrs Healy and Kenny, M.P's, had finished, Mr O'Hanlon ascended the platform, but was received with groans, the audience refusing to listen to him. Ultimately he was compelled to give up the attempt in despair, and feeling deeply the humiliation he endured for the "Chief."

Donegal.—The town of Ardara was honoured a few days ago by a visit from the illustrious prelate of the south, Archbishop Croke, accompanied by Most Rev Dr O'Donnell, Bishop of Baphos, etc. The distinguished party drove from the residence of Dr O'Donnell, and when it became known that they would visit this town the greatest excitement was manifested. The committee of the National Federation had an address to present, but as the party remained only a few minutes this was impossible. The people crowded round the wagonette, and each one strove for the honour of kissing the rings of the two great dignitaries of the Church. A beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented to Dr Croke by Miss B. E. Gilbride on behalf of the children of Ardara. The Archbishop returned thanks and carried the bouquet in his hand through the town. The streets were beautifully decorated for the occasion, and arches and flags were prominently displayed. The Archbishop gave the assembled crowd his blessing and soon after drove off amidst tremendous cheers. In the Frosses, Mountcharles, and Donegal districts the revered and patriotic Archbishop of Cashel was enthusiastically received. The priests and people remain united despite the frantic efforts of Parnell and his disruptionist followers, who would gladly see it otherwise.

Down.—Maggie Morrison, of Saintfield, who avowed that her relatives fought under the Irish standard in 1793, was arrested by Sergeant Loftus on a charge of having used to him abusive and threatening language. The better to guarantee a conviction the "old rebel" was prosecuted under the 34th of Edward III, cap. I. Having pleaded guilty she was allowed out on her own recognizance of £5 to keep the peace for twelve months, failing which the spirit of the great and good Edward will demand that punishment be meted out to Maggie.

The Newry and Kilkeel Steamship Company have added another new steamer to their fleet for the Newry trade. This is the fourth boat trading to and from Newry belonging to the company, and she has been named the *Carlingford Lough*. She is constructed of steel, far in excess of Lloyd's requirements for the highest class, the plating, frames, etc., being of the hard metal, and even of the same thickness as if of iron, according to Lloyd's rules. She has been specially designed to go up the river to Merchants' Quay without lightening, and will carry 250 tons.

Dublin.—The Irish mail train, when opposite the Marine Square, Holyhead, went clean off the rails. The metals were torn up. A letter-sorter and several passengers received slight injuries and bruises, but happily there were no fatalities.

Fermanagh.—No one was better known than Mrs Elliott, of Trasná Island, in Lough Erne, familiarly known as Peggy Elliott, "the Queen of Trasná," because of her having been, since the death of her husband in 1839, the ruler of the island, which constituted her farm. Mrs Elliott died recently at the age of 108 years. She was born in the year of Irish Independence, 1782, at the time the Parliament of Ireland shook off the English yoke, and she must have been married early, for some of her sons were well-matured men. She lost her husband in 1839, over half a century ago, and battled ever since with the world in her island home. She was generally known as "Orange Peggy," because of her wearing orange and blue ribbons all the year round, and no figure was more familiar to passengers on the Deverish steamer of long ago than Orange Peggy dancing on the green, waving an Orange handkerchief. The weather was very stormy during the funeral, and the men had trouble in getting the coffin across in the cot from Trasná to Ballycassidy.

Galway.—County Galway Herds' Association started in Loughrea a few months ago and is going rapidly ahead through the