

# Irish News

## ANTRIM—A Loyal Boycott

Mr. T. H. Sloan, M.P., in the course of a speech at the laying of the foundation-stone of an Independent Orange hall at Moyarget, North Antrim, on April 12, said that the landlords had eaten of the loaves and fishes, gathered where they had not strewn, reaped where they had not sown; and now that land reform was coming to the aid of the tenant farmers of Ireland, what did it matter to the Independents which party brought about the reform? What did and would ever concern them was that the man who tilled the soil had a right to it. Speaking of Home Rule, Mr. Sloan said that that question was not the primary one with the Tory Party at the present time. They had thrown it over for the question of tariff reform; and in every English constituency nothing was mentioned of Home Rule, but only of tariff reform and eight Dreadnoughts. The Independents were not in favor of Home Rule; they had never professed to be so; and who was it that called them traitors and renegades? It was the men who had served their apprenticeship to that particular trade. They had heard a lot of talk about boycotting and intimidation in the House of Commons. He knew of two men in the district of Ballycastle who, because they took a foremost part in the fight for liberty at the last election, had since been so much boycotted, intimidated, and their lives made so miserable, that they had been obliged to go out to Australia.

## ARMAGH—No Criminal Business

At the opening of the Armagh Quarter Sessions on April 13, his Honor Judge Kisbey was presented with white gloves, there being no criminal business to go before him.

## CARLOW—Death of a Well-known Lady

The death is announced of Mrs. Mary Foley, mother of the Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, which took place on Good Friday, at Old Leighlin House, Carlow. The venerable lady had reached the advanced age of 81 years.

## CAVAN—Export of Eggs

The town of Cootehill, County Cavan, has for generations been regarded as one of the leading egg markets in Ulster. On April 2 it eclipsed its own record, when, despite a downpour of rain, upwards of 900 cases of eggs were purchased for export to England and Scotland, representing over £2000. From inquiry made from the agent of the Great Northern Railway Company, it was learned that 52 tons of eggs were despatched the following morning, being considerably in excess of any previous market in his time.

## CORK—A Great Age

Mrs. Kate Cahalane, who had reached the age of 110, was on April 7 found dead in bed at Carrigdangan, County Cork. Her husband died recently, aged 108.

## A Remarkable Coincidence

The painfully sad coincidence of the deaths on the same day, in places so far apart as New York and Killarney, of a brother and sister—the one a priest, the other a religious of the Order of Mercy—was chronicled in the following announcement in the obituary columns of the *Cork Examiner* of April 13:—Sheehan.—On April 12th, 1909, at his residence, Watervliet, New York, Rev. William F. Sheehan (late of Fermoy, County Cork), pastor St. Patrick's Church, Watervliet. Sheehan.—On April 12th, at the Mercy Convent, Killarney, Sister Mary Teresa (Sheehan), sister of the late Rev. William F. Sheehan, P.P., Watervliet.

## FERMANAGH—A Record

The sub-post office at Church Hill, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, has been in the family of the present sub-postmaster since the year 1750. It has (*St. Martin's le Grand* says) been handed down in direct succession from father to son since then. Mr. Thomas Wood, great grandfather of the present holder of the office, was appointed in 1750. He held the position until 1786. The following are the particulars of his successors: David Wood, 1786 to 1832; Archie Wood, 1832 to 1882; Robert Wood, 1882 to 1909. Mr. Robert Wood, the present sub-postmaster, who is over seventy years of age, will in all probability be succeeded by his son. When the present sub-postmaster was appointed in 1882 he refused to accept the salary of £3 which was then attached to the office. The Postmaster-General specially increased the amount to £12 in consideration of the lengthened period in which the office had been held by members of the family.

## GALWAY—Death of a Canon

The death is announced of the Very Rev. Canon Ronayne, which occurred at the parochial residence, Mountbellew, on April 5. For 39 years he administered to the spiritual and temporal wants of the people in his charge, with the most gratifying results. The magnificent churches, schools, and other public buildings are monuments to the success which attended his mission in the parish he loved so well. It is only six months since the people of his united parishes, and the priests of the premier Deanery, assembled in Mountbellew to celebrate his golden jubilee, and it was the wish and prayer of everybody then present that he would be spared to his people for many years to come.

## KILKENNY—A New Baron

His Majesty the King has conferred the dignity of Baron of the United Kingdom upon the Earl of Desart. His Irish residence is Desart Court, County Kilkenny, where at Sheestown Lodge lives his brother and heir-presumptive, the Hon. Otway Frederick Seymour Cuffe, who was formerly a captain in the Rifle Brigade, and served in Ashanti in 1874. Captain Otway Cuffe, as the heir to the new House of Lords' seat is known in Ireland, is a Protestant Home Ruler and an active Irish industrial pioneer. He has already been responsible for establishing the Kilkenny clothing factory, and also for introducing the manufacture of tobacco into Kilkenny. While yet a Unionist, before he had declared his Home Rule principles he was twice elected unanimously Mayor of the City of Kilkenny by an exclusively Nationalist and entirely Catholic Corporation.

## LONGFORD—An Enthusiastic Reception

On April 11 Mr. J. P. Farrell, M.P., who was accompanied by Mr. T. M. Kettle, M.P., left Dublin for Longford. This being the first visit of the member for North Longford to his constituency since his release from Kilmainham Gaol, where he had been imprisoned for three months on charges of intimidation in connection with the grazing system, brought under the Statute of Edward III., he was accorded a most enthusiastic reception by the Nationalists of Longford, Leitrim, Westmeath, and Roscommon. On arriving in his native town of Mullingar, he received a very warm ovation from a large concourse of people who had assembled at the railway station. Here he was presented with an address. Mr. Farrell was accorded a magnificent reception in Longford in the afternoon, and in the evening was entertained at a banquet, when he was presented with a cheque for £600.

## LOUTH—A Generous Gift

Mrs. Macardle, of Cambrieville, Dundalk, has presented to St. Malachy's Dominican Church, Dundalk, a beautiful new altar dedicated to the Sacred Heart. This splendid donation has been much admired by the people of the parish. It is a gem of ecclesiastical art, and its symmetry of design and excellence of workmanship had received high encomiums from everybody.

## MONAGHAN—A Centenarian

The interment of the remains of a fine old County Monaghan centenarian, named Mr. Michael Deighan, Drumhilla, Newbliss, whose death occurred on April 8, at 102, took place at the family burying-ground, and was extremely large. Deceased was brother to Mr. Peter Deighan, for many years a prominent and respected member of Monaghan Town Commissioners, and, like that gentleman, was one of the old school of County Monaghan residents. Deceased resided at a cross-roads, locally known as Deighan's Cross, which derived its name from the family living there for ages. During the land agitation in the early eighties this 'Cross' was the scene of many a tenants' meeting, and there the cause for freedom from landlord tyranny was fearlessly pleaded, and its principles faithfully and loyally adopted. Not the least amongst the gathering of the sturdy but oppressed Monaghan farmers of those days was the deceased. The late Mr. Deighan retained his full faculties during life, save for a slight deafness, which was the only defect or impediment he possessed. His lifetime was one long period of unbroken good health.

## ROSCOMMON—Old Age Pensions

It is understood, according to the *Roscommon Messenger*, that, acting on instructions, the local Pensions Officer has returned to the Record Office in Dublin some 500 names from Roscommon (Union) and the same number from Strokestown where, in the absence of the baptismal certificates, the collateral evidence was accepted as entitling them to 5s per week. No legal provision for certificates of birth or baptism had been made in Ireland at the period (1839), says the *Irish Weekly*. It must be remembered that, although the unblessed Union had been in operation for 39 years, only a decade had passed since the bulk of