IRELAND.

Echoes of the Most Important of the Recent Events Compiled from Our Exchanges.

A new creamery at Boyle is in full swing and promises success.

Dr. Nelson has been elected Chairman of the Strabane Town Commissioners.

Peter Igoe has been elected Ghairman of the Longford Town Commissioners.

Dr. Lane has been elected Coroner of the Barony of Keenaught, Limavady.

At a special meeting of the Cashel Town Commissioners Dr. Laffan was elected chairman.

The death is announced of Alexander McKillop, the Town Commissioner of Limavady.

County Inspector G. J. Talbot, of Leitrim, has been appointed to the charge of the County Wexford force.

James Murphy, of Tavanamore, has been returned as a Guardian for the Creggan Upper electorial division.

It was an Irishman, Mr. Martin, M. P., for Galway, that first brought dumb animals under the protection of the law.

The claims lodged with the Town Clerk of Belfast for damages done during the recent riots amount to £1,400.

At the annual meeting of the Dundalk Town Board, Dr. Joseph M. Johnson, the out going chairman, was re-elected.

Patrick Fennelly, Patrick Shelly, Patrick Donovan and Marks Graniger are members of the Callan Board of Guardians.

A seal was captured alive in the quay in Galway City a few days ago. It was six feet in length and weighed one hundred pounds.

Wm. Hennessey, well-known as "The Bard" and as a practitioner at the Irish Bar, has died in the Whitworth Hospital, Drumcondra.

A new burial ground for Catholics has been sanctioned in Ballygoland town land, Belfast Rural Sanitary District. This has been needed for years.

In Ballaghaderreen division there is so mnch distress among the people that the Sisters of Charity are going from one house to another every day relieving them.

There is to be a contest between James Bergin and P. Condon for the position of Poor Law Guardian for the Graigue division of the Mountmellick Union.

At the annual meeting of the Town Commissioners of Rathkeale, John F. Cosgrove, the solicitor, was, for the fourteenth time, unanimously elected chairman.

The Middletown Town Commissioners have re-elected their Chairman, Richard Fitzgerald. At a meeting of the Queenstown Town Commissioners Mr. Long was re-elected Chairman.

Henry Grattan Connolly, son of Mr. Redmond Joyce Connolly, Clifden, County Galway, obtained first prize at the recent examination held for solicitors' apprentices. Mr. Grattan has barely attained his sixteenth year.

George Mannix, of Sallycross, Cork, died recently in his 115th year. He was the eldest of a large family, the youngest of whom died last year, from the result of an accident, at the age of ninety-six. The deceased preserved his intellect unimpaired up to the last.

The senior practicing solicitor in County Galway is J. N. Blake, the crown solicitor, son of the late James Blake, the solicitor of Ballinasloe. Mr. Blake was admitted to the profession in 1864. Next after him as senior in Galway comes H. J. Concannon, of Tuam, admitted in 1880.

The Tubbercurry '98 Club did not forget celebrating the birthday of its patron, Wolfe Tone. The demonstration took the form of a torchlight procession, headed by a banner bearing the inscription, "In Memory of Wolfe Tone," and also a picture of him as he lay stretched dead on his bloody pallet in his dungeon. The procession was accompanied by a fife and drum band playing national airs, and during its progress through the streets frequent cheers were given for him whose birthday the people were celebrating.

Pleasing reports of the crops have been received from Donegal and Derry. The hay and potato crops and cereals are in a forward and promising condition, and an excellent harvest is anticipated. In Limerick the crops are doing remarkably well. The hay crop will be uuprecedently heavy, and the potato crop is in a forward condition.

Some time ago some Nationalists decided to raise a memorial in Clonmel in memory of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien, and collectors were appointed to raise a subscription. A meeting of the committee was held recently to deal with the matter, and it was decided to proceed at once with the erection of a memorial in commemoration of the '98 Centenary.

Branches of the United Irish League have been formed at Mullough and Doonbeg. Matthew Kelly, a well-known Nationalist has been elected President. The great necessity for this powerful weapon of the people's right is evidenced by the fact that cases of land-grabbing have made their appearance in the district.

The death of P. Meenan, J. P., of Corbally House, Dromore, has cast a gloom over the locality. His generous aid towards many deserving objects in connection with the church, of which he was a devoted member, will be long remembered. His death removes from the neighberhood the last active member of the local Catholic body holding the commission of the peace.

Dr. Thomas J. Tobin, of Waterford, brother of the Messrs. Tobin, of The Quay, Waterford, and of Surgeon Tobin, of Dublin, died unexpectedly on June 24. Among the public appointments held by the deceased were the following: Consulting Sanitary Officer to the Waterford Corporation, medical attendant, St. John's College, De la Salle College and the Holy Ghost Hospital.

Considerable improvements have been made in the Cathedral, Killarney. An additional spirelet has been built at the southeastern angle of the church. Two other spirelets remain to be erected, flanking the western front age, and these, with a grand central tower, will complete the building according to the original design. These works will be taken in hand when sufficient funds are forthcoming.

Major Wilson Lynch, of Galway, has been evicting his unfortunate tenants at Aughinish, on the south side of Galway Bay. He has dispossessed Michael Costello, his wife and many little delicate children. The wife had a doctor's certificate testifying to the danger of removing her, but out she had to go. Costello has paid over and over again the fee simple purchase money of his miserable holding.

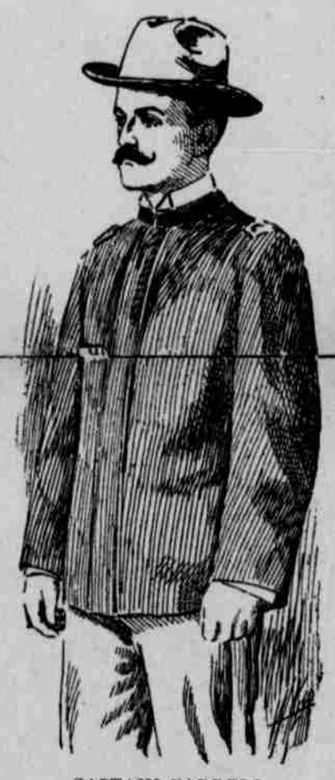
A terrific thunderstorm broke over Dunmore and neighborhood recently. Two horses were killed by the lightning. A huge ash tree near the constabulary barrack was split in two and completely stripped of bark, while large pieces of the timber were driven fifty yards away, one piece being found half buried in the garden of the barracks. The tree presents such a curious sight that crowds have been visiting the place.

A large public meeting of farmers was held in Bailieboro, County Cavan. Though there was a very important sale of house and landed property at the same time, the farmers came together in large numbers, and, after hearing an address on the subject by Mr. McKillop, they agreed to form a branch of the association. They will hold a special meeting in a short time to protest against the Land Commissioners, sub and chief, legalizing such small reductions in the face of facts proving that they should be much larger.

A meeting of the Committee of the Carlow Graigue '98 Memorial was held in the Town Hall recently. James Carey presided. W. P. Hade certified that the letters in Gælic and English on the front and side panels of the pedestal had been executed and the memorial cross erected on the appointed site. Walks had been made within the enclosure, and the wrought iron railings had been painted. Sunday, July 24, was the date appointed for the centenary meeting. Resolutions were adopted directing the Secretary to issue invitations to the following members of Parliament: John Hammond, John Dillon, Timothy M. Healy, John Redmond, Michael Davitt and Dr. McDonnell.

The '98 Memorial Hall will be opened August 15 in Clones. Mr. John O Leary will perform the ceremony. The leaders of different National Parliamentary parties will be invited to speak, as also the county members, and it is suspected that the clubs in the county and district will turn out. Mr. Tracey proposed a vote of thanks to all who contributed to make the contingent from Clones to Roslea on Decoration Day so large, in particular to the Clones Band and the Clinmaulin Band and contingent. Mr. McMahon mentioned that the members of the club should individually give all the assistance in their power to the Glinmaulin men in their effort to establish a flute band. Songs and recitations having been rendered, the meeting adjourned.

The Government has refused to have an enquiry into the circumstances of the Belfast riots. Now such an inquiry seems necessary, says New Ireland, because it is obvious that the Castle authorities are to blame. If, as seems more than likely, the magistrates did not requisition sufficient force, the Dublin authorities must have been aware of the deficiency and ought to have met it on their own responsibility. Having, very wisely, refused to "proclaim" the '98 procession, they were bound to protect the processionists. They knew exactly what to expect and never for twenty years past has it been more easy to spare an ample force from other districts. The country is now, thanks to its pacific condition, enormously over policed. Five hundred extra men could have been easily, and ought to have been drafted into the city.



CAPTAIN FARRELL,
Battery A, First Kentucky Regiment.

The one hundred and thirty-fifth anniversary of the birth of Theobald Wolfe Tone was celebrated in Foresters' Hall, Cookstown, recently, under the auspices of the "Henry Munroe" '98 Centenary Association, Cookstown. The Chairman (Mr. Mayne) introduced the lecturer, Mr. John Rickard, who being received with great applause, said: "To the lovers of Ireland, to those who sympathize with her sufferings and resent her wrongs, there can be few things more interesting than the history of the struggles which sprang from devotion to her cause, and which were consecrated by the blood of her patriots. The efforts of the Irish race to burst the fetters that foreign foe, through fraud, had imposed upon them and to elevate their island from bondage and degradation to a place amongst free nations fills a page in the world's history which no lover of freedom can read without emotion.

No. 6 has a special committee at work, which promises to spring an agreeable surprise on the public this fall.

A VENERABLE IRISHMAN.

Patrick Haggins, of Scranton, Pa., Lived 116 Years.

Patrick Haggins, of Providence, Scranton, who was probably the oldest man in Pennsylvania, died recently at the advanced age of 116 years.

The authenticity of the date of his birth is attested by a certificate of baptism, which shows that he was born in County Londonderry, Ireland, on November 1, 1781. He lived to see the rise and fall of the Irish nation, the assembly of the Parliament, the disbanding of the Volunteers, the uprising for independence, the landing of the French allies and the death blow to Irish independence by the act of union and the abolition of the Irish Parliament.

He was in his seventeenth year in 1798 when the French allies landed on Irish soil. He saw all the chiefs of these historic times, Theobald Wolfe Tone, the Brothers Shears, Robert Emmet, Henry Grattan, Lord Edward Fitzgerald, Archibald Hamilton Rowan, William Orr and others of those days, as well as Father Mathew and Daniel O'Connell, of later times. It was his delight to tell the deeds of the brave men of '08.

Mr. Haggins grew blind as decades rolled their snows upon his aged head, but his sight came back in latter days, and up till last Christmas he could again read ordinary print. His hand kept its steady nerve till then, and he could write almost without a tremor.

He was an earnest Bible student, and could readily quote large portions of any book therein from Genesis to the Apocalypse. He had many times read the Scriptures through. He had been a smoker since a boy, and until two days before he died. He lived a temperate, abstemious life, retiring early and rising early. He was never sick until last Christmas, and never needed a doctor's care until then.

Mr. Haggins comes from a family noted for their longevity. His father died at the age of 111 years, and his mother at 107. His sister, the youngest of his father's family, died at the age of 85.

Mr. Haggins was wedded twice. His first wife he married while in middle life. She died a year later. In respect to her memory he was twenty-three years unmarried. Half a century ago he was united to his second wife, who survives him. Seven children were born to them. They are: Thomas Haggins, of Scranton; John and James Haggins, of Scotland; Patrick Haggins, of Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. James Grimes, Mrs. Michael McHale and Mrs. Jas. Glynn, of Scranton.

ABOUT THE CURFEW BELL.

Ancient Custom Adopted By Many American Towns.

There are, it is said, 300 towns in this country in which the curfew bell is now rung at night. The upholders of the new regulations quote statistics to prove that crime has decreased in consequence, and that every day fewer arrests have been made. The object of the movement is to keep children off the streets at night and to get them, under a penalty of a fine in money, safely tucked away in bed before danger of temptation can assail them.

When statistics about crime and its decrease are quoted the voice of dissension for the time being is silenced, and it requires a certain amount of hardihood afterward to so much as attempt the first argument to prove a possible other side. But there are those of us who remember among the sweetest sins of our youth the joys of running away on summer nights when bedtime came — well out of reach of the parental voice. There was the beauty of the early moonlight to tempt us, the fragrance of sweet fields; there were the romps on newly mown grass heaps, the hide-and-seek behind the currant bushes and the daring plunge off some boat drawn up on the shore. No delights were ever like them. We would barter much that we possess today to have them ours again. And there was no penalty of a $2 fine hanging over our heads, only the frown on a mother's face and that we could kiss or laugh away in a moment.—Harper's Bazar.

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