

IRELAND.

Record of the Most Important of the Recent Events Culled From Exchanges.

The Earl of Longford has joined his mother and brother at Pakenham Hall, County Westmeath.

The Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, Sir Peter O'Brien, has been staying at Raynham Hall, Norfolk, on a visit to Sir Edmund Bacon.

John Redmond, M. P., and Daniel Tallon, Mayor of Dublin, issued a call for a meeting of Parnellites Thursday for the purpose of inaugurating an Independent party home rule fund next year.

On Wednesday morning Col. Rynd, of Ballycumb, was found dead in his bed. He had retired on the previous night apparently in his usual health. Death is attributed to heart disease.

T. H. Grainger, manager of the Tarberry branch of the Munster and Leinster Bank, was shot in the right eye while out with a shooting party, and the injury, it is feared, will cause the loss of the sight.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. Conway, of the firm of Messrs. Conway & Swan, Dame street, Dublin. The deceased, who had been in failing health for some time, was forty-two years old.

Mr. K. Thorn, solicitor, of Neath, died Wednesday night, aged sixty-eight. Deceased had twice been Mayor of Neath, and until recently held the post of clerk to the Neath Harbor Commissioners. He was very wealthy.

A public meeting was held in the Court-house, Cookstown, on Thursday evening, to consider the advisability of urging upon the Directors of the Great Northern Railway Company to extend their system to Newport Trench.

The question whether married women who, if they were not married, would be qualified to be electors for local government purposes are qualified to be on the register as the law stands at present was decided by the Court of Appeals in the negative.

Dublin is justly proud of the late Sir Robert Stewart, who was certainly one of the greatest masters of the art of music that Ireland ever produced. An interesting memoir of this gifted musician has been written by Mr. Olinthus J. Vignoles.

Sculptors are at present engaged erecting a monument to the memory of the late Rev. Jeremiah Crowe, Professor in St. Patrick's College, Thurles, who died June 30, 1897. The monument is situated on an eminence on the grounds of the college.

The Waterford corporation have applied to the Board of Works for a loan of about \$15,000 for the construction of two rubbish dumps and for the erecting of artisans' dwellings. At present the residue of the entire city is deposited at Millar's marsh.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin presided over a meeting which was held in the Mansion House for the purpose of taking steps toward the formation of the proposed Pan-Celtic Congress. Lord Castle-town, who convened the meeting, made a statement as to its object.

All predictions in regard to the East Wicklow Cornership election are upset by the announcement that a writ will be refused by the authorities for the carrying out of that event, and that no appointment will be made until the meeting of the County Council, by whom the vacancy will be filled.

On Thursday evening a few friends of Station Sergeant Brangan assembled at Green-street police station, Dublin, to wish him good-bye on his retirement from the service. The occasion was availed of to make a handsome presentation of a beautiful eight-day cuckoo clock to the popular Sergeant.

The annual Limerick demonstration in honor of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien took place Sunday. A procession was formed at Bank place, and headed by the Bohemian band, paraded the principal streets en route to the St. Lawrence cemetery, where the customary oration was delivered by Mr. John Daly.

The solemn office and requiem mass for the late Patrick J. Conlan, proprietor and editor of the Carlow Nationalist, were held at the Carlow Cathedral on Wednesday. The funeral was an imposing one, the attendance being representative of every creed and class in the community among whom the deceased had lived and labored.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Thomas O'Shaughnessy, solicitor, Mohill, County Leitrim. The deceased, who had reached an advanced age, was a well-known and respected practitioner in the West and also in Dublin for many years. He was the father of Mr. Thomas L. O'Shaughnessy, who is one of the most distinguished members of the Irish bar.

It appears that the cost of the high-pressure water scheme for Dalkey would reach over £7,000, without taking into consideration the amount that would have to be paid for way-leave. There was, therefore, a tremendous amount of discretion in the word "deferred" which was made in the order on this subject by the Commissioners at Wednesday's meeting.

The remains of the late Miss Fullerton, daughter of Mr. Thomas Fullerton, of Kingstown, were removed last Saturday from her late residence, 19 Crosswhite Park, for interment in Dean's Grange cemetery. The very large cortege from Kingstown and the surrounding districts emphatically testified to the high esteem with which the deceased young lady was held by all classes.

A great sensation was caused in Loughrea when it became known that the memorial to the '98 patriot, Peter Finnerty, erected with such enthusiasm on the Old Castle, Finnerty street, last Sunday, had been removed. It was last seen about 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening.

and since then no trace of it can be found. The utmost indignation prevails throughout town and country around, and the outrage is universally condemned as one of the most dastardly that could well be conceived, its object being manifestly to slight the feelings of the community at large and to insult the memory of the patriot. Active inquiries are being instituted with a view to discovering the guilty party.

At a meeting of the Thurles Town Commissioners, Mr. J. L. Johnson in the chair, a circular was read from the committee of the Irish National Amnesty Association appealing for assistance. The clerk was directed to write to the Secretaries of the association and inform them that they had the entire sympathy of the Commissioners, and that they were determined to assist them by every means in their power.

A Southern correspondent writes: "The Skibbereen Needlework Union held its second sale a few days ago, when over three hundred new garments and a quantity of blankets were sold to the poor of the town and neighborhood at exactly half their original price. The buyers were admitted to the sale by tickets given to them by the members, and they showed the utmost eagerness to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them to secure warm winter garments."

The question of the abolition of the Limerick night-watch has been a subject for discussion at a meeting of the corporation last week. All are aware that the Council by a majority adopted a resolution whereby the watch are to be wiped out of existence on the last day of the present year. Their friends fought hard to retain this time-honored body, but the fates were against them and they were obliged to walk the plank, so to speak. The Royal Irish constabulary are to be requisitioned as night custodians in their stead.

Much interest will be taken by a considerable section of the Irish public in the fact that a Parliamentary committee has been appointed to inquire into the circumstances under which the gold ornaments recently found in the North of Ireland were sold to the British Museum. These objects of archaeological interest were, it will be remembered, claimed by the Royal Irish Academy. The principle that Irish antiquities should not be sent out of Ireland is one which will meet with approval by all who wish to see everything relating to their country's past history cherished and preserved.

The Ballinasloe Town Board recently appointed a deputation consisting of Dr. Rutherford, T. Dwyer, E. J. Kelly, T. Byrne and Laurence Conroy, to wait on the Earl of Clanarcy in relation to the question of starting April markets for the sale of cattle, sheep and pigs. The official assignee has objected as being the responsible party for the tolls, to give direct sanction to the proposal. The members of the Town Board have been approached by large numbers of buyers and sellers, who have urged them to undertake the starting of the markets, and the commissioners have volunteered to make good any deficits that might arise in case of failure, which nobody in the district anticipates.

The funeral of Thomas A. O'Sullivan, a highly esteemed gentleman, took place Wednesday afternoon, and was one of the largest and most representative ever seen in Galway. The funeral started from the residence of the deceased. The coffin was borne on the shoulders of the members of the Parnellite Independent Association, all of whom wore mourning badges. Business was suspended in town during the time the funeral was passing. In paying this last tribute to the memory of one who was beloved by all who knew him, party feeling was forgotten and all political opinion joined in showing their esteem for the deceased. A sadder procession was not witnessed in Galway since the funeral of the late Mr. Thos. Ashe, a bosom friend of Mr. O'Sullivan and another staunch and honest upholder of Independent Nationalist party in Galway.

Charles Joseph Kickham, to whose memory a monument was unveiled in Tipperary on Sunday last, was a remarkable and picturesque figure in Irish history, and none to soon have the people of the "gallant county" to which he belonged, and which he loved so well, raised this fitting memorial to a patriot and a man of letters. The brief and simple words at the base of the monument—"Poet, novelist and patriot"—describe Kickham as he would have himself desired. He was a fascinating personality. His patriotism was above reproach. He loved his country, its people, its customs, its scenery—everything in and of Ireland. Quiet and simple in his ways, childlike even in his manners, deeply affectionate even as a woman, he could, when he thought of his country's wrongs, be roused into action like a lion of the tribe of Judah, and the distinguished and honorable part he took in the national movement is not the least prominent feature of a remarkable life history.

A special meeting of the Keady Town Commissioners was held for the purpose of considering the advisability of passing a resolution in favor of the new railway scheme from Kingscourt to Armagh and Keady, which will connect the latter place with other larger towns. Mr. J. M. Kenney said that he was informed by the engineer of the company that no baronial guarantee would be asked for, but that the company would carry out the undertaking themselves. The following resolution was passed unanimously: "That we, the Town Commissioners of Keady, hail with satisfaction the promotion of a railway scheme which is proposed to open up this district by a line of railway running from Kingscourt, Carrickmacross, Castleblayney, Keady and on to Armagh, thereby bringing us into direct communication with the northern and eastern capitals and other business centers, and we hereby call upon all the public bodies along the proposed route to pass similar resolutions in favor of the scheme and to give it every support in their power."

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LABOR WORLD.

Interest Growing in Race for the Presidency of the Central Labor Union.

There are 3,000 persons engaged in clock-making in Connecticut.

The Brewers' Union elected officers for the ensuing year at their last meeting. They also decided to give each of their locked-out members a Christmas gift of \$5 in addition to the weekly benefits.

The tobacco stemmers went on strike in all the factories in Providence Friday last. The matter was compromised by the employers conceding the men an advance in wages, and work was resumed Monday.

The trouble between the shoemakers and employers at Marlboro, Mass., still continues, in spite of the fact that the employes have made every effort to settle the difficulty. The clergy of the city espouse the cause of the workmen.

The race for the Presidency of the Central Labor Union is being watched with interest by the union men of this city. The contestants are James McGill, the incumbent, and Herman Christen, of the Cigarmakers' Union. Both men have warm friends who are confident of the success of their favorite, but the race will be a close one, with the result in doubt till all the ballots are counted. The nominees for the various offices are competent men, which augurs well for the prosperity of the central labor body.

The Evening Post, which can get very close to the management, says the 18,000 employes of the L. & N. railroad will this year enjoy the most pleasant holiday season they have known for years, and certainly the most pleasant of the past five. According to the promise made that if the earnings of the road warranted it the remaining 5 per cent. of the 10 per cent. reduction made in August, 1893, would be restored at the first of this year, the employes will on January 1 begin to receive the same wages and salaries that were paid them before the dark days of 1893 settled upon the country.

The Financial Secretary to the British Treasury, Mr. Hanbury, M. P., has consented to receive a deputation from the Parliamentary Committee of the English Trade Union Congress. The question which is to be discussed is the fair wages resolution passed by the late Congress at Bristol. The question to be laid before the Chancellor of the Exchequer when the Parliamentary Committee meets him is that of the banking of trade union funds. At present trade unions, although they confer benefits similar to those of friendly societies, are limited as to the amount which they can deposit in the Post-office Savings Bank. They desire to have this limit removed.

Eugene V. Debs has entered the lecture field under arrangements that will occupy the greater part of his time during this winter and next spring, says a labor correspondent. He has finished one course in Northern Michigan, and is at this writing filling a course in Iowa, which began at Des Moines. All reports are to the effect that he is meeting with unusual success. This is gratifying to all friends of labor, for it goes without saying that Debs is talking on the labor question in some of its phases all the time. His subject in the Iowa course is "Labor and Liberty." Whatever may be the differences of opinion when we come to the adoption of remedies, all who have heard him, and their name is legion, admit that Debs is possessed of wonderful abilities as a public speaker. I am one of those who have believed for several years that such was his special field and that he made a mistake every time he left the platform to take part in the practical management of the movement.

The American Federation of Labor closed its annual session at Kansas City. The work of this year's convention does not embrace much that is of importance to the trades union movement of the United States. Samuel Gompers was elected President for another year, while Thomas Tracey, of the Cigarmakers' International Union, and James O'Connell, of the International Union of Machinists, were elected to represent the Federation in the Trades Union Congress of Great Britain and Ireland. The increase of the per capita tax of the affiliated bodies may not prove popular, although it is calculated to be a means of advancing the eight-hour movement. After a debate lasting several days the Socialist element were again overwhelmingly defeated. Detroit was selected as the place for holding the next convention. It was decided to sustain the stoneworkers in their effort to secure an eight-hour day, and before adjourning the convention reaffirmed its allegiance to the cause of silver.

For the first time in the history of Georgia and the South, the color line has been drawn on negro workmen. What makes this more remarkable is that it was done by the committee which was in charge of President McKinley's reception and entertainment in Atlanta, on the occasion of last week's jubilee, says a telegram. The Federation of Trades was to take part in the procession, and among its members were several hundred negro quarrymen and stonemasons. These were all ready to march in the line, when they were notified that no negroes would be allowed in the procession. The white members of their organization protested, but without effect. When the committee flatly refused to permit the negro workmen to join the procession, all the white workmen who were waiting to march withdrew. The Federation of Trades denounced the committee's action, and there is much feeling in the city over it among both whites and negroes. White and colored workmen march together on every Labor Day, and work side by side in every mechanical calling in Atlanta. Both resent the dictation of the committee.

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