

MORNING STAR AND CATHOLIC MESSENGER. NEW ORLEANS, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1868.

MISCELLANEOUS IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

Alderman McCausland has been formally installed Mayor of Belfast for 1868. The master bakers of Antrim have resolved to discontinue the practice of Sunday work.

All the guns and ammunition in the Limerick shops have been seized by the police, so that the Fenians cannot get them.

The owner of the battle-field of Bantama wants to sell it, and some English Catholics want to buy it and put up a convent on it. Three young men have been arrested in Killybegs, on suspicion of having been concerned in the robbery of powder from the yacht "Caroline," belonging to Colonel Vandeleur, M. P.

On January 6, the inmates in the Newry Workhouse were treated to a plentiful supply of tea, current cake, &c., at the expense of Mr. M. Synno, D. L., Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Bracken, Sub-Inspector of Irish Constabulary, has been fined £1 by the Kilkenny magistrates for buying, in an excess of loyal zeal, forcibly taken a green necktie of a young man named Carroll.

A company of the 53d regiment has been dispatched from Limerick to occupy the several martello towers along the Shannon. This step is believed to have been prompted partly by recent events in Cork.

The body of a pilot who had been in the employ of the Dundalk Harbor Board, named Gallagher, was found on January 6, in the river at the coast guard station. The deceased had not been seen since New Year's Day.

The Louth Gazette contains an official announcement that in the Drogheda district the period hitherto authorized as the close time for salmon and trout shall cease, and the close time shall be between the 19th day of August and the 12th of February.

On December 29, the Feast of St. Thomas of Canterbury, the Bishop of Nottingham, blessed and laid the first stone of a new domestic chapel about to be erected by the Earl of Gainsborough at his seat, Exton House, Rutland, to be dedicated in honor of that saint.

Information wanted of Sarah Boyle, who left Sligo about eight years ago; when last heard of was in San Francisco, California. Any information of her will be thankfully received by her nephew, John Boyle, No. 44 Caledonia street, Manchester Road, Bradford, Yorkshire, England.—Dublin Irishman.

Austria, it seems, has forbidden the enlistment of its subjects for the Papal army. It does this on the ground that such enlistments would be incompatible with the home and foreign policy of the Austrian government. The Pope is not likely, however, to want men. France sends him soldiers every day, and Holland and Belgium also.

On January 7, at the Imperial Hotel, Cork, Mr. George Holland, the popular and much respected superintendent of the passenger department of the Cork Steamship Company, was presented with an address, subscribed to by Lord Fermoy and a large number of the most influential persons in the city and county.

From the Ulster Observer we learn that a young man of the name of Hugh Curran, who resided in Belfast, was found dead in his own house under strange circumstances. He was well in the morning, and about four o'clock in the evening a woman who resided near went into the room occupied by the deceased and found him dead on the floor.

The Papal collections in the Waterford diocese are very successful; nearly two thousand pounds have been subscribed, and the collection is not finished. Recently a sum of one thousand nine hundred pounds was lodged to the credit of the fund in the National Bank, by the Rev. E. P. Walsh, adm., a fact which speaks volumes for the Catholicity of the people of the diocese.

On January 6, by the generosity of Miss Marnion, of Rath Cottage, the children in the Dundalk Workhouse were enabled to enjoy a treat of fruit and cakes, which were liberally supplied to them in one of the spacious school rooms. The room was elegantly decorated for the occasion with artificial flowers and evergreens by Miss Elizabeth Doherty, the school mistress.—Newry Examiner.

The Cork Examiner relates a daring robbery of arms which took place on the first of January by eight men who entered the shop of Mr. Alberti, gunmaker, Patrick street, and presenting revolvers at that gentleman, his nephew, and an assistant, while two of the number removed sixty revolvers and 1500 rounds of ammunition, which they carried off.

On New Year's Eve, a child named Daniel Peake, aged about four years, was missed from Downpatrick, and a search, which was immediately commenced, lasted till long after midnight. The body of the child was discovered early on New Year's morning, lying on its face in a drain in a field known as "Wallace Field" near the Cathedral. On examination, it was found to have met its death by violent means.

At Crossmaglen fair, Antrim, on January 3, springers were from £9 to 14; milch cows, £7 to 11; stipples, £7 to 10; beef cattle were scarce, the prices offered for those offered ranging from £10 to 16. Mutton plenty and cheap. At Ballybough fair, beef was scarce, and anything good was rapidly bought up. Springers were few, and milch cattle were entirely absent. Store sheep sold from 20s. to 25s.

On December 29 the greatest excitement prevailed in Longford. It appears that the sentry on the magazine, which is situated at the rear of the cavalry barracks, first gave the alarm. Most of the soldiers happened to be just coming from church, and immediately they entered the barracks at the double quick. The gates were closed and every preparation made for an enemy. Meantime large crowds collected, and the wildest rumors freely circulated, and there was talk of suspicious-looking Yankees being seen about the barracks the previous night. It was only after some hours the cause of all this alarm was ascertained. A few lads were playing at pitch and toss, and seeing a policeman they took to their heels. The sentry seeing them thought they were coming to surprise the barracks, and instantly gave the alarm.

The Tuam Herald states that lately a large party of the Royal Irish Constabulary, under the command of F. N. Cullen, Esq., Sub-Inspector, arrived by the morning train from Galway, and took up their quarters at the constabulary barracks in Tuam. This demonstration was caused by the fact that on that day a solemn requiem mass was to be offered up in our Cathedral here for the repose of the souls of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien, who were executed at Manchester.

With a charitable thoughtfulness characteristic of the donor, Captain McClintock, Hampstead Hall, Derry, and his esteemed lady have made presents of suitable clothing for this season, and in several other ways relieved the wants of a large number of persons on the Buncrana property. On many other occasions the benevolence of the McClintock family has been experienced. In the present instance, like former occasions, the charities have been distributed without regard to creed.

The usual monthly cattle market and fair was held in Limerick on January 7. The supply of cattle of all kinds was small, and there were scarcely any buyers, the consequence being that most of the stock on the green remained over till the afternoon unsold, and then had to be driven home again. Milch cows were in slow request, but such as changed hands sold at from twelve to fourteen pounds each. Fat cows averaged fourteen to sixteen pounds each, but the demand was very slight. Weanling calves sold at three pounds ten shillings to four pounds eight shillings, and yearlings, five pounds to six pounds each.

On Christmas night an unfortunate occurrence took place near Camlough, Armagh, by which a man named James Quinn lost his life. Quinn, John Smith, (the alleged perpetrator of the crime,) Henry McQuade and Bernard McQuade left their homes on Christmas day and proceeded into Camlough, where they visited several public-houses, and all, with the exception of Bernard McQuade, imbibed copiously of whisky. They then proceeded on their return home. Smith left the three men and went home. While engaged in the byre the three men came to him. Henry McQuade asked him what spite he had against him that he wished to have a row on the road, and it is said that Smith struck him with a piece of wood and knocked him down. McQuade was then carried into Smith's house. McQuade next went to the door, asked Smith why he murdered the man, and a stool was thrown at him which struck him on the shoulder. Quinn followed up the other in expostulating with Smith, when the latter went behind the door and bringing out a spade or spade shaft, and raising it said, "I'll end your days, any way," told him to go to the ground. He lingered only till December 27, when he died. Smith absconded on the night of the deed and has not yet been arrested.—Newry Examiner.

DARING OUTRAGE.—On the morning of the 27th ult., some malicious person threw a box filled with a preparation of phosphorus into the late letter-receiver of the General Post-office, by which several letters were burned. The police are on the track of the perpetrator of this disgraceful outrage, and it is to be hoped that he will be promptly brought to justice.—Dublin Freeman.

DEATH OF A FENIAN PRISONER.—John Smith, one of the prisoners confined in Kilmaham prison, died on recently. He had been arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the Jackline expedition, and had been in jail since August last. Deceased had been suffering from a gunshot wound, and was obliged to walk on crutches. He had a couple of attacks of internal hemorrhage, under the second of which he sank. An inquest was held on the body, and a verdict in accordance with the doctor's testimony returned.

MUNIFICENT BEQUESTS.—In accordance with the will of the late Thomas M. Donnellan, Esq., of Clane, county Kildare, the executor, the Rev. B. O'Neill, adm., Carlow, has paid over the following bequests to the several parties and institutions specified: All Hallows College, £2000; Society for the Propagation of the Faith, £2000; Society of St. Vincent de Paul, £150; Institutions for the Deaf and Dumb, Cabra, £150; Mater Misericordiae Hospital, £150; His Holiness the Pope, £200; the Oblate Fathers, Inchicore, £150; Clongowes College, £100; Convent of Clane, £50; Convent of Clane, for the poor, £10; Church of Adam and Eve, £100; John street Church, (Augustinian) £100; a new Roman Catholic Church at Clane, £200; Mount Melleraf Abbey, £100.

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.—Died, at Ballybogque, at the age of 102 years, Mrs. Anne O'Connor, who retained her mental faculties, apparently undiminished by her great age, to the last moments of her life, and was only one day confined to bed in her illness. Her husband, Edward O'Connor, a respectable farmer, was one of the renowned county Wexford "Hurlers," in the great match which took place about eighty years ago, between thirty of the picked men of the county Wexford on one side, and the same number of the county Carlow on the other, got up by the great sporting character, Col. Colebatch, one of the chief boon companions of George IV., then Prince of Wales, and who commanded the first volunteer corps ever raised in Ireland. In the contest referred to, the Wexford men were yellow kerchiefs round the waist—hence the name Wexford "Yellow Bellies," which has remained upon Wexford men to this day.

EXTRAORDINARY ATTEMPTED MURDER IN CORK.—An attempted murder of an extraordinary character is reported from Cork. A young man named Butler, less than sixteen years of age, decoyed a servant girl in the employment of his grandfather to the ruins of an old castle, called the Red Abbey, on the pretence that she would there find some money which she had given him to place in the Penny Savings' Bank, but which he had applied to his own uses. The fellow had gone about the work with cool premeditation, having previously prepared a grave for his intended victim. Having induced her to step into the grave, he struck her several blows with a hatchet; but, although seriously injured, she was fortunately able to wrest the hatchet from him. He consented not to do her any further injury, provided she would keep the matter secret. The girl was taken to the infirmary, where her wounds were dressed, and she is now out of danger. The miscreant has not yet been captured.

A cow, the property of Francis Hamilton, Esq., of Rowletstown, county Dublin, presented her owner with three calves on Monday, the 30th of December. The calves, (two fine bulls and a heifer,) are all doing well, their mother giving twelve quarts of milk daily, and had been milked until six weeks before calving.

The Irish Times, of Jan. 7, says: The New Year inaugurated the operation of an act respecting dangerous lunatics and idiots, which we have frequently alluded to. The dangerous lunatic can no more be confined. When a lunatic is discovered under circumstances denoting derangement of mind and a purpose of committing some crime for which he would be liable to be indicted, the warrant of two justices of the peace, after due investigation, authorizes his removal to one of our admirably managed district lunatic asylums.

The Sligo quarter sessions opened on the 7th ult., when it was announced that the calendar stood as follows: 157 civil bill entries, 20 of which are defended; 14 stand-over cases since previous sessions; 21 ejectments; 5 ordinary appeals; 21 jurors applied for; non-attendance, and 6 applications for spirit licenses.

A man named Denis Shannon, of Townsend street, Dublin, recently presented himself as a detective, and apprehended a woman in Wood Quay, when he was caught by Mr. James Kamsay, of No. 4, Cannon Alley, who interfered to save the woman, and subsequently prosecuted Shannon, who was fined £5, and 10s. costs.

The Dublin journals announce that a man has been arrested in that city who is understood by the police to be Lennon, who was chief in command of the Fenian insurgents in the March insurrection at Tallaght. He was armed with a six-chamber revolver when arrested. The police also assert that he is the man who recently shot dead a policeman on one of the quays.

On the morning of the 11th ult., an alarming fire broke out in Lower Abbey street, Dublin, in the premises occupied by Mr. John G. Curran, oil refiner and general merchant. These stores were heavily stocked, and from the nature of the goods the fire raged with great ferocity, though the utmost efforts of the fire brigades were made toward its suppression and prevention of its spreading.

At the late Naas petty sessions, Michael Conway, a native of Blackthribes, in the county Wicklow, was sent for trial to quarter sessions, charged with having stolen a £10 note from his father. Sub-Constable Michael Brian brought the charge, having arrested him in the act of purchasing clothes in a pawn office at Naas, and his father, although swearing the note was taken without his knowledge, was unwilling to prosecute.

On the 23d of December, a man named Murray, who resides at Hollywood, county Wicklow, was arrested in Killeulen, on the charge of having tried to get a soldier of the 92d Highlanders, stationed at the Curragh camp, to desert the service. He was committed to Naas jail.

An Ennisceorthy (Wexford) correspondent, under date of January 6, says: An old woman named Bridget Quinn, living in this town, was committed to jail by the bench of magistrates of the petty sessions court, for endeavoring to set fire to a dwelling-house belonging to a lady named O'Farrell. Miss O'Farrell's brother saw the prisoner put a bundle of rags and lucifer matches in the thatch of the house, and took her prisoner. This was the third time within less than three weeks that the same house had been attempted to be set on fire, and in the same way, with a like combustible of old rags and matches.

The Irish Times says: A couple named James Finlay and Ellen Carroll lately eloped from the county Kilkenny, after stealing sufficient money to pay their passage to America, as both their parents objected to permit them to get married on account of their youth. They were, however, caught in Wexford and brought home.

A Carlow correspondent, under date of Jan. 6, says: At a late hour on Saturday night last, two or three men in disguise, and supposed to be strangers, entered the house of a lodging-house keeper, named Griffiths, and having first terrified the woman, afterwards ransacked the house, and took away about £10, together with some silver which they found in a purse in her pocket. No clue has been found to the whereabouts of the perpetrators of this daring and heartless outrage.

On Monday, Dec. 30, at Naas petty sessions, Kildare, Jane Williams and Ann Healey were sent for trial to the next quarter sessions, charged by Sub-Constable McKenna with stealing wearing apparel, the property of a woman named Elizabeth McCormack, of Naas. As was named John Quinlan, a dealer in cow and pig old clothes, was charged by acting Constable Richard Phillips, and sent to jail for ten days, for stealing straw from the cart of a farmer named Patrick Grady.

On the same day, and at the same place, a man named William Kelly, a native of Naas, was charged by Head Constable Evans with violently assaulting a woman named Bridget Flaherty, on Christmas Day, by kicking her in the back, and blackening her eye and face with a box. He was fined £1, or in default to be imprisoned for one month.

At the petty sessions in Naas, on the 7th ult., Thady Shea, a pauper inmate preferred a charge against another inmate named Thomas McDermott, of the Thomas Fitzpatrick, for robbing him of a sum of £5. It appeared from the evidence of another pauper named Panning, that he saw the accused take a purse out of Shea's pocket, and he afterwards reported the matter to the master, (Mr. Newsome,) who searched the prisoner, and found the sum of 2s. 5d. in a purse similar to that stolen from Shea. The prisoner was sent for trial to the quarter sessions.

Dr. Joseph H. Hatchell, son of Dr. Hatchell, Inspector of Lunatic Asylums, has been appointed Resident Physician to the Maryborough District Lunatic Asylum, Queen's county.

Lord Clermont recently procured a royal patent for the formation of new oyster-beds, and several hundred thousand young oysters have been safely laid down. He has allotted a portion of the strand to Mr. Rice, of Dundalk, who has laid down at least one hundred thousand young oysters on his own account.

A Drogheda correspondent says: A large number of hand-loom weavers, who hitherto, by the application of a small capital, were able to produce and retail in one little market the work of their looms, now find they are unable to assist, for, in addition to the ordinary pressure to which they are subjected in common with others, they have the additional one of being cut out of the market by the cotton cloth. Other branches of industry also suffer, and from every appearance we have a very hard winter and spring before us, without any well-founded hope of a better state of things soon setting in.

In Dundalk, on the 4th ult., a man named Robert Gray, a seaman, was committed to the county jail by Capt. Coote, under the following circumstances: A private soldier of the Scots Greys, named Thomas Leinster, called on Sub-Constable Morehead, and stated that a civilian had just used very seditions language in his presence. The prisoner stated that his name was Robert Gray; that he was a native of Ireland, but had resided for several years in Liverpool.

On New Year's evening, between five and six o'clock, as Mr. Henry Garvey, a respectable farmer, residing at Killenore, about two miles from Drogheda, was returning home, and within a short distance of his house, he was severely beaten and stabbed by some parties who, previous to his coming up, were quarreling among themselves. Garvey's life was much endangered.

The body of a pilot, in the employ of the Dundalk Harbor Board, named Gallagher, was found, on the 6th ult., in the river, on the coast-guard station, Soldiers' Point.

It is expected that John Lynch, cutler, who has been incarcerated in Drogheda and elsewhere, on charge of Fenianism, will soon be liberated on bail, Patrick Tennan, J. P. Lusk, John Gradwell, and J. P. Patten having tendered their services as sureties.

On the night of the 10th ult., about half-past eleven o'clock, while two men were walking along Patrick street, Cork, a bottle, supposed to contain Greek fire, exploded in the pocket of one of them. He immediately threw off his coat, and in company with his companion disappeared. After the coat had been thrown on the ground, it is stated a second bottle exploded. When the police arrived, they kept at a respectable distance from the burning coat, but arrested two poor people who were looking at the flame. These they took to prison, and one of them, a poor brogue-maker named James Aspin, was next day brought up for examination, which, though there was no earthly evidence to connect him with the affair, ended in his being remanded to jail for eight days, amid the cries of his poor wife, who protested she had no means of support remaining.

At Cork, on the 6th ult., a court-martial, presided over by Captain Miller, assembled on board the British frigate Morsey, for the trial of a sailor named Doolivie, for walking in the late funeral procession in Dublin. The accused was brought around from the Royal George at Kingstown in the Raven. The decision of the court was that he should be disgraced, reduced to the rank of ordinary seaman, of the second class, and to undergo forty-two days' imprisonment at hard labor.

The Cork Constitution says: The tenantry on the Smith Barry estates took the opportunity on January 7, of presenting a testimonial to Lady Willoughby de Broke, on her first visit to her brother at Foaty, since her marriage with Lord Willoughby de Broke. A deputation, consisting of ten of the tenantry, representing the different estates, waited upon her, and having received by Mr. Arthur H. Smith Barry, M. P., the testimonial, and the family, Mr. George Wise, of Killybegs, in complimentary speech, requested her ladyship's acceptance of a beautiful bracelet.

At the Limerick quarter sessions, on the 10th ult., the discharge under the insolvency act, of Denis Madigan, of Newcastle West was opposed by Counselor Blackall, at the suit of Edward Crosling, Esq., agent of the Devon Estates, and at whose suit the insolvency has been in custody since September last, for the sum of £25, amount of a bill of costs incurred by reason of vexatious litigations. The chairman remanded the insolvent for eight months.

At the Limerick petty sessions, on the 10th ult., Edward Daly, the son of a respectable citizen, was put forward by Constable McGarry, charged with assaulting some soldiers in George's street, and obstructing their passage on the footway. McGarry deposed that his attention was called to the prisoner by some soldiers, and he saw him follow a soldier through the streets as if to strike him. He took him into custody, when Daly turned on the witness and assaulted him. The prisoner, through his solicitor, Mr. Howard, pleaded that he had taken some drink, and did not well know what he had been doing. After a short consultation between the magistrates, the prisoner was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labor, much to his surprise.

The Lord Lieutenant has revoked the license for keeping and carrying arms granted to Jeremiah Heffernan, of Cooksragh, in the barony of Iragehconnor, and county of Kerry.

A man named Smith, who, with some companions, on St. Stephen's day, assaulted another named Fitzgerald, in Killybegs, was recently fined 40s. A knife was drawn by Smith in the affray.

Early on Christmas morning, some person placed on the weighing machine outside the market-house of Cashel, a green placard, upon which were written the following words: "A merry Christmas, but a bloody New Year! Death to murderers. Remember Allen, O'Brien, and Larkin."

Concerning a late faction fight which recently took place near Newport, the Southern Chronicle says: Timothy Mackey, who was reported as dying, has so recovered that he made an information, charging two men named Ryan and Bourke with assaulting him. One John Bourke, who was along with him, swore another information, charging Ryan and Bourke, together with a man named Connell, and another named Riordan, with having also struck him on the head with stones.

A Cahir correspondent, under date of Jan. 7, says: A farmer named Edmond O'Donohoe, of Kyles, was assailed while returning from Clonmel Fair in his car. When passing Trishtown Cross he was spoken to by two men. One of the men, who told the farmer his name was Bushel, knocked him down and robbed him of £1. The man taking no part in the affair. Both of the men then ran away toward the workhouse bridge. Two men are arrested, and have been committed to the county jail, Clonmel, on suspicion of being the perpetrators.

On Sunday, Jan. 5, Mayor Byrne, of Clonmel, in full robes, attended High Mass in the church of St. Peter and Paul. He was attended in State by the members of the corporation and other officials. For three hundred years such an event had not taken place.

A correspondent of the Berry Journal says: A codfish of unusual size was captured in the entrance to Sheephaven bay, by Thomas Robinson, belonging to Duffanaghly, recently. An idea of its size may be imagined when it weighed over 85 pounds. A good season's fishing is expected.

At a late Waterford petty sessions, a man named William Day was fined 2s. 6d. and costs of court, for not having registered according to law, the birth of his child, then over six months old.

On the 2d ult., the body of a man named Isaac Jeffares, was found floating in the river near the market-house Waterford. It is supposed while cleansing one of Messrs. White, Brothers' sewers, leading from their store into the river, he slipped through.

On a late morning the premises of Messrs. Cottrell & Co., apothecaries, Belfast, were entered by burglars. A safe was broken open and £36 in notes taken away. A number of false keys were found in the room from which the money had been taken. About the same time the shop of Messrs. Mathews, Brothers, North street, was broken into, and a small amount of money and stamps carried off.

EUROPE.—A Paris journal thus describes the general situation of Europe: "France, Austria, and Prussia appear equally to desire the maintenance of peace, and are determined to employ their influence respectively in setting aside complications which are more or less menacing. The inclinations of Prussia in this direction do not appear doubtful. Hence the attitude of those three Powers toward Italy can only tend to pacification. As respects the Eastern question, Russia, it is still believed, will not, in spite of her very significant proceedings, immediately bring it to an issue. Besides, the present moment has been chosen by the Western Courts to urge upon the Porte those internal reforms which would give satisfaction to the Christian population of the empire, and thus deprive the Cabinet at St. Petersburg of its most specious pretexts for intervening in the affairs of Turkey."

Important Orders.

The long impending controversy relative to the Street Commissioner's Department has been brought to an abrupt close, as will be seen by the following important order, issued by Gen. Hancock.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH MILITARY DIST., } New Orleans, February 5, 1868. } Special Orders No. 28. [Extract.]

The investigation ordered by these headquarters, December 20, 1867, in the matter of the charges of malfeasance in office, preferred against Wm. Baker, Street Commissioner for the city of New Orleans, will at once terminate. The District Attorney of the parish of Orleans is hereby directed to take charge of this matter, and take such action as may be proper and necessary against the party, proceeding therein by the course of law.

Wm. Baker, Street Commissioner for the city of New Orleans (military appointment,) is removed from office, and Geo. D. Field is appointed in his place. Upon accepting this appointment, Mr. Field will forward to this office a copy of the oath prescribed by law.

The case involving the ineligibility of the Recorder of the Second District, so long before the courts, has been thus disposed of by the same military authority:

Arthur Gastine, Recorder for the Second District Recorder's Court, city of New Orleans, having been declared by the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana ineligible to fill said office when elected, but who is now eligible under the laws of the State, is hereby appointed Recorder of said court, provided he duly qualifies, and files at these headquarters a copy of the required oath.

The following very important orders were issued Friday evening from military headquarters, and explain itself:

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH MILITARY DIST., } New Orleans, February 7, 1867. } Special Orders No. 28. [Extract.]

4. For proceeding to hold an election for Recorder of the Second District, city of New Orleans, in contempt of orders from these headquarters, the following members of the Boards of Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen, of the city of New Orleans, who voted for the resolution (military appointments) are hereby removed, viz:

James Graham, F. E. Dumas, John R. Clay, of the Board of Aldermen; and A. Mary, S. Thezan, O. J. Dunn, S. Straight, B. F. Joubart, C. S. Sauvignet, of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

J. N. Lea, Robt. J. Watson, Guy Duplantier, are hereby appointed members of the Board of Aldermen, and Williamson Smith, Geo. Urquhart, J. H. Moore, P. H. Morgan, Chas. Leauumont, J. S. Whitaker, appointed members of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

J. H. Oglesby is appointed a member of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in place of C. L. Gumbel, resigned.

Upon accepting these appointments, the above named persons will transmit to these headquarters a copy of the oath prescribed by law.

A LORD MAYOR IN A CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.—The Act of Parliament having been repealed last session which forbade a Roman Catholic mayor from entering a Catholic Church wearing the civic insignia, advantage was taken in Dublin of the first Sunday of the new majority, on January 5, (the Lord Mayor for 1868, Dr. Carroll, being a Catholic) to celebrate the triumph at Marlborough-street Cathedral by a special service. A procession started from the Mansion House shortly before twelve o'clock, preceded by two mounted policemen. Next came a carriage in which the city marshal sat; the state carriage followed with the mace and its bearer; next came the Lord Mayor's carriage, and the procession closed with the carriages of the Catholic aldermen and town councillors in their robes. The streets were crowded. The Lord Mayor, on descending at the Church, was received with cheers, and greeted by Cardinal Cullen. He was conducted to a special seat prepared for the corporation, richly upholstered, and panelled in Irish oak. After High Mass, His Eminence Cardinal Cullen preached a sermon which contained several political allusions. The day was, he said, a day of rejoicing, on which the Lord Mayor of the great city of Dublin was enabled, after nearly two centuries, to come to a Catholic Cathedral in state, surrounded by his officials, and bearing the emblems of his office, to assist at the sacrifice of the Mass. This was a sign of the progress of religion in the country.

MONASTIC LIFE.—Bayard Taylor, describing the monastery called the "Grand Chartreuse," in the south of France, speaks of a single corridor six hundred and sixty feet long. Looking down it the perspective dwindles almost to a point. Opening from it, and from the other intersecting corridors, are the cells of the monks, each with a biblical sentence in Latin painted on the doors. The furniture of these cells is very simple, but a human skull is always a part of it. The only diversion to break the solemn and silent monotony of life is the cultivation of a few flowers in a garden attached to each cell. Silence is imposed upon all, and the priests, guides, and visitors can speak only in hushed whispers. The writer says he longed to startle the dead repose of the corridor by a shout of freedom and rejoicing. In this celebrated monastery there are but forty fathers and twenty brothers. This monastery dates from the year 1138.

ROMANCE OF ALASKA.—It was to be expected that the limits of fable would soon be exhausted with regard to the treasures and wonders of the new territory of Alaska, and that fancy would be drawn upon to increase its stock of marvels. But the following tale of enchantment is entirely beyond the wildest anticipation. A Russian guide, it seems, being lately asked by a traveler about a certain mountain range in Alaska, replied:

"The mountains are mighty in size and cause much cold. Wonderful things are told of them. It is said that in some places there are deep pools and lakes, in which dwell serpents as long as a fir tree, which were they in the open sea, would commit mighty damage. One thing is certain—that youder, far away to the north, in the heart of these hills there is a wonderful valley, so narrow that only at midday is the face of the sun to be seen. That valley lay undiscovered and unknown for thousands of years; no person dreamed of its existence; but at last, a long time ago, two Indian hunters entered it by chance, and then what do you think they found? They found a small tribe of unknown people, speaking an unknown tongue, who had lived there since the creation of the world, and without knowing that other beings existed."

Here is a splendid chance for strange discoveries. Who will venture into this marvelous valley and learn the "unknown tongue," and other peculiarities of this pre-Adamite people?