

MISCELLANEOUS IRISH NEWS.

**DUBLIN.**—The appeal in the case of Dennis Dowling Mulcahy, convicted of treason felony, and now incarcerated at Woking, Berkshire, will soon be tried in the House of Lords. Mr. Butt, Q. C., and Mr. Coleridge, Q. C., will plead for the quashing of the sentence on the ground that one of the jury was ineligible to serve, being upwards of sixty years of age. The court overruled the objection, and hence the writ of error. The point is a novel one, and the present is the first appeal of the kind of which there is any record. It is, however, said that Sir Fitzroy Kelly and Mr. Coleridge agree with Mr. Butt that judgment will be in favor of Mulcahy.

A writ of error has also been filed in the Crown office in the case of Augustine E. Costello.

Mr. Felix Byrne has died of the injuries he received at the Blackrock railroad station.

At a late meeting of the Dublin Corporation a letter was read from Sir Thomas Larcom, Under Secretary at the Castle, setting forth that the lord lieutenant regretted he was unable to consider the request for the release of Mr. Sullivan and Pigott, because the prisoners themselves would not apply for a commutation of their sentence, or promise to reform.

At a late meeting of the Irish Reform League the following resolution was adopted: "That the Irish Reform League hail with the liveliest satisfaction the agitation in favor of a representative for Kingstown, as its influence, position, and population justify it to same; and that a deputation be appointed from this council to take an active part with the inhabitants of Kingstown in furtherance of the object."

A man who gave his name as Michael Gorman, was recently arrested on the arrival of the Liverpool steamer at the North Wall, Dublin. It is said that Fenian documents were found secreted on his person.

**WEXFORD.**—The Wexford People says:—The Most Rev. Dr. Furlong has been pleased to make the following changes in the diocese. Rev. John Busher, from Cushinstown to Ennisceortly; Rev. Dennis O'Connor, from Tomacork to Ennisceortly; Rev. Patrick D'Arcy, from Blackwater to Oylegate; Rev. W. O'Neill, from Ennisceortly to Blackwater; Rev. Jeremiah O'Connor to Tomacork. It is said that the Rev. Thomas Power will replace Father Busher at Cushinstown.

**KILKENNY.**—Two young men, named John Dea and Martin Harkins, were recently received as Capuchin novices in a monastery in Wales, near Holy Well. Dea was named in religion Brother Lawrence, and Harkins, Brother Joseph.

We (*Dublin Freeman*) regret to announce the death of Mr. Michael Purcell, of Rose Inn street, Kilkenny, who expired on Friday, at the residence of his father. He was one of those who, some time ago, gave up all the comforts of a happy home to defend the temporalities of the Sovereign Pontiff. He assisted at the defense of Spoleto, was conveyed as a prisoner to Genoa, and remained there with the other members of the Irish Brigade until the Sardinian Government consented to release their prisoners, to enable them to return to their homes. Michael Purcell came back to Ireland with his heroic comrades and received a hearty welcome, but the seeds of disease, of which he died, had been planted in his frame from the fatigues and hardships which he had encountered during the campaign.

**CARLOW.**—Early on the morning of the 6th ult., a fire was discovered on the premises of Michael Byrne, grocer, of Tallow. The house is situated in the main street, nearly opposite the extensive concerns of Mr. William M. Deerin, and considerable anxiety was felt lest the fire should spread to the adjoining houses. The premises were insured.

A man named James Nolan was summoned before a late Carlow petty sessions, for having a dog in his possession at Graightenaspidogue on the 23d ult., without being duly licensed. The case having been proved, Nolan explained that he knew nothing of the animal, and that it did not belong to him. The court, however, said he should pay a fine of 6d. and take out a license. Nolan—Is it for a dog I know nothing about? What will I do with him? Hang him when you go home, but pay the fine!

**QUEEN'S COUNTY.**—The May fair of Abbeyleix was held on the 6th ult. A local correspondent says: A large number of buyers were in attendance from the different towns in the immediate neighborhood. Kilkenny, Waterford, and Margborough sent in a number of cattle connoisseurs, who might be seen the night before "puffing their cigars," and walking with their hands in their pockets like "real gentlemen." Such are the cattle buyers of the present day. The supply of cattle was very fair, horned cattle being in a majority. At a very early hour negotiations commenced, and the cattle were cleared off. Others came in to fill their places. Good prices prevailed.

**CORK.**—Recently, in the Landed Estates Court, Dublin, the estate of David Leopold Lewis, situated in and near the town of Youghal, was offered for sale in seventy-nine lots, nearly all of which were purchased.

Cork carpeting is being well patronized throughout the country, and is spoken of as giving excellent wear as well as being soft, warm, and noiseless when trodden on, so that for libraries and such buildings it is peculiarly adapted. It is generally used in Trinity College, Dublin.

Mr. W. B. Campion has been appointed a queen's counsel for the Munster bar.

The Skibbereen correspondent of the *Cork Examiner* says, under date of the 8th ult.: It is with regret I have to inform you of the demise of Mrs. Captain Davis, daughter of Mr. McCarthy Downing, which event occurred this morning about half-past five o'clock. The deceased lady had been ill for upwards of nine months. Her death will be much felt by the poor of Skibbereen, to whom her charity had been boundlessly

extended. Her remains were interred in Cabarragh grave-yard.

The *Reporter* says: Our local butter market has been fairly supplied during the past week, but not as liberally as might have been expected from the present fine weather.

**CLARE.**—A correspondent of the *Dublin Freeman* says: The parishioners of Doora and Kilraghtis have presented the Rev. Jas. Walsh, C.C., on the occasion of his removal to Castletown, with a purse of fifty sovereigns, as a token of their affection for him, and in appreciation of the services he had rendered the cause of religion. For nearly a period of two years, during the absence of the worthy pastor on a mission of charity in the Western world, the spiritual care of the united parishes entirely devolved on the Rev. Mr. Walsh, whose zeal in the discharge of his clerical duties, singularly unostentatious though it was, gave to his ministry in those parishes a peculiar character of usefulness which could not but attract the notice and admiration of a generous and warm-hearted people.

**KERRY.**—Mr. Exham, Q. C., has been appointed senior crown prosecutor at Kerry, in place of Mr. Henn, Q.C., who has resigned.

The will of Lord Baron Ventry, (Thomas Townsend Aremberg de Moleyns,) of Burnham House, Kerry, has been proved under £25,000.

Mr. D. O'Donovan writes as follows to the *Cork Examiner*, from Dingle, 8th ult.: For the last two or three weeks, the peasantry at the foot of the Brandon mountain range have been reporting the appearance there of a strange and ferocious-looking animal. On last Thursday, Dorans, the Burnham huntsman, determined on giving his beagles a view, and accordingly he let off his hounds at an early hour. We were not long on the mountain when the monster broke cover. The cry was immediately raised, "What the mischief is it?" No one save myself knew. I have seen the wolf in many a country, and have joined in hunting him, but never before have I seen so huge a monster. The dogs being unwilling to pursue (I must suppose through fear,) gave up the chase. We returned home with empty stomachs, and left the worthy stranger to prey upon the sheep of the poor peasant. How he came there, is now the question. I am told that the wreck of a large vessel came in here at Brandon Point some ten or twelve months ago, and it is more than probable that this scourge of the peasantry was the only creature on board.

**WATERFORD.**—At a late meeting of the Waterford Town Council, on the motion of Mr. Grubb, J.P., a Protestant gentleman, seconded by Dr. Scott, a Catholic, petitions were passed to both Houses of Parliament for the disendowment and disestablishment of the Established Church in Ireland. Mr. Grubb made a telling and enthusiastic speech on the subject, when he was followed by Dr. Scott, in an able and argumentative address. A vote of thanks was also passed to the great champion of liberty, Mr. Gladstone, M. P. An open air meeting, on the Church question, to take place on the Hill of Ballyharsken, was spoken of.

The *Waterford News* of a late date says: In consequence of an erroneous statement which appeared in a local journal, relative to the sum paid by Nicholas O'Neill Power, Esq., of Snow Hill House, to the Church Establishment, Mr. Redmond asked that gentleman to let him know, as accurately as possible, the amount. Mr. Power, through his agent, Pierce Newport Barron, Esq., forwarded the following particulars: "Title rent charge payable yearly out of the Snow Hill and Newtown estates of Nicholas O'Neill Power, Esq., £535 3s. 1d." This would give over £100 a year to five families, or £1 a week to ten. Since the act was passed in 1838, compelling landlords to collect and hand the tithes themselves directly to the parsons—now a period of thirty years—Mr. Power has contributed the enormous sum of over £16,000, as much as would purchase for ever a respectable estate.

Alderman Cox, of Waterford, died on the 9th ult., very suddenly, at his residence in that city.

Wm. Hearne, law clerk, who had been arrested and confined on suspicion of complicity with Fenianism, has been released. He had been in the employment of Mr. Jos. Andrews.

**ANTRIM.**—The *Belfast Weekly Observer* of 9th ult., says: In St. Malachy's Church, after last mass on Sunday, a meeting of heads of families and others interested in the subject, was held for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of erecting a new Catholic penitentiary for Belfast, to be under the control of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, and the best steps to be taken for promoting so desirable a work. His lordship, the Most Rev. Dr. Dorrin, explained the object for which the meeting was assembled, which was to erect a building large enough to afford an asylum to the crying and unfortunate, when called by God's grace back from the paths of wickedness and sin to those of virtue and repentance. The Bankmore Penitentiary had become inadequate to their wants, and with great regret they were compelled, within a short period, to refuse admission to several applicants. At the conclusion of his lordship's statement, a subscription list was opened, and the large sum of £695 was subscribed on the spot.

**FERMANAGH.**—A fearful panic prevailed in the Catholic church of Enniskillen, on the evening of the 2d ult., while an eloquent sermon was being preached by one of the Passionist Fathers, who had been conducting a mission there. The congregation was most numerous, so that every inch of space within doors was occupied. Accidently an elbow was pushed through a pane of glass, which caused noise, shuffling of feet, and motion amongst the surging throng. This increased and spread, and then suppressed voices were heard; next arose a cry that the gallery was falling; then a shout of "fire," and then a general wail of terror resounded on all sides, and a rush was made for the doors and windows, which were burst through, but only to become jammed by a mass of struggling and shrieking human beings. The local clergy and the fathers did all in their power to

convince the congregation that there was not the least danger, but their efforts had not the slightest effect. Happily, however, no serious accident resulted from the panic.

**TYRONE.**—A correspondent of the *Dublin Freeman* writing from Dungannon, under date of the 6th ult., says: On Monday evening a number of Orangemen, with fifes and drums, paraded the town of Cookstown and its neighborhood, and, but for the prompt manner in which the police turned out there was every probability that a collision would have taken place between them and the Catholic party, who commenced to assemble when the discordant noise of the fifes and drums was heard in the locality. I am told the cause of this gathering was for the purpose of meeting two of the brethren returning from Omagh jail, where they had put in a "martyrdom" of two months for a breach of the law when commemorating some of those "glorious anniversaries" that have caused so much mischief and bloodshed from time to time.

The Month's Mind of the Rev. Mr. Gordon, P.P., Dromore, was held in St. Joseph's Church, Carrickmacross, on May 5, the clergy of the district, with others from a distance, attending. The church was crowded, and the scene presented from the beginning to the close of the august ceremony of the solemn office and high mass for the dead was singularly impressive. Muted silence still as death, through nave and aisle swept the most solemn swell of the most touching of all the Church's appeals for mercy to the heart of God. The deceased priest was more than ninety years old, and about a year ago he gave up his charge of Dromore, and came among the clergy of Carrickmacross to die.

**GALWAY.**—Edward Beytagh, Esq., was recently called to the inner bar, and will, in future, go to the Connaught circuit as queen's counsel.

The *Dublin Irishman* of the 9th ult., says: With feelings of deep sorrow we record the death of John Stanislaus Morgan, Esq., a highly gifted and promising young patriot, which took place at No. 107 Nicholl square, London, where his father and family are at present residing.

The *Team Herald* of a late date announces with regret the death of Charles Kelly, only son of Joseph Kelly, Esq., of Kinclare, county Galway, which was the result of an accident arising from the incautious use of firearms. The deplorable accident occurred a few days ago in the neighborhood of his father's residence.

Mr. Henn, Q. C., has been promoted from the chambership of the county Carlow to that of Galway, vacant by the death of Mr. Longfield. Mr. Hamilton has been appointed to Carlow, vice Henn.

**MAYO.**—A correspondent writing from Swinford, on the 2d ult., says: A sad and truly heart-rending scene occurred here today. Thousands of people assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to a fellow-townsmen, the late Mr. John Kyle, merchant. He became a convert to the old faith about twenty-five years ago, and his piety, gentleness, and purity of character during that time up to the hour of his death, gained for him the respect and esteem of all who had the good fortune of knowing him.

Last month, a quantity of powder, alleged to have been taken from the store of Mr. Martin Casey, of Newport, in January last, was discovered by the Newport constabulary concealed in the neighborhood of Treelaur, within a few perches of the schoolhouse, where, at the time of the robbery, it was supposed to be secreted.

**SLIGO.**—At recent public examinations, T. P. McNiff, son of P. McNiff, Esq., solicitor, Sligo, was adjudged a first place for superior answering in junior anatomy.

**KILDARE.**—Steam plowing and harrowing have been successfully tried at Ballykileavan, near Stradbally. Thirty statute acres were tilled in two days.

**WESTMEATH.**—The dispensary committee of the Tyrrellspass district of Mullingar Poor Law Union, have appointed Dr. David Banford North to succeed Dr. Berry in the office of medical officer of the district.

**LIMERICK.**—A Limerick correspondent says: Thomas Enright, Esq., coroner for the county Limerick, held an inquest on the 2d ult., on the body of a farmer named Jeremiah Connors, who met with an awfully sudden death on Thursday, while driving home in a cart from the town of Glin, where he had been transacting some business. He had just left the smith's forge and got into his cart, and was proceeding toward home, when he suddenly fell back in the cart and immediately expired from disease of the heart.

**AMERICAN PROTESTANTS IN PARIS.**—At the American Chapel, Rue de Berri, Paris, the services were divided between Episcopalians, who officiated in the morning, and Presbyterians, holding their services in the evening. Of late, this order has been reversed, and great discontent was the consequence. Even in trivial matters these people cannot agree, and yet how frequently and loudly we are told they are "all brethren in the Lord!" Of course, separation and new "divisions" will follow in Paris.

**HOW THE JAPANESE TRAIN CUCUMBERS.** Their manner of training the cucumber appears somewhat novel, and, in some respects, superior to our mode. Instead of sowing the seed in hills, it is sown in double rows, as peas are frequently done, only a greater distance apart, both between the rows and the plants, say three feet between the first. The vines are supported by placing brushwood along each row, forming an arch over which they may grow. The advantages this method presents are that the fruit is always clean and straight, of a uniform color on all sides, and can be gathered without incurring danger of injury to the vines by trampling on them.

The love that has brought but beauty to keep it in good condition, is short-lived, and subject to slivering fits.

He who labors for mankind, without care for himself, has already begun his immortality.

OBSCENE AND SCANDALOUS LITERATURE.

From the following it will be seen that the courts in England have pronounced judgment against the publication of filthy, obscene, and immoral periodicals which swarm from the press and corrupt the family circle.

The unprincipled bigot who is the author of this obscene and scandalous tract, issued in the interest of the lowest and most fanatical Protestantism, has been denounced and repudiated by the more decent and respectable Protestant organizations.

So venomous and besotted are the lower strata of English Protestantism, (we mean the dissenters,) and so completely do those classes pin their faith to the skirt of the preacher's gown, that these miserable dupes of parsoncraft receive every word as Gospel truth which falls from the lips of their peripatetic pastors:

At last the "Confessional Unmasked" (a publication of an English Protestant tract society,) has been pronounced an obscene and filthy book, and the efforts of the Electoral Union to promote its sale have received a check from the Court of Queen's Bench. It appears a gentleman in Wolverhampton purchased copies at trade price, in order to circulate them, and the local magistrates interfered with his philanthropic exertions. The gentleman appealed, and the Queen's Bench upheld the decision of the magistrates. The counsel for the "Confessional Unmasked" compared that disgraceful compilation to the works of Shakespeare, Ovid, Chaucer, Dryden, and the pictures of Rubens. Some time ago, the *London Review* called attention to the vague clause in Lord Campbell's Act, by which those who infringed it could escape punishment by pleading a good intent. Of course, this plea was put forward on behalf of the work in question, and we are glad to record that it fell to the ground. It is to be hoped that if Mr. Whalley and a person named Brockman, who are at the head of this missionary movement, do not take steps to stop the distribution of an indecent pamphlet, they will be made in some way liable for their misconduct. Only a short time since, the *Pall Mall Gazette* observed that the "Confessional Unmasked" was sold at the doors of a conventicle-tavern in Kensington, to women and young girls who went there to attend a religious meeting. Persons of all creeds, concerned for decency, should be interested in stamping out the product either of ignorance or of ruffianism displayed in a work of which a cheap edition is issued from Holywell street, and the original made the text of riotous lectures against Popery.—*The Week*.

**THE IRISH REFORMATORIES.**—A deputation consisting of the Right Hon. William Monsell, M.P.; the Right Hon. W. Cogan, M. P.; the O'Donoghue, M.P.; the Hon. Capt. White, M.P.; Sir John Gray, M.P.; Mr. Maguire, M.P.; Mr. J. A. Blake, M.P.; Mr. Barry, M.P.; Mr. Devereux, M.P.; Mr. O'Reilly, M.P.; Sergeant Armstrong, M.P.; Capt. Stapool, M.P.; Brother Vincent, and Mr. J. W. Gray, had an interview to-day with Lord Mayo, for the purpose of procuring the insertion of some amended clauses in the Reformatory Act, now before the House of Commons.

Sir John Gray introduced Brother Vincent, of the Glencree Reformatory, and briefly stated the object sought by the proposed clause. The reformatories had for their chief object the complete reformation of youth, and, though there was power to remit a portion of the five years, there was no provision for starting the boys in life, by apprenticeship or otherwise, so as to sever them from the criminal class, and enable them to become self-supporting, useful, and industrious members of society. The French Reformatory Act enabled the managers to pay a fixed sum for apprenticeship, and at present the Oblate Fathers of Glencree, did provide that fee, in many deferred cases, out of their own private resources, rather than have trained and reformed youth return to haunts of vice. It was suggested that the government would introduce into this bill a clause to enable the treasury to pay a fee of six to eight pounds for advancing in life such boys as by their diligence and conduct entitled themselves to be released at the third or fourth year. This sum, would in fact, effect a saving in the public fund, for the cost of the maintenance for, say an average of eighteen months, would be treble the cost of their advancement in life. Then the object of reformatories would be vastly improved by the permanent stimulant to attention, good conduct, and industry held out by the prospect of apprenticeship to a respectable trade at the end of three years. The effect of this would give a new life to the reformatory principle, and as it would be a saving to the public, the fathers at Glencree, at Upton, and the manager of the Belfast Reformatory, hoped the concession of the principle would be made by the government.

Mr. Monsell supported the views put forward by Sir John Gray, and thought that, regard being had to the class of Irish juvenile offenders, the proposed alteration would be found to work admirably.

Mr. Maguire said he was requested by the heads of the Upton Institution to support the views of the Glencree body, in which all were agreed.

After some general conversation on the subject, Lord Mayo thought a good case had been made, and he would lay the matter before the Treasury, and press its adoption as far as he could.

It is easier to increase our wants, be it ever so much, than to reduce them, be it ever so little.

In order to deserve a true friend, you must first learn to be one.

Every anniversary of a birthday is the dispelling of a dream.

If you would kill a slander, let it alone.

WIT AND WISDOM.

Old bores—The ancient sargars.  
A drop too much—The hangman's.  
Dress material for courting—Pop-lin.  
What is the best color for a good action? Dun.  
What poet do miners value most? Coleridge.  
All the rage among the ladies—Female suffrage.

The key to the Congressional situation—Whiskey.

Quicksand—The "sands of life," which so soon "run out."

What roof covers the most noisy tenant? The roof of the mouth.

An early spring—Jumping out of bed at four o'clock in the morning.

Domestic magazines—Wives who are always blowing up their husbands.

Every man complains of his memory, but no man complains of his judgment.

"Necessity knows no law." Well, necessity is like a great many lawyers.

If a small boy is called a "lad," is it proper to call a bigger boy a "ladder?"

"That's my business," as the butcher said to the dog that was killing his sheep.

Prentice says the Southern negroes ought to be prosperous—they are taking stock largely.

The music of the cotton-mill is supposed to be made by the bands that run the machinery.

A bore—The man who persists in talking about himself when you wish to talk about yourself.

To give brilliancy to the eyes—shut them early at night, and open them early in the morning.

If you want to see a pretty tolerable specimen of vanity, consult your own looking-glass.

In a game of cards, a good deal depends on good playing, and good playing depends on a good deal.

"I have passed through many hardships," as the schooner said after sailing through a fleet of iron-clads.

The young fellow who engaged himself to half a dozen young women is undoubtedly a beau of promise.

Soft soap, in some shape, pleases all; and, generally speaking, the more lye you put into it, the better.

Some wretch of an editor says that another twist of the ladies' hair would take them off their feet.

It is said that the United States census embraces seventeen million women. Who wouldn't be a census?

A cook says that fashionable ladies are like French dishes—more prized for their dressing than their substance.

Why are a country girl's cheeks like French calico? Because they are warranted to wash and retain their color.

Hans, who is a judge of morals as well as money, says that being tender to another man's wife is not a "legal tender."

Man takes a woman with a dowry in the same way that he accepts the hamper that brings him a handsome present of game.

Men have two ways of extinguishing the flame of love—they either let it burn out quietly, or else they snuff it out by one blow.

In a dilemma, during the time a man has been standing like a fool, fumbling for an excuse, a woman will have invented ten thousand.

How many men there are who think they are making themselves exceedingly popular, when they are only making themselves ridiculous.

Wives are often foolish enough to sit up for their husbands; but you hear of few husbands who have the patience to sit up for their wives.

A lady who was startled out of sleep by some one trying to enter the house, cried out: "Who's there?" "Your late husband," was the reply.

An editor down South, who had served four days on the jury, says he's "so full of the law that it is hard to keep him from cheating somebody."

"Stubs, my dear fellow, isn't it about time you repaid me that little loan?" "Augustus, my boy, it isn't a question of time, but a question of money."

A Calvinistic old lady, on being asked about the Universalists, observed: "Yes, they expect that everybody will be saved; but we look for better things."

A gentleman praising the generosity of his friend, observed: "He spends his money like water." "Then, of course, he liquidates his debts," rejoined a wag.

The fellow was witty, who, at a dinner down-east, lately gave the following toast: "Here's a health to poverty—it sticks by us when all our friends forsake us."

An old lady announced in court that she had "no counsel"—that "God was her lawyer." "My dear madam," replied the judge, "he does not practice in this court."

"The man who has raised a cabbage-head has done more good than all the metaphysicians in the world." B.—"Then your mother ought to have the premium."

A sensible writer advises those who would enjoy good eating to keep good-natured; "for," says he, "an angry man can't tell whether he is eating boiled cabbage or stewed umbrella."

A lawyer had his portrait taken in his favorite attitude, standing with his hands in his pockets. "It would resemble him more closely," said an acquaintance, "if he had his hand in somebody else's pocket."

A man, passing through a gateway in the dark, hit his nose against a post. "I wish that post was in—," said he. "Better wish it was somewhere else," said a bystander, "you might run against it again."

Woman's crown of glory—her bonnet; woman's love—pin-money; woman's late—a stung husband; woman's grief—one silk dress a year; woman's abhorrence—a last year's mantilla, and no prospect of a new one.