

MORNING STAR AND CATHOLIC MESSENGER. NEW ORLEANS, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1868.

WIT AND WISDOM.

What comes after cheese? Mice. Good man to go on the police—Mr. Ketchum. The greatest bet ever made—The alphabet. Never waste your time; waste somebody else's. The first persons in the fall trade—Adam and Eve. The prettiest lining for a bonnet is a pretty face. In what does the strength of cheese consist? Its mite. How sweet to recline in the lap of ages—say about eighteen. If thou was angry, speak little; and that little not vehemently. Few ladies are so modest as to refuse to sit in the lap of luxury. Living from hand to mouth is what a wit calls "manual exercise." Clever pickpockets are said to be the best men to dis-purse a crowd. Does a man with one arm have an off-hand way of doing things? A fop often fancies he is cock of the walk when he is only a coxcomb. Often a man drives a pair of grays, while he himself is driven by duns. We should not retain the remembrance of faults we have once forgiven. If I were in the sun, and you were out of it, what would the sun be? Sin. What point do people almost always overlook? The point of the nose. What medicine does a man take for a scolding wife? He takes an elixir. The man who feathered his nest is supposed to have been a dealer in poultry. "My bark is on the sea," as the cur said when the captain threw him overboard. A man from one of the prisons of New York says he has no fancy for Auburn locks. Never cross a bridge before you come to it; thereby you will save half the troubles of life. Young men anxious to get rid of their wild oats would do well to get a sewing-machine. Some men will not shave on Sunday, and yet spend all the week in shaving their fellow-men. When Adam and Eve partook of the tree of knowledge, did they study the higher branches? Why are your eyes like friends in different climes? Because they correspond, but never meet. Which can travel the fastest, heat or cold? Why, heat, of course; anybody can catch a cold. Is it not strange that railway trains can run over so many sleepers without waking any of them? A benevolent old lady has taken the idea into her head of knitting a pair of hose for a fire-engine. When a man loses his building lot, is he blind? Don't know; but he has certainly been deprived of his site. Solomon advises the sluggard to go to the ant; but the shiftless of our day generally go to their "uncle." It is as difficult for revenge to act without exciting suspicion, as for a rattlesnake to stir without making a noise. Character doesn't depend on diet. The ass eats thistles and nettles—the sharpest of food, and is the dullest of animals. How many wives does the prayer-book allow? Sixteen—four (for) richer, four (for) poorer, four (for) better, four (for) worse. Mrs. Partington wants to know if it were not intended that women should drive their husbands, why they are put through the bridal ceremony. If you want to move an audience, pass round your hat, soliciting contributions for some charitable object. They'll scatter in double-quick time. An old maid is more liberal than a young one. The latter may always be willing to lend you a hand; the former will give you one and thank you, too. The milkmen of Toledo recently had a picnic, when one of their number wore pumps, which was regarded as a reflection on his associates, and they gave him a ducking. An incorrigible idler being taken to task for his laziness, replied: "I tell you, gentlemen, you are mistaken. I have not a lazy bone in my body; but the fact is, I was born tired." "Is there is any danger of the boa constrictor biting?" asked a visitor of a zoological showman. "Not the least," replied the latter, "he never bites, he swallows his wittles whole." "Martha, what letter in the alphabet do you like the best?" "Well, I don't like to say, James." "Pooh, nonsense! tell me right out; Martha, which do you like best?" "Well," said Martha, dropping her eyes, "I like U the best." A New Hampshire farmer, who had an invariably good-natured wife, longed to hear her scold for a change, and was advised that a load of crochety fire wood would make her very desirably cross. He tried it. When the pile was gone, he asked if he should get another such load. "Oh, yes," said she, "for that crooked wood you brought before does lie around the pots so nicely." A benevolent old lady went to visit a family who were said to be almost starving. She found them half clad, cold, and not a morsel of food to eat in the house. "What do you most need? What would you like to have?" she asked the mother of the family. "Why, I did almost want a head-dress, they're so becoming!" This, with a little flour and meat and a photograph album, would have completed the poor woman's happiness.

MISCELLANEOUS IRISH NEWS.

CORK.—Sir George Colthurst addressed a meeting of the electors of Kinsale, and declared himself prepared to go the full extent of Gladstone's policy on the Irish Church. In reference to the land question, Sir George Colthurst promised that if any bill was brought forward to secure to the tenant his outlay on permanent improvement, it would have his cordial support. The Examiner says: Intimation has been conveyed to us that it is the intention of the Hon. Robert Boyle, cousin of Lord Cork, and son of the late Hon. John Boyle, who formerly represented the county, to come forward to seek the representation, as a Liberal and a supporter of Mr. Gladstone's policy. It is in contemplation to present Father Corrigan with a suitable testimonial and address on the occasion of his leaving Cork for America, whither he goes on a mission.

DERRY.—The Dundalk Democrat of the 29th ult. says: The Royal Agricultural Society of Ireland has been holding its show for this year at Londonderry during the week. Shorthorns, Herefords, Ayrshires, Leicester and Shropshire sheep, horses, swine, and fowl were displayed in order, to gladden the sight of all who admire beasts instead of men, but to say that the exhibited represented Ireland is, indeed, a delusion. Only about four counties out of the thirty-two sent cattle to the show, so that it is a misnomer to call it a representation of the agricultural products of Ireland. It is stated, besides, that it was, more or less, a failure.

DONEGAL.—The Northern Whig reports that a sad accident took place in the Mullens, near Carrdonagh, on the 23d ult. It appears that a woman named Susan Harkin, aged about forty years, while tending some cattle, went for the purpose of seeking shelter at a flax mill, which was new. The mill had not been working at the time, but after the recent rains there is an extra supply of water, and the wheel revolved once or twice by it. It seems she was standing close by the rollers, and carelessly thrust the stick which she held under them, and endeavoring to recover it, her hand was caught between them. The deceased presented a frightful appearance. She was found by her employer cold and lifeless, her hand being bruised into a shapeless mass, and other parts of the body were much mutilated.

DOWN.—The Newry Examiner of the 27th ult. says: On the 22d inst., a man named James Smith was drowned in the Newry canal. The deceased was car-driver for Mr. John Balmer, of Queen street, and on the evening of the melancholy occurrence he drove six persons from Newry to Mr. McVeigh's public house at Fathom. He then returned alone. On the following Sunday morning the cover of the well of a car was found floating in the canal, and on searching the place the unfortunate man and the horse and car were discovered and dragged ashore. Deceased was a pensioner from the army. Some three months ago he attempted to commit suicide by throwing himself into the canal. On the 23d ult., as a fishing smack was coming into Warrenpoint, a fine young man named Patrick Cunningham, of Annalong, went aloft to do something to the mainsail, when one of the ropes gave way, and he fell overboard and was drowned.

DUBLIN.—Alderman Reynolds who filled no inconsiderable space in the politics of the country for nearly half a century, died at his residence, Granby Row, Dublin, on the 21st ult., and was buried in Glasnevin, in the O'Connell section, near the great Liberator.

The house maid of the Irish House of Lords is still living, and enjoying her eighteenth pounds a year—in recompense for her losses by the destruction of the Irish Parliament—from the pension list of Queen Victoria.

On the 23d ult., a whole gale of wind and rain swept over Kingstown. The sea outside was one sheet of foam, and vessels came tumbling into the harbor with loss of spars and sails blown away.

FERMANAGH.—By the Registrar-General's return, showing, in statute acres, the extent under flax in each county and province of Ireland in 1867 and 1868, we perceive that there has been a falling off in the cultivation of flax this year in Fermanagh to the extent of one thousand three hundred and seventy-five acres, there having been eight hundred and fifteen acres sown last year, whereas there are only six thousand six hundred and forty in the present one. In 1867 there were twenty-six scutching mills in this county.

KERRY.—The Marquis of Lansdowne intends visiting his estates in Kerry during the autumn. His lordship's intention was announced to the inhabitants of Kenmare on the 23d ultimo, by the Very Rev. John O'Sullivan, P. P., who, warmly eulogizing his public and private character, exhorted the people to give him a cordial reception. The Te Deum was sung in Killarney, and prayers of thanksgiving were said there on the 23d ult. for the escape of Lord Castle-ross from injury on the occasion of the late railway accident.

KING'S COUNTY.—In order to give full effect to the unanimous resolution of the entire body of the clergy of this county for pledging their energetic united, and undivided support to Sir Patrick O'Brien and David Sherlock, Esq., at the coming election, both honorable gentlemen entered upon a joint canvass of the constituency, commencing it in Tullamore, the county town, and in which they met with a hearty and enthusiastic reception, not having received one refusal; they then proceeded to Clara, where they were hospitably entertained by the Rev. Mr. O'Reilly.

LONGFORD.—A striking and affecting ceremony took place on the festival of the great doctor of the church St. Bernard, at Ballinrobe, when Julia Agnes Dowdall, daughter of Francis Dowdall, Esq., Ballymahon, county Longford, in religion Sister Mary Bernard, made her solemn vows in the convent chapel, and dedicated herself for life to the service of Almighty God in attending the poor and poverty-stricken of His flock.

LOUTH.—Mr. O'Reilly Dease, purchased from Philip Doyno, Esq., on the 22d ult., the Cappoge estate, near Dunleer, preparatory to making extensive erections thereon. The income from the property is about £7000 a year, and completes for Mr. Dease an annual rental of £5000 in the county of Louth.

MAYO.—On the 25th ult., four of the Castlebar Loyal Irish constabulary, under the command of Head-Constable Smyth, proceeded to Dublin, in charge of the arms which have been collected from the constabulary of Mayo, consisting of about twenty-four large cases, and which have been lately replaced by the breech-loading Snider rifle, which has been served to the entire constabulary force of Mayo.

A very respectably dressed young lady, named Bridget Cunningham, about twenty-four years of age, and described as a school-mistress in charge of a national school at Dromore West, was arrested at Ballina for passing a ten-pound Bank of Ireland note in the shop of Messrs. Henry Lyons & Co., merchants of that town.

MONAGHAN.—The deputation appointed at the meeting held in Monaghan courthouse on the 18th ult. waited on Mr. Sewallis E. Shirley, and communicated to him the wishes of that assembly, which were in effect that Mr. Shirley should retire. They were received most graciously, but were informed by Mr. Shirley that, in justice to his supporters in the county, he could not abandon their interests, and that he was prepared to contest the county at the coming election.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.—A meeting of the Queen's County Independent Club was held on the 27th ult. to meet Mr. Mason Jones, and receive an explanation of statements made by the Nation, relative to his opinions and conduct in respect to the Italian question. The Nation opposes Mr. Jones's candidature for the county on the ground that he is a Garibaldian.

The four candidates who have already addressed the electors of this important county are pursuing an active canvass, either personally or by their friends. At the meeting of the conservative electors on the 24th ult. it was decided to put forward only one candidate—Major General Dunno, their present representative.

ROSCOMMON.—The Herald says: It appears from reports relative to the representation of this county that a contest will take place at the coming election, and the names of the candidates mentioned up to the present are The O'Connor Don, Fitzstephen French, Esq., and Dr. Bailey.

SLIGO.—In Sligo it is said that Captain Flanagan, D. L., has concluded a most successful canvass, which leaves no doubt of the result of the forthcoming election. There has not been such popular excitement—both orderly and peaceable throughout—in Sligo during a canvass for the last thirty years.

TIPPERARY.—The Clonmel Chronicle says: The latest accounts of Mr. William Scully, who is staying at Ballinacough, near Dundrum, are to the effect that he was able, on the 20th ult., to leave his bed and remain in the drawing room for some hours. His health is improving, though the third ball or slug has not yet been removed. Sub-Constable Kelly, one of Mr. Scully's immediate body guard, on searching his watch-coat, which, on the day of the outrage at Ballycohey, he carried folded up and strapped on his back, the weather being so uncertain, found no fewer than six slugs, which had penetrated the cloth. He received but one wound in the thigh, and his escape was, indeed, marvelous. The old man, Patrick Dwyer, in whose house the late fatal encounter took place, and John Dwyer, a young man, his cousin, the only persons left in custody since last court day, were brought up on remand before the magistrates. There being no evidence against them, they were discharged on bail. There is now, therefore, no one in custody in connection with this affair.

A party of eight policemen arrived in Tipperary by the mid-day train on the 24th ult., from the Depot Barracks, Dublin, to strengthen the force already there. It is contemplated to open a school in Cashel, under the charge of the Christian Brothers.

WATERFORD.—On the 22d ult., a little boy, youngest son of Mr. John Power, Dunmore Hotel, whilst out in a punt in the dock at Dunmore, fell out, and was in imminent danger of being drowned. At the moment he fell in, a noble Newfoundland dog, then standing on the deck of the yacht of Dr. Rossiter, of New Ross, which was lying close by, jumped in and swam to the rescue; but failing to accomplish the task, and the boy having sunk a second time, Dr. Rossiter, without divesting himself of any of his clothing, courageously jumped in and grasped the imperiled youth. The water was rough at the time, and being impeded by his clothes, Dr. Rossiter, not a very expert swimmer, was apparently getting into danger himself, seeing which Mr. William Mackesy, youngest son of the late Dr. J. P. Mackesy of Waterford, who happened to be present, attempted to push off in a punt to the rescue, but, unfortunately, he got foul of a chain, whereupon, Mr. Mackesy, not to lose time, threw off his coat, gallantly plunged into the water, and aided both the little boy and Dr. Rossiter on to the shore.

The annual show of the Lismore Farming Society was to have taken place on the 12th of September.

WEXFORD.—The Waterford People says: On the 24th ult., R. B. Ryan, Esq., Coroner, held an inquest at Farae, on view of the body of Mr. Waddy, Farae House, who came by his death under peculiarly dreadful circumstances, on the 22d. Mr. Charles Cameron Tottenham Green, was foreman of the jury. It appeared, from the evidence, that Mr. Waddy, who was a Scotch gentleman, had left his house at a very early hour, on the morning of the 22d, with the intention of shooting rabbits, and took with him for that purpose a double-barreled fowling-piece. The deceased gentleman was never seen afterward alive. About half-past seven o'clock, the same morning, his dead body was found in a ditch, pene-

trated by the discharge from one of the gun barrels. The charge had entered the body under the left breast, in the region of the heart.

We understand that Mr. Rickard, of Ballydonn, has been served with threatening notices to the effect that if he continues to demand higher rents than the tenants had been accustomed to pay, summary vengeance will be taken upon him. It appears Mr. Rickard has acquired property to the extent of about four hundred acres, which he purchased in the Landed Estates Court, and that shortly after he became proprietor he laid on an increase of rent.

On the 27th ult., Mr. John Hinton, auctioneer, sold the interest in a farm at Killibeg, near Enniscorthy, on the estate of the Earl of Portsmouth. The farm, which contained one hundred and thirteen acres, statute measure, and had dwelling-houses and out-offices, was sold to Mr. Joseph Waring for £560, exclusive of rent from March, 1867, and auction commission, which would raise the price to nearly £700. The lease was upon the life of a man about thirty-six years of age.

General Cavanagh, Governor of Straits Settlements, India, son of the late Doctor Cavanagh, The Castle, has arrived in Wexford.

NATURAL VERSUS ACQUIRED GENIUS.—A story is recorded of Cecco d'Ascoli and Dante, on the subject of natural and acquired genius. Cecco maintained that nature was more potent than art; while Dante asserted the contrary. To prove his principle, the great Italian bard referred to his cat, which, by repeated practice, he had taught to hold a candle in its paws while he supped or read. Cecco desired to witness the experiment, and came not unprepared for his purpose. When Dante's cat was performing its part, Cecco lifted up the lid of a pot which he had filled with mice. The creature of art instantly showed the weakness of a talent merely acquired; and, dropping the candle, flew on the mice with all its instinctive propensity. Dante was himself disconcerted, and it was adjudged that the advocate for the occult principle of native faculties had gained the cause.

FEAR OF EVIL.—In the commission of evil fear no man so much as thine own self. Another is but one witness against thee; thou art a thousand. Another thou mayest avoid, but thyself thou canst not. Wickedness is its own punishment.

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