

TO CORRESPONDENTS.
Correspondents sending in letters or reports for insertion in Saturday's "Chronicle," and these should be brief, are requested to let us have them on Fridays, where at all possible. Otherwise insertion in Saturday's issue cannot, owing to pressure of space, be guaranteed.

TO ADVERTISERS.
Advertisers will kindly send in all substitutes for standing advertisements on Friday mornings. We cannot guarantee to insert in Saturday's issue any advertisement received after 2 p.m. on that day.

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.
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AFFORESTATION IN FREE STATE.

It must be taken rather as a compliment to the afforestation work which is being carried out in the Saorstat that the Royal Scottish Arbicultural Society should visit this country and see for itself what is being accomplished in connection with schemes as useful as they are welcome from the point of view of scenic beauty. Sixty members of the Society have arrived in Dublin, and an interesting itinerary has been arranged covering the week. It includes a visit to Abbeyleix, where there are about 2,000 acres of woodland on the property of Viscount de Vesci; Avondale Co. Wicklow, where there is an experimental station on the Parnell estate; and Lord Ardee's young plantations at Killruddery. There will be further visits to County Wicklow, including Lord Powerscourt's demesne at Enniskerry, and also to the County Wexford, the tour concluding with a visit to Killarney. All this, we feel assured, will prove interesting and instructive to the visitors, whose desire is to see what is being done in the Free State, compared with similar work in Great Britain. Across-Channel about 20,000 trees per annum are being planted and grants given to provide for the planting of a similar number of acres by private owners. Re-afforestation is proceeding steadily in the Saorstat, but still there is a wide field for enterprise both on the part of the State and private individuals. This country, needless to say, was very largely denuded of its timber during the European War, and it appears that to-day there are only 240,000 acres of woodland existing in the Free State, representing but 1.2 per cent. of the total acreage. The policy of the Forestry Branch is to increase this area to 5 per cent., and it is hoped that as time goes on this percentage will be materially added to. As it is, increasing the area to 5 per cent. will entail the planting of 600,000 additional acres. It was learned from a recent debate in the Dail that the total area acquired up to the 31st last March was 33,000, and that during the past year 2,043 acres had been planted, requiring six million trees. The amount to be spent this year on the acquisition of land and cultural operations is £34,000, an increase of £10,000 over last year. This is a record of steady progress. It will be all to the good of the country when its depleted woodlands have been replanted, if gradual be the process. The members of the Scottish Arbicultural Society, whose first visit to this country, this is after thirty years, will no doubt find much to interest them in their tour, and they will carry away with them many pleasant recollections of their stay amongst us.

PLUCKY RESCUE FROM DROWNING.

A man named Michael Moran, employed by Mr McCarthy, Fort Green, Ballinacorra, effected a very timely rescue of two girls, aged about 15, from drowning about nine o'clock on Sunday evening last. They were on the bank of Ballinacorra Creek between the Pike and Rosbrien, and fell into a swimming hole where there were some eight feet of water at the time. Moran who was attracted by their screams rushed to the scene and without divesting himself of his clothing jumped in and brought them out. He took them to Mr McCarthy's house where they were attended to, and then driven in a trap to their homes in the city. Moran's plucky action deserves recognition.

HANDBALL CONTEST.

At the ballcourt, Rutland street, on Sunday, the final of the Dr Hurley Cup tournament took place between T. Forde, Dublin, and J. P. Kirby, Limerick. The attendance was on the large side, and the contest was for the best of five games. Forde gave a better and more finished exhibition, and won the three first games. Mr J. McCarthy officiated as referee, and Mr J. Ryan as marker.

DIocese OF LIMERICK.

At St. Mary's Cathedral, at morning service, Mr T. R. Eunis was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Limerick. The candidate was presented by the Chancellor, and the sermon was preached by the Dean.

ALLEGED WINDOW BREAKING.

The Edward-street Civic Guards arrested a young man named Downey on Saturday night on a charge of maliciously breaking a plate glass window in the drapery shop of Miss O'Grady, Davis-street. The accused,

DEATH OF SENATOR S. O'MARA.

The death, which we record with feelings of deep regret, took place suddenly yesterday, of Senator Stephen O'Mara. The deceased gentleman had been to his office—as was customary with him—in the morning, and not feeling well he proceeded to walk leisurely to his residence, Strand House. He was crossing Sarsfield Bridge at about half-past twelve, when he collapsed and fell on the sidewalk. Pedestrians passing at the time rushed to his assistance, and he was attended by Dr M. Graham, who happened to be in the vicinity. Mr O'Mara was then semi-unconscious, and was conveyed to his residence in a motor car, where he passed away some short time later, after receiving the ministrations of his Church. The tragic suddenness of Senator O'Mara's death, when it became known, was learned with deep regret by the citizens, who extend heartfelt sympathy to his family in their bereavement. The deceased gentleman was son of the late Mr James O'Mara, T.C., founder of the firm of O'Mara, Ltd., the well-known bacon curers, and was born in Limerick in 1844. He was quite a young man when he entered into business, and by close application and industry he succeeded in building up, in conjunction with his brothers, an extensive trade connection. This trade was not confined to this country, but ramified cross-Channel, and abroad. It was mainly due to the keen business acumen of the late Senator that the business of the firm developed to the great extent that it has for many years past, and in addition, some years ago, the firm acquired Messrs Keogh Donnelly & Co.'s bacon factory in Dublin. In the political life of the country Senator O'Mara occupied a foremost place, and was one of the earliest supporters of Butt's Home Rule movement. He was subsequently associated with Parnell, and was elected member of Parliament for Upper Ossory. During the Foster regime in this country he served a term of imprisonment in Limerick gaol for refusing to give evidence at Ballynecy Crimes Court as a Crown witness. Following the deposition of Parnell in 1890, the late Senator O'Mara ceased to take an active part in politics, and he did not re-enter the political arena until 1900, when unity amongst the Nationalist forces was re-established. Although not in the limelight, Mr O'Mara worked energetically and wholeheartedly for this re-union, and when it came about no one who had served the cause of Irish nationality was, perhaps, better pleased or more enthusiastic for its ultimate success. He was a co-trustee with Bishop O'Donnell, Raphoe (now Cardinal O'Donnell), and Mr J. E. Redmond, of the National Party Fund, to which he subscribed handsomely, as he did to every cause for the well-being of the country, and particularly his native city, in which he always evinced a deep interest. He was Mayor of Limerick in 1885 and 1886, made remarkable by the successful resistance by the Corporation against the attempt of the Government of the day to impose a police tax on the city. He also filled the office of High Sheriff for two terms, and his knowledge of Corporate affairs was at all times valuable.



The late Senator O'Mara was, above everything else, a great believer in the future of Ireland, and although on one occasion he expressed himself disappointed at the failure of the Home Rule movement he never wavered in his beliefs. He was a past President of the Chamber of Commerce and a strong industrial revivalist, being one of the promoters of the Munster-Connaught Exhibition held in Limerick in 1906. Prior to the debacle of the Irish Party at the 1918 General Election, Mr. O'Mara had espoused the Sinn Fein doctrine, and thus, to use his own words, he broke with long political ties, and gave the new movement every encouragement and support. He subscribed to its funds with characteristic generosity, and was one of the staunchest supporters of the Anglo-Irish Treaty. This he demonstrated in a speech at the Chamber of Commerce in 1922, when he gave his adhesion to the new State and to its leaders. Last autumn he was elected a Senator, and despite his advanced age he frequently attended and took part in the debates. It is interesting to note that in his election address he said: "My energy and experience will be available to uphold the constitution of the Free State, and by stable representative Government to maintain peace, encourage enterprise, and promote industry."

The late Mr O'Mara was one of the first members of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family, founded in 1868, and received his jubilarian badge eight years ago. He was brother of Mr Joseph O'Mara, the famous Irish tenor, and impresario; of Dr Frank O'Mara, Resident Medical Superintendent, Clare Mental Hospital; and father of Mr James O'Mara, T.D., South Dublin.

Two others of the deceased gentlemen's sons, Messrs. Alphonsus and Stephen M. O'Mara, filled the office of Mayor of Limerick in recent years. Another is a distinguished member of the Jesuit Order.

The City flag is at half-mast. The funeral is to take place to-morrow (Wednesday) from St. Munchin's Parish Church at 11 a.m., after Requiem Mass. The remains will be removed this evening at 7 o'clock from Strand House to St. Munchin's Church.

Messages of Sympathy

Field Trials on Kilfinane Moors.

The following are the results of the annual field trials for pointers and setters, which took place on the moors, Kilfinane, County Limerick, under the auspices of the South of Ireland Gun Dog Club, and which were attended by sportsmen from various parts of Ireland, as well as a number from cross-Channel. Birds were plentiful, and the two days' fixture was a complete success.

Brace Stakes.—Mr G. C. Bennett's setter, Eillteog, and same owner's setter, Chapan, 1st; Major R. O'Kelly's setter, June, and same owner's setter, Gilpin, 2nd.

Open Stakes.—Mr M. J. Russell's pointer, Moormaiden of Corbally, and Major R. O'Kelly's setter, June (equal), 1st; Major R. O'Kelly's setter, Gilpin, 2nd; Mr G. C. Bennett's setter, Chapan, 3rd.

Certificates of merit were awarded Mr M. S. Carmody's setter, Oisín, and Mr L. O'Donnell's setter, Guard of Thomond, and the handler's prize was awarded to Major R. O'Kelly's June.

Members' Stake.—Mr M. J. Russell's Moormaiden of Corbally, 1st; Lieut.-Col. The McGillycuddy of the Reeks setter, Michael of Baucunone, 2nd; Mr J. Flynn's setter, Red Branch Peggy, 3rd.

Mr G. C. Bennett's Chapan was withdrawn.

Certificates of merit were awarded to Mr P. J. Cusack's pointer, Limerick Ranger; Mr Paul Mannix's setter, Reville, and Mr A. H. Jones's setter, Rep.

The handler's prize was awarded to Lieut.-Colonel The McGillycuddy of the Reeks, owner of Michael of Baucunone.

At the conclusion of the trials, The McGillycuddy, President, thanked the owners of the moor on behalf of the Club.

A THAMES COLLISION.

Limerick Steamship Company's Claim.

Upheld in London.
London, Monday.—Judgment for the Limerick Steamship Co. Ltd. was given in the Admiralty Division to-day in an action which they brought claiming to have suffered damage by reason of a collision between their vessel, the "Kilcloher," and the steamship "Pembrey," of the Island Steamship Co. Ltd., Ramsay, which occurred in the Bogsby Reach, in the Thames, on April 18th, 1926. According to the case for the plaintiffs, their vessel was on her way up the river when the "Pembrey," which had been lying head down stream at the quay of Plaistow Wharf, commenced to leave the quays, and, without warning, turned out athwart to the river across the bows of the "Kilcloher." In spite of the efforts of the "Kilcloher" to avoid a collision the "Pembrey" struck her, causing damage.

The case for the defendants was that the "Kilcloher" ran into her in spite of warnings given by the "Pembrey" that she was about to turn. Defendants alleged that the "Kilcloher" was entirely to blame, and counter-claimed damages.

The President, Lord Merrivale, said he accepted the evidence of the plaintiffs that the turning movement of the "Pembrey" did not develop until the "Kilcloher" was not more than 1,000 feet away. That was bad navigation, and involved peril. The absence immediately before the turning movement of the usual long blast signal was most unfortunate. It was suggested that the "Kilcloher" might either have avoided or mitigated the collision, but in view of the traffic at the time it was not safe for her to take the action suggested, and the Elder Brethren advised him that the action taken by the pilot was proper and seamanlike. Therefore he (the President) held the "Pembrey" to blame for the collision.

THE BOLSHEVIK MOVEMENT.

The Rev. Fr. Cleary, C.S.S.R., Spiritual Director, announced the formation of the new division of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family at the meeting in the Redemptorist Church last night. It was Fr. Cleary's first appearance in the pulpit after seven weeks, and the members gave him a very warm reception, for which he expressed his sincere thanks. He took, he said, that opportunity, the first afforded him of congratulating the members on the great success of the Jubilee processions, and then offered a word of warning to the men against the Bolshevik movement so much abroad to-day. He asked the members of labour bodies and trades union organisations to eschew that movement, and not to be led away by the specious arguments of men who were associated with the Soviet doctrine.

LIMERICK STOCK LIST

To-day's Prices.	
GOVERNMENT FUNDS.	
5 per Cent. National Loan	98
BRITISH FUNDS.	
War Loan 5 per Cent. 1920/47...	101 3/16
BANKS.	
Bank of Ireland	279
Hibernian	73
Mutual and Limerick	72
National	20 1/16 x d
Peoples	24 13/32 x d
RAILWAYS.	
Great Southern Ord.	20
Great Northern	28
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Guinness Ord.	714
Dund. Ordinary	27 3/8
Imperial Tobacco Ord.	111 0
British American Tobacco	91 0 x b
Canal & Co.	80 0
Continental	114 0 x d
Cas. Ord.	61 6
Shels	4 9/32
Max Eagle Oil	19 4
Robt. Corp. Com.	88
Radio Corp. Pref.	94
Marconi	18 3
Marconi Marine	19 0

Patrick Moleeny was, at Kilmallock, returned for trial in custody, charged with unlawfully entering the house of Michael Walsh, Larranecstown, Kilmallock, in February, and taking a gun and other articles.

Guard John Cahill, who has just resigned from the force, was in company with Guard T. Dowling when the latter was murdered at Parnassus, Ballinacorra, on December 23.

TOURNAMENT.

Irish Close Championships.

The County Limerick Lawn Tennis Tournament, which will be continued during the week, opened yesterday in the County grounds, Ennis-rath. The weather was favourable, and during the afternoon the enclosure was visited by a large number of spectators, who were interested in the various events. In addition to the usual handicap events, the Irish Close Championships are being held here this year, and the entries have been well up to the standard. These Championships include Gentlemen's Singles and Doubles, Ladies' Singles and Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. Each filled well, and last evening the Ladies' Singles, for which there were a dozen entries, commenced, and produced some excellent play. The other Championships will begin to-morrow, and the Tournament, of which Major Ros Rose is honorary secretary, will conclude on Saturday. Details:—

MIXED DOUBLES (HANDICAP).

First Round.
R. H. M. Franks and Miss B. Goodbody (minus 2) beat M. Goodbody and Miss McCaskie (minus 15 1/2)—4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
J. Fitzpatrick and Miss V. Goodbody (plus 5) beat H. T. Baker and Miss Baker (plus 15 1/2)—6-2, 6-1.
H. Swain and Miss Swain (plus 5) beat Rev. A. W. Neill and Miss H. Long (plus 15 1/2)—6-2, 6-2.

Second Round.
R. Gelston and Miss Wilson (minus 15 1/2) beat J. Patterson and Miss B. Gleeson (plus 15 1/2)—6-0, 6-3.
A. Cleave and Miss R. Westropp (minus 15) beat Capt. Lyons and Mrs. Chute (scr.)—6-3, 7-5.

Captain Tidmarsh and Miss K. Goodbody (minus 1) beat W. C. Wilkinson and Mrs. Worledge (scr.)—6-1, 6-3.
P. Fahy and Miss E. Scott (minus 4) beat J. Kelly and Miss Kelly (plus 15)—6-1, 6-1.

M. Gubbins and Miss Gubbins w.o. G. O'Brien and Mrs. O'Mara scratched.
R. A. Tennant and Miss Tidmarsh (plus 3) beat H. V. White and Mrs. White (plus 2)—11-9, 8-6.

P. Goodbody and Miss Hedley (minus 15) beat L. A. Jones and Miss Gaffney (minus 30)—4-6, 9-7, 8-6.
J. H. Dudley and Mrs. Riggs-Miller (minus 30) beat H. B. Alton and Miss Pollard (minus 3)—3-6, 6-3, 7-5.

C. Hutchinson and Miss Welpy (minus 40) beat V. Gloster and Mrs. Shaw (plus 1)—6-3, 6-0.
LADIES' SINGLES (HANDICAP).
Miss Pollard (plus 4) beat Miss Fildes (plus 15)—6-0, 6-1.

Miss D. Goodbody w.o. Mrs. O'Mara scratched.
Mrs. Shaw (plus 15) beat Mrs. Pim (scr.)—6-4, 6-1.
Mrs. Chute (scr.) beat Miss Sheehan (plus 4)—6-2, 6-1.

Miss Gaffney (minus 3) beat Miss Goodbody (plus 3)—6-4, 6-2.
Miss Tidmarsh (plus 15) beat Miss Fisher Rowe (plus 3)—6-2, 6-3.
Miss Gubbins (minus 30) beat Miss H. V. White (plus 15)—6-4, 6-1.

Miss E. Scott (scr.) beat Miss E. Fair (scr.)—7-5, 6-4.
Miss D. Hutchinson (plus 15) beat Mrs. Worledge (plus 4)—6-0, 6-2.
Miss Ryan (plus 2) beat Mrs. Hewetson (minus 3)—3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES HANDICAP.

First Round.—Class A.
P. Foley (plus 15) beat E. W. Kenny (plus 5)—6-3, 6-2.
M. Gubbins (minus 15) beat Captain Tidmarsh (plus 15 1/2)—6-1, 7-5.
Major Crossie (minus 40) beat Captain Pim (scr.)—6-0, 6-1.

R. H. M. Franks (plus 15) beat Captain Lyons (plus 15 1/2)—6-2, 6-1.
L. A. Jones (minus 4) beat J. Barry (plus 5)—6-2, 8-6.

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES HANDICAP.

First Round.—Class B.
T. E. Hevon (plus 15) beat Capt. Shaw (plus 15 1/2)—5-7, 6-0, 9-7.
H. T. Baker (plus 15 1/2) beat H. Swain (scr.)—6-0, 6-4.
J. Kirkpatrick (plus 2) beat W. C. Wilkinson (scr.)—6-0, 6-4.

LADIES' SINGLES—CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND.

First Round.
Miss Welpy beat Miss J. Scott—6-3, 6-4.
Miss Gubbins beat Miss Pim—6-2, 6-3.
Miss E. Scott beat Miss K. Goodbody—6-2, 6-1.
Miss Chute w.o. Mrs. O'Mara scratched.
Mrs. Dudley beat Miss D. Goodbody—6-0, 6-1.

TEST MATCH.

To-day's Play.
Haynes added thirteen runs to their over-night score, the Australians were all out for 335 this morning.

Hobbs and Sutcliffe opened for England, and it was nearly an hour before the fifty appeared.

Latest score—Hobbs, not out, 55; Sutcliffe, c Oldfield b Maily, 20.

Total—100 for 1.

A wire despatched at 4.6 p.m. gives the following result—

England—201 for two wickets. Hobbs, 74.

THE WELSH MINERS' CHOIR.

The Welsh miners' choir gave a concluding festival at the Haymarket last night on behalf of the miners' wives and children who have suffered by the strike in the collieries. At the close, Mr. R. Roberts expressed his grateful thanks and appreciation of what the city had done for them. Their deep gratitude was due to the Mayor for helping to place the Haymarket at the choir's disposal, and to Miss O'Keeffe's dancers, who assisted on Sunday evening, and others.

CO. LIMERICK LAND CASE.

TOURNAMENT.

CORK BUTTE.

This market was steady. Choice: Salted, 162s; Special: 161s extra; Creameries, 156s to 161s.

SPOR'

GOODWOOD.
H.A.M. ST.
Applecross (Childs), Diam (Weston), La Douaniere (Smirk), Also ran—Potential Main, White Sister.

Trained by I Betting—Evens App; Donaiers, 7 to 1 Pot; 100 to 12 Slovak, 10 to 1 8 Welsh Main.

Won by three-quarter.

CRAVEN.
Browside (Jelliss), Heliaser (Caldwell), Fodder (Wragg), Also ran—Inverveig Gyges, Roccmar, and A; Winner trained by I Betting—4 to 1 aggs; Fodder, 4 to 1 Brownsid to 3 others.

Won by three-quarter.

STEWART.
Perhaps So (M-F), Edwina (B. Lynch), Purple Shade (H. Be), Also ran—Ethnaech, Priory Park, L.Habit 1, Dennis Friar Wile, Dalmagarry, Fairy E, Marine Parade, Dodc Stick, Sweet Rocket, I, Balderston, Sea Kale, Orbindos, Pheidon, Eur.

Winner trained by I Betting—13 to 2 aggs; Dalmagarry and Nothi 7 Purple Shade, 100; Marine Parade, and I Friar Wile, Mori Maha Sunstone, 22 to 1 Sea Rocket and Dodder, 33; Defiance, Rath Duth, 41 others.

Won by a length and

WEST DEA.
Big Ben (J. Leach), Mark Tapley (Smirk), Abandoned (Caldwell), Also ran—Romany I, Telaviv, Molly Moonshy, War Plum, Prologue.

Winner trained by I Betting—100 to 30; War Plum, 4 to 1 I doned, 100 to 7 others.

Won by a length.

CHARLTON.
Knight Bachelor (S), Battleshaft (J. Leach), Saperlipopete (Child), Also ran—Tabenite, Diagram, Galloway, He Make and Break, Skys Ferry, Huntersdale, Se Toss, George Crag, Don Bird.

Trained by I Betting—8 to 1 agst 1 Gifted, 7 to 1 The Bi 8 to 1 Skysignal, 100 to 1, Knight Bachelor, and Battleshaft, 20 to 1.

Won by half a length

RICHMOND.
The Sattrap (H. Beasi), Eurydice (Quicke), Sunny Rhyne (C. Ch), Also ran—Gisconda.

Trained by I Betting—4 to 1 on Gisconda, 10 to 1 Se Eurydice.

Won by a length an

GATWICKE.
Cynephane (Caldwell), Lulworth Cove (J. Leach), Glen Ross (Weston), Also ran—Gay Boy.

Winner trained by I Betting—2 to 1.