

any theory be traced to that water, among the primary cases were some, too, could not even by a possibility be attributed to the same source. Of the recent cases in the police barrack, the head-quarters of the county. There had been a considerable expenditure by the Government in putting those buildings into the most habitable order. It stands on the bank of the river, which affords a natural out-let for sewage, and its sanitary state is supposed to be not defective in any way. The barrack is entirely isolated from the town it gets its air from, and yet with all those advantages it is one of the first places where the sickness has prevailed. Perhaps it may be accounted for in that the duties of the police necessarily bring them into the most unsavoury and unpleasant places where a predisposition to disease is more likely to be found. The more the people inquire into the origin of it the more they see reason to believe in the theory *aqua* of some of the Ennis. If there be one thing above all others which this outbreak of sickness may be accounted for it is to the unsanitary condition of the town and the want of proper supervision of the common lodging-houses, where scores of the tramps and strolling beggars are huddled together. By the latter class the town is over-crowded not only are they a source of danger to the health of the township, but a positive public nuisance. They are to be seen not only on the streets often in a semi-drunken state imposing respectable wayfarers, but they force their way into shops, and wherever they are seen the money, the lash of their foul and im-pleasant tongues is sure to be felt. Such a source of vagrants is a disgrace, and ought not to be tolerated in any well-ordered community. The police bait along heedlessly without taking any notice of them, unless their drunken dis-conduct passes all bounds. It is hoped the Town Commissioners will, at their meeting to-day, do something to remedy this gross nuisance which is suffered to exist amongst us so that it has become an institution.

VACANT MEDICAL APPOINTMENT IN KILKISHEN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

The office of medical officer for Kilkishen dis-trict has virtually become vacant by the dis-appointment of Dr Scanlan to the Tulla dis-trict and it is a foregone conclusion that he will be succeeded by Dr Matthew Purcell, who arrived here a few days back at the residence of his father-in-law, Mr Wm. Purcell, P.L.G., Banroe, where he has been in practice for the past five years. Dr Purcell is 28 years of age, and youngest son of Mr Purcell, Chairman of Scariff Board of Kilkishen.

NATIONALIST VICTORY.

At a meeting of the Nationalist Association in Dundalk yesterday Mr Thomas Roe, a Nationalist, was elected chairman of the Town Commissioners.

A committee meeting of the Independent Party was held in the National League Room, Town Hall, last night, for the selection of candidates for the coming Municipal elections.

Mr THOMAS HARTIGAN, T.O., presided.

The other members present were:—Messrs James Gilligan, John Sheahan, F. G. M'Mahon, D. Gilligan, J. Bermingham, M. Punch, J. Cronin, T. Gilligan, P. Herbert, John Earls, R. Gleeson, J. O'Mara, P. O'Brien, R. Halpin, &c.

The Chairman announced that the business of the meeting was for the selection of candidates for the various vacant wards, and said if there was no objection he intended to propose a candidate for the Castle Ward.

Mr James Gilligan—Mr Chairman, you being a burgess of that ward I think you have a strong claim to do so. The attempt made by our opponents to get your name off the burgess roll show how unscrupulous they are. We are glad they failed in that attempt as they have in others, and we are proud that you hold your position as a burgess that you held so long.

The Chairman—The tried me very hard but I was victorious. Let them try me again and I'll be at them again. The candidate we are bringing forward to-night I am confident will win hands down.

Mr David Gilligan was then proposed by Mr James Gilligan, and seconded by the chairman, to contest the Castle Ward.

It was decided that a deputation of the Independent Party would call on Mr E. O'Connell, Wickham-street, to ask his permission to contest the Market Ward.

The selection of candidates for the Shannon, Glentworth and Dock Wards, was adjourned to another meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, to which he suitably replied, after which the meeting adjourned.

SAD DEATH IN THE CITY.

A man named John O'Brien, of Collooney-street, aged 32, married, died on yesterday of lock-jaw in Barrington's Hospital. It appears about ten days ago he fell from a ladder while working on the recently burned premises of Messrs. J. and G. Boyd, William-street, by which he sustained a fracture of the index finger, which resulted in lock-jaw supervening.

ULSTER BIGOTS AND HOME RULE.

At the Protestant Synod of Down, Connor and Dromore, yesterday, a resolution was passed thanking the Lords for rejecting the Home Rule Bill. A proposition by Rev Mr Wright, declaring the action of the Lords as narrow-minded, was howled down. Rev Mr Hunt said notwithstanding the outward polish of the House of Lords they "might scrape them with a knife, and a greater number of ruffians they would not find." Rev. Dr. Kane (excitedly) said if the speaker was not put out of the meeting he would do so, and a resolution not to hear Rev. Mr Hunt was passed amid loud cheers.

with the stolen property were charged with the same offences here, yesterday by the Court and Colonel Thomas presided that they were prisoners having already served a term of servitude amounting to 12 months and the female prisoners having been given their discharge at the Cork Winter Assizes.

THE LOWER SHANNON.

The change for the lower Shannon has been instituted in the most judicious manner and will be hailed by the travelling public as a great improvement. It is compelled those travellers to lay to frequently and rain and a rough sea are the means of diversifying the passenger traffic to Ennis. This policy is necessary for the future passenger service to conveniently enter the river at the states of the tide and wind.

THE LATE MACKAY.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Leader Printing and Publishing Co. to-day, Mr Thomas O'Connell, in the bereavement of Mr Mackey, through the death of Mr Mackey, Mr Mackey workers in the national cause due to him that the meeting expressed its sympathy with him. Mr O'Connell seconded the vote, which was carried. Mr Mackey fittingly replied that he owed in great measure to the early inculcation of the principles of the ardently loved Ireland, her precepts. The vote was carried on the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ALDERMANS' HOUSE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LEADER.
DEAR SIR—Now, that the franchise has been disfranchised by the Act of 1864, it is not essential and necessary to the interests of the burgesses to have a key of the ward. I believe he was a "dummy" in the year '94, and up to that time he could not vote under the Act of 1864.

Limerick, November 1864.

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