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THE COMPLAINT AGAINST AN ATTEMPTANT AT THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

The Palace, Corrally, November 16th, 1893.

Sir,—I should like, with your permission, to supplement your report of some remarks of mine made at the last meeting of the Limerick District Lunatic Asylum Board, in reference to the dismissal of an assistant. You are quite correct in reporting me as having said that I should approach with sympathy any proposal on the part of Dean Bunbury to have an assistant of the Protestant religion appointed, when reasonable, in order to provide for the religious wants of the members of his flock; but I added that we were then dealing, not with the case of an appointment, but with the case of the dismissal of an assistant for neglect of duty and insubordination, and in such a case I thought that the matter of religion should not be introduced to the Board, and that no matter who was guilty that the Board should maintain the discipline of the house and the authority of the Resident Medical Superintendent.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, EDWARD THOMAS, Bishop of Limerick.

DEATH OF DR. JONATHAN ELMES.

We announce with much regret the death, at a ripe old age, of Dr Jonathan Elmes, who passed away yesterday morning at his residence, Thomas street, after a long illness. Dr Elmes was one of the few links that remain between the present generation and that now fast passing away, and up to a few years ago, till his health gave way, he was one of the most prominent and familiar figures in our city. Who has not heard the tinkling set of bells which the doctor's horse proudly carried when being driven through the streets? A man of somewhat peculiar manner—to the uninitiated it might seem cold—he nevertheless possessed the warmest heart that beat in kindly sympathy with the widow and the orphan, or the poor, struggling, man broken down with sickness and poverty. His charity was most extensive, and not alone that, but it was unostentatious. Many a case there was, where he gave his professional services without fee or reward, and in addition supplemented them by pecuniary assistance from his own pocket. What nobler monument could any man wish to possess than such a testimony as this, and many there are in the community who can thus speak of his worth. Dr Elmes belonged to a very gifted Limerick family, his brother, the late Rev John Elmes, rector of St John's Church, being a man of great literary attainments, while his own college career was distinguished. He became M.B. of Dublin University in 1842, and L.R.C.S.I. in 1843. His professional abilities were of a very high order, and won for him a large and varied practice, and as a Dispensary Medical Officer his services were most highly valued by the poor, amongst whom he laboured for a lengthened period, but years have now elapsed since he resigned that office. Dr Elmes, who was 79 years of age, was almost the oldest of his profession in Limerick, his senior being Dr Galston. Funeral on Friday next at nine o'clock.

THE WEST CLARE POSTAL SERVICE.

MEETING OF THE MAGISTRATES AND ASSOCIATED CESSPAYERS.

Kilrush, Wednesday. Yesterday at a public meeting of the magistrates and associated cesspayers of the Barony of Moyasta, held at the Courthouse, Kilrush, Mr R. W. C. Reeves, D. L. in the chair. Dr J. F. Counihan, Kilrush, said he desired to propose a resolution which deeply concerned the commercial interests of the merchants and traders of Kilrush and Kilkee, and the other towns in West Clare. He alluded to the present postal service, which was one of the most backward and defective services imaginable. As an instance of this he might say that most of their mails had to remain at a standstill daily at Ennis for sixteen hours. He need not point out how injurious this was to the people in the present enlightened age of keen competition (hear, hear). Dr Counihan then proposed the following resolution:—"Resolved—That we, the magistrates and associated cesspayers of the Barony of Moyasta, in Presentment Sessions, assembled, this the 14th day of Nov. 1893, beg to

SHOCKING ACCIDENT ON THE GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

A shocking accident occurred last night at the local goods store of the Great Southern and Western Railway, resulting in the death of a man named John O'Farrell, who was in the employment of the company as steam riser, and also engaged at working the stationary water engine. About eight o'clock last night the dead body of O'Farrell was found by engine-driver Murphy, lying between the rails on a side line, at the goods store which leads to the tank where the engine receive their water supply, and the assumption is that the unfortunate man came in contact with the engine which about a quarter of an hour previously had passed upon the line for the purpose of getting a supply of water. When discovered, O'Farrell was quite dead, having sustained fearful injuries, his spine being broken. Dr Humphreys was promptly in attendance, but of course the poor man was beyond medical aid. Fuller details in connection with the sad occurrence will be learned from the evidence given at the inquest, which was held, this evening by Mr Coroner de Courcy, in the house of Mr J. Ryan, Carey's-road. Mr James E. Synan was the foreman of the jury. Sergeant Sherwood conducted the proceedings, and Head Constable M'Brinn was present to watch the case for the Crown.

Mr Kearney, station master at Limerick, and Mr Hayes, inspector of the Police Department, were present in the interest of the railway company.

Michael O'Farrell, son of the deceased, was first examined. In reply to Sergeant Sherwood, he deposed that his father resided in Dixon's Lane, and was about forty-seven years of age, and a widower; witness was employed in Killaloe, and he saw his father alive lastly on Monday; he identified the body as that of his father, who had been in the employment of the company for about thirty years.

Denis Murphy deposed that he is employed as engine-driver by the Great Southern and Western Railway Company; he had known the deceased for 17 years; he was engaged as steam riser and working the water engine; he saw him last alive yesterday evening about six o'clock; some few minutes after eight o'clock witness found the dead body of deceased lying between the rails on the side line; he gave the alarm, and one of the clerks and the stationmaster were soon on the scene; at about a quarter to eight o'clock witness took his engine from the shed up to the tank for the purpose of getting water; when he got down to the column he called out for "Jack," meaning the deceased, but receiving no reply he filled the tank himself and drove back into the shed; witness was going home when he found the body; the night was quite dark, and he could only see the dark object but could not discern what it was until he felt the deceased.

Sergeant Sherwood—Was the engine which you were driving supplied with the necessary lights?

Witness—Yes; there were two red lights—front and rear. Continuing, he said the engine was going at the rate of one mile an hour; when passing up or down he did not feel any shock; the smallest obstacle, if on the rails, would cause a shock, but the deceased must have been between the rails; and it was his opinion that the deceased got pulled down and was struck by the fire box; the deceased was perfectly sober when witness saw him at six o'clock; he did not think it extraordinary when the deceased did not reply to him, because it very often happened that he was not there; he whistled starting and when returning.

To the foreman—He did not see any person about the place at the time.

Maurice Hickey, fireman, deposed that he was with the last witness on the engine when they went to the tank; it was witness's duty to "watch out" and attend to the break; he did not see nor hear nor feel anything on the line; he believed he could not have seen the deceased, the night was so dark; he corroborated the last witness as to having taken the precaution of whistling when starting and when about to return; the deceased had not a lamp with him; the place was very dark.

To Mr McCormack, a juror—If the deceased had a lamp he would have seen him.

Mr P. Kearney, stationmaster at Limerick, deposed to receiving a telephone message last night about 8 o'clock that an accident had occurred at the goods store; he immediately proceeded to the place, and found the deceased lying across the rails in the position described; life was then extinct; he sent for Dr Humphreys, who was promptly in attendance; every employee of the Company in the capacity of the deceased was sur-

THE EVICTIONS AT BODYKE.

CONCLUDED YESTERDAY.

The evictions at Bodyke were resumed and concluded yesterday, when two out of three tenants were dispossessed, while the third man settled and was allowed to remain in his holding. The agent, Mr S. McAdam, with a couple of emergency men, all armed with Winchester repeating rifles, was again with the party, and the same force of Constabulary, under County-Inspector Thomas Moriarty and District-Inspectors Feeley and MacDonnell, to the number of about 100, accompanied the Sheriff. As on Tuesday, there was not the slightest display of resistance against the process of the law; and the crowd which assembled to the number of about two hundred contented themselves with hurling sarcastic and jeering remarks and cries at the agent and his bailiffs, the former being particularly singled out. The proceedings began about nine o'clock, when the party proceeded to the house of Martin Moloney, where after an offer of one year's rent of the amount due was made, but refused, the eviction was proceeded with expeditiously and quietly. John Halloran of "Halloran's Fort" notoriety, the scene of one of the fiercest and most exciting of the many sentimental incidents at the last campaign, was not visited. The eviction was carried out without the slightest opposition. The third tenant, Pat Wall, when the party arrived, affected a settlement with the agent, and was left undisturbed, and this brought the second Bodyke evictions to an early and unexpectedly peaceful termination. The large force of police is already dispersed, and the Sheriff—whose tact and extreme consideration for the tenants, and efforts to bring about a settlement in more than one case deserve more than special mention—returned to Ennis last night.

RIOTOUS FIGHTING IN WEST CLARE.

THE RINGLEADERS SENT TO GAOL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.) The magistrates presiding at the Knock Petty Sessions on Tuesday were—Messrs A. M. Harper, R. J. (chairman), and Colonel Lloyd.

District-Inspector J. Langthorne charged Peter Baker, Patrick Baker, Michael Dooley, Michael Baker, Michael Shannon, and Michael Meaney with riot, and also with seriously injuring a man named Gilligan, in the village of Kilmihill, on the 1st of November. He applied to have the summonses against Patrick Baker, Michael Dooley, and Peter Baker amended from one of riot to assault on several parties unknown, in the presence of Sergeant Carhue.

Mr O'Meehan, Ennis, said he appeared for the defendants, and offered no objection to the application before the court. He thought their worshipships should try the several cases which were all part and parcel of one another, before giving their decision.

The summons was accordingly amended.

Sergeant Carhue deposed—He was the sergeant in charge at Kilmihill; on the 1st of November, about four o'clock in the evening, a serious fight got up, in which sticks were freely used; saw Patrick Baker use an ashplant on several persons; he succeeded in getting the defendant into the lock up; saw Michael Dooley take part in the fight with a stick in his hand; witness assisted at his arrest.

Constable Flynn, examined, corroborated the testimony of last witness; assisted at the defendant's arrest, and succeeded with great difficulty in getting them into the barrack; Dooley was a ringleader.

A man named McDonnell swore that he was in Kilmihill on the 1st of November, and saw the faction fight; he was struck by parties whom he did not know; saw Peter Baker taking part in it, but could not identify any of the other accused.

In reply to Colonel Lloyd—Never saw any of the defendants before.

District Inspector Longthorne said that was the first portion of the case.

Sergeant Carhue, cross-examined, said he saw the commencement of the fight in which a large number of persons were engaged; he did not see the injured man Gilligan in it, but saw him afterwards; did not see him actively engaged in it; the day this faction fight took place was a fair day and a holiday.

Mr O'Meehan said there was something at the bottom of this which did not come out and which would account for this regrettable business. He was instructed his clients were only defending themselves from the other party, who were the aggressors. Certainly there was a lot of drink in the case.

Sergeant Carhue—The contending parties had drink enough taken to be in fighting order

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