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the function of the Institute to supply such men. He consulted on the matter, and found they had no one for it. A guardian at the last meeting said he was questioned why such an appointment should be made. If that was true why did not the Mechanics come to the union or write about the matter? They never previously questioned a Clerk of Works. When this matter was first introduced at the board he asked if there was any objection to Mr. Mathews. The reason he appointed the man was because he had experience of him, being engaged in the carrying out of one of the heaviest sewers in Limerick—that in the Circular-roads. He gave every satisfaction, and that was his reason for appointing him. He (Mr. O'Malley) did not know the man until six months ago, and having found the man efficient he engaged him.

Mr. O'Neill—Did you ever appoint a friend of Mr. Donnellan's? (Cries of Oh.)

Mr. Donnellan (quickly)—Never, sir. Did I ever ask you, Mr. O'Malley, to appoint a friend of mine?

Mr. O'Malley—The question Mr. O'Neill asks is if I ever appointed a friend of Mr. Donnellan's in the past. I did appoint one on two occasions.

Mr. Donnellan (loudly)—Never, never.

Mr. O'Malley (resuming)—And there is jealousy because he was not appointed this time—

Mr. Donnellan—That's untrue for you, and it becomes you (cries of order, order, and chair).

Chairman—I will not allow you to insult any member of this board,

Mr. O'Malley (interrupting)—I employed Wm. Creagh.

A Guardian—A brother-in-law.

Mr. Donnellan—I have no brother-in-law. He is nothing to me. I will put that lie down your throat. I want now to stand upon the broad question that this document was never presented to the board.

The Chairman—That has been decided.

Mr. Donnellan (continuing) said that with reference to Mathews, it was not on account of efficiency he was employed. He was employed by Mr. Power some years ago, and was idle ever since. He was given a job on the Circular road by his brother as time keeper—and that was his efficiency as clerk of works. He did not want to make any allegation against Mr. O'Malley or anyone else, but he contended that it was the clear duty of that board to make these appointments, and it was wrong for any officer to make them without the sanction of the board.

Chairman—The engineer procured a man, and we should stand by him (cries of hear, hear, and noise).

Mr. James Nolan proposed, and Mr. Costelloe seconded, a vote of confidence in the engineer.

Mr. Costelloe asked what was the use of having an engineer at all if they had not any confidence in him.

Mr. Corry said he was going to propose that day that a Clerk of Works be advertised for, but owing to the turn affairs had taken he would not.

Mr. Donnellan moved as an amendment that the specification be not adopted, and that a Clerk of Works be advertised for.

Mr. W. McNamara seconded.

Chairman—I won't receive that, because the specification is adopted and in the hands of the Local Government Board.

Mr. Donnellan—I propose that a Clerk of Works be advertised for.

The Chairman called for a show of hands, when a large majority put up their hands in favour of Mr. Nolan's resolution.

Mr. Donnellan called for a poll, and

The Chairman replied that he would not call it; that he would merely ask a show of hands, and that he took Mr. Donnellan's motion as a direct negative merely to show that he would get every fair play.

Mr. Donnellan (hotly)—I was never shown fair play here (cries of order, order).

The Chairman called for a show of hands.

Mr. Donnellan intervened, and demanded a poll.

The Chairman then having called for a show of hands for Mr. Donnellan's amendment, and considerable confusion ensuing, the result with that no one raised his hand.

The Chairman, amid applause from the largest section of the board, declared the vote of confidence in Mr. O'Malley passed.

Mr. O'Malley suitably returned thanks.

The Clerk next made an explanation in which he said that it would be in the recollection of the board that before the drainage scheme was formulated the plans and specifications necessarily came before the board because the amount was over £400. A requisition was handed round for signature to authorise the payment of this amount. That being so showed that the specification must of necessity have been before the board. If not the requisition could not be signed. After some time, at the request of Captain O'Brien, the £400 was included in the last estimate, proving that time after time the plans and other particulars of these works were before the members.

Several members voiced their confidence in Mr. Guinness, who had always proved himself a most efficient officer.

The Clerk was understood to say that he gave Mr. Donnellan credit for his convictions.

The incident then ended.

SURCHARGED LIMERICK GUARDIANS MULCTED A Heavy Roll

At to-day's meeting of the Limerick Guardians, the Clerk read the report of Mr. Cyril Brown, L.G.B. Auditor, who made several surcharges against members of the board. He disallowed five guineas in respect of a paying order made to Dr. J. S. Lane, same not being sanctioned by the Local Government Board. He surcharged therewith Patrick Bourke, J. Dalton and Captain O'Brien. In a paying order for £94 4s. 10d. to Mr. Owens, coal merchant, cash being out of date and illegal, he surcharged Patrick Bourke, James Nolan, and Patrick McInerney. For similar reasons he surcharged Mrs. Anne O'Brien, James O'Hogan, and James Dalton £11 13s. 6d. in respect of an order made to Br. McGrath; also James O'Regan, James Dalton, and Captain O'Brien the sum of £8 1s 11d in respect to an order paid to John Ryan and Son, same being likewise illegal and out of date.

The Chairman—Are these payments made? I can speak because I am not one of the parties surcharged.

Clerk—Yes, sir.

Chairman—Well, I don't think they will enforce them.

The Clerk said the auditor considered it his duty to surcharge them, and he was more or less bound to do so, but he (the clerk) would now submit a statement to the Local Government Board explaining the circumstances why the payments were made. When this was done he had no doubt the surcharge would not be enforced.

Mr. O'Brien, C.C.—Whose fault is it for bringing these bills before the guardians?

The Clerk said he did, but explained to the Finance Committee the obligations at stake.

The Chairman—At any rate there was not a penny paid in the wrong to anyone.

The Clerk—No, sir.

The incident ended, the general impression being that the Local Government Board would not persevere in making the surcharges.

GAEIC IN LIMERICK RE-NAMING THE STREETS

At the Corporation meeting on Monday night, the Town Clerk read the minutes of a committee, in which it was announced that a list had been given to the contractor to be put in one street in each ward the existing name in Irish. Mr. Nolan mentioned that it had already been decided to call Colowney-street, Wolfe Tone-street; Edward-street, Lord Edward-street; Military-road, O'Connell-avenue; Richmond-street, St. Joseph-street; Playhouse-lane, Little Gerald Griffin-street. A recommendation to call George street O'Connell-street, not being sanctioned by the committee, it was struck out.

Mr. Long said he did not remember any resolution changing the names of several of the streets being passed in the Council during his time as a member.

Mr. Slattery said it was passed 24 years ago.

Mr. Beag held that the members ought to be supplied with further information on the matter.

Alderman Daly would like to know the Nationality of the name "Mulgrave-street." It was a farce to be putting Saxon names up in Irish. Give them Irish names and put them up in Irish.

Mayor—The prefix is certainly Irish—"Mull."

Mr. Long—It refers to porter, you know (laughter).

Mr. Nash—The street is called after Lord Mulgrave, who was Lord Lieutenant in '47.

The Mayor remarked that the changing of the name of George-street could only be done by notice of motion.

Mr. Long said they should take the opinions of people in George-street on the matter. It should not be rushed at all.

Mayor—I have stated that it cannot be done unless by notice of motion.

Mr. Guinane—It is not before the chair at all.

The question of Mulgrave-street was referred back to the committee, and Mr. Bradshaw handed in a notice of motion that he would move at the next meeting that George-street be changed into O'Connell-street.

POLICE AND PEOPLE Affray at Kildyart

(FROM OUR DISTRICT CORRESPONDENT.) At the Kildyart Petty Sessions on Monday, before Messrs. Studdert-Gibson and John O'Connor, a case was heard at the suit of District-Inspector Patrick, H.I.C., which aroused much local interest. The defendants were—Thomas McNamara, Michael Casey, John Faikner, Junr.; Patrick Parcell, John Joseph O'Dea, Patrick McMahon, and Joseph Fitzgerald, and the charge against them was, that on the 3rd instant they, being members of a disorderly crowd to the number of forty persons, did on the public street at Kildyart unlawfully assault Police Constables Brien and McClear, while the latter were in the discharge of their duty.

CORRESPONDENCE

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.]

THE RECENT GAELIC LEAGUE CONCERTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK LEADER. DEAR MR. EDITOR—In your issue of the 23rd instant a letter appears, signed "Tomaisín," in which the writer refers to a dance at the concerts on the 18th and 19th instants. He has taken upon himself to criticise the event, which he is at perfect liberty to do, but in respect of it he has used language which renders his criticism unworthy of notice. The coarseness of expression is the main feature which will attract attention. It may be well to remind the critic, who calls himself an Irishman, that decency of expression, even in the English language, rather than a lack of it, is a characteristic of an Irishman. It is extremely unlikely that any information will be given about the matter by the Sarsfield Branch in consequence of the manner in which it was sought.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK LEADER.

DEAR SIR—With reference to the letter of "Tomaisín" in Monday evening's issue of your paper, kindly allow me to make a few remarks. His first reference is to one of the artists attempting to sing an English song. This lady, I venture to say, has far more experience of Gaelic League concerts than the Limerick Committee, and consequently know well that an English song, or Anglo-Irish if you like, would be more appreciated than an Irish one, which few of the audience understand. The Sarsfield Branch's representatives in the dancing line do not deserve the rather severe criticism of "Tomaisín," who compares them to a pair of peck goats jumping about on the side of an Irish mountain. Traditional Irish dancing, at least as far as figure dancing is concerned, is very tame, in fact rather monotonous, except to the very enthusiastic. Therefore, if expert dancers (with the assistance of the best professional teachers in Dublin) strike out on new and Irish lines, we should encourage rather than condemn them. About Mr. Donnelly's "bullying off" on last Saturday, it must be understood that it was not as Mr. Donnelly, Gaelic Leaguer, but as Mr. Donnelly, Chief Magistrate of Limerick, that he "bullied off."

Yours truly, Ceann Ueap.

THE WELL OF ST. MALO.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK LEADER. DEAR SIR—On perusing your issue on Monday night last, I came across a letter over the name of "Playgoer" with reference to the above subject, and to which I wish to make a very brief reply. If the writer was present at the performance given in the Athenaeum on the night of the 2nd ulto, it seems rather strange that he did not give utterance to his wounded feelings immediately afterwards, but waits for well nigh two months, until he makes his pilgrimage (imaginary or otherwise) to the blessed well itself, and then returning with his mind filled, not with obarby, but with calumny, takes up his pen to exhibit himself as a gladiator in the arena of controversy. My object is not controversy; I do not seek it, neither do I decline it, and so I begin my reply by saying *Áoisí doil éad naí y péise.* With the first part of his epistle I am not much concerned, nor shall I return him thanks for the unsolicited praise of the company whom I have the honour to represent, but when he states that the rounds of applause which punctuated the piece from the rise to the fall of the curtain, emanated from a limited number of the audience, then I beg to contradict him. Referring to "Black Shaw's" vocal abilities, perhaps "Mr. Playgoer" might instruct him in the musical art, as I have no doubt but that he would make a "capital master." I must also contradict him when he states that "Maura" was never out of the country, as the lady has spent the greater part of her life in England. By the way, as he is so Irish, why does he not spell her name in the same language? *Thiginn shu?* Now, regarding to him, the "unkindest cut of all," namely, the invitation of Limerick men, whom he designates "English hirelings," I think that their conduct is more upright, and their hearts more true and more Irish than his, although they may beat beneath a scarlet coat. In conclusion, I may tell "Mr. Playgoer" (or playgoers of his type) that I shall not be dictated to by him, or any body of men, regarding the selection of artistes so long as I am manager of the Limerick Amateur Dramatic Company, and if he does not want to be inflicted again with a second edition of the "slang jollity of the Cerkney accent," let him stay at home and bury his paltry piece of silver as the Apostles did with that of Judas Iscariot in the "Potters' Field." Thanking you in anticipation of insertion, I remain, yours faithfully, PATRICK A. O'CONNOR, Manager L.A.D.C.

THE RECENT AMUSEMENTS IN FOYNES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK LEADER. SIR—I beg to be permitted to make a few remarks

SPORTING NEWS

(SPECIAL TELEGRAMS)

WARWICK MEETING—THE UPTON SELLING STEEP TRAPPIST (P. Woodland); De Rougemont (Mr. R. Harper); Campans (Mr. A. Wood); Also ran—Bavil, Sweet Moments and steers.

(Winner trained by Davier) Betting—7 to 4 agst Trappist, 3 to 1 and De Rougemont, 8 to 1 agst the oth. Won by a length and a half; a bad third. THE WARWICK CLUB SELLING STEEPLECHASE.

Molester (Mr. Penze); Hearwood (P. Woodland). (Winner trained by Costello) Betting—2 to 1 on Hearwood. They made joint running for half when Hearwood refused, and Molester course alone.

THE KINETON NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE. Golden Rule (Mr. A. Gordon); Outpass (Owner); Charlton (Mr. R. Harper); Also ran—Clonilla, Faith.

(Winner trained by Gordon) Betting—11 to 1 on Outpass, 5 to 2 on Faith, 6 to 1 on Charlton, 10 to 1 on others.

Golden Rule made all the running for half a length; a bad third. THE WARWICK HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.

Cottenshope (Birch); Holmfirth (G. Green); The Dunlin (P. Moran); Also ran—Hollybush, Atty's Pride, stool.

(Winner trained by Burbridge) Betting—13 to 8 agst Cottenshope, The Dunlin, 3 to 1 agst Holmfirth, 10 to 1 on others.

Won by three lengths; four long second and third. THE AVON SELLING HURDLE Quilla (Palmer); Bucksfoot (L. Hall); Mawnd (P. Woodland); Also ran—Cutler, Babbette, Orsay, (Chilunchoe).

(Winner trained by owner) Betting—7 to 4 on Cutler, 7 to 1 agst Bucksfoot, Quilla, and Cornst 1 agst others.

Won by three-quarters of a length between second and third. Cutler was bumped at the last flight over the rails, receiving such terrible injury that he soon proved fatal. Goswell, the rider, escaped without injury.

THE COUNTY HURDLE HANTRY Abbeywood (Higham); The General (P. Woodland); Oddfish (C. Moran); Also ran—Irish Linen, Bushford Lass.

(Winner trained by Higham) Betting—9 to 4 agst Oddfish, 3 to 1 on ford Lass, 4 to 1 agst The General and 8 to 1 agst Abbeywood.

Bushford Lass led for half the journey; Abbeywood went to the front, and won by length; two lengths between second and third. THE BUDDBROOK MAIDEN HURDLE Hogarth (T. Garnett); St. Alexis (G. Wilson); Blythwood (Palmer); Also ran—Crail, Ard, Friday II., Mr. Bun, Hellin.

(Winner trained by Captain Cove) Betting—5 to 4 on Hogarth, 5 to 1 on Alexis, 4 to 1 agst Blythwood, 8 to 1 on II., 10 to 1 agst others.

Won by fifteen lengths; a bad third.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Munster Senior League

LIMERICK COUNTY FIXTURES Owing to the disappointments occasioned by the Limerick County football team at the week-end, the match between the College and Nenagh Ormonde Rovers has their willingness to travel and play at League level. Therefore, the match County v Queen's College, will be played at Markels Field to-morrow, and the Nenagh v Limerick match on Friday. The kick-off on both days sharp. The names of the teams have appeared in Monday's issue.

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