

PAINFULLY SUDDEN DEATHS.

FATHER AND SON IN AN HOUR.

Two painfully sudden deaths have occurred in the village of Athea, some six miles from Gln. It would seem that a young man named Shine, a letter-carrier, after completing his rounds entered his parents' house and proceeded at once to his room. His mother observing something peculiar in his appearance spoke to him, but receiving no reply went into the apartment where she was shocked to find him stretched on the bed dying. He expired in a few moments. The father, John Shine, a blacksmith, was not in the house at the time of his son's sad death, but arrived shortly after. Scarcely had he crossed the threshold when—it is supposed from the terrible shock he received—he fell down dead. These sad deaths have cast a gloom over the district, and the sympathy of all classes is extended to the heartbroken widow and mother and her children in their bereavement.

IMPORTANT WILL CASE.

UNFOUNDED ASSERTIONS REBUKED.

At Kilrush Quarter Sessions on Thursday evening before His Honor, Judge Carton, K.C., an important case was heard in which it was sought to upset the will of the late Mr Charles Bourke, Coach Builder, Kilrush, made in favour of his widow, on the grounds of undue influence, and want of testamentary capacity.

The moving party in the suit was Miss Hanora Bourke, a sister of the deceased, who has the custody of two daughters of the deceased by a former marriage, and who in the will now contested were left one of the assets which were devised entirely to his second wife and children.

Mr. Crowe, B.L. (instructed by Mr. Hilliard, solicitor), appeared to sustain the will, and Mr. Comyn, B.L. (instructed by Mr. Kelly, solicitor), was on the other side.

A number of witnesses were examined, including Mr. M. Hastings and Mr. Thomas Bourke, who were the witnesses to the instrument executed. They swore that the deceased appeared to be in full possession of all his faculties when the will was made on the 31st May. The deceased died the July following.

Rev. J. Hannan, C.C.; Mr. John Lillis, Law Clerk; and Mr. Hilliard, solicitor, were also examined, the latter, who had a long acquaintance with the deceased, describing him as one of the best and most temperate men he ever met or knew.

In favour of upsetting the will, Miss Bourke and others were examined, and after a lengthened hearing.

His Honor held that the allegation of intemperance had completely failed, and there was no evidence as to undue influence on the part of Mrs Bourke. To mark his censure of the impropriety of bringing charges against this man's memory, which were not sustainable, he would give costs against the instructing party, Miss Hanora Bourke. He gave judgment in favour of the will executed.

The result was received with expressions of favour in a crowded Court.

WINDOW BREAKING BY A SOLDIER.

At the City Petty Sessions yesterday, Private John Roberts of the Yorkshire Regiment, was charged by Constable O'Gorman with breaking a plate glass window in Messrs. Cannock and Com-

ENNIS URBAN COUNCIL.

THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COUNCIL.

At a special meeting on Thursday of the Ennis Urban Council (the last of the present body), Mr. P. J. Linnane, J.P. (chairman) presiding.

Mr. M. S. Honan said that there was an erroneous impression with regard to this taxation, which he would like to correct. The rate they had struck in the last year was 9s. 10d. in the £, and most of the people in the town did not know where that 9s. 10d. went, but if a man had a £1, or £20 valuation, half of it went to meet the expenses of the town (hear, hear). One thing he would like to impress on the board who might not have thought of the matter, and also on the people of the town, who were so deeply interested, was that over some portion of the 9s. 10d., that board had not the slightest control. This sum was made up of two items, one was the demand made by the County Council on that board, to meet the expenses of the county, and the other item was taxation on the people of the town to maintain the town. The demand from the Council was 5s. in the £, and over that the Board had not the slightest control. The County Council considered that that Board had a right to pay a certain sum of money to them, and the last amount by them he found was £2,037 5s 6d. They could not in the slightest demur against that; they must pay it, they were responsible for it, and it did not come into their head at all to use a single penny of it. They had merely to collect it and hand it over to the County Council. But the next item was the sum of 4s 10d. and the townspeople ought to consider that this sum was the only sum they had to manage with or disburse in the town. Out of that they had to meet the interest on the loans that constructed the water-works, which was a big sum, and which was taking a good lot off it; they must pay the interest on the sewage loans, and pay for the lighting of the town, the cleansing, making the roads, salaries, printing, and all incidental expenses necessary for the maintenance and good order of the town. When the people considered that the Board had to meet all these expenses out of 4s 10d., he thought very little blame would rest on the Board for the expenditure; in fact he would say it was rather a light expenditure. It was big in a way if they remembered in the past their rates were 11s. and once they were over 12s.

Mr. O'Moloney: They were 13s. 4d. one time. Mr. Honan: It is perfectly well known that taxation has grown up and that increased taxation full on the people of the town because they did not get a single penny off the land-lord, 9s. 10d. was rather a big sum, but 5s came out of that, out of their hands, and they had but this 4s 10d to depend on. The only thing they had to do, or the people who would get back in their stead, was to apply themselves to the sewerage, the cleansing, the lighting, and the maintenance of the water-works for the present, and should economise as far as structural alterations were concerned, and other new works. If they did not they would cripple the town, because taxation was on the increase. He made that statement to show how taxation went (hear, hear), and in order that the people would not think that the town was taxed to an enormous extent, and that they would know where the money was going. They had not been slow in their duty in regard to anything. After getting the bill from the County Council for £2,037 5s 6d, finding it was too high, and that it brought a big balance against them of £358 6s 1d. that board remembered that Mr. Keane, Mr. Cahill, and himself went to the Co. Council, and debated the question so clearly as to how the Co. Council wanted so much, and how it accrued, that they agreed to give the Urban Council back a sum of £230 out of that £358, and he (Mr. Honan) wanted to remind the Town Clerk that sum was an asset of theirs, and furthermore, that

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