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TULSK NOTES.

(BY SNOW STORM.)

The Last of The Taaffes.

The last of the Taaffes, of Foxboro', has gone over to the majority as during the week Mr Patrick Taaffe, who has been resident for some time in Dublin, has been laid to rest in Glasnevin, the remains being thus interred far from kindred clay. Foxboro' is at last without a Taaffe, and tradition says that such was prophesied by an old priest, some forty years ago, when the Taaffes made a jest or laugh of in the presence of Dr Talbot, the first Bishop of Elphin. But in any case there is no Taaffe in the property, and we are left according to the lease, it may be said to the French Land. From whom it was originally purchased, and we congratulate Major French on his good luck. The name of Taaffe was a name to conjure with at one time in Roscommon, as stockmasters, and showyard exhibitors they were known the world over. It was nigh impossible to defeat their exhibits of cattle and sheep, especially rams, at the Dublin Society's Show. The auction held at Rathcroghan, of the Taaffe Estate on the death of old Pat Taaffe (father of the present squire) will be long remembered by all whom were present, as it was the greatest of its kind ever held in the country by Messrs Gangly, Sons & Parker. A feature of the sale was the bidding between the brothers—Pat and Plunkett Taaffe for a ram, which ultimately fell to the nod of the latter at £150, and this was the means of giving the Taaffe exhibits a terrible hot flavour all

over the country, although the ram was not really worth more than a tenner. The Taaffes were famous horsemen, and their feats on the hunting field are told around the winter firesides by the seanchaibhs still. It was they who brought the famous hunter sire "Wall Scarlet" into prominence, and he might like many another good horse have passed his days in obscurity, and have wasted his sweetness on the desert air. As agents and landlords they were very popular amongst the people, and were ever ready to do a good turn when approached, and the many retainers of the late squire deeply regret his rather sudden demise. Mr Taaffe was a D.L., for the County Roscommon.

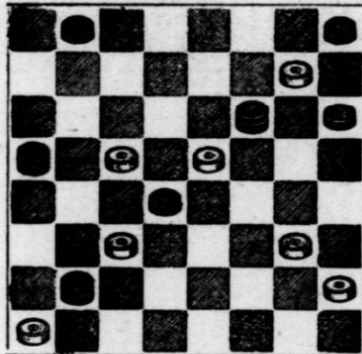
Above— from the Strokestown Democrat December 1915 ('Snow Storm' was the alias used by the Tusk notes writer) and below— Killina Draughts— from the Strokestown Democrat, December 1924

Draught Tournament.

The Killina Social Club have organised a Draught Tournament for the 14th Night to be held at the local hall. The prizes offered include a silver medal with gold setting for the winner, and a silver medal for the runner up. The play will start at 8 o'clock. Any person wishful to compete should send in their entry fee of 2s 6d to Mr. A. Conry, before 8th January. The competition is open to the county.

PROBLEM No 379.

By J. CAMERON, of Kemnay. BLACK.



WHITE. White to move and win.

A GRAND DANCE

In the Plunkett Hall, Castleplunkett
SUNDAY NIGHT, OCT. 25th, '53
Music by—Dominick Noone and his first-class Band, Roscommon.
Dancing—7 to Midnight. Adm., 4s.
Refreshments available. Come early and enjoy dancing to the beautiful strains of above band. 8856

Above from Ros Herald October 1953



COUNTY OF ROSCOMMON.

To be Let,

WITH OR WITHOUT A FINE,
For such Term of Years or Lives as
may be agreed on,

LISNANEEN.

CONTAINING 105a., or thereabouts, of excellent arable, meadow, and pasture Land; and 50a of good pasturable Bog, partly cut away, and partly reclaimed—about 35a. thereof are excellent Turbary, which, from the scarcity of Fuel in that part of the country makes same particularly valuable

There is a good DWELLING-HOUSE and OFFICES on the Land, a large and a small yard, both enclosed by a well-built, solid wall, from 10 to 12 feet high, besides a good Garden and Orchard, containing a choice variety, in full bearing, of young and healthy Fruit Trees of the best sorts, well enclosed and partly surrounded by a new and solid built wall, from 12 to 14 feet high; there is a quarry and plenty of Limestone Gravel on the Land, and a Lake, which affords an abundant supply of Fish; also, a never-failing spring of excellent pure Water convenient to the Dwelling.

From 25 to 30 acres contiguous to the Dwelling-house, have been some years since laid out in the best manner in rich Grass and Clover, and are now in good heart, and well divided by durable sunk ditches, faced with beech and thriving Whitethorn Quicks.

Lisnaneen is situate in a pleasant and sporting neighbourhood, within 8 miles of Roscommon, 4 of Elphin, 4 of Strokestown, and 1 of Tusk, all Market and Post Towns; and a new line of Road from Strokestown to Castleland and Tusk runs through the Land, and within a short distance of the Dwelling-House.

Proposals in writing (if by letter post paid) will be received by ROBERT NOLAN, Esq., 70, Marlborough-street, Dublin.

Mr. EDWARD FLYNN of Tusk, will send a person to show the Lands.

Above from The Roscommon Journal & Western Impartial Reporter, February 1837

Tulsk Notes (Co. Roscommon).

Storm and Flood.

After a spell of good weather, and when the land was becoming firm under foot, a change came, and for the ensuing four days rain fell in torrents. The ran was accompanied by a strong gale, but no material damage was done by it. Householders were hoping against hope that the month, which began well, would continue favourable to the end and that a chance would be afforded them to get their winter's fuel off the bogs if only in a half-saved condition itself. A good deal of fuel was taken home, but the main supply remains on the bogs, and will winter there seemingly.

The Fuel Famine.

A great deal of timber is being cut down all over mid-Roscommon to combat the threatened fuel famine, and many woods are becoming denuded of very old trees. A cargo of coal arrived here from Arigna, but the people, though badly in need of fire stuff, did not like the coal and it had to be taken away again.

Football.

The proposed football match between the Lord Edwards and Roscommon town at Strokestown on Sunday last had to be cancelled owing to the severity of the weather and the state of the ground, as no team could play anything like a decent game of football in any field under the conditions. This is not a championship; it is merely a real test as to which of the teams is the superior, and in order to properly decide this it is essential that the atmosphere be on its best behaviour and the playing pitch firm and as normal as the usual condition of the month can permit.

Canine Ravages.

Dogs are on the prowl for the Christmas goose already, and many flocks of geese have been visited in this locality and considerably thinned. Some attribute the ravages to foxes, but foxes usually bring away their victim. In these cases the carcasses have been left behind.

"Fall" in Sheep.

The "fall" in sheep continues, and from all sides we hear flockmasters big and small complaining of the decimation made in their folds by disease owing to the wet summer. Many flockmasters are disposing of their entire fold, especially ewes, as they fear the consequence during the lambing season next spring. Several butchers say that they cannot sell a sheep's liver at all lately, owing to how they have become diseased.

The Rates.

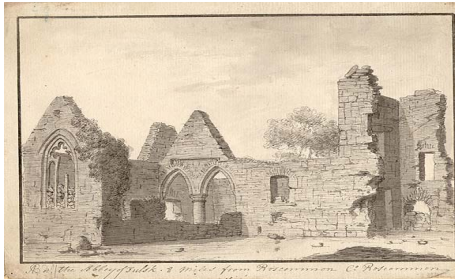
There seems to be a crusade against paying rates until all arrears have been paid up and the defaulters exposed or prosecuted. It is hard to see the meaning of making one party pay up while another class are let go scot free.

Rathnagly Dance Postponed.

The Committee of the above have decided to postpone the Dance to Sunday week, December 7th, owing to the musical arrangements having not been fully perfected. The dance will be the event of the season in the district.

Remembering—Felix Dowell (1640-1707), Roman Catholic priest and martyr, from A Dictionary of Roscommon Biography by Mike Lennon

A native of Mantua, Elphin, Dowell entered the Dominican order at Tulsk and finished his studies at Valladolid, Spain where he was ordained a priest. He taught theology in Sardinia and in 1680 was prior in San Clemente in Rome. He later returned to Ireland and in 1689 was seconded from Roscommon Abbey as a chaplain to James II's army at Boyle. He was captured at the Battle of Boyle, imprisoned in Dublin but escaped to England where he was re-



Tulsk Abbey, where Felix Dowell served with the Dominicans (sketch by Angelo Maria Bigari 1779)

arrested. He was released and expelled to Spain. Because of the shortage of priests in Ireland due to the Penal laws, he attempted to return but was arrested at Ringsend in 1706. Making no secret of his priesthood, he was convicted and sent to Dublin's Newgate Prison where he died a year later.

FIVE SHILLINGS REWARD.—LOST, at the Fair of Castleplunkett, on the 11th October, a PAIR OF SPECTACLES made by Mr Solomon, Dublin, belonging to the Rev. T. O'Beirne, P.P., Breahie, Diocese of Elphin. Any person who will return them to the Owner will receive a reward of Five Shillings.

Above: Dublin Weekly News 30/11/1867

SALE OF A VALUABLE HOLDING AT TULSK.

THE Undernamed have been instructed by Mrs Bedela Hill, of Tusk, to Sell by

Public Auction

AT THE

Court-House, Elphin,

On Saturday, the 3rd November, 1906,

At Two o'clock, unless previously deposed of, the Tenant's interest in part of the Lands of AGHLOONAGH, GRANGE AND STEIL, adjoining Tusk, County Roscommon, with the Dwelling House, &c, thereon.

The Lands contain 106 acres, 2 roods, and 35 perches or thereabouts, statute measure, and are held under Captain P. R. French under Statutory Tenancy at the yearly judicial rent of £66; Poor Law Valuation, £84.

These Lands, in the best part of the County Roscommon, are well known for their desirable situation and fattening qualities, and should prove an excellent investment for any person desiring to extend their farming operations.

Purchasers by private treaty or public contract to pay 2½ per cent Auctioneer's commission.

For Further particulars apply to

JOHN M WHELAN,
Solicitor, Roscommon;

A O H.

TULSK DIVISION—NO 670

The usual monthly meeting of the above Division was held in the League Rooms on Sunday last, the president, Brother P Shanagher, C.C, presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. Monthly dues were collected and placed to credit of the Division. Three new members were initiated and two proposed for initiation at next meeting. Brother T Flanagan produced a crawling of Ognilla will which is the motto intended for the new banner. The secretary was instructed to forward same to the artist. Proposed by Brother P Shanagher and seconded by Brother J E Flanagan:—"That be the members of this Division, wish to convey to Mr Charles Flanagan, of Monaboy, our best thanks for his very artistic and complete sketch of the Ognilla will, as it is a credit not only to himself but to the parish of Tusk." Brothers James E Flanagan, Peter Duffy, and the president were appointed to attend the National Convention in Dublin on the 23rd inst, when the Home Rule Bill will be discussed in all its details. Brother Peter Lowry was appointed to represent the Division at the Co Board meeting in Strokestown on the 8th inst. The following were appointed to represent the Division at the Roscommon demonstration:—Brothers J J Healy, J Mulrennan, J Shanagher, P Lowry, M Lecaghau. After transacting routine business, the meeting closed in the usual form.—SEC.

Above: Notes for lay Catholic organisation the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Tusk Division, from Roscommon Messenger April 1912

**TO-MORROW (FRIDAY),
THE MONSTER SALE
AT
RATHCROGHAN CROSS-ROADS,
3 miles from Castlerea and 7 from Roscommon,
For the Representatives of the late P. P. Taaffe, Esq., J.P.,
of about
100 trained and untrained Horses,
300 head of fat and store Cattle,
2,000 prime long-woolled Sheep, &c., &c.
Vide Posters and Catalogues to be had on application to
the Auctioneers,
GANLY, SONS, and PARKER,
Usher's-quay, Dublin;
and Longford.**

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Above from The Freeman's Journal, September 1873

Notes from November 1924, Ros Herald

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