



THE TULSK MORNING HOWL

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TULSK WHIST DRIVE

will be held on
SUNDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 25th,
—at—
TULSK NATIONAL SCHOOL,
commencing at 8 p.m., sharp.
SUBSTANTIAL PRIZES.
SCORING CARDS, 2s. 6d. 990

Above: *Roscommon Herald*, Jan 10 1931

TULSK A.O.H. AND THE IRISH PARTY.

Roscommon, Wednesday.
At the monthly meeting of the Tulsk division of the A.O.H., held in the League Rooms on Sunday last, Brother Peter Shanagher, C.C., in the chair, the following resolution was unanimously passed, and copies directed to be sent to Messrs. John E. Redmond and Joseph Devlin, M.P.'s.—“That we, the members of the Tulsk Division of the A.O.H., hereby express our unbounded confidence in the Irish Parliamentary Party under the distinguished leadership of Mr John E. Redmond, a statesman among statesmen; and we congratulate that gallant body in effecting the muzzling of the House of Lords, the hereditary enemy of Ireland; and we pledge ourselves to support that heroic body by every means in our power until the old harp and sunburst waves independently above the portals of College Green.”

Above: *Freeman's Journal*, October 19, 1911 (meeting of the Ancient Order of Hibernians)

TULSK NEWS.

DANCE AT CLASHAGANNY.

A subscription dance will be held in the schoolrooms, Clashaganny, on Sunday fortnight, 18th inst, and judging by previous entertainments there will be no lack of sport, as the committee always dispense with half way measures and do everything in the most up-to-date style.

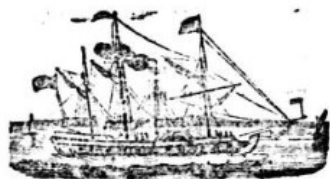
COTTAGE REPAIRS.

Mr John Flanagan (clerk of works) has made his inspection of the several labourers' cottages throughout the union, and all in need of repairs have been efficiently reported upon, and are up for tender.

THE BAND.

The band is beginning to make itself heard around the district for the past fortnight, but we find that many of our young musicians are absenting themselves from practice, a thing which they sadly need.

Above: 'Tulsk News' from *The Roscommon Messenger*, 3rd February 1912



PROSPECTUS OF THE Grand Atlantic Railway, AND STEAM PACKET COMPANY.

Proceeding from DUBLIN through the Counties of Meath, Westmeath, Longford and Roscommon,—by Mullingar, Longford, Tulsk, Foxford, Ballina and Crossmalina to BLACKSOD and BROAD HAVEN BAYS in the County of Mayo,—with a Branch by Tulsk and Tuam to Galway.

The Company will also establish 10 first-rate Steamers to ply between Blacksod Bay and New York and Halifax—and 6 Small Steamers to ply between the Azores, Madeira, Spain and Portugal.

It is calculated that at least two thirds of the trade from Liverpool to the United States will take its course through this route, as the voyage from New-York to Blacksod Bay, may be performed in about Eleven Days, by a Steamer, and from Dublin to Liverpool in 12 hours, whereas a Month and Three Days is now the average voyage from America to Liverpool, with the risk and danger of the whole of the South-west coast of Ireland and up St. George's Channel. As a matter of course the trade between Dublin and Liverpool will thus be increased to an incalculable extent. In addition to making this safe and extensive harbour so available to the General Spread of Commerce in Ireland, the Railway will have the most important effects in facilitating internal intercourse, encouraging trade and agriculture, and all kinds of Industry, not only in the Counties through which it will pass, but in the Counties adjacent. A Railway has been commenced from New-York to Lake Erie, a distance of 350 miles, which will thus render the communication between Great Britain and the interior of America easy and moderate, and from its numerous local advantages, Blacksod Bay must necessarily command a considerable trade with the Southern parts of Scotland.

The Capital required for this great project, it is estimated, will be about £2,000,000 sterling, which, it is proposed to raise in 20,000 Shares at £100 each.

Two years are expected to complete the works, and there can be little doubt that Government will advance £1,000,000 in Exchequer Bills in aid of this great National undertaking as soon as a sufficient number of shares are subscribed for, a public meeting will be held for the purpose of electing Directors and adopting regulations for the Government of the Company. It is intended to form a Committee in Dublin and Ballina, to act in communication with the London Committee. A deposit of £2 per share to be paid into the Bank of Messrs. Boyle, Low, Pim & Co. Dublin.

Subscribers will not be answerable beyond the amount of their actual deposits, should the act not be obtained; and if obtained, not beyond the amount of their respective Shares. The deposits of Subscribers shall be available to the expenses of the undertakings, such as making surveys, and applying for an Act of Parliament, &c.

Application for shares to be made, on or before the 20th October next, to Messrs. YATES & TURNER, Solicitors, Great George's-street, Westminster; or, HENRY LEAHY, Esq. Solicitor, 1, Merrion-square West, Dublin—of whom Prospectuses and all further information may be obtained.

All communications to be post-paid.

Above: *Roscommon & Leitrim Gazette*, 03 Oct. 1835. To serve a proposed new Mayo shipping port, the planned railway through Ireland—to have a junction in Tulsk—was scrapped when Blacksod Bay was deemed unsuitable (and dangerous) for docking ships.

NEW COURT AT TULSK.

The I.A.H.U. tournament organised in connection with the new Court at Tulsk proved a success. As will be seen by the results the best exponents under these rules were engaged, and the exhibitions delighted a big gallery. Results:—

Sen. H.B.—J. Clarke and J. Purcell (Carlow) beat P. Duggan and Chris. Daly (Dublin)—21-4, 21-15, 21-10. J. J. Kelly (ex All Ireland champion) and Gus. Weldon beat Tom Leahy (champion) and J. P. Purcell (Carlow)—21-5, 5-21, 21-1, 21-13.

Sen. S.B.—C. Ryan and A. Finn (Garda) beat Feeley and Monaghan (Nobber), 21-11, 21-13, in the semi-final, and in the final beat Chris. Daly and F. Maguire (Dublin)—21-13, 21-15, 15-21, 17-21, 21-12.

Above: Handball results for the Irish Amateur Handball Union (IAHU) tournament in Tulsk, mid-June 1933 (*Roscommon Messenger*)

Death of an "Old Sport."

The death occurred at his residence, Ogulla, Tulsk, on the 11th inst., of Mr. James Rogers at the age of 85 years. The deceased was a well-known figure at all racing and sporting fixtures, including coursing, in this and the neighbouring counties, he was a great shot with the gun, and many a brace of snipe fell victims to his unerring aim. He was of a deeply religious disposition and was a member of the Sacred Heart Association since its formation in Tulsk parish. He was always a staunch Nationalist, and a strong supporter of every National movement. He leaves a widow and two daughters, Miss Mary Jane Rogers and Mrs. Nora McCormack, and six sons, Patrick, Dominick, Thomas, Bernard, Michael and James, the three latter being in New Jersey, U.S.A. After Solemn Requiem Mass at Tulsk Chapel on 12th inst., the funeral which was of immense proportions, took place to the family burial plot in Tubberleva Cemetery. To his sorrowing family and relatives we tender our sympathy. May he rest in peace.

Above: *Roscommon Messenger* December 26, 1931.

CASTLEPLUNKETT MAY FAIR

Will be held this Year on
NEXT MONDAY, MAY 12TH.

(1884)

Remembering: Michael Cuttle (1878-1951). From *A Dictionary of Roscommon Biography* by Mike Lennon.

A native of Ballybeg, Ogulla, Michael Cuttle was a shepherd, farmer and athlete. He worked with his father and brothers as a herd for local farmers. He was a prominent half-miler (runner) in the west of Ireland and held the Connacht championship at the distance from 1901 to 1906. He also competed successfully at lesser distances. Later, he acted as a handicapper at the Tailteann Games and for the National Athletics & Cycling Association. Afterwards, he farmed in his native Ballybeg.

Other notes on Michael Cuttle include a Roscommon Herald article in 1957 that remembered him as "the greatest and certainly one of the two greatest athletes ever produced in the county who did not gain national honours." The article continued by stating that Cuttle "had a perfect style, held his body rigid, his hands characteristically, and moved with an easy, free, devastating stride. McKenzie, the then Irish champion, was beaten by him in Castlereagh." James J. McKenzie was a multiple Irish champion who had represented Ireland in the international arena—he tried but failed to get Cuttle to sign for a top Dublin athletics club. In November 1951 Michael Cuttle died in Roscommon Hospital after being struck from his bike by a van on his way home from Boyle. He had got up that morning at 6am to cycle to the fair in the town. He was laid to rest in Toberelva cemetery, Castleplunkett.

Death of Mr Patrick Larkin, Lisadurn.

A correspondent writes:—Seldom has it fallen to the lot of an individual with deeper feelings of sad regret than on this melancholy occasion, your humble correspondent has to chronicle the demise of an esteemed and patriotic Irishman of the old school of politics, who has passed away from our midst at the age of 76 years, in the person of Mr Patrick Larkin, of Lisadurn, which sad event took place at his residence on the 26th ult, at 10 p.m., fortified with the rites of the holy Roman Catholic Church, of which he was a pious and devoted member. He has gone to his reward. The sad funeral cortege took place to the family burial ground at Killina, on the 28th ult, followed by a large circle of friends and sympathisers, by whom the deceased was held in the highest esteem for his sterling qualities as a friend, and an Irishman of the first water. Throughout his life he was a stern adherent to the sayings and teachings of Daniel O'Connell, by whom he was made a Repealer in his cradle, and treasured the fund "insignia" to the last. He heard O'Connell lecture for a brief period in the year 1841, in the small village of Tulske, and would often repeat of an evening by his quiet fireside, to the youths who would assemble, his reminiscences of the great Liberator, especially his allusion to Strafford's rotten "burg" of Tulske, that at one time returned two members to the Irish Parliament House. O'Connell's words were, "he believed he now stood in one of the notorious Strafford's 'rotten boroughs,' where were the freemen that returned two members to an Irish Parliament; all he was told existed there now was a pound-keeper, a gamekeeper, a dog-keeper, and a process-server, and, he forgot to mention, an inn-keeper, all of these ready to obey the dictates of their employers, the landlords and neighbouring squireens; but, he could assure them, the day was dawning fast when a hardy peasantry, a country's pride, would dwell on that fertile plain surrounding where he now stood." Hoping I have not trespassed too much on your valuable space in memorialising one whose memory will be ever dear to me, and in which I join issue with Hamlet "he was a man, take him all in all; I shall not look upon his like again."

The above letter to the editor of the *Roscommon Messenger* in February 1910, on the death of Patrick Larkin, Lisadurn Elphin—who was laid to rest in Killina—notes that the deceased had remembered the 'Liberator' Daniel O'Connell giving a lecture in Tulske. It is notable in that this piece of text is the only one that has recalled this significant event (that we know of).

AN ENTERTAINMENT
WILL BE GIVEN BY
Mr PERCY FRENCH
IN THE
COURTHOUSE, ROSCOMMON,
On FEBRUARY 26th,
At 8 p.m.
The profits to be equally divided between the Nurse's Fund and the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.
Tickets—Price, 3s, 2s, and 1s, to be obtained from Mr Phillips, Medical Hall; Mr E P Murray, Main Street. R

Above: *Roscommon Messenger*, February 1906

INSTRUCTION IN DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

On Friday last Miss O'Kelly concluded her six weeks' course of lessons in domestic science in Rathnagly school, and the pity of it is that she could not remain on longer, as her instruction was certainly invaluable to the young ladies of the neighbourhood. Indeed we must say the classes were not by any means well attended and her efforts not appreciated by half. We, Irish, are far too bigoted and conservative, and cannot be made to feel that our old-fashioned methods are long ago obsolete. We say that what was good enough for our forefathers should be good enough for us, and so on. That is ridiculous; if we are to be a progressive nation we must move with the times, and the times are changing rapidly. No one should be too proud to learn, and there is no one, no matter how clever they are, but can get a few pointers. We trust the ladies of Ballintubber will appreciate to the full the advent of Miss O'Kelly amongst them and gain all the knowledge they can from her well-stocked mind during her sojourn there.

Above: *Roscommon Messenger* February 1912

CASTLEPLUNKET NEWS.

DEATH OF MR EDWARD BEIRNE, LISHEENAVADDY.

We announce with extreme regret the death of Mr Edward Beirne, Lisheenavaddy, Castleplunket, which occurred, after a tedious illness, on Wednesday, 12th inst, at the advanced age of 71 years. Deceased belonged to a well-known and much-esteemed family, and by his upright character and integrity made many warm personal friends. Deceased pursued the avocation of shepherd, and in the recent movement of that body took a prominent and enthusiastic part. He attended the various meetings of the herds in mid Roscommon last autumn. A few months ago he got a farm of thirty acres when the untenanted farm on Goff's estate at Mulligallon was divided amongst the tenantry, although he did not survive long to enjoy it. It was, however, a source of comfort and consolation to him in his last moments that he left his children well prepared for a worldly point of view to face the future. Deceased was a good Christian and received the last rites of Roman Catholic Church a few days prior to his death. He was a fluent speaker of the Irish tongue, and whenever possible communicated his ideas through the language of ancient Erin. The National cause had in him a generous supporter in the various movements of the last half century. Belonging to a generation when our National pastimes were practiced in every hamlet and town, he heartily despised the imported games which in the meantime had found favour with a section of the youth of the country. An enthusiastic supporter on principle of home-made articles, he never wore a boot or suit of clothes but those of Irish manufacture. The sad news of his death was received with general regret, and the large funeral procession which followed his remains to Tubberelva cemetery on Friday, 14th inst, testified to the respect in which deceased was held. The Rev E Morgan, C.C, officiated at the graveside. May his soul rest in peace.

NEW WORKS.

The Councillors for this district have two notices on the agenda which will come up for consideration at the next quarterly meeting of Castlereagh District Council. The projecting wall at Lisolway post office is an old project which crops up every year, but happens to be flung overboard everytime. The work at Kilmurray chapel, brought forward by Mr Thos Concannon, is urgently needed. As Mr Concannon always fights his corner with pluck and determination, the project stands a good chance of being sanctioned.

Above news from *The Roscommon Messenger* July 1905