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TULSK NEWS.

THE WINTER OUTLOOK.

Notwithstanding the unpropitious weather, the farmers have their crops well secured this year, and all the potato crop has been pitted early. The yield was small and in some instances worthless, and not worth the labour of raising even for pig-feeding. Potatoes promise to be very dear next spring, if seed is available at any money. Pig-feeding is over for this winter, and consequently bonhams are in no demand. Should the railway crisis continue there will be jubilation in many a home amongst the young folk, as they will have the pleasure of seeing their own curing on the plate as no pigs will be bought, and people will be forced to kill and consume them themselves.

WILD GEESE.

The wild geese have arrived in large flocks already, and this, in the opinion of old connoisseurs, portends a very severe winter. Game and wild birds are very plentiful, in fact we never saw the plover so plentiful since the "election of the snows," and the same applies to the hare. There are no ravages amongst the flocks with guns, as all the sporting arms have been taken up, and the feathered tribe, at least, do not bewail their disappearance.

AUCTION OF LAND AT OLASHAGANNY.

On Tuesday last Mr George O'Reilly, auctioneer, Strokestown, sold a farm of land at Olashaganny, the property of Mrs B McDermott, comprising 37 statute acres, for the sum of £1,615, the purchaser being Mr Jeremiah Donnellan, of Willegrove, Ballinabber. There was spirited competition, and we congratulate Mr Donnellan on his new purchase.

Above: Roscommon Messenger, 13 November, 1920. Below: Irish Independent, March 1974

TULSK CO-OPERATIVE LIVESTOCK MART LIMITED
SALE Tues. 12th March
FOR ENQUIRIES PHONE TULSK 18

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS.

Tulsk Division, No. 676 (Co. Roscommon).

A special meeting of the above Division was held on Sunday last. Bro. P. J. Shanagher, Co.C., presided, and subsequently Bro. Flannery. A good deal of correspondence was dealt with, the consideration of part of which was adjourned to next meeting. A suitable design was chosen for the new Banner, the selection of which was productive of a pretty long debate. A resolution sympathising with Mr. J. E. Redmond, M.P., on his recent mishap, and congratulating him on his speedy recovery, was unanimously adopted. Next meeting will be held on February 4th, when all members are requested to be in attendance.—Joseph A. Feeney, Rec. Sec.

Above: Roscommon Herald, 27 January, 1912.

A Descendant of Irish Kings.

The O'Rourke, whose engagement to Miss Vivienne Marjorie Ayley is announced today, is Surgeon Lieutenant Patrick Joseph Alfred O'Connor, R.N. He is the second surviving son of Martin O'Connor, of Strokestown, County Roscommon, and of Margaret O'Rourke (the O'Rourke), of Cloonyquinn, Tulsk, County Roscommon, whom he succeeded in 1917.

He is thirty years of age. The O'Rourke is a descendant and the representative of the O'Rourkes, Princes of Breffin from 415 to 1418, of whom the O'Connors, King, or Ireland were the immediate paternal ancestors.

Miss Ayley is the daughter of Commander R. Ayley, R.N., and Mrs. Ayley, St. Croix, Southsea.

Above: Coventry Evening Telegraph (Eng.), 17 April, 1928.

Killina (Co. Roscommon) Demonstration.

A very large demonstration was held on Sunday last in the district of the Killina Branch within five miles of Strokestown, to express their opinions on a case of land-grabbing, and strengthen the National cause. The platform was erected in a field adjoining the road, and contingents with bands and banners attended from Ballyoughter, Kilmaryl, Elphin, Cloonfinlough, Tulsk, Kilbride South and Killina with deputations from Carnaska, Kiltrustan, Creeve, &c. The day being remarkably fine the people of both sexes for many miles around attended in such numbers that it was the largest demonstration held in a country district during the last five years. Mr Murray, secretary Killina Branch, was moved to the chair. Resolutions protesting against landgrabbing, coercion, &c., were read amid a storm of groans, and with ringing cheers for Mr Parnell, the grand old man, Mr Gladstone, and the Plan of Campaign. The meeting was then addressed by Messrs M. Mulleague, Castle-rea; T. Holden, Strokestown; J. Hayden, "Roscommon Messenger," F. Beirne, Carrick; and T. Eardly, Tulsk. The people expressed the greatest enthusiasm, and are determined to stand by the National League in spite of coercion, and to defy the worst of their anti-National enemies. When the meeting was breaking up all the branches with their bands in front marched past on the road, and the loud cheering could be heard for many miles.—(A Correspondent).

Above: Ros. Herald, 16 April, 1887. This report covers a large nationalist demonstration in Killina, protesting landgrabbing—the taking of evicted tenants' farms—and affirming support for the National cause, Parnell, and Prime Minister W. Gladstone

THE TEACHING OF TULSK.

The date of the Great Convention of the Irish Race, which is to close those breaches in the battlements of Nationalism which have so sorely distressed Mr. Gladstone, is now authoritatively fixed for the first three days of September, and the columns of the "Freeman's Journal" are already opened to the reports of the preliminary preparations. In these meritorious labours it is a good omen to know that the patriots of Buninadden and Tulsk have already led the way, "assembling in their myriads at important meetings," and what is even more to the point, handing in "several subscriptions" to the treasurer. The temper of Tulsk—it is not in Russia, we may remark, parenthetically, but Roscommon—was specially cheering. Tulsk confidently expresses the opinion that the Great Convention will succeed in accomplishing the object for which it is convened—viz., the unification of the Irish race at home and abroad, with, as a necessary corollary, the triumph of Home Rule. Nor is the attitude of Buninadden less instinct with a fervid hope in the glorious results to be attained by the great gathering. Mr. John O'Dowd, the chairman of the Tubbercurry Board of Guardians, made a really eloquent speech, in which he said, with much truth, that if Irish Nationalists ever hoped to achieve the high objects for which their great ancestors so nobly and unselfishly faced the sword and the gibbet, they could not afford to be split into three factions. What we want to know, however, is why Knockcoghery, Ballygamboon, and Ballybunion have so far failed to follow the inspiring lead of Buninadden and Tulsk. But even as it is, the publication of the reports of these branch meetings, if it does nothing more, will certainly improve the knowledge of Irish geography possessed by the average Dublin reader.

Above: The Globe (Eng.), 11 July, 1896. The article presents Tulsk as an example of organised rural nationalism, praising its support for the Great Convention of the Irish Race, which aimed to reunite Irish nationalism after the Parnell split. It also invokes former PM William Gladstone as a symbol of the Home Rule cause and

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION

At 2 o'Clock, On Wednesday, 31st October, 1894,

—AT— THE COURTHOUSE, ROSCOMMON,

By the instructions of the Representatives of John Flynn, Esq., late of Cleaboy, in the County of Roscommon, deceased, all his Interest in the under-mentioned Farms, viz. :—

CASTLELAND AND TULSK, In the Parish of Ogulla, Barony and County of Roscommon, containing 180 Acres, Irish Plantation Measure or thereabouts, held under Lease for 31 years, from 1st May, 1881.

Remembering: Michael Neary (1894-1931), farmer and nationalist. From *A Dictionary of Roscommon Biography* by Mike Lennon.

A native of Shrove, Tulsk, Michael joined the Killina Company, 2nd Battalion, North Roscommon IRA Brigade in 1917. He later transferred to the Tulsk Company and was appointed its captain. He was arrested in January 1921, beaten and released only to be re-arrested three months later. He was sentenced to fifteen years at a court-martial but was released in the general amnesty of January 1922. He took the Anti-Treaty side during the Civil War. Neary spent a further three months in prison between September and November 1922. Afterwards, he returned to farming. He died in the Sacred Heart Home, Roscommon in May 1975 and was interred in Kilcooley Cemetery.

IRISH MEMBERS AND THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

At Tulsk, County Roscommon, yesterday, about 10,000 people attended a meeting in connection with the Irish National League. Mr T. D. Sullivan, M.P., and Mr J. O'Kelly, M.P., were among the speakers. The latter referred to Mr Davitt's efforts to cause a split in the Irish party, and said they were tantamount to stabbing Ireland in the back. Mr O'Kelly added that he would resign his seat for Roscommon if the country wavered for an instant in its allegiance to Mr Parnell. He advised the farmers to take immediate advantage of the Arrears Act. Votes of confidence in Mr Parnell and the county representatives (Mr O'Kelly, M.P., and Dr Commins, M.P.) were carried.

Above: *The Edinburgh Evening News* (Sco.), 21 November, 1882

TULSK NOTES.

BROKEN WEATHER.

The weather has been very broken for the last week, with the result that harvesting operations were greatly impeded. There has been a splendid yield in all cereals, the greater part of which has been cut and stacked. Nearly all the hay has been removed to the haggard.

THE COURT.

There are a few very interesting cases tested for hearing at the Court to day (Saturday), and provided a bench turns up, halituses of the little law temple will be afforded some amusement.

DEATH OF MRS. P. McDERMOTT.

The much regretted death of Mrs. P. McDermott took place at her husband's residence at Tulsk, at the age of 77 years. Deceased belonged to one of the old and most respected families in Connacht, and was one of the most estimable and charitable ladies to be found. The funeral cortege, subsequent to High Mass at the Parish Chapel, was representative of all classes.

Above: *Westmeath Independent*, 14 September, 1918

BAD TIMES IN WESTERN IRELAND.

Famine of Fuel and Food.

A most acute fuel famine has occurred all over the West of Ireland, says a Tulsk telegram.

This applies to the rich and the poor alike, but the latter are in a worse plight, as they are suffering from hunger, as what remained of the potato crop has been lost in floods.

Peat is rotten in the bogs. Hundreds of graziers have gone bankrupt owing to failure of the sheep and cattle.

This is deemed the hardest year in Ireland since the famine of black '47.

Above: *Dundee Evening Telegraph* (Sco.), 30 January, 1925

SEASON, 1915.

THE THOROUGHbred SIRE, THE MOUSE,

Registered and approved of by the Department of Agriculture.

THE MOUSE is a brown horse, foaled in 1908, and is by the celebrated sire, Symington (the Champion Sire of Ireland), out of Ceann by Glenannon; was bred by the Messrs Harrington, of Limerick, noted as being some of the most successful breeders of sires and chasers in Ireland.

This horse stands 15 hands 3 inches; is guaranteed sound and free from blemish.

Will stand this season (which ends 1st July) AT RENNY, TULSK.

Every care will be taken of mares and foals visiting this sire, but no responsibility will be incurred for accidents.

TERMS—Nominated Mares at fees arranged by County Committee. Groom's fee, 2s 6d.

All others, £3 3s, and Groom's fee, 2s 6d.

No attendance on Sundays. Apply to the owner,

J BANAHAN,
Renny, Tulsk.

Above: *Roscommon Messenger*, 24 July, 1915

Tulsk Notes (Co. Roscommon).

Diphtheria or "Flu."

The Diphtheria epidemic is still prevalent around here and has spread as far as Castleplunket where several people have contracted the disease, but happily no deaths have so far occurred. There are many who assert that the "flu" is also revisiting us.

Dr. Frank Powell's Visit.

Dr. Frank Powell paid a visit to Tulsk on Wednesday of last week and stayed over for two nights, and his circus was well patronised, the audience thoroughly enjoying the Doctor's feats of jugglery and legerdemain. It is some 15 years since his show visited Tulsk, and since then the genial Doctor, although now looking thoroughly fit and well, went through a hard time. During the Black-and-Tan Terror he had a brush with these "gentlemen" who shot his wife, and he in turn shot three of them, for which he received a sentence of 15 years, but was liberated at the general amnesty

Above: *Roscommon Herald*, 23rd December, 1922. The Cork-born Dr Powell was a celebrated magician, ventriloquist, sword-swallower, fire-breather and all round illusionist and 'one-man circus' who travelled the country in the early 1900s

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HARVEST WEATHER.

Farmers have experienced very favourable weather harvesting their crops with the result that almost everything is secured save in a few places where hay still remains in the meadow fields. The potato crop on the whole has been very good but in many instances the second crop is black.

FOR THE FRONT.

Const. H. Armitage and Const. S Garry having volunteered for the front their services have been accepted.

FURIOUS DRIVING.

Motorists are clearly taking leave of their senses recently according to the rate at which they are travelling whether it is war fright or practising for uspatch riders they are.

HAY FOR THE ARMY.

Mr. Edward Balfe, Frenchlawn, Ballintubber, has purchased a lot of hay for army purposes around here during the past fortnight at prices varying from £3 17s 6d to £4 per ton.

A.O.H. CUP.

The gaelic of the county should be very thankful to the County Board of the A.O.H. for their offer of a cup for competition amongst the football clubs of the county.

THE LORD EDWARDS.

The Lords were down to play at Kilmore on Sunday last, but owing to a demise in the family of one of the team they were compelled to forego their journey.

Above: *Westmeath Independent*, 30th October, 1915. Note the GAA cup sponsored by the local branch of the Catholic fraternity the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and police officers Armitage and Garry about to depart for World War One

Transfer of a Popular Priest.

The people of Kilmurry parish learned with the most sincere regret of the departure of their beloved and zealous priest, the Rev B J Fahy, O C, on transfer to Drumilton. During the eight years of Father Fahy's ministry as curate of Kilmurry he laboured successfully for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the people committed to his charge, and the many good works accomplished by him in the parish will have lasting and permanent results. Father Fahy effected vast improvements in the parish, amongst them being the renovation and enlargement of the church at Kilmurry, which now stands a credit to the parish and to his indefatigable labours. During his stay in Kilmurry Father Fahy endeared himself to every person in the community by his kind, genial, unaffected but straightforward manner. He was a staunch and sterling advocate of Ireland's freedom, and every good and useful work in his parish. The people of Kilmurry deplore his loss from amongst them, and wish him a long and prosperous career, and pray that his efforts for Faith and Fatherland may be crowned with success.

Above: *The Roscommon Messenger*, 19 July, 1922

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