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## PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION VOTING.

Whatever may be said for Proportional Representation Voting in a free country its operation in a land situated like ours is calculated to create more divisions than ever existed before. Probably that is one of the reasons the English Parliament threw it at us before they thought of putting it into operation in their own country. Of course some Dublin papers like all other Imperial organs are strongly in favour of proportional representation. They see clearly how it enables the National and Democratic forces to be weakened if only their friends will come into the field. In an article pointing out the largely increased power of minorities and going into complicated figures it says: "Although the voter has one vote and one only he is entitled to place the figure 2 opposite the name of his second choice," and so on. The point is that when all is said and done it is the No. 1 votes which are the effective votes in the elections, and the candidate who does not get a large number of them is never likely to secure election.

## SINN FEIN AND LABOUR CANDIDATES.

The meeting on Sunday in support of the Sinn Féin and Labour Candidates in Killarney went off in the most orderly and successful manner. The appearance of lady candidates was novel and interesting, and the speeches of Messrs. Timothy O'Shea, Wm. Bland, and Seaghan O'Callaghan were full of pointed and sound electioneering matter. It would be as well, however, if speakers gave up declaring they would sacrifice their lives over an Urban Council election. It is unnecessary. Also it is unwise for speakers to protest too much about their own single minded and self-sacrificing tendencies, or to indulge in personalities about only one of the opposing candidates. The great point is, and it is unanswerable and powerful enough to stand by itself. These elections are a contest between Ireland and English misgovernment; and any one who is not prepared to come out as a full and uncompromising supporter of Ireland's freedom has no right to stand in the way of those who are. Personal issues are of the merest secondary importance in these elections and therefore they should be left out of them.

## THE WAY THE MONEY GOES.

"It is not the same way our money comes in as your does at all," a decent farmer said to me on Saturday. "I may make £50 of a day, and it may be some time again before I make another sum like it. The worst of it now is that one is afraid to count the money after paying expenses there's so little of it left."

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

"Bogor here's a good deal. Give a dog a bad name and hang him. Give a man the name of being an early riser and he can stop in bed all day." When will we all begin to think once more our old Irish names are good names and the proper ones to be known by?

## "TOBY QUINN."

The announcement that Mr. Tobias Quinn, ex-Sergeant R.I.C., and for many years Postmaster of Clovne has died at an advanced age will recall many strange memories of the eighties in Killarney. "Toby Quinn" was a verger in Killarney and his name and methods as a policeman were effective and quaint in many respects. A son of his was in the Ballyhar Station some time ago.

## TOWN AND COUNTRY.

I have no patience whatever with the narrow minded, mean spuled fellows who are ready on any pretext to set town and country at loggerheads. The fact is that there are good men and women in the country and the town and that all are needed for Ireland. Wasn't it townsmen, for instance, that played in all the Bands that were needed at the early meetings for the Land for the people; and many a townsman I saw battered and broken in the old fights against landlords and agents when some countrymen were supporting and canvassing for them. On the other hand were countrymen, not always found in all districts ever

generous and ready to do their part for Ireland? The man who tries to separate town and country is setting brother Irishmen against brother, and doing bad work for the cause of Ireland

## CO-OPERATION.

I must repeat it once more—I am for National Co-operation which would be all for Ireland. I am against I. A. O. Society Co-operation, which is all for England in its inspiration and operation. Any man who tells me that National benefits will arise where one man has three hundred and fifty acres of land or thereabouts, and three hundred and fifty men have not enough land to live upon under cover of an anglicising form of "Co-operation" well, I don't agree with him. Many of these men with the hundreds of acres to spare have less claim in length of time and other respects than the landlords had; but let them be bought out of the surplus land they occupy even and the land given to the people in true sense instead of letting the people follow Jack, or John or Seaghan in a wild goose chase while pressing National and economic issues are neglected.

## SMALL THANKS.

A great hearty and far seeing old priest once went to great trouble to get a footway erected across a river. Its erection saved miles to many. When it was all completed and in use one of the many was met by the good old priest near it on an occasion. The Sagart spoke of the advantages of the footway and the great trouble in getting it there. "Wisha, 'tis no harm there," was the mean method of showing thanks on the part of the man who derived the greatest benefit.

It is not an unusual way of recognising good work when done by our own; but let some stranger do one good thing, even in the middle of a number of good for nothing ones; and it is surprising how high and how long his praises are sounded.

## WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

On a recent public occasion persons were named as residing at "Swine-mount," "Calfmount," "Stagmount," and "Cockhill" respectively. I looked up the old Irish names and found they were Cnocnamulagh, Cnocnagahain Cnocadh, and Cnocacolea.

## MUCROSS SAW MILLS.

Mr. R. A. Williams gives notice there will be no further saving done by the public except on Saturdays, at these Mills.

## THE GROUNDS FOR OPPOSING SINN FEIN AND LABOUR.

The Sinn Féin and Labour candidates have now stated fully and openly their grounds for going for election. It therefore becomes the duty of opposing candidates to state their views and policy and surely it is the least they should do for the information of voters. Silence is sometimes golden, but silence at election times is really asking too much credit from voters.

## THE INQUEST ON THE LATE CONSTABLE KEOGH.

The people and ratepayers of Killarney are generally and vigorously commenting on the postponement of the Inquest on Constable Keogh. First a week's adjournment took place until Thursday, and on Thursday still another adjournment takes place to some uncertain date. Now in this matter National and monetary consequences to the people are involved, and everyone is asking who is the cause of the delays, and what are the reasons for it?

## ANOTHER FOSADH RACE.

As I expected Mr. P. J. O'Connor came to the scratch and now declares he is ready to meet Mr. Keating and his pony at Laccabane at 3.30 o'clock on 17th January to decide "the dead heat" finish on the last occasion. 1638

## "THE CONCRETE SPEECHES."

On Wednesday night a few persons were discussing events with me after the Sinn Féin and Labour meeting at St. Mary's Lane. "The Concrete Speeches" were referred to again and again of course. The phrase caught

the imagination naturally. It is not so long ago since people were constantly discrediting "talk," but as we are having a good deal of it now I could not avoid declaring that in the matter of speaking alone all the new women and men would easily defeat all the old boys. "The Concrete Speeches" of Messrs Michael Spillane, Daniel O'Sullivan, and John Healy were solid in reason and appeal was the general opinion on Wednesday night at all events.

## THE ENERGY AND BOLDNESS.

Practically all the regular clergy in the Presbytery, Killarney, and in the Seminary, headed by the Very Revd. P. J. Fitzgerald, Admr., V.F., and the Very Revd. John Breen, S.T.L., President, St. Brendan's, appear as sponsors for Sinn Féin candidates at the Urban Elections.

## FIRST WOMAN MAGISTRATE.

The first woman to sit as magistrate was Councillor Ada Summers, who in virtue of her position as Mayor of Stalybridge took her seat on the Bench there on the last day of the old year.

## JOINT COUNCIL AND HARBOUR BOARD.

It looks like as if another piece of costly litigation was about to go between the Harbour Board and the County Council. In the end it is the ratepayers who lose all the costs of such litigation, and as the cost does not come before them in a bulk sum and as clear as some two penny halfpenny affairs do, no one hears much about the loss. There are enough County Councillors and others members of the Harbour Board to settle all these questions otherwise than by litigation. I was glad to see the energetic and really able Clerk of the Listowel Union, Mr. O'Connell, was elected a member by the County Council last week; but he is being sent to the Harbour Board after all the harm has been done.

## HOW CONSCIENCE MAKES COWARDS OF US ALL.

The Band played, the enthusiasm grew, the faces of the young people beamed. There was one to be feared as they passed. He whispered to a comrade delivered by all the candidates as head boldly. I went against my country—we had no right to go against our country."

## IF PEOPLE WOULD ONLY THINK BEFORE INSTEAD OF AFTER.

## AMERICA AND THE PEACE COUNCIL.

The news comes from Washington that America has withdrawn from the Peace Council. The American Ambassador in Paris has requested that the future discussions of the Council the phrase "on behalf of the Allied and Associated Powers" shall be withdrawn "Associated" meant the United States.

## KILLARNEY URBAN ELECTIONS.

The Pipers' Band, the Sinn Féin and Labour Candidates, and 500 marching men and women paraded the streets on Wednesday and held a big meeting at St. Mary's Lane. Strong speeches were delivered by all the candidates and Mr. C. Corkery. All the speakers stated they were for De Valera and Freedom, and healthy local administration. They asked those who opposed all three to come forward and state their policy for the voters. They appealed to men and women voters to support.

## West Ward—W. Aherne, Catherine Breen, John Healy, John Horgan, John Casey and T. O'Shea.

East Ward—W. Bland, D. J. Courtney, Richard Fitzgerald, Bridget Gleeson, D. O'Sullivan and M. Spillane.

## The meeting ended with the Soldier's Song.

## DEATH OF MR. TIMOTHY FLEMING, MAISTERCAOTHE, CILCUMMIN.

The death of Mr. Timothy Fleming at the great age of 88 caused deep regret among a wide circle of relatives and friends. For over half a century the deceased was a well known figure in every National and Language gathering and his enthusiasm and practical support of all such proceedings endeared him to many and gained him many friends. He never had any illness during his long life until a few weeks before his death. The funeral on Thursday at which the Revd. D. O'Sullivan officiated was large and representative of many districts.

## A full list of names would be very lengthy, but the relatives included—

Mrs. P. C. O'Mahony, Mrs. Mary O'Sullivan, Miss Hannah Fleming (daughters), Con Fleming (son), P. C. O'Mahony, Jeremiah O'Sullivan (sons-in-law), Cora McCarthy (nephew-in-law), T. P. O'Sullivan, W. McCarthy, Con O'Sullivan, P. McCarthy, E. McCarthy, P. C. McCarthy, James Fleming, D. Lynch, Jeremiah Lynch, etc., etc.—R.I.P. 1638

## CORRESPONDENCE.

"Royal Victoria" Hotel, 6th Jan., 1920.

(To the Editor).

Dear Sir,—I stated in my letter, you so kindly made room for, in your last issue that my candidature for the Killarney Urban District Council carried with it no political significance whatever. It has since then become manifest to me as it must to everybody that this election is to be fought on purely political lines and I feel that any personal grievances of mine would not warrant the under the circumstances in drawing a herring across the track by standing against the wishes of the vast majority of the people as an independent candidate. I have, therefore, withdrawn from the election but I wish to thank most heartily my good friends in Killarney who proposed and seconded me in the five nomination papers I received from the Returning Officer, and the numerous other friends who extended sympathy and promised support.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN MAHER-LOUGHNAN.

## THE ELECTIONS.

Killarney, 5th January, 1920.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Loughnane intended to put his claim for his home and wife and children before the voters, but has stood aside owing to the National issues of the election.

There was another case of a poor widow, Mrs. Warren, fighting for her home and children too. She had to pay law costs amounting to over £10 to defend herself.—Yours truly,

WEEKLY TENANT.

## "IS IT I, O LORD?"

Dear Sir,—I wish every man and woman in Killarney and in Ireland would consider the above ominous sentence. Erin weeping reiterates the memorable words "Oco of you is about to betray me." Every Irishman and woman should ask his or her heart, "Is it I O Lord?" for every Irishman who votes for a candidate, but the candidates appointed by Sinn Féin in the forthcoming elections in Ireland will be as black a traitor as Judas Iscariot. It is not individuals who are in question, it is the policy of Sinn Féin and it is absolutely imperative for the cause of Ireland that the Sinn Féin majority should be overwhelming. If it declines the Press of the world will in large type announce that the people of Ireland have failed to support self-determination and you will have put into the mouths of your enemies the greatest and most convincing argument against your liberty.

You are asked not to do violence to anyone. You are entreated to use the only constitutional item left to you, viz: your vote. England tells you you must adopt constitutional methods to win your freedom, but if you dare to do so you are immediately arrested and treated as a criminal. There is only one item of your liberty which is not suppressed, because it cannot be: your thoughts and aspirations which are locked in your sorrowful hearts, but they are sufficient for the purpose of these elections. They will dictate to you how to vote. Listen to the still small voice within you and when you enter the ballot box say to yourself "Is it I O Lord?" Is it I who will sell my Country for some paltry bribe, the promise of some job or position, the hope of some miserable reward, the condescending smile of those whose affluence and positions depend upon the enslavement of my people.—Yours faithfully,

TRUTH.

## THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

### SINN FEIN CANDIDATES' PLEDGE.

The Dublin "Mail" says:—The declaration, which the Sinn Féin candidates for the municipal elections were obliged to sign, pledges the candidate to "recognise the Republic established by the will and vote of the Irish people as the legitimate Government of Ireland."

### Sinn Féin candidates are required also to pledge themselves to sit, act and vote together on the local councils in order.

### To secure the expenditure of the rates raised in Ireland, inside Ireland.

To secure efficiency and purity of administration.

To establish and enforce the principle of free and open competition for public appointments.

To carry through an efficient public health policy.

To make the public boards the local units for putting into operation the policy of national development decreed by Dail Eireann for the industrial and commercial expansion of our country, and to secure their co-operation in the work of the Commission of Inquiry into our national resources.

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Sinn Féin agus Oibpúctóir, agra paois.

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## 3ae0il3e na n3easóime.

As a proof that the Irish language is still very much alive in many parts of Kerry we reproduce below a conversation overheard recently at a fair when two Irish speakers, were discussing the matrimonial affairs of a neighbour.

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