

KERRY REPORTER

TRALEE, SATURDAY, DEC. 21, 1929.

XMAS GREETINGS.

To the many thousands of readers of "The Kerryman," at home and in foreign climes, we extend, with all our heart, the time-honoured greetings for a Joyous Christmas and a Bright, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

ROADS AND RATES.

For some time past we have been advocating State Control of our main roads in the interests, not only of efficiency and economy, but in justice to the agricultural community, who are being unduly taxed for the maintenance of these roads up to the high standard for which they are needed to cope with modern motor, motor lorry, and bus traffic.

"WAYS AND MEANS."

Our views on the de-rating question have been made so clear that it is not necessary to recapitulate them. We have not hesitated to assert that the farmers of the Free State have every other section of the rate-paying community.

Whatever might be urged against Government Commissions and their recommendations, it must be admitted that whatever suggestions emanate from them are based on the evidence adduced before them.

The De-rating Commission will have little difficulty in coming to the conclusion that the principle of de-rating would be a splendid thing for the farmers, but if no constructive proposals be put before them as to where the money is to be got to make good the deficit arising from the adoption of that principle, the labours of the Commission will be all in vain.

The County Councils' General Council were of the same opinion, but they manifested a peculiar type of consistency, when, while admitting that the de-rating rates were attributable to faulty local administration, they still advocated the retention of local public bodies to continue to pile on the agony.

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improvement." That is a bold assertion truly, but from our experience of Mr. Lynch, we are confident that everything he aims at achieving is certain of accomplishment. We have already dealt with the details of the proposed scheme, which we know have been well thought out by the Minister, and every item of which he means to carry through with great beneficial results to the fishermen, and with equally advantageous effects towards the development of this most important Free State industry.

TURKEY PRICES IN NORTH KERRY.

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KERRY POULTRY KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

ADDRESS BY SECRETARY CORK BRANCH.

CHRISTMAS TURKEY MARKET.

Mr. T. J. McElligott, (Pro Patria), presided at a meeting of the Kerry Poultry Keepers' Association held in the Court House, Tralee, to-day. There was a large attendance of members present.

Work of Association.

Mr. Todd, who was received with applause having apologised for his non-attendance through illness at the last meeting said that he knew that the people of Kerry were anxious to know the working of the Association in Cork, and what they were doing.

ASDEE & DISTRICT NOTES

The whist drives and other social events, at present being arranged, are providing much need pleasure for the people of Asdee and district. The profits of the whist drives and dances will be utilised towards forming a fund for the extension of the local schools.

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PULSE OF THE PEOPLE

ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE HOUSING SHORTAGE.

(To the Editor.) Sir,—More than once, through the medium of your columns, I have criticised the Public Health Authorities for their apathy in the housing question.

While the U.D.C. are legally justified in their action, it is not surprising that they did not proceed against the landlord as under the Public Health Act they had the same power to compel him to have the house put in a habitable condition as to put O'Brien out?

CHEWING GUM

(To the Editor.) Dec. 17th, 1929. Sir,—The recent pronouncement by Dr. Hennessy in the Dail, to the effect that gum chewing is both demoralising and injurious to the health, is absolutely contrary to the facts as ascertained by medical research.

CAHERCIVEEN SHELTER.

LETTER FROM MR. T. J. O'REILLY, T.D. Scarriff, Masteregeehy, Kilmurry, 18.12.29. (To the Editor.) A Charn,—In "The Kerryman" of last week appeared an article in reference to a proposed shelter for motor boats at Caherciveen Quay, and in which it was stated that a memorial had been sent to me on the matter.

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Fisheries and impressed upon him the necessity for this shelter. Mr. O'Connell need not have gone to Dublin the week before last to do this; as he was in the company of Mr. Lynch in Caherciveen last October, and had ample opportunity then of directing his attention to this local need.

I do not think that there was any justification for the encomiums bestowed on (a) a person who could have done the needful in this respect years ago but who did not, or (b) a person who clearly saw that it was his duty to just forward this proposal, and who did so, and on (c) a person who up to the present did nothing to promote this scheme.

THE KERRYMAN IN CHINA.

Rev. John Mackey, a native of County Kilkenny, on St. Columban's Catholic Mission at Hanyang, Hupeh, China, some time ago was anxious to write to his cousin, Sergt Skehan, Civic Guards. He knew he was stationed somewhere in the Free State, but had not his address. On going through some papers he found a copy of The Kerryman of 24th of August last containing a report of an inquest at Killarney at which Sergt. Skehan represented the authorities. Father Mackey immediately wrote to him, and the letter was duly delivered to Sergt. Skehan at Killarney.

LORD DANESFORT'S SHILLELAGH.

Since Lord Carson, owing mainly to advancing age, is now not often seen at the sessions of the House of Lords at Westminster, Lord Danesfort has come to be regarded almost as the sponsor of Irish affairs in the gilded chamber, and, if to establish that claim, he rarely visits the Houses of Parliament without taking with him a much-prized shillelagh, which was presented to him by the Royal Irish Constabulary as a mark of their appreciation for his defence of their rights.

DUBLIN RATE COLLECTOR.

Dublin, Monday.—In the Kilmaham, Co. Dublin District Court, to-day, before Mr. Reddin, Richard J. Rooney, rate collector, Co. Dublin, was charged with embezzling a sum of £2,824 8s. 2d.

FATAL LIMERICK ACCIDENT.

Limerick, Friday.—At Limerick District Justice Sessions this evening District Justice Flood refused information against Michael Cussen, cattle dealer, Jareshoro, who was charged with the manslaughter of Patrick Pratt, aged 8 years, by knocking him down with a motor car in Ennis road, near the city, on the 3rd inst.

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