



THE MAN WHOSE ASSASSINATION WAS ATTEMPTED IN O'RORKE'S OFFICE.

Sketch of His Early Life and Some Facts in the History of His Prominence in Dynamic Circles—The Latest English Explosion.

Captain Thomas Phelan, whose attempted assassination by Richard Short in the office of O'Donovan Rossa in New York on Friday last has hitherto been given in detail, has been long identified with the men who are conspiring to liberate Ireland from its connection with the British Empire. He is an Irishman by birth, having been born in the county Tipperary, December 23, 1836. As an inmate of a prominent Irish family named De la Poer he received a good education.

In his twenty-second year he set sail for the West, arriving later, spent a few months there, went to Missouri, in which state he has ever since resided, with the exception of three years spent in Washington. Early in his life in Missouri he received a pistol wound of which he still bears traces, from a man who was in a quarrel and who shot him in the left hand.

He served in the war, and was elected register of Jackson county, Missouri, in 1858. Two years after he was elected assistant clerk of the circuit court. Having served one term in this capacity, he traveled with another expert, showing his skill in shooting. His employments in Washington were first as a doorkeeper in the House of Representatives, and then as a collector in the customhouse.

He afterwards returned to Kansas City with his family and began an law business. In the spring of 1854 he was made superintendent of the workhouse, a position of which he is still the incumbent.

Nothing is known of his connection with the most pronounced Irish conspirators until after he suddenly left Kansas City, in April, 1855.

When, in August of the same year, news was received that James Carey, informer in the Phoenix park, Dublin, had been assassinated, he was at once suspected of being responsible, and it was learned after his return that his business in Europe was to procure information which would prevent the threatened extradition of P. J. Sheridan. He is said to have procured evidence of the innocence of the condemned in the murders in Phoenix park, and to have secured two witnesses who would prove this in case the British government persisted in its demand for the extradition of Sheridan. The demand was withdrawn, and Phelan's services as stated were consequently not required.

PHELAN'S RECORD.
The police have ascertained, that Captain Phelan lived in Sheldell in 1855, and openly avowed himself an agent of O'Donovan Rossa. He always wore a white uniform, and was supplied with money. He had a large quantity of luggage, including a dressing-case containing silver and ivory toilet articles. He denounced the murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Under-Secretary of State, Sir John Gorham, as a political assassination. When James Carey turned informer against the assassins Phelan cursed the informer, and uttered vague threats of vengeance for his treachery. Phelan's acquaintances in Sheldell reported this fact to when Carey was arrested by O'Donnell, and he is believed that Phelan had something to do with planning that crime.

The Latest Dynamite Outrage.
The town hall at Warrington in Wiltshire, England, was partially wrecked by an explosion on Saturday night.

Several houses in the neighborhood were badly shaken, many windows shattered and several persons thrown to the ground by the violence of the shock.

The report of the explosion was heard for two miles around the town hall, and great excitement was caused, until it was ascertained that no one had been seriously injured.

Pieces of the tubing, which had apparently exploded a mile, were found near the scene of the explosion.

Two suspicious looking strangers were noticed loitering around the hall during the afternoon, and police are searching for them, but thus far no arrests have been made.

THE CAPTURE OF CLEMSON.

Some Account of the Career of a Notorious Horse Thief.

Tiglman Clemons, who has been wanted by the police for sometime, was arrested by Constable Bowman, last evening, near Kitzers and is now in jail here. William Jones, a companion, was also arrested. Clemons has the reputation of being a notorious horse thief, and it is believed that he is wanted in Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Clemons is charged with having stolen a sorrel horse, buggy and harness from Jas. Wilson, of Newark, Delaware on September 7th, 1884. He is also supposed to have stolen a horse, wagon and several sets of harness and to be the prominent horse thief in the gentry, near Philadelphia.

He is believed to be the party who stole a pair of black mare from J. S. Price, of Parkton, Maryland, about six weeks ago. It will be noted that the parties who stole these horses drove them to Shady Ferry, where they crossed the river and drove in the direction of this city.

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