

SOME NEWS FROM IRELAND.

A Condensed Review of the Past Week.

ALL THE NEWS TERSELY TOLD.

THE WHOLE ISLE COVERED IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS.

LEINSTER.

(By our Special Correspondent.)

DUBLIN.

During a violent wind storm on the morning of April 1, two old dilapidated houses, at Wexford avenue, Dublin, the property of the corporation, were blown down by the storm, and fell in ruins into the roadway, but as they were unoccupied, no one was injured. On the same morning Mrs. Frances Bradshaw, of No. 5 Albert terrace, Dollymount, was blown by the wind against a lamp post, at Beresford place, and sustained a fracture of the skull. She was conveyed to Jervis street hospital and detained as a patient in a precarious condition.

An old lady, Miss Rosina Emerson, aged 60, who lived alone in the house No. 8 Castlereagh park, Rathmines, was found dead on April 1st, sitting in a chair in her residence, by the police, who, after an examination into the house, as she had not been seen for several days previously by her neighbors. It was stated that the deceased lady had no relatives except a Mr. Meadows, a solicitor, whose address is not known. Heart disease was the medical verdict as to the cause of her death.

The convention of the Evicted Tenants assembled in the Ancient Concert Rooms, Dublin, on Monday of last week. The attendance was representative of the evicted tenants in all parts of the country, and in that respect and in the earnestness and enthusiasm that characterized its proceedings the convention was a marked success. The assembly included persons of different political views.

On the morning of Tuesday a week ago, the employees of Messrs. Cantrell & Cochrane's mineral water factory, Nassau place, Dublin, struck. The cause of the strike is stated to be a refusal on the part of the firm to concede to the operatives in their Dublin works the same terms as those at present existing in Belfast, who are better paid and have shorter hours than those in Dublin.

In response to two circulars issued by Sir Charles Cameron, calling the attention of school managers to the advisability of closing the primary schools of Dublin City during the continuance of the epidemic of scarlatina and measles, which are prevailing, the managers of thirty-six schools have closed up their establishments. Two-thirds of the city schools are therefore closed, those which remain open numbering only nineteen.

A movement has been set on foot by the Dalkey friends of Dr. Joseph Guillea, who was recently appointed to the position of medical officer of the Castleknock district, for the purpose of recognizing in a suitable way his valuable services as a physician while resident in Dalkey. It is proposed to present him with a handsome testimonial.

The first practical move in the direction of providing the electric system, to be used on the Clontarf tramway line, was made last week Monday, when a large number of men were employed erecting the poles to carry the wires, commencing at Annesley bridge and working towards Clontarf.

Mr. C. A. Skeffington has lent to the Dublin Museum for exhibition a short time, two magnificent volumes, the Bible and Prayer Book which belonged to the last Irish House of Commons, and which, in 1788, the official chaplain gave to his aunt, the Countess Ferraris.

Mr. Pennington, whose name is now well known in connection with his famous auto-motor cars, is about to start in Ireland—probably in Dublin—a great manufactory for the production of motor vehicles of every description.

In Dublin recently some human bones were found underneath the floor of the cellar of the house No. 6 D'Olier street. They included the remains of a spine and jaws. The cellar had not been opened for fifteen years previously.

In the Dublin Registration district, 271 deaths were registered for the week ending March 27. This is 68 over the average for the corresponding week of the last ten years, and represents an annual rate of mortality of 40.4 in every 1,000 of the population.

The death from acute inflammation of the brain, of Mr. John Roche, County Court Judge, Dublin, is announced. His funeral was very numerously attended.

The Very Rev. William Delany, S.J., LL.D., has been re-appointed to the position of President of the University College, Stephens-green, Dublin.

WICKLOW.

At the Wicklow Assizes an itinerant agricultural laborer named Michael Kelly, from the County Meath, was charged with the murder of the old woman, Nancy Kelly, who had been found dead on the 28th of March. It was found that she had been strangled with a steel band of money.

and it was stated that after it occurred Kelly was found to be spending a good deal of money, and that a tattooed pair of trousers, which he had discarded on purchasing a new pair, were blood-stained in the house of the old woman, after the murder. She was found 274, which had escaped the ransacking of the murderer. The hearing of the case occupied two days, and finally, the jury, being unable to agree, were discharged, and the prisoner was put back.

Before the County Wicklow Grand Jury separated, a report was submitted by the County Surveyor in reference to the Greystones Harbor works, which the board of works had decided to hand over to the county authorities. According to the report the harbor is in a ruinous condition. Several grand jurors expressed themselves as strongly opposed to being called upon to maintain the harbor, and one suggested that a receipt be given to the effect, "Received in bad repair." Eventually it was ordered that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Board of Works.

At the last Cabinetly Petty Sessions, Major Dumville presiding, Head Constable Patrick Henry, Bray, was appointed petty sessions clerk, in place of Mr. E. E. Davidson, deceased, for the districts of Bray and Enniskerry. The post is worth £99 a year. The only other candidate was Mr. Frank Davidson, son of the late clerk.

We desire to regret to announce the death of Mrs. Ryan, wife of Mr. John Ryan, of No. 3 Queensboro' road and Westbourne terrace, Bray. The deceased lady was deservedly popular with all classes in the district, and her loss is sincerely lamented.

KILDARE.

The imposing ceremony of the profession of two religious took place at the Presentation Convent, Kildare, last Tuesday. The young ladies who made their solemn vows on the occasion were Miss Bohan, of Ballyvaughan, County Kildare, in religion Sister Mary Vincent, and Miss Ayres, of Kilkenny, in religion Sister Mary Berchmans. The ceremony was performed by Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of the diocese, and the sermon was preached by the distinguished pastor of Kildare, Very Rev. Dr. Murphy.

The funeral of the late Mr. H. E. Linn, which took place on Sunday, March 28, was the largest ever seen in Kildare, an immense concourse of people of all classes attending to pay a tribute to the memory of the deceased gentleman.

CARLOW.

The negotiations between Lord Duncannon, acting for his father the Earl of Beesborough, and the tenants on the Grangeford Estates have come to a successful issue, and except for the necessary legal formalities, the sale is an accomplished fact. Only one-third (10,558 acres) of Lord Beesborough's property is in County Carlow, and the rental of the portion of which the tenants have become owners is over £2,000 per annum. The terms are from 18 to over 19 years' purchase. In a few cases settlements have not yet been satisfactorily arrived at, but there is good reason to hope that they will be included in the general transfer of the property. The laborers are to be permitted to purchase their cottages and plots of land, under the Act of 1893.

On the evening of a recent date a number of the friends of Mr. Thomas Daly, of the Carlow Vindictor, assembled at Kinassla Hotel, Carlow, for the purpose of making him a presentation on the occasion of the departure from amongst them. For three years Mr. Daly had occupied the position of editor of the "Carlow Vindictor," and during that period his genial and unassuming manner had secured for him many friends among the people of the town.

WEXFORD.

One week ago Tuesday in Wexford, a shocking murder took place in a small by-lane off the main street, known as Keyser's lane. The unfortunate victim was a young man named William Kenny, aged about 20 years, a machinist in the Wexford "People's" printing works, who was going home to his residence in Keyser's lane when he was attacked and his throat cut. Poor Kenny was not killed outright, with torrents of blood pouring from his neck he managed to get as far as the South Main street Police Barracks, but on reaching it he fell dead in the hall. Two men named William and John Smith, of the Cornmarket, have been arrested for the crime. William Smith is charged with the murder of Kenny, and John Smith is charged with being accessory before the fact, and with attempting to murder James Farrell, step-father of the deceased. The deceased young man had been a member of the St. Patrick's Football Club for some years.

A meeting of the tenants on the Colclough estate was held in Ballyculane, recently. Very Rev. Canon Murphy, P. R. Titcomb, presiding to consider an offer from the Court of Chancery to fix the rents according to the appeal valuers' estimates, which made an increase in the rents, at large, ranging from a few shillings up to £4, or thereabouts. After mature deliberation the tenants practically unanimously decided to refuse the offer and to face the appeal court. Three of the smaller tenants, in whose cases the appeal valuers' valuation agreed with the judicial rent fixed by the lower court, signed to accept the offer of the Court of Chancery.

Thirteen tenants on the estate of Mr. Patrick Stafford at Rathalia and Glenon have agreed to purchase their holdings under the Land Purchase acts at 18 years' purchase on the rents, free of the charge and out-goings. Mr. B. A. W. Lett, M. P., has agreed to purchase his holdings on the same estate at 18 years' purchase, subject to the rent charge. The purchase money of all holdings will be between £5,000 and £8,000.

A sheep, the property of Mr. David Brown, Ballylogue, had the large number of five lambs, a few days ago.

KILKENNY.

At the last meeting of the Thomastown Poor Law Board, the Board proceeded to elect a matron in place of Mrs. Maloy, deceased. The situation

is worth 220 a year, with national. There were only two applicants, Miss Rice, of Dumbell, and Mrs. Griffiths, wife of the Master and daughter of the late matron. Of the 28 Guardians present four of them did not vote, twenty-two voted in favor of Miss Rice, and two for Mrs. Griffiths. Miss Rice was declared elected.

We regret to announce the death of Miss M. Walsh, of Outrath, which took place recently. An Office and High Mass was celebrated at Foulstown Church immediately after which the interment took place. The immense numbers who attended the funeral services clearly evidenced the estimation in which the deceased had been held, and their sympathy with her sorrowing friends.

At the recent Poor Law election in St. Mary's Ward, Kilkenny, Mr. A. Tynan, Rose-Inn street, opposed the three sitting Guardians, Aldermen Healy, Murphy and Purcell. The following was the result of the voting: Alderman Healy, 143; Alderman Murphy, 138; Alderman Purcell, 124; Mr. A. Tynan, 107. Mr. K. Comerford, returning officer, declared the first three gentlemen elected.

Last week the death took place, at Bishop's Hill, of Mr. Michael Hickey, an old and faithful employe of the Sullivan family. He was in his sixtieth year, and for a long time had enjoyed the usual pension granted by the family to their old servants.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

Emergency men are now in possession of Mr. P. Gorman's farm at Crannagh, near Mountrath, and a number of police have been drafted to the place to protect the duty there. The farm is one of the best in the barony, and extends to 100 acres, and is provided with a large house and all necessary accommodation for a gentleman's farm residence. Its improved and modern condition is due to Mr. Gorman's enterprise and care. But all his industry and experience failed to make the place yield a sufficiency to redeem the losses of the past unprofitable season, and he was evicted for non-payment of only two years' rent. The landlord is Col. Kemmla.

KING'S COUNTY.

For many years the farmers of the midlands have not encountered as adverse a season as the present spring has proved so far. Rain has fallen heavily and without interruption for the past three months, deluging the country and rendering farming operations impossible. The rivers have risen to a height unprecedented for a considerable period, inundating the low-lying districts and rendering the callows one vast sheet of water. Between Meelick and Clonmacnoise the Shannon has overflowed its banks, and converted the country at each side for a considerable area into one vast lake.

Mr. Banagher had a narrow escape from being shot. He had been out fowling, and in crossing over a ditch he was tripped by a briar, causing him to fall. His gun exploded, and the discharge passed along his side and came into contact with his left foot, taking off one toe. Mr. Moylan is employed in Power's Distillery, Dublin, but has been residing at his father's, in Garbally, about three miles from Banagher, for some time past, owing to indisposition. He is being attended by Dr. Kearns, of Banagher.

WESTMEATH.

On the night of last Tuesday the house of a laborer named James Finn, who lives at Ballykiltroe, near Ballinacorney, was attacked by two men. The outer door of the house was broken in, and Finn and his wife were severely assaulted. Two brothers of the name of Baker have been arrested in Birr in connection with the outrage. The parties are the relatives of Finn.

LONGFORD.

The money for the memorial window to Oliver Goldsmith, to be placed in the church of his native place, has been fully subscribed, and the design sent in by Messrs. Watson and Younghall has been selected by the committee. A great many names of Irishmen appear on the list of subscribers, but the majority are Englishmen of letters.

MEATH.

A number of the friends and admirers of Mr. Robert Johnson, who filled the post of station master at Enfield, for some years, and who is being transferred on promotion to Oughterard, waited on him, recently, and presented him with a purse of sovereigns as a token of the esteem and regard in which they held him.

Mr. George Murphy, of Herbertstown, Kildare, who was opposed by Mr. R. P. Hope Loughbawn, has been returned Guardian for the Electoral Division of Oldcastle.

LOUTH.

Mr. Harrison, of the Leinster and Munster Bank, on leaving Drogheda for Nenagh, recently received a fraternal send-off from the young gentlemen connected with the several banking institutions of the town, as well as from members of the Rowing Club, and various citizens, whose cordial good-will and esteem he had won during his sojourn in Drogheda.

We regret to have to announce the death, at an early age, in Drogheda, of Mr. Patrick A. Murtogh. The deceased, who was the only son of the late Dr. Murtogh, was also nephew of Very Rev. John A. Murtogh, the respected Guardian of the Franciscan community, and Rev. Francis Murtogh, C. C. Ardee.

At a recent meeting of the Drogheda Trades Council, the president, Mr. Thomas McCullough, presiding, it was decided to hold a Labor Day demonstration in Drogheda, on the first Sunday in May.

MUNSTER.

CORK.

One week ago, Tuesday, the Loyland liner, Victoria, Capt. Sheehy, was wrecked into Queen's Quay, the disabled steamer Valida, which vessel she had picked

up 270 miles west of the Façet, after she had been drifting about the Atlantic for six days, having suffered very severely in a hurricane. The Victorian was bound from Liverpool to Boston and fell in with the disabled craft. The Victorian, after towing the Valida to port, and safely anchoring her, proceeded on her way to Boston.

A number of cases arising out of the recent purchase of a farm near Killavullen, by Kennedy Roche, of that village, came before the Castletownroche Petty Sessions for hearing April 1. In the first case disposed of, eight men of the farming class, named Timothy Callaghan, James Magner, George Lane, Ed. Magner, Daniel Callaghan, John Walsh, James Hassett and Ed. Buckley were charged with having taken part in an unlawful assembly with intent to plough and injure certain lands at Ballygriffin, the property of Kennedy Roche, from which the defendant Timothy Callaghan, had been evicted in connection with a recent Chancery suit. The first seven defendants were returned for trial at the assizes, while Buckley, who said he was present as a newspaper correspondent, was discharged.

Five young men of the laboring class, named Denis Mullins, William Regan, Peter Keefe, Jerr. Keefe and James Roche, were prosecuted for having assaulted Constables O'Connell and Walsh, while the latter were protecting Kennedy Roche on his way from the railway station to the town. The case against Peter Roche was dismissed, and the other defendants were fined 10s 6d each and ordered to find bail, or go to jail for two months.

At the meeting of the Cork Corporation, the Council approved of the scheme for the further extension of the electric trams in the city. In the course of the debate it was stated that the final order authorizing the construction of the trams would be issued in a few weeks.

At the last Mitchelstown Petty Sessions, John Hordar and his wife, a publican in the town, were bound to the peace for using threatening language towards Mr. John C. Mackay, solicitor, with whom they had had some business transactions.

The scrutiny of votes for the Poor Law election, in the Centre Ward, Cork, resulted in the return of Messrs. Banister and Hogan.

At the election of Guardians for Kanturk Union, Lady Mary Aldworth was among the defeated candidates.

KERRY.

On the morning of a recent date the roof of the main house of the Caheriveen Workhouse was discovered on fire by the porter, who forthwith raised an alarm, by which the other officers were brought immediately on the spot, and the fire was quickly put out. The damages are estimated at about £70. The institution is heavily insured.

A woman named Bridget Connel was charged before Major Deane, R. M., with having posted notices in the Gortalee district threatening a farmer to give up a farm he had previously purchased from her. The proceedings were conducted in secret, and the accused was remanded in custody.

LIMERICK.

A fierce storm prevailed in Limerick last day April 3rd, and during the night it increased in violence, causing much damage to house property in the city, and havoc to trees and plantations in the rural districts. Owing to the fury of the storm the river rose some feet beyond the level of ordinary neap tides, small craft and yachts being swamped, and vessels outward bound rising at anchor, apprehensive of facing the angry sea outside. Houses in the city were partially unroofed, people thrown down by wind, and there were several narrow escapes from falling slates.

The Limerick police arrested Arthur Greaves, on April 2, a farmer, on a charge of firing into the house of Margaret Quilly, a widow, residing near Ancoff. Two shots were fired, at 2 o'clock, one into Mrs. Quilly's room and the other into that of her son. No body was hurt, and on searching the house footmarks (casts of which were taken) and two black flags, planted at the sides of the premises, were found by the police. The outrage is believed to be the outcome of a feud relative to a boycotted field, presently in the possession of the Quillys.

It is satisfactory to chronicle that Mr. Michael Hallinan, a sturdy Nationalist, was at length succeeded in concluding negotiations with his landlady, Mrs. Moreland, of Tomgraney, County Clare, preliminary to his immediate restoration to his extensive farm, situated at Beadurogga, and The Wood, Ballingarry, from which he was evicted some thirteen years ago. There now only remain a few preliminaries to conclude the purchase scheme. The reinstatement is expected to take place within a few days.

CLARE.

Kilrush House, one of the finest mansions in Clare, was destroyed by fire on the evening of a recent date. At what point the fire originated is at present unknown, for when the flames were first noticed by the attendants they were hurried through the entire length of the building, fanned by a strong south-westerly gale, which was blowing at the time. In about half an hour after the fire was discovered the place was a mass of ruins, the only portion that escaped the wreck being the billiard room. The place was in charge of a housekeeper and housemaid, The Vandeleur family, who own Kilrush House, and living at their London residence. The loss is estimated at £20,000, on which there is only a small insurance.

Two farmers named Michael Nugent and Patrick Browne, living at Killmer, were prosecuted for assaulting Joseph Browne on the same occasion. The Bench fined Nugent 5s and costs for furious driving, Pat Browne the same, and both would be bound over to keep the peace for twelve months in £10 and two surties in £5 each. Subsequently on the application of Mr. Hilliard, the Bench was asked to order a fine of 10s 6d each and costs; in order to allow an appeal.

TIPPERARY.

Preliminary steps have been taken for the sale, under the Ashbourne and Land Acts, of the properties known as Bawnmadrum, part of the lands of Ballykelly (containing over 600 acres) and the lands of Rockforest, in the barony of Ikenin and county of Tipperary, portion of the extensive estate of Captain William Gibson, eldest brother of the Lord Chancellor, a firebrand and of Mr. Justice Gibson.

WATERFORD.

On Sunday of last week amid a scene of considerable pomp and impressiveness, the silver jubilee of Father Browne Administrator, St. John's Waterford, was celebrated. Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, presided at the sacred ceremonies, and subsequently an address of cordial esteem and appreciation was presented to Father Browne.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

In the Belfast Record Court, before Mr. Justice Gifford and a jury, an action for damages for breach of promise of marriage was brought by an elderly woman named Ann McDowell, residing at Coalbridge, in Scotland, against Henry Swain, a widower, living at Bann street, Belfast, who was described as a "bundler." The case caused considerable amusement in court during the taking of evidence, and resulted in a verdict of £5 (twenty-five dollars) in favor of the plaintiff. The plea put in by the defendant to justify his breaking off the match was that after he had ordered the marriage license, he had a "fall out" with the plaintiff, in the course of which she had "hit him in the jaw."

At the Assizes for the County Antrim, William Kennedy who was convicted of setting fire to the premises of Messrs. Jones Brothers, Ormeau avenue, Belfast, was sentenced to penal servitude for three years. James McKnight and Albert McNeilly, convicted of fraud under the bankruptcy act, were sentenced each to four months' imprisonment. Justice Barry also passed the following sentences: W. Carson Morrow, obtaining money by false pretences, three months' imprisonment; James McKeever, uttering a counterfeit coin, three months; Michael Byrne, receiving stolen tobacco, one month; John Young, cutting and wounding, twelve months' imprisonment.

Public meetings of the Catholic householders of Belfast were held April 1st, in thirteen of the fifteen districts and parishes of the city. The attendance was large and influential, and the proceedings unanimous and earnest. Delegates were elected to an Executive Council of the Catholic Association, and strong working congregational committees ranging from twenty to sixty members in each, were also appointed in the respective localities.

The death is announced of Mr. Thomas McClelland, solicitor, formerly of Ashfield, Antrim road, Belfast. The sad event occurred recently at Mount Ava, Bloomfield, after an illness of only a few days. The deceased gentleman who was 85 years of age, was one of the oldest members of his profession in County Down or in Belfast, with which town he was associated with in his earlier years.

ARMAGH.

We regret to announce the death of the Rev. Patrick Duffy, of Crossmaglen. The reverend gentleman, who had been in delicate health for some time, was proceeding from Armagh to Crossmaglen, via Clones, and at the latter place became suddenly prostrated. Having received the last sacrament he passed away peacefully. Father Duffy, who was a native of Crossmaglen, received his education for the priesthood at the Irish College, Paris, and had labored on the mission in the parishes of Ballymacnabb, Eglish and Ballinderry. His Grace Most Reverend Dr. Redwood, Archbishop of Wellington, New Zealand, is at present in Armagh on a visit to his Eminence Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.

TYRONE.

The Very Rev. Bernard Daly, P. P., Errigal-Kieran, Ballygawley, died at the parochial house, Woodvale, March 25, after a short illness. The reverend gentleman, who was appointed parish priest on the death of the late Rev. Father Tall, some twelve years ago, contracted a slight cold some weeks previously, influenza and lung trouble subsequently supervened, and to this his death was due. Father Daly was ordained about thirty-two years ago, and his first curacy was in the Newry district as Curate of Dromintree.

On March 28th, at Cordeery, Aughnacloy, William and Jane Scott were found dead in their house. At the coroner's inquest, after hearing the medical testimony the jury returned a verdict in the case of William Smith that death had resulted from congestion of the lungs, and in the case of Jane Smith that death arose from natural causes.

MONAGHAN.

The Constabulary station at Tullevarragh, near Carrickmacross, has been discontinued, the men having been transferred to fill up vacancies throughout the county—Sergeant O'Brien to Carrickmacross, Constable McMahon to Cromartin, Constable Kenny to Inneskeen, Constable Reed to Drumnacree, and Constable Carl to the Drummond "protection hut." This is the third constabulary station which has been abolished in the Barony of Fermanagh within the past two years, an interesting contrast with the state of the same Barony some eight or ten years ago, and it is also worthy to note that, since then, most of the farmers within its boundary have bought out their holdings under the Ashbourne and other Land Purchase acts.

DONEGAL.

On the evening of a recent date a serious catastrophe was narrowly averted on the Glenties line of railway. The engine of a passenger train, near Ballybohy, struck a large stone,

and split it, without leaving the rails. The outrage is unaccountable, as the district is noted for its good order and peacefulness, and the people rejoice in having the county opened up by railways.

DERRY.

An interesting recollection is revived, while a thrill of pain will be occasioned to those yet remaining of the "old boys" of the Christian Brothers' Schools, in the announcement of the death in Australia, of Brother Superior Larkin, their guide, counsellor, and friend in the happy days spent at the Brow-of-the-Hill in the first memorable year of that important educational establishment. Brother Larkin ended his worthy career at Brisbane, on the 2nd January, in the 81st year of his age. In his death passed away one of the most estimable characters a scholar and a gentleman. He was the first local Superior of the Christian Schools in Derry, and as an instructor of youth he had few equals.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

Before the Galway Grand Jury, Sergeant Walsh, of the Constabulary, applied for compensation for injuries sustained while clearing a public house, on the 14th of September last, at Moyglass, while an athletic meeting was being held in the neighborhood. At the same time, Constable Saintclair, an Englishman, serving in the Irish Constabulary, applied for compensation for injuries sustained on the same occasion. He had lost the hearing of one ear. Some members of the Grand Jury thought the applications premature, as the cases had not yet been decided upon by the Constabulary authorities. Eventually it was decided to award them £500 each, half to be levied off the barony and the other half off the county.

The same Galway Grand Jury, who thus liberally voted away the money of the taxpayers, adopted a resolution proposed by Mr. J. Lewis, and seconded by Mr. Williams, stating that they viewed "with the greatest alarm the enormous reductions of rent now being made by the Land Commission in all parts of Ireland." From these proceedings it is easy to judge the material of which the Grand Jury of Galway is composed. The "Castle" officials, evidently, see them carefully.

ROSCOMMON.

Colonel Conyn, agent to Sir Nicholas O'Connor, who is at present British Ambassador at St. Petersburg, attended at the Rent Office, recently, for the purpose of collecting the rents. At the previous quarter sessions numerous objections were obtained against tenants on the estate for a year's rent, which included the running gale. The agent now declined to settle with the tenants, unless they paid the costs and refused to take any rents from them until the legal costs were first discharged. Such an ungenerous course has created a very strong feeling among the tenants, particularly owing to the depressed state of the times.

LEITRIM.

A most imposing open-air amnesty demonstration was held at Drumonee, Strokestown and Ballinamore, a week ago Tuesday, whilst bands with banners were present from Freenagh, Drumillon, Mohill, Ballinamore, Creeve, Strokestown and Elphin. The proceedings were characterized by the greatest enthusiasm. The chair was, on the motion of Mr. James Honan, vice-president of the Drumonee branch of the Amnesty Association, seconded by Mr. John Doyle, Corlora, taken by Mr. Matthew F. Gallagher, Carrick-on-Shannon, who, in a short but spirited speech introduced Dr. Mulcahy, of Ballinamore, who read a resolution calling upon the government to release the Irish political prisoners, which was unanimously adopted. Mr. John Daly also eloquently addressed the meeting, on behalf of his fellow prisoners. On his arrival in Drumonee, Mr. Daly was presented with an address which was read by Mr. Gallagher.

MAYO.

A man named John Kelly, a laborer, who lives in Pound street, Sligo, was in a public house in Knox street, on St. Patrick's day, and while there he had some words with a Ulster named Michael Gorman, who assaulted him so seriously that he is now in the County Infirmary, where he is progressing favorably. Gorman was arrested and is now in jail.

SLIGO.

For the second time the right of holding public meetings has been attacked in East Mayo. On the previous evening to the holding of said meeting large numbers of police were drafted into Swinford from the counties of Sligo and Mayo, and word was conveyed to the promoters of the meeting that the attempt to hold would be stopped. On Sunday, after last, however, the Killasnoo band and a large number of "people" proceeded in the direction in which the meeting was to be held, and were joined by a band and contingent from Clonoughlin. The police at once set upon these, and, breaking the drums, scattered the bandmen, and hunted the people in all directions. There were 120 policemen in all, the main body, under Mr. Cameron, Divisional Commissioner, being stationed on the road by the side of an evicted farm situated about two miles from Swinford, while a detachment was stationed near the chapel of Killasnoo, under Mr. O'Hara, D. I. The rest scoured the country in all directions, and charged every group of boys and girls that they saw. Notwithstanding all this, word was passed among the people to assemble at the Cross, at 5 o'clock, and, despite the vigilance of the police, a most successful meeting was held there without a policeman appearing. On the motion of Mr. Price, secretary to the branch, seconded by Mr. Pat Conroy, the chair was taken by Rev. Father McKeon, C. C., and resolutions denouncing the action of the Coercionists, and declaring that the adherents of the people to the Home Rule government were unanimously passed.

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