

Irish News.

ANTRIM.—At Ballymena Sessions on November 26 a youth named Andrew Ross was fined 10s with the alternative of a week's imprisonment for calling "Eyes right" after a policeman on duty.

At a meeting of the Belfast Corporation on November 30 Alderman James H. Haslett, last Member of the West Division of the borough, was nominated as Mayor for the year 1887. The nomination was unanimously accepted.

On December 3 great excitement was caused in Belfast by two policemen seizing a coffin, which contained the body of a man named James Chambers, on the arrival of the Fleetwood steamer. Deceased, who was a native of County Down, went to London about a week before for the purpose of obtaining his B.L. degree. He took suddenly ill in the English metropolis, and, having neither relative nor friend near him, decided to enter an hospital, where he died a short time after admission. The friends of the deceased, on being communicated with, requested the body to be sent to Belfast for the purpose of interment, but the authorities suspecting foul play, ordered the body to be kept in the Fleetwood Shed, Donegal Quay, for a post-mortem examination.

The Northern Winter Assizes are over (says *United Ireland* of December 24), Judge Lawson ceases from his duties, and our pens are free to criticise the doings of the law in its awful majesty at Omagh. Nearly all the cases disposed of there were those arising out of the late riots in Belfast. Never in the whole annals of the jury-box was there such a sight beheld as was beheld in Omagh while these proceedings lasted. In two cases men indicted for murder were allowed to go unpunished, although there was such evidence of their guilt forthcoming as left no more doubt of it than of the existence of the courthouse. Two men named Walker, father and son, were indicted, one for the murder of Head-Constable Gardiner, the other for the slaying of Private Hughes. The murderers were taken red-handed, several witnesses saw them perpetrate the crimes, yet an Orange jury in each case disagreed! Such a monstrous outrage upon justice was too much for even Judge Lawson. He told the jury in the second case that their conduct was highly discreditable to the county and that they were almost as guilty as the actual murderers. These two episodes at Omagh now leave it beyond the shadow of a doubt that under no circumstances will a jury of Orangemen find a brother Orangeman guilty of a capital crime, and that in an Orange county an Orangeman may therefore commit murder with impunity.

ARMAGH.—A National demonstration was held at Cullybana on November 25; Rev. J. Quinn, C.C., Crossmaglen, occupied the chair and a series of resolutions were adopted, and speeches delivered by Mr. Blain, M.P.; Mr. Nagle, solicitor, Castleblaney; Joseph Maxwell, C.T.G., Dundalk; J. L. Neary, Whiterath, and others.

CARLOW.—The anniversary of the Manchester Martyrs was kept solemnly at Borris. St. Patrick's Brass Band marched through the town playing "The Dead March in Saul," and was followed by a vast concourse of people from town and country. A tasteful banner bearing the names of Allen, Larkin, and O'Brien on a black ground, and surrounded with *immortelles*, was carried at the head of the procession.

CAVAN.—The following have been nominated by the Judges of Assize to act as High Sheriffs for this County during the ensuing year: Fane Vernon, Erne Hill, Belturbet; William Adams, Drumelton House, Cootehill; Col. Henry T. Clements, Ashfield Lodge, Cootehill.

Mr. Hutton met his tenants by appointment at Virginia, on December 3, and gave an abate mentranging from 20 to 40 per cent. on one year's rent and all arrears. On December 3 George Annesley and Eglantine Humphreys, J.P., attended at Ballyconnell to receive the rents from the tenants. The majority agreed not to pay except they got a reduction, but no reduction was given except to those tenants who held old leases. For the greater part of the day he received no rents, and at 5 o'clock in the evening he informed those who had not paid to meet him next day at Belturbet. The tenants were displeased at this course, as some of them lived a long distance from Belturbet, and few attended.

CLARE.—One of the greatest demonstrations made in any part of Ireland was carried out in Ennis on November 28, in connection with the inauguration and unveiling of the statue of Erin in the vicinity of the Victoria road to the memory of the Manchester Martyrs, Allen, Larkin and O'Brien. Contingents from all parts of the Counties of Clare, Limerick, Tipperary, and Galway, with the congregated trades from Limerick, with bands and muffled banners, were in attendance to take part in the display, which was of a most imposing character, the members of the Ennis Board of Guardians, with Edward Bennett, chairman, carrying the mournful colour descriptive of the occasion. In extent the procession was a mile and a half, proceeded by a hearse draped in crape and drawn by four horses. On arriving at the statue, where a platform was erected by the local committee, Edward Bennett, Chairman of the Ennis Board of Guardians, was called to the chair and addressed the meeting in an eloquent speech. Mr. Bracken, P. N. Fitzgerald, and John Torley, of Glasgow, also spoke. The Government reporter was refused a place on the platform, and when the unveiling of the statue was being carried out he refused to take off his hat amidst groans. Nearly twenty bands played the "Dead March," while almost everyone who took part in the procession wore crape. A great number of black flags were borne in the procession, and at various points draped arches spanned the streets, bearing such mottoes as "Remember the Manchester Martyrs," "67," "Great Men Die, But Their Memories Still Live," etc. The monument is about thirty-five feet in height, and rests on a base, with five steps. This is surmounted by a cornice, on which stands a column, on which is placed a cap, which supports a figure of Erin, holding a cross aloft, with a harp on one side and a wolf-dog on the other. On the front of the base is the inscription:—"Sacred to the

memory of Allen, Larkin, and O'Brien, who suffered death in Manchester through love of their country on November 23rd, '67, their last prayer being 'God save Ireland.'" The meeting was made up of contingents from the following places:—Limerick City, Kiltush, Miltown Malbay, Ennistymon, Kilkennora, Ballyvaughan, Lisdoonvara, Corofin, Buan, Crusheen, Tulla, Quin and Clooney, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Clarecastle, Ballylea, Kilmalea, Inch, Ballinallick, Inagh, Killomona, Dysert, Six-Mile-Bridge, Cratloe, Tubber (County Galway), Gort, Oranmore, Tuam, Loughrea, Feakie, etc.

CORK.—The new Bishop of Cork, Dr. O'Callaghan, was formally installed at the monthly meeting of the Diocesan Chapter at the Cathedral on December 3. Dr. O'Callaghan has appointed Monsignor Sheehan his Vicar-General.

At a meeting of the committee of the Cork National League on November 24, it was resolved to expel Robert Walsh, T.C., one of the Secretaries, in consequence of his persisting in a course of conduct which the committee consider inimical to the National interests.

There is a pack of harriers in the neighborhood of Muskerry belonging to the farmers and others, which hunt on the poor man's holiday. These having trespassed on Capt. Rye's property some of them were shot by him. Great indignation was felt and one of the consequences is that the hunting of the 21st Hussars' hounds has been stopped.

At a crowded meeting of the Catholic jurors of Cork, held on December 1, the Mayor-elect presiding, a resolution was adopted strongly protesting against the manner in which Catholic jurors had been ordered by the Crown officials to "stand by," and calling on the several jurors to make open protest in court against such procedure.

A great League demonstration took place on November 28, at Killeagh, under the presidency of Rev. Father Murray, P.P. Five Members of Parliament attended and delivered speeches. The latest action of the Government towards the National League was strongly condemned, and the tenants were advised to adopt the "Plan of Campaign" in all cases where the landlords refused a reasonable settlement.

At a meeting of the Clonakilty Board of Guardians on November 26 a body of distressed labourers waited on the Board and represented their condition as one of urgent need. They stated that they were badly in want of work, and even of food to sustain life. The Guardians, for the second time, passed a resolution calling the attention of the Government to the need of relief works in the district.

On November 26, at daybreak, James Boland, Sheriff's officer, accompanied by ten police, proceeded from Mallow to Lyre to execute a decree against Daniel Murphy. He seized four cows, one horse, a car, and tackling. Boland had two other decrees for rent, but found nothing on the farms on which he was to execute the decree, and had to return home without effecting any other seizure.

On November 26, four of the Sheriff's officers, accompanied by a force of constabulary from the surrounding police stations, arrived in Whitegate and proceeded from there to the townland of Guileen and to the farm of James Doyle to make a seizure for rent due to the landlord, Mr. Chute, but not a beast was to be found on the farm. The party, finding themselves disappointed, made a short cut through the fields to the townland of Ballinatrany and to the farm of James Wall, which was also vacated.

A well-attended and successful auction was held by Mr. Doyle, at Inchiquin, near Youghal, on the Ponsonby estate, on December 3. Mr. Doyle sold off everything in his place, his fattened bullocks realizing high prices. The bidding throughout was spirited, and the proceeds exceeded his most sanguine expectations. The other tenants, as well as Mr. Doyle, who were served with writs by Mr. Ponsonby, have disposed of their cattle and produce, and are now ready for the Sheriff.

After Martin Forrest and his family of eleven helpless children were driven from their home, prosecutions were instituted against Julia Forrest, aged 17, for three acts of trespass, having been found occupying part of the old dwelling. A fine of 10s was recorded in each case, with 7s 6d costs. Miss Forrest declined to pay the amount, and protested against the injustice that was sought to be inflicted. Though the fines were imposed in September the warrants were not executed. It was thought the matter would have been allowed to rest, but on November 29, a sergeant proceeded to Blarney, where Miss Forrest was staying with her grandmother, and demanded the fines. The brave young girl declined to pay the money, saying she would suffer imprisonment first, and she was then taken into custody and lodged the same evening in the city gaol. A week's imprisonment is the alternative in each case. This will subject her to three weeks in gaol.

Fifty prisoners connected with alleged moonlighting cases in Kerry and Clare arrived in Cork on November 29, at 2 o'clock escorted by over one hundred police. On their arrival in Cork, a large crowd attended at the railway station and raised vociferous and prolonged cheers. The whole party then proceeded on foot to the County Gaol, accompanied by John O'Connor, M.P., J. C. Forde, and Alderman John O'Brien. At the corner of the parade and Patrick street, John O'Connor addressed the crowd, calling for "Cheers for Poff and Barrett," "Down with Cork juries," the latter remark being repeated several times, and received with loud cheers. On proceeding to the gaol, Mr. O'Connor addressed the crowd, and in the course of his remarks said that the object of these meetings in Cork and Sligo was to insist on getting fair play in the trials by jury. There had been no fair trial by jury in Cork, for the juries were packed. The Irish should familiarise themselves with going to prison. They should make the Government of Ireland by the English people impossible. Until they had the gaols filled to bursting they would not succeed in winning back the right of Irishmen to govern themselves. Alderman O'Brien also addressed the crowd.

Most of the landlords, of this county seem to be adopting the "half-loaf" policy. Tenants of the O'Hara property at Kilbenny, many of whom were under notices of eviction, have been offered a reduction of 20 per cent. Landlords Harrison, of Enniskillen, and Coppinger, Cork, have given their Castlelyons tenants abatements on the current rents of from 30 to 50 per cent. Kate O'Donovan's Bantry tenants have been offered and have accepted a reduction