

demand very bad—in fact, it was the worst fair held in Derrygonnelly for the past twelve months.

During all the week ended June 26, an extraordinary fire swept over the district of Doagh. The conflagration had its origin in the Jubilee fizzle carried on in this district on the night of the 21st of June. On that night a party of Loyalists ignited a huge bonfire on Conagher rock, in the Doagh district. Adjoining this rock is a large bog, which extends for miles, and which is covered with heather, long grass, and dry turf, which, owing to the intense heat, were all as dry as powder and easily ignited. On the Garrison side of the rock, where the bonfire was lighted, lies the plantation of Captain Archdale. The rapidity with which the fire extended is inconceivable. In a short space of time a large portion of Captain Archdale's plantation was in flames, and the bog also. Derrygonnelly town was covered with smoke and for some time great anxiety was shown.

GALWAY.—In consequence of the recent intense heat there is every prospect of a good harvest this year in Conemara, which is a rare occurrence in this barren district, owing to the extreme humidity of the climate.

There was only one criminal case for trial at the Galway Quarter Sessions on June 30, but the land-thieves were present in great force and applied for forty-six ejection decrees.

Ballinasloe Great Lamb Fair was held on July 4. A very large number of lambs were offered for sale, but the buyers, owing to the recent drought and the fact that the grass is actually burned on many pastures throughout the country, were not in attendance, and though many large sales were effected they were far below the average and not at all what they would be if there was any expectation of a profit in keeping them.

An eviction campaign commenced in Loughrea district on July 5. No fewer than 350 police are engaged in it. The cavalcade was followed by two brakes, containing scaling ladders, beds, bags, etc., belonging to the Emergency men and accompanied by about twenty of them, under the charge of a man named Ludlow. Only two evictions were carried out the first day at Newtowndaly. On the second day, so great were the obstructions placed on the roads in the shapes of barricades of trees, trenches, etc., that the crowbar work was temporarily suspended. The evictions are to be carried out on the estate of Sir Henry Burke, Mrs. Hannah Lewis, and the Earl of Westmeath, who obtained a large number of ejections at the last Quarter Sessions in Loughrea and Gort. There are a number of decrees for rent on the properties of other landlords, including D. F. Burke, Kingstown; Mrs. Stratford, and others, and it is understood that as those decrees are in the hands of the Sheriff an attempt will be made to enforce them. The police are under the command of County Inspector O'Brien and two District Inspectors.

KERRY.—An eviction party proceeded to Templenoc, near Kenmare, on July 6 to take possession of the house and land occupied by David Doran, farmer. The bailiffs were endeavouring to break open the door of the house when a shot fired from within through the door passed close to the party outside, who then obtained forcible entrance. Doran, the only occupant of the house, was arrested, and has been committed for trial. He owed a year and a half's rent.

On July 4, as the Star Spangled Banner was waving from one of the windows of Lee's Hotel, Dingle, by an American family, to celebrate the Declaration of Independence, a curious incident occurred. While the party had gone out for an excursion two policemen called at the hotel and peremptorily ordered the proprietor to remove the flag. The following dialogue then took place:—Mr. Lee—In the absence of my visitors, or without their authority to do so, I refuse to touch the flag. Sergeant Harris—Aren't you aware that such things are illegal when hung from licensed premises? Mr. Lee—I believe that party flags are prohibited. And do you consider the "Stars and Stripes" a party emblem? Sergeant H.—There is no distinction. Then you won't remove the flag? Mr. Lee—Most certainly not. Will you try it? Sergeant H.—Indeed I won't. Then I suppose you will take the responsibility? Mr. Lee—With pleasure. I am responsible, and shall see it out with you.—This little incident has caused much excitement in this neighbourhood, and the threatened proceedings are awaited with not a little curiosity. The American family referred to consists of Mr. and Mrs. Lyons, of Marblehead, Mass., and their friend, Miss Barrett, of Boston.

KILDARE.—Justice Harrison on July 7 opened the Commission of Assize for the County Kildare, and informed the Grand Jury that there were but five criminal cases for trial, none of them of a very serious nature.

A more intense heat wave than passed over the Curragh on July 1 and 2, has not been felt for the last 30 or 40 years. For the want of rain and dews every kind of crop appears to have its growth arrested, hay and oats are extremely stunted, and as to pasture, it seems to have disappeared from all but low-lying districts. Cattle are half mad from scarcity of water. A troop of the 11th Hussars was on vidette duty near the Ranges on July 1, about three o'clock, when one of them, a young fellow named Gregory, suddenly fell from his horse and never again spoke or regained consciousness until he died next evening. Another named Briton, about 30 years of age, died the same day. Three other soldiers were similarly affected by the heat, and it is said that one of these also, a sergeant of a militia corps, has since died.

KILKENNY.—A football tournament was held at Kilmanagh on June 29 in presence of a large crowd of spectators. Kilmanagh beat Farranroy by 1 goal and 2 points to 1 point. Ballycallan beat Mohobber by 2 points to 1. The Commons beat Kilmanagh Juveniles by 1 goal and 3 points to nothing.

Prayers for rain were offered in all the churches of Ossory diocese on June 26. The crops in many places have been seriously injured by the intense heat and cattle are feeling the effects of want of water. In several places the wells are dried up, and farmers are obliged to send a distance of six or seven miles for water.

On July 1 the produce of upwards of five acres of meadowing, the property of Mr. Nolan, Glendine was burned. The hay was in cocks and on the swath. The fire originated while the workmen

were at dinner. The military from the Kilkenny barracks and the constabulary from John st., and Dunmore stations were too late to save the hay, but, owing to their exertions, an adjoining field of corn was saved from destruction.

LEITRIM.—The criminal calendar at Leitrim Assizes on July 6 was so light as to elicit congratulations from the Lord Chief Baron. At Leitrim Assizes on July 6 Patrick Waters and eight others pleaded guilty to a charge of obstructing and assaulting the Sheriff at an eviction. Owing to the peaceful condition of the County they were allowed out on their own recognisances.

At the conclusion of the Leitrim Assizes Mr. Taylor, B. L., applied to the Lord Chief Baron for the discharge of John Melley of Bundoran, a witness for the defence in the case of Johnston and others, who were charged with Whiteboyism near Kinlough on the night of June 16 last. Melley was arrested without a warrant, or any legal process. The Chief Baron pronounced the arrest unconstitutional and illegal without a warrant, and ordered Melley's discharge. A civil action will be taken against the police for illegal arrest.

LIMERICK.—On July 2 an old man named Denis Barry, while haymaking on Mr. Regan's farm, at the Fike, received an attack of sunstroke and died almost immediately.

The County Limerick Grand Jury, on July 7, disposed of twenty malicious injury applications. In every case compensation was granted, the total amount allowed being £761 10s.

Limerick Assizes was opened on July 8. In the County Court Judge Johnston said that there were but twelve cases to go before them, none of which required any special observations. In the City Court Judge O'Brien said that he wished the City were as prosperous as it was free from crime. There were but two bills to go before them, and they were both against the same person for a trivial offence, and for the same offence. The Grand Jury then found a true bill against Bridget Harman for assault. The prisoner pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to an hour's imprisonment.

A rather exciting demonstration took place at some Sheriff's sales in Limerick on July 2. The farm of John Ryan, a tenant on the estate of Mr. Croker, a minor, was put up for sale, and amidst great tumult the receiver appointed by the Court of Chancery, Mr. Hutchins, was declared the purchaser. A crowd followed Mr. Hutchins out of the court-house to the barracks in William street, to which he quickly made his way, and on the demonstration of hostility being continued by the crowd a force of police rushed out and arrested five persons. They were subsequently discharged by the Mayor, to be summoned.

Francis A. O'Keefe, Mayor of Limerick, will visit the United States in a few weeks on a lecturing tour. Invitations have been extended to him by societies in Chicago, Milwaukee, San Francisco, New Orleans, and other cities. He is one of the most eloquent members of the Irish bar and an ardent supporter of Mr. Gladstone and Home Rule. Limerick is the oldest incorporated City in the United Kingdom. Its Mayor may take precedence on all social and public occasions over even the Lord Mayor of London. The chain of office worn by the Mayor of Limerick is curious and unique. Every succeeding Mayor must, according to an old law or custom, add a gold medallion to it, so that at present it is worth thousands of pounds, and is so heavy that it is difficult to wear it. The robes of the office of Mayor of Limerick are the same as those worn by the Lord Chancellor of Ireland.

LONGFORD.—Only two cases were set down for trial at Longford Assizes, which opened on July 5, and Judge Murphy congratulated the Grand Jurors on the peaceable state of the County.

LOUTH.—There not being a single case for trial at Drogheda Assizes on July 5, the High Sheriff presented Justice Homes with a pair of emblematic white gloves, enclosed in a handsome case, in token of the stainless purity of the criminal calendar. At the County Assizes in Dundalk on the following day there were only four simple cases for trial.

MAYO.—The following letter from the *Freeman's Journal* speaks for itself:—Achill Island, Mayo, July 4th. Dear Sir—I beg gratefully to acknowledge receipt of the munificent sum of £100 (one hundred) from Michael Davitt toward procuring fishing gear for the most needy of the people in this parish. I need hardly inform the readers of your influential journal that there is not in the United Kingdom a better fishing ground than the grounds around the Achill shores, nor is there a part of the United Kingdom more neglected. Achill is capable of affording shelter and protection to boats of large tonnage. Still we have no piers, and consequently no protection—the result being that the rich mine of the sea is undeveloped, and our people obliged to fly year after year to England and Scotland to eke out a miserable existence, while the immense wealth at their homes is lost to them because of the heartlessness of the Government under which they live. Thanking Mr. Davitt again for his generous offering, and hoping that others may follow the example of the noble and self-sacrificing patriot, sincerely yours, PATRICK O'CONNOR, P.P.

MEATH.—Meath Assize opened at Trim on July 4. There were only three cases for trial, none of a serious character. Judge Andrews congratulated the Grand Jury upon the peaceful condition of the County.

MONAGHAN.—Monaghan Assizes opened on July 8. There were only two criminal cases for trial. Judge Holmes congratulated the Grand Jurors on the absence of crime from the County.

The prospects of the flax crop throughout the County are thus reported:—Monaghan—The flax crop in this locality promises to be a very short one indeed. In many instances it will not be worth pulling. Ballybay—Plants suffering from want of rain. Carrickmacross—Young plants suffering very much from state of weather. Castleblayney—There is an increase of about one-fourth in the area under flax this year compared with last. If there be no immediate rain flax will be short. Glasslough—The flax acreage is probably about the same as last year's. If we had rain the crop is very promising. Newbliss—There is one-third more flax-seed sown this year