

Irish News.

ARMAGH.—One of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings in furtherance of the National cause in South Armagh was held at Cullyhanna, a village some eleven miles from Newry. Thousands were in attendance from the surrounding districts. Mr. Blane, M.P. for the division; Mr. John Ferguson, of Glasgow; and a large number of the local Catholic clergy were present. The Newtownhamilton Flute Band was also in attendance; and about 20 police, under District Inspector Davies, watched the proceedings. R. R. Gardner, a Protestant Home Ruler, presided. Mr. Blane, M.P., and John Ferguson addressed the meeting, and resolutions calling on the landlords to grant reductions on their present rents, and condemning the present policy of the Government were adopted.

CAVAN.—Several League meetings have been held recently near Cavan, notwithstanding the vigilance of the police.

CLARE.—The various news agents in Kilrush have been warned by the police against selling Nationalist newspapers publishing reports of suppressed branches of the National League.

Captain E. Croker, sub-Sheriff of Clare, with a large force of constabulary and military seized 70 head of cattle belonging to the tenants on the estate of Major Hickman, D.L., near Kildysart.

Numerous ejection decrees on local properties were granted at the Kilrush Quarter Sessions before the County Court Judge. There being no criminal business for trial, the judge was presented with white gloves on the bench by Mr. O'Brien, Clerk of the Crown.

The evictions on the Vandeleur estate were further proceeded with recently, but there was no disturbance. Captain Croker, sub-Sheriff of Clare, was protected by about 100 police, under County Inspector Heard and Mr. Kilkelly, B.M. Inspector Heard received a telegram from Colonel Turner, Divisional Magistrate, to requisition military from Limerick if necessary.

At the Ennis Petty Sessions, before Mr. Kilkelly, R.M., presiding, two soldiers named Nealon and Higgins, belonging to a detachment of the second Leinster Regiment at Clare Castle, were put forward charged with attacking a police patrol and were sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for one month each.

At the weekly meeting of the Ennis Board of Guardians the election of a relieving officer for the Newmarket-on-Fergus district took place. By the unanimous desire of the guardians Patrick Hickey was elected for the position as a protest against landlord tyranny, by which he has been deprived of his holding at Killulaner, Newmarket-on-Fergus, by the landlord, Stacpooles Mahon. He is at present with his family of ten children residing in a Land League hut on the outskirts of his farm.

CORK.—A dispatch from Bandon says that on a recent Sunday morning, before the members of the congregation assembled, it was discovered that a large number of the panes of glass in the windows of the Scots Church, Watergate street, Bandon, had been broken by stones flung through them. Over 60 panes had been broken. No motive beyond mere wantonness can be assigned for the outrage. The members of the congregation are on the best of terms with the community, and very great regret is felt that such a piece of blackguardism should be perpetrated.

Recently, during the hearing of cases at the Mallow Petty Sessions, Major Hutchinson, B.M., and Captain Segrave, R.M., heard the case against an Emergencyman named James Buckley, who is in charge of an evicted farm at Ballyknocken, and employed by the Cork Defence Union, for having a revolver in a proclaimed district without a license. Mr. Laynon, D.L., prosecuted. Defendant said he was minding the farm, and his comrade had a license, and there were only two of them on the farm minding it. He thought they could keep it. Sergeant Brosnan was sworn and deposed to finding James Buckley with the revolver; it had six chambers; it was loaded. Major Hutchinson said he blamed his employers more than the man himself. They could not have people going about with arms. They imposed a penalty of 20s and costs, or 14 days' imprisonment, and ordered the revolver to be forfeited.

The members of the local branch of the League of the Cross have this year celebrated the anniversary of Father Mathew's birthday by a grand demonstration. The vast procession was marshalled at the Temperance Hall, and as it began to wind its way around the town the first in order were the boys of the Friary and the National Schools, wearing the emblem of the League and a green rosette; next came the Kinsale National Brass Band, followed by the members of the committee of the League of the Cross; then came a splendid body of 300 or 400 men, headed by a large banner of the Association. The large procession wound its way through several of the streets of the town towards the parish church, where Rev. Canon Cotter delivered a short address on the vice of drunkenness and the good results which would ensue from temperance.

DEBBY.—The great fair of October was held recently. The fair is usually regarded as more or less of a test of the present condition of the cattle trade and the ideas formed on the prospects of the future. The winter stock for the stalls customarily purchased at the October fair, and the fact that the market was not so large as that of past seasons, are not satisfactory. The causes of the comparatively small supply are not far to seek. Holders of stock assumed that in all likelihood prices would range extremely low. There was not, therefore, the same desire to forward cattle for sale, and the result was that numbers coming from the several country markets—Enniskillen, Omagh, Clones, etc.—fell far short of the average of years gone by. The assumption that low prices would prevail proved correct, for the figures in some classes of stock were as much as £2 per head less than previous years.

DOWN.—A significant scene occurred recently at a meeting of the Londonderry tenantry in Newtownards. The farmers on the estate met to consider the Lord Lieutenant's reply to a memorial praying

for a reduction of rent. It was hoped that it would not be necessary for the tenants to go into the Land Court, as even the leaseholders have now the power to do. It seems that no reply to the memorial had been received. A resolution was, therefore, passed recommending the tenants to serve notices for going into the Land Court; but, at the same time, declaring their readiness to give full and fair consideration to any favourable terms the Marquis of Londonderry might offer.

DUBLIN.—A dinner party was given at Clonliffe College to the Archbishops and bishops who had been attending the meeting of the Maynooth Board of the Irish Hierarchy. Monsignor Persico, the special envoy of the Pope, was present.

GALWAY.—Edmond Davoren, who was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour for resisting the Sheriff and the police on the occasion of Alice Barry's eviction at Elton last August, was released recently. A large crowd assembled to congratulate him on his release, and several addresses were presented. He was subsequently escorted to Elton by a couple of hands and a large number of people repeatedly cheered along the route.

The three days' fair of Tuam opened recently with the sheep department. The supply fell short of last year's, the number exhibited for sale being 21,000, two-thirds of which were sold. The fall from last year's prices was from 8s to 10s a head. Many farmers declared that no margin was left them for the year's feeding of their sheep. Two and three-year-old ewes and wethers sold at 40s to 55s; hoggets, 36s to 42s; lambs 17s to 25s. The cattle fair was unprecedentedly large, those unsold at recent fairs having been brought here from long distances. The prices realised were small.

KERRY.—Telegrams from Tralee and other places state that the police served notices on the local newspapers that they will be liable under the Crimes Act if they publish reports of suppressed League meetings. News vendors and stationers are warned against exhibiting posters with such announcements.

KILKENNY.—The mission under the auspices of the Redemptorist Fathers in Callan was in every way worthy of the efforts made to render it a success, and of the inhabitants of the town. The names of the Fathers conducting the retreat were:—Fathers Healy, Hall, Hayes, and Palliola.

There was a great attendance of cattle at the October fair, but unfortunately very few buyers. Many of the farmers were obliged to bring their cattle home unsold. It is melancholy to think, viewing this state of things, what the farmers will do for the winter and the question of "Can rents be paid?" will be answered by an emphatic "no," for the simple reason that you cannot make persons who have no money pay landlords. The adage that empty pockets laugh at highwaymen can be applied in a certain sense to the tenants and landlords of the country during the coming winter, as the highwaymen, viz., the landlords, will, we are afraid, find nothing but empty pockets, and a natural Plan of Campaign will be established that, notwithstanding Coercion Acts and the horse, foot, and artillery of England, cannot be defeated.

LEITRIM.—A large and enthusiastic demonstration was held in the town of Mohill. Contingents with bands and banners attended from the adjacent districts, and a Government reporter was accommodated with a place on the platform. Amongst those present were:—L.P. Hayden, M.P., M. Conway, M.P., J. L. Shipman, English Home Rule Union, etc. Father McGaver, C.C., presided. L. P. Hayden, M.P., who was loudly cheered, said he had been described as a stranger in this County, which he represented, but Irishmen would welcome anyone fighting in their ranks no matter whence he came. Mr. Conway, M.P., who was received with loud applause, said he was proud to belong to the Irish party, which numbered amongst it such men as Mr. Parnell, Mr. O'Brien, and Mr. Dillon. (Cheers.) There are three things which at this moment they have to discuss in public. They have, first of all, the liberty of public meeting, and identified with that is the right of the Press and freedom of speech. Besides these things they had to work out their salvation as regards the land question, and, having made the people comfortable in their homes, there is the last aspiration of Irishmen in the shape of demanding that they shall govern themselves. Mr. Shipman, of the English Home Rule Union, and several others also addressed the meeting.

LIMERICK.—The central Branch of the National League has allowed a generous grant to the tenants who have been evicted by The O'Grady at Herbertstown. The tenants expect soon to be reinstated by The O'Grady.

There was a good show of cattle at Pallasgreen fair. Store cattle were in very poor demand, the scarcity of hay deterring feeders from investing. Young stock were in good supply. The prices were a little below the average obtained at former fairs. Good beef sold easily at 55s per cwt.

A moonlight raid for arms is reported from the Ashford district. A party of men armed, but undisguised, visited the houses of several farmers in the locality and made demands for arms. Amongst others they visited the houses of John Dore, Edmund and Michael Hanley. They received two guns and departed without creating a disturbance.

At Dromcollogher Fair there was an increased demand for weaning calves, and prices went up 5s as compared with Charleville. Calves and beef cows were most sought after. Prices were:—Calves from £1 5s to £3 5s; year-and-a-half olds, £4 to £5; two-and-a-half, £5 to £7 10s.; beef cows, per cwt., 30s; bonhams, 7s 6d to 15s; sheep, 30s to 40s.

Mr. Edward H. P. Hosford, one of the agents over Mr. J. C. Delmege's Ardagh estate, has written a long letter to the local press denying statements made by a number of tenants on the estate that they were harshly treated and their rents raised in some cases 60 per cent. A short time ago a statement was published purporting to bear the signatures of most of the tenants. Mr. Hosford now states that he questioned all the tenants whose names were appended to the statement. Some, he says, deny having signed it, and the others say they were ignorant of its contents.