

**Kilkenny.**—The population of this County was 99,531 in 1881. The six largest land-robbers in this County are:—Viscount Clifden, 35,288 acres; Lord Bessborough, 23,967; C. B. Wandford, 22,232; Colonel Tighe, 11,970; Marquis of Ormond, 11,960; and Viscount Mountgarret, 11,919.

The people of Goresbridge in hundreds turned out with their ploughs and sowing-machines and sowed the crops of Mrs. Corcoran, whose son, Patrick Corcoran, was sent to Kilkenny Gaol for "obstructing" the Corcoran brigade. Fathers Bolger and Norris were present.

**Limerick.**—The population of this County was 180,632 in 1881. The largest land-robbers in this County are:—Lord Devon, 33,026 acres; Lord Dunraven, 14,298; Lord Ashtown, 11,273; Archdeacon Gould, 10,966; L. Fitzgibbon, 10,316; and Sir C. Barrington, 9,485.

After evicting all the tenants on his Herbertstown estate The O'Grady has given the place over to the charge of a crowd of emergency-men. These will have to be paid, and as The O'Grady is in receipt of no rent he cannot either pay them or subsist himself. So the rack-renter is nearing his doom—the workhouse.

A serious row happened in George street, April 24, between the 5th Battalion Munster Fusiliers and the Derbyshire Regiment. Three of the former attacked one of the Derbysires and beat him terribly with sticks. The assailants escaped before the arrival of the police. These drunken rowdies are the pillars of Balfourism and landlordism in Ireland.

A monster meeting of Nationalists was held at Herbertstown to maintain the fight of the tenants on the O'Grady estate. Rev. M. Ryan, C.C., presided. There were present:—John Dillon, M.P.; Mr. Finucane, M.P.; Rev. M. Power, P.P., Eml; Rev. J. Power, P.P., Kiltely; Rev. P. Kelly, C.C., Knocklong; Rev. J. O'Sullivan, C.C.; Rev. C. Connery, C.C.; Rev. C. Riordan, Father Luby, Father Godfrey; John Dillon, M.P., in the course of his remarks referred to the success of the Plan all over the country and encouraged his hearers in their just determination to resist landlord tyranny and confiscation.

**Longford.**—The population of this County was 61,009 in 1881. The six largest land-robbers in this County are:—Col King-Harman, 28,779 acres; Lord Granard, 14,978; Lord Annaly, 12,160; George M'Conchy, 10,319; A. B. Greville, 8,811; and Sir G. Featherstone, 7,420.

Patrick Hanley, who was imprisoned for refusing to give information at a Coercion Court, was released from Sligo Gaol and rearrested at this place, April 23. A boy nine years old was sent to gaol for a month for throwing stones at a Newtowncashel eviction. The Reign of Terror is still in progress.

**Louth.**—The population of this County was 77,684 in 1881. The six largest land-robbers are:—Lord Clermont, 20,369 acres; Lord Massereene, 7,193; A. Smith Barry, 6,239; Colonel Fortescue, 5,262; Lord Bellew, 5,109, and Rev. Stobart, 4,249.

One of the most amusing features of the Massereene struggle has been shown to the public in the following:—The land-thief finding no chance left of collecting "rents" on his estate had the sub-Sheriff put up for sale a number of shares in the Dundalk and Newry Steam Packet Company, the property of two tenants. Mr. Roche and Mr. Brannigan, who have adopted the Plan of Campaign. There were only two people present. £5 was the only bid for £500 worth of property, and the sale was postponed.

**Mayo.**—The population of this County was 245,212 in 1881. The six largest land-robbers in this county are:—Marquis of Sligo, 114,881 acres; Viscount Dillon, 83,749; Colonel Palmer, 80,990; Lord Lucas, 60,670; T. S. Carter, 37,773, and G. Clive, 35,229.

Peter Brogan, one of Buffalo Bill's men, visited his native town, Ballina, recently.

**Queen's County.**—The population of this County was 73,124 in 1881. The six largest land-robbers in this County are:—Sir C. Coote, 47,451 acres; Lord Castletown, 22,241; Viscount De Veseli, 15,069; Lord Portarlington, 11,149; Mrs. Bellew, 10,593, and R. G. Cosby, 10,110.

Michael Brennan, of Killeslin, has been evicted by land-thief Fitzmaurice in an inhuman manner. Mr. Brennan is 78 years old and has a wife and 8 children. Four of the children, who were suffering from measles, were taken out without clothes and placed on a dunghill. The bailiff threw out the furniture and locked the house. To crown the "Devil's work" Mr. Brennan was soon afterwards arrested and sent to gaol. The crimes of Irish landlordism daily cry to Heaven for vengeance.

**Tipperary.**—The appeal of the Member for West Waterford was heard at Connel before Judge Wall, April 21. The sentence of six weeks' imprisonment was confirmed. T. M. Healy, M. P., defended. Mr. Pync, who is suffering from a blow from a "peeler's" rifle during his arrest was marched off to the County Gaol and placed in a dingy cell. Mr. Healy warned the goalers that if they did not treat their prisoner humanely they would be held accountable.

**Tyrone.**—The population of this County was 197,719 in 1881. The six largest land-robbers in this County are:—Duke of Abercorn, 47,615 acres; Lord Castlestuart, 32,615; Lord Caledon, 29,236; Episcopal Church, 28,002; Sir J. M. Stewart, 27,905; and A. C. Hamilton, 16,682.

At the regular meeting of Stewartstown I.N.L. April 22, Rev. P. McShane, C.C., Chairman the following resolution was passed:—Resolved, That we denounce the tyrannical sentences imposed on Fathers McFadden and Stephens, and Mr. Blane, M.P., by Judge Webb, and we are determined to carry on the struggle for free land and a native Parliament.

At the regular meeting of Cookstown I.N.L. April 22, Rev. J. Rock, Chairman the following resolution was adopted:—That we offer our sympathy to Fathers McFadden and Stephens in their imprisonment, and we express our profound contempt for the lame policy of the Coercion Tory Government in its endeavors to subjugate the Irish nation by persecuting our patriotic leaders.

**Waterford.**—The population of this County was 112,768 in 1881. The six largest land-robbers in this County are:—Marquis of Waterford, 39,883 acres; Villiers Stuart, 35,000; Duke of Devonshire 27,483; R. A. Chearnley, 18,165; E. De la Poer, 13,448, and, John Pulisier, 9,825.

The Waterford Land Commission has given a reduction of 35 to 50 per cent on the Fortescue, Crosthwait, Merritt, and other estates. Sheriff Terry sold the Casey farm at Garronmellon, near Dongravan, recently to satisfy a judgment for £400 arrears. The farm was bought by an emergency man for £10. The defendants, Rev. B. J. Casey and Daniel W. Casey, were present. The Duke of St Albans is the land-thief.

**Wexford.**—The population of this County was 123,854 in 1881. The six largest land-robbers in this County are Lord Carew, 17,830 acres; S. Forbes, 15,216; Lord Courtown, 14,262; Marquis of Ely, 14,023; Viscount Powerscourt, 11,729, and Lord Portsmouth 10,189.

Delegates from the North Wexford branches of the I. N. L. met at Killanerin, April 22. Rev. J. Dunphy, P. P., Chairman. There were 100 delegates present, amongst them being Rev. W. O'Neil, P. P., Rev. Dr. Dillon, and Rev. P. O'Donnell, C.C. Resolutions of sympathy with the political prisoners were adopted, and the branches resolved to support the Coolgreany tenantry in their struggle against rack-rents. Rev. P. O'Donnell and Rev. Dr. Dillon delivered speeches.

At the Wexford Quarter Sessions April 25 the sub-sheriff presented Judge Darley with white gloves, as there was no criminal business before the court.

At the Enniscorthy Quarter Sessions 68 decrees for non-payment of "rent" were granted by Judge Darley.

## DIME NOVELS AND BOY DESPERADOES.

(From the *Catholic Standard*.)

A GANG of thirteen boy burglars has been discovered near Providence, R.I. Their ages ranged from that of their captain, eighteen years, down to twelve. They were regularly organized under horrid oaths of secrecy, and were governed by a regular set of rules and by-laws. They robbed school-houses and a number of dwellings, both by night and by day. For several weeks past they engaged in outrageous proceedings, so that they almost "created a reign of terror." Some of them proposed to set fire to the town in several places, so as to bring about a general conflagration, but others of them opposed this and wished to limit their operations to robbery.

One night several of them did start out to fire the town, but their movements attracted suspicion and they were arrested. Some others who had been suspected were also arrested. But those who were arrested rigidly kept their oath of secrecy, and it was not until their leader and the rest of the young desperadoes were "spotted" and arrested, that the story of their organisation came out. Most of them were of "good families," and when, by the advice of legal counsel, they told of their organisation and of their crimes, it was plain to be seen, as they themselves confessed, that their banding together and their entering upon their criminal course was suggested and prompted by the dime novels they habitually read.

A like gang of young boys equally criminal and desperate was discovered a few days ago in the outskirts of New York. These, too, were not outcasts or children of poor parents, but the sons of well-to-do persons.

Still another such gang was not long ago discovered in a town near Philadelphia. All of them without exception were the sons of very respectable persons. They met together and smoked cigars and read dime novels in a cave they had dug in a hillside in a secluded spot in the town. They first raided cigar and provision stores, and then growing bolder, committed other robberies. They were amply provided with pistols and knives, and were planning to go out to the Rocky Mountains to kill Indians and bears.

Another most pitiable instance of this youthful reading and hearing read of dime novels occurred recently in another town near Philadelphia. A quite small boy was discovered under his desk in school, striking and kicking violently. When lifted out and asked what he was doing, his answer was that he "thought he was fighting Indians." He is still in a dazed condition, and it is a question whether his mind is not permanently impaired.

Should not these and other instances that are constantly occurring teach parents to exercise an oversight over what their children read? It is an old and true adage that "evil communications corrupt." And what can be more immediately and directly corrupting than books which suggest evil thoughts? Yet countless parents seem to think it matters little what their children read, or, rather, they do not think or care at all. Yet on them rests the responsibility, a responsibility they cannot escape, of how their children shall grow up and what habits they form.

It is announced that the Scottish Catholics are organising a pilgrimage on a large scale to the Island of Iona, where is situated the famous shrine of St. Columba, who carried Christianity from Ireland to Scotland and founded the monastery which is regarded as the cradle of Scottish Christianity. Many old Scottish Kings are buried on Iona Island, which is familiar to tourists. The pilgrimage is to take place on June 13.

### GRATEFUL WOMEN.

None receive so much benefit, and none are so profoundly grateful and show such an interest in recommending Dr. Soule's American Hop Bitters as women. It is the only remedy peculiarly adapted to the many ills the sex is almost universally subject to. Chills and fever, indigestion or deranged liver, constant or periodical sick headaches, weakness in the back or kidneys, pain in the shoulders and different parts of the body, a feeling of lassitude and despondency, are all readily removed by these bitters. "Courant."