

killing a valuable horse. John and James Reade, Cornelius Hoolihan, Jeremiah Murphy, Patrick Cahill, and Cornelius J. Hoolihan have been arrested for shooting the horse. They were remanded to Tralee Gaol.

Printed notices have recently been posted over the Kenmare estate cautioning the tenants not to continue cutting turf on their farms. In the event of their doing so legal proceedings will be instituted. These notices, which bear the signature of the agent, Mr. Leonard, have naturally caused alarm not alone among the tenants but in the town of Killarney, where turf is the chief article used for fuel.

A collision happened between some civilians and police at Ballinskelligs on March 17. Sergeant McLoughlin, who is in charge of Portmagee police station, accompanied by two constables, went on patrol duty to Ballinskelligs to ascertain whether the publicans in the district had observed the Sunday-closing Act. Ballinskelligs has a few public-houses, contains the terminus of the Atlantic Commercial Cable, and is about eleven miles to the south-west of Caherciveen. The constables were each armed with a gun and the sergeant with a revolver. When the police arrived some dispute arose between them and a party of civilians. The civilians attempted to disarm the police, and the latter fired at the former without serious effect.

Daniel Murphy, an Emergencyman, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment at Kenmare Coercion Court for writing threatening letters to a tenant named Foley.

Kilkenny.—An important meeting of the Hugginstown and Stoneyford branch of the League was held on March 17. The following resolution was unanimously passed:—That we congratulate Mr. Parnell and his colleagues on their victory over the London Times. The day is fast dawning when every man will be at liberty to offer his opinions on democratic principles.

Limerick.—Bishop O'Dwyer has written a letter to the Limerick Guardians in favour of the better education of pauper children.

At the Special Court held at Rathkeale on March 19, six persons named Scanlan were charged with having assaulted Mr. Therry, agent of the Roche estate, his bailiff, and some members of the constabulary on the occasion of their attempting to pull down the horse from which the prisoners' mother had been evicted. The Removables sentenced James Scanlan to two months' hard labour; Patrick Scanlan and Bridget Scanlan to six weeks' imprisonment, and fined Margaret Scanlan 10s. The other two were discharged on account of their youth.

Longford.—The case against Messrs. Jourdan and Rodgers for retaking possession of their farms on the estate of Colonel Dopping was dismissed at Granard Coercion Court.

Louth.—Paul Taaffe was chairman at the recent meeting of this branch. The Home-Rule victory at Kennington was the principal matter discussed. A resolution congratulating Mr. Beaufoy, M.P., on his signal victory, and thanking the honest electors of the division for their emphatic protest against Dublin Castle Government was adopted. Arrangements were made for the meeting on the Fortescue estate which is to be held with reference to the threatened evictions of several tenants, also for the seeding of Patrick Bellew's farm.

Mayo.—Members of this branch were jubilant when they heard of the victory of the tenants on Mrs. Gibbon's estate. A special meeting was held on March 17, John Sheridan presiding. The following was adopted:—That we sincerely thank our devoted priests, Very Rev. Canon O'Hara and Rev. M. Henry, for standing by their people in their time of need. After the meeting the tenants on the Dillon estate, and on all the adjoining estates turned out in hundreds bearing torches and cheering loudly for John Dillon, William O'Brien, and the Plan of Campaign. The country for miles around was ablaze with bonfires, and Father Henry was blessed and cheered everywhere.

Queen's County.—On March 17 a committee consisting of John W. Dunne, J. Kealy, Thomas Brien, and E. Lynch waited on Rev. J. Maher, Luggacurran, and presented him with a purse of sovereigns in recognition of the services he has rendered to the people of the Lansdowne estate. Father Maher thanked his friends for their kindness, which he thought was far above his deserts.

Roscommon.—On March 17 a largely-attended meeting of Tusk National League branch was held in the League rooms. P. McDermott presided. The chairman referred to the recent Coercion proceedings against the members of the committee. Resolutions were passed tendering the warmest thanks of the Nationalists of the parish to Farrell McDonnell, solicitor, Roscommon, for his able defence of the accused.

Sligo.—The evictions which have long been threatened on the Knox property were carried out on March 19, under circumstances of great brutality. The Sheriff, with a force of more than 100 policemen, was present. The people had no notice of the intended raid, Father Connington having received a communication a few days previous, to the effect that an arrangement proposed by him had been submitted to the landlords for their approval. Father Connington looked upon this letter as an intimation that no action in the way of eviction would be taken. Ballincurry was the first place visited. Five families were turned out. Peter McEntyre, one of the tenants evicted, is over 80 years of age, and he, with five children, the youngest being only four years, was thrown out on the hill side. Buncrana was next visited. Austin Brett was the first victim. His door was barricaded, but with sledge-hammers the landlord's men soon battered down the fragile structure. Before this, however, Father Mulligan and Father Connington were forcibly removed from the front of the house by order of Colonel Stewart. John Millar's was then visited and the door broken in, but a stay had to be made here, as it was found that Mrs. Millar had an attack of illness, which it is supposed, was brought on by the attempted eviction. Father Connington administered the last sacraments to her. Something similar occurred in the next house visited, that of the Kennedys.

Mrs. Kennedy was also seriously ill, and the proceedings were abandoned. Michael Carroll's was then surrounded as if for a siege, and after the door had been rammed in, he, his mother, wife, and eight children had were left homeless. Michael Vizard was then evicted, and the police and bailiffs returned to the barracks in Curry. Here it transpired that the chapel bell had been ringing early in the day and that the persons who had rung it were inside of the chapel, which was surrounded by police. Up to a late hour the police were still on guard, though it was not certain whether the people were still inside. Ten families were evicted on the following day. The evictors were prudent enough to bring a medical doctor with them, and he certified that Patrick Walsh, an octogenarian, who has been bedridden for many years, was fit to be removed, and he was carried out by the bailiffs and placed on a heap of straw at the end of the house amid the heartrending cries of his wife and the execrations of the people.

Tipperary.—On March 18 nineteen men were brought up at the Cair Petty Sessions charged with riot and unlawful assembly. The evidence was that on the occasion of William O'Brien getting back his cloths in Clonmel Gaol, the people assembled and lit bonfires on the square, and that certain unilluminated windows were broken, and that stones were thrown at the police. Seventeen of the accused were bound over on their own recognisances, and the remaining two in sureties of £5 each, to be of good behaviour for six months.

Tyrone.—Carrickmore National League, Father Murphy president, has congratulated Mr. Parnell on his signal victory over the Webster-Pigott conspiracy, which endeavored remorselessly to hunt him from public life, but which is now writing in the throes of dissolution, having its mark of forgery and falsehood torn off.

Waterford.—The National Festival passed over very quietly in Waterford. The bands paraded the city as usual, without police interference, and the different National clubs celebrated it in "real old Irish style." The Temperance Association hoisted Irish and American flags, and the United Trades Club had a magnificent wind-up in the evening, S. Farrell presiding. Toasts, speeches, songs, recitations, and every other source of conviviality were indulged in until the following morning, when all quietly separated, well pleased with the night's amusement.

Westmeath.—Rev. J. Curry presided at the recent meeting of the Collinstown League. Following resolution was adopted:—That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to W. O'Brien in his imprisonment, our admiration for his heroism in bearing so much for the proper treatment of political prisoners, and our sincere wishes for his speedy liberation.

Wexford.—Judge Holmes, addressing the County Wexford Grand Jury, said there were but five cases to go before them, none of which presented any feature that made it necessary to dwell upon. The Constabulary returns show a decrease of offences as compared with the corresponding period of last year. So far as the information furnished to him enabled him to judge, the County seemed to be in a satisfactory state.

Wicklow.—A new gold mine has been discovered near Mr. Parnell's home at Avondale.

Baltinglass Guardians have condemned the new judicial rent schedule of the Land Commissioners.

Fourteen young men were arraigned at the Wicklow Assizes for wrecking the evicted house of Denis Kavanagh, an evicted tenant. The jury returned a verdict, of guilty, and the prisoners were remanded.

THE AMERICAN PILGRIMAGE ARRIVES IN ROME.

(Special correspondent of the Pilot.)

Rome, March 15

A SECTION of the American pilgrimage to the Holy Land and other shrines arrived in Rome last night; the remainder is expected here to-night. The Commission of the Circolo di S. Pietro will be at the disposition of the pilgrims, assisting them in all the knowledge necessary to render their stay in Rome profitable in a spiritual point of view. Besides, this same Commission will invite the members of the pilgrimage to be present at several meetings to be held in their honour in the rooms of the Circolo di S. Pietro, at the Sinibaldi Palace.

The total number of pilgrims is not 230, as a newspaper published at Rome announced this morning, but 107. The directors of this pilgrimage have telegraphed beforehand to the Father-General of the Franciscan Order, and to Mgr. O'Connell, rector of the American College. It is not yet certain that they will be received in that sort of solemn audience in which the Holy Father listens to an address read by one of the members in the name of all, and to which he replies in a formal discourse. There is a probability that their reception will be more friendly—as it may be described—and less formal; that is to say, it is thought that the Pontiff, instead of listening and replying to a formal address, will receive each member of the pilgrimage individually, and address to him or her a few affectionate words, terminating with a special benediction. This kind of reception, if it be that adopted, as is now anticipated by those in a position to know, will be the more satisfactory.

When the first American pilgrimage came to Rome in June, 1874 they assisted at Mass in the recently disinterred church of San Petronilla, which had just then been brought to light through the labours of the Commendatore De Rossi, in the Catacombs. The pilgrims from America to-day may assist at Mass in the newly discovered residence of the saintly soldier martyr, St. John and Paul, who were put to death under Julian the Apostate in this very house. This link between the Christianity of the fourth century and that of the nineteenth has been brought to light, as I have already related in the *Pilot*, by the Very Rev. Father Germano, of the Passionists.