

# Irish News.

**Antrim.**—The Nationalists of Belfast are to hold a great meeting shortly to make secure the seat of West Belfast for Thomas Sexton. There is a rumour that an effort is being made to put him out. Mr. Sexton has done great good for Belfast since his election.

Patrick McCann and his wife were arrested at Queenstown, May 22. A seven-chamber revolver and 100 rounds of ammunition were found on McCann and a six-chamber revolver and 46 rounds on Mrs. McCann. They were on their way to Ballymena, Antrim, on a visit and are from Buffalo, N.Y.

**Armagh.**—Sub-Commissioners D. Tuckey, H. Johnson, and H. Simpson sat in Armagh recently to fix fair rents. A painful instance of landlord tyranny was unveiled during the hearing. On Cope's estate, Longgall, a tenant, was got rid of to make room for J. A. M. Cope, a relative of the landlord.

The Armagh League met, May 19, in Ogle street; James Duff presided. Father McElvogue, Hon. Sec., reported that £10 had been sent to Central Branch. The Chairman reported that £50 had been subscribed for the Donegal Prisoners' Fair Trial Fund. He congratulated the Nationalists of Armagh on the generous amounts they had subscribed.

Lough Neagh League met, May 19. John Hendron presided. The following resolutions were passed:—That we offer our warmest congratulations to John Heaney, who was unjustly evicted, and to Edward Byrne, Patrick Hendron, and Thomas McStravick, all members of this branch, on their recent release from Armagh Gaol, where they were unjustly imprisoned; that we deeply deplore Lord Lurgan's arrest at the gambling tables of London on Sunday, 12th inst., and we look upon it as revealing the whole secret why we had to pay rack-rents and purchase at 18 years under the Ashbourne Act, and the whole secret why the Irish farmers are evicted, and why Balfour's battering-ram was brought into Ulster, and the true reason why the poor people of Gweedore and Falcarragh are living on a meal a day of Indian straboot—all to make up the gambler's debts of London; that we hope and pray the £32,000 that were seized in the gambling club by the police will be sent to buy Indian meal and seed potatoes for the poor of Donegal; that we condemn the conduct of the Lurgan magistrates in allowing John Girvan, the Derryadd Emergencyman on Mr. Heaney's farm, still to carry arms after being brought from Ballynary barracks on Sunday last before them for having fired at the passers-by on his way home from Portadown.

**Clare.**—There was one hitch in the Vaudeleur arbitration business, which is now finally arranged. Cleary's holding, from which he was evicted and had been grabbed, is to be handed over to him. The tenants are now paying their rents.

Coolmeen League met recently; Rev. H. J. Gleeson presided. The chairman said he was proud of such a large meeting and that they were determined to stand like one man in the National cause. The following resolutions were adopted:—That we tender our thanks to those good English friends who visited and fed the victims of Balfour's Maiden in persecuted Falcarragh; that we protest against the brutal sentence passed on Mr. Conybeare, M.P.: that we admire the heroic sufferings of our brave fellow-countrymen in the different prisons, and to Balfour's latest victims, Messrs. Condon, O'Connor, and Tanner, M.P.'s.

**Cork.**—A large whale was captured by some Bantry fishermen named Hurley recently at Whiddy Island.

The people of Middleton had provided an effigy of Balfour to burn when Mr. O'Brien was liberated. The police prevented it, but did the next best thing—they burned it themselves.

The people of Ballinagree have erected a hut for an evicted tenant, Jeremiah Twohig. Hundreds of hands were not long in erecting a substantial wooden structure. The tenants have all agreed not to pay rent until Twohig is reinstated.

The inhabitants of the village of Blarney were startled on May 23 by the appearance amongst them of a large force with a Government notetaker. The authorities were informed that a meeting was to be held there, but no such thing was contemplated by the Nationalists. The police did not feel very comfortable when they discovered they had been hoaxed.

At the grand convention at Fermoy the following resolutions were proposed, and carried with acclamation:—“That we heartily congratulate our Parliamentary representative, the pure-souled Wm. O'Brien, on his release from Balfourian indignity and brutality, and in acknowledgment of his stern and effective defiance of coercion tyranny, both in prison and out of it, we pledge ourselves to be more faithful in the future than we have been in the past to the principles of that sacred cause for which he has so often and without hesitation sacrificed his liberty.” “That we, the delegates representing the parishes comprised within the Fermoy Union district, do sincerely congratulate Charles Stewart Parnell and his gallant party on their glorious victory over the lying ring of conspirators, encircling the London Printing House Square Forgeries, and comprising the Le Carons, Pigotts, etc., with a strong ingredient of Salisburyism and Balfourism, as exemplified in Salisbury's latest utterances.” “That we hereby enter our most solemn and emphatic protest against the present coercion regime, which sends our purest patriots to prison to enjoy Balfour's hospitality for terms varying in accordance with the behests of the landlord faction, led by Smith-Barry, who directs his wire-pulling from a distance of safety to his own person, but injurious to the dupes who blindly follow his malicious advice.” “That we pledge ourselves to discourage by every legitimate means in our power all dealings with Emergencymen, land-grabbers, and evictors, and that a Vigilance Committee be formed in every parish to watch closely the movements of all obnoxious persons as above defined.”

**Derry.**—The Coleraine Town Commissioners appealed to the Board of Works for a grant of money to make improvements at Portstewart Harbour, several accidents having recently occurred there to fishermen. A grant will be given.

**Donegal.**—Judge Boyd has refused permission to Father McFadden to proceed with the building of his school. This was at the instance of the landlord.

At Falcarragh Sessions, May 21, Removables Burke and Harvey presiding, the eviction cases on these estates were postponed. Father McFadden and 28 English visitors were in court.

Patrick Gallagher, who was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment last March, has been released. Poor Gallagher's health has suffered so much that they were afraid to keep him any longer.

Olphert estate was only considered worth £360 when Olphert purchased it first, but since that time the tenants so improved the land, and the landlord raised the rents on the tenants' own improvements so much, that the annual rental is now actually £1802.

The Olphert evictions were resumed on May 24. A strong force of military and police were at Falcarragh at 7 a.m. The evicting forces were received with showers of stones, boiling water, sticks, and pitchforks. Several arrests were made. Amongst those evicted were Widow Heraghty, Charles McGeevers, Philip McGee, Patrick McIlroy, and Widow Ferry. Father McFadden, P. O'Brien, M.P., and a deputation of English Home Rulers witnessed the destruction of the people's homes.

A number of English ladies on a visit to the scene of the evictions in Donegal sent the following telegram to Queen Victoria on her Majesty's birthday (May 24):—“May it please your Majesty—We, the delegates of the (London) Home Rule Union and the Gweedore Vigilance Committee, congratulate your Majesty on the attainment of your 70th birthday. We deeply regret that this day of joy to all your loyal subjects has been signalled here by the eviction from their wretched homes of 150 women and children, the very poorest of your Majesty's subjects, tenants of Mr. Olphert, who are now rendered homeless by the use of your Majesty's military forces. We appeal to your Majesty to stay further evictions of this kind, which are a disgrace to humanity and a shame to Great Britain.—Catherine Halliday, Bertha M. Bates, Eleanor C. Fellowes, Carolite F. Fellowes.”—Of course the Queen did not reply, and of course she will not “stay further evictions.” As Wm. O'Brien put it in one of his articles, read at the Commission, “she is only known in Ireland by her hatred of Ireland.”

**Down.**—Newry Town Commissioners asked Lord Kilmorey to use his influence in having their town retained as military headquarters, there being a rumour that there was going to be a change. As his lordship's property would very likely suffer by the removal, he will move actively in this matter.

**Dublin.**—William O'Brien, M.P., will not immediately resume Parliamentary duty. His health is not in a good state, and he will take some holidays in the country to recruit.

Mr. Mooney, of Lark Hill, Coolock, Dublin, was before the magistrates, charged with adulterating milk. He sold a liquid as milk which had only 90 per cent. water. He was fined £20. There are many thousands like Mr. Mooney who milk their water to the same extent.

**Fermanagh.**—Patrick Bogan, of the Enniskilling Fusiliers, was arrested and brought before the magistrates in Omagh, charged with being absent from training for 10 years. He was sentenced to one week's imprisonment. He was in America all the time.

**Kerry.**—E. Harrington, M.P., is to be examined before Lord Aberdare's Commission on prison treatment.

The release of William O'Brien was celebrated by the Tralee people most enthusiastically. The town was illuminated and bonfires lighted on the hills.

There was a better market opened at Milntown recently which is going to be a success. The supply exceeded the expectations of the promoters, and Messrs. Morgan, Nolan, and Mangan, Tralee buyers, attended.

The representatives of the Land Corporation attended Castleisland Fair recently, but only one solitary beast could they purchase. Detectives were on the watch to pounce on anyone nodding or winking, but the people did their business well, and one beast was the result.

**Kilkenny.**—Hugginstown Leaguers met May 19, M. Holden presided. After transacting the usual business a resolution, binding every member not to allow any hunting on his farm whilst the best men in Ireland are in prison, was passed.

**Limerick.**—The sub-Sheriff of Limerick, with bailiffs and police, were at Cragh, between Adare and Rukhale, on May 20 to evict Elizabeth Cowley, a tenant on White's estate. Every sign of a determined resistance being visible, the Sheriff withdrew and left Mrs. Cowley in possession.

Coolcappa League met May 19. Matthew Hallinan presided. The branch reported having received £10 from Central Branch for evicted tenants. Scanlan, who was imprisoned in Clonmel, received a warm reception. The hearty good-wishes of the members were given to Maurice Costelloe, who was going to America.

**Longford.**—Mr. Dudgeon, the sub-Sheriff, with 20 policemen and bailiffs, visited Drummagher and evicted Michael Barns, a tenant of Mr. Lefroy's, of Darriglass. Great sympathy was expressed for poor Barns and family. The Sheriff next proceeded to Ballynulty, where a poor widow, Mary Reahill, and two children were cast upon the world by a man, named Archdale, the landlord.

**Mayo.**—Kilmovee League met May 10, John Sheridan in the chair. The following resolutions were passed:—That we condemn Lord Viscount Dillon and his understrappers—namely, M. Hussey, Stonewall Jackson, and Henry Doran—for sending ejectment processes to Clonamna and other villages in Kilmovee this time of year, when poor people cannot get the necessities of life; that we condemn them in particular for the unjust way that they are persecuting Tom Towey, of Barnaboy, and Ned Gallagher, of Castlemore; that we call upon all the branches of the National League in this district, and particularly on the Dillon estate, to speak out at once and say what they think of the treatment of their tenants; we tender to them our