

The people of all classes in the barony of Burrishoole have signed a memorial to Mr. Balfour praying the Government to construct a railway from Newport to a point afterwards to be decided on in connection with the Midland Great Western Railway.

The interment of Miss McGirr took place recently at the family burial-place, Glass Patrick. The deceased lady was 65 years of age, of a fine Catholic family in the town of Louisburg. Being unmarried, she had for long been the comfort and stay of a good and pious mother, who had lived to see a hundred years, and died only two years ago. Miss McGirr was sister to the late Rev. James McGirr, Moylough, the late Mr. McGirr, Clerk Petty Sessions, Louisburgh, and to Mr. M. McGirr, at present proprietor and editor of the *Freeman's Journal*, Sydney, Australia. Having received the last sacraments she died as she had lived, most edifyingly, at the residence of her good niece, Mrs. Horan, of Westport. The large and respectable funeral of priests and people showed the esteem in which the deceased had been held during life.

Monaghan.—At the recent meeting of this branch John Murray presided. Resolutions condemning all who are in sympathy with, aid, or assist land-grabbers were passed. They expressed displeasure at the cowardly manner in which the police batoned P. O'Brien, M.P., and hoped that he would soon be sufficiently recovered to appear in Parliament and expose the brutal nature of his attack to the world.

Roscommon.—Keeley, the Grabber, had a small boy at Hillstreet Sessions sent to gaol for one month for speaking disrespectfully of him. You must take off your hat for a grabber soon or the law will settle you for "disrespect."

Bridget Coleman, who was recently evicted by The O'Connor Don, was summoned for entering upon her farm. Miss Coleman stated she was determined to stick to her farm. She was sent to gaol for seven days.

Patrick O'Keefe presided at the recent meeting of Boyle League, and the other members present were:—Jasper Tully, John Stapleton, James Mullany, Laurence Gallagher, D. Nicholson, L. Cox, J. Toolan, Patrick Gaffney, J. Scally, John Higgins, Daniel Priest, president, Croghan Branch, also attended. A resolution was unanimously passed condemning the action of the authorities of Dublin Castle for the order given to Pasha Plunkett and Balfour's henchmen on the occasion of the recent brutal and illegal arrest of William O'Brien, M.P., the hero of the glorious Plan of Campaign. A complaint was preferred against a party for bog-grabbing, and one of the parties that Patrick Lee of Grange, lord to the late Mr. Dickle, brought a charge against on a previous occasion. The committee directed that both cases should be brought under the consideration of the Boyle Organising Committee. A complaint was also made for receiving a subscription from Patrick Sheeran towards the Tully Testimonial Fund. Mr. Tully said the money would be refunded. The committee said it should be given to the poor. It was resolved:—That we return our best thanks to Messrs. L. Gallagher and J. Mullany, who are so many years tried and trusted members of this committee, and we condemn the conduct of some of their contemptible neighbours.

Tipperary.—There was a great gathering of the Leaguers of this county, in the Town Hall, Tipperary. Several hundreds of police were drafted in from the surrounding districts. Canon Cahill presided, and gave a graphic account of his interview with the arch-exterminator, Smith-Barry. Father M. Power addressed the meeting in soul-stirring words, saying they were all determined to stand by one another to the last.

Tyrone.—James Donnelly presided at a well-attended meeting of Greencastle League recently, and resolutions strongly worded were passed condemning the action of the present Government in unlawfully wounding and killing the people when pursuing, in a constitutional manner, methods calculated to relieve them of the present load of misery they are forced to bear.

Waterford.—The Mayor, Captain Toole, was recently examined at the Commission, and testified to the salutary influence the League exercised over the people.

A special meeting of the Waterford Corporation was held recently and it was resolved to confer the freedom of the city on his Grace Archbishop Croke, in recognition of services to Ireland.

Father John Power presided at last Dungarvan League meeting, which was well attended. The action of the Government was condemned all along the line. Some cattle dealers named Foley were charged with selling stock for Ponsonby's "planted" tenants; it was not sustained. Mr. Stokes was rebuked for repairing a house from which a tenant had been evicted.

Westmeath.—Father Farrelly presided at last Castletown and Finca League meeting. A resolution condemning a farmer for ploughing land from which a tenant was harshly and unjustly evicted was passed.

A lad fishing in Clonshearer Lake, near Mullingar, drew up the horns of an ancient Irish deer. The horns had eight times each, measured three feet in length, and had part of the skull attached. There was also discovered at Rathconnell, near the same lake, a firkin of ancient butter.

Wexford.—William Devereux, Mayor of Wexford, was examined at the Commission, and stated that the National League kept down crime.

Wicklow.—Father Dunphy presided at last Arklow League meeting. A letter was read from the Coolgreany branch giving notice of an eviction on the property of Mr. Ellis, of St. Austen. The conduct of Messrs. Tyrell, of Clough, was condemned, they having taken the grass off an evicted farm. Subscriptions were received for the defence of the tenants on the Brooke estate, after which the meeting adjourned.

Chicago is to be supplied with natural gas from the Indiana field, a distance of one hundred and fifty-eight miles. Every contract is let for the completion of the work by November.

INTOLERABLE.

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IT is hard to hope that the Irish people can keep their patience. The renewal of the Clanricarde eviction outrages make every honest man's blood boil with irrepressible indignation. The wanton brutality of this business is so great as to be almost incredible. By the evictive campaign of last week fourteen additional families have been added to the great army of the homeless on the vast estate of the Most Noble exterminator. We can never write with patience of evictions—least of all of the Clanricarde evictions, whose inhuman cruelty no man has been yet found vile enough to justify. The tenants certainly touched the very limits of prudence or possible concession (in our view they passed the limit) in their eagerness for peace. Headed by Father Pelly, who in this matter may be taken as representing the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, they tendered one year's rent at the reduction offered as the price of a temporary respite, leaving themselves still liable to eviction at any moment. As always happens in such cases, the suggestion of peace on the tenants' part served only to render the evictors' representatives more arrogant and brutal. The wretched creature, Tener, of whom a word later on, demanded, as the first condition of a settlement, that the vast body of evicted tenants whose self-devotion had wrung from the Most Noble even the small reduction which he now offers, should be abandoned to their fate by their brethren, who profited by their sufferings. This ignoble condition was indignantly refused by the tenants, and the eviction campaign began. The forces included forty police, under the command of District-Inspector Wade, a company of forty Scotch Fusiliers, and the command of Captain Lermotte, and the blackguard brigade of the crowbar, under the congenial personal direction of the agent, Mr. Tener. Divisional Commissioner Byrne took supreme command of the allied forces that carried war to the knife into the Portumna district. It is hard to divest our minds of the belief that we are reading of a reprisal war on a horde of savage natives in some South Pacific Island rather than the dignified administration of the law amongst her Majesty's peaceful and well-meaning subjects of the United Kingdom. Take an incident from the campaign. The wretched peasant Diamond was at his morning meal of potatoes, with his wife and little family, when the invading army arrived unexpectedly at his cabin door, and forthwith the table was upturned (the law being in a hurry), and the unfortunate man, with his wife, and children, and his poor sticks of furniture, were all bundled out together on the road. Yet this was one of the least painful scenes in the horrible business. At the house of Michael Mitchell the tenant's wife's mother was lying in a dying condition when the eviction was commenced. Father Pelly and Father Corcoran, who knew the poor woman's condition, vainly endeavoured to make a passage through the ring of the brutal Emergency men. Meanwhile the work of eviction went gaily on. The emergency lads had a splendid time of it. They attacked two young sons of the tenant, boys respectively of thirteen and fifteen years of age, so fiercely with their hammers that one of the lads, with his head cut and bruised, and his hand disabled with the blows of the hammer, to escape from his savage assailants, leaped through a two-story window. At length the clergymen succeeded in making their protest heard. Mr. Byrne would be no party to dragging the dying woman from her bed. The eviction was stopped, and the emergency wolves retired growling from their prey. The chief recreation of those playful brutes at an eviction is smashing the tenant's furniture with hammer and crowbar, and on one of them being requested by the Rev. Father Pelly to remove the furniture gently he replied, "I will remove you by the back of the neck," and if Mr. Byrne had not intervened would have put his threat into execution. We will not further enter into the lamentable details of these scenes. We are only too painfully conscious how tame is all that can be written beside the horrible reality. But one exploit of the agent Tener deserves a brief commemoration. At four o'clock in the morning following the first day of the eviction campaign this Tener, at the head of his blackguard crowbar brigade, proceeded in sheer wanton devilry, to pull down the comfortable and well-built houses of two industrious tenants named Thomas Minogue and Patrick Tuohy. The gang of ruffians plied crowbar and pickaxe with a will, and the morning sun shone on piles of unsightly ruins where two comfortable cottages had stood at sunset. The tenants, whose industry had reared every stone of those houses, cowered hard by with their wives and children in the shelter of a disused barn and an upturned cart. Just one word about this man, Tener, the hero of this glorious exploit. He was a brokendown spendthrift, hunted by his creditors, when chance threw in his way "the devil's work" of the Most Noble, to which no man with a heart or conscience could stoop. Even now, while he harries and harasses the wretched tenants of the Most Noble for the non-payment of impossible rents, it is only by threats of imprisonment his own honest creditors can force from him even a small portion of their just demands. This wretched creature the Government has had the incredible audacity to create a Justice of the Peace for the county of Galway. He "administers justice" amongst the people who is paid to exterminate. As "*ex-officio* guardian of the poor of Portumna," his was the solitary voice raised in opposition to the guards' indignant vote of censure on his master. In this last eviction campaign there were, as has been said, fourteen families made homeless, wanton misery and ruin inflicted, so far as it is in the Government's power to inflict it, on close a hundred harmless human beings. It is not pretended that there is the faintest shadow of moral justification for this ruthless barbarity. Even the most vehement Coercionists admit the justice and moderation of the tenants' claims on the Clanricarde estate; the unremitting barbarity and grasping extortion of the absentee evictor who has never visited or spent a penny on the estate. The Most Rev. Dr. Healy, the Lord Chief Baron Pilles, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, have all borne emphatic and indignant testimony against the evicting millionaire Marquis. The *Times* itself describes his conduct towards his tenants as "marked by almost incredible baseness," and denounces him as "a public nuisance and a public danger." But Balfour the Brave champions him to the utter.