

Irish News.

Antrim.—THE "NEW WOMAN" IN BELFAST.—In the Belfast Custody Court a woman named Moorecroft appeared in the dock at the instance of Sergeant Horan to answer a charge of having assaulted her husband, Samuel Moorecroft, of Israel street. The latter stated that when he came home on Saturday after having done some shopping, his wife flew at him, threw him down on the floor, put her knees on his stomach, caught him by the neck, and bumped his head several times against the floor. He had been married for twenty-five years, and this was over the 100th time that she had treated him in such a way. Mr Hodder asked accused that if he would adjourn the case for a short time she would not touch her husband again. She replied—"Well, I will try to do so if I can." (Laughter.) She was ordered to be imprisoned for one month in default of finding bail for her future good behaviour.

Armagh.—ALLEGED ABSON IN COUNTY ARMAGH.—At Market-hill Petty Sessions a farmer named Hugh Brown, of Killyrudden, County Armagh, was charged with feloniously, unlawfully, and maliciously setting fire on the 8th March last to a certain dwelling-house situated on a farm, with intent thereby to injure and defraud one James Irwin, of Scotch street, Armagh, merchant, a mortgagee on said farm. The magistrate, after consultation, returned the accused for trial to the assizes at Armagh. He was allowed out on bail in two sureties of £25 each.

Cork.—THE EXTENSION OF MALLOW CHURCH.—A meeting of the committee appointed in connection with above was held, when it was announced that the subscriptions now received amounted to nearly £4,000, £1,500 of which was handed in by the Very Rev Dr Wigmore from funds under his control.

ROBBERY IN BALLINBOSTIG CATHOLIC CHURCH.—An Englishman named James French, aged 32 years, was arrested at Midleton by the police on the charge of robbing the alms box in the

in which nine-tenths of the rates are paid by Catholics. There ought to be compromise with such bigots.

Cavan.—RAILWAY EXTENSION.—Mr Young, in Parliament, asked the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland whether he received a memorial from the guardians of the Baillieborough Poor Law Union, pointing out the necessity of a line of railway between Baillieborough and Carrickmacross, via Shercock, to connect with the Great Northern Railway; and whether, considering that the district between Baillieborough and Carrickmacross is populous, he will recommend a grant. The Chief Secretary said the case referred to will be considered in connection with that of others, but beyond this I cannot make any further statement.

Derry.—OUTWITTED BY A HALF-WITTED MAN.—In County Derry, a half-witted man named Roger was in the habit of going to the minister's house. The servants used to make fun with him. Roger was a Catholic, so they asked him to say Mass. They dressed him up, and all gathered together in the kitchen. Roger asked one of the servants for a ladle. They thought it was for the holy water. There was a pot of boiling broth on the fire, and Roger dashed it about them with the ladle. They all flew as Roger roared, "Run, ye devils, run, I know you could not stand the holy water."

Donegal.—HONOURS FOR IRISH PRIESTS.—The Pope, on the recommendation of the Most Rev Dr O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, has conferred the rank of Monsignor on Very Rev C McGlynn, Stranorlar; Very Rev Francis B. Gallagher, Carrigart; and Very Rev J. Walker, formerly administrator at Glenswilly and now collecting funds for the new cathedral in the United States.

Fermanagh.—THE SUSPICIOUS DEATH OF A FERMANAGH CATTLE DEALER.—The adjourned inquest as to the death of Wm Funston, cattle dealer, who was found lying dead on the roadside near Kilsberry, County Tyrone, on the morning of the 10th March, was resumed at the Courthouse, Trillick. The jury returned the following verdict—"That the deceased, Wm Funston, died between 8 o'clock on the night of the 9th and 7 o'clock on the morning of the 10th March, in the townland of Kilskeery, and that his death was caused by suffocation at the hands of some person or

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Catholic church at Ballinrostig, six miles from Midleton. When the prisoner was arrested in a local public house he was immediately searched, and a bunch of keys fully adapted to the opening of alms boxes in churches and a Rosary beads were found in his possession, as also sum of money. The arrest was effected on a description of the accused forwarded to the police by Cannon Ryan, the P.P. of the district in which the Ballinrostig church is situate, and on Saturday he was brought up in custody before General Roche, J. P. at Agleade, when, after being identified, the necessary depositions were signed, and the accused was then remanded to goal pending the next petty sessions for the district.

NEW BRANDS FOR CORK BUTTER.—At a recent meeting of the trustees of the Cork Butter Market the clerk read a circular which the Trustees intend to send to dealers in England, informing them that at the opening of the new butter season, 20th April, 1896, in addition to the brands already in use they will introduce two new brands for 'mild cure,' 'choice mild cure,' and 'salt,' to be called 'Choice mild cure,' 'Primest salt,' and 'Prime salt.' These four brands are to bear a daily date. The 'Choice mild cure' and 'choice mild cure' are to be packed in either firkins or pyramid boxes not less than 55lbs or more than 57lbs of butter, and in smaller boxes of not less than 27lbs or more than 29lbs of butter. The 'primest' and 'prime' salt butter is to be packed in firkins of white oak, white hooped and full brand, the weight of which is not to be less than 55lbs or more than 57lbs. Mr M'Ostrich said that was very good if the trustees were prepared to carry it out thoroughly.

Carlow.—THE CATHOLICS OF CARLOW.—The Nationalists of Carlow, who won such a splendid victory at the Poor-law election last year, have held their ground again this year. "United they stand." We trust that by further union now in the Boardroom they will be able to reap the fruits of their victory. They have to struggle with one of the most intolerant ascendancies in the country. At the present March assizes there was only one Catholic on the Grand Jury, which was summoned to dispose of the taxes of a county

persons unknown. We further find that we have no conclusive evidence before us proving by whom such suffocation was caused. We are of opinion that suspicion points strongly to James and Thomas Maguire, Scraby, as having committed the deed." The two Maguires, who are at present in Omagh Gaol, were to be brought up at a magisterial investigation, to be held at the Court-house, Trillick.

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH NEAR ENNISKILLEN.—St Mary's Church, Co., near Enniskillen, has been re-dedicated by the Most Rev Dr Owens, Lord Bishop of Clogher. A year or so ago St Mary's Church, which stands on one of the highest eminences in the district, was shaken almost to its foundation by a violent storm that passed over the land. Notwithstanding their poverty the priests and people of the parish resolved to repair and solidify their church, so that it might better weather the storms. They appealed for help to the Catholics of the surrounding parishes, and that appeal was not made in vain, for the parish priest, the Rev G. M'Veel, has had the pleasure of announcing that a large sum of money has been subscribed. At 11 o'clock his Lordship performed the ceremony of re-dedication, which was followed by High Mass and a sermon by the Bishop of Clogher.

Galway.—SEIZURE OF STEAM TRAWLERS IN GALWAY BAY.—Special court was held in Galway for the purpose of trying the charges of illegal fishing preferred against the masters of two steam trawlers seized by a gunboat in Galway Bay for illegal fishing etc. The presiding magistrates were—Messrs J. C. Gardiner, P.M., and M. A. Lynch, J.P. The prosecution was carried on by Mr Underdown, head of the Customs, and the Inspectors of Fisheries, on whose behalf Messrs Blake and Kenny, solicitors, appeared. The defendants, J. T. Wales, of the trawler Traiton, and John Pettit, of the trawler General Roberts, were represented by Mr Gerald Clonerty, solicitor. It appears that in the absence of Mr Pinkerton, Mr John Dillon put a question in Parliament which brought about the sending of a gunboat to watch illegal fishing in Galway Bay, many complaints having been made by Claddaghmen of their boats being nearly run down by steam trawlers fishing the bay in the night time

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