

Queen's County.—William Costigan and Robert Lark have been evicted from their holdings in the parish of Grogan. The full amount due was tendered in each case, but refused. The people are highly incensed at such high-handed proceedings, and have determined to sustain the tenants.

The Upperwood branch of the Irish Labour Federation met recently, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: That we agree to the resolutions as put forward by Mr. Davitt in Cork on the 21st of January last, and call upon the working men of Ireland to sustain him in the movement. That the proposed convention of the working classes meets with our heartiest approval, and to which we will accredit our delegates. That the system known as the weekly or monthly tenancy is fraught with the direst evil to the working man, and we call upon the Irish Parliamentary party to bring forward a bill having for its object the substitution of yearly tenancies.

Under the guidance of Father Kelly the Ballybrittas League is holding a foremost place in the national struggle.

Roscommon.—The Irish National Hunt Committee recently refused a license to hold a race meeting in Boyle on the ground that the fences were too small. The people of Boyle have proved they know their own business best, and will hold the meeting under "Gaelic rules."

The Kiltustan Leaguers are generously endeavouring to reinstate Michael Mullooly, of Curskeagh, in his old homestead. He was evicted five years ago. The time allowed for redemption is drawing to a close, and a strenuous effort is being made to collect the sum, £100, required to redeem the land. Mullooly himself has £50, and the balance will be subscribed by the people.

The members of the Kilglass League at a recent meeting passed a resolution denouncing grabbers Edward Kavanagh, Patrick Duon, Patrick Walsh, of Caul, and O. McGuire, of Lecarrow, for still clinging to their ill-acquired possessions in spite of public opinion. They invoked the aid of surrounding branches to bring the grabbers to a sense of their duty to the nation. Grabbing seems to be fashionable round Kilglass.

An eviction equalling in barbarous cruelty any which has taken place in Cork, Galway, or Tipperary, was recently witnessed by the residents in Corrigreen, near Ballinameen, when poor dying Thomas Carney, his wife, and six helpless children, were flung out upon the roadside. The villains took out the dying man and laid him on the cold, damp ground, but he was soon taken in by a neighbour.

Sligo.—P. A. McHugh of the *Sligo Champion* is at present confined in famous Tullamore fortress by directions of the infamous Balfour. We regret to inform our readers that the distinguished "criminal" is suffering from the effects of a bad cold and that his cell is exceptionally uncomfortable.

James Brennan's in-calf cow, valued at £17, was recently killed by the hounds of the Sligo Hunt Club. The sportsmen refused to compensate Brennan and he sued them, but the judge, of course, was on the side of the coinless squireens and dismissed the case. It has now gone to a higher court—the Farmers'—and it is to be hoped the gap-seeking steepchasers will not be allowed to hunt until full recompense is made Brennan for his loss.

Tipperary.—William Glasheen, who resides near Tipperary, has been sent to gaol for fourteen days for looking crooked at a policeman.

The tenant-farmers in the neighbourhood of Tipperary have offered land to the extent of 1,100 acres for the use of the evicted tenants.

The plant of the *Tipperary Nationalist* was recently sold by the sheriff and bought in by some Nationalists, so that the paper is in the same hands. The sheriff's men during their sojourn, made sad havoc amid the office materials and type.

Father James Hanly, of Davis street, Tipperary, had been noticed that Smith-Barry intended to evict him. When the bailiff made his appearance to take possession he was politely informed that Father Hanly would not surrender until forcibly ejected. The bum thereupon retired.

The Tenants' Defence committee purchased for the accommodation of evicted tenants a farm containing over 220 acres from Mr. Smith, at Ballykisteel, near the Limerick junction. The land, which is very good, will be given in lots to the evicted. At Fawnagowan 40 acres have been purchased from Stafford O'Brien and at Cashel 61 acres, at Scruggawn, will be given to the tenants evicted in that locality. By this it will be seen the work goes bravely on.

On the Rosmore Hills in the early winter morning, with snow falling heavily, recently stood a man, his wife, and eleven children. They were evicted. What little furniture they possessed was thrown out. Under the roof of an old-fashioned bed the little ones sought shelter from the piercing winter wind, whilst the parents, with sorrow-stricken hearts, looked dismally on. Such a scene would have moved a heart of stone, but touched not a tender spot in the heart of the person who conducted the cruel proceedings. He was requested to allow the poor children to take refuge from the storm in the house, but his reply was they could go to the workhouse. The eviction was on the estate of a person styled Earl de Montalt.

Tyrone.—A farmer named O. McCaughey was prosecuted for forcibly taking possession of a house and farm in Lismore district from which he had been evicted. The case attracted a great deal of interest, and satisfaction was expressed when the magistrates at the Clogher sessions dismissed the charge.

Waterford.—T. F. Dowley presided at the recent meeting of Mophil League. Michael Walsh, carpenter, was re-admitted as a member. James Fitzgerald again reported that his evicted farm was being used by Thomas Walsh, of Knock. The Central Branch sent down a grant of £12 for the evicted tenants on Lord Waterford's and Baron's estates.

The citizens of Waterford, through their representatives on the public boards, are bending all their energies to defeat the construction of a railway system to Rosslare. The project, if successful,

would have a very serious and damaging effect on the commercial interests of Waterford.

Wexford.—Thomas J. Healy, solicitor, Wexford, recently visited the Mayor, who is at present confined in Kilmainham, because he disagrees with Mr. Balfour's method of governing Ireland and its people. The "criminal" is reported in good health, but was looking a little paler than usual, and his sight was slightly impaired.

The tenants on the Garrynish estate in this County have brought the landlord to his knees through the Plan. The following cases fully illustrate the case:—Simon Sutton—Rent 30 years ago, £39; present rent, £59; valuation, £38; new rent under settlement, £36 3s 7d; Thomas Healy—Rent 30 years ago, £50; present rent, £68; valuation, £48; new rent under settlement, £43 6s 3d; J. Breen—Rent 30 years ago, £24; present rent, £32 12s; valuation, £22; new rent under settlement, £23.

Wicklow.—The Township Surveyor reported in reference to the letter of Mr. Trail, engineer to the Giant's Causeway Electric Railway, in which he proposed to run an electric tramway on the Esplanade immediately inside the line of the wire fence or to move the latter inward about six feet. Mr. Trail proposed some other alterations, which did not form part of the Provisional Order. However desirable it might be to have an Electric Tramway in Bray he did not think Mr. Trail's proposal could be carried out without a new Provisional Order. This was, however, a matter for the legal adviser of the Board. After a protracted discussion the Secretary was directed to reply to Mr. Trail that the Commissioners could not see their way to permitting any interference with the Esplanade.

A largely-attended meeting of Blessington League was held recently. Amongst those present were Rev. J. Curran, Messrs. Tallon, Cullan, Balfe, Halligan, Murphy, Walsh, Craul, Duffy, Doran, J. Healy, P. Healy, Nolan, Neill, Slattery, Dowling, P. Halligan, Kelly, Connor, Lawlor, and Brien. It was resolved that the sum of £10 be forwarded to the Central Branch. It was proposed by J. Halligan, seconded by J. Balfe, and carried by acclamation—That we embrace this favourable opportunity of declaring our unshaken confidence in Charles Stewart Parnell, the great leader of the Irish people, who has succeeded in crushing his and Ireland's enemies with singular ability. It was proposed by Michael Tallon and seconded by James Neill, and carried unanimously:—That we condemn in the strongest terms the treatment of Henry O'Connor, *Leinster Leader*, at the hands of Mr. Balfour, and we hope that he may long continue free to advocate the cause of justice and nationality in his patriotic journal.

QUEER CRIMES.

(From *United Ireland*.)

EVERY day we are increasing the catalogue of Coercion crimes. A "wink," a "nod," an "illegal laugh," and a "humbugging sort of a smile," and many more of the same kind are already on the list. "Drumming in a threatening manner" is the very latest addition to the catalogue. Let anybody that doubts it listen to an extract from the evidence of Sergeant Hanbury at the trial of fifteen Nationalists the other day at Slonaghan, before Removables Sovereign-Purse Townsend and O'Brien, for an illegal assembly:—

"They played 'Harvey Duff,' 'The Peeler and the Goat,' and other airs. This man," proceeded the sergeant, pointing to one of the defendants, "whose name, I understand, is M'Mahon, is drummer to the Three-Mile-House band. He turned round and drummed up close to me in a very threatening manner (laughter). He told Rankin that the assembly was illegal and to disperse at once. He saw Father Farnan there. There was no attack made on the police or on any person. Rev. P. Farnan, Administrator, Kilmore, deposed that the Three-Mile-House band was there that day on his invitation. After deliberation the court concluded that the cases had been proved, and the following sentences were imposed:—M'Carville, Finlay, Maguire, M'Mahon, Ellis, M'Phillips, Crearkin, Deighan, Mohan, and Moorehead were ordered to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour for five weeks; Rankin, M'Gal, Callaghan, and Kieran to be imprisoned with hard labour for six weeks. A meeting to express sympathy with the defendants was held at erwards in Corcaghan Obapel yard—Very Rev. Peter Farman, P.P., in the chair. Rev. William M'Kenna, Adm., Monaghan; Rev. Thomas Duff, C.C.; Rev. Charles Quinn, Adm.; Dr. Counsel, and Dr. Teevan were amongst those present. A resolution was adopted expressing sympathy with the newly-made 'criminals,' and urging that every practical effort possible should be made on behalf of their families during their incarceration."

Yet another interesting development of Coercion crime in Tipperary! A young grocer's assistant named John Kelly (ominous name!) was sent to prison in default of bail by Removable Caddell and his colleague for "a threatening gesture," which a policeman in plain clothes, named Dargan, with unconscious humour, described as "a twist of the little finger." We are not quite sure but Edward III. may dispute the glory of this last exploit with the Coercion Act. Next we hear of a man named M'Ginley at Falcarragh sent to gaol by Removables Bourke and Beresford, under Edward III. for winking at a boycotted pig. Surely the force of folly can no further go. This is the climax of coercion absurdity.

It is hard to know whether to laugh or be angry at Coercion of this kind. But we must bear in mind that ludicrous as are the charge and conviction, it means five or six weeks' imprisonment, as the case may be, with hard labour, for M'Mahon, "who drummed in a threatening manner," and to all who aided or abetted him in that terrible crime. It is no laughing matter to those innocent men, swindled by a corrupt court out of their liberty.

To those profound scientists who go around knocking their heads against dead walls, we would call attention to the words of the Wizard Edison, who, in *Harpur's Monthly*, says, "I think I could prove the existence of a Supreme Being from chemistry."