

Irish News.

Armagh.—Biddy Murphy, a tenant on the Carrickbrida estate, owned by a generous soul named Hunter Moore, of Newry, has been cruelly evicted. The unfortunate woman owed three years' rent and offered one, asking a little time for the remainder, but the man with the appropriate name—Hunter Moore—would not have such a Christian settlement.

The Gaels of Armagh held their annual County Convention in the Foresters' Room, Camlough, Mr. McParland, Camlough, in the chair. The Secretary, Mr. Boyle, read his report for the year, which was considered very favourable. The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Boyce, Beesbrook, and seconded by Thomas Allen, Armagh, and was carried by acclamation:—"That this meeting has heard with pleasure the straightforward and manly style in which P. Murray, of Cullyhanna, vindicated his character and resisted the slanderous attacks made on the members of the Armagh Gaels.

His Grace the Primate recently performed the solemn ceremony of blessing the new cemetery, Armagh. In full pontificals, His Grace, accompanied by the clergy and a vast congregation, went in processional order from the Cathedral to the cemetery and consecrated the ground where in future the remains of many who witnessed the proceedings, and countless thousands to come after, will be laid at rest. Father McEvoy, Pastor of Tynan, preached a touching and impressive sermon on "God's Acre" and its uses. A good collection was taken up to assist in liquidating the debt on the Cemetery.

Carlow.—The members of Borris League are all alive, as may be gathered from the following resolutions passed at a recent meeting:—Proposed by P. Murphy, and seconded by J. Flood—Resolved, That Rev. Thomas Doyle be admitted a member of this branch of the Irish National League; that a meeting be held in Rathanna after Mass to appoint wardens to enroll members in the Irish National League; that both Rathanna and Killedmond electoral divisions be contested in the National interest at the next election of Poor Law Guardians; that a special meeting of this committee and ratepayers of Borris division be held in Borris to consider the question of appointing a guardian for this division, and other important business. P. Murphy, Vice-President, occupied the chair. Also present:—Rev. T. Doyle, Messrs. J. Flood, J. Murphy, P. Aspel, C. Whelan, M. Nolan, T. Farrell, etc.

Clare.—Mrs. Madigan, of Tulla, was recently evicted from her licensed premises. All due the landlord was a sum of £10. Mrs. Madigan's husband emigrated to America some time ago. There was no resistance.

Mr. Clancy, at the last meeting of the Kildysart Guardians, moved that Mr. Molony, of Ennis, be dismissed from the position of law-officer to the Board, as he refused to give the use of the Town Hall for the National Convention. Mr. Molony was relieved of further duty to the Union.

Cork.—The police patrol near Boherbea encountered some moonlighters, and on attempting to challenge them received a sharp fusillade. The police returned the fire, and the moonlighters retiring to some distance again a second time fired at the police, who again briskly returned the volley. No more shots coming from the moonlighters, the police rushed up to the spot, but the raiders had decamped.

Thomas Casey, Garrane, and Thomas Forde, Corracuana, have been served with the new patent eviction notices by the agent, Mr. Friend, who is anything but what his name indicates.

The Earl of Shaanon died recently at his residence, Castle-martyr. The deceased seemed to be much esteemed in the district. His name has not appeared amongst the evicting ones in Ireland as far as can be known.

Mr. Slattery, President of the Cork Cattle Trade Association, is subject to the most annoying system of shadowing. The policemen even stand at his side when conversing with a friend, and if he enters a hotel a bobby is sure to be at his heels.

Derry.—Three young men named Kyle, Maxwell, and Rankin were bitten by a mad dog recently in Coleraine. The Guardians have sent them on to Pasteur, Paris, for treatment.

Donegal.—The evictions which are contemplated by the landlords around Cloughaneely, Falcarragh, will be the largest on record. Some 146 tenants are said to expect eviction. The proceedings will be witnessed by many English visitors.

An important meeting to promote the interests of the Irish National Steamship Company was held in Letterkenny. Mr. Hewitson, High Sheriff of Donegal, presided and expressed a desire to do all that was in his power to uphold the company. A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Raphoe, Dr. O'Donnell, giving his cordial sympathy to the undertaking and pointing out that a failure of the enterprise would mean a serious public loss. Six hundred pounds were subscribed for new stock at the meeting. A strong resolution was passed intimating to the Derry merchants that the Donegal traders expect them to give reasonable support to the company.

The tenants on the M'Curdy Estate, Cormanakelly, have refused to give up their farms under the following circumstances:—It appears that pending the administration of the property of the late James M'Curdy the farms were let, but the moment all things were arranged and Mr. Ronald J. M'Curdy fully in possession, the tenants were politely requested to deliver up, no allowance being made for their work, expenditure, and great inconvenience. They very justly refused to be thus treated, but the English law, which was appealed to, will allow them to be thrown out. Good law this to live under.

Dublin.—Mr. Gray, son of the late E. Dwyer Gray, has left Dublin for an extended tour throughout Australia and the United States. Some 200 of his friends visited Pemberton House to wish him *bon voyage*.

Mr. Parnell, was elected chairman of the party for ensuing year, and R. Power, J. Deasy, and J. L. Carew, were re-elected whips, with A. O'Connor, H. Campbell, and Donal Sullivan as Hon Sec's. Many useful measures were agreed upon for introduction during the session.

Mr. Kelly was arrested because he sympathized with the Smith-Barry tenants. He was arrested at the Limerick Junction on a charge of inciting the Tipperary tenants to withhold their rents from Barry. Mr. Kelly was recently imprisoned for the same "crime" but the punishment does not affect his conduct, and he intends to continue right on in spite of the "Crimes" Act.

Mr. Sullivan has commenced an action for libel against the proprietor of the *Mail*. The passage on which the libel case is founded is as follows:—"The time was, and that not so long ago, when Mr. Sullivan, as a Lord Mayor of Dublin, tore down the Queen's Arms from their position over the chair in the Mansion House, and said that the lumber room was the proper receptacle of such rubbish."

Fermanagh.—Father McMeel presided at the last meeting of Enniskillen League when a resolution was passed calling upon the Irish Members of Parliament to insist on a sworn inquiry into the treatment of John Daly, who was imprisoned in England. The Rosslea men have passed a similar resolution and forwarded it to the County members.

Galway.—Mr. Reddington, Kilcornan, will be requested to take the seat for East Galway vacant by the resignation of Mr. Harris, M.P.

At the last meeting of the Harbour Commissioners, Galway, Henry Hughes, who is a Liverpool ship-broker, came before the Board and unfolded a project he has been engaged on for two or three years, and which is now drawing towards completion, for the formation of a new Trans-Atlantic Steamer Company. Galway is proposed as the station for the arrival and departure of the ships. Mr. Hughes, in explaining the project, stated that it is intended to carry on a weekly service between Galway and New York, and the company in making this port a packet station will construct a pier and break-water, and do the whole without any cost to the people and without requiring them to furnish any portion of the capital. The packet fleet is proposed to consist of three swift, powerful, and well-equipped steamers, able to travel at a speed of 20 knots an hour. Each of these steamers is estimated to cost from £220,000 to £270,000. They are to be specially built under Admiralty supervision. They will thus be entitled to an Admiralty subsidy according to their quality. The solicitors for the company are Richard Jameson, 22 Lord street, Liverpool; J. Henry Williams, Philadelphia, U.S.A.; and Redmond McDonagh, Galway.

Kerry.—Robert Hunt presided at the recent meeting of Knockanure League. Michael Goulding appeared before the members and apologised for having violated the rules by his connection with Mickey Fitzgerald, the evictor. He was received into membership. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs. O'Dwyer, of Tipperary, on the death of her husband.

Lord Kenmare has evicted the Killarney Cricket Club from a field which they held for a long period without any cause or notice. An indignation meeting was held in the Town Hall to denounce the proceeding, Major Hewson occupied the chair.

Kildare.—A Clongorey emergencyman was charged at Naas Sessions with falsely and wilfully swearing that Michael Pearce fired at him with intent to murder. The case, when investigated, turned out a sham—hence the present charge. The accused was allowed out on bail.

The members of Newbride Athletic Club recently held high carnival at the club-house, Liffey View, to celebrate their anniversary. The rooms were illuminated and the decorations beautiful. Joseph Farrell, President, occupied the chair, and amongst those invited to partake of the club's hospitality were:—J. Malone, Wm. Dorris, John Kelly, L. McGuinness, Mr. Balfe, T. Kelly, Mr. Murphy, Kilcullen; Mr. Fullan, Thomas Byrne, Dennis Conlan, A. Conlan, J. Dunne, J. Hoystead, etc. Patriotic speeches were delivered. The toast "Ireland a Nation," was given and received with enthusiasm—the band playing at the same time "God Save Ireland."

Kilkenny.—The Mayor visited the "criminals" recently and found them in good health and spirits. Balfour has not yet finished them.

The village of Johnstown was recently thrown into an unusual state of excitement by an eviction at the suit of a local trader who recently became owner of a property formerly possessed by an old and respectable family named Kennedy. The evicted were speedily provided for, the last being taken in charge by Mr. Harrington, senior. The people marched through the streets singing "God save Ireland," and groaning "Martin the Bam."

Limerick.—Mr. K. Kavanagh, of Limerick, died recently at the good old age of 82. He was well known and highly respected in the city. He corresponded with Victor Hugo, Smith O'Brien and others of note. His literary attainments were of a high order. The interment was in Mount St. Laurence.

Mayo.—About 18 notices of eviction of poor Achill serfs were lodged at Westport Union, at the suit of C. S. Dickens, Right Rev. Mr. Compton, and Rev. Thomas McHale.

Meath.—James O'Farrell, of Kells, has, at his own expense, undertaken to renovate and re-erect the "Cross of Kells."

The present church of Trim has become in size and condition unfit to accommodate the congregations attending divine services, and the pastor, Father Behan, has appealed to the people for the funds necessary to erect a commodious and suitable building. A meeting was recently held in St. Patrick's Church, which was numerously attended, and £1000 subscribed for the purpose.

Monaghan.—The tenants on the estate of Henry B. Fitzgerald have refused to pay any rent until Robert Hodge, his bailiff, who took an evicted farm at Collon, be sent to the right-about.