

Irish News.

Antrim.—Felix O'Neill, president, occupied the chair at recent Moneyglass and Carlin League meeting, which was the largest ever assembled. The chairman, in a few well-chosen remarks, thanked the members for the position in which they placed him, and in which he would try to give satisfaction to all parties. Patrick Devlin, Bannside, said the land question was the bottom question, before which all others were insignificant. Land is necessary for all, from the sovereign to the pauper. Our necessities are our title deeds to our just portion of the common inheritance. His remarks were well received.

Armagh.—A meeting was recently held to establish in Lurgan a branch of the National Union of the gas-workers and labourers of Great Britain and Ireland. W. Livingston was present and addressed the meeting. A considerable number of members were enrolled.

The merchants of Lurgan were last week attacked and annoyed by an unknown individual of gentlemanly appearance, whose conduct raised doubt about his sanity. In one case he entered a shop and demanded some articles not in stock, thereupon he made a lunge at the merchant with a heavy walking-stick, clearing the shop of all persons. In another instance he accosted a gentleman in the street, and, flourishing the stick in a threatening manner, declared that he was the devil from hell and meant to be obeyed, and vowing repeatedly that he was a supporter of law and order, and meant to see the law obeyed. He may have been a broken down landlord.

Clare.—Kilkee, the Brighton of Ireland, was the scene of a popular demonstration participated in by people from Clare and adjoining counties. This was the celebrating of the inauguration of the South Clare railway works, and the turning of the first sod by Mrs. Reeves of Besborough, the amiable wife of R. W. C. Reeves, who did so much to promote the line. The railway commences at Cappa pier, Kilrush, and goes on to Miltown Malbay, joining the West Clare railway at the latter town, a distance of twenty-five miles. It will have a branch line from a junction at Moyasta, three miles from Kilrush, to Kilkee. The estimated cost is £120,000. The clergy of the district and Mr. Murphy, M.P., were present.

Cork.—Wm. Hallisey, mason, and Michael Walsh, farmer, were attacked by an emergencyman near Killavullen. The supporter of "law and order" fired several revolver shots at them but happily missed.

A bust of Rev. Francis Mahony (Father Prout) was unveiled last week in the Crawford Municipal Schools of Science and Art, Nelson's Place, Cork, by the Mayor, in presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen, and members of the Mahony family. The bust, which is life-size, is the work of Richard Barter, a Cork man.

Donegal.—The incessant and heavy rains of the last few weeks have done incalculable injury to the crops. The River Lennon burst its embankment, submerging the crops from Chaurcill to Bamerton. Hundreds of acres of crop-land lay under water for days. Such potatoes as partially escaped the blight and rot are not expected to be worth digging. In several places the water was five feet deep. Stephen Morrison, Trabonbeg, lost an acre of stooked oats. To prevent a recurrence of these annual losses by floodings a meeting will be held in Kilmacranon to ask the Government for a loan to widen, deepen, and embank the river.

A large and representative meeting of the people of Inver parish was held at Frosses, Father Gallagher presided. The meeting was convened with the view of obtaining definite and reliable information relative to the extent of the blight of the potato crop, and take such steps as might be deemed necessary in view of the threatened distress. The sad tale the farmers had to tell was substantially the same. "The potatoes are gone," was the doleful plaint an every lip. Resolutions calling the attention of the Government to the condition of the people and requesting that works be provided to enable them to live through the distress were adopted.

Down.—There was a large show of flax at last market. Two thousand stones were offered for sale and a fair attendance of buyers from Belfast and other centres. There were brisk sales, and nearly all was disposed of at from five shillings to eight shillings per stone. Jas. Fulton of Millisle Mills, Donaghadee, who had 800 stones, obtained the highest price.

A meeting of Barameeh League branch was held recently, John McLean, president, in the chair. Rev. P. O'Hare moved, and Edward Fegan seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Farrell, solicitor, on his attendance at the Revision Sessions in Rathfriland; to Porter McCann for the able manner in which he worked up the register, and to Michael Murphy and Patrick McLindon who gave evidence.

Just two weeks ago a number of workmen employed by the Belfast and Down railway company arrived in Downpatrick and commenced the work of pegging off the new line of railway from Downpatrick to Ardglass. The total length of the new line will be about eight miles, and will be constructed by the employees of the County Down Railway, under the direction of Mr. Culverpell, the company's engineer.

Galway.—An extraordinary sensation was caused recently by the announcement that a ghost had made its appearance in Abbeygate street. There is nearly opposite the sacristy door of the pro-cathedral an untenanted house. Somebody died there within the last few weeks. Then the house became untenanted, but was subsequently occupied for a short time. The speedy exit of the latest occupant, it was said, was caused by the ghost. The ghost appears in white at the windows and thousands of people gather in the streets to get a peep at the uncanny visitor.

Kerry.—William Cantillon of Ballydonoghue, whose action in taking possession of a farm held by a tenant named Dennehy,

caused so much displeasure, has signified to Father Harrington (St. Michael's College) his intention of giving up the place subject to whatever conditions Messrs. J. Stack and F. Harrington, M.P.'s, might think just and equitable.

At the Killarney Quarter Sessions a number of tenants on this estate brought action against Lord Kenmare for illegal seizure of their cattle and horses. A decree was granted in each case.

Kildare.—A meeting of labourers was held last week in the Market Square, Naas. The attendance was large. J. B. Everett of Newbridge presided. A branch of the Union was established and a good number enrolled.

A great meeting of the Kildare and surrounding branches of the League was held in the Town Hall last week, Rev. John Cullen, Kildare, presided. Amongst those present were—Messrs. Clancy, Kibbide, and McDonald, M.P.'s, J. Cosgrove, H. Ferris, H. Hackett, W. Cosgrove, Fay, etc. Amongst the resolutions passed was the following:—That the housing of the labourers in many districts of the county is a disgrace to civilisation, and that we hope the farmers will take into account the claims of the labourers to a liberal and generous treatment.

Limerick.—The bicentenary of the siege of Limerick was recently celebrated at St. John's Square, close to the monument erected to the memory of Sarfield. Amongst those present were P. O'Brien, M.P.; Mr. Finucane, M.P.; Aldermen Riordan and O'Mara, Town Councillors Donnelly and P. McSweeney, Mr. Keating, *Leader*; J. M. Steward, O'Brien, Dalton, Mr. Lunden, Kiltcealy. Alderman O'Mara presided.

At regular meeting of Rearcross National League E. O'Toole presiding, the Secretary read a letter from the Central Branch enclosing £3 for Patrick Berkey, one of Captain Herd's Rearcross evicted tenants, and for which the branch returned thanks. There were other matters of importance before the meeting with regard to the assistance Carey, the local grabber was receiving from a few persons in the parishes of Murroe and Newport.

Longford.—Daniel Egan, brother to Joseph Egan, president of the Ballymccormack Branch, I.N.L., was passing down a street recently in which some boys were cheering, when Constable Broodle pointed him out to the squad as a disturber. What followed is sickening in its brutality. Before he could defend himself he was felled to the ground with a blow of Broodle's stick, and then dragged to the barracks like a dog.

Mayo.—At the Mayo Quarter Sessions recently an appeal of the Moy Salmon Fishery Company against a conviction of the justices for erecting a temporary bridge across the "Queen's gap" in the weirs at Ballina. The bridge being a permanent structure. The conviction of the justices was bad in law and was reversed.

During the hearing of the case in the Land Court, Carrick-on-Shannon, last week Mr. Burke, solicitor, strongly protested against the action of the Land Commissioners in forcing the public to have cases tried before two lay gentlemen without the guidance of a legal commissioner. This was, he said, contrary to the spirit and letter of the Act of Parliament, and against the interests of both landlord and tenant.

Monaghan.—The general fair, recently held, was larger than usual. The show of stock, however, was not good, and the sale in every class except springers dull. Young springing cows ranged from £16 to £21; year-olds, six-quarter, and two-year-old heifers and bullocks were from 20s to 30s per head cheaper than two months ago.

Meath.—There was a fair supply of stock and an average demand at Navan fair. Three-year-old stores brought from £12 to £13; two-year-olds, from £10 to £12; yearlings, from £7 to £8; springers, from £14 to £20. Beef, 6s to 7s per pound; mutton, 7d to 7½ per pound. At same fair the number of stock was about the average, and an appreciable decrease in prices, farmers in many instances not obtaining what they paid for the stock some months ago. Three-year-old stores brought from £11 to £12; two-year-olds from £10 to £11; yearlings, from £6 to £7; springers, £12 to £18; beef, 6s to 6½; mutton, 7d to 7½ per pound.

Queen's County.—The land-owners of Queen's County recently held a meeting in Maryborough Court-house. There was not much "go" in the proceedings, as they feel the end is quickly approaching.

Roscommon.—Michael King presided at recent meeting of Kiltirans branch of the National League when the following resolution was passed:—That we look with disgust on the cowardly brutes, suckled on Irish mothers' breasts, who for the love of English gold bludgeoned their fellow-countrymen as they did in Tipperary.

Sligo.—The President of the Sligo National League, P. A. McHugh, has received an intimation that P. McDonald and Edward Leamy will shortly visit Sligo and the various branches of the League throughout the County. The secretaries have already been communicated with, and suitable preparations are being made to give the honorable gentlemen a hearty welcome.

A meeting was recently held in Ballyfarmon to advocate the construction of a railway to Sligo, via Ballyfarmon and Riverstown.

At a special meeting of the Sligo Corporation the Mayor, John Connolly presiding, a resolution proposed by P. A. McHugh, seconded by Michael Milmo, to present the freedom of the town to John Dillon in recognition of his services to Ireland was passed unanimously.

An influential meeting was held at Drumore West last week under the presidency of Rev. John J. Kelly. The object of the meeting was to consider the situation in view of the impending distress. The rev. chairman pointed out to the meeting that as no other parish in Tireah had made a move he thought they should take the lead. A time of difficulty and distress was approaching, and it behoved them to take counsel for the preservation of themselves and their families from starvation. Several resolutions of great importance were passed.