

Sub-Sheriff Hobson recently proceeded to New Pallas for the purpose of evicting Mrs Ryan, widow of the late Dr. Ryan. Acting on the certificate of Dr. Conway, of Tipperary, that Mrs Ryan was suffering from serious illness and could not be removed, the eviction was postponed for a month. On the same day John O'Brien, of Old Pallas, and his family were evicted.

Longford.—The decent people of Longford, who had remained faithful to "Charlie," are at last realising the true condition of affairs in relation to Parnell, and public meetings in support of the Federation are being held and branches established in the various parishes of the County. Peter Flood, President of the branch, has retired from the Parnellite cause in the town, and last meeting of the Parnellite League closed with a boxing match.

A great Nationalist demonstration was held recently at Moydow chapel. This is the centre of Dr. Fitzgerald's constituency in South Longford, and the meeting is doubtless the forerunner of the Doctor's disappearance from Parliament as their representative, he being a rabid follower of Mr Parnell. Father Dowdall presided. Bands with banners were present from Moydow.

Meath.—There was a good attendance and a moderate supply of stock at recent Slane fair. Prime beef sold at 58s to 60s per cwt; second-class, 52s to 54s; springers and dairy cows of good quality, £18 to £24 per head; second-class, £14 to £16; strippers, £11 to £14; three-year-olds, £13 to £14 10s; two-year-old, £9 to £11; yearlings, £5 to £9. Sheep, £3 to £3 3s for wethers and £2 to £2 5s for ewes.

At the Easter Conference of the priests of the Deanery of Navan, the following resolutions were adopted:—1—That while iterating the condemnation of Mr Parnell's leadership on moral grounds by the Irish hierarchy, we desire to record our deliberate judgment that on political grounds also the resumption of the leadership of the Irish Parliamentary party by Mr Parnell would be absolutely fatal to Home Rule. 2—That the action of our Parliamentary representatives, Messrs Sheil and Mahony, in supporting Mr Parnell's pretensions after the majority of the Irish party declared against him, is unconstitutional and utterly subversive of the fundamental principle of every political party, viz., that the minority should be bound by the majority.

Monaghan.—A demonstration took place in Monaghan last week to oppose the leadership of Mr Parnell, and to advocate the cause of Home Rule. The number of people who flocked into the town, led by the clergy, was very large. The meeting took place in a field at the Finger Post, a short way outside the town. There were about 4,000 people in attendance, and a number of bands with banners paraded the streets. Most of the men wore green scarfs, and many horsemen were similarly decorated.

Roscommon.—On Saturday recently Mr Davitt was received at the Boyle railway station by an enthusiastic crowd on his way to the Sligo election. Amongst those present were:—James Lindsay, Patrick Mullany, Jasper Tully, R. J. McMorro, solicitor; Patrick Martin, Patrick Early, Daniel Priest, etc. Mr Davitt briefly addressed the people, stating that the last time he was in Boyle he went to Gurteen, and from Gurteen he went to prison. He was glad to find that Boyle set the cause of the nation above the cause of a man, and he expected that before many months they would put an end to the present crisis.

Sligo.—During the recent Parliamentary struggle in Sligo the Mayor, John Connolly, refused the use of the Town Hall to the Nationalists for a meeting, and Mr Davitt was compelled to address the lawful owners of the Town Hall from the steps. This is the kind of "Home Rule" the Irish people would have under Mr Parnell and his followers, from which a merciful Providence has saved them.

The first meeting of the Glenfarne National Federation Branch was held recently, the Rev. M. F. Kane presided. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Rev. M. Kane, President; J. Keany, Vice-President; T. Clancy, treasurer; M. McGuire, secretary. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—That we enroll ourselves under the banner of the Irish National Federation, and we hereby pledge ourselves to aid in every way the new movement which is destined to wipe out the present policy of disruption resorted to by the misguided followers of Parnell, and which will win for us without a stain the national aspirations of the united Irish race.

The estate bailiff, assisted by a disreputable gang of "bums," recently visited the quiet little town of Aclare, and with them came a pile of misery and trouble; they came to evict. One of the invaders carried a sledge-hammer before him, which fairly represented his business. The sub-sheriff and agent proceeded to take possession of every house in the town, and in cases where the occupants were unable to pay four years' rent down the attendant "bums" proceeded in a most brutal manner to pitch out all the household effects. In most cases the tenants paid down the agent's demands and were re-admitted under new tenancies at an increased rent, the agent in every case imposing a ground rent on houses built since the lease was executed. This last is a confiscation of the tenant's labour and money.

Tipperary.—A meeting of the John Daly Amnesty Committee was held in Tipperary a few days ago for the purpose of making arrangements for the sending of a deputation to represent the town at the meeting to be held in Dublin.

Michael Hauly was accused with and pleaded guilty to the charge of posting a threatening notice at Spittal, Tipperary, last January. The notice was headed, "Boycott! boycott! boycott!" and went on to say:—"Renegades, pledge-breakers, and hirelings, stand aside. All Nationalists who have any devotion for the cause of Irish Independence are cautioned and called upon, at even the hazard of their own existence, to boycott, crush, and banish the following hirelings who are still aiding Smith-Barry." (Then followed the names of some shopkeepers and others.) Michael Landers was found guilty of a like offence on Tipperary hills. Sentences have not yet been passed.

Tyrone.—Two residents of this county died during the past week at remarkable old ages. Both resided within a short distance of each other on the old road leading to Fintona. The funeral of Mrs Ann Quinn took place on Easter Sunday, and the coffin recorded that she died at the age of 100 years. The remains of Mrs Maguire of Cannon Hill were followed to the graveyard a few days later.—This old lady has almost reached the century, and could boast of having been sponsor at the baptism of an infant born when the present century was in its infancy, and who in after years was distinguished as Most Rev. Dr. Kely, Bishop of Derry.

A body of Orangemen from the Aughalgoue and Mullantean directions, with fifes and drums, visited Stewartstown last week. On reaching the Hill Head which is an exclusively Catholic quarter, the local police ordered them to turn, which they did reluctantly.—However, having taken a circuitous route, they entered by way of Church street and proceeded by way of the Hill Head, playing party tunes and shouting and cheering in a threatening manner. Thanks, however, to the forbearance of the Catholics they were unable to create a riot.

The people of Mid and East Tyrone mustered in great strength at Carrickmore last week, where a public meeting was held in support of the Irish National Federation. The Nationalist members for the county, M. J. Kenny and W. J. Reynolds, M.P.'s, as well as Jeremiah Jordon, M.P. for West Clare, were the principal speakers. Rev. Bernard Murphy occupied the chair. Resolutions were adopted tendering allegiance to the majority of the Irish Parliamentary party and Justin McCarthy. The violence practised by the deluded dupes that still cling to Mr Parnell was condemned.

An enthusiastic meeting of Dromore Nationalists was held on Easter Monday. A large concourse of McCarthyites assembled from different parts of Tyrone and Fermanagh. The following bands, each displaying a large banner, were in attendance:—The Fintona brass band, Drumquin flute, Enniskillen flute, Kinine flute, Dromore flute. Each banner on which Charles had been formerly emblazoned was now neatly covered with a little piece of crape or some other black stuff which hung like a pall o'er the sunburst. In front of the procession were two placards carried on long poles bearing the following inscription:—"Parnellism must be swept out; adulterers must retire," which created many a hearty burst of laughter as they passed the Market people. The meeting was addressed by Mr Kenny, M.P.

MYERS AND CO., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George street. The guarantee highest class work at moderate fees. Their artificial teeth gives general satisfaction, and the fact of them supplying a temporary denture while the gums are healing does away with the inconvenience of being months without teeth. They manufacture a single artificial tooth for Ten Shillings, and sets equally moderate. The administration of nitrous oxide gas is also a great boon to those needing the extraction of a tooth. Read.—[ADVT.]

A curious custom more than six hundred years old, survives in England. It is the granting of the famous fitch of bacon at Dunmow to the couple that had been married one year, if both can say truthfully that they have not quarrelled with each other or wished themselves unmarried. The oath taken to that effect is in verse, a long, strange, wandering lot of rhymes. During the last three hundred years but five couples have won the prizes. Six maids and six bachelors compose the jury, and an amusing incident is told of a couple that appeared before them to claim the reward. As a last test, the bacon was put at the top of a greased pole, and the husband told to climb up and get it. He looked ruefully at the committee. Ah, he said, "I have my best clothes on, and if I get them greased my wife will scold me soundly." It is needless to add that he and his scolding wife went away without the fitch of bacon.

The *Sunday Times* says:—English Roman Catholics will be pleased to hear that the courteous Monsignor Satelli will probably be the next Nuncio in Paris, in place of Monsignor Rotelli, who is about to be raised to the Cardinalate. The Papal Embassy here is the last diplomatic resting-place until a Nunciature is established in London. This eventuality is still a long way off; and it is stated that its chief opponents are the English Catholic Bishops, who believe that in these days of rapid travel and electric communication, a papal Nuncio to the Court of St. James's would be an undesirable luxury, if not an encumbrance.