

## Irish News.

**Armagh.**—All the bounds of the Armagh Hunt Club were destroyed last week owing to an extraordinary outbreak of rabies among them.

On April 2 Neil Donnelly, Ushagh, breathed his last at the patriarchal age of 83, and though he was incapacitated from moving about latterly he enjoyed fair health. Deceased was a lineal descendant of the great Teague Donnelly, head of the sept of that name about 300 years ago, who colonised the land from Roscavey to Bernisk before the Plantation.

**Carlow.**—At Carlow Quarter Sessions Dr Darley, Q.O., County Court Judge, congratulated the Grand Jury upon the fact that the calendar was blank and the county in a very satisfactory state. He was presented with a pair of white gloves.

**Clare.**—South Clare railway is rapidly approaching completion. The rails are laid down almost the entire distance, and the engines will meet and pass each other within one week. The Kilkee section will be thoroughly finished within the next three weeks, and the goods traffic will shortly open. The opening of the railway will make Kilkee unusually interesting this year, and the tourist traffic will be considerably increased.

Timothy Lawlor, who was recently discharged from Mountjoy Prison, died at his home near Bonistymon. He had been sentenced to penal servitude for life in connection with the collision between a police patrol and moonlighters near Killenora in the autumn of 1890, and had put in about sixteen months' imprisonment when he was discharged by order of the Lord Lieutenant, through the breakdown of his health.

and most of those whose rents ranged from ten shillings to thirty shillings annually have paid and been re-instated. Generally five years' arrears have accumulated. As yet, only a small minority of those subject to large rents have been able to realise a sum sufficient for their re-admission. In his intercourse with the tenants Major Irvine has made a very favourable impression—so favourable, indeed, that they say that if he had been always the agent they think they would not have been evicted. Major Irvine also speaks well of the tenantry.

**Down.**—On Friday, in the Land Judges' Court, Mr Justice Monroe declared Mr Pardo Kirk the purchaser of the Young estate in County Down for a sum of L17,400, and rejected the offer of the tenants, which amounted to over L19,000.

**Dublin.**—Through the exertions of Very Rev D. P. Mulcahy, P.P., Swords, Father Morrin, Naas, and of Mr Sheehy, M.P., John Morris Forest, County Dublin, has been re-instated in his holding, from which he was evicted in 1881, at the judicial rent fixed by the Land Court on the adjoining holding, which with his forms part of Major de Burgh's estate.

The capital has been connected with Belfast by telephone, and the first communication passed between Alderman Kernan, *locum tenens* for the Lord Mayor, standing in the Telephone Exchange in Dame street, and the Mayor of Belfast, who was in the Chamber of Commerce in his own city. The interchange of greetings was repeated by the secretaries of the two Chambers of Commerce from their respective cities. The event was one of extreme interest, and suggests the possibilities of the future. Business men in Dublin can now talk with their agents or customers all along the line of towns between their city and Belfast.

With regret we record the death of Brother Paul McGrath, of Ariane, which occurred on April 1. Brother Paul was a native of

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**Cork.**—The emigration from Queenstown during last week numbered 2,358.

The authorities suppressed a meeting announced to be held at Ballyclough, Mallow, on Sunday, for the purpose of denouncing land-grabbing in the district.

The police proceeded to Ballyshoneen, near Ballinacollig, last week and evicted Richard Fitton for non-payment of rent. The eviction passed over without incident, the tenant, his wife, and seven children leaving their dwelling immediately on the arrival of the evicting party.

Mr T. J. Clanchy, of Cork, having forwarded a copy of his pamphlet, entitled "Ireland in the 20th Century," to Mr Gladstone, the Liberal leader replied: "I thank you for your work, and, like you, I take a hopeful and even sanguine view of the prospects of Ireland after the settlement of the question of Home Rule.

**Derry.**—Since 1841 the population of Derry County has fallen to 152,009, a decrease of over 70,000. During the ten years ending March, 1891, the number of emigrants from that county amounted to 23,199, bringing up the total for the last forty years to 94,717.

**Donegal.**—Dr Webb, County Court Judge for Donegal, addressing the Grand Jury at recent Quarter Sessions, congratulated them on there being no criminal business to go before them. His Honour did not think there was any county in Ireland to compare with Donegal for the peacefulness of its inhabitants. He was then presented with white gloves.

Major Henry Irvine, the recently-appointed agent of the Olphert estate, has arranged with the evicted tenants for their re-instatement on payment of three years' rent and thirty shillings law costs in each case. The tenants, failing to obtain better terms, had to adopt these,

Birr, in the King's County. His father, a civil engineer, gave his two sons, Thomas and Arthur, an education befitting that profession which they subsequently embraced. Both were engaged with their father on the English survey up to the time of their admission to the religious state. Arthur entered first and received the name Paul at the Novitiate of the Christian Brothers, Preston, Lancashire. Soon after Thomas followed his example, entered the same house, and received the name Patrick. Both were exemplary Christian Brothers, and are now, we trust, enjoying the reward of their labours. The scenes of Brother Paul's labours were London, Limerick, Armagh, and Newcastle West; but the last twenty years of his life were spent among poor children of Artane, who will long and lovingly cherish his memory.

**Fermanagh.**—County Court Judge Orr was presented with white gloves at Enniskillen Quarter Session on Friday, there being no criminal business.

**Galway.**—The enormous take of 30,000 mackerel was accomplished off these islands last week by one person. The fishing vessels consist of seven Arklow boats, two from Clifden, two from Carna. Father Michael O'Donohoe has ordered two boats, which will soon be under sail and ready to cast their nets.

**Kerry.**—At recent Killarney Quarter Sessions decrees for possession were obtained against the following Kenmare tenants:—Denis Duggan, Catherine Mangan, Timothy Moriarty, Ellen Daly, Eliza Daly, Patrick Mangan, and Michael Law.

Upwards of 36,000 mackerel were taken off Fenit recently Messrs Anderson and Co., of Liverpool, readily brought up the fish at 50s per cwt. The fish are the largest ever taken at Fenit. In fact,