

Irish News.

Antrim.—The Unionists of the district are concentrating all their efforts towards the capturing of this seat, held presently by Thomas Sexton; but if the Nationalists be loyal to Ireland at the polls a victory for the anti-Home Rulers will be impossible.

The judges of the New York courts have dismissed the Stewart Millions claimant's petition on the ground that he had failed to produce satisfactory proof establishing his relationship to the late Mr Stewart. This does not, however, terminate the suit on behalf of the Irish claimants. There is the case of Branagh v. Smith, which has not yet been decided, and it involves questions of the utmost importance to the Irish claimants.

Armagh.—Archbishop McGettigan's Memorial Cross is a colossal Irish cross, twenty-five feet high, with groups of figures carved on each side, representing subjects in the Old and New Testaments. It is in Mountcharles sandstone, and will be the largest cross in Ireland. It is the memorial to be placed on the grave of the late Doctor McGettigan, Primate of all Ireland, in Armagh.

The census for Armagh, which has just been issued, shows that the population of the County is 143,289, consisting of 68,370 males and 74,919 females, 12.2 per cent less than 1881. Fifty years ago the population was 232,393. The religious denominations are as follows:—Roman Catholic, 66,004; decrease, 9,705. Protestant Episcopalians, 46,135; decrease, 7,255. Presbyterians, 22,919; decrease, 3,158. Methodists, 5,339; increase, 455. All others, 2,863; decrease, 246. Of the total population, 84,360 could read and write, 20,402 could read only, and 38,527 were illiterate. In 1881 only 49.8 of the

Carlow.—Major-General St Clair Mulholland, who commanded the 116th Pennsylvania Regiment in Meagher's Irish Brigade, and won distinction by his service in the Army of the Potomac, on the evenings of May 12 and 13 delivered lectures upon the war at the Town Hall, Carlow. The lectures were accompanied by stereopticon views of cities and war scenes, including a two hours' trip through the United States and the American Civil War—its great battles and generals.

John Byrne, Tinryland, Carlow, recently wrote complaining of the taxing of his farm, from which he was evicted. He states the rent of the farm was £12, the area six acres, including road and waste, which leaves only five acres of tillage land. The house and premises were built by his predecessor without one penny from the landlord and he asserts that he expended over £100 on it during the last ten years. He and his sister were not well out of it when the place and all his improvements and those of his forefathers were taken up without a penny compensation.

Cavan.—Rev Joseph Flood presided at a recent Kingscourt Federation meeting. Also present Revs James Duffy and Patrick Clarke, with a good attendance of members. After routine business was transacted, Father Clarke, in the course of a very encouraging speech, proposed the following resolution, which was carried unanimously:—That, being thoroughly convinced that any attempt to temper with the sacred principle of unity of the Irish National party must prove disastrous to the cause of Home Rule, we earnestly call upon all genuine Nationalists to set their faces resolutely against such a wicked and traitorous movement.

Clare.—The sub-Sheriff, with bailiffs and police, proceeded to Ballybeg to carry out two evictions on the estate of Thomas Crowe, D.L. The tenants were D. Gallery and Mary Kelly.

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population could read and write, whereas in 1891 the percentage was 58.9.

At Portadown Petty Sessions Court last week, William Gilpin, James Watson, and William Anderson, Orangemen, were charged with having assaulted a Catholic named Robert Hughes, at Edgarrtown. William Gilpin was fined 20s and costs, or fourteen days' imprisonment; William Anderson, fined 20s and 3s costs, or a similar term of imprisonment, and James Watson was bound to keep the peace for six months. Of course the fines were paid, and the assaulters were liberated to pursue the same evil course. Were those who committed the assault Catholics, and the assaulted one an Orangeman, the punishment would not have been so lightly administered by the magistrates.

The windows of Edenderry Catholic church, situated on the outskirts of Portadown, were recently demolished, and no clue has been obtained to the perpetrators of this wanton sacrilege. A boat belonging to a Catholic was broken to pieces. It was valued for £8. No cause can be assigned for the act save that the man is a Catholic. Again, a Catholic has been waylaid and beaten—by whom it has not as yet been ascertained, but several persons have been arrested in connection with the cowardly act. It is felt that the outrages and indignities to which the Catholics about here are subjected would not be allowed to pass without the loudest protest if they took place in any district where the Catholics are in a majority. The police force here is considered to be far too small to efficiently protect the Catholic interests, and to preserve the peace upon occasion; but, notwithstanding this, and the fact that the outrages were committed during the Easter holidays, the magistrates refused to draft in any extra police to keep the peace. The bigotry displayed towards Catholics here by the Orangemen is extraordinary and inexplicable.

At recent Sessions in Kilrush the court made orders for eviction, directed to the Sheriff, against the following tenants on Vandeleur estate:—John and James Connell of Moyne, Michael McGrath of Carnacalla, Patrick O'Dea of Moneymore, John Crowley of Carnacalla, Martin Madigan, Carrandota, and Thomas Quinlivan of Ballincrinan. Other evictions are to take place on the estate near Labasheeda.

On Easter Sunday, at Ballyvaskin, Miltown-Malbay, after a protracted illness, Thomas Molohan died, aged 30 years, late of the civil service education office. Thomas Molohan was the first captain who enlisted under the banner of the G.A.A. When the Metropolitan Hurling Club was started in the spring of 1884 he marshaled that little force in the Phoenix Park which was destined to become the pioneer of the Gaelic movement. His genial disposition and sterling good nature won for him the esteem of all. As a wielder of the Caman he had very few equals, and scarcely a superior. The first great match in which he captained the old "Mets" was on Easter Sunday, 1886, in Thurles, and on the same festival six years later he died.

Cork.—A valuable vein of asbestos has been discovered near Castletown Bere.

The Guardians of Kinsale Union at recent meeting decided, by a vote of 20 to 13, to have nuns as hospital nurses.

An important meeting, under the presidency of Rev Canon Carmony, has been held at Castletownbere with a view of establishing a company to purchase the mackerel landed at that station by the fishing boats.

The Recorder of Cork, sitting at Mallov a few days since, gave judgment in a number of applications by tenants to have fair rent fixed. Thirty-one applications were listed from tenants of Patrick