

## NEWS FROM IRELAND.

### CORK.

A National league meeting was held on December 13, at Ballyhooley, near Fermoy, for the purpose of condemning Lord Fermoy for serving his tenants with writs. Dead foxes and hares were prominently displayed by contingents from surrounding districts, to indicate the intention, of the people to prevent hunting.

The Rev. Dr. Duncan, Dublin, has allowed his Ballylanders, Ballybrien, Ballyfaskin, Knockedea, Kilglass, and Boher tenantry a reduction of 25 per cent.

A sale of the stock of the farm of Mr. John Cronin, Millstreet, president of the local branch of the National League, took place on Dec. 15. The sale was held in consequence of a writ on Mr. Cronin for the non-payment of the full year's rent. A reduction of 30 per cent had been demanded and refused and the sale took place in anticipation of a seizure by the sheriff's officer.

### WEXFORD.

On December 13th, Mr. Gregory Murphy presided at a meeting of the Clohanon, Parnell's Cross, and Newtownbarry Branch of the National League; at which meeting the Orange Catholics who voted for Lord Stopford against John Redmond were sneered at as a contemptible tin-can tied to the tail of the anti Irish faction in North Wexford. The tin-can allowed itself to be dragged through the gutter by Orange Toryism. That was the last public performance of Catholic loyalty, and we wish it joy of its dignified "role" in Irish politics. The same branch of the League paid a graceful compliment to the Tyrone Protestants and Presbyterians who elected Mr. O'Brien to represent their pluck and honesty in the British Parliament. The heroic Kinsella girls are still the subject of sympathy and commiseration. A dastardly and savage outrage has been committed upon one of those long-suffering women. An Emergency scoundrel struck her, knocked out several teeth, and otherwise brutally assaulted her. But as English law protects those ruffians there is no redress for their victims.

### DUBLIN.

The Rev. Father Conlan, Administrator, Cathedral, Malborough street, Dublin has accepted the position of Chaplain to the Lord Mayor-elect, T. D. Sullivan, M. P., during his term of office.

On December 13th, a public meeting was held at Finglas, for the purpose of establishing a branch of the National League. Messrs. Clancy and Crilly, M. P.'s and Thomas Sherlock, "Nation" were among the speakers. The meeting marks in a most striking manner, the triumphant advance of the National movement.

On December 16th, at the Convent of Poor Clares, Harlod's Cross, the reception took place into religious life, under the name of Sister Mary St. Lawrence of Miss Mary Ellen Campbell, daughter of William Campbell Esq., of Gardiner's place.

### WATERFORD.

Mr. J. J. Power, T. C., has received the official notification of his appointment as High Sheriff of the City of Waterford for 1886.

A meeting of the leading butter merchants of Waterford, was held on Dec 14, for the purpose of considering the weight and quality of the firkins to be generally adopted by them for the next season's butter, the movement being necessitated by the introduction of Danish firkins, which interfered with the trade of the local coopers.

### WICKLOW.

Mr. Michael J. Burke, of North King street, Dublin, owner of a portion of the Tober property, near Dunlavin, has granted his tenantry a reduction of 20 per cent.

Arklow Harbor and Mr. Parnell's quarries are furnishing the town of Tinahely with labor. The skilled hands in the quarry-set department earn on an or two pounds a week. The fishermen have their season prolonged by means of the open harbor. Herrings are at present selling in the port at 11s per mease.

### DONEGAL.

Ominous sounds are again heard in Gwee dose and its neighborhood. The notes of preparation are, unhappily, too familiar to be mistaken. They are the dreaded precursors of the advent of the sheriff and the levelling brigade. Arrangements are being made for the accommodation of three hundred policemen that the landlord of Meenacladdy and Tory Island, a person rejoicing in the somewhat remarkable name of Benjamin St John Baptist Joule, may carry out some evictions, which he contemplates, with all the ease and facility that the presence of an overwhelming armed force can give him.

### TIPPERARY.

On Dec. 14, Mr. Pratt, of Cork, joint landlord with Mr. Austin Chadwick, of

Damerville, Tipperary, assisted by three bailiffs, and protected by eighty police drafted from various parts of the county, under the control of District Inspector Stephens, all under the supreme command of Mr. Meldn, R. M. proceeded to Ballycon, near the Limerick Junction, to take possession of the evicted lands on which the Houaigans, some five weeks ago, has been placed in forcible possession by an armed and distinguished party of men. When this formidable force arrived at Ballyconroy, the cell of the Latin Chapel began to toll, and in a very short time a large number of persons collected. Mr. Pratt found the doors and windows of the house closed and barred against him. A very large number of peasants assembled, but were no way demonstrative. Father Murphy, the curate at Lattin, shortly appeared on the scene, and a lengthened conversation between him, Mr. Pratt, and Mr. Meldn took place. The result was, that the three mounted a car and drove to Tipperary to consult with the Very Rev. Canon Cahill, V. G., and Mr. Rice, solicitor. It is understood that a settlement is being effected.

### KILKENNY.

Mr. Richard Phelan, P. L. G., Raheen, county Kilkenny died on December 15th Deceased, with a number of friends met for a day's courings on the Besborough reserves, when he became faint, and dropping behind, he made an effort to reach home, but was unable, and reaching a cottage he entered. Rev. Fathers Shortall Cahill were soon in attendance, as was Dr. Quirke, but everything done was unavailing, and in a short time after he passed away.

### LIMERICK.

The tenants on the Arthur estate in the parish of Killaloe over which Mr. Robert V. O'Brien is agent, have got a reduction of four shillings in the pound all round, not only on the half year rent now coming due, but on all arrears.

On Dec. 14th, the house of a farmer named Robert Tesky, who lived near Ballingrane, was visited by a party of armed men with blackened faces who dragged him from his bed and beat him rather severely, without, however, inflicting any serious injury. When taking their departure several shots were fired by the party, it is supposed with an intimidative motive. No cause is assigned for the outrage, but some arrests have been made in connection with it.

### CLARE.

At Mountbailey, near Kirkishen, on Dec. 14th, a party of men attacked the house of a man named James Carr, by firing several shots through the windows. None of the inmates were about at the time, the hour being late, nor did any of them sustain any injury.

N. S. O'Gorman, Esq., Leeson street, Dublin, attended at Cooraclare, on Dec. 3d, to receive rents from his tenants at Dromelthy. He gave them 22½ per cent. abatement on all rents up to the 1st of November, 1885. Mr. O'Gorman and his tenants parted on the best possible terms.

On Dec. 11th, Mr. Thomas Mahouf agent to Dr. J. Ryan, London attended at Kildysart, to receive the rents arising out of the Effernan Derrylough and Baddolcan estates. The tenants whose rents were recently fixed by the Land Commissioners, demanded a reduction of 15 per cent. remarking that nothing short of such a concession would be of any benefit. The agent granted them the 15 per cent. demanded.

### SLIGO.

The Most Rev. Dr. McCormack, Lord Bishop Achony, has transferred Father P. R. Staunton, C.C., to Ballymore from Swinford.

The despotic agent of an absentee landlord, Mr. La Touche, is showering "sentences of death" wholesale, on the unfortunate tenantry of Dromelthy. In every case these sentences carry 10s costs, to add more to the already impossible rents. Considering the state of the times this is wanton cruelty, and it shows that, although landlordism has received a severe check by the passing of the Land Act of '81, it has been scotched, not killed. It also shows the futility of dealing in half measures with such a heartless body of men. Their barbarity admits of no compromise. They must be rooted out completely before we can expect and prosperity in the country.

### MONAGHAM.

On December 15th, a steam scutch mill, belonging to Mr. Carson, of Miltown Clontibret, was completely destroyed by fire. The engine and boiler, however, are safe. A large quantity of flax, which was stored in the mill, has been completely destroyed. The origin of the fire is stated to have been caused by a scouter knocking down an oil lamp. Another scutch mill (water power) situated at Locka, on the property of Mr. Henry Molloy, about two miles from Castleblayne, was also burned, the fire being caused accidentally.

### GALWAY.

On Dec. 13, at Ballynagar House, near Ballinakill, Woodford, the residence of Mrs. Hannah Lewis, the owner of the

property, was blown up by dynamite. On the previous night all the inmates retired at the usual hour and early in the morning a loud report was heard which shook the house from top to bottom. The greatest consternation ensued, and when the fright passed away, Mrs. Lewis, who went with the servants to ascertain what happened, found the whole front of the splendid mansion blown down, and everything in the drawing room broken. Fortunately none of the inmates slept in this part of the house. The damage done is very great.

### ANTRIM.

In the linen trade of Belfast a very important change is to be inaugurated—several new French machines are to be introduced. By means of these the practice of scutching flax will be entirely superseded, and with the very important result of an increased production of flax of probably 40 per cent.

### DERRY.

The Rev. James McKay, C.C., died at the Parochial House, Waterside, on December 13, after a brief illness. The reverend gentleman was a native of Tyrone. He had spent the greater part of his days in America, and was through some of the most stirring scenes of the great Civil War. His death is very much regretted in Derry, and over a wide district.

On December 13, a number of stacks of oats and hay in the haggard of William Glenn, Drumsdale, midway between Coleraine and Portsteward, were discovered to be on fire, and before assistance arrived were nearly all consumed. The fire is believed to have been malicious, and Mr. Glenn intends prosecuting at the ensuing Road Sessions a claim for the amount of the damage.

On December 14, Mr. James Toland, of Derry, was sworn in a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature in Ireland. Mr. Toland was apprenticed to Mr. James E. O'Doherty, M. P., and at the recent final examination took first place and also the gold medal.

### MEATH.

On December 14, the remains of the Rev. Patrick McMahon were consigned to the grave in St. Mary's church, Newcastle, in his native parish, amid the prayers of the congregation. Father McMahon studied in Maynooth College, and was ordained priest at Pentecost, 1880. Soon afterwards he was appointed to the curacy at Moyne, in the diocese of Meath, where he discharged the duties of the priesthood with zeal up to last May, when he caught cold, which developed itself into consumption, and terminated on Dec. 12, a career which promised to be one of very great edification and usefulness to the faithful.

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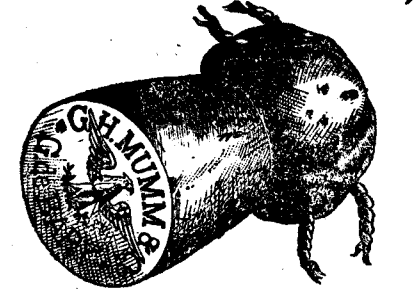
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