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When the magistrates, Mr F G Hodder, R M, and Mr John W Scott, took their seats in the Petty Sessions Court, District Inspector Hill informed the Stipendiary that the principal witness, a lad named Durne, who purchased the copy of *United Ireland*, could not be found since the day the summons had been served upon him, nor did there appear any likelihood of his turning up. He therefore asked for an adjournment of the case for three months, hoping to ascertain the whereabouts of the absconded witness, who it was supposed had been spirited away.

Thomas Lynch, solicitor—I appear for Mr MacNamara, as I have done previously. I have no objection to the application for adjournment, but protest against Mr Hill giving anything in the way of supposition subject to the case being heard.

Mr Hodder—Then we are asked on both sides to adjourn the hearing for three months.

Mr Lynch—Mr Hill has made the application and I can't oppose it.

The matter then ended.

There was a prosecution at the suit of the constabulary, by Constable Connery, against a hotel proprietor, for having his bar open after eleven o'clock for sale of liquor, at which townsmen were found drinking.

A penalty of £1 was imposed against the hotel proprietor, and the parties found drinking at the bar were fined 5s.

Having disposed of some cases of drunkenness, the Court adjourned.

#### THE FUNERAL OF MR MEANY.

The Nationalists here are leaving nothing undone to make the funeral ceremonies of the late Stephen Joseph Meany, who is to be interred on Sunday, a great demonstration.

#### ARRIVAL OF MR MACNAMARA.

Mr Denis MacNamara, released prisoner from Limerick Gaol, referred to above, arrived here at 6.15 this evening. There was no popular display. Mr MacNamara looked well.

#### DROMCOLLOGHER PETTY SESSIONS—THURSDAY.

Before Lord Muskerri and Mr P Q Hannigan. Mr B Donegan summoned J Costelloe and another for assaulting and threatening plaintiff with a weapon alarmingly like an Indian tomahawk. Both parties claimed the house in which the disturbance occurred, and the ownership being deemed vital to a proper decision, the case was adjourned for the attendance of Mr Butler Ievers, JP, the agent.

The Guardians of Newcastle Union sued some tenants of labourers' cottages for rent due. Several were decreed for possession and 7s costs. Defendants vigorously protested against costs, and threatened the Guardians with a "touch of the Plan." It is said that one woman who has long kept boiled water ready for the collector is about to organise herself into a vigilance committee ready for emergencies.

John Brody summoned Thomas Fitzgibbon for having taken forcible possession of his labourers' plot. Some documents kept at the Board Room being necessary, the case was postponed.—Adjourned.

IMPORTANT TO LADIES.—Madame Worth's Celebrated Guinea Corsets (black 25s) may be obtained from her Local Agents, Messrs Cannon & Co (Limited), Limerick  
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A serious fire broke out at two o'clock this morning on the premises in Carter street, Drury Lane, London, occupied by Mr Gay, fruit salesman, Covent Garden. Within ten minutes dense volumes of smoke issued from the windows and soon afterwards the roof fell in without a moment's warning owing to the weight of the sacks on the third floor. The wall fell into a narrow street. Two firemen were seriously hurt and another is stated to be buried beneath the ruins, but this cannot be ascertained until the debris have cooled.

#### CIVIL SERVICE ESTIMATES.

The Civil Service estimates for the year ending March, 1899, are issued to-day. The total amount asked for is £61,605,444, being a net decrease as compared with last year of £246,617.

#### THE MITCHELL-SULLIVAN FIGHT.

The Press Association states that a telegram was received in London this morning from Creil, about ten miles from Paris, announcing that the Mitchell-Sullivan fight was coming off, and the combatants were proceeding to the ground.

The Press Association learns that the prize fight took place this afternoon, close to Chantilly, and after a contest lasting three hours and ten minutes, in which thirty-nine rounds were fought, a draw was decided upon.

#### MANSLAUGHTER OF A BROTHER-IN-LAW

At Shropshire Assizes to-day, Elijah Bowe, farmer, of Whithall, Salop, was sentenced to fifteen years penal servitude for the manslaughter of his brother-in-law, William Powell, by shooting him.

#### SHIPPING CASUALTIES.

The Press Association learns that a telegram from Madeira, received by the owners of the overdue steamer, "Norham Castle," from Cape Town, announced that Her Majesty's troopship "Orontes," which arrived off Madeira this morning, has signalled that the disabled mail steamer was lying at St Helena. There can be no doubt but that this vessel is the "Norham Castle," which was expected at Madeira from Cape Town last week via St Helena and Ascension. Further particulars have been telegraphed for.

Lloyd's agent at Nison, Isle of Wight, telegraphs that the ship "Sirenia" which went ashore yesterday at Athenfield lies right abreast of the coasting station. The captain's wife and family were landed by the lifeboat last night, but the captain and crew remained aboard. The ship was washing over the vessel at night.