

ly directed was that of the Far East. Eight had scarcely elapsed, and it is at the point of observation is changed. Sir William Harcourt asked when the discussions for the China debate would be in the hands of members. Mr A. J. Balfour, however, stated that delay has arisen, and the discussions will not be ready for the discussion on Friday evening. He also announced, with regret, that Mr Curzon, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, had broken down in health under the continuous pressure of two months' incessant and most arduous labour. The great speech of Tuesday overtaxed his already exhausted energies, and therefore it was necessary to postpone the debate for another week. Already the Eastern question seems to have retired to the far past. England has asserted herself in the changes that are taking place in the East; and if Russia and Germany secured ports for themselves, so has England. In the short space of a fortnight, as a consequence of the explanations that have been made, the China question has lost all its interest for the public, and a debate on the subject will only show how little there is to criticise in the action of the Government. Mr Blake called for the attention of Mr Balfour to subjects of immediate importance by asking the Government of the House whether the Budget resolutions would be taken on Thursday, and whether the Survey resolutions connected with the Irish Local Government Bill would be taken on that day, and whether a day would be set apart for the discussion of the financial reform of the United Kingdom. Mr Balfour, however, stated that the Budget would be taken on Thursday, as originally intended, but that he would not promise to take up the Local Government Bill on Monday, because as a certain amount of work to be got done before that stage of the Bill could be depended upon, and he hoped that once it was taken up it would be carried through without interruption. It would seem from this delay that the Irish Government are paying attention to the resolutions passed at the Grand Convention of the various Irish counties, and especially to the proceedings of the great and important meeting in Dublin demand the careful consideration. The representatives of the Grand Juries formed a body of eminent and experienced public opinion which no Government could afford to neglect.

**SERIOUS ASSAULT**—At the last Newport (County Tipperary) Petty Sessions before Major Waring, R.M. (in the chair); C. A. Ryan, and J. Going, a man named Denis Mahony, of Glencoe, County Limerick, was brought up on remand charged with seriously assaulting one Andrew O'Brien, of Four, County Tipperary, at Rear Cross, on the 2nd inst., by fracturing his skull, thereby placing his life in danger. District Inspector Blascheck applied for a further remand of eight days as the injured man was unable to attend. The prisoner was again remanded, bail being refused.

**MISSION WORK IN WEST AUSTRALIA.**—An urgent call to the Church of Ireland has come from the Bishop of Perth, West Australia, for clergymen to work in his lordship's vast diocese, and amongst those about to proceed there are the Rev H. Darling, Rector of Kilpeacon, County Limerick, and the Rev R. H. Moore, St. Luke's, Belfast. At the anniversary meeting of the Irish Auxiliary Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts to be held in Dublin on Thursday next the Lord Primate will dismiss the missionaries with his blessing. A *locum tenens* will be appointed by the bishop of this diocese to take charge of Kilpeacon parish for six months during the absence of the Rev Mr Darling.

**DEATH OF MR JOHN FRANCIS SHEEHY, J.P.**—We regret to record the death of this well-known and popular gentleman, which took place at his residence, Court Kildimo, on Sunday last, in the 70th year of his age. Mr Sheehy had for very many years held the Commission of the Peace for the County, and was an *ex-officio* member of Kilmallock and Rathkeale Unions. He was a large employer of labour, and most kindly disposed towards the poor and to all who required his assistance or advice. He was also a well-known sportsman, and amongst all classes in the county was held in the highest regard. The utmost sympathy is expressed with his popular son, Mr James Sheehy, and the other members of the family in their bereavement. The funeral will take place from Court for Nanteenan, at 12 o'clock to-morrow (Wednesday).

### WALKING AROUND THE WORLD.

#### ARRIVAL OF MR GEORGE M. BOYNTON IN RATHKEALE.

Mr George Melville Boynton, the American who has undertaken to walk around the world for a heavy wager, arrived in Rathkeale to-day. The conditions under which the walk has been undertaken are now very well known. Mr Boynton must accomplish the journey without spending a cent of his own, and accordingly depends on the hospitality he receives from place to place, but so far his reception has been most cordial, and on his arrival in Rathkeale he was awaited by several friends, who readily provided for his requirements. After partaking of luncheon he immediately resumed his journey, and is expected to arrive in Limerick this evening. Mr Boynton has at present covered over 6,000 miles. On leaving Ireland he intends travelling through Scotland, and will traverse England again. Having visited all the European countries, his Asiatic route will be parallel to the Transiberian Railway. Having left St. Petersburg and crossed the Ural Mountains, he goes thence to Yokohama, through Japan, across to San Francisco, again walking his way to Washington, his pedestrian terminus. Mr Boynton often heard of Irish hospitality, but his reception in this country has been more open-hearted than he anticipated. When questioned, he humorously

wealth, and accordingly, reject the millionaire, however, meet ground. "Roberts," a Sheriff's unwelcome visit to the establishment is taken advantage of who rigs him out in a butler's too small for him. This worthy situation to the millionaire, converts him into the wealthy, sends himself as poor and penniless succeeds despite the wily eye music hall adventurers who is and continues to make the exertions to capture the Am. He and the slavey are the curtain drops on a brilliant all events for Major O'Neill and fortunes are thereby retrieved. Miss Eva Graham ("Phyllis") spirit and piquancy, and sang fully. The duet, "I love but you the Millionaire," was very expressive and brought down the house; a friendship's name, was also a great success was the duet Roberts. It was imitative of the feline tribe, and so forth, and ally and dramatically interpreted was in roars of laughter, and three encores. Mr. Allen Morr Evelyn," the Millionaire, acted free and refined manner, and, a striking contrast to announcing braggadocio so that Roberts when he appears in a dress, blazing with diamonds. Lock, who took the role, display of a very high order, and was good deal of the mirth of the speech was a vigorous performance in the extreme. Mr Fred L. O'Neil put a great deal of "g" and the perplexities of his truthfully presented. Mr Ch. took the role of "Lord Lav individual with a limited amount Miss Clara Jackson as "Flora music hall artiste, with whom thoroughly suited to the role parts of a numerous cast were the second act the "Dance" Amy Durkin and Miss Ada Pe. There will be a change of Saturday, Friday, and Saturday people will be interested to latter day there will be a mat at 2.30.

### EASTER VESTRY

#### PARISH OF SHANAGLOUGHILL

The annual Easter Vestry for was held on the 14th April Vestry, Rev R. J. C. Connors presiding. The following elected Churchwardens for ShanagloUGHILL—J. P.; Mad Coplen—Langford, J. P.; Mad Loughill—Lord Monteagle, J. P. Select Vestry for Union Monteagle, K. P.; Richard Cop R. W. Jamieson, J. P.; Madiso Flynn, Edward Scales.

#### NEWCASTLE AND R.

The Vestry for the union Rathronan met in Newcastle on the 12th inst., Rev Canon Vall following appointments were: Mr. Palmer, Sundayman, C.