

At the Kilrush Quarter Sessions on Thursday, before His Honor Judge Carton, James McInerney, a farmer, living at Bolaha, was sued on behalf of Captain Creagh Scott, for a half year's arrears of rent due to May, 1901, amounting to £4 6s.

Mr. Lynch, solicitor, appeared for the landlord, and Mr. Kelly, solicitor for the defence.

Defendant's case was that there was a verbal agreement made in the lands between him and the representative of the agent, whereby, on the payment of a year's rent with each year he was not to be sued for the arrears. He made payments in accordance with this arrangement.

Mr. Reynolds, clerk to the agent, gave his version of the arrangement between him and the defendant. If the tenant had paid the rent punctually on the collection days he would not be proceeded against for the arrears. They had to complain of the unpunctuality.

A voluminous correspondence was read bearing on the question, in which it was sought on McInerney's part, to make out a contract between the landlord and him.

Michael Sexton, another tenant, was sued on the same head, and a similar defence was made as to the existence of an agreement.

His Honor said it was new to him that a person could make a contract in his own favour where money was due.

Mr. Kelly relied on the letter to show the existence of a contract. They asked to have the money returned if the agreement was not adhered to. Instead of that they got a receipt.

His Honor said in the correspondence the tenants reiterated an agreement that had been repudiated by the agent.

Mr. Kelly said the landlord accepted the rent, but imposed other conditions.

His Honor said the proceedings were no doubt harsh in obliging payments in June for rent due in May when other payments had been made. These tenants were undoubtedly in low water at the time.

Decrees were made in both cases, but his Honor refused to allow expenses to the clerk in the agent's office.

DARRAGHMORE, CO. LIMERICK.

We are informed that Darraghmore House and grounds and gardens, and the small part of the demesne lands left to him as a tenant after the sale of the estate to the tenants under the Irish Land Purchase Act, has been given and made over by H. Geale, Esq., to his niece, Mrs. Bevan, nee Lee, late of Glen Bevan. Darraghmore is a very beautifully situated and interesting residence, in full view of the Galtee Mountains, and in the neighbourhood of much of the scenery described by Spenser in his "Faery Queen," and from whose ruined Castle of Kilmolman it is not far distant. It is on the borders of the County of Cork, only separated from it by the little stream, the Ahafouca, or "Ford of the Fairies." The fine seat of the Oliver-Trench family is close by, and it is about equi-distant to Mitchelstown Castle and Doneraile Park, two of the finest places in Ireland. Sir David Roche, Bart., Vice-Lieutenant of the County, rented Darraghmore for several years, while Master of the County Hounds, and when he so well and worthily filled the duties of that position.

CHARGE OF ASSAULTING A HOTEL PROPRIETOR.

At the City Petty Sessions yesterday, Thomas Egan, Town Hall, and Cornelius Fitzgerald, Collooney street, were charged on remand, in custody, with a serious assault on Mr. J. McNamara, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, Catherine street. It is alleged that defendants applied for drink after hours at the hotel, and when refused created a scene. Mr. McNamara,

relating to the constitution of public libraries. Having quoted Acts of Parliament on the question, he pointed out that under the Amending Act of '94 the Committee would have power to raise a rate to meet any necessary requirements, but as that Library had been constituted before the passing of that Act they were limited to a rate of 1d in the £. With regard to their borrowing powers, he referred the Committee to section 40 and 41, cap 15, under which a loan might be obtained from the Board of Works, which being invested would furnish the necessary amount annually, and in order to repay the loan the Corporation to levy a rate of a halfpenny in the £, in addition to the penny which was at present being levied.

Mr. Barrington: But why not levy the halfpenny in the £ direct?

Mr. Dundon said there was no power, and the only way to meet the difficulty would be to raise a large loan.

Ultimately, on the motion of Mr. Frost, the following resolution was passed—"That having considered Mr. Carnegie's letter to Mr. Frost we request the County Borough Council to take such steps as may be advisable under section 15 of the 40 and 41 Vic., to borrow a sum of say £2,500, which would not exceed more than a rate of one halfpenny in the £, for the purpose of acquiring a proper site, and building thereon a sufficient library for the wants of the city."

Father Lee afterwards remarked that it was quite possible they could dissolve and re-constitute the Library under the Act of '94, which did not limit the rate to be levied by the Corporation.

The Committee then adjourned.

DEATH OF MRS. WILLIAM IRWIN.

Our Ballingarry correspondent writes:—The announcement of the demise of Mrs. William Irwin, Feenagh House, Feenagh, which touching event occurred during the course of the present week at the deceased lady's late residence at the venerable age of 92 years, has been received throughout the entire district with the most genuine regretful and sympathetic feelings. Seldom has it been our painful duty to chronicle the death of one so universally loved and highly esteemed as the deceased lady who has peacefully passed away in the fullness of years after a life that was truly exemplary, and replete with the noblest traits of womanhood. The gentle endearing memory of the late Mrs Irwin shall long remain verdant in the hearts of the countless recipients of her benevolence, and the genuine Irish hospitality which characterised a long and saintly life. The unalloyed sorrow that has been occasioned by the final separation from the members of a devotedly loving family circle and a host of relatives and friends is not by any means confined to the locality where her large-hearted generosity is undoubtedly immortalised. That well spent, exemplary, saintly life, so peacefully ended, has been productive of the best results. Her extremely popular children and grand-children are worthily represented as priests in the sanctuary of the R. C. Church, and in many Convents in the city and county, while others hold honorable positions in our popularly elected councils. The immense concourse of sympathisers, with an unusually large number of priests that constituted the great funeral cortege which accompanied the remains for interment in their final resting place in the family vault at Cloncrow, on Wednesday evening, 9th instant, was a striking demonstration of the widespread popularity and love which the deceased lady deservedly enjoyed, and an eloquently remarkable tribute of respect to every member of the very popular family.

PATRIOTIC ASSURANCE CO. LIBERAL ACTION.

Our readers will no doubt remember the disastrous fire at the "Queen's Hotel," Southsea, in

was charged by Constable Dowd of the Sunday Closing Act, on 7.35 p.m. on the date in question entered the premises and found citizens inside. Some had por freshments before them.

The defence was that defendant who lived a few doors from his fishing at Corbally, and landed a salmon of 23lbs weight. The defendant on the premises learning that of Izak Walton way appropriate his capture, rushed out a little before seven without drinks. Having viewed the fish, perform that function when the defendant on the scene.

Mr. Gaffney, solicitor, who in defence, stated that Mrs O'Brien twenty-three years, and never had against her.

This statement was borne out but the magistrates decided on a £1 and costs, the conviction. Those found on the premises were and costs.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY

Patrick Pigott, who has lately in front, was summoned for drunk and disorderly conduct. He denied the charge being excited and having

Mr. Hickson said that peace, a learned, being not broken, he dismissed off, and advised him to keep for the future.

Defendant thanked the Bench for a SERIOUS CHARGE.

Two men of the labouring class and Crowe were charged with dis refusing to leave licensed premises assaulting the police

Sergeant Kennedy, Mary street case.

Lynch was fined 10s 6d and costs having been previously in him.

Crowe, who had a clean sheet that his case was adjourned for to see how he would conduct himself

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SERIOUS ASSAULT O

At the Petty Sessions yesterday chimney sweep, was charged with wife, Margaret, under brutal c the 29th March. The evidence a drunk and quarrelled with Mr beat her with his clenched hand knocked her down, and when