hope the Republican party will continue to look after the third." This suggests a new and up-to-date version of the Litany!

The Origin of Agriculture.

"The origin of Agriculture is lost in the mists of antiquity," says Professor Wiegend, of the University of Bonn. "We know that in neolithic times in Europe eight kinds of cereals were cultivated, besides flax, peas, poppies, apples, pears, plums, etc. At the same time, various animals were domesticated. Among these were horses, short-horned oxen, horned sheep, goats, two breeds of pigs, dogs. "In all likelihood agriculture arose in the south and east of Europe, and spread gradually in the centre, north and west. A hunting population is often very averse to even the slightest amount of work that agriculture requires in a tropical country. The same holds good, as a rule, for pastoral communities. In all cases a powerful constraint is necessary to force these people into uncongenial employment. Fate is stronger than will, and at various period in different climes hunters and herders have been forced to till the soil."

Turning the Law into a Farce.

Mr. Birrell has received another very striking object lesson of the futility of attempting to suppress the recrudescence of crime in Ireland by heaping coals of fire on the heads of the law-breakers. Out of five batches of persons charged with riot and cattle-driving one was found guilty of unlawful assembly merely, one was acquitted, and the remaining three were discharged, because the jury disagreed. Everybody whose mind has not been warped will agree with Mr. Justice Wright that proceedings on such lines are an absolute farce. There was not the slightest weakness in the evidence to justify disagreement, it was clear and uncontradicted, and the obvious conclusion is that there is disaffection amongst the classes from whom the juries are drawn. Mr. Justice Wright used rather strong language for a judge, but the circumstances warranted it. One wonders how long Mr. Birrell will persist in his mistaken policy, merely for the sake of showing that he is not going to be bullied into doing the right thing.

The Wolf and the Lamb.

The "Westminster Gazette," quoting the statement reported to have been made by Alderman Kelly at Limerick on Friday that "he looked upon all Englishmen in Ireland as wolves in sheep's clothing, and he would not shake hands with one of them until it was proved otherwise," agrees with the Alderman, remarking—"Who

Mrs. B. Tiernan, of Brier Hill, Dunleer, Co. Louth, who has turned her 101st year, walked to Mass yesterday week to Walshestown chapel (two miles) and back.

The Loughrea Guardians have passed a resolution calling on the Government to provide seed potatoes and oa[illegible]te save the people from what otherwise would be a period of great distress owing to the failure of both crops in many parts of the West.

Burglars broke into the Boardroom of the Youghal Board of Guardians, and ransacked a press, from which a sum of money was stolen a short time since. They were disappointed, as the Guardians in the meantime had provided a safe for their documents and valuables.

A return of advances under the Irish Land Act, of 1903 during January, 1907, made its belated appearance yesterday. It deals with 59 estates.

The "Dublin Gazette" says:—Patk. M'Inerney of Mungret street, in the City of Limerick, shopkeeper, was, on the 25th day of November, 1907, adjusted bankrupt.

Rev. F. C. Alderson, Canon Residentiary Peterboro' Cathedral, and brother in law of the late Lord Salisbury, died yesterday.

It is reported that about January 20th the North German Lloyd Company will establish a line of steamers from Boston to the principal Mediterranean ports in direct competition with the White Star Company.

Two Limerick children, Mabel Morrow (daughter of the late Head Constable Morrow) and Eleanor M. Cleland were yesterday elected for admission into the Masonic Female Orphan School.

Sergeant O'Brien has been warmly complimented by the Newcastle West magistrates (on transfer to another district) on the efficient, tactful and able way in which he always did his duty.

For using foul abuse, Bridget Houlihan has been bound over by the Newcastle West bench in £4 for 6 months, and John Houlihan, who abused her was similarly bound over.

Ballingarry Petty Sessions, held before the Hon. John French, R.M, possessed no features of public interest.

DEATH OF MRS. NEVINS.

We regret to record the death at Mount Shannon Manor, Lisnagry, of Mrs. Esther Nevins, widow of Mr. Thomas Nevins, and mother of Mrs. H. V. Jackson, the owner of Velocity. Mrs. Nevins and her husband settled down in Limerick some years ago after her husband had amassed a large fortune as a contractor in America. One of his first public acts was a proposal to Limerick Corporation to adopt a scheme of block-paving the streets of the city. The offer, however, was not accepted.

ATTEMPTED CITY BURGLARIES

Two attempted burglaries occurred in the city in the early hours of Tuesday morning. The Training College at the South Circular Road was entered by one of the front windows, the "visitor" making his exit through another of the back, but taking nothing with him. About 5 o'clock on the same morning a servant girl named Mary Meaney at Mount St. Vincent Convent discovered a man in the laundry. She

normal eyesight co[illegible] without harm, and it took it up acquired the first to attend economy.

Her Excellency th[illegible] amid applause.

The Mayor then pr[illegible] her Excellency, whi[illegible] High Sheriff, and carr[illegible]

Her Excellency, in[illegible] Excellency was not[illegible]w cordial good wishes fo[illegible] ment (applause).

Her Excellency th[illegible] stalls, and made severa[illegible]

The following is a l[illegible] holders :—

Limerick Wood-Ca[illegible] Work, Pottery and[illegible] Monteagle, the Hon.[illegible] Shine, Miss Murphy,

Limerick Technical[illegible] herd Convent—Miss[illegible] Gabbett, Miss Orpen,[illegible] Doyle, Miss Dundon.

Limerick Lace School[illegible] Mrs. R. V. O'Brien.

Birr Convent—Mrs.[illegible] Mrs. Massy Westropp,

Thomond Lace Indu[illegible] F. C. Cleeve, Miss Cle[illegible]

Limerick Lace Indus[illegible] Mrs. and the Misse[illegible] Kennedy.

St. Mary's Knitting[illegible] gerald, the Misses Mc[illegible]

Tea Stall—Mrs. St[illegible] Westropp O'Callaghan,[illegible] Petty.

Dalkey Convent—L[illegible] Barry, Mrs. Malcolm S[illegible]

Kilmallock Indust[illegible] Bennett, Mrs. T. H.[illegible] Mrs. H. Z. Bennett, M[illegible] Mr. T. B. Bennett, Mr[illegible]

Clonkeen, Ahane[illegible] Countess of Rosse's K[illegible] Mrs. and Miss Goodbo[illegible] Russell, Miss Delmege.

The Marchioness [illegible] Industry Mrs. Croker,[illegible]

SPECIA[illegible]

An error in the[illegible] Exhibition and Sale o[illegible] that the Sale will be op[illegible] Friday and Saturday[illegible] Sale of Work closed to[illegible] tion of prizes by the C[illegible] 3 o'clock, of which we[illegible] next issue.

PRESENT[illegible] ADD[illegible]

At The L[illegible]

At the Lace Sch[illegible] Excellency the Counte[illegible] afternoon received a[illegible] Women's Branch of[illegible] Association, and wa[illegible] address and bouquet[illegible] was read by the Hon.[illegible]

"MAY IT PLEASE Yo[illegible]

"On behalf of the[illegible]