

Sexton, and asked her what had brought her there, but she made no answer. He asked her to accompany him to Father O'Halloran's house, as all the persons she had accused were on the spot, but she refused and said she would go in the morning. He said to her that the morning would not do, because he wanted to clear his character as well as the characters of the others on the spot. He took hold of her by the hand and told Kevin McKnight to take hold of the other one, and they marched her along the road in the direction of Father O'Halloran's house. He did not kick her or molest her in any way. When they reached Father O'Halloran's gate, they met Father Ryan there, and witness said to Father Ryan that it was an awful state of affairs to see what the woman was after accusing him and the others of. Witness there and then asked Mrs. Sexton if she could prove that he was one of those who had been in her field, and she said that she could not, and then Father Ryan asked her what she was talking about. She put up her hands in front of witness and made certain remarks and he gave her a push out of the way, but he did not strike her a blow, as she alleged herself. He had not been on friendly terms with the woman for some time, because she had threatened him some time before that.

#### AFTER FIVE MINUTES.

Cross-examined by Supt. O'Sullivan, the witness said he was in the house about fifteen minutes after Mrs. Sexton coming in. He left about five minutes before she left.

Then, you must have waited outside for some time, and I suggest you waited deliberately to hear what she was saying?—I looked back when I heard the door being opened.

And, when she came out, you took her by the arm and took her away without her consent—Yes, when she refused to come with me.

And you assaulted her in the presence of Father Ryan?—I only pushed her out of the way.

In reply to Mr. McMahon, witness said he waited outside the house because he knew the woman was up to nothing good that night in the house.

Kathleen Meade denied the allegations made by Mrs. Sexton that night.

Supt. Sullivan—You had a long conversation with her when the boys left?—Not a very long one at all. She asked if my uncle was in and I said he was not. She then said she would wait for him as she wanted to see him on business. She did not however wait until her

People who may be inclined to feel satisfied and rest content if they have made provision for their own personal needs would do well to remember that even their own security cannot escape being affected by an environment of serious poverty. Necessity, especially a hungry or famished body, knows no law. This is a time when the community must stand or fall together.

#### Using the Cross-Cut.

As regards the fuel problem, it is fortunate for people in this locality, that if really hard pressed there is a fairly good supply of trees to fall back upon. Already the felling and sale of hundreds of trees on the White estate at Nantenan is helping considerably at a time when no coal is available and turf is very scarce.

#### Place Names Tell.

How many realise that Rathkeale, associated in their minds with limestone and fertile plains, was once in the heart of bogs that were close to the town. The Bog Road, the Bog Line and the Slug-aire tell the tale.

#### Suburban Bog.

It is only 30 or 40 years ago since turf was cut beside where now stand the workhouse ruins. Turf was also cut near Mount Brown, in Dromard, and at Cappagh. In these latter places there were fairly extensive bogs and it is said that remnants are left that might now be utilised.

#### Rathkeale Branch I.R.C.S.

Commencing on Tuesday, April 22nd, a series of first aid and drill practices will be held in the Court-house, Rathkeale, every Tuesday evening at 8.30 (summer time). Home nursing certificates will be presented and enrolment of a First Aid Division discussed at the first meeting on the 22nd. It is hoped that all holders of First Aid certificates will attend. A full course of First Aid practices will be held after this series of practices.

#### Recent Death.

The death of Mr. Alec Johnson, which occurred during the week, recalls memories of other days in Rathkeale. He was a member of the Johnson family of Castlematrix, who owned that mill when it was a hive of industry employing several hands. Beloved by their employees, whom they always treated with kind consideration, they were held in the highest esteem by the general public of all classes.

the first Sunday in May. The session exercises will consist of singing Masses with a short Rosary, sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament each evening.

#### Hard to Get.

There is a great scarcity of household coal at the present time. Paraffin is another commodity that is hard to get. Tea rationing is in force since the 5th of April. We are troubled with a scarcity of cocoa and when the present stocks are exhausted.

## MITCHELSTOWN NOTES

(From Our Correspondent)

#### April Fair.

Mitchelstown April cattle and sheep fair will be held on Friday, 25th April, as may be seen from our advertising columns in this issue. Extra large supplies of stock assured and many stores and cattle are always on offer at the fair.

#### Races Cancelled.

The local Point-to-Point races were fixed for the 15th inst. (last day) but owing to the decision of the Department of Agriculture banning all such fixtures the Mitchelstown Races had to be cancelled. It is now definite that the meeting will be held here this year and racing fans will have content to wait until next year for Point-to-Point race meetings. The new course is in splendid condition this season and considering the weather prevailing on Tuesday last, the most successful meeting ever expected this year.

#### Holy Week.

The ceremonies prescribed by the Church for Holy Week were carried out in a befitting and most impressive manner at the Parish Church and each was attended by large congregations. The altar for the special occasion was beautifully and tastefully decorated with flowers, plants and candles. The nuns of the Presentation Convent, who deserve to be praised for their time and unstinted labour expended on it. The members of the Sodality of the Children kept vigil before the Blessed Sacrament all day on Holy Thursday and on Friday evening an inspiring sermon on the Passion was delivered by Father D. Corkery, C.C. Mitchelstown.

Easter Sunday.

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