

the weather, with sun and wind for a few weeks, would enable the late cuttings to be secured. So far as the ripening and maturing of crops are concerned, August is a vital month. If we will be favoured with sufficient sunshine the harvest is likely to be a bumper one, but should the reverse be the case the outlook will be one of the utmost gravity.

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### Pig Market.

The live-weight market at Athea on last Monday was on a rather small scale, only about fifty finished pigs being on offer. This dearth of baconers in an area which used to be a centre for production is, of course, solely due to the inability of farmers to procure the necessary feeding stuffs. This is a serious state of affairs, and if it continues much longer it is believed that it will put an end to the bacon industry in this country.

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### Barley Meal.

For years past the point has been stressed that barley meal constitutes an excellent and economic substitute for imported maize. In the vast majority of farmsteads throughout Eire barley can be grown with success. In Kerry it has been grown extensively, but in County Limerick some kind of latent prejudice appeared to exist, until recently against the cultivation of the crop. Last spring several experimental plots were put down in the Athea district. The results have been so satisfactory that 1941 is likely to witness sowings of barley in an extensive scale all over the area.

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## DROMCOLLOGHER GOSSIP

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(From Our Correspondent).

### The Week-End.

The August week-end was spent rather quietly in the locality. The absence of transport facilities prevented many from visiting the seaside and racing at Mallow offered the chief attraction.

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### The Carnival.

The success of the recent Carnival at Dromcollogher exceeded all expectations, and with less than a fortnight's preparation the takings reached the £1,000 mark.

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## BIG STRIKE

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### IN U.S.A. SHIPYARDS

The construction of naval and merchant ships for defence is being delayed by strikes in the big shipyards in the Metropolitan area of New York. Over 493,000,000 dollars (£123,000,000) worth of shipping and 18,000 men are involved alone at the Kearny (New Jersey) yards of the Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co. Smaller yards belonging to the big Bethlehem Steel Co. have joined in the strike, which is variously reported to involve union representation and wage demands. Mediation efforts have been started and 6,000 workers have already been ordered to return to work at the Brooklyn yards.

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Many thought that the shortage of petrol would have a serious effect, but all means of transport were availed of, with the result that on a number of nights the attendance exceeded that of last year.

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### Spirit of Co-operation.

Apart from the patronage afforded by the general public, the success of the Carnival was mainly due to the fine spirit of co-operation among the willing band of helpers, who virtually worked themselves off their feet to make the venture a success and to make things as pleasant as possible for the thousands of visitors.

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### Recent Death.

The death took place during the week at her residence, Knocktoosn, Broadford, of Mrs. Hannah Brennan. The deceased lady, who had been ill for some time past, had reached an advanced age and was one of the most highly respected persons in the locality. The funeral, which took place from Broadford Church to Clonfert on Tuesday, was one of the largest seen in the locality for some time past, and was a fair index of the popularity which she enjoyed.