

O'Connell was dismissed on the merits without expenses.

THE TOWN TENANTS

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Mr. Editor—I see in the "Irish Independent" lately that landlordism was no more. What about town tenants? I know a small town in the south and a person does not know how many landlords he has. There is such a person as the middle landlord, and how many are above I do not know. Is it fair to have to pay from £8 to £16 per year for a house with the rain down in several places. And worse still, the whole roof is ready to fall in at any moment. What about a purchase for town tenants on the same lines as that for farmers. I know town tenants who are in a very bad way paying rent for very bad houses, and the people are sick and tired of hearing about all that was done for us. I wish someone would take this whole matter up, and bring it before the proper authority.

"Disgusted Town Tenant."

HOUSES UNROOFED BY STORM

Rain, hail and snow fell heavily in this district on Wednesday (writes our Newport correspondent) and resulted in flooding of low-lying areas. The deluge was accompanied with a strong gale, which caused considerable damage to stacks of hay, straw and turf. Many trees were uprooted by the force of the storm, and a number of houses were unroofed. The hills in the surrounding districts were covered with snow following the snowstorm.

TO SECRETARIES AND OTHERS

Secretaries and others sending reports for insertion in our week-end issues are requested to get us have them as early as possible each week. It quite frequently happens that reports of meetings held on Friday, Saturday or Sunday do not reach us until the following Thursday, a delay for which there can be little or no excuse. Unless such items are forwarded us much earlier in the future they cannot be inserted in the week-end issue.

RETURNED FOR TRIAL

At a Special Court at Newcastle West on Monday, District Justice C. S. Kenny heard further evidence in the case in which Eily Quaid, Fishop Street, Newcastle West, is charged with the murder of her two-year-old child, Mary Quaid, between the 18th and 23rd of December last. He returned accused for trial, in custody, to the Circuit Criminal Court.

then got his hands free and drew his baton and hit Daly, who was standing opposite him. He struck him because he saw no other way out of the situation. Daly had struck witness twice. The baton struck Daly on the shoulder, and he then fell, striking his head against the cill of a window. Witness then picked Daly up and took him towards the station, but handed him over to the step-father on the way. Plaintiff used vile language all the way up.

Cross-examined, witness said the crowd were hostile, and personally he felt in danger. With the exception of the women holding his hands nobody interfered with him. He thought it wise to draw his baton, because the crowd were hostile.

Mr. McMahon—What were they saying?

Witness—They were saying—"He is all right. He will go home."

Mr. McMahon—That to me appears to be pacification rather than hostility.

James Prendergast said he saw the crowd around the Guard. Daly was using obscene language. Witness was not present when the blow was struck.

JUDGE'S DECISION.

Having heard submissions by counsel, the Judge said it was a tribute to the Garda force that so few charges were brought against their members. In this case, however, he did not think the question of self-defence could stand, as the station, whence assistance could be summoned by whistle, was but 200 yards away. He was satisfied that Daly was drunk and disorderly and using obscene language—a common following of what the plaintiff called being merry—and an object of disgust in a street full of children. He had no sympathy with him, but he believed that the Guard mistook the women's intentions. He did not think the crowd was hostile, and in his view the blow of the baton was not justified in law. He would not say that the Guard acted viciously or maliciously, but through an error of judgment.

His Lordship gave a decree for £9 17s. 10d., but allowed only District Courts costs with counsel's fee.

FLOODS IN THE FEALE

A heavy flood in the Feale and its tributaries on Saturday (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent) was followed by another on Monday, 28th inst., inflicting damage to banks and protective barriers along the course of the rivers. Usually in January, when salmon spawning terminates, fish are often unable to resist the force of the heavy waters and many are often destroyed. Under similar conditions some years ago, 40 salmon were found dead along the banks of the Feale, some few hundred yards below Abbeyfeale. A great many more were found lower down the river.

on the part of children—to attend school daily in all sorts of weather. Mr. Fox, in accepting the presentation, said he was deeply touched by the great tribute paid to him there that night, and he was happy to know that it was also meant as a mark of respect to the memory of his father and mother (who had been principals of the boys and girls schools). He could assure them with all the sincerity and earnestness of which he was capable, that no words of his could adequately convey to them how grateful he felt, and how much he appreciated their generous and gracious kindness.

After further lengthy remarks, Mr. Fox said he thanked them all, and his thanks also went out to all subscribers who were not present. Everyone had been extremely generous and kind.

Mr. Fox is brother of the Very Rev. Canon Fox, P.P., V.F., Macroom.

DIED IN AMERICA

The death (writes our Hospital correspondent) has recently been announced of Mr. Thomas Leahy, at Minneapolis, U.S.A., formerly of Newtown, Elton, Knocklong. Deceased, who was a native of Newtown, came of a well-known East Limerick family and his demise at a fairly advanced age caused much regret in the district. He was brother of Mr. Patrick J. Leahy, retired national teacher, Main Street, Hospital, to whom sympathy is extended. The late Mr. Leahy has been in America for upwards of forty years.

His many friends throughout Kiltelly and district learn with regret of the recent death of Mr. Patrick Howard, which took place also in America. Deceased, who was a native of Coole, Kiltelly, was a member of a very popular family and his unexpected death is learned of with widespread regret. He was father of Rev. Joseph Howard, U.S.A., and brother of Sister Helena (Howard), U.S.A. He was also brother of the late Mr. James Howard, Coole, Kiltelly.

PASTOR PROMOTED

The Rev. Father James W. Sheedy, P.P., Castletownroche, who has been promoted P.P. of Mallow and appointed Vicar Forane of the Buttevant Deanery by his Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Roche, Bishop of Cloyne (writes our Charleville correspondent) is a brother of Mr. M. S. Sheedy, M.I.A.A., Sorrell, Charleville, the well-known auctioneer. Father Sheedy's many friends in his native parish of Ballyhea were very pleased to hear of his promotion to the important parish of Mallow.

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