

COUNTY KILDARE QUARTER SESSIONS.

The Sessions for the Athy division of the County were held in Athy, on the 24th June, inst. The court was opened at 10 o'clock by John Leahy, Esq., who was appointed by the Lord Chancellor to preside, the Assistant Barrister for the County, Christopher Copinger, Esq., being absent, attending a Committee of the House of Commons.

There were entered for hearing 5 ejectments, and 108 civil bills, which were got through the first day.

On Wednesday, the 25th, the Court opened at the same hour as on the preceding day. On the bench were the following magistrates—B. L. Lefroy, Esq., Edward Bagot, Esq., William Caulfield, Esq., Edward Croker, Esq., and John Butler, Esq.

There were 7 applications for Spirit licenses, 5 of which were granted.

The Court then directed the grand jury to be sworn, and they proceeded to find the bills.

David Lannigan was indicted for breaking and entering the house of George Shackleton, of Ballitore, and stealing therefrom one half sovereign, seven pounds three shillings in silver, and about two pounds in copper, the property of George Shackleton; some wearing apparel, the property of Abraham Shackleton, and a gold watch, the property of Timothy Nolan.

Abraham Shackleton sworn—Is a son to George Shackleton, of Ballitore; recollects the 18th May last; missed out of the office of the mill the foregoing property. Mr. Nolan's watch was given to me by Mr. O'Neill of Athy, a watchmaker, on the evening of the 17th, to bring to Mr. Timothy Nolan; I put it into a drawer in the office of the mill, on the same evening I got it from O'Neill; the prisoner was frequently employed in the mills as labourer; he knew all the ways of the mill and the office; saw some of the money taken off his person, gold and silver; I slept in the mill, over the office; there is an internal communication from the bed-room to the mill.

To the Court—Always slept in the mill; my brother sleeps there also.

John P. Gray sworn—Lives in Ballitore, was in said place on the 18th May; saw prisoner leaning against the wall of the mill-race, it was about 15 yards from Mr. Shackleton's mill—said he was catching trout, I desired him to be off, and I turned home; he went towards a saw-pit—I came down afterwards, and saw him endeavouring to conceal himself in the saw-pit, I went towards him and he ran away; I followed and caught him, and brought him back and sent for the police—saw where he lay in the saw-pit, a vest, and some shirts and socks—saw some money taken from his person and a gold watch.

Timothy Nolan identified the watch which he had given to Mr. O'Neill, a watchmaker in Athy, who gave it to Mr. Shackleton for him, on the Saturday previous to the robbery. The case here closed, and the jury after a few minutes, found a verdict of Guilty—Transported 10 years.

Thomas Finnegan was found Guilty for stealing an ass—imprisoned six calendar months and hard labour.

Nicholas M'Grath and Mathew Ryan pleaded guilty to a burglary on the house of Patt Timmons, of Athy. The police happened to get information from a girl who saw them committing it, and accompanied one of the patrol to a back entrance to the yard of the house, whilst the other remained in the street; on hearing the noise three men, two of whom were the prisoners, rushed out of the house and made a furious attack on the policeman, Timothy Hurley, who was in the yard; one of them struck him with a stone and battered the plate on his waist-belt, and forced him on his knee, endeavouring at the same time to wrench the bayonet off his carbine; the girl, whose name is Mary Holmes, seized a large piece of wood which had been in the yard, and struck the person who had hold of the bayonet on the arm, which caused him to lose his hold, and the policeman recovering himself slightly stabbed the other through the arm; the other Sub-Constable, Michael Dillon, who directed Hurley to go round the yard, was in charge of the patrol, and who was stationed in the street in front of the house, immediately came to his assistance, and secured the prisoners, the third got away.

Each transported for 15 years.

James Murphy, John Whelan, and Patrick King, were indicted for stealing fowl from Patrick Hanlon, of Newbridge. The prisoners Murphy and Whelan pleaded guilty, and King pleaded not guilty, and took his trial; he was acquitted, but a subsequent felony being proved against Murphy, he was transported for seven years. Whelan was imprisoned for two months and hard labour, and to be whipped three times.

John Gorman was found guilty of stealing a quantity of nuts and bolts, the property of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company; a subsequent felony having been proved against him, he was transported for 7 years.

Margaret Mathews, Mary Kelly, and Catherine Healy, pleaded guilty for stealing a cow, from Edward Thorpe, each to be transported for seven years.

MARYBOROUGH PETTY SESSIONS—TUESDAY.

Before M. S. Cassan, and Thos. Cannon, Esqrs.

Informations were taken against Catherine Sythes, for fraudulently obtaining money and goods by false pretences.

Maria Galvin of Maryboro' Publican, was fined £1 and costs, for entertaining persons in her house during prohibited hours on the night of the 14th inst.

William Shilloe was sent to Gaol for 10 days, for an assault on Thomas Duggan.

Nine vagrants brought before the Bench, under the 10th and 11th Vic., cap. 82, were sent to gaol for three days each.

The police prosecuted a number of persons for keeping dogs unlogged, and for road nuisances.

ABBEYLEIX PETTY SESSIONS.

Before Thomas Doxey, Esq., and Viscount De Vesci.

Edward Hyland and Timothy Bows were bound over, themselves in 5l and two sureties 2l 10s each, for committing a breach of the peace.

Constable Kenny, of the Ballyroan station, brought before the bench a woman named Mary Ringwood, having found with her a frieze jacket, the property of the Abbeyleix Union.

The woman, when asked how she got the jacket, stated that she bought it from a fellow named Boyle, who told her he had it from the Workhouse Porter's son. She was allowed to depart, after having been bound in 10l on her own recognizance to prosecute Boyle at the Quarter Sessions.

Constable Kenny brought up a lad, named Patt Lowry, to prove that Boyle broke into the Workhouse stores, from which were taken the jacket and several other articles. Boyle is at present in gaol to stand his trial for other offences.

Two persons named Hynes and Kavanagh, bakers, were ordered to find security to keep the peace, themselves in 5l each, and two sureties 2l 10s each.

ROSCREA PETTY SESSIONS—MONDAY.

Presiding Magistrates—Henry Prittie, S. Palmer,

D. H. Vaughan, and J. Griffith, Esqrs.

25 persons, several of them strangers, were transmitted from this Petty Sessions to Nenagh, Abbeyleix and Tullamore gaols, some for trial at the ensuing Quarter Sessions, for different descriptions of larcenies, the others summarily convicted for the following offences:—larcenies, malicious injuries, assaults, absconding from the Roscrea union workhouse and mis-behaviour therein, and deserting families.

ELOPEMENT.—An elopement took place on Saturday night from a romantic village, not a hundred miles from the banks of Lough Derg, and which has created considerable gossip and an unusual degree of amusement in this town and its vicinity, from both parties moving in a respectable sphere, and the novel and ingenious manner in which the design was effected. The young gentleman is one of the civil engineering profession—and the young lady is the daughter of a wealthy shopkeeper, who also possesses considerable landed property. From mutual intercourse and personal interviews sprung endearing affection and reciprocal love, to the carrying out of which to its fullest extent, there was one obstacle, namely—the young lady's father would not by any means countenance the matrimonial alliance, notwithstanding the protestations of Mr. ———, that without that affectionate object on which he had centered his love and earthly happiness, he could not "live, move, or have his being." However, love was not to be baffled by the cool remonstrances, and callous opposition of a man in "the sear and yellow leaf of years," and the lovers agreed to elope. Accordingly, Mr. ——— repaired to the dwelling of his beloved one, and at the dead and silent hour of midnight, cautiously approached under her bed-room window, to the sill of which he fastened a ladder composed of ropes, and made specially for the occasion. Immediately after up went the window—out popt the young lady's head, (who, besides possessing personal attractions and admired beauty, has a thousand substantial charms), with a step of agility she descended the ladder, and in an instant she was in the arms of him she loved dearest on earth. Having got into a chaise, away they drove at rapid pace, and their whereabouts has not been since heard of. The only notification Mr. ——— got of his daughter's elopement was by perceiving the ladder suspended from her bed-room window.—*Nenagh Guardian.*