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### A SCENE IN IRELAND.

How a Process-Server was Forced to Eat His Writ.

Dublin Times

The usual fortnight petty sessions held last week—the presiding magistrates being Col. Stuard and Mr. T. H. Wilson—three young men named Corbett, and a man named Shea, were charged with having notoriously assaulted a process-server named Sheedy.

Patrick Sheedy deposed that he resided in Carrick-on-Suir, and was a process-server. Thursday, 20th December last, he got a number of writs to serve on the tenants of Mr. Seally. The writs were for rent due. In the discharge of that duty he proceeded to Ballynal, and served some of the tenants with writs.

"While you were serving those writs did anything happen to you?"

"Yes."

"What was it?"

"I had them all served but two—one for Mrs. Shea and another. I got as far as Shea's house, and as I entered the farm-house, Shea, the prisoner, met me. He said, 'Sheedy, I never thought I would see you at this dirty work.'"

"Did anything happen to you, then?"

"Yes, I heard voices in the kitchen, and I became frightened, and turning, ran; but before I got twenty yards I was seized by three or four persons, and dragged back into the kitchen."

"Were the writs taken from you?"

"Yes."

"After you were taken to the kitchen did anything happen to you?"

"Yes; I was knocked down on the broad of my back, and several parties shouted: 'Shove the writs down his throat.'"

"Can you say if the prisoners were the parties who shouted: 'Shove them down his throat?'"

"I was too terrified to know who did it."

"Were the prisoners there at all?"

"Yes, they were all in the kitchen."

"You say that you were knocked down in the kitchen. When you were down did anything happen to you?"

"Yes."

"As soon as they shouted: 'Shove the writs down his throat,' I pleaded for mercy, but it was no use, and one of the party stuck a writ into my mouth, and I was held down until I swallowed it."

"They made you swallow the writ?"

"Yes; Shea's writ."

"Did any of the prisoners take part in this?"

"It was not they that shoved the writ down my throat, but they assisted in holding me while it was being pushed down my throat."

"Did you swallow more than one writ?"

"I was kept down until I swallowed the other."

"Did you get any water to wash them down?"

"Yes; after I swallowed the first writ somebody said to give me a drink of boiling water, and after that I got some dirty water to drink."

"And after you got the water they made you swallow the second writ?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did anything else happen to you?"

"Yes; I was cutled and beaten and threatened that if I was ever got out such dirty work again I would not get off so easily, and just as I was going out of the kitchen, a kettle of boiling water was thrown after me, but it did not do me any harm."

"Had you to promise that you would never again go writ-serving?"

"I had."

### Escaped from the Toils.

John Bacon, Laporte, Ind., writes: "I was for several months in the hands of the Chicago Tribune. I was taken to Philadelphia, Pa., February 24. The Russian Jews, 300 in number, who arrived here yesterday, are comfortably housed in the old Pennsylvania railroad depot, West Philadelphia. They express themselves as overwhelmed with the cordiality of their reception. Some of them tell frightful stories of the persecutions to which they were subjected in the old country."

Abraham Shestner, only a short time since a prosperous shoemaker in Warsaw, about a year ago had his home entered by a mob of peasants, who seized his wife and three children and bore them to the outskirts of the hamlet, while the father, frantic with grief, vainly followed, pleading for his loved ones. The Jews and souls of the incarnate fiends were the only reply to his supplications. On reaching the suburbs of the hamlet-street poles were planted in the earth so as to form a group of the mother and children. The innocent victims were bound to the stake, their clothing saturated with oil, fagots placed around their feet, and the torch applied. Almost within touch of his hand the father was bound to another stake to witness the hellish torture of his wife and children, who in vain stretched out their hands to him who could no longer afford them succor. The flames burned out. With meek solemnity Shestner was released and informed that he was at liberty to take charge of the charred trunks of what but a few hours before constituted his loved and loving family.

Nurtulle Riskoff, a lass of eight years and the picture of health, tells the following story of the unnatural estrangement of a son and father through the son embracing the faith of the Gentiles: Her father was a watchmaker, and engaged with him was a son named Cabassa, who thought his father treated him unkindly. Cabassa embraced the faith of the Gentiles and spent his leisure time in their society. His father remonstrated with him, but to no purpose. The son had become enamored of a Gentile maiden. One afternoon the son left his home, and on the night of the same day returned with a party of Gentile companions. The father was taken from his bed, a small iron was heated to a white heat, and while the other tormentors held the father in a vice, the son thrust the iron into his father's eyes. The next day the son married the Gentile, and within a year the father died in poverty. The unfortunate child is with her uncle and aunt.

Israel Ralagher was in Odessa when the persecution commenced there in May last. He says that peasants attacked their houses and lifted them of their entire contents. The men were beaten and some killed. Women and children were assaulted. Even innocent babes were thrown out of upper-story windows and their brains dashed out on the pavement below. A wealthy farmer named Baraski offered 150,000 roubles to the howling mob who had attacked

the sole proprietor of a railroad, desired to be informed by one of the representatives of The New York Produce Exchange whether it was not an ordinary commercial transaction for a railroad to capitalize its earnings and represent its increased value from whatever cause, by new stock, on which interest must be paid. Mr. Horr, of Michigan, was more direct in his expressions of sympathy with the railroads. During the hearing of Thursday night, Thurber, of New York, undertook to show the readiness of the railroads to resort to bribery by citing the case of a New York Senator, who alleged that an attempt had been made to bribe him. The following colloquy then occurred:

Mr. Horr (of the committee)—Is it not the general belief that that fellow lied?

Mr. Thurber—I don't know. He was well berated by the partisan press.

Mr. Horr—I made up my mind he was a liar.

From the candid and unprejudiced spirit in which Mr. Horr, a corporation lawyer, approaches the consideration of the matter, it may be supposed that the committee will have a valuable opinion to give when the time comes. Mr. Page, the Chairman, is an able and valuable member, but on this one question of legislative control of railroads he is liable to the suspicion of political obligation to the Pacific railroad companies in California. The business on which the committee has been engaged the last few days seems to explain the secret of its composition by the ingenious Keifer.

A number of absurd propositions have been laid down as gospel truth to the committee by the railroad attorneys. Mr. Wayne MacVoght asserted that the Government had no more right to attempt to control the cost of transportation than it would have to regulate any of the other elements in the cost of production. He ignored the fact that this is the one element entering into cost of production, if it does enter therein, which is purely arbitrary in its nature—not subject to laws of supply and demand not open to competition—and is based on a franchise conferred by the Government. Other railroad attorneys and officials took the ground that it was proper to do evil that good might come. Cases of individual suffering, they contended, were overcome by general benefits to shippers and the community at large.

The merchants of New York and the farmers of the west were able represented in the hearing before the committee and it will not be for want of convincing reasons that this committee will fail to take favorable action on any of the bills, or to press one through the House if it shall be reported, but there is a widespread impression that this Congress is not going to take hold of the matter in a sincere spirit or to urge it vigorously to a conclusion.

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his dwelling to spare his wife and daughters from outrage, but the fiends assaulted his family and beat him almost to death.

Isaac Vizler, of Warsaw, says violent demonstrations occurred in December last. Citizens at first attempted to defend themselves, finding it was useless to appeal to the authorities. They armed themselves with clubs, and for a time were successful in repelling the mob, but when this fact became known to the authorities the police swooped down upon them and demanded their arms, which were given up. Then the persecuted people were left to the mercy of the heartless inquisitors. Children were thrown out of third-story windows, men were murdered, children slaughtered, and the women suffered nameless horrors. Shops were looted out and houses pillaged and burned, while the police and military stood by without offering interference. Four hundred more of these long suffering people are expected here next week.

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