

IRISH LEAGUERS TO HOLD REUNION Michael Davitt Branch to Meet Tomorrow. WILL CHOOSE DELEGATES

Convention in New York—What Union Has Accomplished for Ireland.

The Michael Davitt branch of the United Irish League of America will meet at Carroll Institute Hall tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

Purposes of this meeting are to unite friends of Ireland and arrange for sending delegates to the second national convention of the league, to be held in New York on August 30 and 31 next.

In discussing the Irish question generally, William F. Downey, a leading Irishman of Washington, gave some interesting facts concerning the results of the Irish agitation. Mr. Downey also told what he hoped the league would accomplish for Ireland in the future.

League in America.

"Irish people at home," said Mr. Downey, "are best judges of methods by which they can secure their best interests—and the United Irish League of America—acting as auxiliary, and co-operating with them, can be of much material assistance.

Coercion has disappeared. Political prisoners have been released. The land bill has been settled. The Irish leaders in this movement are adjusting between landlords and tenants the purchase of the land on most equitable terms.

Already over 70,000 farms have been transferred to the tenants. This means that the farmers are united, and becoming a great power in Ireland today. This has been accomplished without a drop of bloodshed or the destruction of one dollar's worth of property.

The sequence of this, that all has been obtained by harmonious action, on moral, legal and parliamentary lines. Never in the seven centuries of Ireland's troubles has the outlook been brighter or more hopeful than at present.

What Has Been Accomplished.

"These figures will show what Irish agitation has accomplished from 1878-1903: Land act, reduced Irish rents by \$10,297,355; land purchase acts, 1885-88 (advanced for purchase of land by tenants), \$50,000,000; land purchase act, 1891 (advanced for purchase of land by tenants), \$10,000,000; light railways act, 1882, \$8,000,000; arrears of rent act, 1887 (wiped out completely), \$10,000,000; let-overs act, 1883, for building laborers' cottages, \$10,000,000; annually the same, \$400,000; migration act, 1882, transferring tenants to richer lands, \$5,000,000; agricultural act, 1888, improving agriculture, \$1,000,000; annually for same purposes, since act of 1888, \$200,000; land act, 1902, amount to be advanced (estimated), \$20,000,000; bonus under land act, 1903 (without repayment), \$20,000,000; total, \$80,727,355.

In money bene its alone Ireland through her parliamentary action has wrong from England since the start of the Land League movement by Parnell and Davitt in 1879, immense benefits in cash alone. The table of figures I will give you is open to challenge or correction by anyone who maintains that the present movement in Ireland is not worthy of support and encouragement.

Other Important Accomplishments.

"Two important acts whose value cannot be estimated in cash are the franchise act of 1884, securing practically manhood suffrage, and the local government act of 1888. The act of 1888 resulted in transferring practically the entire local government of Ireland from the hands of the Castle garrison to the elected representatives of the people.

"With such plain proof of the effect of a fearlessly conducted Irish national movement on present lines, there is every reason to believe that a strong, united, and determined effort by the Irish race in support of the Irish Parliamentary party, and the Irish National Organization—the United Irish League—will speedily result in the winning of Irish national independence.

"So far so good. But right here it must be strongly emphasized that having accomplished so much, we must not become apathetic, and give up, and let the rights of the Irish people be more than lost. We are still to push aggressively ahead until all reasonable and honorable demands have been given to us. Our motto and justice say: 'Keep going until the object is attained, and the goal is reached.'

Unity Demanded.

"To achieve the desired end there must be an absolute unity. Everything is now centered in the agitation for home rule, and with the co-operation of all her friends in America, to whom we strongly appeal, victory is assured. "All true friends of Ireland who are in favor of the land being owned and governed by her own people, should unite in this great struggle, by giving their moral and financial support. Past animosities or differences of opinion should be cast aside.

"Let the world see that the Irish of today can form one solid phalanx of undivided patriotism. Let it be seen that by ignoring petty or personal differences, and by a united brotherhood, we are capable of governing the land of our fathers."

GUATEMALAN ANT KILLS EVERYTHING IN SIGHT

Secretary Wilson received a telegram yesterday announcing complete success in the killing of Texas boll weevils by Guatemalan ants. The telegram was from Mr. Cook, the expert of the Department of Agriculture at Victoria, Tex., and reads as follows:

"After four weeks of captivity and of sugar diet the Guatemalan ants promptly destroyed the Texas boll weevils, also the Texas red ants, the harmful species, which it was feared they might resemble.

POLICEMAN SHOT AT DOG; HIT SMALL BOY IN LEG

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 12.—While a crowd of men and boys were chasing a supposed mad dog up Baltic Avenue yesterday morning, Policeman Bunnell opened fire and a bullet struck Harry Born, thirteen years old, in the leg.

The bullet was taken out in the hospital. The dog was killed later.

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Nurse Who Poisoned 31 Now Dying an Imbecile

Is Serving Life Term for Confessed Murders and Has Broken Down Completely. Diagnosed Her Own Case.

BOSTON, July 12.—Miss Jane Toppam, the professional nurse who confessed to the murders of thirty-one patients by poison and was sentenced two years ago to life imprisonment in the Taunton Insane Hospital, has become an imbecile.

She was sentenced at Barnstable, June 23, 1902, upon the testimony of alienists that she was morally irresponsible. Although the court dealt only with one case, Miss Toppam made a confession that she had, during ten years, poisoned thirty-one persons, nearly all of whom were patients confined to her care by prominent physicians of Cambridge, Somerville, and Lowell.

When she was committed she was apparently in good health. She was stout, weighing 150 pounds. She was light-hearted and jolly, having a sunny disposition that had made her popular with her patients. To the ordinary person she appeared rational.

But that is all changed now. She has grown thin. She is emaciated, her high spirits have departed and only insensibilities are left.

Now Pathetically Silly.

In place of the merry laugh, the jest and the quick wit, she is today pathetically silly. She has to be fed by hospital attendants with liquid food through a tube. Only rarely recently has she been able to take solid food. Her condition is such that it is not expected she will live very long.

The professional judgment of Dr. Henry Stedman, Dr. George F. Jolly and Dr. H. N. Quinby, expressed two

TO SELECT STONE FIRST AND THEN ASK FOR BIDS

Commissioners Likely to Adopt That Plan For New Municipal Building.

Whether or not the Engineer Department of the District will proceed immediately to select the kind of stone to be used in the construction of the new Municipal Building, is the question on which Captain Chester Harding, supervisor of the construction of the building, will submit a report to the District Commissioners within a few days.

There is little doubt, it is thought, that such a plan will be adopted by the local government. If it is approved, the Commissioners will say to the bidders for the contract for the construction works:

"Use this kind of stone in the building, and submit estimates on how much it will cost to erect it."

Otherwise, the bidders for the contract would have to say what kind of stone they would use in the construction, thus practically making a double bid, one on the cost of the work and the other on their chance of hitting on a stone that would suit the Commissioners. It has been pointed out that it would be more satisfactory to the local government and to the prospective bidders if each knew in advance the one kind of stone on which the estimates are to be based.

If the stone is not decided on before a bidder might submit an acceptable estimate on his cost of work and make an altogether unprofitable offer on the stone to be used. In either event, the Commissioners are to decide what kind of stone is to go into the structure, and it would be to make the decision in advance.

The advocates of the plan of selecting the stone first, and then asking for bids, point out that the Library of Congress was built in this way. It will also be remembered that the contract for the new union station, now in the course of construction, was let in the same way.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUMMER OUTINGS FUND

The following contributions to the summer outings fund have been received by the committee in charge:

Previously acknowledged, \$1,000.00; A. Friend, \$5; Arvin M. Lothrop, \$10; Miss Barnes, \$5; Frank O. Stetson, \$2; The Misses Bradley, \$5; Antoine de Geoffrey, \$10; H. D. \$2; Miss E. E. Verona, 50 cents; Albert M. Read, \$10; Judge C. C. Nott, \$10; Francis Colter, \$5; Miss E. L. Lovell, \$5; William M. H. Zeller, \$5; Bruen Mission Sunday School, \$10.61; Horace Wiley, \$10; Bernard H. Lane, \$1; Mrs. Mary Stevens, \$10; Mrs. E. E. Zeller, \$5; C. Johnson, \$5; W. W. Moses & Sons, \$5; H. L. Schell, \$5; William S. Burns, Jr., \$5; Francis B. Wharton, \$10; Mrs. Perry, \$5; Mrs. E. E. Zeller, \$5; Thowald Solberg, \$5; Bible class, Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, \$10; Mrs. R. Nevitt, \$1; Mrs. C. C. Black, \$5; Miss M. Van Ransden, \$1; Mrs. Perry, \$5; Judge A. B. Hagner, \$5; Mrs. Frances C. G. Cummings, \$2; Henry C. Caruth, \$10; Cash, \$5; Miss Elsie Trumbull, \$2; F. W. Grundler, \$10; Prof. and Mrs. Amos G. Draper, \$1; Admiral Hitchcock, \$5; Charles Newbold, \$10; Richard Rathburn, \$5; F. L. Campbell, \$5; Mrs. Adaline Walker, \$1.75; Gen. Charles Bird, \$5; E. P. Dewey, \$2.25; H. Sansbury Ogden, \$10; Paul E. Woodward, \$1; J. L. Ewell, \$2; Mrs. Eleanor F. King, \$5; Mrs. W. B. Gurley, \$5; Calvary Baptist Sunday school, \$12.88; Mrs. M. A. Lumsdon, 25 cents; T. M. Ramsay, \$5; Rev. Dennis S. Gault, \$5; Frank Suter, \$2; primary department First Baptist Sunday school, \$1; Miss Nettie B. Brown, \$1; Miss Williams, \$1; Mrs. E. E. Zeller, \$5; Mrs. R. Ross Perry, \$5; H. M. Schooley, \$5; Mrs. Henry Closson, \$5. Total, \$2,055.63.

PAYNE LEAVES TOWN FOR HIS VACATION

Postmaster General Payne left Washington yesterday afternoon to be absent until the latter part of the month. He goes direct to New York and later will go to Maine to spend the greater part of his time at Poland Springs, a short distance from Portland.

As President Roosevelt will be in Washington on July 25, all his cabinet officers will probably be in the city at that time also. It is understood a cabinet meeting may be held on the day of the President's arrival here, or a few days afterward.

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Bishop Huntington died in the room where he was born, eighty-five years ago. The end was not unexpected, as he spent two years at the Divinity School in Cambridge, and then became pastor of the South Congregational Unitarian Church, in Boston, where he attained his reputation as a preacher. Subsequently he accepted the Plummer professorship of morals at Harvard, when Longfellow and Lowell were the leading lights.

The new cars are much less cumbersome than the tool cars which the Ordnance Department of the army is testing. They are much like an ordinary heavy touring car, but with a tonneau omitted. In place of the back seat is a bed especially designed by Signal Corps officers for the storage of wire, tools, and other supplies needed in making repairs.

Much difficulty has been experienced by Ordnance officers in getting their auto supply car over hilly roads on account of its extreme weight. The car is a combined blacksmith's forge and wagon shop and is equipped with tools and materials for all sorts of work.

The Signal Corps has made its car as light as possible. No difficulty is expected in running it over any road suitable for an ordinary supply wagon.

Recanted Unitarianism.

During his service in Harvard Dr. Huntington's mind underwent a change with respect to points at issue between the Unitarian and the orthodox denominations. At a special convention held in Syracuse, in 1869, Dr. Huntington was elected first bishop of the diocese of central New York. Apart from his clerical work the bishop was known for his interest in public affairs, his labors in behalf of the working classes, his care of the Indians in his jurisdiction, his war on the Opium Community, and his many charities.

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Last of Old Line.

Frederick Dan Huntington, since the death of Bishop Thomas March Clarke, of Rhode Island, was the last of the old line of bishops in the Episcopal Church of this country, which included some notable figures.

All his life it was his habit to rise at 5 o'clock in the morning and continue his work until 10 at night. A prominent clergyman once said of him, "I hope Bishop Huntington will have some fun in the next world, for he has been too busy for any in this."

It was this devotion to his labors that deprived him of any amusement except horseback riding at his farm, in Hadley, where he usually spent his summers. He was also fond of dogs.

Mother Was Excommunicated.

Coming from old Connecticut stock, he was born at the old homestead in Hadley, the eleventh of a large family. His mother, Elizabeth Phelps, wife of the Rev. Daniel Huntington, was excommunicated from the Congregational Church. Though noted for her piety she dissented from the orthodox theology of that day.

Young Huntington entered Amherst in 1835, and was graduated four years later, the valedictorian of his class. Then he spent two years at the Divinity School in Cambridge, and then became pastor of the South Congregational Unitarian Church, in Boston, where he attained his reputation as a preacher. Subsequently he accepted the Plummer professorship of morals at Harvard, when Longfellow and Lowell were the leading lights.

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THE TIMES' \$2,500 ELECTION CONTEST

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What Will Be the Combined Popular Vote for the Republican and Democratic Candidates for President in November?

THIRTEENTH PRIZE "BULLY" THE ENGLISH BULL TERRIER MASCOT

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THE PRIZES For the Nearest Correct Estimates: First Prize, \$1,000 in Gold Thirteenth Prize, "Bully," an English Bull Terrier, Secured expressly for this contest by Edw. S. Schmid, Proprietor of the Bird and Pet Animal Store, 712 Twelfth Street northwest.

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Special Prizes. A Special Prize, as detailed below, will be awarded to the winner of the First Prize of \$1,000 in accordance with the time his estimate was filed at The Times office. If received between May 1 and June 1, \$200.00; July 1 and August 1, \$50.00; June 1 and July 1, \$30.00; August 1 and September 1, \$10.00.

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The contest will close on the night before the November election, and all estimates must be either left at The Times office before midnight that night or bear the post-mark of that date. The awards will be announced immediately after the official vote has been compiled and declared. Remember, estimates are to be made only on the combined Republican and Democratic vote independent of all votes cast for the candidates of miscellaneous parties.

VOTE OF THE LAST SIX ELECTIONS.

1880—Garfield, 4,454,416; Hancock, 4,444,852; combined, 8,899,268.

1884—Cleveland, 4,874,986; Blaine, 4,851,861; combined, 9,726,847.

1888—Harrison, 5,439,853; Cleveland, 5,540,300; combined, 10,980,153.

Total increase in population in United States past four years, based on increase as shown by census from 1880 to 1900, 1,083,580.

Increase in number of votes for four years (estimated), 1,016,516.

In case of a tie for any one prize, it will be divided.

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