

# THE ABUSED COMPATRIOTS

## The Knights of Tara Hold Their Second Annual Picnic.

Proceeds to Swell the Fund for the Benefit of Irish Prisoners.

### THE DAY A GREAT SUCCESS.

An Attractive Programme and Prize List—Music by the Hibernian Military Band.

It was perfect holiday weather yesterday and the Irish population took advantage of that circumstance to flock in crowds to the second grand annual national picnic and reunion held at Shell Mound Park under the auspices of the Knights of Tara. The latter, who form a flourishing local organization of some two years' standing, received able assistance from their countrymen belonging to the Knights of the Red Branch, the K. R. B. Kiffes and the Wolfe Tone Club of Oakland.

The picnic and reunion yesterday had a distinctly patriotic object in view, and it was more important than that of mere personal enjoyment. The cash proceeds will be specially devoted to the fund for the benefit of the Irish prisoners recently released from English dungeons. The enthusiasm inseparable from a worthy cause always seems to be contagious, and it is therefore not surprising that several of the prize-winners yesterday should contribute their money to the fund in question. Both Miss May Donoghue and Tim Murphy, champion lady and gentleman jockey and reel dancer of the day, volunteered to make this sacrifice for the good of the cause, and their generous reward was received with a shout of approval from the multitude.

The programme of sports was most enjoyable. There were special races for the Knights of Tara, the Knights of the Red Branch and the Wolfe Tone Club, though the most interesting sporting features of the afternoon were first and foremost—in view of the Irishman's proverbial gallantry and love of beauty—the ladies' races, and next after those a one-mile bicycle race.

The last named Clarence Newman, a young rider, came in first, a good half-lap or more ahead, with A. Pluschel second. The third starter tried to steal the pole from Pluschel and earned a fall thereby, but escaped injury.

The list of gate prizes was unusually comprehensive in character, and included numerous attractive objects in kind which were occasionally out of place when the winner chanced to be of tender years. The music for the dancing and the sports was furnished by the Hibernian military band, and was in keeping with the occasion. The committees in charge yesterday were as follows:

Committee of arrangements—J. B. Cosgrave (chairman), John Sheehan, Michael Cordery, Thomas McGuire, Hugh Dolan, John Hennessy, Patrick Kearney, John Creighton, Charles B. Egan, F. J. Green, F. Walsh, Michael McGrath, Michael Corcoran, Andrew Meehan, Michael McGrath, M. Rodgers.

Reception committee—Michael Dempsey (chairman), Cornelius Deas, J. Egan, Martin McGuire, John O'Connell, John Hurley, James Corcoran, Andrew Meehan, Michael McGrath, M. Rodgers.

Committee on music—John O'Kane (chairman), James Devine, John O'Grady, D. S. McCarthy, John J. Flynn, Owen Reilly, John Burns, David Callahan, F. Walsh.

Committee on games—P. J. McElroy (chairman), Stephen McQuaid, M. Hanigan, John Lowrey, P. J. McElroy, Bernard Ward, Denis Loden.

Treasurer—William Mulvin.

Committee of finance and audit—Thomas Desmond, John Cronin, Michael Dempsey.

Following are the prize-winners:

Race for boys under 10—Harold Logue first, Thomas Coburn second.

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