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A PLEA FOR THE STUDY OF THE IRISH LANGUAGE.

Every nation has its own tongue, its annals and legends. Not one is richer in these particulars than the Celtic. On account of the cruelty practiced against our forefathers, their language being forbidden them as well as their religion, the mother tongue in many parts of Ireland was dropped and English substituted in its place.

Let the Irish Renaissance that has been going on of late years across the ocean be introduced among us, and our educated men and women who have time for study take up the neglected branch and learn its beauties.

Without a history, without a literature! In the heart of Africa there might exist such a stunted, starved monstrosity, but not in Erin.

TRADES UNIONS OF TODAY.

A short time ago five thousand union cloakmakers in New York forced the manufacturers to sign wage agreements for the coming year.

This news was printed in a brief paragraph in the press dispatches. A similar item appears every few weeks. What a sensation such action would have created fifty years ago!

Today the right to belong to a labor union is almost as unquestioned as the right to breathe. Some employers still discriminate against union labor. The same fellows would corner air and sunshine and retail it if they could.

Some individuals have predicted that the country would go to smash in six months "if the time ever came when a man could not manage his own business." But we

have not gone to smash; far from it. We have lately gone into an extensive new deal in real estate.

All that labor organization means—all that it ever can mean, as sensible men saw from the first—is that it can force an employer to be fair. Fair men have never been seriously troubled by labor unions, even in the years when they were learning how to organize and were making mistakes.

Labor unions say that employers shall not compel men to work overtime without extra pay; that they must give them as safe and wholesome a place to work in as possible, and that they must refrain from petty meanness and tyranny and discrimination which might be inflicted on individuals if they were single-handed.

All the results of organized labor have been good. Shorter hours, the self-respect that comes from membership in an organization which will protect a man from wrong, the discipline of organizing and winning the fight, have improved the temper and manhood of those who do the nation's work.

PEACE WITH HONOR AND PROFIT.

One of the most able and sensible articles relative to the war that has come under our notice is the following, from the Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times, which we hope will be carefully read by some of the leading men and writers of Kentucky.

Grim-visaged war has smoothed his wrinkled front—and we most devoutly trust that the same front may remain for years without a crease or crow's-foot; for war spells ruin to many a household and to many a commercial house. We have little fear that the war with Spain will be re-opened, it says. It is true that the present cessation of warfare rests only upon the authority of a protocol—that is, a preliminary overture for a final agreement upon a peace between the belligerent parties.

One serious bore of contention has been flung into the arena of discussion, and appears likely to cause trouble. This is the question of the future control of the Philippines. It is seriously proposed by a large number of public men and newspaper editors that the control of the whole of the Philippine Islands be assumed by the United States, not only as a duty but as a right. A vast deal of eloquence is being expended in sustinment of this view, and a vast deal of argument, some ingenious, most of it very disingenuous. It seems to us that the whole matter requires only a very simple test. There is a question of fact at bottom of it, and a question of national honor. We are bound by the law of nations, and by that law we are pledged to deal with this question in accordance with the facts of the case.

upon us than upon him. Under these terms, given under the hand and seal of the United States, as represented by President McKinley, the future control of the Philippines was to be left to the decision of the Peace Commissioners. Nothing that transpired after this solemn pact was signed could alter the agreement. All the fine talk about territorial expansion, manifest destiny, and so forth, may be passed by as the idle wind. Manifest duty was our impelling motive in going to war; manifest duty must be our guiding star in closing it.

Peace, we are confident, is now fully assured, and with the return of peace we have a right to anticipate a return of that prosperity which has been banished for too long a period by our unsettled domestic concerns in the first place, and by the outbreak of war in the second. We here in Philadelphia have suffered more severely than any other locality, perhaps, by these unfavorable conditions.

We believe that, without being accused of over-optimism, we may look for a speedy revival of our vanished prosperity, now that the channels of legitimate trade are no longer given over to the mining and countermining of destructive war.

In a state of war a few persons make fortunes, but millions are made to feel the pinch of poverty. It is on the poor the burden falls—the stress of additional taxation, the deprivation of the household bread-winners, the cessation of the employment in the factory, and, last but not least, the agonizing sorrow for those who fall on the field or are brought home to die a lingering death, shorn of limb and the means of earning a man's livelihood. These things are little heeded by the selfish traffickers in war and the thoughtless crowd. But they are the one element in the situation which appeals to the philanthropist and the patriot. It is to secure peace the soldier fights, and it is the conquest of peace which the nation celebrates when it celebrates victory.

NOMINEES FOR CONGRESS.

The Democrats at their convention in this city last Monday nominated the Hon. Oscar Turner as their standard-bearer in the coming election to choose a Congressman from this district. Mr. Turner is a well known and popular lawyer, and his selection is a recognition of the young Democracy which gives general satisfaction.

The Republican nominee is Hon. Walter Evans, who is now serving his second term. Unless his party's factions unite there is little prospect of his winning what already seems a hard race, as the Democrats are said to be now ready for the contest.

The indications are that the campaign will be lively while it lasts, but will be free from the rancor and mudslinging that have characterized former elections.



Miss Nellie Moakier is visiting friends in Bullitt county.

Miss Stella O'Connor has returned from a short visit to the county.

Miss Minnie C. Phelan, of Seymour, Ind., is visiting Miss Ella Flaherty.

Miss Annie Meehan has returned from an extended visit from Hannibal, Mo.

Miss Charlotte Walsh has returned home, after a most pleasant visit to Boone, Iowa.

Mr. A. Levy, of the firm of Levy Bros., is still at Cape May for the benefit of his health.

Mr. P. J. Breen left Wednesday for Mooresville, Ind., where he will remain several days.

Mr. Charles Neehan left for Hannibal, Mo., last week, to accept a railroad position at that point.

Deputy Circuit Clerk Fount Kremer has been enjoying a week's vacation before the courts resume.

Mr. Martin Jordan, who was recently hurt in an accident on the Short-line, is able to be out again.

Mr. Bernard O'Connor leaves Monday for St. Mary's College, Marion county, to complete his course.

Mrs. J. W. O'Bannon and children are visiting friends in Eminence. They will not return till October 1.

Miss Alice B. Hickey, of 1205 Twentieth street, has been visiting New York City during the past week.

Hon. Oscar Turner has gone to Ballard county on a business trip. He will remain there about a week.

Mrs. J. P. Gilbert, of 214 Campbell street, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Weisenberger, of Lexington, Ky.

Miss Elizabeth Murphy, of this city, has been the guest of friends in Shelbyville during the past week.

Miss Elizabeth B. Walsh accompanied Mr. James O'Connor and family on a trip up the Kentucky river.

Mr. Daniel E. Dougherty has returned from a pleasant visit to friends at St. Catherine's, in Washington county.

Miss Marie Louise Costigan leaves next Monday for Nazareth, Nelson county, where she will spend the next year.

Before buying your ticket for Cincinnati read the announcement of the B. & O. S. W. railroad in another column.

Misses Lizzie Morgan and Ida and Eva Raily have returned to the city after a pleasant trip to friends in Cincinnati.

Mr. Charles Connor and wife have returned from Madison, Ind., and have gone to housekeeping in Garvin Place.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Marshall were entertained last Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Reardon, of 809 Oldham street.

Miss Blanche Carr returns today from a three weeks' visit to Chicago and Potawatomi, Washington Island, on Lake Michigan.

Miss Dollie Burns, 1708 Pope street, will leave next week to visit friends in Nashville, Tenn. Miss Burns will be gone four weeks.

Miss Fay Duffy, of Jeffersonville, has returned home after a pleasant visit to her friends, Miss Helen Hyatt and Miss Margaret Ferguson.

Misses Mayme Seltzer and Susie Jolly, of Utica, Ind., were visitors to this city last week. They were the guests of Miss Underhill and Miss Snow.

Mr. Edwin Fitzgerald made a trip to Detroit to meet the Misses Fitzgerald, who were returning home from the Northern summer resorts.

Dan Hartnett, one of the popular men of Limerick's younger set, will leave for Hot Springs, September 5. He will be gone for about two weeks.

Mr. Kelly D. Alsop, of Shaw, Miss., who has been visiting W. H. Shively, 2121 West Madison street, left Tuesday for the naval academy at Annapolis.

Misses Lillie Hutti and Mary and Nettie Schene, who have been spending the summer pleasantly in Central Kentucky, are again at home to their many friends.

Mr. John Cunningham, who has been seriously ill for some time past, is now pronounced out of danger by his physician, and his speedy recovery is looked for.

Mr. George Menig and sister, Miss Nellie, of Danville, Ill., were the guests of a reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cowan, Zane street, Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keenan and Mr. and Mrs. George J. Butler passed a pleasant day as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly at their summer home on the Cane Run road.

The friends of Miss Lizzie McEvoy and Mr. Will Russell were surprised to hear of their being quietly married last week. The bride had been visiting some relatives in New Albany for a week, so they thought they would give their friends a

CHURCH NOTES.

Holy Trinity church in New Albany has contracted for a handsome new organ, which is now being placed in the church.

The Rev. Paul Hart, of the St. Paul diocese, was with the American troops before Santiago.

Bishop McCloskey has ordered that at every mass said prayers in thanksgiving for the restoration of peace be recited.

In addition to the school at St. Louis Bertrand Church, a kindergarten will also be opened under the direction of the Dominican Sisters.

The Rev. Dennis Murphy has been permanently stationed at St. Mary Magdalene's church. This order was promulgated by the Bishop last week.

During October a series of catechetical instruction will be given at the Dominican church in conjunction with the vesper service on Sunday evenings.

Tomorrow being the first Sunday of the month, the usual monthly Rosary procession will take place at the Dominican church at 7:30 in the evening. There will also be vespers and a short instruction.

Rev. Father Logan informs us that the St. Louis Bertrand parish school will open for the season on Monday. Everything has been done that will add to the comfort and convenience of the children who will attend.

New boilers have been placed in the boiler room of the Dominican church at an expenditure of \$500. The usual monthly collection taken on the first Sunday at every month will this time be used toward defraying this expense.

All the parochial schools in the city will open next Monday, Sept. 5. The children have been busy this week hunting out their books preparatory to starting in. The prospects are for an increased attendance everywhere.

In place of the church that was blown down by the tornado in 1896 in St. Louis the congregation of St. Francis de Sales is erecting a building which will be practically indestructible and will have the tallest spire in the country. The building will cost \$225,000, and the steel rod on the weather vane will be 378 feet from the ground.

Archbishop Keane, former rector of the Catholic University at Washington, now of St. Louis, and Archbishop Langevin, of Manitoba, have returned from a trip to Europe. They had an audience with the Pope, and Archbishop Langevin said His Holiness differed very little in appearance from what he did twenty years ago.

Cardinal Gibbons was a visitor at the summer school at Cliff Haven, N. Y., last week, and was very much pleased with what he saw there. It was his first visit, but he said it would not be his last. He was accompanied by Bishop Foley, of Detroit. They were given a reception, and when they left the students gathered at the station and sang all American patriotic songs. Bishop Foley accompanied the Cardinal to New York.

The Vatican at Rome is to be lighted by electricity. This is an innovation which will add much to the comfort of those inhabiting it and to the beauty of the interior. Pope Leo XIII. has done much toward improving the Vatican, one thing being the heating of the whole palace so that the long draughty corridors are comfortable on the coldest, bleakest days. This was done at the instigation of his physician. He has also restored some of those marvelously beautiful hangings and walls.

The frescoing and refurbishing the interior of the Cathedral of the Assumption was begun last Monday. The work is to be done by Lieber Bros. and will take several months. New windows are also to be put in, donations of five having already been received and the others expected at once. Those who have already signified their willingness are Miss Maggie Judge two, and one each from Mrs. Kitzero, Mrs. D. D. Hays and Dr. Ouchterlony. When these repairs are all completed the building will be one of the finest churches in the country, the architecture being unsurpassed.

One of the new books on the market is "Jerome Savonarola," by the Rev. J. L. O'Neil. This famous Dominican, whose fourth centenary the world is now celebrating, has been very much discussed, many making him a forerunner of the Reformation, thus seeing in him only a well-meaning son of the Catholic church. Father O'Neil has in this work shown us the true inwardness of the man's character as deduced from his own writings found after his death. Apart from its intrinsic worth and the interest in the subject treated, the book will be much appreciated here on account of its well-known author, Father O'Neil having been stationed here at the Dominican church for some time, where he founded the Aquinas Union. He is also well known as the founder and editor of the Rosary Magazine, which position he only recently resigned on account of ill health. The book is written in his usual entertaining style and will no doubt meet with a ready sale.

The Holy Name Societies of the various churches in Brooklyn, N. Y., held their annual reunion recently. The societies met at their respective halls and marched to where the convention was held. It was very edifying to see such a large body of men all banded together for the sole purpose of suppressing profanity as far as it lay in their power. The societies in Brooklyn are on the increase, as each member tries to secure at least one other member during the year. As one passes along the streets he can not help but note the increase in profanity and the irreverent use of the name of God. Even the tiniest tot thinks it makes

him a man to use such language, and it is a noble work in which these societies are engaged. There is a society of this kind in this city at St. Louis Bertrand church, and it embraces a goodly portion of the male members of that congregation. By earnest and persistent efforts on the part of each member the membership could be doubled in a short time, and it is the earnest wish of the directors that it should be done. They approach the holy sacraments on the second Sunday of each month.

HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing the Past Week—General News Notes.

Robert O'Connor has returned from White Sulphur in fine fettle for the ball game.

John J. Shaughnessy, of Division 4, will shortly leave for Dayton, O., where he goes to visit his brother.

Bro. James Taylor, President of Division No. 3, wants to bet three to one that No. 6 will beat Mackin Council.

Young Men's Division No. 6 very cordially invites the members of the other divisions to be present at the ball game with Mackin Council.

Popular Bob Hillerich, of Hillerich & Sons, has generously donated the bats to be used on the occasion of the ball game for the benefit of Mrs. Cox.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of Division No. 9, A. O. H., Albany, N. Y., was held at its rooms last week, when many new members were elected and initiated.

Bro. Patrick Burke is one of the jolly members of the order. He has a smile and shake of the hand for all of the brothers. He is also a hustler for new members.

Terence McHugh, Thomas Langan and Tom Higgins are expert bicyclists and take pleasure in spending their evenings on the boulevard and instructing their lady friends.

Division 10 of the Hibernians of Monson, Mass., will hold its third annual picnic and field day on Flynn Park Labor Day. The sports will commence in the morning at 10 o'clock with a ball game.

Young Men's Division held a special meeting Monday night, and notwithstanding the warm weather, they had a large attendance. Since the first of the year No. 6 has set a hot pace for the other divisions.

A large number of persons witnessed the institution of Division 60, A. O. H., in Broadway Hall, South Boston. After the initiation of some twenty-five candidates, the officers acted as a committee later in the evening at a banquet.

Division No. 2, A. O. H., of Albany, N. Y., enjoyed a "sit down" at its room on North Swan street last week after the business of the meeting was concluded. This is the youngest division in the city, but has a membership of almost seventy-five.

Report has it that a prominent Hibernian Knight will join the army of Benedict this month. The bride-to-be is one of the handsomest young lady residents on Columbia street. While the knight says nothing, he is at the same time getting all things in readiness.

Division No. 1, of Jeffersonville, had a fine attendance at its excursion, which was a great success and greatly enjoyed by all. In the contest for the prize, a gold watch, little Miss Mary E. Kinney, of 625 Broadway, was the winner.

Wives and daughters of members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of St. Louis have formed an auxiliary to that organization. About 110 representative St. Louis women of Irish descent met and effected the organization, which they have called the Daughters of Erin.

The sod of Erin which arrived in San Francisco was carried in triumphal procession through the streets of that city and deposited in the pavilion, where it will be closely guarded until the opening of the Irish Fair. It was escorted by a platoon of police and the Knights of the Red Branch Rifles.

An Irish national hall in Montreal is one of the possibilities of the near future. The Irish citizens of Montreal are a large body. Although they are well organized into national and fraternal organizations the need has been felt for a long time for a national hall or home which would be the center of Hibernianism in that city. When the plans take more definite shape a mass meeting will be held to ratify them.

A division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians has been instituted by the county officers of Suffolk county, Mass., in Knights of St. Rose Hall. The institution ceremony was witnessed by a large number of visitors from other divisions in the county. State Treasurer Martin J. Roche represented the State. After the initiation of nineteen candidates, County Chaplain Rev. Father O'Donohue delivered an address on Hibernianism, and a collation was served.

Y. M. I. vs. A. O. H.

Mackin Council, Y. M. I., and Young Men's Division No. 6, A. O. H., have completed all the arrangements for the match game of ball to be played on Sunday, September 11, heretofore mentioned in these columns. The proceeds will be donated to Mrs. Mary A. Cox, 2707 Bank street. Thomas Cox, a son of Mrs. Cox, and who was recently burned to death, was a splendid ball player. His brothers are all in the United States army, and the mother is in destitute circumstances.

The young men who have the matter in charge are determined to make it a success as well as an enjoyable occasion. The services of the First Regiment Band have been secured for the occasion, and Mayor Welver will pitch the first ball. Major Ed Hughes has consented to act as umpire, which is an assurance of lots of fun for the spectators and players. The players and positions will be announced in our next issue.