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ANNOUNCEMENT.

In our columns last week there appeared an item which ruffled the feelings of one of the parties mentioned. This we exceedingly regret, because it is our ambition and purpose to please our readers. Under no circumstances will we allow a word in this paper that is calculated to offend a single individual. Hereafter we will pay no attention to correspondence or contributions intended for publication unless bearing the name of the author. We still invite our readers and friends to send us matter desirable for publication in the Kentucky Irish American, always insisting on the foregoing requirement.

In our next issue we will give the details and rules governing the voting contest which will start January 7.

We would be pleased to send the Kentucky Irish American to at least five hundred Christmas subscribers.

Jeffersonville has declared for the Kentucky Irish American. New Albany will follow suit, and then we will capture the State.

It was unfortunate that Henry Watterson should have deigned to introduce politics into the jubilee exercises at the Auditorium Tuesday evening. Had he mingled with a few of the privates as well as the officers he certainly would have eliminated the political portion of his address.

Col. John Whallen may have made mistakes, as who has not; but it gives us a pain to read the fulminations against him in the ever consistent and righteous Courier-Journal and Times. Did they control our public and private life what a truly delightful place Louisville would be. Wouldn't they enjoy a soft snap?

Patriotism (?) sometimes takes queer spells. The Georgia Legislature, the vast majority of which denounce pensions to soldiers and sailors as plundering the public treasury, has voted \$40,000 per year as pensions to ex-Confederate soldiers, and then, in order to economize and reduce taxes, decreased the school fund \$400,000.

A Congressman, commenting on England's anxiety, about the disposition we will make of the Philippine islands, suggests that we trade the islands to England for Canada. England would be certain to refuse. What England wants is for the United States to assume all obligations and responsibilities in holding and controlling the Philippines, and allow English trade equal advantages with the United States, to the exclusion of every other nation.

The Louisville Street Railway Company should be compelled to respect the rights and comforts of the public. This gigantic corporation demonstrated its utter heartlessness during the past week. It should not only be compelled to employ conductors, but to heat the cars, at least when the thermometer marks zero weather. This company has been granted many franchises and privileges which it should be deprived of unless it shows some consideration for our citizens.

The citizens of Louisville of all classes vied with each other in making the welcome tendered the Louisville Legion what it proved to be an unqualified success. While Louisville and Kentucky are proud of the soldier boys, they are no less

proud of their city and State. Messrs. Pirtle and Phelps and Col. Cohn demonstrated the wisdom of their selection and performed their duties in a manner that elicited the highest encomiums, while the Ladies' Auxiliary captured the heart of every returned soldier. As was predicted, it was the most patriotic and memorable event in the history of our city.

We publish on another page an able article on religious liberty by an esteemed friend. It is written in the proper strain, without any rant or bitterness characteristic of the opposite side. It is a calm, clear presentation of facts of history from impartial and unbiased sources, and calculated to attract the attention of the unprejudiced and cause them to consider whether their views of the Catholic church and their Catholic neighbors, based on the hue and cry so prevalent lately, may not be wrong after all; for, strange as it may seem to some, many unprejudiced and usually tolerant persons have been led to entertain suspicions, if not convictions, of the real character, motives and teachings of the Catholic church in this country especially. They love their country and its institutions, and, while not disposed to deny to any one full freedom of religious practice and civil rights, insist upon full allegiance to and maintenance of American institutions and forms of government, and oppose any and every proposition, under any pretense, to alter or overthrow our peculiarly American systems. They may not believe fully the charges against Catholicism, but they have been led to distrust it by false accusations, misrepresentations and gross fabrications. To meet such people with countercharges, too frequently exaggerated, against non-Catholics is not fair nor likely to disabuse their minds. They need and welcome facts, the truth, and such articles as "Excelsior's" go far to enlighten and convince them of the error of their views and also cause them to respect and defend Catholicity.

IRISH HONOR.

President James McManes Puts Up \$400,000 to Pay Bank Depositors.

James McManes, old-time political "boss" of Philadelphia, doubtless regarded with horror by the first families and unsuspected of a conscience by the ultragood, has sacrificed a fortune of \$400,000 to the depositors of the People's Bank—broken last June by the defalcation of the cashier, John S. Hopkins. The bank owed \$1,000,000 to its depositors. Mr. McManes could not strictly have been held responsible for more than his obligations as a stockholder. These would probably not have exceeded \$125,000. But the old "boss" held a sterner ideal of his duty to the people who had trusted his bank.

"I was the President of that bank," he said. "I am responsible for more than that, and I am going to pay it. I think the bank ought to give the depositors 90 per cent, as soon as it can be got together. Just as soon as you can raise \$500,000 from the assets and from assessments I will give you \$400,000. Go ahead."

He was as good as his word. The 90 per cent was promptly paid and on December 6 the depositors got their final dividend of 10 per cent. McManes expressed himself ready to pay the entire million rather than die with the debt of the bank unsettled. The moral of the incident is perhaps that the typical political boss may be a very honest man in his private personality. In any event it will not be popular among the recouped creditors of the People's Bank to take too self-righteous an attitude to this generous publican, whose noble act is the only bright spot in the dishonor and tragedy of the bank's history. James McManes is a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, and a Presbyterian in religion.

It is said that a Liverpool company is making arrangements for establishing a line of steamers between that great center of trade and Liverpool.

JUBILEE EXERCISES.

The Students of St. Xavier's College Present a Token to Brother Stephen.

Last Monday afternoon the students of St. Xavier's College tendered Brother Stephen a most enjoyable entertainment. Brother Stephen, followed by Brothers Philip, Lawrence, Martin and Stanislaus, was met by the cheers of nearly three hundred boys. The exercises opened with a piano solo by Master Henry Eilers; then followed the "greeting," which was read by Master Thomas Hamilton, in which he told how the Rev. Brother Stephen had for fifty long years taught the youth of America and how great a good he must have accomplished. The next on the programme was a recitation by Master George Griffin. His subject was "A New Year's Dream." Then followed a mandolin and piano duet, by Masters William Leahy and Henry Eilers. It was received with great applause from the students. Next came the declamation "Emmett's Vindication," which was handled in such a manner as would make any Irishman feel proud of Master Thos. Clines, who delivered it. It is the general report that Master Clines is the best elocutionist of his age in Louisville. The vocal duet, "I Am a Pilgrim," was well rendered by Masters Lane and Edlen. Master Reilly G. Ford recited a very beautiful piece called the "Knight's Toast." The hit of the morning was made by Master Arthur Lutz in the recitation of "The Boy In Blue." Master Lutz is but about three feet tall, yet he took the house. Master William Leahy followed with a vocal solo, "Old Fashioned Mother." It was well received. Master James Carroll carried his hearers back to ancient times by his recitation of "Regulus to the Carthaginians." He entered into the piece with his whole soul and made every one in the large audience believe that they were in Carthage. Some future time will find Master Carroll taking the leading roles in Shakespeare's tragedies. The recitations of "The Moore's Revenge" and "Death of Little Nell" were well handled by Masters Charles Hackett and Raymond Fach. The presentation address was made by Master Leisman. The present was a purse of gold. Rev. Brother Stephen then gave a short address to the students, thanking them for their remembrance of him on his fiftieth jubilee and concluded by giving the students two days at home. Rev. Brother Philip then spoke a few minutes on the reason of the absence of the Superior. The exercises of the day closed by a piano solo by Master Henry Eilers.

THEATRICALS.

The Avenue Theater will present no attraction this week.

The attraction next week at the Buckingham will be Matt Flynn's Big Sensation, a vaudeville and burlesque company. This organization has given one of the best of the season, and the presentation of "A Joke in High Life" and "Who Owns the Philippines" creates the greatest merriment and gives plenty of opportunity to the large company of artists to present specialties new to the stage. Flynn's company will draw crowded houses.

The patrons of Masonic Temple Theater will enjoy a week of genuine fun. The next production to be presented by the Meffert Stock Company is a farcical comedy in three acts entitled "Three Hats," never before seen in this city. This company last year delighted large audiences with its performance of "Jane," and next week the members will surpass their previous efforts. It concerns a married man, who when his wife is out of town, goes out with the boys, exchanges has accidentally, and when questioned, fearing to tell the truth resorts to falsehood. One lie necessitated another until it takes three acts of the liveliest action and brightest dialogues to set matters right.

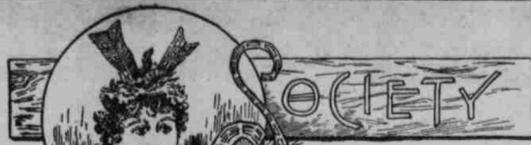
GOING TO MANILA.

Martin F. Shaughnessy, now a member of Company H, Thirtieth United States Infantry, stationed at Buffalo, writes relatives to the effect that his regiment has orders to proceed to Manila. Mr. Shaughnessy is one of the best-known young men in the southern part of the city, and resides on West Oak street. He was for some time connected with the L. & N., and his friends predict that he will distinguish himself should there be an opportunity.

IRISH WIT.

Michael McDonagh, a Limerick man who is rapidly attaining a place in the front ranks of journalism in London, contributes an interesting article on Irish wit and humor to a recent issue of the Weekly Sun. He gives some capital instances of the anxiety displayed by Irish peasants to acquire a reputation for omniscience when questioned by a confiding stranger. At the sitting of the Fishing Commissioners in Kilrush some years ago a witness of a characteristic type was under examination. "Are there any whales about there?" asked one of the commissioners, sarcastically. "Is it whales?" exclaimed witness, who did not notice that the commissioner was humbugging him. "Shure ye may see them be the dozen spouting about like water engines, all over the place." Another commissioner gravely inquired whether there were dogfish there. "Faix, you'd say so if you passed the night at Carrigaholt. We can't sleep for the barking of them," replied the witness. Lastly the third commissioner asked if flying fish abounded in the river. The old man's marvelous imagination and rapid invention were by no means exhausted, for he replied, "Arrah, if we didn't put the shutters up every night there wouldn't be a whole pane of glass left in the windows from the creatures batin' agin them."

It is characteristic of a woman that she will conceal her true age the more nature proclaims it.



Mr. E. L. Mulcahy, of Versailles, has been spending a few days in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hogan, of Corbin, were in the city Thursday and Friday.

Miss Agnes Hayes will entertain a number of friends at a euchre on Thursday evening, December 29.

Why that absent expression on Jack O'Donnell's face. Rumor has it that he will shortly become a benedict.

Mr. Michael Claire, well known in Irish-American society circles, has entirely recovered from quite a severe illness.

John Showe, Gus Wigg and Jack Seitzer, of the Legion, are curiosities in their line. They are sorry that they are to be mustered out.

Andrew Weidekamp, of 528 Hancock street, is at present confined to his home by illness, but his former friends hope for his speedy recovery.

Miss Kate Saur, a pretty and most popular young lady of Worthington, has returned home after a delightful stay with relatives in Indiana.

Miss Mary Kennedy, of Lebanon, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Lyons, Eight street, with whom she will remain till after the holidays.

William Lincoln, of 1501 Bank street, has been seriously ill for the past six weeks, but at last reports his speedy recovery was looked for.

Mr. M. J. Palmer, who has been quite ill for some time, has almost entirely recovered, and his friends expect him to be among them next week.

The many friends of Officer Frank Dignam, who has been ill since the first of October, will be pleased to learn that his condition is reported greatly improved.

The Paulian Dramatic Club will play the tragedy "Cartouche" for the benefit of St. Augustine's church. It will be the first presentation of "Cartouche" in Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lyons, of West Market street, celebrating a host of friends Sunday, in honor of the recent arrival of a handsome little girl at their home.

Miss Ella Catharine Keane, one of the sweetest and most lovable girls of Worthington, has returned to her home after a long and delightful visit with friends in South Park and Louisville.

Miss Etta Martine, of Oldham street, has been confined to her home for the past two weeks with typhoid fever. As she has passed the critical stage her many friends are now hopeful of her speedy recovery.

We would suggest to our down-town readers contemplating the purchase of Christmas gifts that they examine the stock of D. J. Coleman, 1731 Portland avenue. He has an excellent line, suitable for young and old.

Alderman James C. Gilbert celebrated the sixty-eight anniversary of his birth Monday. He has been receiving congratulations all the week. Notwithstanding his advanced years he is one of our most lively city fathers.

Miss Nellie Scribner gave an enjoyable euchre at her residence, Twelfth and Jefferson streets, last Wednesday evening. Miss Lizzie Martin won first prize and Gene Toner the booby prize. James Lannigan entertained the company with several well rendered solos.

William Cunningham, of Bennington, Vt., is visiting Louisville as the guest of his brother, Rev. Father Cunningham, Thirty-second and Broadway. Mr. Cunningham, who is recovering from a very serious illness, is here recuperating his health and will spend some time in this city.

James Lannigan, chief clerk of the L. & St. L. railroad, slipped and fell upon the icy pavement while alighting from a carriage at his residence, 1230 West Broadway, last Sunday afternoon. He had to be assisted into the house, but is now out and able to be around, with only a few bruises as the result of the accident. While he was laid up Jim's many friends kept the wires hot asking in regard to his condition.

The announcement that Miss Malvina Goldbach, a very pretty brunette of 642 East Breckinridge street, and Mr. Alfred Franz, of Jeffersonville, will tie the nuptial knot next spring will be an agreeable surprise to their many friends. Miss Goldbach is a young lady possessed of many rare qualities. She is cashier for the well-known firm of Fred Doll & Co. Mr. Franz is a clerk for Todd, Donnigan & Co., and one of the most handsome young men of Jeffersonville.

There was a delightful little box party at the Avenue Theater last Saturday evening given by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Proctor in honor of their niece, Miss Mollie McCarthy, of Stewartsville. The party was composed of Misses Mollie McCarthy, Mary O'Malley and Lily Halligan, Messrs. John Ingman, Gus Kyhie and Percy Seltzer, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Proctor. After the show they adjourned to Klein's, where they were entertained

by Miss Rooney, the popular little actress, who is an old schoolmate of Miss Lily Halligan.

There was a very enjoyable euchre at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Brennan, 1105 Dumesnil street, one evening last week. Among those present were: Misses Katie Ash, Mayme Mullaney, Nora Flaherty, Susie Seltzer and Mayme Short, Messrs. John Trailer, Tom Wynn, John Barry, Tom Mullaney and John Knapp. Tom Mullaney and Mayme Short captured first prizes, while John Trailer and Miss Flaherty captured the booby prizes. After the euchre Mr. Brennan gave an exhibition with his two trick dogs, Lizzie and Trixie, who showed remarkable intelligence with tricks, which were greatly enjoyed by those present.

A most enjoyable surprise party was tendered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Rothenberg, Worthington, Thursday evening, December 8. Refreshments and dancing were the features of the evening. Those present were Misses Kate Coleman, Kate Kelly, Della Coleman, Florence Fisher, Julia Keane, Ella Keane, Josie and Lena Walsh, Lulla Beamaker, Josie Meagher, Brigie Walsh, Verena Murphy, Dora Englehart, Frances Sauer, Nellie Gardner, Maggie Rothenberg, Bessie Gardner, Alice Zaring, Mayme Lentz and Phenie Miller and Messrs. Tommy Walsh, Edger Pernell, Alexander Miller, Joseph Lauer, Richard Chamberlain, Andrew Yager, Collis Maddox, Johnny Downs, Walter Tyler, Martin Fitzgerald, Edward Zaring, Carl Englehart, Larry Fitzgerald, John Hall, Theodore Ellwanger, Albert Zaring, Walker Maddox, John Reese, John Carfield and Edward Chamberlain.

RECENT DEATHS.

Margaret Fannon passed away Thursday night at her residence, 227 Twenty-first street, and the announcement will be read with sorrow by the many former friends of the deceased lady.

We regret to announce the demise of Mrs. Margaret Cunningham, which occurred Thursday at her home, 2433 St. Xavier street. She was a most estimable lady, and her death is mourned by the community in which she resided. Her husband, Mr. Patrick Cunningham, has the sympathy of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in the loss of his good wife.

By the death of Mrs. John R. Kelly the West End loses a most estimable and true Christian lady. The husband of the deceased was for years in the Government service, but latterly has followed the vocation of stone mason. Mrs. Kelly was in her fortieth year. Her funeral took place Wednesday morning from St. Patrick's church, and the large number of friends attested the great sorrow felt at her death.

The announcement of no recent death caused more sincere sorrow than that of Miss Virgie Gasper, which occurred at the home of her parents, on Sixth street, Tuesday morning. She was the victim of an attack of typhoid fever two weeks previously, and her relatives had hopes of her recovery, when a change occurred with the sad result mentioned. Miss Gasper was a bright young lady just budding into womanhood with a most promising future, and her parents have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends. The funeral services occurred at the Cathedral Thursday morning, and the large number of her former associates and sorrowing friends present attested to the great esteem in which she was held.

WORLD OF LABOR.

The shorter work day, eight hours, is proving very satisfactory to the miners and operators in Indiana. There is no foundation for the rumor that an effort will be made to return to the ten-hour day.

The American Federation of Labor opened its eighteenth annual convention at Kansas City Monday morning. There were 150 delegates present, including two representatives of the British Trades Union Congress.

The movement of the ladies and clergymen of New York City in behalf of the ladies' tailors is bearing fruit. The conditions and pay of the employees are being steadily advanced, while the number of persons agreeing not to patronize sweat-shop employers is attaining large proportions.

LITTLE LOCALS.

Belknap's Union Cement Mill, located at Eighteenth street and the canal, has shut down for the winter. This has been expected by the sixty employes for some time. Business will be resumed in the spring.

John H. Page, the popular Circuit Court Clerk, won the hearts of the little folks at the bar at St. Patrick's school Monday evening. He was the winner of a number of prizes, which he distributed as holiday gifts.

During the first week in January an important meeting of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America will be held in Memphis. Several of the most prominent Directors and Trustees of the society are residents of this city. They report the order in a flourishing condition and enjoying a substantial growth.

It seems like positive prodigality to give some people the benefit of the doubt. Generally we are a great deal more interested in what we don't know about people than in what we do.

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