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SPECIAL NOTICE.

The next issue of the Kentucky Irish American will consist of eight pages, and contributors and advertisers are urged to have their copy in Thursday morning to insure its insertion.

PIONEER OF THE WEST.

The death of Archbishop Hennessy at Dubuque, Iowa, removes to his reward another pioneer, not only of religion but material progress in the development of the West. Born in Ireland, he came to this country to complete his studies for the priesthood, going to the then frontier diocese of St. Louis, under then Bishop Kenrick. Here he was ordained and assigned to missionary labor to the scattered people of the west part of Missouri, and though his regular stations—there being no churches—were over an area of sixty miles his "congregation" was boundless, anywhere from the Mississippi on the east, San Francisco diocese on the west, Santa Fe diocese on the south, and to the pole on the north. There were few settlers and fewer Catholics in this vast region, a trackless wilderness inhabited by savages and wild beasts. In his labors he blazed the way, as it were, in all directions into Kansas on the west, as far as Minnesota on the north and Arkansas on the south, not following the white pioneers, but often leading the way for them to new settlements. The hardships endured, the dangers and difficulties overcome, the arduous trials and labors of frontier life, were borne by this zealous missionary, whose only ambition was the advancement of religion and civilization, and whose only reward was the pleasure of living to see the success of the work he begun and did so much to accomplish.

As the country became settled and the work increased dioceses were formed and he was consecrated Bishop of Dubuque, then embracing the State of Iowa, with a rapidly increasing population, but lacking all the essentials to order and facilities of a new country; without churches, schools, pastors, and, indeed, with even the forms of law and government in embryo but little above the chaotic. To bring order, discipline, regularity out of this condition and at the same time provide for the continuous influx of immigrants pouring into the section required a master genius, wise administration and untiring labor. That he succeeded in this as he had done in the humble sphere of the missionary is demonstrated by results. Throughout his diocese the wilderness filled up with people, on farms, in towns, cities; manufactures, railroads and other accessories of civilization followed; churches, schools and institutions of religion and charity kept pace, or preceded all this. His diocese of a few hundred inhabitants grew to thousands and was subdivided into more dioceses, and finally made province with his see the archdiocese and he the archbishop.

The same rush of immigration, rapid development and growth extended throughout to the west and north, to which his first mission territory was the route or gateway. His "congregation" has a population of several millions, with cities, towns, churches, cathedrals, schools, colleges, archdioceses, dioceses, with archbishops, bishops, hundreds of priests, religious or-

ders; embraces States with established government, a prosperous and wealthy population; farms, manufactures producing food and mineral wealth for the whole country, necessitating railroads and steamers to transport, all giving employment to thousands—the primitive wilderness now an empire, though only in its infancy, whose possibilities of development are yet unknown, but boundless and inexhaustible.

It is to the pioneer, who faces the dangers and hardships that the people of this country are indebted for the benefits of its development and growth; and chief among the pioneers of the West has been the missionary. What Marquette was to the then Northwest—beyond the lakes—Hennessy was to the Far West, beyond the Mississippi. Marquette succumbed to the hardships of his labors, having only pointed out the way. Hennessy lived to see the fullest fruition of his life's work.

Archbishop Hennessy, though an able man, thorough student, eloquent and zealous, was rarely heard of in the public prints. He was of a retiring disposition, disliked notoriety or even praise, and devoted himself solely to work for the good, comforts and benefits of the people. Of such men their life's works, perhaps not observed while they live, become an enduring monument to their worth, to live after them in the history of the country and the minds and hearts of generations who enjoy the benefits thereof and gratefully cherish their memory.

WILL ENGLAND FIGHT?

Now that France is reported to have placed a chip on her shoulder and dared Johnny Bull to knock it off, the English press, after a spell of hysterics, are revamping their slanders against the European governments and their flattery of the United States, in which they are seconded by their cockneys in this country. The fake of the attempted alliance against the United States in the war with Spain, prevented by the disapproval of England, is revived with France; instead of Russia as heretofore, as the instigator of the anti-American movement. This charge against the European governments has long since been exploded by the emphatic denials of the governments accused, backed up by the statements of the American Ambassadors and representatives in those countries, and is now well known to have originated in London, with the sole purpose of cajoling the United States into aiding England in her isolated position without a friend in the wide world, and possibly save her from the inevitable consequences of her duplicity and crimes against all nations. The scheme failed, despite the fawning and falsehood of the cockneys in this country.

The American people are not only just, but intelligent and grateful as well. They know a bit of history; that the governments accused by England of treachery toward the United States, though not friendly with England, have ever been honorable and true friends to Americans; that of all governments only the English have interfered with or shown ill-will toward our Government and people; that the enmity of other nations toward England is due to those traits and acts by which we resented and fought her about; that the record of England's hostile attitude toward everything American since the formation of our Government precludes the idea of sincerity in her professions of

friendship for us; and finally the claim that any of those European governments have confidence, respect or fear of England that would induce them to consult her on any matter of importance is ridiculous in the face of facts of their treatment of her in recent years.

The American people are not only versed in history, but they read and keep posted in current events. Their real estimate of England is manifested as occasion really requires; her boast of power and fawning of devotion have no effect upon the American, as evidenced by her failure to get anything thereby; she is called to account and held to the line, as our rights and interests demand; she may dislike and have trouble with other nations, but we are friendly to all, and let her squabble and fight it out with them; we owe her nothing, are not interested in her success or failure, have no differences with her or other nations that we do not feel able to settle ourselves in our own way, without alliance, entanglements or obligations with any foreign nation—England included; we respect the rights of all, but our rights come first against any or all; we appreciate the friendship of all, and neither care for the flattery or take up the quarrels of any, least of all, the many and varied scores of centuries that seem coming home to roost to Old England.

That the powers of Europe neither respect nor fear England is clearly manifest in their course. They proceed with their colonial and foreign matters, dividing and occupying territory, establishing military and naval stations, opening or closing ports to commerce, obtaining concessions and building railroads for commercial or military advantage, without so much as letting England know of it, and with an utter disregard of her every interest, all the while increasing their military and naval armaments to resist any interference on her part. That English commerce and trade is suffering in consequence is manifest even in England; that she unwillingly allows such progress by her rivals is no secret, and that those rivals intend to resent, even by force of arms, any effort of England to interfere with their plans of extending their own interests, though English rights are ignored and trade excluded is admittedly certain.

France is not the only one with a chip on her shoulder for Johnny Bull to knock off if he dares; there are others. Russia, Germany, Holland, Norway, the United States, and even the Abyssinian King are pushing for trade advantage along the same line without regard to England's interests. Johnny Bull can knock off any of those chips, but he seems to have enough for the present in South Africa.

The news from South Africa has been a continuous report of British successes; the Boers, at their leisure, abandoned positions which the British advance afterward captured. There has been little fighting reported. What has become of the Boer armies, what their strength or where they will make their next line of defense seems a mystery. The revolt of the Dutch in Cape Colony is extending and in some parts they are in full control, particularly in the rear of Gen. Roberts and between his forces and Cape Town, his base of supplies. In the meantime 50,000 additional British troops are being rushed to South Africa. The defeat and capture of Cronje seems to have not seriously affected the Boers. He had but 4,000 men, and withstood a ten days' attack and bombardment of 50,000 men with 100 cannon, losing less than 300 in killed and wounded, being forced to surrender by a rise in the river flooding his position and by lack of provisions. This fact seems to have encouraged rather than demoralized the Boers. On the defensive they are more careful and secret in their movements, displaying thorough discipline and able generalship that has surprised as well as disappointed their foe, who seem to have ex-

pected demoralization, disintegration, stampede and submission of the Boers to follow the defeat of Cronje and relief of Ladysmith.

The good Queen Vic, in her gratefulness of heart and fullness of appreciation of the their bravery and effective service in her behalf, has granted permission to Irish soldiers in her South African army to wear a sprig of green on their helmets on St. Patrick's day. Certainly a great boon to the patriot who yearns to honor his country's natal day, but one who swears allegiance to and fights for his country's oppressor is not likely to care much about it. An Irish soldier in the British army is an anomaly—a sort of is and is not; he is Irish only by chance of birth, but not Irish of the kind that is likely to ever reflect any good to his race or credit to himself. Yet, even he is to be allowed to wear the green above the red in a British military camp for one day.

Dispatches from Rome announce that Pope Leo XIII. has conferred upon Archbishop Riordan, of San Francisco, who is now in the Holy City, the mission to see President McKinley and exhort him to intervene to stop the war in South Africa. It is also stated that the Pope is writing an important encyclical on universal peace, which will be published at Easter.

Senator Harrel's threats to sue Louisville newspapers are ridiculous. When he returns home to his constituents, if he now has any, they should lasso and never allow him to leave again without a guardian. Never more will he be heard from.

The Welsh drag the guns, the Scots play the pipes and the Irish charge to the death, but the English get the glory, says the New York Sunday World.

PECULIAR.

Hard to Understand the Action of the Board of Safety.

Since the Republican Council came into power the members of the Democratic Board of Safety have been denouncing the action of the former body in reducing the police and fire departments, which was followed by the dropping of a number of men who had performed their duties faithfully and against whom, during their connection with the departments, no charges had ever been made. The people of Louisville generally objected to the ordinance, which was only intended to impair the usefulness of both departments and make enemies for the present administration. The members of the police department were dismissed in violation of the law, and one would reasonably expect that when vacancies occur the old members would be reinstated, but this has not been done. During the past two weeks the Board of Safety has made a number of appointments of new men, and the only reason thus far given for their course is that they believe the men who were dropped will win their suit for reinstatement. Color is lent to this by the fact that the buyers of claims are willing to advance money pending the decision of the courts. The action of the board is being closely watched.

EXCELLENT PROGRAMME.

Upon the occasion of the production of "Robert Emmet" at the Temple Theater on Sunday evening, March 18, an excellent musical programme will be rendered by the First Regiment Orchestra, under the direction of Prof. Andrew Seibert, embracing several choice Irish selections. It will be as follows: Overture.....Columbia March—McAlheeny's Irish Cake Walk.....Emmet Balfmooer Selection—Songs of different nation.....Edwards Waltz—Sounds from Erin. Medley—Hibernian Favorite.....Knehr Het Volk—Fighting Boers, Van Rees March—Stars and Stripes.....Souza

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

Martin J. Minogue, who resides at 1229 Rogers street, met with a very painful accident last Friday evening. While trimming grapevines in his yard the stepladder upon which he was standing slipped, throwing him heavily to the pavement. In an effort to save himself by jumping his foot turned, badly spraining his ankle, which was at first thought to be broken. Medical assistance was immediately summoned, and while the old gentleman is suffering very much his physician says he will be able to be out St. Patrick's day.

FROM KENTUCKY.

"Before you go in, sir, you will have to leave your weapons with me," said St. Peter in his firm but courteous tones. "In that case, sah," said the Cannel, with equal firmness and equal courtesy, "I shall be obliged to decline your proffered hospitality, sah. Good day, sah." —[Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SOCIETY.

N. Ryan, of Murray, was here for a couple of days this week.

William Neider has returned from a week's visit at West Baden Springs.

Dr. J. A. Connell, of Mt. Sterling, was in the city for a brief visit this week.

Mrs. Margaret Sullivan, of Mobile, is visiting Mrs. John Atkinson in Parkland.

Matt Winn, of Midway, arrived here Wednesday, and spent some days with friends.

Miss Pattie Burton, of Third street, has gone to Texas, where she will remain for several months.

Clifford Fish was among last week's visitors at West Baden, combining business with pleasure.

Mrs. Dalton, of Parkland, will return next week from Paducah, where she has been visiting friends.

Miss Celia Laven has been spending the week in New York City, selecting her spring stock of goods.

The banquet of the class of '97 of the Girls' High School will take place on St. Patrick's day this year.

Miss Corinne Shreve, who has been spending the winter in Missouri, is expected home next week.

Miss Beverly Wood, who has been the guest of Mrs. Robert Owens, will leave for Little Rock next Thursday.

Charles Tully, who has been employed in Chicago since last August, is here on a visit to see some of his old friends.

Misses Sallie and Mary Donigan are home again, after a pleasant two weeks' visit with Mrs. Holden, Muncie, Ind.

E. Sullivan, the well-known fireman, was among the Louisvilleans who were this week sojourning at West Baden.

Miss Mary Goss has returned from Birmingham, Ala., where she has been with her brother during his recent illness.

Mrs. Bruce Morson, of Birmingham, will arrive in this city the week before Easter to visit her mother, Mrs. Henry Pope.

William Fleischer, of the St. Nicholas, arrived home this week from West Baden. His health was greatly benefited by the waters.

Thomas Stradley and wife have returned to Jeffersonville from St. Louis, where they have been spending their honeymoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Noon, 2321 High avenue, have as their guest a handsome boy, and their many friends will duly celebrate the event.

Mrs. Cornelius McNamara, who spent two weeks in Jeffersonville visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Coll, has returned to Keokuk.

Miss Agnes Shanahan, a handsome young lady of Bay St. Louis, is here on a visit as a guest of her sister, Miss Ida Shanahan, of 1702 Seventh street.

Joe Daly's friends say that he certainly missed his vocation when he did not become a drummer, as he always has a splendid stock of stories on hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mivela are spending several weeks at Mintzville, Ind., in the hope that Mrs. Mivela may be benefited in health by the change.

Andy Meagher is authority for the statement that to find any of his friends he goes to church, as a wave of reform has swept over Limerick since the mission.

Mrs. John Maroney will return to her home in New Albany next week from Salem, Ind., where she has been enjoying a delightful visit with Mrs. John Hackett.

Miss Katie Sullivan, one of Frankfort's most accomplished and attractive young ladies, was this week the guest of her cousin, Mr. John F. Sullivan, 314 East Breckinridge street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newman have returned from their wedding trip to New Orleans. They are spending a few days with friends here before going to Cincinnati, their future home.

Mike Quagin's friends will regret to learn that he has been confined to his home on Thirty-fourth street by illness for the past week. At last reports his condition was improving.

John and Frank McNamara left Sunday from Bloomington, Ill., after visiting relatives in New Albany. They have accepted good positions with the Chicago & Alton at the former place.

Michael O'Connell, a well known resident of the southern part of the city, who has been ill at Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital for the past two months, will be able to return to his home in a few days.

There has arrived at the home of Thomas, Garry Nineteenth and Bank streets, a lovely little girl, whom the happy father claims will be the belle of the West End. Tom's happiness is only exceeded by the congratulations of his hosts of friends.

Louis Seeger, who has been laid up with rheumatism for the past two months at his residence at Sixteenth and Madison streets, was this week able to walk about the house and meet his friends, who were all glad to see him on the road to recovery.

Among the pleasant events for St. Patrick's day will be the social and dance given on that evening at Adams' Hall, Twelfth and Kentucky, by the Knock-

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Michael Ward entertained a crowd of his fellow L. & N. employes last Monday evening at his residence, Tenth and Rowan. Those present were George Barnett, John Ryan, Alonzo Newman, John Peters, Mike Hartnett, Willie Lang, William Miller and George Adams. George Barnett and Edward Daly entertained the crowd with their singing and dancing specialty, which was well received.

Announcement is made of the approaching marriage of George Hughes and Miss Jeannette Gloats, which will be solemnized on March 23. The bride is one of the most attractive and popular young ladies of Parkland. George Hughes is a well-known employe of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company. After the ceremony they will leave for Chicago, where they will spend their honeymoon with friends.

The many acquaintances in this city of Edward Cowan, the well known and popular tailor, will regret to learn of his departure from this city, where he has spent all his life. Last Monday he accepted a position as head cutter with the leading merchant tailoring house of Dayton, O. His friends in Limerick, Joe Murphy, Dad Price, Mike Walsh and the members of the club that met nightly at Dr. Black's, while rejoiced with his success will miss him from their gatherings.

RECENT DEATHS.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Murphy, of 1669 Tyler avenue, have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in the loss of their bright little four-year-old daughter, May Lillian, who died Tuesday afternoon. Her funeral took place Thursday afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Afra Schneider, who died Monday morning, took place Wednesday from St. Aloysius' church with solemn high mass. The deceased was the mother of Mrs. Thomas Lanahan, and was highly esteemed by her many acquaintances in the East End.

John Conway, the promising seven-year-old son of John and Ellen Conway, of 1830 Payne street, died Wednesday morning, after a short illness. The parents have the sympathy of a host of friends in the loss of their boy, who was an exceptionally bright little fellow.

James C. Larkin, who had been afflicted for several years past with cancer, was relieved from his earthly sufferings last Monday. He was unable to leave his home on High avenue during the winter, and the end was not unexpected. His funeral took place from St. Patrick's church Wednesday morning.

John Gorman, aged eighty-two years, and a well-known resident of this city, succumbed to the illness incident to the infirmities of old age Monday last at Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital. His funeral occurred Wednesday morning from St. Louis Bertrand's church, the services being attended by a large number of his old friends.

John F. Herde, for years past in business at Shelby and Broadway, died Tuesday evening. The deceased was well known and highly respected in East End circles and a prominent member of Trinity Council, which society attended the funeral in a body. His funeral occurred from St. Martin's church Thursday morning with requiem mass. The services were witnessed by a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives.

Conrad Wentzel, for many years foreman at Grant's tobacco factory and a well-known member of the Catholic Knights of America and the Grand Army of the Republic, died at his home on Portland avenue last Sunday night, aged fifty-eight years. His funeral occurred from St. Cecilia's church Wednesday morning, and the solemn services were witnessed by hundreds of sorrowing friends and relatives. The burial was in St. Louis cemetery.

The funeral of Lawrence O'Leary, who died at the residence of his brother-in-law, Thomas Hynes, 1027 Eleventh street, occurred Sunday afternoon from the Cathedral, and was largely attended by friends and relatives. The deceased was thirty-three years of age and unmarried, and was very popular with all with whom he became acquainted. Though he had been suffering from consumption for some time, his death was a shock to his host of friends. The interment was in St. Louis cemetery. Rev. Father Rock officiated at the funeral services, and preached a most feeling sermon, one that had its effect upon the many present. The pall-bearers who tenderly bore the remains to their last resting place were Frank Dugan, John Featherstone, James Murphy, Will Campbell, Will West and John Morrissey. The father and mother of Mr. O'Leary are still alive in Ireland, and two sisters here survive him, Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Joe Baldwin.

The charter for the State Federation of Labor will be issued next week.

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