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WILLIAM PATTERSON.

William Patterson, the well known contractor and ex-Alderman, died somewhat unexpectedly of peritonitis Wednesday night, though he had been ill for two weeks. Mr. Patterson was known and respected by all classes of people, and noted for his energy, business tact, faithfulness to friends, generosity to all deserving persons, and a jollity that made him a most pleasant companion. He was universally popular, and in his political career no scandal ever attached to his name, though in the heat of campaigns he was ridiculed and abused, but even those who attacked him respected him for his worth, and after the campaign all was simply regarded as the way of politics, and Patterson treated it as a good joke and laughed heartily at those whom he had beaten despite their abuse of him. As an Alderman he urged progressive measures, and to him the West End is indebted for much of its rapid improvement in the past fifteen years.

Mr. Patterson, born in County Cavan, Ireland, came to this country a poor boy, without money or friends, but he was ambitious, industrious, honest, and began as a laborer in Wheeling, W. Va., coming to Louisville about forty years ago, being employed as a teamster; afterward bought a cart and team and started for himself. From this beginning he gradually, by strict attention to business, became the leading contractor of the city, and by judicious investments became rich. In all his prosperity the public shared. His investments were in city real estate, which he improved and put to use, and business interests, with profit to himself, employment to labor and general development and advancement of the city.

To his friends he was ever ready with advice and assistance; in every charity and good work his co-operation and contribution was freely given. To the poor, without their knowledge, substantial aid, such as fuel, food and clothing, were sent, no questions asked—but the bill was paid by "Billy" Patterson, whose word was as good as a bond and his credit as good as gold with all merchants.

As a Catholic he was devout, practical and faithful in his duties. As an Irishman he was earnest, zealous and always active in every move to uphold and advance the welfare of his race, the rights and glory of his native country.

He was a self-made man in the fullest sense, whose life work was an example and an encouragement to young Irishmen of what energy, pluck and industry can do for them in this country despite the adversities of poverty and opposition of fanatical foes, for he overcame all of them. His exemplary character compelled all to respect him and is a model for others to follow; while as a friend and helper of the distressed his loss will be felt and mourned, for to them, indeed, was he a friend in need.

DISAPPOINTMENT.

The January grand jury, of whom much was expected because of the public expressions of its foreman on the gambling question, was a disappointment. It did nothing except indict the Western Union Telegraph Company as accessory to an offense which it is admitted is impossible to prove the principal guilty of because evidence can not be obtained. In its final report it states that gambling is carried on in the heart of the

city, but insufficient evidence was available to indict; indirectly scores the police for not detecting gambling and furnishing the necessary evidence, but compliments the Chairman of the Board of Safety and Chief of Police, who control the police force. The report on gambling concludes with the information that "something is wrong somewhere." Everybody knows that gambling exists; that it is the duty of the police to suppress it and to furnish evidence of all violations of law; that these things are not done because "something is wrong somewhere"—but everybody has not devoted, as did the January grand jury, a month's time and effort to find it out.

THE BOER WAR.

The British War Office is in a quandary. The Boer war goes on apace, and Kitchener keeps calling for 50,000 mounted reinforcements. Where to get them seems to be the trouble, but they must be had. It is decided to try and send 30,000 men and horses to South Africa as soon as possible. The men are to be taken from the troops on home duty in England, and even the constabulary in Ireland are to be called on for a quota; but the horses—the markets of the world, and especially the United States, are being searched by agents of the British Government that the horses may be supplied promptly.

In the meantime the Boers have their own way and doubtless are making the most of the time and opportunity everywhere, except the garrisoned positions held by the invaders. It is more than probable that when the reinforcements arrive there will be a repetition of the previous campaigns, the object being the relief of Kitchener at Pretoria, through a thousand miles of country occupied by a hostile and determined foe. When this is attempted it may develop what the Boers have been doing all these weeks to prepare for the expected relief column of 30,000 mounted men, of which at present nothing seems to be known; for it is only when the Boers make an attack that their whereabouts are revealed, and then they disappear. It is, however, known that they have a large disciplined, well-clothed and armed force, with artillery and cavalry. The Boer war is not over; it is simply on the threshold of another chapter.

Several weeks ago an ordinance prohibiting pool rooms and providing penalties for the same was passed by the lower board of the City Council. On its way to the Board of Aldermen, and without being presented to that body, it was referred to the Grievance Committee, which upon one pretext or another held it till last Tuesday night, when that committee reported and the ordinance was referred back to it. The unusual manner in which the ordinance was first referred to the committee, the delay and non-action of the committee for weeks, and the reference of the ordinance again to this same do-nothing committee, indicates that the sports have friends even among the Council reformers. The fact of the matter is, despite their moral professions and apparent efforts to suppress gambling, all the politicians of all parties would rather not incur the displeasure of the sporting gentry, especially as there is a municipal election to be held next fall.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan, who is now the editor and publisher

of a weekly newspaper, finds that there is a difference between running a newspaper and running for President. Thus early he exhibits irritation at the criticisms of contemporary editors. Mr. Bryan must get over this or quit editing a newspaper; for the "squibbers" must have their fun, and the fellow who gets irritated is sure to attract all the punsters of the gang, who will pepper him with hot shot just to see him jump. Many a man of ability and learning in other spheres has signally failed as a newspaper editor, though some people believe that newspaper editors have the easiest life in the world and anybody can be an editor—till they try it and quit in disgust. Editors are born, not made, and generally are fit for nothing else, as not a few of the ablest editors have demonstrated. So if Mr. Bryan fails as an editor it will be no reflection upon his ability or genius in other spheres, but simply prove that editing a newspaper is not his forte.

We give much of our space this week to the great sermon delivered by Rev. Edward Lynch at St. Brigid's church last Sunday evening, which should prove pleasant reading, being a beautiful tribute to womanhood and the glorious Irish saints.

YOUNG LIFE ENDED.

Margaret Dubourg Hickey Passes to a Brighter World.

We learn with sincere regret of the death of Mrs. Margaret Dubourg Hickey, which occurred at the residence of her father, who is the leading florist of Shelbyville, Ky. Besides her husband, James Hickey, she leaves a brother and sister to mourn her sad death. The youngest child, she was the life and light of a happy household now cast in gloom. Her sweet disposition was one to be envied, and made her loved as she was by all who knew her. Possessed of a kind and cheery word for all in distress, charitable to all in want and ever ready to assist the poor, she will be sadly missed by many who looked upon her as their benefactress. Though young in years but strong in faith, in the full possession of all her powers and faculties, without fear or murmur, she left the world in which she performed innumerable good deeds to take up a new life in a better land, and Rev. Father Fitzgerald and the Catholic church of Shelbyville mourn the loss of the faithful and devout member. She was buried from the church with a requiem high mass, the pastor's eloquent funeral sermon touching the hearts of all in the crowded church, after which the remains were laid to rest amid a bed of beautiful flowers until God calls for the resurrection. To the heart-broken husband, brother and sister and the bereaved father, whose hopes were centered in his dear child, we extend our sympathy and beg God to heal their wounded hearts.

COUNTY BOARD.

There will be an important meeting of the County Board of Directors of the Hibernians at their hall Wednesday evening, when interesting reports will be made relating to the St. Patrick's Day entertainment. Thus far gratifying progress has been made, and a pleasant surprise has been prepared for all who purchase tickets.

CONDITION IMPROVED.

John Casey, employed at the Allan-Bradley Distillery, who had a narrow escape from losing his life last Saturday in an attempt to stop a team of runaway horses, was yesterday reported slowly improving. After having caught the horses he was thrown and the wheels of the heavy wagon passed over his body, breaking three ribs. For some days his injuries were thought to be fatal.

SOCIAL CANDY PULLING.

The ladies of the Sacred Heart church expect large crowds Wednesday afternoon and night at their social candy pulling at St. Peter's Hall, Seventeenth and Southgate streets, for the benefit of the Sacred Heart school. Mesdames Doerhoefer, Ryan, Norton and Tighe have arranged a jolly affair for their patrons and young and old will enjoy themselves. Admission and candy for ten cents.

FORCED TO ASSIGN.

Daniel Walsh, a well known New Albany merchant, who conducted a dry goods store on East Market street, this week filed a deed of assignment because of dull collections and the hard times since Christmas. His liabilities are not much in excess of his assets, and his friends hope that he may be able to arrange his affairs so that he may continue in business.

GRAND EUCHRE PARTY.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Holy Cross Church will give their annual progressive euchre next Thursday afternoon and night, St. Valentine's day, at Schriber's Hall, Twenty-sixth and Bank street, when many handsome prizes will be given the lucky winners. This event has been awaited with interest by many, and all who attend will enjoy themselves.

SOCIETY.

Mrs. R. E. Fleming has left for a short visit to Huntington and Evansville, Ind.

James J. Cain has gone to Seymour, Ind., where he will spend a week visiting friends.

Miss Hughes, of Frankfort, was this week the attractive guest of Miss Langley.

Miss Mattie Doherty left this week for Indianapolis to visit her sister, Mrs. Charles Sheerin.

Mike Becker's many friends will learn with regret that he is quite ill at his home on West Oak street.

Daniel Doherty has gone to Martinsville, Ind., where he will remain until the middle of this month.

Misses Nell and Alice Campbell, two popular Jeffersonville girls, visited with Charlestown friends this week.

Mrs. John McKenna, of Madison, was this week the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Dunbar, in Jeffersonville.

Miss Janie, the beautiful daughter of Dr. W. W. Barnes, has left for Asheville, N. C., where she goes for her health.

Patrick Hanlon and wife have returned to their home in Lafayette after a pleasant visit with relatives in New Albany.

Mrs. Ethel Shannon had as her guests this week Miss Anna McCune and Mrs. Emma Rohman, both of Jeffersonville.

Miss Callie Miller's many friends and admirers will learn with regret the news that she is quite ill at her home, 1522 West Madison street.

Mrs. Thomas O'Donnell and daughter, Miss Edna, who have been visiting relatives at Coniskey, Ind., are again at their home in Jeffersonville.

Mrs. James R. Jennings has almost entirely recovered from a serious attack of the grip from which she suffered for two weeks at her home, 1522 West Broadway.

Mrs. M. J. Duffy is now convalescent at her home on West Chestnut street, after a month's illness that at one time caused great alarm among her numberless friends.

Miss Rilla Jenkins, one of the most popular young ladies of Elizabethtown, has been the guest of Miss Laura Decoursey at her home on Sixth street during the past week.

Those of our society folks who call upon John Mulloy and secure tickets for the St. Patrick's day entertainment will receive their money's worth. The sale will not begin before next Friday.

Mrs. Bettie Sullivan, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Allen, in Jeffersonville, was reported seriously ill the first part of the week. Yesterday she was said to be improving slowly.

Miss Nettie Kelly leaves next week for New York City, where she will spend a month with the family of her brother. She will also visit friends in Washington and Cincinnati before returning home.

John Bradigan, a wealthy lumberman of Ashtown, Ark., was this week the guest of his brother, Otto Bradigan, the well known Jeffersonville boiler-maker, whom he had not seen for twenty years.

Daniel McCarthy, a well-known and prosperous grocer of Sandusky, O., is here as the guest of his brother, Patrick F. McCarthy, 1952 Floyd street, with whom he will spend the next two weeks.

Ex-Councilman Pat Tracy, one of Jeffersonville's oldest residents and most prominent business men, who has been seriously ill, was yesterday reported much better and his friends are elated over the good news.

Mrs. Mary Griffin, sister of ex-Councilman Charles J. Cronan, who has been seriously ill at her home on West Chestnut street since before Christmas, has sufficiently recovered to again be out, to the great delight of her hosts of friends.

Gen. William Draper, formerly Minister to Italy, and Mrs. Draper arrived in Louisville Monday afternoon from Massachusetts, and are the guests of Mrs. George Davie. They have been the guests of honor at a number of fashionable entertainments.

Barney Campbell, Jr., of the Kentucky Wall Plaster Company, a well known and successful young business man, and John Gossman left Monday morning for Jasper, Ind., where they will spend several weeks visiting Mrs. Gossman, grandmother of the former.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Emil Ortner, a prominent Cincinnati merchant, and Miss Fannie Krebs, a talented and handsome young lady of this city, well known and popular in Louisville's best society circles. They will be married today.

Horace Melton and Miss Mattie Jones, will be married next Tuesday evening, February 12. The bride is a pretty and popular young lady of the West End, and has a host of friends who wish her joy in her matrimonial venture. The groom is a well known engineer at the Galt House.

There was a notable wedding at Holy Cross church Wednesday. Charles Merford, aged seventy-one years, and Mrs. Ida Lewis, aged fifty-five, were the contracting parties and were united by the Rev. Father Cunningham. Many of our young people who read this will now feel greatly encouraged.

Dame Rumor has it that there are bright prospects for the union of Andy Kiefer and a charming young widow of the East End. His fatherly attention to

her little ones gives color to the story. Both are well known and popular, and the announcement will be read with interest by their many friends.

A pretty wedding will be solemnized at Holy Cross church next Tuesday, the happy couple being Miss Katherine Zehnder and John Kane, well known and popular young people of Parkland. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Bernard Cunningham, and will be witnessed by a host of friends and relatives.

Among the handsomest of this season's Jeffersonville receptions was that given Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. George Pfau, Jr. The rooms and tables were uniquely decorated and presented a lovely appearance, and were all required to accommodate the large number of guests. The charming hostess was assisted in receiving by Mrs. John Hyatt, of this city, Mrs. J. H. Duffy, Mrs. W. C. Pfau and Misses Duffy and Heaton, of Jeffersonville.

John J. Toomey and Miss Anna Doolan will be united in marriage with a nuptial mass at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning, February 19, at the Dominican church. The bride is a daughter of Martin Doolan, of 715 West St. Catherine street, and is quite a popular young lady. The groom is connected with the Standard Oil Company office in this city and is well known, having been a candidate for Councilman on the Democratic ticket at the last municipal election.

Mrs. John H. Coleman gave a most enjoyable birthday euchre to sixty of her lady friends last Tuesday afternoon at her home on West Chestnut street. After the prizes were distributed the guests were seated to a bounteous and elegant supper, during which the charming hostess was wished health and wealth to enjoy many more birthdays. Mrs. G. T. Ryder and Mrs. Thomas W. Tarpey won the two first prizes, a beautiful hand-painted vase and an imported jardiniere and pedestal.

The marriage of Miss Dora Ferling and Louis Uncleback next Thursday will be witnessed by a host of the friends of the young couple, who are well known and popular in the West End. The ceremony uniting them will be performed by Rev. Father Cunniff at the Church of Our Lady at 4 o'clock. The bride-elect is the lovely daughter of Mrs. Mary Ferling, 1605 West Market street. Mr. Uncleback is a prominent and successful carpenter. They will at once go to housekeeping in a new home at 230 Thirty-fifth street, where they will receive their friends.

A quiet and happy wedding last week at St. Brigid's church, Hepburn avenue, was that of Miss Mary J. Earrett and Dallas B. Brown. Both are well known and popular in Louisville society circles and their hosts of friends have been showering them with congratulations upon their union. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Connolly in the presence of the near relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The bride is a well known leader in Irish and Catholic social circles in the East End, and formerly held a responsible and pleasant position with the Pullman Palace Car Company. She has always taken an active interest in church and charitable work, and her withdrawal from among her young friends will create a vacancy hard to fill. Mr. Brown stands very high in railway circles, being prominently connected with the Southwestern Mississippi Valley Association. After the services at the church the young couple were tendered a brilliant reception and wedding banquet at the residence of the bride's parents, 1030 Morton avenue. They were the recipients of a large number of handsome and valuable presents. That their journey through life may be one of unalloyed bliss and success is the wish of all who know them.

A NEW MERINGUE.

Little Tommy had seen his mamma making custards with meringue on them. One day his mamma sent him to see if his papa was ready for dinner. He found his father with lather on his face getting ready to shave. Tommy came back and said: "No mamma, papa has meringue all over his face, and can't come now."

INHUMAN AND INQUITOUS.

Bishop Spalding, of Illinois, says: Our capital is fast becoming the most inhuman, the most iniquitous tyrant the world has ever known. Its tyranny is a blight and curse to those who exercise it as well as to the multitude who are its victims. Commercial and manufacturing competition is becoming a struggle for existence fiercer than that which makes nature red in tooth and claw. We are hypnotized by the glitter and glare, the pomp and circumstance of wealth, and are becoming incapable of a rational view of life. All for money, more money, money without end.

WILLIAM.

"What is your name, my little man?"
"Willie when I'm good, and William when father thrashes me."
"How old are you?"
"Aak ma."
"Where do you live?"
"At home."
"You look like a bright boy."
"Rather! I should think I was, and don't you forget it."
"Don't you think that so bright a boy as you ought to be more mannerly?"
"Now, look here, I'm all right, I am, an' I ain't going to let no old duffer pump me on private matters. Bye-bye!"
And the precious child put his hands in his pockets and wadded himself down the street, whistling "Mrs. Nation on the Rampage."

The kind old gentleman happened to be his rich uncle, just returned from a long residence abroad, and when Willie got home that night his name was William.

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