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CATHOLIC KNIGHTS

Central Committee Favors Disability Fund For Poor Members.

Articles of Incorporation to Be Considered at the Next Meeting.

Prizes to Be Offered Branches Showing the Largest Growth.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS IN JANUARY

For several months past the question of creating a disability fund for the benefit of sick and disabled members has been agitating the Catholic Knights of the Falls Cities. The Catholic Knights of America is today recognized as the strongest fraternal insurance order in the United States, having a special reserve fund that ere long will aggregate \$1,000,000. While still a young organization its success of late years has been phenomenal. A few years ago some of the leading spirits in the order in this city, among them such well known men as Michael Reichert, now State President; Edmund Rapp, the banker; Will T. Meehan, Harry Veeman, Newton G. Rogers, Joe T. McGinn, John J. Score and Henry Feldhaus, conceived the idea of organizing a Central Committee, composed of delegates from the various local branches. This Central Committee was a success from the start and has been of valuable assistance to the Louisville branches as well as the order throughout the State. For a time the committee met first with one branch and then another, but this proved to be inconvenient to the delegates and therefore it was decided to meet regularly at some central point. Through the kindness of Rev. Father Westerman, St. Mary's Hall on Eighth street was secured for this purpose, since when the branches of Jeffersonville and New Albany have become affiliated with the Central Committee.

The regular monthly meeting last Friday night was largely attended, every branch in the city being represented when President Veeman assumed the chair. Attorney Newton G. Rogers submitted articles of incorporation for the Central Committee under the laws of Kentucky, which were discussed and then referred to the executive officers, who will doubtless recommend the incorporation of the body before the first of the year.

An invitation was read from President Friel to the committee to be represented at the National Federation of Catholic Societies at Cincinnati next month, but as Louisville will be represented through the Catholic Union no action was taken thereon. Newton G. Rogers invited the delegates, and through them the members of their branches, to the next meeting of the Catholic Union, to be held shortly after the Cincinnati convention.

An important change was made in the rules of order. Henceforth the regular order of business must be gone through before anything of a social nature or addresses will be allowed. This was done that those delegates who come long distances may have a part in all the business of the meetings and not be detained until a late hour.

State President Reichert submitted a series of resolutions providing for the offering of prizes in gold to those branches showing the largest percentage of gain in membership during the year, to be awarded at the next State convention. It was urged that this measure would be an incentive to all branches to enter the contest, which would result in great good to the order. The resolutions were generally discussed, after which they were referred to a special committee composed of Messrs. Reichert, Smith, Score, Meehan and Murphy, who will submit rules for adoption at the meeting the first Friday in December.

Supreme Trustee W. C. Smith announced the death of Supreme Trustee Kelly at Kansas City, and upon his motion the officers were instructed to draft appropriate resolutions and forward them to the Supreme officers and the family of the deceased. Trustee Smith's enology of his late colleague was a neat bit of oratory, and showed his deep sense of regret over the loss the order had sustained.

The proposal to create a disability fund for the benefit of sick and disabled members was advocated by nearly every delegate present. The spirit exhibited to protect those who have contributed for years to the support of the order if overtaken by adversity is indeed commendable and will redound with honor to the Central Committee. Upon motion this matter was referred to a committee composed of one member from each branch in Louisville, New Albany and Jeffersonville, who are expected to formulate rules for the maintenance and disbursement of this fund.

President Veeman announced that the annual election of officers of the Central Committee would take place in January. The branches were urged to again select good men for delegates when the branches elect next month.

Supreme Trustee Smith stated that a special meeting of the Supreme officers was to be held in St. Louis and called

upon the members to make known any business they wanted attended to, after which he was instructed as to the wishes of the committee upon several matters that will come before the Supreme board for action.

In response to numerous calls Jonathan Thickstun delivered a pointed address on the welfare of the order, showing that he is a close observer of the actions of the officers and the course being pursued in other States throughout the Union. State President Reichert also made some timely remarks before the adjournment of the very interesting meeting.

ROYAL GOOD TIME.

Division 4 Celebrates the Admission of New Members.

Division 4 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians gave another of its famous social sessions Wednesday night in celebration of the admission of another large class of new members, upon whom the degrees will be conferred next month. President Hennessy presided in his usual quiet but happy manner. There was a great outburst of applause when Vice President Tom Lynch appeared with several applications, it being the first meeting at which he has been present since his threatening illness. Tom Lynch has done more work for the order than almost any other man in Jefferson county, and the expressions of joy at his recovery from an illness that threatened his life were hearty and sincere.

Messrs. Harry Smith and Matt Wrenn were elected members and applications were received from John Hehr, John Purtell, Thomas Deany and James Mitchell. The Visiting Committee reported Edward O'Hearn and John Martin still on the sick list. The latter is in Minnesota and is improving slowly.

There were a number of visitors present, among them President Gleason, Secretary Devitt and John Kennedy, of the Jeffersonville division, who came to invite the degree team and the members of the order to their dance next Thursday night and the initiation next month. County President Keenan, President John Cavanaugh, President Tom Dolan and other well known Hibernians were also there, and extended invitations to the members of Division 4 to be with them at the meetings of their respective divisions.

Secretary John Gillespie came all the way from Cincinnati to invite Joe McGinn and the members to a nutting party tomorrow. All the invitations were accepted and the members will be missed a number at nights from their firesides during the next month. When the regular order of business had been completed President Hennessy, John Grogan, Dave Reilly and Tom Langan requested all to remain and partake of the hospitality of the Limerick men.

After partaking of a bounteous luncheon that was not altogether dry and cigars were passed around, Joe McGinn introduced Thomas Weaver, the famous colored balladist, and Prof. Steve Palmer, who was at one time organist of St. Augustine's church, who rendered vocal and piano solos so well that they had to respond to numerous encores.

The surprise of the evening was the dancing of young Maurice Healy. He is the most graceful and artistic jig dancer that has been seen here for years, and henceforth there will be a great demand for his services at Hibernian socials and entertainments. He has been in this country only a short time, and his dancing is thoroughly Irish.

John Kennedy's rendition of "How Casey Paid the Rent" was the hit of the evening, and none would leave till Dave Reilly sang his great "Irish Jubilee." The evening's entertainment was brought to a close at 11 o'clock, and all departed for home well pleased with the treatment received.

GOOD MOTHERS.

One wonders why there are so many wayward youths when there are so many good mothers. As the father is seldom or ever mentioned in this respect, it must be that the quality of goodness is nearly all on the mother's side. The logical conclusion is that good mothers should raise good boys. And good mothers, as a rule, do. But what is a good mother? She is the one who forgives a fault, but punishes it, as it deserves. She is good since she has the courage to say "no" and sticks by it when necessary. She is the good mother whose home is her attraction and not the one found everlastingly gadding here and there. Extravagance and the folly of fashion are strange to her. She is temperate, that is, a strict prohibitionist in avoiding all that which are wrong, and is moderate in the use of things allowable. Her religion is no lip service, but is genuine from the heart. Where good boys are rare the good mothers are likewise.

MACKIN EUCHRE AND DANCE.

The euchre and dance to be given by Mackin Council at Schreiber's Hall, Twenty-sixth and Bank streets, next Friday night, should be largely attended. Every arrangement has been made for the entertainment of the friends of this progressive organization. A large number of handsome prizes have been procured for distribution at the afternoon games at the club house and at night before the dance. The Young Ladies' Auxiliary will assist in receiving the guests, and the affair promises to be the great social event of the week in the West End.

FATHER ALBERT

Reaches St. Andrew's Island, the Scene of His Future Labors.

Long and Perilous Voyage From Fever Stricken Port Limon.

Celebrated the First Mass Ever Witnessed by Disheartened Sailors.

SUBSISTED ON MILK OF COCOANUT

[Special Letter to the Kentucky Irish American.]

ST. ANDREW'S ISLAND, COLUMBIA, SOUTH AMERICA, Oct. 20.—In my last communication I informed your readers when I arrived at Port Limon in Costa Rica, August 26, that I was, to my great consternation, told that the yellow fever was raging in that port and that I need not expect to get out of the land before at least a month, as no vessel was allowed to take any passengers away. Then upon the advice of the Catholic pastors of Limon I went to San Jose, 4,000 feet high in the mountains, where I was the guest of the Lazarist fathers, who have charge of the seminary. I remained with them till the latter part of September, when I returned to Limon, having heard that a small sailing vessel was in port from St. Andrew's Island, the place of my destination.

Yellow fever was still in the town, and in the absence of the pastor I gave extreme unction to a senorita that had been stricken by it. As she was already unconscious when I reached her that was all I could do beside giving her conditional absolution. This was at 9 o'clock in the morning. At 4 o'clock the same day I inquired about her and was told that she was already buried.

On October 1 I left Limon on the small sailing boat mentioned above, the authorities having granted the necessary bill of health as a special favor. The boat was about thirty feet long and fourteen wide. The Captain and crew, consisting of five men, were natives of Providence Island, which is also under my jurisdiction. They are Creoles—a mixture of Indian and negro. The boat was an old, dirty thing, with but one cabin to accommodate the five men, who slept on rough boards without pillow or covering, and the smell was sickening. The first night I heard rats below me and before long one ran over me. I slept on the same board with one of the crew, and when I kicked him in his side and asked him what this was he said: "Nothing, only rats." I immediately got up and went on deck, where I remained during the whole trip, unless forced into the rat-hole by the burning sun or the rain.

The distance from Limon to St. Andrew's Island is about 170 miles, and with favorable weather is made in about three or at most four days. When we left on October 1 there was very little breeze and things went very slow. The same on the next two days. Then the wind blew from the north and drove us westward, and on Sunday morning, October 6, we found ourselves near Porto Bello, below Colon, about 300 miles out of our way. I never inquired when going on the boat about the food a passenger would get, but on the evening of the first day found out that the crew had nothing but dirty, stinking pork, the look of which alone made me sick. No bread, no crackers even, no rice nor any lentils—nothing but pork and half-rotten bananas, which they cooked in a dirty black kettle on deck. To make a long story short, I partook of no solid food whatever during the whole trip of four teen days. All I had was the milk of the cocoonut—its flesh my weak stomach would not digest. On October 6 we were driven eastward without having been able to stop at Porto Bello, land and bay provisions. The next night a dreadful thunderstorm broke loose over us, the like of which I had never witnessed before. All the heavens seemed to be on fire and the thunder sounded appallingly strange, as if a dozen guns of a battleship were shot off at a time. I went down into the cabin and got the relic of St. Anthony which years ago was venerated by the thousands that attended the Tuesday services at St. Augustine's colored church in your city. I held it in my hands and coming back on deck made several times the sign of the cross with it over the clouds, saying the words of St. Anthony's responsoy, "Cedant mare," the sea obeyed, and in less than ten minutes all was over.

The following days we again had contrary winds, and when on October 9 we found that we were drifting farther and farther away from St. Andrew's and the pork became less every day the faces of the crew as well as Captain began to look down-hearted and sad. I cheered them up, though my poor stomach was only hanging on a thread, and said: "Boys, come around me and I will teach you something about Christianity and its virtues." They listened to me and I found that two of them were Baptists, the rest pagans. They seemed to take quite an interest in what I told them about Catholic church. I taught them one verse of the hymn, "Hail Virgin of Virginia," and in less than ten minutes they knew

the words and the air and sang it every day afterward till we landed. When on Saturday, October 12, we still had contrary winds that threatened to drive us back again to Limon, I resolved to risk it and celebrate mass on the following morning if the shaking of the boat would allow it. At 5:30 in the morning, before the rising of the sun, I fixed up a temporary altar on the top of the cabin, as I found there was perfect wind still. I called the crew together to attend mass, the first time in their life. I first explained to them what the mass is and what the principal ceremonies mean.

When mass was over one of the crew climbed up the mast spying for St. Andrew's Island. Having reached the top and looking west, like Columbus, he cried at the top of his voice, "Land! land! St. Andrew's!" He knew its hilltops. The others shouted for joy and jumped around on deck. I called them together again and made them sing the hymn over once more in thanksgiving. It was a strange incident that this happened on October 13, the day when Columbus discovered America. We were about thirty miles from the island, and as again a perfect calm and wind came over the sea we did not reach the land till Monday noon, October 14, making the trip from Limon two weeks long instead of four days. From the innermost recesses of my heart I said: "Deo Gratias, thanks be to God, to Mary the Blessed Virgin, Star of the Sea, and to the great and powerful intercessor of the sea, St. Anthony." In my next communication I will give a description of the island and its people.

REV. ALBERT STROEBELE.

GENERAL COUNCIL

Organized Tuesday Night and Elects D. F. Murphy Assessor.

Not for some years has the City Hall presented such a lively scene as was witnessed there Tuesday night, when the newly-elected Aldermen and Councilmen were inducted into office. Both chambers were thronged with admiring friends of the city fathers, who are the most representative body of men that ever sat there. The desks were covered with beautiful floral designs and each member received a warm greeting upon taking his seat.

Both boards got down to work immediately after the election of officers. Harry Weissinger was the unanimous choice for President of the Board of Aldermen, and David Parkhill was elected clerk. Upton W. Muir was elected President of the Board of Councilmen and Charles C. Martin clerk. After appropriate addresses a short congratulatory message was read from Mayor Weaver.

The only business transacted was the holding of a joint session for the election of a City Assessor. In a graceful speech Alderman Gilbert presented the name of Dan F. Murphy, who for years has filled the office with signal ability and to the satisfaction of every tax-payer in Louisville, and his unanimous election followed.

Councilman Blitz offered an ordinance restoring the salaries of certain city employees which were cut down by the late Republican Council. This ordinance meets with universal approval, as a great injustice had been done the employees affected and its adoption seems certain. Both boards then adjourned till Wednesday night, when the salary ordinance passed and was sent to the Board of Aldermen.

URGENT APPEAL.

Irish-American Society Will Take Final Action on Absentees.

There are enrolled upon the books of the Irish-American Society the names of several hundred well known citizens who have been neglectful of their duties for some months past. Upon motion the Secretary was instructed at the last meeting to send a circular to such members notifying them of such fact, and also that unless they attend this meeting their names will be dropped from the rolls.

This is a splendid organization for Irish-Americans, and if the members would co-operate it can be made powerful for good. There are many who would be benefited by membership therein. As matters now stand the officers feel disinclined to assume all the responsibility and perform the work while the beneficiaries absent themselves from the meetings. This warning should be heeded and Hibernian Hall filled next Thursday night.

DINNER FOR FRIENDS.

The handsome imported dinner set of one hundred pieces offered as a prize at the late orphans' bazaar, was won by Mrs. Patrick Needham, 1447 High street, wife of the popular Assistant Manager of the Western and Southern Insurance Company. The set will be used for the first time Thanksgiving day, when Mr. Needham and his charming wife will entertain a large number of friends at dinner.

EARNEST WORKER.

Among the most earnest and successful workers for the late orphans' bazaar was Mrs. Nellie Walker, with the Trumbo Company, through whose efforts alone the nice sum of \$419.75 was realized. Though opposed by many young lady competitors, Mrs. Walker distanced them all, and her good work deserves special notice.

RARE TREAT

For the Hibernians of Louisville, Jeffersonville and New Albany.

Hon. Matt O'Doherty to Speak on His Trip Through Ireland.

Enthusiastic Response to Secretary Tynan's Special Circular.

BEGINNING OF ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

The circular issued last week by Secretary Mike Tynan stirred up the members of Division 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to a degree never before known even to the oldest members. Tuesday night there appeared at Hibernian Hall men who had not attended a meeting for months, perhaps years, and when President Dolan opened the proceedings nearly every chair was occupied. The meeting was interesting from the opening to the closing, and judging from the spirit manifested the time for the long-looked-for revival of interest has indeed arrived. Among those whose presence was especially noted was ex-State President Martin Cusick, John J. Keane, John Barry, Dave O'Connell, Tim Sullivan and Pat Liston.

Only one application for membership was received, that of Pat Mulken, who will soon be initiated with a number of others recently elected. The Visiting Committee made its report and benefits were allowed and all bills ordered paid. The ruling that members shall be entitled to no benefits for sickness occurring while they were in arrears for dues was reaffirmed. Quite a debate occurred on the subject of initiation fees, but a motion to refer the matter to the County Board was lost and no further action was taken.

When the Entertainment Committee made its report there ensued a round of applause that could be heard at Mike Carroll's on Seventh street. The gentleman of the committee announced that Hon. Matt O'Doherty, who spent three months abroad this fall, had consented to deliver an address to his brother Hibernians on his trip through Ireland on Tuesday evening, November 26, at Hibernian Hall. This will be a literary and intellectual treat that will attract all who can gain admittance to the hall. Upon motion the Secretary was instructed to have printed 1,000 invitations for the occasion, that one might be specially mailed to each member in Louisville, New Albany and Jeffersonville. A formal invitation is also extended through these columns.

The liberality and charity of the Hibernians was given another practical illustration. The officers of the four local divisions have been waiting for the County Board to take the initiative in furnishing a room for the new St. Anthony's Hospital, when each would be ready to contribute its share to the worthy object. However, it became known that the rooms therein were being assigned individuals and organizations, and in order that the Hibernians might secure one creditable to their grand old order it was unanimously resolved to instruct Messrs. Tom Keenan and John Mulloy to see the Franciscan Sisters and guarantee the furnishing of a room to be chosen by them. This action was unanimously concurred in by Division 4 on Wednesday night and Division 2 on Thursday. Division 3 will doubtless take action at its next business meeting, which will be held on the first Monday in December. The room has been since selected. It is pleasantly located on the second floor and commands a fine view of the city.

For some unknown reason there appears to be a lack of interest in the Gaelic chair in Washington University, endowed by the Ancient Order of Hibernians at a cost of \$52,000, which was paid in some years ago. It seems that Dr. Henery, the noted Gaelic scholar, has been dropped from the faculty, and therefore the County Board were requested to communicate with the National Board and enter a protest against the displacement of Dr. Henery or any use of the funds for any other purpose than that of propagating the Gaelic language.

An invitation to attend the social session of Division 3 Monday night was received and accepted. The announcement of the illness of James Cooney and Thomas Carroll was received with regret, and the Visiting Committee and members were instructed to visit them.

Before the close of the meeting James Furey enlivened the proceedings with two well sung Irish songs, and Secretary Pete Cusick was full of enthusiasm, his receipts approaching nearly \$100. The success of the meeting was most gratifying, and it is the earnest wish of the officers that members attend at least one meeting each month. Such action would do much toward the upbuilding of the only Irish Catholic organization in existence.

SAVING AND SUCCESS.

I have often been asked to define the true secret of success. It is thrift in all its phases, and principally thrift as applied to saving. A young man may have many friends, but he will find none so

steadfast, so constant, so ready to respond to his wants, so capable of pushing him ahead as a little leather-covered book with the name of a bank on its cover. Saving is the first great principle of all success. It creates independence, it gives a young man standing, it fills him with vigor, it stimulates him with the proper energy; in fact it brings to him the best part of any success—happiness and contentment. If it were possible to inject the quality of saving into every boy we would have a great many more real men. Success depends also on character to carry it through life.—[Sir Thomas Lipton in Success.]

JEFFERSONVILLE.

Hibernian Ball and Initiation Are Arousing Much Interest.

Division 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Jeffersonville, which embraces in its membership many of the leading and most influential men of our sister city, announces its fourteenth annual ball for next Thursday night at Speth's Opera House. The management of this affair, which is the most popular social event of the year, has been placed in the hands of well known and energetic young men, who have completed all the arrangements and expect to eclipse anything ever given by the order in the Falls Cities. The sale of tickets has been gratifying, and Messrs. Louis Constantine, Con O'Neill, Frank Lynch, Dan McCarty and John Devitt are elated over the prospects. They will pay special attention to visitors from the city and New Albany, whom they expect to see present in large numbers.

President Robert Gleason, Secretary John Devitt and John Kennedy comprised a special committee that visited this city Wednesday evening and requested County President Keenan and the degree teams to meet with Division 1 in Jeffersonville on Tuesday night, December 3, for the purpose of exemplifying the new ritual and conferring the degrees on a number of new members. President Keenan assured the committee of the assistance of the Louisville divisions, and the degree teams will be specially prepared for the occasion.

President Gleason and the Literary and Entertainment Committees tender through these columns a cordial invitation to their Louisville and New Albany brethren to be present in force both nights. John Kennedy says a warm time will be arranged for all who attend the initiation. Much local interest is felt in both events.

CITY HALL.

Inauguration of Mayor Grainger Will Take Place Tuesday.

The inauguration of Mayor-elect Charles F. Grainger will take place in the Council chamber at 12 o'clock noon next Tuesday, and it is certain there will be a large attendance of citizens to witness the ceremonies. Thursday Mayor Grainger and a party of friends left on a hunting trip of a few days, and it may be that he will arrive home tonight. Judge Emmet Field, of the Common Pleas Court, will administer the oath of office to the new Chief Executive, who will then assume control of the local government under most favorable circumstances and with the respect and confidence of the entire community.

There has been much speculation and many rumors concerning proposed changes in the different departments, but it is the opinion of those who are close to the Mayor that the number will be few. The heads of departments under the Boards of Works and Safety will not be appointed until next month, as the members of the new boards do not assume their duties until December.

YOUNG LIFE ENDED.

Unexpected Death of Henry Duane Causes Sincere Sorrow.

A funeral of unusual sadness took place Tuesday morning at St. Philip Neri's church, that of Henry Duane, one of the most highly esteemed young men in Louisville. His illness was of but a few days' duration, and the news of his death was an unexpected shock to his host of friends in all parts of the city. Mr. Duane was the son of Daniel and Mary Duane, 2108 Floyd street, and was in the prime of young manhood. For some years he had been a trusted employee of the Louisville & Nashville railroad at Second and Main streets, and his loss is keenly felt by his former associates. Father Ackerman read the burial service and celebrated the requiem mass for the repose of his soul. To the parents who have been bereft of a loving and dutiful son the sympathy of the entire community is extended. They have the consolation of knowing that the memory of their son is that of a sincere, upright and practical Catholic, who will be long remembered for his many virtues and kindnesses.

REMOVAL.

Attorney John R. Doughan has removed his office to 451 West Jefferson street, where he will be pleased to have his friends call upon him.

ARE THEY MAD?

Frenzied Brutality Displayed by Dublin Castle Authorities at Killmaine.

Never Before Was There a More Outrageous Breach of the Law.

Peaceful and Orderly Men, Women and Children Assaulted.

THE CLIMAX HAS BEEN REACHED

Are the rulers of Ireland gone mad? Is Dublin Castle converted into a lunatic asylum? These are questions that can not be lightly answered in the negative by anyone who reads the report of their proceedings in Mayo. At Ballaghaderreen, amongst his constituents, John Dillon delivered a powerful speech in which he vigorously denounced land-grabbing and clearly defined the relations between the tenants and the Congested Districts Board, and the necessity of a firm attitude on the part of the tenants. To all this no exception whatever was taken. Dillon's language was open and frank in denunciation of landgrabbing yet the police did not venture to touch a hair of his head. In another part of the same county of Mayo another scene of quiet a different character was witnessed, says the editor of the Dublin Freeman's Journal in speaking of the treatment accorded the United Irish League.

At Kilmaine the conduct of the Castle authorities and their underlings distinctly indicated that the authorities have lost their heads. The wild absurdities displayed, combined with the reckless and wanton savagery, are inconsistent with any sane theory of administration. Two police District-Inspectors, Messrs. Carbery and Lowndes (their names deserve publicity), were the officers concerned. They were backed up by a force of 150 police. Never even in Ireland was there a more brutal breach of the law by its professed guardians. They acted without a scrap or shred of legal authority. The meeting was not proclaimed. The District-Inspectors, in reply to the questions of William Redmond, who appears to have acted all through with splendid courage and presence of mind, refused to give any hint of the authority on which they acted. As if deliberately to mark the absurdity of their own proceedings, they allowed Redmond the fullest liberty to address the meeting, a liberty of which he availed himself with absolute fearlessness, dealing with every topic that the police declared dangerous. But when Mr. O'Donnell, M. P., the member for the division, desired in turn to address his constituents he was instantly warned by the District-Inspectors present that he would not be allowed to utter a single word. So extraordinary, so unwarrantable, a distinction had never before been attempted by the Castle. But Mr. O'Donnell, M. P., and Peter Regan, who was his companion on the platform, were specially made to understand that the police were prepared to enforce their absurd and insulting mandate with the most desperate violence. Not the would-be speakers alone, but the whole peaceful and orderly crowd were assaulted and beaten with sickening and indiscriminate violence. Old men and women and mere children, passive and harmless spectators of the scene where, indeed, all were harmless and passive, were batoned with indescribable severity. We trust that those injured in this savage assault will test in a civil court the right of the police to baton night to death's door unprovoked peasants, whose sole crime it was to attend a legal and unprovoked meeting.

There is strong protest in some English Liberal papers against the proclamation of martial law in Cape Colony. But here is military violence without any pretext of provocation or excuse. Windham can not by the utterances of certain plausible platitudes escape responsibility for this outrage on justice, free speech, and even on common humanity. He must either rebuke and dismiss the officers responsible or accept the responsibility for their savagery as his own. One of the growing horrors of government in Ireland is the utter demoralization of the police. No one believes that Sergeant Sheridan, whose heinous crimes were visited by no punishment, was a unique specimen in the Irish Constabulary, though, no doubt, skill in secret cattle mutilation and open perjury are not the general practice in the force. But all can join, and all do join with zealous gusto in the violent attack on harmless and unarmed men, women and children. At all Nationalist meetings they stand straining at the leash, only waiting a word or a nod from their leaders to break in with violence upon the people. The proceedings were the climax. There was nothing to equal this in the days of Balfour. If such proceedings are encouraged by the Castle and submitted to by the people there is an end all pretence of constitutional government in Ireland.

The shooting stars during the past week looked for since 1890.