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CONCENTRATED

Are the Thoughts and Interests of Irishmen on the Land Bill.

Sir Anthony McDonnell Deplores Growth of Sectarian Animosity.

Concise Statement Concerning the Measure Now Before Parliament.

LANDLORDS HAVE THE BEST OF IT

Sir Anthony McDonnell, a warm personal friend of King Edward VII., and who, it is said, is mainly responsible for the new land bill, attended a recent dinner at the Surveyors' Institute, Dublin. After paying a warm tribute to the Earl of Dudley's work as Lord Lieutenant, he proceeded to refer to the pending land legislation. He said:

"We look to the forthcoming law for the equitable determination of all reasonable claims and for the creation of a certain basis for agricultural prosperity in the future. But I do not expect that the future Irish land act will remove all obstacles to the progress of prosperity of Ireland, for in my opinion two great and tremendous obstacles still remain, and these are the low vitality, if I may so express myself, of industrial enterprise and of the industrial spirit in this country and in the existence of sectarian animosity. We are all glad to know that the earnest and patriotic endeavors of some distinguished Irishmen are already directing attention to the promotion of industrial efforts and we may hope that with the peace which will come with the cessation of agrarian strife capital, without which there can be no industrial progress, will remain or flow into Ireland and will no longer be permitted to flow away from it. But what effort is being made to control the spread and growth of sectarian animosity? Coming back to my own country, after half a lifetime on foreign service for the King—coming back entirely detached from any political party and entirely above any sectarian feeling, nothing has surprised and pained me more than the extent to which sectarian feelings prevail in every branch and in every department of the life of this country. So far as I have seen, and I am told that this feeling is less than it was, that it is lessening daily and dying away, and I am glad to hear you say so, but for my own part I think it died very hard. If this be so, it still seems to me to possess a pernicious vitality. I have not spoken to any one, be he Roman Catholic or be he Protestant, who has not deplored this miserable condition of things, but I have met no man who will take in hand the mitigation of this great national evil. I have met no Lord Iveagh or Mr. Pirrie in the region of sectarian strife. Perhaps the thing is beyond the power of such men or any men to cope with. Perhaps we are to look to the slow growth of education in order to curb the spirit of which I complain. That very spirit prohibits the growth of education from which you expect the cure. I see in this intolerance the greatest misfortune and the greatest hindrance to the progress of our country. I thought I would take this opportunity, even in the presence of a distinguished company of English gentlemen, to express what in my opinion is the root cause of the difficulties from which Ireland suffers. I should be greatly happier if I could indicate any way by which the evil is to be speedily removed, but with the removal of the evil a long step is made. When its existence and its magnitude is recognized, and perhaps when the causes of agrarian unrest are removed and industrial progress established the time may come when Irishmen of all religions will turn their attention to these irrational, unreasoning causes of separation, and then perhaps the time may come when instead of the disunion which now prevails union may at last be established even in this connection."

Apologies of Sir Anthony McDonnell's address, it may be well to state that the land bill is now concentrating all the thoughts and interests of Irishmen not only in Ireland, but throughout the world. The Gael for May makes probably the clearest and most concise statement concerning the bill and the object to be attained. Says the editor of the Gael:

"The object of the measure is to offer such pecuniary inducements to landlords to sell and to tenants to buy as will bring about a wholesale or very large transfer of ownership without actual compulsion. So far as the landlords are concerned, this has been done. The money required is estimated to amount to £100,000,000 and is to be raised by the issue of stock carrying 2½ per cent. interest for thirty years, after which it will be redeemable at par. It was hoped that the now well ascertained and almost universally admitted overtaxation of Ireland might have been a sufficient reason for throwing the great reform on the shoulders of the whole body of the United Kingdom taxpayers, but that is not to be so. The British rule is that Ireland is not a separate financial entity when it is a question of increased taxation for British purposes, but that she is and must bear the entire cost when it is a question of expenditure on Irish national objects."

"Now for the tenant purchaser's position. Hitherto he had agreed to buy for a lump sum, which he usually reckoned at so many years' purchase of his rent. He could repay this by paying an annuity of 4 per cent. on the price for forty-two and a half years, or he might have this annuity reduced by 10 or 12 per cent. at the end of each of the first three decades and then continue paying 2½ per cent. on the original loan until seventy-two years had elapsed from the date of his purchase, or he might pay off the loan or any part of it at any time when he became the full and absolute owner. He was then proprietor from the heavens above to the center of the earth beneath."

"Under the present Irish land bill no purchaser will become absolute owner, nor is he to agree to buy for any known sum. He must agree to buy for an annuity which is not to be less than 10 per cent. nor more than 40 per cent. below the existing rent; seven-eighths of this annuity will be terminable in sixty-eight and a half years and one-eighth is to remain a perpetual charge on the land. Mines, minerals, rights of shooting, hunting and fishing do not pass to the purchaser, but are to remain the property of the State. The purchaser will not be the owner, but a State tenant with a right to use the surface of the land for farming purposes only and without power to explore or develop its mineral resources if they exist."

"It is questionable whether the tenants will be very anxious to buy on the terms offered. They will see the general unfairness of the terms, but they may be driven to accept whatever alleviation of their present burdens is attainable, as a hungry man might pay a shilling for a loaf when he knew the fair price would be fourpence."

SAD ACCIDENT.

Little Albert Reardon Loses His Life in the Ohio River.

Albert J. Reardon, son of Michael and Mary Reardon, was accidentally drowned in the Ohio river at the foot of Twenty-sixth street shortly after noon on Saturday of last week. The little fellow was nine years and ten months old. The boy, with two companions about his own age, went in bathing. He had waded a short distance ahead of his companions when he struck a step-off and sank beneath the water. The other boys hurried out of the water and ran for aid, but before they returned young Reardon had been drowned. The funeral took place from the Church of Our Lady in Portland at 9 o'clock Monday morning. The interment was in St. John's cemetery. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of many friends all over the city.

This sad accident should be a warning to boys, to parents and to teachers. The waters of the Ohio are treacherous at any season of the year. Only expert swimmers should venture into them. Often it is that the experts lose their lives. Children should learn to avoid the river. Parents and teachers should take every possible means to impress on the children under their care the dangers besetting them. The youngsters should never be permitted to go in bathing unless an older person has them in charge.

LARGE CLASS

To Be Initiated by Division 4, Ancient Order of Hibernians.

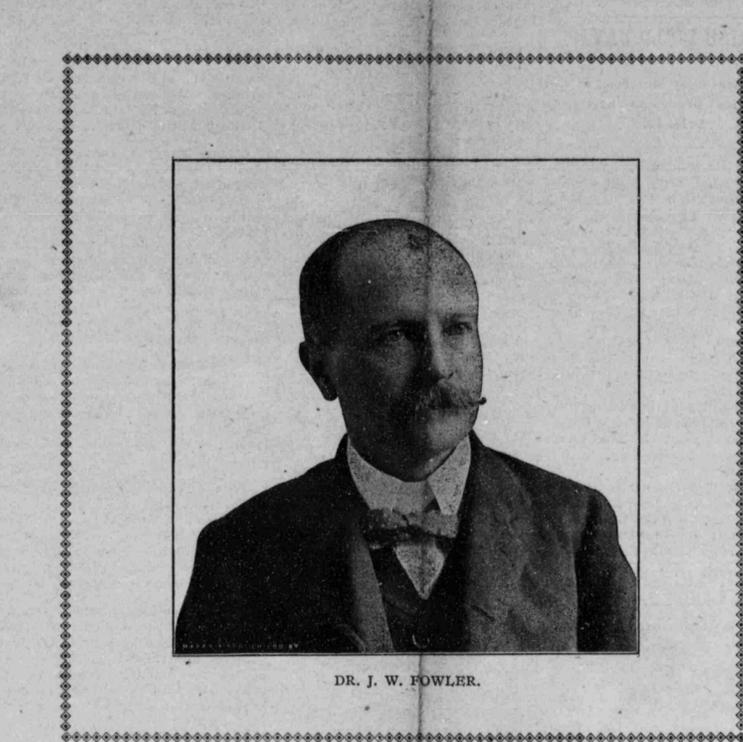
Division 4, Ancient Order of Hibernians, held its regular meeting on Wednesday night, with President Hennessy in the chair. The following candidates were elected to membership: Myles Higgins, Lawrence Meane, James Dooley, Patrick Kenny, George Kelly Ford, Dr. John T. Chawck and Joseph Sullivan.

The following candidates were proposed for membership and their applications were referred to committees: Edward F. Toomey, John M. Brennan, Michael J. Hartnett, Walter Henley, John V. Brown, Michael Glenn and Michael Casper. The Sick Committee reported that Edward Queney had recovered; John Conners and Thomas Devenny are still on the sick list. The following Employment Committee was named: Joseph P. McGinn, John H. Hennessy and John J. Barry. Remarks were made by State Secretary William T. Meehan, Joseph P. McGinn, John E. Browne and ex-County President John Murphy. The last named urged that the members of Division 4 on the County Board should urge that body to ask for a national organizer to try and organize divisions in Owensboro, Shelbyville, Henderson and other cities throughout the State.

Division 4 will have a large class to be initiated at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Every member of the order in the city is invited to be present. Refreshments will be served and short talks will be made by the State and County officers.

RYAN NEARLY WELL.

James E. Ryan, the popular City Clerk of Jeffersonville, who for some time past has been suffering from a severe attack of erysipelas, and whose condition was considered critical, was able to be out for short intervals this week and his host of friends will rejoice to learn that he may be able to attend to his official duties within the next few days.



DR. J. W. FOWLER.

STATE FEDERATION

To Be Formally Organized by the Various Catholic Societies of Kentucky at a Meeting to Be Held Here Next Tuesday.

The Movement Has the Hearty Co-operation of a Majority of the American Hierarchy and the Approval of Pope Leo.

Delegates Will Come From Various Sections of the State and Will Be Entertained by Local Catholic Gentlemen.

Delegates from various counties in Kentucky have been invited to meet in this city on Tuesday to organize a State Federation of Catholic Societies. The formal or business meeting will be held at the Louisville Hotel at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. At night the delegates will be entertained at Trinity Hall with music and literary exercises. Dr. Joseph W. Fowler, who is a member of the National Executive Committee of the Federation of Catholic Societies, will call the meeting to order and deliver an address of welcome. One of the visiting delegates will respond to the address of welcome. After that the best methods of organizing the State will be taken up. One important matter to be discussed will be whether to elect delegates from the State or county organizations. From present indications it would seem that it would be better to elect from the various county federations, as that would give the State a larger representation. Several other matters of importance will be thoroughly discussed.

Thus far responses have been received to letters sent out by National Executive Committee Dr. J. W. Fowler from representatives of Catholic societies in Campbell, Kenton, Fayette, Daviess, Franklin, Marion, Nelson, Carroll and Jefferson counties. Among those who will be here to assist in forming a creditable State organization are Judge H. W. Rives, of Lebanon; Dr. M. Casey, Carrollton; C. D. Witte, Newport; Edwin C. Dawson, New Haven; Joe Cassidy, Bellevue; Charles J. Weitzel, Frankfort; Judge M. T. Shine and J. B. Gausepohl, Newport.

In the evening at 8 o'clock the local and visiting delegates will be entertained at Trinity Hall on Gray street, near Shelby. After Eugene Cooney delivers an address on federation Miss Josephine Hoertz will render a soprano solo. A piano solo by Miss Dollie Burns will precede a recitation by James B. Kelly. Miss Josephine Hoertz and Mrs. William T. Meehan will sing a duet. After this Michael Reichert and Ben Speaker will entertain with an enjoyable comedy sketch. Dr. Joseph W. Fowler will preside and will make an introductory address welcoming the visiting delegates.

Federation is nothing more nor less than union. From time immemorial we have been taught to believe that "In union there is strength." And then our own State motto reminds us that "United we stand; divided we fall." Federation means united action on the part of two or more people, or on the part of two or more societies. Catholic Federation is essentially American. Long before July 4, 1776, the leaders of

the people of America saw the benefits to be derived from federation and acted accordingly. In the war of 1812 we again saw the benefit of federation. In 1846 the people united against Mexico. In the war of 1861 to 1865 it was federation that saved the United States from disintegration. In 1898, when Cuba was being oppressed by Spain, the people of the United States federated arose en masse and with one voice declared against the tyranny of Spain. It was federation that gave us Washington, Jackson, Kearney, Shields, Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Dewey, Sampson and Schley. If our people can unite for the cause of the country, why can they not unite for the cause of religion in this country. Monsieur Urban Gobier, a noted French publicist, and a man notably opposed to the Catholic religion, in a preface to his new book on "Religion in America" pays the following tribute to the Catholic church in the United States:

"The Catholics, it is true, are a minority, but they are a minority that is homogeneous, organized and disciplined. They form a solid block in the midst of a heap of crumbling Protestant fragments."

The foregoing was written before Catholic federation had taken a firm hold in America. Now the clergy and the people recognize the necessity of united action.

On this subject of Catholic federation our Holy Father, Leo XIII., in his encyclical letter of March 19, 1902, says: "If it has always been necessary that, according to the different grades of the ecclesiastical hierarchy, all the children of the church should be sedulously united by the bonds of mutual charity and by the pursuit of the same objects, so as to form but one heart and one soul, this union is become in our day more indispensable than ever."

Again he says: "There exists between Bishops and clergy a union which is faithful in numberless works of zeal and charity. It exists likewise between the clergy and the laity who, more closely knit together and more completely freed from human respect than ever before, are awakening to a new life and organizing with a generous emulation in defense of the sacred cause of religion. It is this union which we have so often recommended, and which we recommend again, which we bless, that may develop still more and may rise like an impregnable wall against the fierce violence of the enemies of God."

More than all this, if it indeed be necessary to add anything to the approval of the head of our Holy Mother Church, Catholic federation in America has not only the approval but the hearty

co-operation of Archbishops Katzer, of Milwaukee, and Elder, of Cincinnati; of Bishops McFaul, of Trenton; Messmer, of Green Bay; O'Connor, of Newark; Michael, of Burlington; Fink, of Leavenworth; Blenk, of Porto Rico; Verdager, of Laredo; Hoban, of Scranton; O'Connell, of Portland, Me.; Kelley, of Savannah; Gabriels, of Ogdenburg; Gloireux, of Sioux City; Horstman, of Cleveland, and last but by no means least our own Right Rev. Bishop Mees, of Covington, Ky.

Again we see the following official document:

"From his Holiness Pope Leo XIII. to Archbishop Elder: His Holiness most lovingly grants his apostolic benediction to the American Federation of Catholic Societies. M. Cardinal Rampolla."

Catholic federation has also been endorsed in hearty terms by Archbishop Falconio, Apostolic Delegate; Cardinal Gibbons, Cardinal Martinelli, Archbishop Ryan, Archbishop Bourgoire, Archbishop Williams and many others.

Now if the Pope approves Catholic federation, if the Catholic hierarchy indorses it, if the clergy favor it, why should not every Catholic man, woman and child in these United States work for it. Give the movement the benefit of united action. Give the movement a united Catholic support. Give it a united Catholic press. Read Catholic papers. Become acquainted with what the Catholic Federation is doing in your county, in your State and as a national organization.

The federation of Catholic societies is spreading rapidly in the East. The Right Rev. Bishop McFaul, of Trenton, and many other distinguished clergymen in the East are leading in the movement. At the present time a series of meetings is being held in cities along the Atlantic coast and the various societies are affiliating with the federation movement. These meetings are preparatory to the national convention of the Catholic Federation which will meet in Atlantic City on August 5. It is contemplated to have the convention continue four days. Mr. Thomas B. Minahan, of Columbus, Ohio, the National President, will preside. On each of the four days an address will be delivered by a leading Catholic clergyman or layman. These distinguished speakers will be the Rev. Father William O'Brien Pardow, the celebrated orator of the Jesuit order; Bourke Cockran, the distinguished orator of New York; Joseph Bonaparte, of Baltimore, and the Hon. Edward J. McDermott, of this city. Mr. McDermott will probably deliver his able lecture on Leo XIII.

Watch for our full report.

REQUIEM MASS

For the Repose of the Soul of the Late William Sheridan.

St. Michael's church was the scene of solemn ceremonies Thursday morning, the occasion being the celebration of a solemn high mass of requiem for the repose of the soul of William Sheridan, uncle of the Rev. Father Sheridan, who died recently at Rathmullen, County Donegal, Ireland. The officers of the mass were Rev. Father Sheridan, celebrant; Rev. Father Hugh J. Brady, deacon; Rev. Father A. J. Brady, sub-deacon; Rev. Father Thomas White, master of ceremonies.

The church was crowded by the people of the congregation and by friends of the beloved pastor from other parishes.

GRACIOUS GIFT.

Wealthy Catholics Donate a New Cathedral to Richmond Diocese.

The corner-stone of the new Catholic Cathedral of Richmond, Va., will be blessed on Thursday afternoon. The Richmond Times declares: "The new Cathedral will be perhaps the finest edifice of the kind in the entire South. It is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Ryan, of New York, to the Catholics of Richmond. It will cost about \$250,000. Some idea of its magnificence may be obtained by the consideration that it will cost considerably more than three times as much as any church in Richmond today."

William K. Ryan, the eldest son of the donors, married Miss Lily Bondurant, of this city. This new Cathedral will be quite an adornment to the diocese of Richmond, which has only 30,000 Catholics, less than one-third the Catholic population to the diocese of Louisville. By the way, the third Bishop of Richmond was a Louisville priest, the Right Rev. John McGill, who was consecrated Bishop of Richmond in 1850, and who died in 1872.

The ceremony of blessing the corner-stone will be conducted by the present Bishop of Richmond, the Right Rev. A. Van de Vyer.

GAME OF BALL

Will Be Interesting Feature at Mackin Council's Picnic.

Mackin Council, Y. M. I., held a large and enthusiastic meeting Tuesday night. In the absence of President Frank Murphy, First Vice President Louis Borntreger occupied the chair and conducted the business of the evening with grace and celerity. Several applications for membership were received.

The Picnic Committee reported progress. Several interesting talks on the picnic were made and every member was urged to do his utmost to make it a success. This one will undoubtedly eclipse all former efforts of the members. The picnic will be held at Fern Grove on Tuesday June 9. One boat will leave the foot of First street in the morning and another in the afternoon. Bands will be aboard both boats so that the young people may enjoy dancing both going to and returning from Fern Grove.

Satelli Council has challenged Mackin to a game of baseball to be played at the picnic grounds. Both councils have excellent ball players in their ranks and in all probability a game will be arranged. It should prove a very popular feature of the picnic. Members of Mackin Council, who desire to play on the ball team at the picnic, are urged to report at the club house at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

MCQUESE—BALDWIN.

A wedding of unusual interest not only to the members of St. Cecilia's parish, but all over the West End of the city, is announced to take place on Wednesday, June 24. The contracting parties will be John T. McQuese and Miss Mary Baldwin. Both are popular young people of St. Cecilia's parish. Miss Baldwin is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Baldwin and is a charming young lady. Mr. McQuese is a foreman at Reh & Beaverson's saddle and harness manufactory. He is a popular member of Mackin Council and has long been a worker for Catholic church affairs. The wedding will be solemnized at St. Cecilia's church at 9 o'clock in the morning. The ushers will be Will Meagher and Will G. Hume. The many friends of these popular young people wish them many years of married bliss.

CHARITY CLUB PICNIC.

The St. Louis Charity Club will give a picnic at Phoenix Hill Park on Wednesday, July 23. The best brass band in the city will furnish concert music in the park, while a union orchestra will take care of the dancers. Excursion cars will carry the Sunday-school children from the school house to the park at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Admission to the grounds will be twenty-five cents for adults and fifteen cents for children. The members of the St. Louis Charity Club are elated over their success in disposing of their lot and will now make tremendous efforts to have a successful picnic.

GRAND EUCHRE

To Be Given at Phoenix Hill Park on Monday For Worthy Cause.

Funds Will Be Used in Entertaining Delegates to National Convention.

One Hundred Prizes Are to Be Awarded the Winners of the Games.

GOOD MUSIC AND DANCING GALORE

The Catholic Knights and Ladies of America have completed arrangements for their union picnic and euchre, which will be given at Phoenix Hill Park Monday night. The euchre games will be played in the park grounds. The afternoon euchre will begin promptly at 2:30 o'clock and the evening euchre at 8:30 o'clock. Fifty elegant prizes will be awarded at each series. The tickets are only twenty-five cents. Dancing in the hall will begin at 8 o'clock in the evening. Scally's union band will furnish the music.

The Chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements is Thomas Keenan. Miss Mary Sheridan is Secretary and Dr. Peter L. Ganz is Treasurer. The order has 1,500 members in this city.

The committees from the various branches which have this affair in charge are as follows:

- Branch 1—Charles F. Breckel and Mrs. L. O'Hearn.
- Branch 2—Robert Mangan, Alexander Burke, Miss Mary Corcoran, James Coleman, Patrick T. Sullivan, Andrew Oakleaf, Mrs. Margaret Foley, Patrick Holly and Joseph Vetter. In this branch alone there are 385 members.
- Branch 3—Mrs. David Welsh, Mrs. John Clancey, Mrs. Mary Weissenberg and Mrs. P. Bigley.
- Branch 4—James Kenealy, John D. Rudd, Miss Mollie Burke and Miss Bridget Hanrahan.
- Branch 5—M. J. Hoban, Mrs. Mary A. Monohan, Miss Nellie Byrne and Miss Rena Weissenberg.
- Branch 8—Miss Maggie L. Wallace.
- Branch 10—Joseph H. Kessack.
- Branch 11—John W. Arnold and John F. Seger.
- Branch 13, of Jeffersonville—Jack B. Murphy.
- Branch 17—Mrs. Josephine Treager, Fred Rush and Mrs. M. Simons.
- Branch 18—Miss Katie Henley and Miss Alice Morris.
- Branch 19—Patrick Moran, William Reardon, John Fisher, Sr., Thomas J. Moran, Miss Susan Moran and Miss Katie Mooney.
- Branch 25—Edward Fenger.
- Branch 71—Mrs. E. A. Williams.
- Branch 73—Mrs. Isabelle Scanlan.
- Branch 80—Miss M. Roth, Miss Annie Duerr and Anthony Huckenbeck.
- Branch 92—Andy Kast, Val Kast and Miss May Kast.
- Branch 93—Mrs. Rose McCullough and Fred Oakleaf.
- Branch 96—Dan McDonald and Mrs. Annie Mitchell.
- Branch 99—Miss Katie Smith.
- Branch 110, New Albany—Mrs. Mary Hartshorn.
- Branch 194—George Kruse and Joe Leiser.

The object of the coming euchre and dance is to assist in raising funds for the proper entertainment of the visiting delegates to the national convention of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America, which will meet in this city during the month of May, 1904.

Among the prizes which will be awarded the winners of the euchre games on Monday afternoon and evening are the following: One load coal, berry set, water set, chocolate set, two fine fans, two pair suspenders, six umbrellas, three sofa pillows, three rockers, four tables, two wine sets, gents' pipe, two bottles of wine, ten ornaments, four palms and ferns, a box of soap, Indian stool, two lamps, two boxes cigars, two rugs, four handsome pictures, two pairs of gents' slippers, two gents' clothes brushes, six gents' ties, linen dresser scarf, box of handkerchiefs, handsome cushion, globe of gold fish and three embroidered table covers.

Every Catholic lady and gentleman in Louisville should lend his aid to make this affair a success. The Catholic Knights and Ladies are doing a noble work, caring for the orphans and giving the dead a Christian burial. If you can't attend the festivities at Phoenix Hill Park you may at least buy a ticket.

TOOK NEEDED REST.

Rev. John B. Kelly, the beloved and zealous pastor of Holy Trinity church, New Albany, has been spending the past week at St. Mary's of the Woods, near Terre Haute, enjoying a much needed rest.

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

The young people of St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception church will give a dramatic entertainment in their hall on Eighth street, near Grayson, tomorrow evening. In the cast will be found some of Louisville's best amateur talent, which makes certain an enjoyable performance.