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View of Irish Affairs Taken by An Irish-American Correspondent.

Says Home Rule Is Only Two Years Off and Must Come.

Declares That King Edward Favors New Premier's Ideas.

NO DISUNION AMONG NATIONALISTS

Now that the Christmas holidays are a thing of the past, politics in Great Britain and Ireland will begin to sizzle, since the general elections are not far off. R. D. Walsh, writing in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch a few days ago, takes an optimistic view of things and prophesies home rule for Ireland within two years. In his review of the situation Mr. Walsh recounts the statements made on the hustings by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Lord Rosebery and others concerning the statement made by the new Premier, in which he says: "Good government by foreigners can never be a substitute for the government by the people themselves." Mr. Walsh declares: "This is a very explicit declaration, and the present English Prime Minister has said nothing in later speeches to alter this view. On the contrary, every word he has spoken in reference to Irish affairs is merely a confirmation of his belief in the necessity of Irish legislative independence. The Liberal party is plainly and explicitly committed to home rule. The intention of the present British Cabinet in reference to Irish affairs is plainly expressed in its Irish appointments. The Viceroy, the Chief Secretary and the Lord Chancellor are advanced Liberals and their influence in the councils of the Government can not be overestimated."

Later he says: "Lord Rosebery is the one prominent public man in England at present who is strongly opposed to home rule. But the time is past when Rosebery can exercise any appreciable influence on British politics. He is a Liberal mugwump, who is despised by his own party. The thinking and intelligent portion of mankind outside the British Empire, and in the British Empire itself outside of England, are in favor of Irish home rule. It is also a well-known fact that King Edward is strongly in favor of such a measure, and his views will be sure to have weight with the existing Government. Professor Bryce, the most important man in the new Irish Government, is of Irish parentage, is in sentiment and convictions a long and consistent advocate of Irish rights. Under the new regime Ireland may fairly expect an enlightened and sympathetic administration of her affairs, and whether she gets home rule or not in the immediate future, her position will be infinitely better than it has been under the coercive policies of George Wyndham and Long."

"It is no absurd prophecy to say that within two years Ireland will have complete control of her own domestic affairs. Even supposing that the Liberals in the next House of Commons outnumber the combined strength of the Irish and Conservatives, there will be sufficient men of independent character like John Morley and Lloyd George who will fight any reactionary movement that may be attempted at the suggestion of such men as Sir George Grey and Herbert Asquith."

"With a native Government Ireland will make wonderful strides on the road of progress in the next twenty-five years. Nature has endowed her with every facility in that direction, an equable climate, a most fruitful soil, unlimited water power and safe and commodious anchorage for the commercial fleets of the entire world. Her geographical position as the outpost of Europe gives her an advantage of which an alert Irish executive will take advantage."

"The recent Irish Nationalist convention was the most successful that has ever been held in Ireland. The London Times and other anti-Irish journals predicted an 'Irish row,' but there was not the remotest semblance of division or disunion. The convention showed beyond the possibility of doubt that the Irish Parliamentary party and the National organization of the United Irish League are one in the determination to force the demand for an Irish Parliament on the practical attention of the next Parliament. The Irish party will at least number eighty-five in the next Parliament, and under the skillful pilotage of John Redmond their demands can not safely be ignored, even by an assembly that may not be favorable. English legislation will suffer if the claims of Ireland are ignored."

BROTHER PETER.

The Rev. Brother Peter, who spent part of the holidays at St. Xavier's College, in this city, returned to Baltimore on Monday. Brother Peter was one of the first members of the Xaverian order who taught school at St. Louis Bertrand's, thirty-two years ago. He has been teaching in the East for nearly twenty-seven years, but still has a warm spot in his heart for Louisville and Limestone. Dur-

ing his brief stay in this city he met several of his old pupils, and was pleased to hear that they were doing well. Gentle and humble as of old, Brother Peter is still Irish to the core, and will always be a true Brother.

SPLENDID SHOWING

Made by St. Michael's Commandery, Knights of St. John.

St. Michael's Commandery, No. 103, Knights of St. John, held its annual meeting and installation in St. Peter's Hall, Seventeenth and Southgate streets, Wednesday night. The meeting was well attended and great enthusiasm prevailed among the members. This commandery, though made up almost altogether of German-Americans, was organized in 1889. It has a membership of fifty-two and is increasing. It is a benevolent and insurance society, and in addition to sick benefits pays \$500 and \$1,000 at death. Before the installation Clement Schildt, the undertaker, was mustered into the commandery, and Edward Kippes and Frank Reilly made application. The officers installed were:

President—Ben Luken.
First Vice President—Edward Tellman.
Second Vice President—Geo. Meihaus.
Secretary—Henry H. Schneiders.
Treasurer—Theodore Poppe.
Captain—Joe Breen.
First Lieutenant—Philip Wettenauer.
Second Lieutenant—Frank Esterle.
Finance Committee—Joe Breen, John Nanert, Frank Esterle, Herman Bloemer and Ben Shradler.
Sergeant-at-Arms—Wm. Willenauer.
Color Sergeant—Will Shradler.
Herman Bloemer was elected delegate and the commandery instructed for Capt. Theodore Poppe for Colonel of the battalion. Dr. Thomas Mulvey was elected Surgeon, and the name of William M. Higgins, editor of the Kentucky Irish American, was placed on the roll of honorary members.

The Knights of St. John are military in character as well as social and benevolent. Capt. Breen, who years ago commanded the Hibernian Knights and was also drill-master of the old Louisville Light Infantry, is the ranking officer, and says the commandery will soon be the pride of the entire order. Besides what St. Michael's Commandery has done for its members in the way of sick and death benefits, it has done a great deal for St. Peter's church. It installed and paid for the handsome St. Joseph's altar; put in a handsome memorial window, and during the recent golden jubilee of the congregation donated \$100 toward the entertainment fund. With all this liberality St. Michael's Commandery has \$2,900 in the treasury, a greater sum probably than any kindred society in the city. The society meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

After the meeting refreshments were distributed and a pleasant hour was spent.

POOR SENATOR

Member of Millionaire's Club Has Neither Property Nor Money.

The United States Senate has been enriched by the appointment of John Michael Gearin, of Oregon, an Irish-American, who has neither real estate nor money. Instead he has ability and honesty. The Governor of Oregon appointed Mr. Gearin to succeed Senator Mitchell, recently deceased.

Senator Gearin was born in a prairie schooner and within the boundaries of Oregon in 1851. His Irish immigrant parents led the East for the West during the gold fever. His parents prospered and when John Michael was twelve years old his father sent him to St. Mary's College, in San Francisco, for three years. Then he went to Notre Dame University, Ind., where he remained until he was twenty. After that he returned to Portland, Ore., and studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1874. That same year he was elected to the Legislature, and in 1876 he became City Attorney. In 1884 he was appointed United States District Attorney. In 1888 he was the Democratic nominee for Congress, but was defeated by Binger Hermann, who is now under indictment for complicity in the United States land frauds.

Mr. Gearin made a national reputation in 1893, when President Cleveland appointed him special prosecutor for the Government in the opium fraud cases. Senator Gearin is a Catholic and a Democrat, and both Republicans and Democrats agree that his selection was the best that could have been made.

WISE CHOICE

The Rev. Father John Talbot Smith, who has been elected President of the Catholic Summer School, is the right man for the place. He is a man of culture, experience and force of character. Under his able administration the Summer School ought to accomplish great things.

RING FOR MORAN

Thomas Moran, the new Constable for the Seventh Magisterial district, was presented with a handsome diamond ring by a number of his admirers on Tuesday. The presentation speech was made by the retiring Magistrate, Joseph M. Keyer.

THE YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE.

Great Society of Catholics Whose Interests in the Kentucky Jurisdiction Will Be Well Taken Care of by the Officers Installed by the Various Councils During the Week.

Events of great moment have taken place in Y. M. I. circles during the present week. Councils everywhere have discarded the old and put on the new administrations. Many of the new administrations are made up largely of old officers, yet all start out with clean balance sheets and a determination to accomplish much during 1906. This determination is particularly true of the councils in the Kentucky jurisdiction. Here in Louisville are three flourishing councils. Trinity has nearly 400 and Mackin has a like number, while Satolli has about 100 names on its rolls.

The officers of the present Grand Council are:

Chaplain—Rev. Father Wm. B. Ryan, Winchester.
President—Dr. Joseph A. Reardon, Newport.

First Vice President—Albert F. Martin, Louisville.
Second Vice President—John R. Sowter, Frankfort.

Marshal—Louis Kieffer, Louisville.
Secretary-Treasurer—Edwin C. Dawson, New Haven.

Board of Directors—Frank G. Adams, Louisville, chairman; Thomas J. Garvey and Joseph L. Lenihan, of Louisville; Dennis J. McNamara, Frankfort; Fred W. Arnold, Owensboro; J. Arthur Smith, Lebanon; and Joseph Baker, of Carrollton.

Barry Council, No. 144, of Lexington, was the first of the order to be organized in this State. It was organized about fifteen years ago and under its auspices the third Grand Council was held at Lexington in the fall of 1892. It numbers 220 members with Father Barry as Chaplain, John Luby, President and John Shannon, former Secretary of the Grand Council, among the leading members. The officers for 1906 were installed on Tuesday night, the first meeting of the new year. They are:

President—John J. Luby.
First Vice President—Wm. J. Ahern.
Second Vice President—E. T. Houlihan, Jr.

Marshal—Joseph Bourgeois.
Treasurer—Raymond Hillenmeyer.
Financial Secretary—Wallace McGinnis.

Recording Secretary—John Ginocchio.
Corresponding Secretary—John J. McGurk.

Inside Sentinel—James Sharkey.
Outside Sentinel—John B. Richardson.
Medical Examiner—Dr. P. H. Molloy.
Executive Committee—Dennis Hickey, John Grant, Thomas Harmon, Bernard Wallace, Daniel J. Crowe.

After the installation ceremonies Barry Council gave one of its old time smokers and all present enjoyed a good time.

Mackin Council installed its new officers on Tuesday night in the presence of one of the largest assemblies of its members in that body's history. The meeting opened with the singing of the Te Deum. Clarence H. Zook, always an active and earnest worker, spoke on the subject of Catholic books in the Louisville Free Library. He also distributed lists of Catholic books in the library and urged the members to call for them, by that means familiarizing themselves with Catholic literature and causing the general public to know that Catholic young men had literary attainments. The installation followed.

Grand Deputy Kenney was the installing officer and was assisted by Messrs. Lautz, Daly, O'Toole, Simons, Stewart and Cline. The new officers of the council as well as the installing officers were attired in their official robes and everything worked like clockwork. Every movement was symbolical of Catholicity and the first installation under the new ritual made a profound impression on the members. Even those belonging to other councils who witnessed the ceremonies declared that Mackin had the best team in the jurisdiction. The officers installed were:

President—Charles S. Raidy.
First Vice President—Louis J. Kieffer.
Second Vice President—D. Oliver Patton.

Recording Secretary—John L. Boland.
Corresponding Secretary—Frank Lanahan.

Financial Secretary—Frank G. Adams.
Treasurer—Daniel Weber.
Marshal—James L. Mullarkey.
Inside Sentinel—Charles Oswald.
Outside Sentinel—Louis Kinsella.
Executive Committee—John E. Carr, Frank Denner, Fred Herp, Clarence Zook and Charles Smith.

Medical Examiners—Dr. Alphonse J. Bizot and Dr. Michael Casper.

As soon as the installation was brought to an end President Raidy took his seat amid loud applause. He immediately proceeded with the regular order of business. William A. Kast was made a beneficiary member. The Executive Committee reported the books of the various officers to be correct and recommended a vote of thanks to the retiring officers. The vote was given with a cheer.

President Raidy spoke of the memorial window which the council proposed to place in the new St. Cecilia's church and urged the members to make liberal contributions toward it. Messrs. Lautz, Lan-

ahan and Sand reported resolutions of sympathy on the death of Jacob Heirich, which were adopted. President Raidy, on behalf of the Joint Committee, reported that Attorney James J. Fitzgerald had consented to address the joint councils on any night they might select, provided he was given sufficient notice. Ben Sand was appointed to wait upon Mr. Fitzgerald and ask him to address the joint meeting of the three councils next Tuesday night at Mackin club house. The Joint Committee also recommended the publication of a small pamphlet explaining the Y. M. I., its aims and objects. Patrick Mullarkey and Leslie Quinkert were reported still on the sick list.

James Shelley recommended an amendment to the by-laws so that it shall be stated in the application blanks to whom the death benefit is to be paid.

President Raidy, Vice President Kieffer, Patton and all the other new officers made brief addresses, which brought forth hearty applause. Then the members compelled the retiring officers, Messrs. Kerberg, Shaughnessy, Sand, Shelley and Lautz, to respond to calls. All spoke pleasantly and promised loyalty to the order and council.

Louis J. Kieffer, First Vice President, was appointed to represent Mackin at the oratorical "pranzo" that will be part of the festivities when the three councils hold a joint meeting next Tuesday evening. Each council will be represented by one speaker after Attorney James J. Fitzgerald has delivered the principal address. President Raidy then announced his committee appointments as follows:

Arbitration—Patrick Bannon, Jr., Ben Ausdenmore, Frank G. Morgan, James J. Shelley and L. J. Goodfriend.

Employment—Ben Sand, Andy Kast, August Weber, James Hoye and William Quill.

Federation—S. L. Robertson, John Stuart, Dr. Alphonse R. Bizot, Ben J. Sand, Dr. Michael Casper, William O'Toole and William M. Higgins.

Gymnasium—Louis J. Kieffer, C. J. Walker, Thomas Duddy, James Mullarkey and George Kieffer.

Joint—Clarence Zook, Robert Burke, Frank Klein, William Daly and Frank P. Burke.

Investigating Committee—W. O'Toole, Frank G. Morgan and J. L. Boland.
Collector—George Simons.
Memorial Window—Frank Lanahan and Dan Weber.

Trinity Council held its first meeting of the new year Tuesday night under most favorable auspices. The new officers were installed, several addresses followed, then came refreshments, and to crown all a dance concluded the evening's festivities. Eugene J. Cooney, the retiring President, called the meeting to order and when his gavel fell the hall was crowded, both up and down stairs, with the members and their lady friends. The installation was public, hence the presence of the ladies, who, judging from their applause, greatly enjoyed the ceremonies. Patrick Kinney, 'Squire John Velten, Will Gast, Frank A. Lenz and Albert Zirnheld were reported on the sick list.

In retiring President Cooney reported that 1905 had been the most prosperous year in the history of the council, since during that period a net gain of 118 members had been made. A gain of \$1,070 was made in the treasury, while nearly \$500 was spent in sick and death benefits. His address evoked applause.

The installation ceremonies then began with Frank Pilson as the installing officer. The Rev. Father O'Grady, Chaplain of the council, was present and was installed with the other officers. Those installed were:

President—Albert F. Martin.
First Vice President—Mark Morris.
Second Vice President—Robert Goebel.
Recording Secretary—Henry F. Stoerr.
Corresponding Secretary—Richard A. Hill.

Financial Secretary—J. J. Sullivan, Jr.
Treasurer—Edward P. Wolf.
Marshal—Albert Zirnheld.
Inside Sentinel—August Kempf.
Outside Sentinel—Charles Zehnder.
Executive Committee—Emil Mouth, Ernest Pilson, John J. Flynn, Ben F. Hund and Henry Beckman.
Collector—Frank C. Pilson.

Hardly had the ceremonies concluded when Edward Kelly stepped forward and in a few brief words presented a handsome portrait of President Martin to the council. Father O'Grady was called upon and delivered an appropriate address, wishing Trinity Council God-speed in its work. He also admonished the members to look out for the spiritual as well as the material upbuilding of the order. He said the Y. M. I. was the best school for young men to learn lessons of truth, probity and charity.

Past President Ben F. Hund also made a congratulatory address and said he desired to see the council installed in its new home, on Baxter avenue, this time next year. Others who addressed the assembly were Past President John J. Sullivan, Sr., Dr. Philip Beutel, Jr., William M. Higgins, editor of the Kentucky Irish American, and Joseph L. Lenihan, President of Satolli Council,

who paid high tribute to the ladies. President Martin, in assuming the duties of his office, thanked the members for the honors given him, complimented the retiring officers upon their efficiency, asked the support of all the members in building the new club house, promised to make the council gatherings more social in future, urged all to avoid dissensions, wished all a happy New Year and named his committees as follows:

Ways and Means—John J. Sullivan, Sr., Thomas J. Garvey, Edward Kelly, Edward P. Wolf, Dr. Ben J. Lammer, Edward Bosler, Henry B. Strube, J. C. Kirchofder, Dr. Frank S. Clark, Ben F. Hund, James B. Kelley, A. G. Schneider, William Hillerich, Dr. Philip G. Beutel and Joseph E. Conkling.

Arbitration—Emmet P. Slattery, John J. Sullivan, Sr., Edward Kelly, Thomas J. Garvey, Eugene J. Cooney.
Joint—John J. Sullivan, Jr., M. F. Morris, Thomas J. Garvey, William Hillerich, David O'Connell.
Investigating—Henry Beckman, Geo. Kirchofder and Joseph Meyer.
Employment—Edward Bosler, Eugene J. Cooney, Joseph Piazza, John Cunniffe and Dr. Bernard O'Connor.
Sick—S. W. Clark, B. A. Kruze, E. L. Goebel, John C. Fries, William Zehnder, Pierre Dawson and Pat Kenney.
Degree Team—T. J. Garvey, Edward Kelly, John J. Sullivan, Sr., Edward Bosler, J. B. Kelly, Joseph Bell, Joseph Piazza, John Cunniffe and Joe Dawson.
Base Ball—Henry Beckman, J. J. Sullivan, Jr., and Louis Kempf.
Gymnasium—Charles Highland, A. Wetterer, F. W. Gerard, Dr. B. O'Connor and J. H. Hehemann.
Press—T. J. Garvey, H. F. Stoerr and R. A. Hill.
Picnic—T. J. Garvey, Andrew Kieffer, J. B. Kelly, E. J. Mann, H. A. Veeneman, Henry Kieffer, H. Beckmann, J. J. Gararty, E. J. Cooney, Chris Leahy, P. L. Majlon, John Briggemann, H. B. Strube, J. H. Bell and J. J. Sullivan, Sr.
Entertainment—B. Schalk, J. J. Flynn, R. A. Hill, Joseph E. Piazza, Robert Dicken, E. Pilson, A. E. Schweers, C. J. Lane, Leo Worland, J. J. Driscoll, F. C. Pilson, John Cunniffe, August Rensen, Dr. B. O'Connor and Robert Goebel.
Dancing Club—Andrew Kieffer, R. A. Hill, Ben Schalk, Lawrence Worland, A. Schweers, Geo. Reiling, August Prante, F. Briggemann, J. J. Flynn, L. Kempf, A. Veeneman, Dr. P. G. Beutel, William Detchen, Thomas Murray and Henry Kleier.

The Past Presidents of Trinity Council are Ben F. Hund, James B. Kelly, John J. Sullivan, Sr., Joseph E. Piazza, Thos. J. Garvey and Eugene J. Cooney.

Satolli Council is the smallest in membership locally, yet it has many hustlers in its ranks. A few months ago the council secured new quarters at the northwest corner of Sixth and Breckinridge streets. The rooms are tastefully furnished and the members are well pleased with the location. Joseph L. Lenihan, the new President, is a hustler and he proposes to make hustlers out of all his fellow-members. According to his programme Satolli will have something doing every month, just as Trinity and Mackin have. There is a great opportunity for Satolli to build up and it is believed that its members have taken a fresh grip on the situation. Satolli's installation will take place tomorrow afternoon, when the administration will pass into the hands of the following officers:

President—Joseph L. Lenihan.
First Vice President—Harry Colgas.
Second Vice President—Samuel Boldrick.
Financial Secretary—George Zorn.
Recording Secretary—Frank Luckert.
Corresponding Secretary—Al Steber.
Treasurer—James Perry.
Marshal—Philip Stuetzel.
Inside Sentinel—Joseph Gasper.
Outside Sentinel—John J. Crotty.

Sarto Council, No. 214, of Owensboro, celebrate the opening of the year 1906 on Wednesday night with an initiation, installation and banquet. Thirty candidates received the degrees and then witnessed the installation of the following officers:

Chaplain—Rev. Father George M. Conner.
President—Charles Dora.
First Vice President—T. T. Aud.
Second Vice President—J. A. Turner.
Recording Secretary—Theodore Price.
Corresponding Secretary—Michael Kartz.
Financial Secretary—Anthony Baseheart.
Treasurer—Marshall Barron.
Inside Sentinel—John Stuart.
Outside Sentinel—Frank Zinz.
Executive Committee—August Graf, Chairman; William Everatt and George Haury.

This council was originally organized in 1894 and was called Soris Council, but was reorganized by George J. Lautz, then Grand Secretary, in 1903. Among its prominent members are Fred W. Arnold, now Grand Director; James Clark, Charles Dora, the Oberst brothers and La Vege Clemens, the attorney.

Sarto Council will soon initiate a class that will swell its membership to 150. This will entitle it to two delegates to the Grand Council. Sarto also has a movement on foot for the purchase of a new club house.

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INDUCTION

Of Officers of Cigar-Makers' Union Held Wednesday Evening.

The annual installation of officers of the Cigarmakers' Union took place at Germania Hall, First and Market streets, on Wednesday night. Those installed were:

President—Louis Kieffer.
Vice President—August Ott.
Recording Secretary—John Gimbel.
Secretary and Treasurer—Herman Christen.

Sergeant-at-Arms—August Dierkes.
Register Clerk—Herman Hoffman.
Trustees—J. W. Paulger, C. E. Gross and George H. Wolf.

Finance Committee—Ben J. Sand, Charles Gehring and H. J. Gipperich.
Delegates to the Louisville Federation of Labor—Ben J. Sand, August Ott, George H. Wolf, C. E. Gross, Thomas Drake, Charles Hermann, Frank Gausepohl.

President Kieffer appointed the following Label Committee: John Gimbel, August Ott, Charles Delching, Jr., H. Drake, J. C. Weiman, Dan Davis and C. E. Gross.

Messrs. Ben J. Sand, Horatio Henderson, Herman Hoffman, August Ott and G. J. Gipperich were appointed a committee to arrange a raffle for the benefit of William Todd, a member of the union, who has been confined to his home from an attack of locomotor ataxia during the past eight years.

The members decided by a unanimous vote to remain loyal to the State Federation of Labor.

The Cigarmakers' Union numbers 435 members, and is one of the oldest labor organizations in the city. Its twenty-fifth anniversary was celebrated last fall. Besides that it is ably officered, and its financial affairs are well managed.

SAID FAREWELL

Final Meeting of the Joint Committee Closes With a Banquet.

The retiring Joint Committee of the three Y. M. I. Councils held its final meeting in Satolli's Club rooms, at Sixth and Breckinridge streets, last Saturday night. When Chairman Chas. S. Raidy called the meeting to order fifteen members representing the three local councils were present. The members talked informally of the work done during the year 1905, recounted the duties entailed upon those who brought about the joint picnic at Fontaine Ferry Park and broached literature bearing upon Y. M. I. matters through Kentucky. This latter subject will be recommended to the incoming joint committee for its consideration.

Following the informal talks the members were regaled with a supper, and all present did justice to the tasty viands. After the cigars had been lighted the committee members spent an hour in pleasant chats.

The Joint Committee has done a great deal since its establishment to bring about a closer relationship between the local councils, and beyond a doubt the committee will do even better work this year.

WEALTHY FARMER

Was Found Dead and His Remains Were Badly Charred.

Peter Lee, Sr., a wealthy and respected farmer of Shelby county, was found dead and his remains badly charred at his home, near Shelbyville, last Saturday night. The indications are that death resulted from heart disease while he was lying on the floor in front of the fireplace and that his clothing caught fire from ash, falling from his pipe. The deceased was seventy-seven years old and was a native of Ireland. He came to America in 1847 and at once began agricultural pursuits. He amassed quite a competency and was considered among the wealthiest men in Shelby county. He is survived by three sons, Garrett, Peter and R. Michael Lee. His funeral took place from the Church of the Annunciation at Shelbyville on Monday afternoon and a large concourse of his friends followed the remains to their last resting place in Grove Hill cemetery.

FORMING NEW BRANCHES

Miss Mary Sheridan, Supreme Treasurer of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America, will leave next Saturday for Chicago to attend the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Miss Sheridan reports a wonderful growth of the order everywhere. In Chicago eight branches have been organized within the past few months.

MACKIN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Mackin's Social Club will begin another season of its popular dances at the club house on Monday night. During the fall these dances were very attractive and always drew great crowds.

GRAND

Gathering of Hibernians Witness Joint Installation of Officers.

County Board Will Defray Expenses of Entertaining Members.

Committee Appointed to Consider Advisability of Permanent Home.

NICE WAY TO BEGIN NEW YEAR

The County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians met Friday night and considered several matters of importance besides transacting a lot of routine business. County Chairman Thomas Quinn presided and congratulated his fellow-members of the board on the successful work of the past year.

Every member of the board favored the union meeting and joint installation so the only thing that remained was the date for that event. It was decided to hold the joint installation on the evening of Wednesday, January 11, which is also the regular meeting night for Division 4. Arrangements will be made by which every member of the order in the city will be notified, so that a grand reunion of all local Hibernians will take place.

The County Board declined to accept money from the various divisions to pay for the refreshments which are to follow the installation ceremonies, and announced that necessary funds would forthcoming from the board treasury. Messrs. John M. Mulloy, William J.nelly and Dennis J. Coleman were appointed members of a special committee to make all necessary arrangements for the joint installation, union meeting and feast that is to follow. They are expected to endeavor to arrange a programme that will surpass any ever before presented.

When the matter of purchasing a permanent home was broached every member of the County Board was in favor. It was argued that a permanent home and hall was a necessity. Louisville Hibernians desire to keep with the procession; that councils Y. M. I. and other smaller organizations, both in and out of Louisville, owned their own homes; that a building had to be made some time and there was no time like the present when it would bind the members more closely to the order and advance the members in the union of their fellow-citizens; that occasion offered the local Hibernians would have a hall of their own in which to entertain, instead of waiting for an open date at a theater.

After all the members had voiced their opinions County President Quinn pointed the following committee to the advisability of securing a permanent home and hall: State President Thomas Keenan, Sr., Joseph Douglas and Con J. Ford. While no time was placed on them as far as a report is concerned, it is more than probable that the committee will make at least a partial report at the joint meeting on January 10. Members of the committee have options now on several sites centrally located. But they will proceed with due caution in order that no mistakes will be made.

Of course it will take money and time to reach the desired end. The various divisions have some money in their respective treasuries. This and the funds that will accrue from the sale of stock ought to make a home a certainty in the near future. Would it not be nice to lay the cornerstone of the new building or dedicate an old one for Louisville Hibernians on St. Patrick's day?

The programme Wednesday night is interesting and an abundance of refreshments will be provided. It is expected that every Hibernian in Louisville will attend this joint meeting and installation.

WESTERN VISITOR

Anthony H. Godbe, a metallurgist and expert mining engineer, has returned to the West after spending two pleasant weeks in this city. While here he was the guest of James L. Hackett, President of the Greenbrier Distillery Company. Mr. Hackett is interested in several mines in Nevada and other Western States, and Mr. Godbe is his consulting engineer. He came to Louisville to make his final report of the year to Mr. Hackett. The mines in which the latter is interested are in excellent condition and are turning out pay, dirt. Mr. Godbe's reports are eminently satisfactory to Mr. Hackett, who is slowly but surely becoming a Croesus. He will never have to give away libraries to get rid of his wealth, as he can find other and better ways of disbursing it.

OFFERS A CHANGE

A Boston shoe manufacturer has offered to go to Dublin and invest \$20,000 in a up-to-date shoe factory guaranteed to turn out 90,000 pairs a year, on condition that an additional \$25,000 be put in by Irish capitalists. This is a nice way to help the Irish industry.