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OUR BIRTHDAY.

The Kentucky Irish American celebrates its ninth anniversary today. To its friends and patrons it extends the heartiest congratulations and confidently expects a continuance of their support. Starting a newspaper is a doubtful task. You may win success or you may lose everything. It is uphill work and requires constant attention. The newspaper man must be ever on the alert. Here recognizes no holidays and must necessarily curtail his social pleasures. The editor must continually seek for news, and the editor of an Irish Catholic paper must continually sift the news he receives. It looks easy to the uninitiated, but it is very hard work. The mistake made by many editors is that they try to please everybody. The Kentucky Irish American has pursued one policy from the beginning: To be loyal to Church and State; to further the interests of Ireland; to advertise Louisville and her institutions; to preserve law and order; to boost rather than knock.

We feel that our efforts have been appreciated by the public. Year after year our paper has been welcomed in thousands of homes and we hope that it will receive the same generous support for many years to come.

MAKE AN EXAMPLE.

A fair example of New York "society" as it exists at the present day was portrayed last week in the character of a man of alleged scarlet character. Here is an excellent opportunity, says the Rochester Citizen, for the Gotham District Attorney to teach good-for-nothing cunts that the tenderloin is not the standard of American society. An example must be made of one of this gentry in order to put a stop to the devilish impression that a disreputable character with money can set the law at defiance at his own sweet will. If we have justice for the ignorant felon and a shield for the immoral sons of wealthy men, there need be no astonishment at the wanton commission of crime by degenerates who have no other aim in life than moral assassination. Funny, isn't it, that a plea of insanity is never made for these society ulcers till they commit a felony! District Attorney Jerome has in this case a great duty to perform, and should see to it that there is no delay in fixing the guilt and bringing to justice all parties connected with the affair that has brought so much disgrace upon New York City.

GENERALLY OBSERVED.

The observance of the Glorious Fourth was more general this year throughout the Southern States than since the Civil War. The spirit of unity and patriotism is spreading continually and argues well for the future prosperity of this great section of our country. There is no longer the sectional lines that divided the people, pre-vented progress and kept the South poor. The best evidence of this is to be found right here in Louisville, where more and larger buildings and factories are being erected than in any city of its size in the United States. It is the general opinion that our population will reach near the half million mark within the next ten years, and that the changes for the better will surpass the hopes of the most sanguine Kentuckian.

SNOBBERY.

There must be something radically wrong with our War Department when a London tailor is imported and paid \$1,250 per week to design uniforms for American soldiers and sailors. We have de-

signers second to none in the world and American made clothes are the only clothes that fit. A united protest ought to be made at once against this latest exhibition of snobbery.

FOR REVENUE ONLY.

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Connell, the new Auxiliary Archbishop of Boston voices the sentiments of all true American Catholics. He declares: "I believe no mere profession of faith is sufficient grounds for the election of any man to public office, and I believe also that no man who simply calls himself a Catholic should have, from that claim alone, any right to public office. I believe that some men call themselves Catholics at election time who have practically little right to that title." Louisville has had some of these men who are Catholics only at election time.

SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED.

The admirable discipline in our police and detective department is bearing fruit. Not only was Louisville filled with strangers during the spring meeting of the Louisville Jockey Club, and almost overwhelmed with guests during homecoming week, yet never a complaint was made of any robberies or pocket-picking during either of those periods. Col. Gunther, Major Patrick Ridge and Capt. Thomas Maher have rid the city of thieves, confidence men and cut-throats. No city in the Union can boast of being so free from crime as Louisville. This speaks well for the people at the head of the police and detective departments, and they ought to be encouraged to keep up the good work.

But for the welcome showers during the past few weeks the great bulk of our citizens would have been painful sufferers from dust and dirt. The city officials should see that the streets where working people live are cleaned more frequently and sprinkled. Instead of continually laying off the street cleaning force in an attempt to save a few dollars, would it not be better to retire some of the expensive commissions during these hot months? The members can go to the mountains and summer resorts, while the poor man must remain here and suffer in idleness.

Infant mortality in England has increased tremendously of late, says Father Phelan, and public men, as well as the medical profession, are at a loss to account for it. John Burns blames drunken mothers for much of it; while others put the blame on canned meats and milk. The number of mothers who do not nurse their infants now far outnumber those who do. We have great respect for sterilized Pasteurized milks; but if the babies were consulted, they would prefer that they can flatten their nose against.

From the Catholic Union and Times, of Buffalo, we gather: "All the same, Sunday baseball is unlawful and everybody knows it," says the Rochester Post-Express. There are a whole lot of other things much worse than baseball which are unlawful and no one seems to worry overmuch." Right you are, Mr. Editor. Baseball is an innocent amusement. Put the lid on murderers, brothels and the carrying of concealed deadly weapons, but let baseball alone.

A member of the Louisiana Legislature has introduced a bill providing that any person over twenty-one years old who has not been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor shall be permitted to carry a revolver concealed on paying the Sheriff a fee of twenty-five dollars per annum and one dollar fee a badge. This might work well in Kentucky also.

It is thought that the English

Cabinet will modify the provisions of the Educational Bill so as to make it acceptable to Catholics and Anglicans. The presence of the Marquis of Ripan in the ministry is guarantee that the interests of the Catholic Church and the wishes of the Catholic hierarchy will be treated with respect.

The Bryan tide has increased day by day until it is now of immense proportions, and it would appear, unless the unforeseen happens, the great Nebraskan will have no opposition for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. It would not be surprising if the third time were to bring him the charm.

When the new divorce law was under discussion in the House of Commons, the main effort seemed to be directed towards uniformity in the three kingdoms, whereupon Mr. Redmond arose and said that the most civilized country in the world, which he had the honor to represent, had no divorce and desired none.

The National Association of Bill Posters has declared that after August 1 no more indecent bills will be handled by its members. The members deserve the thanks of right-minded people for their action. The indecent poster and the immortal drama must go.

The Syracuse Catholic Sun declares that nearly half the Carnegie hero medals this year were won by persons of Irish birth or descent. After awhile, perhaps, we may change the cry that all the Irish are grafters to all the Irish are heroes.

THE REPUBLIC.

Thou, too, sail on, O Ship of State!
 Sail on, O Union, strong and great!
 Humanity with all its fears,
 With all the hopes of future years,
 Is hanging breathless on thy fate!
 We know what Master laid thy keel,
 What Workmen wrought thy ribs of steel,
 Who made each mast, and sail and rope,
 What anvils rang, what hammers beat,
 In what a forge and what a heat
 Were shaped the anchors of thy hope!
 Fear not each sudden sound and shock,
 'Tis of the wave and not the rock;
 'Tis but the flapping of the sail,
 And not a rent made by the gale!
 In spite of rock and tempest's roar,
 In spite of false lights on the shore,
 Sail on, nor fear to breast the sea!
 Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee,
 Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers,
 Our faith, our triumph o'er our fears,
 Are all with thee—all with thee!
 —[Longfellow.]

CITY EXPANDS.

New Homes Are Being Built Along Various Car Lines.

Louisville is growing a whole lot and each day sees her territory expanding. To gain some idea of the great change that is going on our people ought to take a ride on the various interurban car lines and see how homes are springing up out toward Jeffersontown, Prospect, Valley Station, Oklatona and in other vicinities. Work is now in progress on an extension of the Valley Station line to Orel. Eventually the road will go as far as West Point. Many business men are erecting summer homes on the car lines and the prompt service makes the trip to and from Louisville a pleasant one. A merchant or professional man can leave the dusty city with its smoke-laden atmosphere and get to his summer home with sweet, fresh air within an hour.

The Louisville Railway Company is planning to put on more cars to satisfy the increasing traffic and besides expects to spend \$300,000 on air-brake equipments and other safety appliances. These improvements are tending toward a greater Louisville and it will not be many years before the entire State will be brought in touch with the city by means of trolley lines.

FIRST SAVINGS BANK.

The first savings bank established in the United States was in Philadelphia, which opened Dec. 2, 1816. It is said that the first deposit made in this bank was the sum of three shillings, handed over the counter by a boy. The bank was entitled, "The Savings Fund Society of Philadelphia." The first bank of this kind established in New York was chartered Nov. 25, 1816, and went into business July 3, 1819.

SARATOGA!

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National Convention Will Bring Grand Gathering of America's Irish.

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KENTUCKY WILL BE REPRESENTED

The biennial National convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be held at Saratoga, N. Y., July 17, 18 and 19. It will bring together a grand gathering of Irish clergy, laymen and women, for the National convention of the Ladies' Auxiliary will convene in the same city and at the same time. Not only will delegates attend, but there will be present many people of the Irish race, who affiliate or admire the order, to see what the Hibernians are about. Among those present will be Archbishops, Bishops and priests, lawyers and doctors, editors and merchants, mechanics and bankers. On account of the great traffic expected many of the railroads have made special rates for the prospective visitors. State President Thomas Keenan, Sr., and Thomas Quinn, President of the Jefferson County Board, will represent Louisville and Kentucky at the convention.

In his call for the convention National President James E. Dolan writes that the approaching gathering will be one of the most important in the history of the order. The members in Saratoga have made great plans for the entertainment of the visitors, so that there will be no lack of hospitality. The Hibernians throughout the Empire State are uniting with the people of Saratoga in arranging to welcome the guests. All delegates have been notified to mail a copy of their credentials to the National Secretary in order that confusion may be avoided on the opening day of the assembly.

On Tuesday morning, July 17, all will meet at pontifical high mass, which will be celebrated by the National Chaplain, Most Rev. Archbishop Farley, of New York. In the afternoon there will be a grand street parade, which will be participated in various divisions of the order and uniformed societies. Wednesday and Thursday will be taken up with business affairs of the order, but on Thursday night a magnificent banquet will be tendered the delegates.

While reasonable rates have been secured from all the Saratoga hostilities, the headquarters for Hibernians will be in the Grand Union Hotel, said to be the largest in the world. Since Saratoga is one of America's most fashionable resorts, it has been suggested that delegates bring their full dress suits with them. Many social functions have been arranged for the delegates and other visitors during the time that the convention is not in session.

One of the most important matters will be discussed during the convention is that of setting the date of the National convention behind the State conventions, or else moving the latter forward. As it is now the National officers are elected by one set of officers from the various States, and within a few months the various State officers are deposed, so that the National officers rarely receive the benefit of those who elect them.

The National convention of the Ladies' Auxiliary will be held at the same time and in the same city. Its members will be extended the same social courtesies as are given the Hibernians. Several Louisville ladies have signified their intention of attending the deliberations of the National body.

The Hibernian convention this year will be on a greater scale than ever before. The phenomenal growth of the order since 1904 indicates that it has become rejuvenated and will continue to increase for many years to come.

KIND WORDS.

Kind words do not cost much. They are quickly spoken. They do not blister the tongue that utters them. They never have to be repented of. They do not keep us awake till midnight. It is easy to scatter them. And oh, how much good they may do! They do good to the person from whose lips they fall. Soft words will soften the soul. They will smooth down the rough places in our natures. Care to say kindly things will drill our natures in kindness. It will help pull up all the roots of passion. It will give us a spirit of self-control. It will make the conscience delicate and the disposition gentle. A woman can not make a habit of

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