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PARTISANISM VS. FAIRNESS.

The Kentucky Irish American has eschewed partisan politics, leaving the politicians to their fight. It is only when partisanism has developed into bigotry or personal injustice, or sought to mislead our people into a course unjust and detrimental to themselves, that we have interposed to expose the falsehood or defend the individual. We are the organ of no political party, owe none of them anything and expect nothing from them. Politically we are "independent as a hog on ice." We are fully aware that politicians and those whose interests are political or whose partisanism blinds their judgment and blunts their sense of right have disapproved and even denounced our course. For this we care nothing, except so far as they may tend to influence others in their effort to serve their political masters, though he whose only argument is denunciation generally has a poor case.

Our defense, if it can be called a defense, of Col. John H. Whallen has been criticised to some extent by individuals, who, not content with disapproving our course, have exaggerated, misrepresented and added thereto, and heaped abuse upon us and Col. Whallen. Now, we know that many of those zealous advocates of the cause of those under whom they hold their petty political offices, contracts or jobs, owe their all to the friendship and assistance of Col. Whallen in days gone by, and in their denunciation of him only prove themselves ingrates as well as subservient tools to those who have no love for the Irish, and will apply a vigorous kick when they have no further use for them. Of this they will in due time have indisputable proof, as the scheme is already under way, since the new allies of their masters must be rewarded by something more than has been done for them.

But as to Col. Whallen. In politics he is a politician as shrewd as the shrewdest. So long as the attacks on him were political it was none of our affair and we did not interfere. But the present effort to besmirch and injure Col. Whallen, while due to partisan politics, is not political nor prompted by politics; it is bigoted malice undertaken to gratify the anti-Irish element recently brought into the camp of the Democratic (?) managers of this city. This element, which for a time controlled the Republicans locally, and was kicked out, after floundering around have landed, and as is developed by investigation played an unsavory part in the last election in this city. Whallen they hate, and delight in anything to his detriment—not because of his politics, but because of his nationality and religion. It is time the Irish, regardless of politics, should know this.

Col. Whallen has no interest whatever in this paper. He owes us nothing. We have not always agreed with him politically. But, politics aside, Col. Whallen, as a man, a citizen, in business, in charity, in his relations with his fellow men, is the peer of any; and in integrity, worth and benefit to the community, is the superior of no small number of his traducers—but he is Irish, and that is enough to justify any assault upon him, if he dares to differ with and refuses to aid the schemes of those who now denounce and would persecute him, though not long ago they sought his advice and assistance in every undertaking.

There may be grounds for the charges against Col. Whallen, but

the courts will settle that, and Col. Whallen is, as he has always been, anxious for a speedy trial. The animus has been shown by his enemies in exaggerating and misrepresenting the case and in striving in every way to defer a trial, deprive him of every right and opportunity under the law and to hound and humiliate him. Their charge of bribery has, after hearing only the prosecuting evidence, resulted in an indictment for "conspiring to attempt bribery," a misdemeanor, and his bond reduced from \$10,000 to \$1,000. But even with this he is denied a trial till next Thursday, and it is now known it will not occur then.

The same effort and every technicality that able attorneys could devise have been applied to defer even an examining trial of Senator Harrel, whom Whallen is charged with attempting to bribe, and whom Whallen charges with obtaining money under false pretenses. His hearing is set for the 27th, but it is not likely to occur then. The whole scheme is plain—to subject Col. Whallen to the humiliation and odium of a criminal under charges without the opportunity to prove his innocence or the guilt of the man who accused him, and all for the sake of gaining some political advantage and gratifying the bigotry of the new recruits, who are also led to expect to fill the positions held by some of those Irishmen now joining in condemnation of Whallen.

MAY CAUSE A STRIKE.

We hope not, but it is just such action on the part of employers that causes most of the serious labor troubles. We allude to the arbitrary refusal of the Louisville City Railway Company officials to meet and confer with representatives of their employees concerning matters mutual between them—despite all assumption to the contrary, as much the business of the employes as of the company, for both are interested therein. The employes presented their request as to hours, wages, etc., in a respectful way, and the reply of the company was equally so. So far so good. But the subsequent refusal of the company's officials to meet the representatives of the employes, who do not consider the answer satisfactory, is not only improper, but it is unjust to the employes who have been faithful, have conducted themselves orderly and respectfully, and it is wrong from every standpoint in this country and contrary to every sense of right of the American people.

President Minary's reasons, which he states are those of the Directors, are not sufficient to justify their position nor their course. They claim that their duty is to manage the affairs of the company for the stockholders who elected them. True, and they properly exercise the right to speak and act for the stockholders. While not specifically denying the right of their employes to organize and act jointly, they do so in effect when refusing to meet and confer with representatives selected and authorized by their employes. The Directors rightfully protest against interference with its business by outsiders, but an employe is not an outsider, and is fully entitled by law and justice to a hearing and a voice so far as his relations with the company are concerned.

The denial of this right has always caused trouble because it is denying a legal and just right. It is a violation of law, if not in letter in spirit, and such lawlessness on the part of employers has caused

resorts to violence, and is the chief impetus to the spread of socialism and anarchy, and the sentiment against corporations, which enjoy privileges under the law and use their power to deprive others of their legal rights. The right of their representatives is precisely the same right on which President Minary and the Directors speak and act for the stockholders—that they have been selected and authorized to do so. If President Minary means that the employes have no right to select and authorize others to represent them, then he denies to them a right exercised by the stockholders of the company, utterly ignoring the law, which makes no distinctions, but recognizes all men as free and equal—and in this country all employes are men with rights equal to the employer. This point has been fully settled so far as the sentiment of the public is concerned. It is true it has cost much of money, hardship, loss of property, life and limb, but after all it had to be conceded by those who denied it, and we are, indeed, sorry to note that the officials of the Louisville City Railway Company are among those antiquated, behind the times, and still refusing to see and understand the progressive phase of the labor question, based upon justice and reason, resulting in peace, mutual respect and co-operation of employer and employe, but prefer to adhere to the ancient idea of master and man—the man silently and patiently subservient to the master's will.

We hope the railway officials will be induced to forego their ultimatum and treat their employes with the courtesy and justice they deserve. If their requests are unjust or unreasonable, or would be injurious to the interests of the company, a friendly conference will easily demonstrate it, the requests will be modified, the grievances explained away or remedied, all trouble avoided, and the relations of the company with its employes become cordial, all feel that their interests are mutual, confident that each will treat the other fairly, and there will be harmony and good will, with a sense of security against strikes or lockouts, the cause for which will be removed.

There can be no harm come from the company agreeing to receive and confer with representatives of its employes and amicably settling differences. Much harm, not only to the company, but to the city and its people, may come from its persisting in its refusal to do so, the entire blame for which will rest upon the officials of the railway company. And with all due regard for their rights as a corporation, they have not the right to force a strike, with its attendant inconvenience, loss, disturbance of the peace and menace to life and property of the community, merely to carry out their idea that their employes must accept what is given them without question.

Poor old England! Having spent \$100,000,000 and lost 10,000 men, with only disaster to show for it in the Boer war, she now calls for another \$100,000,000 and recruits. And having "accepted" volunteers from Canada and Australia, she will "accept" more colonial volunteers and Canada is called upon to appropriate \$3,000,000 to equip and maintain her volunteers.

A rumor that a part of Buller's force has crossed Tugela river has set London wild with enthusiasm. It takes little sometimes to enthrall a fellow with the blues. Further results may prove that it would have been better not to cross Tugela river—it was so the other time Buller sent a force across that river, most of them failing to return.

The magnetism of "British successes in South Africa" has worn off and fail to revive the depression in London stock market. Now the censor reports "no news" from day to day, and the stock speculators are on the ragged edge. A real British victory is all that can now prevent...

Just wait till the yeomanry get to Africa—those dunclelets who claim proficiency as horsemen in fox hunts and as marksmen in shooting snowbirds. Each of them has an outfit of clothing and toilet articles that suggest a pleasure trip. They will prove novelties for the Boers—if the yeomanry ever get in reach of the enemy.

Father Sheehy should be greeted by the largest audience ever assembled in Library Hall on Tuesday evening, January 30. None have endured more hardships for love of the old land than he, who was imprisoned for his devotion to the national cause. His views of Ireland and Boreland make one feel they were there again.

The Kentucky Irish American was honored with a call from William Mahone, National President of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes. He is an honor to the organization he represents, and we sincerely trust his mission here may be crowned with success.

Even Italy calls England down for seizing an Italian ship loaded with sulphur, claiming sulphur is not contraband—a point so decided in the late Spanish-American war, when Spain had to eliminate it from her list of contraband subject to seizure.

The turnout of Hibernians over the river last Sunday will remain a pleasant memory in the minds of all who participated. Our Hoosier brethren did nobly. May their success continue.

There are some city officials in Frankfort trying to swear away the vote of Louisville in the last election, who may find it hard for them to get that vote in the future when they want it.

Those who fail to hear Eugene V. Debs this evening will make a serious mistake. His lecture on "Labor and Liberty" can not be equaled by any one now before the public.

An interesting article from the pen of Col. R. M. Kelly on the history of the famous Irish Brigade of one hundred years ago will appear in our columns next week.

KEEP TOOTING.

If you toot your little tooter and then lay aside your horn,
There's not a soul in ten short days will know that you were born.
The man who gathers pumpkins is the man who plows all day,
And the man who keeps a-humping is the gent who makes it pay.
The man who advertises with a short and sudden jerk
Is the man who blames the printer because it didn't work.
The gent who gets the business has a long and steady pull,
And keeps the local paper for years and years quite full.
He plans his advertisements in a thoughtful, honest way,
And keeps forever at it until he makes it pay.
He has faith in all the future, can withstand a sudden shock,
And like the man of Scripture, has his business on a rock.
—[Kingsley Times.]

SECRET OF A HAPPY LIFE.

One secret of a sweet and happy Christian life is learning to live by the day. It is the long stretches that tire us. We think of life as a whole, running on for us. We can not carry this until we are three score and ten. We can not fight this battle continually for half a century. But really there are no long stretches. Life does not come to us all at one time; it comes only a day at a time. Even tomorrow is never ours till it becomes today, and we have nothing whatever to do with it but to pass down to it a fair and a good inheritance in today's work well done and today's life well lived. It is a blessed secret, this of living by the day. Any one can carry his burden, however heavy, till tonight. Any one can do his work, however hard, for one day. Any one can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes down. And this is all that life ever really means to us—just one little day. "Do today's duty; fight today's temptations, and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things you can not see, and could not understand if you saw them." God gives us nights to shut down the curtain of darkness on our little days. We can not see beyond. Short horizons make life easier, and give us one of the blessed secrets of brave, true, holy living.

THE BEST SHE COULD DO.

"Oh! Angelica, if you only knew how I love you you would not be so formal with me. Call me Fred, darling; call me dearest!"
"I'm sorry, Mr. Nobby," replied she, "but the best I can do for you is to call you down."
—[Baltimore News.]

SOCIETY.

John Kerberg spent the week in Bardstown, mingling business with pleasure.

Miss Bettie Cook spent last week visiting Miss Eleanor Wickliffe in Bardstown.

Miss Mary Agnes Mattingly, of Bardstown, was here this week visiting friends.

Miss Ida Raidy was one of the lucky prize winners at the euchre given by Trinity Council.

James Reagan, the popular saloonist, paid his first visit to West Baden Springs this past week.

Henry Brown has this week been enjoying the benefits to be derived at West Baden Springs.

The Cromwell Club will entertain its friends with another enjoyable dance Thursday evening.

Richard Tafel, the well-known jeweler, was among the Louisvilleans at West Baden Springs this week.

Miss Carrie Fitzgerald will leave next week for a protracted visit with friends in Richmond and Chicago.

Miss Allie Moore, one of Midway's prettiest girls, was here this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Joseph Bryan.

Jack McQuese was in Limerick Sunday afternoon visiting his friends. If he missed any Jack has not heard of them so far.

Miss Daisy O'Brien, who has been spending the winter with friends in this city, has returned to her home in Milwaukee.

Officer Mike Hogan's friends say that he is always anxious to watch a particular beat, because of a pretty little widow who lives on it.

Miss Mildred Kelly, one of the society favorites of Pittsburg, spent the week here as the guest of Miss Mary Agnes Thompson.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Mackin Council are preparing a dance for the near future that will be the event of the West End social season.

George Dehler, Jr., the successful hardware merchant, and several of his friends paid a visit to West Baden Springs this week.

Miss Marguerite Burke left Tuesday for her home near Jeffersontown, after spending several weeks with Mrs. Robert Burke in Portland.

The many friends of Mrs. Van Roenn will regret to learn that she has been confined to her residence on Portland avenue, owing to illness.

Miss Lillie Schreiber was elected President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Mackin Council Monday evening. She will carry the honor gracefully.

Mr. B. J. Dawson has returned from New Haven, where he went to be present at the wedding of his cousin, Richard Dawson, which occurred Wednesday.

Those of Fred Dettinger's friends who were willing to bet a short time ago that he would always be a bachelor are now trying to hedge and bet the other way.

Mrs. Thomas Cody, of West Jefferson street, spent the past week in Lexington as the guest of Mrs. William J. Murphy, wife of the General Manager of the Queen & Crescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Shanahan and son are in Chicago, the guests of Mrs. Shanahan's parents. They will visit Duluth and other cities in the Northwest before their return.

Thomas Cody, the popular representative of the Senn & Ackerman Brewing Company, returned this week from Lexington, where he spent several days visiting friends and former associates.

Miss Marie Louise Fackler, the first lady member of the Catholic Knights of America, was recently presented with a handsome gold ring, fittingly inscribed, as a memento of the pleasant event.

Will Schnell and Mike Flahive will have a hard time losing their brother members the next time there is a Hibernian meeting in New Albany, as those two slipped away from the crowd last Sunday to call on some young ladies.

Mrs. Ben Corrigan, Underhill street, has returned from Philadelphia, where she spent the last six weeks visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Corrigan was the recipient of marked social attention, several receptions being held in her honor.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Leo Club will give a euchre at Music Hall Wednesday afternoon and night, January 24. The proceeds are to be used for a worthy cause. Handsome prizes will be awarded. There will be a dance after the night euchre.

Dame Rufers has it that Charles Krenner, of Jefferson street, will shortly wed one of the prettiest Irish girls in New Albany. The lucky groom-to-be is associated with the Norman and is popular with the merchants and all others doing business in the vicinity of Fourth and Main streets.

Miss Mayme Fitzpatrick, one of the prettiest and most popular young ladies in the West End, contemplates leaving for the East shortly, for the purpose of completing her musical education. She is the possessor of a voice of exceptional force and beauty, and besides is a performer of rare ability.

The Record says Mrs. Garrett Lee gave a Bowling party Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. M. J. McCloskey, of this city, who spent the week visiting relatives and friends in Shelbyville. About twenty ladies and gentlemen were present and all had a delightful time. A palatable supper was served after the completion of the bowling contests.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Cecilia Beatty and Edward Andler, which occurs at the Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon, January 31, at 4 o'clock. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Beatty, West Chestnut street, noted for her charming manner and amiable disposition. Mr. Andler is one of the leading young men of Sedalia, Mo., where they will make their home after February 15.

That was an enjoyable evening, Monday January 15, which was spent by a few friends at the pleasant home of Mr. James Wolfe, Eight and Oldham. Music and song added their charm and the "festive hours on golden wings" sped rapidly away. Mrs. Wolfe is a superb hostess. Nothing is left undone for her friends to have a truly delightful time, and these small reunions are to those who participate in them bright and cheery spot in the journey of life.

The marriage of Miss Bertha Bachmann and John Moeller will take place at the residence of the bride's parents Wednesday afternoon. The bride-elect, who is the charming daughter of Councilman Bachmann, is quite a favorite in East End German society circles. Mr. Moeller is one of the firm of Moeller Bros., at Hancock and Gray streets, and the announcement will be read with pleasure by his large number of friends. A reception and wedding dinner will follow the ceremony, after which the newly wedded couple will leave for the East, where they will spend their honeymoon.

THE SHAN VAN VOCHT.

[ONE HUNDRED YEARS LATER.]
"England says I'm dying fast!"
Sighs the Shan Van Vocht!
"That my days of strength are past,"
Sighs the Shan Van Vocht!
"For my sons no more unite
In the sacred cause of right,
But are weary of the fight,"
Says the Shan Van Vocht!
"Oh, wishes are not facts!"
Laughs the Shan Van Vocht!
"Oh, intentions would be acts,"
Says the Shan Van Vocht!
"Not for England's loud applause!
Nor for dread of penal laws!
Would they e'er forsake my cause!"
Says the Shan Van Vocht!
"Until freedom lose her charm,"
Says the Shan Van Vocht!
"And slavery its alarm,"
Says the Shan Van Vocht!
"Young blood shall run as high
As in Brian's veins gone by,
When he forced the Danes to fly!"
Says the Shan Van Vocht!
"True, the wind of heaven's breath,"
Sobs the Shan Van Vocht,
"Offentimes seem charged with death,"
Sobs the Shan Van Vocht,
"Even now it may bestow
Its traitor's kiss of woe
On the plains of fair Mayo!"
Sobs the Shan Van Vocht.
"But I know the day must break,"
Cries the Shan Van Vocht!
"When for motherland's dear sake,"
Cries the Shan Van Vocht!
"All mine exiled sons shall stand,
Hearts on fire, swords in hand,
To do battle for the land
Of the Shan Van Vocht!"
—[ANNIE O'REILLY.]

WALKING.

As sensible men and women give more and more time and thought to the care of their health, walking steadily grows in favor. There is only one way to keep well and that is to exercise rationally. And of all the forms of exercise walking gives the best results with the least interference with those mental activities which are or ought to be the chief occupation of every civilized being. A man who eats two meals a day, going out at midday, not for luncheon, but for a walk, will not have a "family physician."

USEFUL HINTS.

If a dish of cold water is kept in a cake box it will keep the cake clear and moist. The water should be renewed every twenty-four hours.
Never scald woollens. Wash in warm soap suds, rinse in lukewarm water twice. Stretch lengthwise, repeating at intervals while drying to prevent shrinking.
To prevent rugs from curling at the corners bind them on the under edge with a piece of narrow webbing like that used to keep furniture springs in place.
The finest manure acids is made by putting a teaspoonful of lemon juice in a cupful of warm water. This removes most stains from the fingers and nails and loosens cuticle more satisfactorily than can be done by the use of a sharp instrument.
Eggs contain a large amount of nutriment in a compact, quickly available form. Eggs, especially the yolks of eggs, are useful in jaundice. Beaten up raw with sugar, are used to clear and strengthen the voice. With sugar and lemon juice the beaten white of eggs is used to relieve hoarseness.
Gloss for shirt fronts is made as follows: Pound two ounces of fine, white gum arabic to a powder, put it in a pitcher and pour over it one pint of boiling water. Carefully pour from the dregs into a clean bottle. Cork it and keep for use. One tablespoon stirred into a pint of starch produces a lovely glass on linen and is quite harmless to the materials.

A GAME FULL OF EXCITEMENT.

Get a large sheet or tablecloth and a small feather. Have the company take hold of the edges of the sheet and form a ring. Then some one blows the feather into the air and all must do their part to keep it in the air and not let it touch any one, and so it is blown from one side to another, while the efforts made to keep it floating are very funny. Sometimes, in the excitement of keeping the feather up, some one'll forget all about holding the sheet, and then more excitement and fun.

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