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NOTICE TO READERS.

We are gratified to inform our friends and the public that arrangements have been made whereby Mr. D. J. McNamara will represent the Kentucky Irish American, and we ask for him the cordial reception that has been tendered the paper wherever it has made its appearance.

Our business office will hereafter remain open until 8 o'clock every evening for the accommodation of those who are engaged during the day. This will give all an opportunity to visit and inspect the office, and we hope there will be a large number of callers and new subscribers.

PRACTICAL HUMANITY.

In viewing the present state of the country and the condition of the classes most disturbed by the present war, the question naturally arises, do the governments exist for the people or do the people exist for the governments? Our statesmen generally regard as visionary any measure that involves direct financial aid to the people. Yet they do not hesitate a moment to vote two or three hundred millions of dollars to embark on a war for which there was no need. It is true, the country gets control of additional territory, but in the existing conditions of the masses what need have we of more land? We have millions of uncultivated acres scattered over the country...

workingmen of our cities if they had only a chance. Here is ample field for "humanity," and who will say that it would not be humanity in the true sense? If, for instance, those bright gentlemen who compose Congress, and who have been often termed "the most stupid set that ever formed an assembly," had been as willing to loan a couple of hundred millions for the betterment of the working classes as they were to prosecute a war with Spain, what untold benefits to humanity would have been the result! Instead of carnage and destruction, instead of gunpowder and torpedoes, instead of broken hearts and desolated homes, how much better to have distributed one of the hundred millions of dollars among the poor people by buying land for them at a low rate of interest and on long time, secured by the land itself and the improvements thereon. This would have been of practical value to the world. To show that the idea is feasible, look at the act of the Prussian King, Frederick III., at the beginning of this century. In spite of his disastrous wars with Napoleon, he found time and money to buy up the lands of Prussia and sell them to the common people on a credit of thirty-five years. Something of this nature could be done to relieve the congested population in cities like New York, Chicago, St. Louis and other overcrowded districts. Instead of the foreign manufacturers of explosives being benefited, as they now are, our own people would be saved the horrors of poverty and starvation and crimes unknown that now stain the annals of our large cities. When by any element of disturbance poor people are thrown out of work the situation with them becomes desperate. It was the policy of the French Government immediately after the Revolution of 1793 to give the people on land. Before the terrible upheaval 3,600 landowners possessed France. Today there are over 5,500,000 small landowners in that country. The result is that the French people are

the most prosperous on the face of the globe. Legislation of this character must come sooner or later, and the sooner it comes the better for the people.

FRIENDS WHEN NEEDED.

It was pretty near time long ago for the American people to come to their senses and stop all this driveling about the friendship (sic) of England for this country and "the undying hostility" of France, Germany and Russia toward us and toward our institutions. Journals that are continually urging the alliance between this country and Great Britain are doing everything to prejudice the people of America against those nations that, as every young or old student of history knows, were our friends when we needed them, while our "dear cousins," the Britons, (forsooth) were always hostile to us. During the civil war, when England was doing all it could to aid in destroying the Union, and was in the very act of declaring war against us on account of the capture by Capt. Wilkes of Mason, and Slidell, it was Russia that sent a fleet to Hampton Roads to assist the North to maintain the neutrality against England. No power, with the exception of England, seriously questions the cardinal features of our foreign policy—the Monroe doctrine. An alliance with England would be the best thing that could happen for that country—that is why they are not willing to give up the project—but what would we get out of it? England continually taking away the independence of weaker nations, and Uncle Sam would be expected to be toady enough to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for his bullying "cousin John Bull." A delightful prospect, certainly.

DANCING AND DANCING.

Since attention has been called to the manner in which our young people go through this favorite pastime, or rather to the degraded condition to which they have reduced what was once a source of innocent amusement, we hope the young folks will look sharp, and make all necessary improvements before the church takes hold of the matter and forbids round dancing altogether.

Never till the present season has round dancing become so thoroughly nauseating to spectators. Many women of refinement, seeing the position that their sisters take during the giddy whirl, have abandoned dancing altogether. What is the matter with those young women who, throwing both arms around the neck of a young man, seem fairly to go to sleep? Are they Christian women? Dancing dervishes or pagan nations could do no worse. Poor, deluded creatures! It is no wonder that respect for women is notably on the decline. Years ago ideas were higher and the name of woman was synonymous with mother and sanctity. Nowadays it is a difficult matter to walk the public thoroughfares after dark without being offended before getting to one's home. Who is to blame? Not the men. No, a thousand times no; and let women not get it into their heads that it is those "horrid men." Rather let them understand that it is those silly creatures of the feminine gender that race through life under the name of women; they who lay their willing heads on the shoulder of their partner in the dance, and do not object to the young man's face being within half an inch of

their cheek. Can a blush be supposed ever to mount such an abused, commonplace cheek as that?

The position given at high-toned dancing schools is a very beautiful and graceful one, and if the girls want to indulge in the delightful mazes of the waltz why not let it be done with an eye to beauty and grace, as well as to decency and propriety.

Chauncey Depew, who has heretofore been very properly turned down by the American people, has turned his face to England. It has been hinted that he might be appointed to represent our Government at the Court of St. James, to which the British Saturday Review refers as follows: "He is simply regarded as a foolish kind of babbling raconteur, whose twaddling is largely intermixed with snobbishness, for he is nothing more than a puppet. His talk has never been taken seriously. The puppet character of the man is recognized, and the fact that he is a representative of the Vanderbilts is sufficient to debar his appointment, which would go far to cancel the good feeling which has sprung up and we are anxious to continue. This would be impossible if a painted puppy was foisted upon us, for a worse representative it would be impossible to find."

Sir Thomas Lipton, who has caused a challenge to issue for the America's cup, takes occasion to explain that he is not a Scotch-Irishman nor an English-Irishman. He says he is Irish from crown to sole. His yacht will be Irish in build and design and will bear the name Shamrock. Sir Thomas remarks incidentally that the racial hyphen is overworked.

The Kentucky Irish American takes pleasure in announcing that Mrs. Annie Nevin Cunningham has become one of the contributors to its columns, which is an assurance that the interests of our lady readers will be properly cared for.

The papers of the East are still after Mr. Watterson. His position as to expansion and foreign alliance is as uncertain and inconsistent as it has heretofore been on all public matters of great importance.

SACRED HEART CHURCH PICNIC

Will Take Place at Riverview Park—Will Be an Enjoyable Affair.

The congregation and many friends of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Seventeenth and Broadway, Rev. Patrick Walsh pastor, were both surprised and pleased when the announcement was made that a picnic would be given for the benefit of the church at Riverview Park on Monday, September 12.

At a largely attended meeting of the ladies and gentlemen of the congregation James Toner was elected Chairman, Walter Hensley Secretary and William Conan Treasurer, and the enthusiasm displayed is an indication that the picnic will prove a big success. There has been a great desire on the part of a large number of the parishioners of this church to have a picnic or entertainment for its benefit, and the committees and others are working hard to make this one maintain the reputation and surpass all their former ones.

Messrs. Kirley, Claire, Hensley, Hines, Quill and Toner and Miss McCormick, Mesdames Curran, Norton, Tighe and others were appointed to make all the necessary arrangements and to add to their number. Misses Lillie Curley, Mary Gannon and Mary Glenn will be assisted at the refreshment tables by a bevy of handsome young ladies, who will not fail to please their patrons.

The ladies and gentlemen are arranging the details of an interesting programme for the amusement of young and old, and the fact that the price of admission has been fixed at the small sum of twenty-five cents, with children free, ought to draw the largest crowd that ever assembled at Riverview Park.

A handsome gold watch will be awarded the lady returning the most money, and an elegant gold ring will be voted the most popular young lady.

It will be remembered that the Church of the Sacred Heart was entirely destroyed by the cyclone, and this picnic is given for the purpose of assisting in paying the debt incurred in its rebuilding. Rev. Father Walsh has labored zealously to cancel this debt, and we feel sure our citizens generally will be pleased to aid him in his noble work. The completed details and programme will be published in our next issue.

Ribbon trimmings will be much used in autumn millinery on both hats and toques. This is a most sensible fashion, since ribbon is not easily hurt by uncertain autumn weather.



Miss M. O'Sullivan is visiting in Springfield.

Miss Katie O'Loughlin is visiting in Lakeland.

Mr. John Tierney has returned from French Lick Springs.

Mr. Michael Sheehan has returned from French Lick Springs.

Miss Maggie Coughlin has left for a short trip to Washington.

Miss Mary Keyer and Master Martin have gone to the mountains.

Miss Mary Whelan has been spending the past week in New York City.

Misses Mamie and Katie Moran are visiting relatives in Indianapolis.

E. J. O'Brien has returned from a four-weeks' pleasure trip in the Northwest.

Edward J. Dalton is home again, after a two weeks' outing at Florida Heights.

Mrs. Martin Byrne and daughter, Miss Mary Byrne, are at West Baden Springs.

Misses Agnes and Clara Junker left last Monday for St. Joe, Ind., for a two weeks' stay.

Alderman W. J. O'Hearn has returned from a pleasant outing at French Lick Springs.

Miss Maggie O'Conner will spend the remainder of the summer with friends in Chicago.

George Flab has returned from a two weeks' sojourn at the camp of the Cornia Outing Club.

Mr. Joseph Grimes, Dan O'Connell and John Greaney left Tuesday night for Asheville, N. C.

Fergus Kennedy, the well-known fireman, has returned from a two weeks' trip up the river.

John L. Sullivan, of the L. & N., spent the past ten days at the camp of the Cornia Outing Club.

Mrs. J. T. Wathen and

returned home, after a month's stay at White Sulphur, Ind.

Hon. Matt O'Doherty left Tuesday for Old West Springs, where he will remain for a week or ten days.

Miss Mary Collins, of New Liberty, is visiting her brother, Mr. James Collins, at 420 Hancock street.

George Shea, who has a desk with the American Express Company, is spending a few days in the country.

Officers Tom Fitzgibbon, Mike Ahearn and Austin Nally spent ten days at the Cornia Outing Club camp.

Miss Kate Lannon has gone to Russellville, where she will spend the remainder of the summer with friends.

Miss Mary O'Malley is visiting friends at St. Catherine, Ky., where she will remain for about three weeks.

Miss Maggie Norton, of West Chestnut street, is home again, after a pleasant visit with friends in Corydon, Ind.

Mrs. James Hendricks, wife of the popular Captain of police, is seriously ill at her home on East Main street.

Miss Delia Joyce, a handsome resident of New York City, is the guest of Mr. James Wolfe, Eighth and Oldham.

Miss Rose Mooney has gone on a two weeks' vacation, and will visit friends in New Albany before returning home.

Miss Maggie Joyce, of 1428 Eighth street, will be home again today, after a long visit in Chicago and other cities.

William Delany and George Clark are becoming very popular with the people of Limerick, and report business good.

Rev. Father Brady, of St. Cecilia's church, left this week for Potosky, Mich., where he will enjoy a much-needed rest.

Miss Katie McDermott is the guest of the Messrs. Keene, at their pretty country home, Worthington Place, Worthington, Ky.

Officers Mell Lappelle and Ed Kennedy have returned from Mackinac and all the principal summer resorts of the Northwest.

Mrs. M. A. Holleran and daughter, Kitty, of Washington, D. C., are visiting their cousin, Mrs. John Finnegan, Water Works.

Miss Kathleen Mazzyk Wilson, of Savannah, Ga., is visiting her relatives, Major and Mrs. John F. O'Brien, of Garvin Place.

Last Sunday was Ladies' Day at the camp of the Cornia Outing Club, which is composed of well-known young men of the East End. During the afternoon quite a large number of the fair sex were entertained, and the members made it

so pleasant that the ladies regret that there will not be another opportunity to visit the well-conducted camp of the club.

Miss Ida Wing, Rose Glinn and Maggie McLogan and Minnie Moriarity left Sunday to visit friends at Pewee Valley and vicinity.

Mr. M. J. Winn, the popular Fourth-avenue tailor, is doing New York and the seashore. He is registered at the Waldorf Hotel.

Mrs. Mary Flanagan and niece, Miss Katie Welch, of 731 West Oak street, are spending a few weeks with relatives in Cincinnati, O.

Miss Ella Hensley left last week for Shelbyville, where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. C. Harris. She will be absent several weeks.

Mr. Francis O'Donnell, one of the most popular young men of South Park, will accept a responsible position in one of the railway offices at Atlanta, Ga.

Messrs. Mike and John Hickey were the guests of the Shelbyville Fair Association, and were royally entertained. They pronounce the fair a success.

Mr. Michael Ward, of Tenth and the river, who has been ill for some time past, is again able to resume his position with the Louisville & Nashville railroad.

Mrs. F. Riley, of 1117 W. Oak street, is visiting her mother at Leitchfield, and will be gone several weeks before her return. She will also visit Grayson Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. James Welch, of Hamilton avenue, who have been for some time the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell, High Grove, Ky., returned home last week.

Mrs. Ann O'Donnell and son Francis, of South Park, have returned home from a most enjoyable visit with friends and relatives at Cleveland, Sandusky and Toledo.

Dr. B. A. Oglesby was the recipient of quite an ovation at the lawn fete of the Catholic Knights and Ladies Monday evening. They expect to make him a member.

Clifton Crescent Club, of Clifton, will give an entertainment and reception to its friends during the latter part of September. Further particulars will be published.

Corporal Jake Reilly, of Oldham street, is the happy father of a young officer, who arrived at his home last week. He gave a reception to his friends in honor of the event.

Mrs. Maurice Dooling and Miss Kate Muckelbauer are visiting the family of Mr. James Tynan, of Indianapolis, formerly of this city. They will be absent three weeks.

Her friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Eugene Sweeney, of 2513 First street, who was severely injured by a fall, is now out of danger, and her speedy recovery is looked for.

Messrs. Martin Nihlest, the well-known Third avenue dry goods man, and John Fahey, of Ninth and Broadway, spent a few days pleasantly in Shelbyville, besides attending the fair.

Henry Mason, the well-known Limerick baker, is looking for glory. He wants to meet any man in Louisville at 100 pounds for a purse and a side bet of from \$100 to \$500, winner to take all.

Among the merry guests who will spend the balance of August at Floyd Knobs are Misses Ella Hefferan, Margaret Donahue, Kayle Lucy, Babe Thornton, Agnes Lynn and Nell Thornton.

Officer Mike Leary is becoming very popular in the West End. He can be relied upon at all times to do his duty, and there is a general feeling of security while Mike is patrolling his beat.

We are pleased to learn that John Chawk, one of the popular young men of Limerick, who has been confined to his home for several weeks by sickness, is able to be out again and walk around.

Miss Lula Pierce and little niece, Enlaid O'Connell, have returned from a lengthy visit to friends and relatives in Bullitt county, and are now with Mrs. James O'Connell, at 1409 Payne street.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cusick, of 1716 Columbia street, will regret to learn that the condition of Mrs. Cusick, who has been ill for the past three weeks, is considered very serious.

Misses Annie and Josephine Kelly have returned from Memphis, Tenn., where they spent several weeks visiting friends and relatives. While there they were the recipients of marked social attention.

D. J. Coleman, of Seventeenth and Portland avenue, has returned from French Lick. His affable manners and upright business dealing are rapidly securing him a fine trade. Give him a call.

Mr. Terence McHugh, who was mentioned in these columns a week ago, has opened his new house on Market street, near Nineteenth, where he will be pleased to have his friends call on him at any time.

Report has it that Mr. Stephen Toomey will shortly lead to the altar one of the

prettiest young ladies of the West End. Besides being handsome she possesses a nice competency, and Mr. Toomey is regarded as a very lucky man.

Mr. James Dunn, a well-known young man of this city, leaves today for Elizabethtown, where he will be married to Miss Louisa Dittoe, one of the belles of Hardin county. He will be accompanied by Will Cusey and Tom Brown.

Dr. J. W. Fowler, President of the State Board of Pharmacy, will leave today to attend the sessions of the American Association of Pharmacists, which meets in Baltimore. Dr. C. Lewis Diehl and Mr. George A. Newman will also attend.

Miss Margaret Carroll, one of the most popular young ladies in the West End, is a zealous worker in all matters pertaining to St. Cecilia's church, and her invaluable services were greatly appreciated Monday evening. She is a charming entertainer.

Conrad Meehan, of the firm of Meehan Bros., left on the 23d inst. for his old home at Ovid, Mich., for an indefinite stay. Although a resident of Louisville but eight months, Mr. Meehan made many friends who will regret to learn of his departure.

Among the young Irish Americans of the city none stand higher in the real estate business than Richard Nugent, nephew of E. B. Nugent, the wealthy Fourth-avenue dry goods merchant. Thoroughly reliable and practical, he is rapidly coming to the front.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Trinity Council entertained their friends with a watermelon festival at the club house, 524 East Madison street, Wednesday evening. The guests were entertained with vocal and instrumental music, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present.

Among the fire insurance and real estate and loan business men the name of P. J. O'Reilly, of Fifth, between Main and Market, stands unapproached for fair and square business methods. Kindly and courteous, he is a favorite with all who happen to have business dealings with him.

On Thursday evening, August 18, Miss Brownfield's dancing class was announced to open, but owing to the inclement weather many were compelled to stay away. On every Thursday, beginning at 8 o'clock, her private class will assemble at 549 Fifth street, adjoining the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Miss Dollie Burns entertained a number of her friends at her home in Clifton with a pleasant party. Among those present were Misses Katie Gallagher, Katie Bradley, Elizabeth Gallagher, Nannie Devine, Mayme Gallagher, Lillie Burns, Messrs. Martin Bradley, Dennis Ryan, John Keegler, James Bradley, Frank Queenan, C. Blenc.

A delightful party was given Wednesday night in honor of Miss Edna Simmons. Among those present were the following: Misses Nannie Beatty, Willie Fields, Mayola Steinacker, Edna Simmons, Lillian Benedict, Esther Whedon, Lina Dryer, Hattie Higgins and Messrs. Davis Hamilton, Ainslie Dickson, Palmer Benedict, Athey Benedict and others.

Col. James Treston, with the Greenbrier Distillery Company, has been blessed by the arrival of two handsome little maidens at his cozy home at Twentieth and Grayson streets. He has been married for ten years, and there is great rejoicing at this first arrival. Mr. and Mrs. Treston are receiving the congratulations of their friends.

What promises to be an enjoyable outing will be the ice cream festival to be given by the members of St. Aloysius church, Pewee Valley, Monday afternoon and evening. Trains leave First and Water streets at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, leaving there on the return trip about 9:30. People from the city can thus spend a pleasant evening in the country. All the necessary arrangements have been made for a good time.

At French Lick, last week, a fifteen-ball pool championship game was played between Messrs. Will O'Hearn and Mr. Sheehan and Miss Addie Lawler and D. J. Coleman. The two gentlemen on the opposite side quite melted out of sight when Miss Lawler won the championship. The most remarkable feature of the occasion was that, while the young men who participated in the game are experts, Miss Lawler played for the first time, yet won the championship.

A very delightful party was tendered at the home of Miss Susie Williams, 825 West St. Catherine street. Dancing was indulged in until a late hour. Refreshments were served at 12 o'clock. Among those present were Misses Susie Williams, Mary Kencally, Annie Meagher, Maggie Dunn, Maggie King, Katie Essex, Maggie Essex, Mary Dunn, Mary Essex, Josie Owens, Bridget and Julia King, Johnnie Dunn, Andrew Meagher, Pat O'Keefe, Willie Wise, Harry Smith, Johnnie O'Bryan, George Williams, Tom Garvey, James Needham, Ed Henry, Johnnie Toomey, George Hughes, Mrs. T. Williams, Mrs. William Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kencally, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brandor.

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CHURCH NOTES.

The patron saint of Manila is St. Francis the Fearful. St. George's church, on the Eighteenth-street road, had a lawn fete Thursday evening. A good crowd was present.

The Altar Society of the Cathedral of the Assumption held an ice-cream social Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. Porter, 614 W. Broadway.

St. Anthony's church, on Long Lick creek, twelve miles from Hardinsburg, is one of the oldest Catholic churches in the State. The building is still in good condition.

The new church of St. Philip Neri is rapidly being built, and the congregation hope to be in it before cold weather. In the meantime services are being held in a private house.

The Indiana C. K. of A. will have their State convention next Monday, August 29, at Anderson, Ind. Delegates from New Albany and Jeffersonville will be in attendance.

During the warm weather the masses on Sunday at St. John's are said at 7 and 8:30 o'clock. When the weather gets cooler the original hours—7:30 and 10 a. m.—will be returned to.

At last the Cathedral in Philadelphia is to have electric lights throughout, the contract having been given out. This is a much-needed improvement, and will add much to the appearance of the building.

Every one who can should go next Tuesday to Riverview Park to attend the outing of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament and help this congregation along. Father O'Sullivan has announced that no baskets will be allowed.

The Catholic Knights of America in Kentucky are making preparations for the State convention to be held at Bowling Green, September 13. All of the branches in this city will send delegates, and a big time is confidently expected.

The lawn fete given last Tuesday evening by the Altar Society of St. Charles church at the residence of Mrs. J. M. Nehan, 2438 W. Chestnut, was a success, as a large crowd was present. Invitations were sent out and a nominal sum charged for entrance fee. The affairs given by this church are always more of a success socially than financially, as sociability and a pleasant evening are the prime objects aimed at.

The funeral of the Rev. H. Mertens took place last Monday from his parish church (Trinity) at St. Matthews. Father Mertens died on Friday afternoon, after a short illness of appendicitis. He had been pastor of Trinity for many years, before that being stationed at Bethlehem.

At the burial services on Monday Father Bax, who was a life-long friend of the deceased, delivered the funeral oration, and in a feeling manner spoke of the many virtues of the deceased. As Father Mertens was very much beloved by his congregation a large crowd attended the services. After the solemn obsequies were over the body was brought in to St. Louis cemetery and laid in the most beautiful park, which is reserved for deceased priests.

Sister Ellen Joseph (colored), of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, in Baltimore, is the oldest religious in the United States, being 110 years old. She was almost 60 years old when she joined the order, but in the years in which she has been a nun she has taken a share in all the different work attached to the order. For many years she was connected with an orphan asylum, and was much beloved by the children, in each of whom she seemed to take a special interest. For the last two years she has not left the convent of St. Francis, on Fourth avenue and Chase street, but is in full possession of all her faculties. She has a wonderful memory, and the sisters are delighted when she relates reminiscences of a hundred years ago. A few years back she celebrated her golden jubilee, at which Archbishop Corrigan and many other prelates were present.

The lawn fete of the Catholic Knights and Ladies at Gilbert's Lawn Monday evening was a decided success, the musical and literary features proving very entertaining. The beautiful lawn was brilliantly illuminated, and was thronged to its utmost capacity with the young society leaders of the West End. Scally's band furnished excellent music and the dancing platform was the center of mirth and pleasure. Those in charge were Mrs. Mary A. Monahan, Mrs. Maggie Keby, Misses Nellie Byrne, Rena Weissenberg, Katie Riordan, Maggie O'Connell, and Messrs. Mike Hoban, C. J. Dittoe, Rich ard Jennings and Jerry Morrissey; and all were loud in their praises of the manner in which they performed their duties. The ladies and gentlemen were also largely indebted to Mr. P. T. Sullivan, who assisted greatly in making it pleasant for the dancers. Miss Mollie McCarthy was the winner of the prize. Branch No. 5 is to be congratulated on its success, and its members seem determined to maintain for it the boom it is at present enjoying.

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