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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Christmas! What word inspires more of expectation to the young, of preparation to the middle-aged, of recollection to the old, of joy to all?

The middle-aged, anxious to as fully as possible gratify the hopes of the young and give pleasure to the old, mingle their joyous anticipations with calculations and plans, self-denials and labor, to enable them to provide the things needed; their task, and yet their greatest enjoyment of the feast—contributing to the pleasure of the children and bringing joy to the hearts of the aged—not without much of worry and regret that they are unable to do all they wish.

And what recollections does Christmas bring to the old? Back through the vista of years what scenes of pleasure, of sadness, of prosperity, of adversity, of trials, of mature years, of youth, of childhood? Their many Christmases! Some recall sad events, a time of anxiety, but in them all there was something of brightness, of good, for which they are thankful.

Many of our readers will recall the humble hut, the poor but cleanly little hamlet, the green hills and vales, the little church with its celebration of midnight mass; their happiness amid all these lowly surroundings and the meagerness of their Christmas feast, but a heart full of joy they can never know again.

Christmas! The one day in the year when sorrow is forgotten, the worries of life laid aside, the hardness of our hearts melts in sympathy and affection; and we all strive to exemplify "peace on earth" and "good will to men."

May Santa Claus bring all the children lots of pretty and good things—a switch to none, for there are no bad children. May old and young enjoy, and the fortunate aid their less fortunate fellow-creatures to enjoy to the fullest, a merry Christmas.

"IDENTICAL INTERESTS." "Identical interests" is constantly used by politicians and after-dinner speechmakers in the United States and Great Britain when referring to these countries, says one of our exchanges, but when it comes to be tested we instantly find that the interests and advancement of the United States are considered inimical in Great Britain unless the interests of Great Britain are also equally benefited by the action of the republic.

The best evidence that Colonel Haager is an efficient and capable Chief of Police is the compliment he paid the men who make his administration a success.

Calling hard names is no argument, a fact which some of our city editors have yet to learn.

We wish you a merry Christmas!

fluence, Great Britain, one would naturally expect, should feel pleased at her dear friend, Uncle Sam, having control. But such is not the case. Their interests are not identical when the United States only is to be benefited. British interests must also be hauled along.

It seems like a coincidence that the newspapers which have lauded England's "friendship" for America and yearn for an Anglo-American alliance, have been silent on the protest and blatant threats of the Canadian Orangemen against the American ladies' monument to Montgomery at Quebec, and have sought to belittle and discourage the movement for the American children's monument to Lafayette at the Paris Exposition.

There is altogether too much factionalism in the City Hall. City officials are not elected and paid to fight out the quarrels or further the interests of individuals or parties, but to attend to municipal business for the best interests of the people. Less of scheming for the supposed vantage of position and kicking up campaign thunder for the next election, with more zeal and effort to further the city's welfare, is likely to prove more popular.

The Louisville ball club has been sold so often by the daily newspapers during the past week that many imagine we will be without a team this season. We would suggest to the fans that they save their money and help sustain the club management. When the season opens Louisville will be found doing business at the old stand with a strong ball team.

Whatever the views of our readers on the question of expansion and retaining the Philippine islands, few will agree with Congressman Williams, of Mississippi, who in his speech against expansion suggests that we sell or cede the Philippines to England. Germany or France, the preference to be given to England.

The naming of the new battery on Sullivan's Island, Charleston Harbor, after Sergeant William Jasper, is the only instance on record in the country of a fort being named after a non-commissioned officer. Sergeant Jasper was an Irishman.

To those who like music—and very few do not—we call attention to our feature of "the beautiful song of 'Pretty Grace O'Malley,'" and know that those who can play and sing will appreciate it, and please all who may hear them render it.

The Bandana Club made no mistake in selecting Michael J. Lawler for one of its Vice Presidents. While he is a Democratic wheelhorse, there are none but have the highest regard for his fairness and integrity.

While here he will endeavor to form a union of the photo-engravers, and will be assisted by International Organizer Higgins and President Binford and the officers of the local typographical union.

CHRISTMAS TIME IN IRELAND

At Christmas time in Ireland the holly branches twine In stately halls and cabins old and gray, And red among the leaves the holly berries brightly shine

At Christmas time in Ireland far away, But brighter than the berries are the kindly Irish eyes, And friendly are the greetings of the day—

The greetings and the blessings from the Irish heart that rise At Christmas time in Ireland far away! At Christmas time in Ireland you can hear the chapel bell,

At Christmas time in Ireland there is feasting, there is song, And merry the pipe and fiddle play; And lightly dance the colleens and the boys the evening long,

At Christmas time in Ireland far away, There is light and there is laughter, there is music, there is mirth, And lovers speak as only lovers may.

At Christmas time in Ireland there is sadness, too, for those Who, far from home, in exile sadly stray, And many a tear in silence for a friend beloved flows

At Christmas time in Ireland far away, But always 'mid the sorrow is a hope that comfort bears,

At Christmas time in Ireland far away, [D. A. McCarthy, in the Pilot.

RECENT DEATHS.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Cunningham, whose unexpected death was announced in these columns, occurred Saturday evening from St. Cecilia's church, where solemn high mass was said for the repose of her soul, with Rev. Father A. J. Brady as celebrant, assisted by Rev. Fathers O'Brady and Crane.

The friends of Andy Meagher and John Doolan are growing quite suspicious of their frequent trips in the same neighborhood, down town.

We regret to announce the serious illness of Charles Herms, the well-known and popular printer, who is confined to his home on Goss avenue.

Green McGrath has gone for an extended trip through the East. He will make several stops with his friends, returning after the holidays.

Miss Eugenia Goldstein, daughter of Dr. Adolphus Goldstein, left for Chicago this week to spend the winter. She will make her debut in society there.

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Miss Irma Bailey returned Wednesday from St. Margaret's School, Brooklyn, and will spend the holidays with her mother at 311 West Walnut street.

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City Assessor Dan Murphy, who has been ill, is on duty again.

Miss Antoinette Hayes entertained a party of friends at dinner Wednesday evening.

Detective Martin Donahue is on duty again. He has been ill of the grippe since last Friday.

Mr. Phil Kavanaugh, with Bridgeford & Co., has been spending the past week at Elizabethtown.

Mr. Henry Cassin, Deputy United States Clerk, has recovered from a slight attack of the grippe.

Mr. P. F. McCarthy, the all-night wire chief of the Western Union, is confined to his bed with the grippe.

Mr. Augustus E. Willson will entertain the Harvard Club Thursday evening, December 29, with a smoker.

Standiford Keller has returned from the University of Virginia to spend the holidays with his mother, on Sixth street.

Miss Agnes Dugan will arrive from St. Louis today, to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dugan, 1037 Sixth street.

Morris Hyland, a well-known member of Company B of the Legion, is confined to the hospital, suffering from pneumonia.

Mr. R. L. Cronk, who has been confined to his home by an attack of grippe, has so far recovered as to be able to be at his office.

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be delighted to learn that her physicians declare her condition greatly improved, and her young associates are hopeful of her soon appearing in their midst.

Mr. Willis T. Burgevin, the well-known lawyer and writer, accompanied by his wife, left Monday night for New Hampshire, where they will remain some time as the guests of Henry Burgevin.

The many friends of Mr. Robert Mitchell, a prominent member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, will learn with pleasure that he is fast recovering from a severe attack of the grippe.

The many friends of Daniel O'Connell, the saloonkeeper at Fourteenth and Main streets, will regret to learn of his serious illness of kidney trouble, at his home, Nineteenth and High streets.

Mike Cavanaugh, the popular L. & N. employe, has been laid up with the grippe for the last several days. There are many inquiries as to his condition and many especially from the ladies.

John Kilkenny, of Myrtle street, has been confined to his home by illness for the past two weeks. His condition is greatly improved and his numerous friends hope to see him able to resume his position next week.

John Murphy, the well-known L. & N. fireman, who was thrown from his cab Wednesday evening, was reported seriously injured. His friends are glad to learn that he was only bruised, and will be able to resume his position.

Robert H. Weber, who was injured while in the performance of his duty as a patrolman, has been appointed to a place in the department. This will be pleasing news to his large number of acquaintances, with whom he is deservedly popular.

Jack Cavanaugh and "Bill" Cunningham are spending the holidays with their friends, having just arrived from Nazareth Academy, where they have been employed all summer. Jack says that Bill is now able to lead in prayer after his enforced retreat.

Michael Russell, of Twenty-second street, is the proud father of a handsome little maid that arrived at his home this week. He is the popular gate-keeper at the Seventh-street depot, and the above will account for his recent gayety and friendship for everybody.

The eucure of the Alumnae of the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy will take place at the club rooms of the Aquinas Union, Sixth street, next Wednesday. This will undoubtedly prove a pleasant social event. The proceeds will be used for the purpose of providing free scholarships.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Hannan, of Paducah, accompanied by Masters Emmett and William, will spend the holidays as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hannan, 2015 Payne street. They were formerly residents of this city. Mr. Hannan is at present the leading plumber in Paducah.

Many Louisville people can testify to the hearty and hospitable welcome they receive at Big Clifty, Ky., from two true sons of the "Emerald Isle"—Mike Tully and Jim Nevils. The good old-fashioned welcome their city friends receive from them makes them feel as if they would like to make their home in that pleasant spot forever. Here's luck from their many friends, hoping that they have many prosperous and happy years before them.

LAWLERS' CHRISTMAS.

They Will Treat Their Friends Royally During the Holidays.

Down town people, especially those in the vicinity of Boone Square Park, will be gratified at the announcement that the Messrs. Lawler, Nineteenth and Duncan streets, will keep open house from December 24 to January 2 without closing their doors, and will be prepared to extend a hearty Christmas and New Year's greeting to their friends and patrons.

They will serve an elegant turkey lunch to callers on Christmas eve and Christmas day, and on the evenings of December 24 and 31 music will be furnished by a first-class orchestra. Those of our readers who would like to hear the music to "Pretty Grace O'Malley," published in this issue, can do so by calling on the Messrs. Lawler on the above days. This will prove a musical treat.

MERITED COMPLIMENT.

"The people of Louisville ought to feel satisfied with their police force," said Chief Haager this week to a reporter. "I took hold of the department just a year ago. When I came into office there was a great clamor about the great number of robberies and hold-ups which were going on. Stores were also being worked by shop-lifters. I am glad to say nearly all of the thieves have been run out of the city by the detectives and the police. I have received reports from many cities during the past two months, and our record in Louisville beats them all. We are almost free from robberies. This, of course, could not have been accomplished without vigilance upon the part of the officers and men. Each one deserves credit. I am proud of the force, and hope the good record the men have made of late will be maintained."

ELECTED OFFICERS.

Meeting of Catholic Knights and Ladies at St. Cecilia's Hall.

Branch 5 of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America had a largely attended meeting this week, nearly two hundred members being present. This was owing to the fact that the election of officers for the ensuing year was to take place, in which there was a lively interest. The following were elected:

Spiritual Director—Rev. A. J. Brady. President—Mike M. Hoban. Vice President—Mrs. Dalton. Recording Secretary—Rena C. Weisenberg. Financial Secretary—Nellie Burns. Treasurer—Mrs. Mary A. Monahan. Trustees—Misses Mary A. Connors and Kittie Stanton and William Dalton. Sergeant-at-Arms—William Andriot. Secretary—John L. Niland.

The officers, nearly all of whom were complimented by re-election, will be installed at the first meeting in January, at which time the annual reports will be submitted. This branch has done a vast amount of charitable and other work during the past year and is very popular in the West End.

SPORTY ITEMS.

Jimmy Ryan has been matched with Jack Root.

John Gaffney will be appointed one of the League umpires for next season. He is a good one.

The Pittsburg will go to either Arkansas or Virginia for their preliminary spring practice.

The Buffalo ball club franchise and players can be bought for \$20,000. And Buffalo is a large city.

Two leading colleagues are after Hugh Jennings' services as coach for the spring practice of their ball teams.

Cincinnati still regrets the trade by which Bill Hoy and Ritchey became Colonels in exchange for Pitcher Hill.

The number of players who have put their signatures to contracts are fewer than they have ever before been at this season of the year.

Chic Frazer, who is working in Chicago, has announced his intention of quitting baseball rather than remain with the Colonels another year.

The Ryan-Franey bout did not meet the expectations of the Cincinnati sports. Maybe they were playing for another money making exhibition.

Sharkey has gone into training for his fight with McCoy. While there has been no betting, the indications are that Sharkey will be the favorite.

Oscar Gardner and Dave Sullivan will try conclusions in New York. They meet in a twenty-round contest January 9. The little Irishman stands a good chance to win.

Jim Corbett feels confident that Sharkey will defeat McCoy. He said to the former one day last week that he would be at the ring to cheer him on to victory.

John B. Day says that when the New York club was organized it was a success from the first. The yearly profits were from \$30,000 to \$60,000, the last year being 1888.

The way the Chicago team closed up ground in the stretch this fall and improved its position warrants Chicago enthusiasts in believing that the Orphans will be nearer the front next year.

The daily papers are publishing the statement that old man Anson is after the control of the St. Louis base-ball club. Scrapy Bill Joyce is also mentioned for the position of manager of the team in case he is let out by the management of the New York club.

The twenty-round contest between Joe Choynski and Gus Ruhlin, scheduled to take place at the Lenox Club January 11, has been advanced one week, and will come off on January 3. The change in date is owing to the fact that Kid McCoy and Tom Sharkey have signed to meet at the Lenox on January 10.

Peddler Palmer defeated Billy Plimmer for the bantam-weight championship Monday night before the National Sporting Club, of London. Plimmer was knocked out in the seventeenth round. Billy Rotchford, of Chicago, is still in England, and will meet Palmer during the month of February.

George Dixon and "Young Pluto," the Australian champion, who signed articles to meet in a twenty-round contest in San Francisco, may fight in New York City. The Lenox Athletic Club has made a bid for the match, and if arrangements can be made the international match will come off some time in February.

HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing the Past Week—General News Notes.

We wish you a merry Christmas, one and all!

The annual reception and hop of Division 3 of Baltimore was very successful.

The Hibernians of Bridgeport, Conn., are making arrangements for holding a fair. Why not one in this city?

In President Taylor and Secretary Kavanaugh Division 3 has two officers that any body might be proud of.

The Kentucky Irish American is trying to procure a picture of the Hibernian Knights. They are a soldierly looking body of men.

There will be a large attendance at the first meeting of the Young Men's Division in the new year, which takes place on the first Tuesday in January.

The Providence division have appointed committees to confer with a view of holding a course of lectures during the winter, the proceeds to be donated to charity.

President McCarthy, of Division 6, succeeds in making it interesting for his constituents. He declares the Young Men's Division should have at least 500 names on its roll.

Division 3 had a very interesting meeting Wednesday evening. Pat Higgins added another name to the list of members. He is one of the most zealous workers in the order.

Division 42 of Boston had a large attendance at its last meeting, when Mr. Charles O'Ferrall, the Celtic scholar, read an ably prepared paper on the "Irish in the War of the Rebellion."

Military Division 57 held its first annual ball in Boston last week, and it was a gratifying success. A concert preceded the dancing, and about midnight supper was served. The party was a very enjoyable one.

The election of officers by an Eastern division this month has been declared illegal. Since the consolidation of the Hibernians throughout the world the elections must be held in June instead of December.

Visitors to Hibernian Hall are loud in their praises of the good work done by the Ladies' Auxiliary. It has been suggested that the Hall Board and divisions tender them a complimentary reception after the holidays.

The Literary and Entertainment Committee of Division 4 have arranged an interesting programme of exercises for the evening of December 28, when its social and smoker will occur. Several new features will be introduced.

The one hundredth anniversary of the uprising for Ireland's independence will be commemorated in Boston by Division 50 next Thursday evening. The programme will comprise an entertainment of Irish music and an address on the men of '98.

Friday night Company A, Hibernian Knights, devoted two hours to drilling. The company possesses several fine technicians, which accounts for its proficiency in the manual. These drills are interesting and should be witnessed by more members of the order.

Messrs. Thomas M. Camfield and J. Chas. Obst, the committee to whom was referred the matter of arranging for a plot of ground in St. Louis cemetery for members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, will report the result of their work at the next meeting of the County Board.

The officers and members of Division 3 paid a nice compliment to Messrs. James McCue, Thomas Moore and Mike Hoban, who comprise the Relief Committee. They were the recipients of a substantial Christmas gift, which they richly deserved, as there are no more faithful members to be found anywhere.

Under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Champaign, Ill., the anniversary of the Manchester martyrs was celebrated with great enthusiasm. Hon. James M. Graham, of Springfield, spoke for nearly two hours against an Anglo-American alliance before an audience which was evidently much in sympathy with his sentiments. He explained the essential difference between monarchical and constitutional governments, and argued that the alliance would necessarily commit America to the support and defense of England, and therefore if entered upon might prove to be finally the breaking down and destruction of the latest and greatest experiment in self-government.

A CENTENNIAL YEAR.

This year the centenary of the grand and heroic '98 insurrection will be a landmark in Irish history. During it the Irish language has been revived to such an extent that its perpetuity is almost assured. The names and the memories of men who died for Erin and which had fallen into a condition of half oblivion, have once more become the themes of poets and orators. The graves of many heroic Irishmen which would soon have been lost, have got a fresh and enduring hold upon the minds of the people by having memorials of a lasting character erected over their remains.

Above all, an organization—the United Irish League—has sprung into existence for the definite and sole purpose of having the land restored to the people. In this year also the Irish people are rapidly approaching a point at which a full and unequivocal degree of unity will prevail, and then the fight for real Irish freedom will commence in earnest.

Conceit is that peculiar species of folly whereby we look at our virtues through a magnifying glass without knowing it.

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