

CHRISTMAS

Never Die So Long as This Increasing World of Ours Lasts.

Season Unites All Men in Brotherhood of One Great Family.

Dickens and Irving Write on This Greatest of Christian Festivals.

TURNS THE HEARTS OF MILLIONS

Christmas can never die so long as the world lasts, because it is the remembrance of a divine event. It is not the commemoration of a battle or a coronation or a great discovery, but time obliterated the memory of the event, and they fade into mere historical data. The event which Christmas calls to mind is infinitely above the classification of human records, and is palpitating with interest and life in the memories and hearts of millions.

Those who lose the faith, or who have never had it, can not appreciate Christmas or taste its pure joys. For them it must be a sad season, for they feel themselves just out of joint with the traditions of mankind and feel the stings of remorse and forbidding. For them this holiest season is a mere orgy of material feasting, and a time for saying pretty nothings to their friends and for giving and receiving presents. Now Christmas is unintelligible without Christianity, and even those unfortunate people who have lost the faith must feel this, if they are imbued with the feelings which English literature engenders on this subject.

There are some sad people who disbelieve the word of God and never darken the door of a church, and yet year after year they read Dickens' Christmas stories and Washington Irving's beautiful sketches. And may the Christmas of Dickens and Irving long survive in our literature, for it is the Christian Christmas, and if those great authors wrote nothing else they deserve the title of benefactors of the English-speaking race for their immortal treatises on this greatest of Christian festivals.

Christmas is a great leveler of humanity. Or it might be more correct to say Christmas elevates all to an equal level. When England lost the faith she lost also many social blessings which follow in the train of faith. Christmas is the great leveler. It is so in Catholic lands. In fact the great days of the Catholic calendar are all levelers. Ash Wednesday sees the rich and poor, learned and ignorant, at the rails to be branded with the brand of the tomb. Palm Sunday sees them again together receiving the palms, and rich and poor meet before the altar, for the palm branch is to all an emblem of hope in their common fatherland. Christmas also levels all and ignores all distinctions of caste, color or condition, and unites them in the brotherhood of one great family. What is the great unitive element in the festival of Christmas? That is the electric spark that fires the hearts of millions on that day, and binds them in the bond of faith and love? It is the thought contained in those words, "Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven." The pronoun "us" is the great leveler that tells the king or the plutocrat or the peasant or the high-born lady that she is human, and that she is loved, and as such should unite in gratitude to God on Christmas day, and vie with each other in love and neighborly love for us. The appeal of the church is in the same spirit of universal brotherhood, for invitation is not to the individual but to all: "Adeste Fideles; venite ad adorandum Dominum."

In some villages of Brittany there is a sort of miracle play on Christmas eve. The crib, as we should call it, is erected in the churches, and instead of lay figures representing the Holy Family living persons play the parts of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph, a real baby represents our infant Saviour, and real little mule and oxen are used. The scene is enacted in the church, and the priest assembles the people, and the congregation proceed around the church, and arriving at the crib do homage to the figurants in the Nativity scene. Holy water is sprinkled by the priests on man, maid and baby and afterward on the stable; then going to the church door the priest asperges and blesses all the people, and the people, driven by him for the St. Joseph on the topmost porch with his choristers supplied acolytes beside him, the priest dips the silver ewer and showers the latter upon and the sheep, and the ring of the bells around their lowing and bawling words and cries are heard every where, and the words of blessing in the Father, and of the Holy Ghost.

ENTERTAINMENT. Men of St. Leo's school their annual Christmas at the school hall in

Highland Park tomorrow evening, and a programme of recitations and songs has been arranged with two playlets interspersed. Those taking part are S. Sapp, M. Bayens, G. Wise, A. Bayens, Joseph Beisler, R. Williams, W. Beisler, M. Stark, T. Lancaster, R. Schwierman, R. Marcell, M. Schultz, A. Viers, M. Simms, F. Johnson, R. Newton and L. Mattling. Tickets of admission are twenty-five cents.

THOMAS KEENAN, JR.

The entire city was inexpressibly shocked Wednesday when it became known that Thomas Keenan, Jr., son



of Undertaker Thomas Keenan, had died at his home on West Broadway, following an illness of only a few days of double pneumonia. Since leaving Notre Dame University he was associated with his father in the undertaking business, and each year developed in him the greatest asset that any man could possess, a noble, upright character, whose heart was ever tender and true, whose ears were ever open to the tale of sorrow and woe, and whose hand was ever extended in charity to the unfortunate and afflicted. From his boyhood up Tommy Keenan lived his religion in every act of his life. His was a cheery, happy nature, with always a genial smile that many will miss. He was a member of the Hibernians, Mackin Council and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Surviving him are his wife and one child, his parents and one brother and three sisters, to whom is extended most sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement. The funeral will take place this morning at 9 o'clock from Holy Cross church, with a solemn high mass of requiem. May his soul rest in peace.

RE-ELECT OFFICERS.

The Division 4, the Limerick division of the A. O. H., had a well attended meeting Monday evening in spite of the severe weather, the principal feature being the annual election of officers, and the present set were given a vote of confidence by being re-elected for the coming year. President John H. Hennessy stated that he was grateful for the honor, having served fifteen years as President of the division and still had some good work left in him. County President W. J. Connelly complimented the division on the choosing of its leaders and predicted that a bright future was in store for the order locally because of the personnel of the officers of the different divisions selected during the past two weeks. Under the head of good of the order talks were made by W. P. McDonogh, who paid quite a tribute to the book of "Songs, Sonnets and Essays" just issued by the Publishers Crowley, and advised his hearers to purchase a copy. Col. John Score spoke of the plans and programme of the Orphans' Society and pleaded for new members. James McTighe talked of the sanitary laws and germ-proof measures. Harry T. Colgan complimented County President Connelly on his address, but took exception to the speech of W. P. McDonogh in nominating Councilman M. J. McDermodt for Sentinel, the speaker stating that Mr. McDonogh was too brief in his encomiums in nominating this popular officer. Other speakers were Sergeant Pat Kenealey, Thomas P. Dignan, John Kenealey and Thomas Downey. The officers elected were as follows: President—John H. Hennessy. Vice President—Thomas Lynch. Financial Secretary—Thomas J. Langan. Recording Secretary—John J. Barry. Treasurer—Pat Connelly. Sergeant-at-Arms—Thomas Farrell. Sentinel—M. J. McDermodt. Standing Committee—F. J. Mooney, W. P. McDonogh, Pat Kenealey, Thomas Dignan, James McTighe.

VINCENSIANS.

The general meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society last Sunday afternoon overtaxed the large auditorium of the Knights of Columbus, and many were forced to stand. Reports showed that the conferences had relieved hundreds of distressed families and had been generous in their contributions. Interesting reports were submitted by the various committees, who have been rendering excellent services in our public charity institutions. President Doyle announced the death of the late Thomas Hill and the critical illness of Thomas Hines, whose work for the Vincensians wrought blessings in this world and the next. Rev. Edmund Kaiser, O. M. C., delivered the address, in which he said the splendid gathering indicated the Vincensian spirit and the charity of the Catholic church. Rev. Father Donahue of the Cathedral, closed the meeting with a few remarks that were heartily appreciated.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Friday night of last week St. John's Hall, Clay and Walnut, was thronged with members of the Central Committee, Catholic Knights of America, when a spirit of interest and enthusiasm was manifest that indicates an awakening and renewed activity in increasing the membership of the local branches. President Ben Kruse occupied the chair, and after the various committees had been heard from State President Score reported the work the branches have under way and the plans for the coming State convention. After talks by Gen. Michael Reicher, Peter J. Dowling, Col. J. P. McGinn, it was decided that the Central Committee begin the new year by visiting all the branches in regular order and thus inaugurating a campaign that will swell the membership. The feeling of harmony prevailing in the Central Committee was attested by the election by unanimous vote of the following officers, who will be installed on the second Friday in January: President—Ben Kruse. Vice President—Oscar Maier. Secretary—Henry G. Schulten. Treasurer—Charles Falk. Marshal—Col. J. P. McGinn. Trustees—Gen. M. Reicher, P. J. Dowling, C. J. Kapp.

After a stirring address by S. R. Hardman an invitation was accepted to visit Branch 6 at St. Martin's Hall on the first Wednesday night in January. Upon motion a special committee was instructed to invite the Rev. Father Schumann to continue as Spiritual Director. Hereafter notices will be sent of deaths in the branches, when the members will assemble to recite prayers for the departed. After the adjournment the delegates were entertained for an hour as the guests of the President-elect.

TRUCE PLAN FAILS.

The Observatore Romano, the Vatican organ, referring last Saturday to the efforts of Pope Benedict to bring about a truce during the Christmas season among the warring powers, says: "The august Pontiff, in homage, faith and devotion to Christ the Redeemer, who is the Prince of Peace, and also by reason of sentiments of humanity and pity, especially toward the families of the combatants, addressed confidentially the belligerent governments to ascertain how they would receive the proposal of a truce during such a solemn festivity as Christmas. All the powers declared that they highly appreciated the loftiness of the Pontiff's initiative. A majority gave their sympathetic adherence to the proposal, but some did not feel able to agree to it. Thus lacking the necessary unanimity, the Pontiff has been unable to reach the benevolent result which the paternal heart of His Holiness promised himself." The Vatican authorities made public a document setting forth the efforts made by the Pope to obtain a truce in the European war during the Christmas season. The efforts of the Pontiff unfortunately failed, according to the Vatican announcement, "owing to the opposition of a certain power." It is stated by persons in close touch with the Vatican that the Turkish and Russian Governments declined to agree to a Christmas truce. The first announcement of an effort on the part of the Pope for a truce in Europe over the Christmas holidays came through the German press bureau, which said that Germany was agreeable to this proposal, provided all the other powers concerned accepted it.

CHOIR PROGRAMME.

The Cecilian choir, of St. Louis Bertrand's church, under the direction of Rev. E. A. Baxter, will render the following programme at the 9 o'clock mass on Christmas morning: "Gloria to God"—Chorus. "O Holy Night"—Misses Kennedy and Hancock. "Adeste Fideles"—Choir accompanied by Holy Rosary Orchestra. "Silent Night"—Chorus. "Bethlehem"—Chorus. March—Holy Rosary Orchestra. Organist—Miss Nell O'Sullivan.

NEW ALBANY.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians have elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Chaplain—Very Rev. Charles Curran. Assistant Chaplain—Rev. Albert Wicks. President—Dan Walsh, Sr. Vice President—John Winn. Recording Secretary—John Goulding. Financial Secretary—J. O'Hara. Treasurer—John McBarrow. Marshal—Aloys Doyle. Sergeant-at-Arms—John Coyle. Doorkeeper—J. M. O'Hara. Standing Committee—John Herley, Frank Richards and James Higgins.

SODALITIES CELEBRATE.

Last Sunday at St. Joseph's, St. Martin's and St. Boniface churches the young ladies and young men of the parishes celebrated the anniversary of their respective sodalities by receiving communion during the high mass in the morning and attending solemn vespers and benediction in the afternoon, when special sermons were preached. At St. Boniface church the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. J. Fitzgerald, of St. Leo's church, Highland Park, and upon those who heard his words had impressive and pleasing effect. At St. Martin's the sermon was delivered by Rev. Martin Frankenberger.

COMING EVENTS.

December 26—Entertainment for St. Philip Neri church at Windthorst Hall, Floyd and Woodbine. December 26—Christmas entertainment, St. Leo's school, Highland Park. December 28—Euchre and lotto in St. Patrick's school hall, Thirteenth and Market. December 28-30—Minstrel show at St. Charles Hall, Twenty-seventh and Chestnut. Tuesday, December 29—Euchre for Belgium sufferers at St. William's school hall. January 5—Concert for benefit of St. Columba's church, in school hall, Thirty-fifth and Jefferson. January 6-7—Euchre and lotto for St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital, to be held in hospital building. Tuesday, January 12—Euchre and lotto by Cathedral Altar Society in new Cathedral hall. January 24—Catholic Choral Union concert at Macaulay's Theater for benefit of St. Lawrence Institute for Homeless Boys. January 27-28—Ladies' Sewing Society annual charity euchre and lotto at Phoenix Hill for St. Anthony's Hospital.

UNCHANGED

Hon. James K. McGuire Gives His Views on Home Rule.

Says England Will Always Remain the Sole Enemy of Ireland.

Emergency Measure to Superintend Recruiting for British Army.

GERMANY FOR IRISH FREEDOM

Hon. James K. McGuire, former Mayor of Syracuse and for years prominent in the United Irish League, objects to Ireland enlisting against Germany, whose Government, through the voice of the Imperial Chancellor, declares for the national freedom of the Green Isle. England will always remain the sole enemy of Ireland, he declares, as economic and industrial pressure make her the natural and logical destroyer of Irish industry and commerce. Contending that the home rule bill will effectually stop development of Ireland to increased taxation from the burden of an office-holding brigade, Mayor McGuire presents the following: Ireland contains 33,000 square miles, England 58,000. Ireland is more fertile than either England or Scotland. The population of England is close to 35,000,000, Ireland is stripped down to 4,000,000 of inhabitants and ought to be able to support in comfort 15,000,000 of people. The island contains coal, iron, marble, copper and various resources not possible of development because of English control and opposition. Her industries are confined to a small section of the Northeast held in hand by the descendants of invaders, fortified originally by conquest, and rarely do you find a pure native holding any important business station in any of the thirty-two counties of the island. The prevailing fashion is to class the natives as lazy and incompetent without scrutinizing the historic and economic reasons which have brought them to their present plight and left them at the mercy of the conquerors. Few of her critics take into account the repressive commercial codes of centuries, lifted too late, in part, to restore industry. The English Parliament enacted laws which ruined the once prosperous manufacturing industries of the country. As soon as Ireland developed an important direct export trade, England crushed the life out of it by export tariffs, hostile duties aimed at Irish exports solely. At one time Irish woollens were the first in Europe. The output of her looms found their way to all the cities of the continent. The cloth makers of England successfully petitioned the Parliament to place an arbitrary, preferential export duty on Irish woollens which annihilated the industry. That trade never recovered from the blow. England gave bounties to manufacturers in various lines, subsidies to ships and none to Ireland. After bankrupting Ireland, she removed these restrictions in the midst of the continental war exactly as she promises home rule now as an emergency measure to superintend recruiting for the British army. The Irish Volunteers of a hundred years or more ago were organized as the result of the suppression of Irish trade. They forced the Government to supply them arms in the same manner as the Irish Volunteers of today. The great war on the continent frightened England into granting an Irish Parliament in 1782, which was taken away from Ireland twenty years later. Pensioners of the Government and traitors destroyed the national cause exactly as they are trying to do today. That brief period of a free country was the one bright epoch of modern Irish history. The factories were occupied and increasing, the harbors filled with ships, and immigration exceeded emigration. Irish independence and growing commerce aroused

fearful jealousies on the part of her more powerful neighbor, who proceeded to crush Ireland again by acts of repression. This led to rebellion and bloodshed and the execution of Robert Emmet, followed by the destruction of Irish industries. Then came seventy years of horror, broken only by the gurgling cries of a strangled people. Young Ireland rose in 1848, led by a dozen educated young men, but the effort was futile. Famine had starved to death a million people the year before, another million fled to foreign shores, the life blood of the nation was exhausted and her children scattered to the four corners of the earth, but preserving good memories.

ROUSING MEETING.

Division 1 held a rousing meeting on Thursday night of last week with the old guard fully represented, and County President Connelly, President Maloney, of Division 3, and others present as visitors. President Tarry occupied the chair and there was a round of applause when Martin J. Cusick was reported on the way to speedy recovery. Secretary Farrell read a communication and greetings from National Secretary Sullivan and then the election of officers took place, the following being chosen for the term beginning in January: President—Mark Ryan. Vice President—William Cushing. Financial Secretary—Edward Clancy. Recording Secretary—James P. Barry. Treasurer—Thomas Keenan. Sergeant-at-Arms—Thomas Tarry. Standing Committee—Daniel McCarthy, Anthony Tompkins, Thomas Walsh, John Ryan, Charles J. Finnegan.

The foregoing officers will be installed on the first Thursday in January. President Maloney was called upon and commended the choice of officers, predicting that 1915 would be a successful year for Division 1. In concluding he exhorted his hearers to work earnestly to increase their membership.

County President Connelly was given a hearty greeting, but as the hour was late his address was made brief. He felt that great progress would be made by the order generally during the coming year, and expressed himself pleased with the results of the election. He returned thanks to the retiring officers for their support and services in the County Board.

ORPHAN SOCIETY.

There was a surprisingly large attendance last Sunday afternoon at the first annual general meeting of the newly organized Catholic Orphan Society at Bertrand Hall, and upon all sides were heard words of commendation for the work already accomplished. President Meehan, in calling the meeting to order, stated that the only business to be the nomination of officers for the ensuing year, who would be voted for by the parish branches tomorrow at their respective churches, the returns to be made at a meeting to be held in the evening at 5 o'clock at the Cathedral Hall. Secretary Dan J. Hennessy declined renomination, and with this exception the old board was placed in nomination as follows: President—William T. Meehan. Vice President—H. A. Veneman. Recording Secretary—Harry T. Colgan. Corresponding Secretary—Joseph A. Hoerster. Treasurer—Joseph P. McGinn. George Naber.

After a few remarks by J. W. Klappheke and J. A. Hoerster and announcement that a branch was being organized in St. Philip Neri parish, the meeting was adjourned that all might attend the Vincentian gathering at the Knights of Columbus Hall. At each church where there is a branch there will be ballots and boxes for the election of the central officers.

HOLIDAY EUCBRE.

The men of the Building Association of St. Patrick's parish will give a grand euchre and lotto on Monday evening, December 28, at 8 o'clock, in the school hall, Thirteenth and Market streets. A special feature of the Christmas holiday entertainment will be the awarding of many fine hams and fat chickens among those who come to take part in the festivities. The work of the Building Association this year has almost been as successful as that of last year, and the ladies and gentlemen are in hopes that this Christmas entertainment will result in such a manner as to enable them to equal or even surpass last year. They take this method of inviting all of their friends to come to the euchre and lotto and assist them in attaining the goal for which they are striving.

DEATH A SHOCK.

Mrs. Fred Harig, 1476 South Second street, received on Wednesday morning the sad intelligence of the death of her venerable mother, Mrs. Theresa Doyle, in Carlow, Ireland. Mrs. Doyle and her children had only recently returned from spending the summer at her mother's home in the Green Isle, and the news came as a great shock as the deceased was in perfect health in October. Many friends sympathize with Mrs. Harig in her bereavement.

GIVEN GOOD START.

The Mackin Council Basketball League has been given a good start, and the few games played have already aroused a spirit of enthusiasm and keen rivalry. The officers who will direct this league are A. C. Spary, President; E. Leet, Secretary; John R. Harrer, Umpire; Rob-

ert Osborne, Referee; Joseph Burford, Scorer-Timekeeper. The Captains of the respective teams follow: Allies, Donohue; Braves, Sakaddi; Teutons, C. Grunesser; Emeralds, Flannery; Pierce Arrows, Rhin; Old Rose Buds, Alberts.

OWENSBORO.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected by Sarto Council, Y. M. I., of Owensboro, at last week's meeting, and the organization has taken on renewed life in the extension of its work among young men of that city. Initiations at an early date are planned for and several affairs for the holidays are under way that will make the lodge rooms very popular among the members. Following are the newly elected officers, who will serve for one year: President, Fred W. Arnold; First Vice President, August Graf; Second Vice President, Charles Barbour; Financial Secretary, Charles T. Dorn; Recording Secretary, John L. Oberst; Corresponding Secretary, A. L. Laub; Treasurer, William Carlton; Marshal, Andrew Oberst; Inside Sentinel, Sylvester Cox; Outside Sentinel, Sylvester Hagan; Executive Board, Albert Oberst, W. E. Danhauser, Michael Kortz, Vernon McAtee and Joseph Flater; Fred Arnold, Charley Dora and Charles Barbour are pioneer members of the Y. M. I., and their election will be hailed with satisfaction by all the grand and local councils.

MEET IN ST. PAUL.

The next meeting of the Catholic Educational Association will be held at St. Paul, Minn., at the end of the year, 1915. A very cordial invitation has been received from Most Rev. Archbishop Ireland to hold the twelfth annual meeting in his city, and plans are already being laid to make next year's convention one of the most important in the history of the association. Since its organization the association has been fruitful in good work, and the next convention, by getting in closer touch with the prominent Catholic educators of the Northwest, will be productive of that firmer union which is essential to the growth and value of any society.

CRUCIFORM CATHEDRAL.

The preliminary sketches for a new Cathedral for the diocese of Sioux Falls, to cost about \$200,000, are being prepared. The sketches call for a cruciform church 175x75 feet, with transepts 120 feet in width, and a seating capacity of 1,000. The facade will be ornamented with twin towers and the sanctuary will be quite large. The building will be of jasper. The sketches will be submitted to Right Rev. Bishop O'Gorman on his return from Rome, and it is expected that work of construction will begin next spring.

DIRECTORS EJECTED.

The annual meeting of the officers and directors of St. Lawrence Institute was held Sunday evening, when six directors were chosen for the year 1915. Those whose terms had expired were re-elected, after which plans were promulgated for the success of the Catholic Choral Union concert for the benefit of the boys' home.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED.

The St. Charles Benevolent Society held its monthly meeting Monday night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Peter J. Hofmann, President; Martin Stocker, Vice President; J. H. Blumers, Secretary; William Grunecsen, Vice Secretary; Joseph E. Zeller, Treasurer, and Christ Kronmueller, Marshal.

FEDERATION.

Owing to the numerous society meetings last week and the absence of many delegates, the Catholic Federation postponed the election of officers until the January meeting, when the new constitution will be adopted. President Ganz expects the next meeting to be the largest of the year.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

The services in the local Catholic churches on Christmas day will be at the same hours as usual on Sunday, with the exception of the first, which will be at 5 and 5:30 o'clock and will be solemn high. In all the churches there will be special musical programmes.

HOLY CROSS.

Tomorrow morning after the 7:30 o'clock mass there will be a reception of new members into the Young Men's Sodality at Holy Cross church, Thirty-second and Broadway. The ceremony will be conducted by Rev. Father Brey, the pastor, whose efforts in behalf of the young men and women of the congregation are producing most gratifying results.

FORTY HOURS' PRAYER.

In this city tomorrow the Forty Hours' devotions will begin in St. Bridget's church and continue until Tuesday. The solemn and beautiful services will be directed by Rev. Father Jansen, the pastor, who will be assisted by pastors from other churches.

TAKE VOWS.

Misses Margaret Stoik of Covington; Neva Collins, of Hamilton, Ohio, and Marie Venemeren, of Lansing, Mich., became vows Thursday in the Sisters of Visitation Academy of Cardome at Georgetown. Bishop Mack officiated, assisted by Fathers Cusack and Van Beeslaers.

REPUBLICANS

Reorganize and Plan to Organize the State From End to End.

Calibre of Leaders Means New Era in the Future Elections.

Average Bull Moose Actuated Solely by Motives of Bigotry.

FOLLY OF A VICE COMMISSION

The meeting of the Republican State Central Committee at the Galt House on Wednesday afternoon marked the beginning of a new era in Kentucky politics, as steps were taken to reorganize the party from one end of the State to the other, and this means that only the best material of the fast disappearing Bull Moose party will be allowed to again take an active part or leadership in the affairs of the G. O. P. Among the prominent leaders who were present at the meeting were E. T. Franks, of Owensboro; Judge Winn, of Mt. Sterling; George W. Long, of Leitchfield; J. W. McCulloch, of Owensboro, and ex-Gov. Willson, Charles Scholl, Judge William Dearing and Albert Scott, of this city. These men and others of the same caliber who were present stand high in public opinion throughout the State, and the Republican party under their guidance is sure to be a factor in coming elections.

The Progressive or Bull Moose party in this State has simply and solely been a party of prejudice and bigotry and the principles of the Progressive platform meant nothing at all to 95 per cent. of the Bull Moose voters, this great quantity in their ranks not being able to define the word progressive. As far as understanding the principles laid down by Roosevelt and the other leaders, they were hopelessly ignorant, voting blindly at the dictation of the few intelligent men, who were interested either from personal motives or revenge on the Republican party. In 1912 the opposition to Taft came from the Republican Order and other kindred A. P. A. societies throughout the country because of his fairness to Catholics, and this element deserted the Republican party in droves to become Progressives not because of the platform or of love for Roosevelt, but simply through hatred of President Taft, who in addition to his other acts of justice, ruined himself forever by vetoing the pet project of the Junior Order, viz., the Immigration Bill, which was aimed at Catholics principally.

The political situation at present from a State standpoint will prove beneficial to the interests of all, because with both the Democratic and Republican parties freed of bigoted leaders strong candidates will be nominated, from no matter who is turned the victor the people will be assured of an administration free from bigotry and under no obligation to the dark lantern element who have heretofore essayed to sway the balance of power in our elections. Today the Republican party is a formidable contender and it behooves the Democrats to select a worthy ticket for the primary, and it will be good-night if Pease, Italy and his coteries attempt to select a slate in the coming August primary. Men must not be chosen simply because they are Democrats, but their fitness and qualifications should be considered, and the people, not the machine, should be the judge.

Many local Democrats are disappointed over the action of Mayor Buschmeyer in showing through the General Council an ordinance establishing a Vice Commission with a \$2,000 budget attached. This is but carrying out the whim of the pseudo reformers who haunted the last legislative session endeavoring to have the same measure passed. It then being known as the red light bill, the above promoters all being loyal Bull Mooseers in the municipal election. The above sum of money will be probably used in giving them a chance to go slumming and later make a report at a banquet probably, the report being practically the same that the average policeman can return daily. It appears literally as a waste of money when it is considered what a hard time was had to secure \$50 for playground purposes and the tax rate for next year increased nine cents.

As predicted in these columns exclusively, Capt. Harry Bundack was appointed as Superintendent of the Alms House, and this selection is indeed an admirable one from every standpoint.

NOTED PRIEST DEAD.

The Rev. Christopher A. McEvoy, a former President of Villanova College, near Philadelphia, and Provincial of the Order of St. Augustine, died at Villanova on Monday night. He had been ill for about a year. Father McEvoy was born in Ireland seventy-four years ago, and was noted for his work in establishing parochial schools.

WHAT BOY DOES.

At the Church of the Sacred Heart in Paris a twenty-two ton bell is tolled by electricity. A choir boy does the work which formerly required the services of five men.