

Saturday, October 21, 1895

BANQUET TO MESSRS. HEALY AND KNOX, AT BELFAST.

The Following Speeches Were Delivered at a Complimentary Banquet Tendered to Mr. T. M. Healy, M. P., and Mr. E. F. Vesey Knox, M. P., by a Number of Their Admirers in Belfast.

In response to the toast, "Our Guests," Mr. T. M. HEALY said, in part:— If we are reminded some times in the words of chill despair that our cause is going back and is hopeless, I recall your recollection Derry. Only twenty years ago the greatest of Watermen, six years ago the greatest of Watermen, six years ago the greatest of Watermen, six years ago the greatest of Watermen...

REV. T. C. CONNOLLY, C.C., in proposing the toast of "The Memories of '98" delivered the following eloquent and spirited speech. He said: I cannot help thinking how natural it is that in this great city of Belfast our thoughts should revert to the events of one hundred years ago. It was to this city that Wolfe Tone journeyed, after the publication of his celebrated pamphlet, to take the first steps to band his countrymen against intolerable oppression. And here we are almost standing over the graves of the bravest of '98. Here, too, in this capital of the North, in this Sparta of Ireland, the descendants of the men of '98 have preserved, sharp and untarnished, the blade of national spirit against obstacles, and amid disadvantages elsewhere unknown...

BRIEF NOTES OF NEWS.

The fortnightly winter services between St. John, N. B., and Liverpool, for which a subsidy of \$20,000 was voted at the last session of the Dominion Parliament, will be provided jointly by the Allan and Dominion Lines. The arrangement provides that, while the vessels shall start from St. John, they shall make Halifax a port of call inward and outward.

Some idea of the magnitude of the operations of the Pullman Palace Car Co. may be obtained from the following figures:— The company's gross earnings for the year ending July 30 were \$10,674,868; disbursements, \$8,280,985 leaving a surplus of \$2,393,883. The total assets of the company are \$63,083,104. It has been decided to increase the capital stock of the company from \$86,000,000 to \$54,000,000.

In many parts of Germany the authorities are warning the people against sparrows. A decree has been issued at Emden, Hanover, requiring landowners each year between October 1 and December 1 to deliver to the local officials a certain number of sparrows or sparrows' heads. The owner of twenty-five hectares of land must produce twelve sparrows or sparrows' heads or pay a fine of six marks.

A Chinese Protestant preacher, Dr. Jenkins Lloyd Jones, according to the St. Louis Review, announces that he is going to build a democratic church in an aristocratic neighborhood. It is to be an eight story building with an auditorium and four or five society halls. The five upper stories are to be rented out to clubs, societies, etc.

The craze goes on. According to the New York Herald for young women of the town of McMinnville, in the heart of the Willamette Valley, Ore., have organized the Manila Guards, in commemoration of Admiral Dewey's great May day victory. Steps toward the formation of the company were taken the day after the receipt of news that he had wiped out Montezuma's fleet. The tower of Yamhill country's womanhood was picked out for membership.

In Switzerland they have commenced making photographic clocks and watches which, it appears, leave anything heretofore accomplished far in the shade. By merely pressing the button of the new timepiece, says the Scientific American, it pronounces the hour distinctly. The alarm call up the sleeper, "It's six o'clock; get up." There are some which even add the words, "Now, don't go to sleep again."

Our neighbors are taking time by the forelock, so to speak, in connection with the great Paris Exposition to be held at the beginning of the next century. Ferdinand Wythe Peck, the Commissioner General, is now in Paris with the larger portion of his staff. His aim is to go over the general situation there and to return as quickly as possible and take up the work of collecting and preparing the United States exhibits.

The Chicago Citizen says:—We wish most seriously, to warn young or old Irishmen or Irishwomen against coming to America at the present time. The employment market is overcrowded, particularly as regards unskilled labor. Mechanics have some chance, but clerks and laborers have none. There are too many of them idle around the streets of the big cities, Chicago included, now.

It is announced that Miss Ann Corrigan, of Ashburne, County Meath has been left a legacy of £20 per annum by the late Empress of Austria. During one of her visits to Ireland the late Empress called at the school of which Miss Corrigan was then mistress, and became interested in the children. The legacy now comes after many years in kind remembrance.

Although a very busy man, Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N.Y., has found time in which to write a good book of over a thousand pages entitled, The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, in plain English, or medicine simplified. Few books printed in the English language have reached so great a sale as has this popular work, over 650,000 copies having been sold at \$1.50 each. The profits on this enormous sale having repaid its author for the great amount of labor and money expended to give away, absolutely free, 500,000 copies of this valuable book, the recipient only being required to mail to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, of Buffalo, N.Y., of which company he is president, 31 one-cent stamps, to cover cost of mailing only, and the book will be sent postpaid. It is a veritable medical library, complete in one volume. It contains 1008 large pages, and over 300 illustrations, some of them in color. The Free Edition is precisely the same as that sold at \$1.50 except only that the books are bound in strong manilla paper covers, instead of cloth. It is not often that our readers have an opportunity to obtain a valuable book on such generous terms, and we predict that few will miss availing themselves of the usual and liberal offer to which we have called their attention.

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And let us go back over those 20 years, and in our own time when we are told that the cause is lost, what have we seen? The Church Act and the Land Act passed, and the Ballot Act proclaimed. Above all we have seen the Franchise Act, that Act for the liberation of our people, and which gave Ulster for the first time, an articulate voice in the British Parliament, and now—and now on top of that, as a sort of embarrassment of riches in these days of despair, we see—having disestablished the Church we disestablished the other limb of ascendancy—the Grand Jury, and we hand over at one blow the entire system of Local Government of our country into the hands of the common people. Shall we then, sir, in a moment like this—shall we use the accents of despair or the accents of hope. I say we should employ only the accents of confidence, but that in doing so there is no need whatever for us to use the language of brutal triumph. Ireland's right means no man's wrong. We stand for the freedom of our country and not for the ascendancy of any section. We have not put down one ascendancy to rear up another, and for those who would seek merely retribution, I would remind them that an Act such as the Local Government Act is, is after all but the first link in a chain yet to be woven. It is, so to speak, a great skeleton, which has yet to be clothed with flesh and blood and which must be developed, and through it, by circumspection and sagacity on our part, we will yet achieve the full measure of executive and Parliamentary freedom and the great motto of Ireland should be to proceed with out haste, without rest, until we achieve that, and having got the Local Government Bill today, let it be the first rung, or the second rung if you like, of the ladder, to proceed towards our next aim, to knock at the door of our ancient House in College Green and command it to be reopened, and above all not to permit that great National question which remains for solution to be overlaid by local questions.

Dispute the good intentions of none of my colleagues. I believe they are sincerely honest in their desire for the emancipation of our country, but it is possible, reasonably and fairly, to differ on questions of method and of policy. Accordingly, I should say that in a moment like this, if there are differences of opinion amongst ourselves, that the Local Government Act affords a means, a convenient and constitutional means, by which they ought to be induced to lay a national policy before the country. Now, I would suggest as a solvent for these difficulties, which naturally and fairly arise in our struggle, that a means may be found by which the feeling of the people under the machinery of the Local Government Act may be ascertained by using the weapons of the Constitution to elect in every parish men who would voice their feelings on the local boards, and if such men were elected on the council of the parish or the district, what is to prevent them from assembling in the capital of the country to decide for themselves, in conjunction with their clergy as of yore, what the policy of Ireland's representatives should be. For my part, while I have seen the various suggestions made, with or without authority, it appeared to me that entrenched behind the constitutional rampart of this new Act the people will then be placed in a position by which not merely upon local, but upon National questions, they may fully and fairly demand to make their will felt. If that suggestion passes heedlessly by I can only say for myself that if it is every man's right to initiate questions of National policy, then this right belongs to men as humble as your guests to night as well as to any one in any portion of this island.

There will be sorrow, indeed, to reflect that an ancient, a religious, and a civil race should be obliged to pass over this via dolorosa. There must be sorrow that once more 'might should conquer right,' and, above all, there will be the crowning sorrow that there were not thirty-two Wexfords or Antrims in Ireland in '98. Yet a pride overshadows the sorrow. The inspired Hebrew historian describes the state of the Jews in captivity. "By the banks of Babylon we eat and weep when we remembered thee O Sion!" It was not so with our forefathers in '98. In the days of their country's murders and outrage and desecrations and burnings they did not sit down and weep the tears of despair, but by the banks of the Slaney, the Lagan and the Bann they rose "as brave men ever do," and declared that these infamous should cease or they should die. So a century later the adjusting influences of time have almost reversed the positions of conquerors and conquered. No intelligent, honest Englishman hears of '98 without a feeling of humiliation—but, among the "conquered," who fears to speak of '98? And so today around the wide belt of the globe, wherever the exiled or adventurous Irishman has found a home—where strange mountains rise and strange rivers roll—his pulse beats with a prouder throb, the very blood in his veins flows faster and warmer as he recalls the memories of '98. Tonight they unite with us in spirit in saluting and honoring the memory of the dead. And if our united voices could reach their eternal shore we should tell them that they have not died in vain, that their blood has been the seed of Irish nationality, that the memory of their heroic uprising and suffering for altars and homes have been to their descendants a cherished heritage.

A SAD DEATH.

At Cornwall, on Tuesday, Oct. 18th, Miss Anna MacDonald, aged 56, was suffocated by a fire which destroyed the residence in which she lived. Others of the family, including Mrs. William MacDonald and her daughter, J. Phail, A. MacDonald and William Williams, barely escaped with their lives, Williamson and Mrs. MacDonald being terribly burned.

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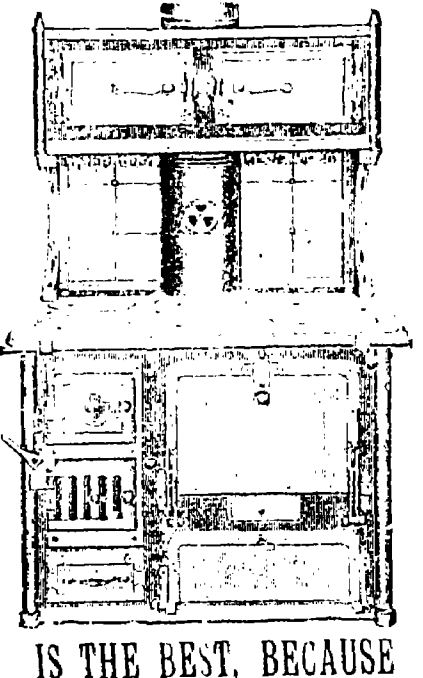
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