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THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

Those pointers to yonder old homestead so lowly,
And from its walls coldly averted thy gaze,
But to me these walls speak in a language that's lowly...

dred years ago, in the days of Elizabeth, an island of about the same size, and the same number of inhabitants, were hunted like wild beasts by the tyranny of Great Britain...

WELL, THIS IS THE IRISH QUESTION

that has been the great question in civil affairs of Great Britain for more than one hundred years. As long back as the days of Chatham, and coming down through all the administrations since, to Gladstone and Disraeli, it is the question that has been the rock ahead, that has puzzled statesmen and confounded parties, and proved the lasting element of bitterness and peril to the English State.

PERFORMANCE OF ENGLISH STATESMEN

who would say: Surrender India instead of pouring out blood and treasure like water to save the useless dependants. But Ireland is fifty miles from Liverpool. She is almost in sight of the harbor; she is an element of perpetual threatening to the English State.

ILLUSTRATED THE OMnipotence OF OPINION.

Stronger than armies, more permanent in its results than cannon, O'Connell persisted in appealing to the moral sense of his age. The omnipotence of public opinion forced the emperor of China to back down from the cruel modes of punishment recently decreed against rebels.

HOW AND SELF-SACRIFICING IN PURPOSE,

have not been Catholics, but Protestants (Applause.) It would be a shame to Ireland to say that only one sect championed her cause (applause), that the rest of the Irish race was recreant and unfeeling amid these infamous excesses of a neighbor island.

and not one family in fifty that make it over taste the article they make. (Applause.) A million pounds worth—\$3,000,000 worth—of fish

CAUGHT BY SCOTCH CONNING IN IRISH WATERS,

are eaten in England. Five million dollars' worth of other fish from the waters of Ireland go to that very market. It would be no very great suffering if it was an exchange; if, as when wheat some out of this Scotch harbor, iron or some equivalent comes back, because we should only then choose our market, part with what we did not want, and receive that which we did!

I HAVE YET TO FIND A SPOT AS FERTILE

in its length and depth as the land from which I came (applause.) Three thousand millions of dollars in the last one hundred years, statisticians say, have been drawn out of the people without a return. Why, if the soil had been white sand, like Cape Cod it would have been no wonder (laughter and applause).

THERE IS A CATHOLIC POPULATION,

the richest on the broad world (applause); the most prosperous, painstaking, industrious and thrifty. (Applause.) What is the difference? The religion is the same. What is the difference? The French peasant owns his farm, and the Irish farmer has all his estates owned by some thousand men. (Applause.) Mark the number that sit before me. Less than half that I see, as I carry game over the side, less than half that I see, as I carry game over the side, less than half that I see, as I carry game over the side...

IF SHE HAD GROWN AS POPULOUS

—If you can suppose her to have grown as populous as she is to-day—she would have had a population from 12,000,000 to 15,000,000, for the English policy shut us down to one employment. She said, "You shall not interfere with me in manufacturing; you shall not cross my path; you shall not monopolize my profits. The colonies shall be a treasure-house flowing into Great Britain. We won't consider any one single instance of property or the property of the colony itself" (applause).

MEN THAT ARE CONTENTED AND HAPPY

and prosperous stay at home. Strongest and dearest in a man's nature is attachment to home. He will clutch and reach away from home only under the most intense pressure of poverty and tyranny (applause). There is no emigration from France. You can hardly count it! You seldom meet a Frenchman abroad on the restive surface of the earth, and if you do his face is always tending towards Paris (laughter).

has increased one-half in population since 1841. Scotland has increased one-half. Most of the nations of Europe have increased somewhat in that proportion since that time—thirty-three years—for the last census was taken in 1871.

Well, this agitation is a year old. It began last April. Its actual organization is not six months old, and yet he has made \$5,000,000 rest in the pockets of those who need it to feed their children. (Great applause.) In six months he saved \$1,000,000 of absentee rent. (Applause.) He has saved the lives of the landlords. He has kept the peace in Ireland, and that is a great deal. (Applause.) The Irish are a race that love to fight, (laughter and applause), and hate the laws (laughter and applause), and never saw a law that they thought they ought to heed (laughter and applause); and when they look back on the history of sixty years' intolerable burden, no wonder that the fretting and fretful heart longs to break its chain. It is the testimony of Harriet Martineau and Justin McCarthy, and of other great English analysts, that the right hand of O'Connell did more to keep Ireland quiet than half a dozen regiments, or the suspension of the habeas corpus. (Prolonged applause.) That mighty hand, that voice of trusted and controlling power that said to his followers:

PATRIOT INDUSTRY TO BUILD THE ROADS

that link the continent to the seaboard, and they were furnished largely by the German and Irish people (great applause.) Many of them have gone down unhonored to their graves; but their work remains, and to-day, by virtue of that work, the prairies of Illinois, and the still vaster wheat region of Dakota and Montana, are brought by rail and steamer alongside of every harbor to Liverpool, and the farmer of Yorkshire and Lancashire is put close at hand with the competition of innumerable acres of the great West. A man holds his acres at £20 and £50 and £70 apiece, and lets them until his rental is \$100,000. He competes with the acres of Montana, with the cheese of Canada and the meat of Ohio, where an acre is worth on an average \$5, and any one can see the competition is worse than the Turkish Moslem's (laughter and applause). It is the hand-writing on the wall that says to the landed class of Great Britain, "You have been measured and weighed, and your doom is sealed" (applause).

BEATING AGAINST THE BELWATERS

of the British state, for it is founded on property, and has not yet travelled up to the level of resting its sustentations upon man (applause). We are the only nation—well France two or three years ago—well Ireland to rest its State on man (prolonged applause). The great outrage that our fathers showed was neither at Bunker Hill nor at Yorktown. That was the courage of blood, but the courage of brain was when Jefferson and Sam Adams looked on the state about to be, launched with a sublime faith in God that it was safe to leave a man with all the rights God gave him, rested the State on man (tremendous applause) nor did any man, nor wealthy man, nor well born man, but man. (Prolonged applause) Europe laughed at us. English statesmen gave us forty years for a shipwreck; but 100 years rolled away, and in 1876 we said to the world "Come and measure the grandeur of what we have done; come and look; we have opened a new chapter in the possibilities of the race, and we still float on that great sea of trust in man." (Loud and long applause) Now, England has not reached us. She rests on property, and the

GREAT GIBBETTER OF LANDED PROPERTY

quivers in the convulsive current of the scientific civilization of the nineteenth century. (Great applause.) Her institutions are like great vessels crashing and jostling together in storm. Science and industry and uncounted acres assail the state, and no man can calculate the result. (Renewed applause.) The animal man; the bulk of the intellect, the inspiration of the heart, has a right to a living against all parliaments and legislatures. This is the law of God (applause); but a blind and cruel and obtinate aristocracy takes the life from the teeth, and running riot, says: "I care neither for the law of God, nor for the stomachs of the people; and I hold my land with an iron grip." "If you would be ruled by the ruler," says an old proverb, "you shall be ruined by the ruler" (laughter and applause). If a power does not wake in time and let a statesman like Hamilton take its course, then the vessel of State goes to pieces. (Thunderous applause.)

wealth of their soil exported from every great shipping port, and that which they ought to eat carried out in the form of rent to men whose lungs were never swelled once by an Irish breeze, and who never stepped foot on Irish soil. (Applause.) I saw mention the other day of an Irish landlord who received £190,000 revenue, who was ninety-two years old, and who never set foot in Ireland—not once in those long ninety-two shameless years. (Great applause.) "Hunger will put its nails through stone walls," says a proverb; and if hunger tore the cobwebs of British statutes and wrenched the hearts out of lawless landlords, the world could say nothing but "Amen!" (round upon round of applause), for an obedient slave is the most deplorable of men. A rebellious slave we cannot but respect. (Great applause.)

SCOTCH NEWS

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LORD ABERDEEN AND HIS TENANTRY

Lord Aberdeen has issued the following circular to his tenantry:—"Dear Sir,—You are doubtless aware that the preliminary steps necessary for obtaining the authority of Parliament for the Udry and Metlic Railway have been accomplished, and you may naturally wish to hear of the further progress of the measure. I have in this matter desired throughout to act in harmony with the views of my tenantry, their benefit being my primary object in the proposed railway, and I wish now, therefore, to state frankly the present position of affairs. I find that the estimated cost of the construction, and also the difficulty of making terms of agreement with the Great North of Scotland Railway Company are so much greater than could have been anticipated, that I have come to the conclusion that the object must be abandoned. You will doubtless share with me the disappointment caused by this decision, but that feeling will, I trust, be somewhat modified when I inform you that taking into consideration the unfavorable circumstances by which agriculture has for some time been affected, I have determined to relieve my tenants from payment of the half-year's rent due next June.—Yours faithfully, "Aberdeen."

ARRIVAL OF THE ALLAN LINE STEAMER MANITOBA.

Some attention has naturally been attracted to the Allan Line steamer Manitoba, which was reported to have lost her propeller in mid-Atlantic while on the voyage from Boston to the Clyde about ten days ago, and was then known to be making for her destination under canvas. The Manitoba, under command of Captain McDougall, left Boston on the 5th ult. with a general cargo of produce and a number of live cattle. About the end of the month the Anchor-Line steamer Asavria, which arrived at Barrow from New York, reported having passed the Manitoba about 150 miles off the Fastnet proceeding under canvas, and subsequently she was reported at anchor about 30 miles south of Queenstown, awaiting assistance. On Monday Capt. Crawford, of the Clyde Shipping Company's steamer Rathlin, which arrived at Greenock, reported having passed the Manitoba below Ailsa Craig at 6 a.m. in tow. The Clyde Shipping Company's steamer Conqueror was dispatched to assist her, and during the evening the crippled steamer arrived at the Tall of the Bank—all well.

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TELEGRAMS.

CASTLEBAR, March 24.—Extraordinary sentences have just been passed in this town upon men, women and children for resistance to the process-server who were evicting them from their homes. A father and mother have already been sentenced, leaving seven young children in utter destitution. Jury packing and landlord judges are now the order of the day. The Land League will support all the evicted families—twenty in number—until the prisoners are released. A great indignation meeting is to be held in Mayo after the general election clears the way. The Parnell reception on Sunday was magnificent. Fifty thousand people paraded in Cork. Bonfires blazed on almost every hill-top in Ireland. It may truly be said, in more ways than one, that our people are now actively at work in "spreading the light" over Ireland. Parnell is already stamping in the country in the interest of his Parliamentary party. Dillon was nominated for Tipperary yesterday. The land question is the all-absorbing topic among the people of the entire nation. A change for the better is certain ere long. Smart agencies are actively at work encouraging emigration. They are especially anxious to get rid of such men as are beginning to see the light. Great indignation is still existing. The Registrar of the Poor is barely saving the people from famine.

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