

SOME NOTES OF STRANGE HAPPENINGS.

BUYING SOCIAL BANK.—To the man of millions who does not know what to do with his money, a title, or a place in the exclusive social circles of Europe is cheap at any cost, to the really titled and noble the sale of such privileges or distinctions would be dear, no matter how enormous the sum. Here is a sample of the ambition of moneyed men who imagine that their piles of bank notes should entitle them to every worldly preferment.—

"An American gentleman desires the services of an English lady of title as chaperone for his only daughter, who will shortly arrive in England for a three months' stay. Honorarium, £5,000.

"No one doubts that this advertisement is genuine. London contains at present hundreds of wealthy American men and women, many of whom are here with the avowed intention of entering the most exclusive circle of society. The price to be paid the 'lady of title' is about the usual figure.

THE HUMORS OF AN EVIL.—There exists no greater coarse to-day in the world than the loose manner in which marriages are performed. Why clergymen, or magistrates, or whoever they may be should take upon themselves to unite in matrimony people of whom they know nothing, is something astonishing to the Catholic whose idea of marriage is so elevated and so strict. We take the following despatch, from Hackensack, N.J., June 14, as an example of the low level to which divorce laws and practices have brought the holy state of matrimony, and of the unchristian conduct of the person performing the ceremony, as well as of the folly of young people and the ridiculous consequences thereof.—

Charles Kanz, of Passaic, is seeking to have his marriage with Tillie Bauman, of this place, annulled. The young man is but nineteen years old, and his bride is fifteen. He does not look any older certainly than his bride says she is. They went through a marriage ceremony in Passaic on April 23. The husband says they were walking in Passaic when he asked the girl to be his wife, and she said all right, so he proposed the ceremony be performed at once. This was in the afternoon, and later the girl went home to her parents, and has since lived there.

Application has now been made for the annulment of the marriage. Mrs. Bauman denounced the marriage as an outrage. She said her daughter did not look a day older than she was, and thought any one could see that she was but a child. "Why, I've spanked her since the marriage," said Mrs. Bauman. "Laid her across my knee and spanked her."

A CASE OF ECCENTRICITY.—A Geneva, Ill., despatch says:—Miss Bridget Milan, an eccentric woman who has lived alone in a comfortable home here on one of the principal residence streets for many years, was found dead in her house this afternoon. The body was in an advanced stage of decomposition, the woman having evidently been dead for a month at least. The coroner's jury decided that death was due to sickness and disease, caused by lack of nourishment. The sum of \$600 was found among the effects in her room. Miss Milan came from Chicago many years ago and purchased the property where she died, resting there with a sister until the latter was forced to again take up her residence in Chicago on account of the eccentricities of the deceased.

WORSE THAN THE LAW.—It was once supposed that it was more difficult for a lawyer to go to heaven than for any other man, but according to Mr. H. L. Abbott, who recently resigned his seat in the town council of McKeesport, Pa., it would seem that the politician is still worse off, in a religious sense, than his barrister fellow-citizen. Regarding his resignation Mr. Abbott said: "My resignation is purely a matter of conscience. It is my determination to live a life void of offence to God and man. To do so it becomes necessary to obey the Divine injunction: 'Come ye out from among them and be ye separate.' I have found that in order to be of use to my constituents to secure needed improvements for my district I must stifle my conscience, enter into cliques and schemes and become a low politician. I cannot do that and have resigned."

"Politics is the most corrupt thing I have ever been mixed up with. I am out of it forever. I have separated myself, and my conscience is satisfied. Others may not agree with me, but I know that no Christian can sit in the McKeesport councils and save his soul."

THE SOUL'S IMMORTALITY.—A man in Hartford, Conn., named Sidney Hall, willed a residue of his estate to the Advent Christian Publication Society of Boston, for the publication of literature to combat

the "pernicious, unchristian and unreasonable doctrine of the immortality of the soul." Evidently this man was bound not to live, if he could help it, after death. In one man the ideas of Mr. Hall may be explained, but when a society accepts them, it is time to cry a halt. We have these facts:— This residue of the estate is estimated to be about \$12,000. The question before the court is whether a trust is created and whether the Advent Christian Publication Society is competent to accept the trust. In relation to the latter question, it was submitted in the court, what the belief of the Advent Church is regarding the soul's immortality. That belief was said to be that only the souls of believers are immortal, while those of unbelievers and unregenerate are not. Counsel for the society said that the Adventists believe that at death a suspension of mortality takes place. At the second coming of Christ those who pass the Judgment Day receive immortality; those who do not pass go out of existence. He said that Mr. Hall's bequest was reasonable, perfectly plain in its statements and showed a perfect comprehension of what the testator meant to do.

FAILURE AND MADNESS.—After years of patient work on a machine, which he confidently expected would solve the mystery of perpetual motion, William Herford, 71 years old, was finally compelled to admit failure. He grimly acknowledged failure by placing the muzzle of a revolver in his right temple and blowing out his brains. He ended his life last night in his little shop, Brooklyn, where he had spent many hours in deep thought and working on the model which he expected would make his name known to the entire world. He took the precaution, however, before ending his life, to dismantle the working model, and he himself only knew its workings. What secret he had died with himself.

HAPPENINGS IN IRELAND.

THE IRISH LANGUAGE.—The following resolution was adopted at a large meeting which was held in the Ancient Concert Rooms in furtherance of the Irish language movement:—

"That this meeting of the citizens of Dublin and representatives of the branches of the Gaelic League in Ireland and Britain hereby resolve that in the interest of rational education it is imperative that bilingual teaching should be formally established by the Board of National Education as a system in Irish-speaking districts."

The Rev. Dr. O'Hickey, vice-president of the Gaelic League, said that the board of National Education had removed certain restrictions upon the teaching of Irish in primary schools, but had given no positive help to the movement. He hoped for the sake of Ireland's future that the people of Ireland would not tolerate for a moment any interference with the concessions that had been made, but would, on the other hand, insist that further concessions should be granted. Behind the Gaelic League in this matter there was a strike accepted by the Government, and unanimously adopted by the House of Commons, and, so far as the Gaelic League, and, he believed he might also say, so far as the Irish party were concerned, there had been no going back on that resolution. If the National Board should choose to provoke a language war in Ireland, then it would be their duty to set on foot there and then an agitation for the abolition of the National Board, because no Irish Board, and certainly no Irish Education Board, would be allowed to stand in the way of realization of truly Irish education in Ireland. Even to this day the National Education Board was an anti-Irish Board.

A GAS EXPLOSION.—Cork was a city of darkness on a recent evening, says an exchange. No gas was in the pipes and therefore the chandeliers got exorbitant prices for candles and anything that would burn and give light. The reason this time for the sudden darkness, which descended on Cork was not a strike at a moment's notice, but the explosion of the principal gasometer in the city, which contained half a million cubic feet of gas. The roar of the explosion was heard for miles. Luckily the men were at dinner with the exception of five. Had it been otherwise a great loss of life would have occurred. The five men present escaped with slight injuries, most of them suffering principally through shock. The cause of the explosion is as yet a mystery, but it is reported the company suspect the gas-workers who are on strike of having used dynamite. The men are indignant at the charge, and allege the disaster is due to the overcharging of the gasholder, resulting from the employment by the company of unskilled workmen during the strike. This, we think, the true explanation.

TRADES CONGRESS.—The Irish Trades Union Congress has been holding its annual meeting at Sligo. At one of the sessions Mr. W. J. Leahy, of Dublin, proposed:— "That this congress of Irish workers enters its most earnest protest against the action of the military authorities in giving the contract for porter and ale to the Burden Brewery Company in face of the well-known fact that the best porter in the world is brewed in Dublin and other parts of Ireland, and views this action as a gross injustice to the Irish brewery industry, and a serious injury to the mechanics, and laborers employed in those establishments."

Mr. Leahy said that all branches of industry in Ireland had to con-

Summer Shoes. On one of his old days Shakespeare doubtfully inquired: "What's in a name?" The value of a name is what it signifies. The name "The Mansfield" on a pair of shoes means—yes, guarantees that that shoe is perfect fitting, is stylish, is made from only dependable material, is lined carefully, is finely finished, and will prove durable. "THE MANSFIELD" Shoe—a shoe for both men and women—in every popular leather—in every popular toe and heel—in every popular last—and at a very popular price—\$3.00 per pair. MANSFIELD, The Shoelist. 124 St. Lawrence street, corner Lagacheffere street, MONTREAL, Que.

plain of the action of the military authorities, Mr. Mametti, Mr. Field, Mr. Healy, and Mr. White had asked questions in Parliament with regard to the subject, and even before Mr. Brodrick gave his reply they were aware of the Code that all articles necessary for the supply of military barracks if practicable should be supplied from the town in which the troops were stationed. That Code was grossly violated every day in the year. Not only did the military authorities import the brushes that scrubbed the horses, but now they were importing the beef from America and the mutton from Australia to supply troops stationed on the plains of the Curragh.

A BIGOT PUNISHED.—There is yet some bigotry in Ireland. In Belfast, the other day, a Catholic, named William Bohan, in the employment of Messrs. Workman and Clark, was set upon and severely beaten in the workyards by his Protestant fellow-workmen for no other reason but that he was a Catholic and had taken part in the Jubilee procession. James Clements, who seems to have been the ringleader in the assault, was dismissed by his employers and afterwards summoned to the Police Court by Bohan. Mr. Hodder, the resident magistrate, who tried the case, convicted the prisoner, and in sentencing him said: "The offence was very serious. The only cause alleged for the assault on the complainant was that he was a Roman Catholic, and had taken part in services carried on by the Roman Catholic Church." The magistrate warmly commended the action of the firm in dismissing the defendant. The assault was a cowardly one, and he concluded, could only be adequately met by a term of imprisonment. He therefore ordered the defendant to be imprisoned for one month.

BOURKE COCKRAN'S FIRST LESSON IN BUSINESS. Mr. W. Bourke Cockran, the well known politician of New York is so successful to-day that he can afford to talk delightfully of the days when he had not a penny. Mr. Cockran, who was born in Ireland in 1854, is widely famous as an orator, has been prominent in two national conventions, was for two terms a member of Congress, and is now a lawyer in New York city. He told a good story of himself recently to a society young woman who was starting out on a business career as buyer for a department store. "Do you know what sable tails are?" he asked. "Be sure that you do," he added, "or you may lose your position. My ignorance on that subject lost me my first position."

"Sable tails!" echoed the young woman. "What have they got to do with business?" "Well, if I had known what they were I might to-day be a prosperous merchant. I landed in America resolved to be a great man. I went from shop to shop like many other Irish lads seeking for an errand or a salary that would buy food so that I might have strength to start in on great career. Finally, I stood before President McKinley has announced that he will not accept the candidacy for a third term. In making this announcement it is believed he follows his own instincts, as well as the advice of his wisest friends. President McKinley says:— I regret that the suggestion of a third term has been made. I doubt whether I am called upon to give it notice. But there are now questions of the gravest importance before the Administration and the country, and their just consideration should not be prejudiced in the public mind by even the suspicion of the thought of a third term. In view, therefore, of the reiteration of the suggestion of it, I will say now, once for all, expressing a long-settled conviction, that I do not and will not be a candidate for a third term, but would not accept a nomination for it if it were tendered me. My only ambition is to serve through my second term to the acceptance of my countrymen, whose generous confidence I so deeply appreciate, and then, with them, do my duty in the ranks of private citizenship.

"The Finest Piano I have ever Used."—ALBANI. HEINTZMAN & CO. PIANOS. Popular to-day beyond all other pianos because of their melodious quality of tone, their never disappointing durability, their general attractiveness and superiority. We have them in choicest designs and great variety. Prices made very low and terms attractive. SPECIAL OFFER. A practically new latest Heintzman & Co. Upright Grand. Cannot be told from new. Regular price \$480. Can be had, if taken at once, for \$300, on easy monthly payments.

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Notre Dame Street, Montreal's Great Store, St. James Street SATURDAY, June 22, 1901.

...CANADA'S LINEN HALL... Have you ever considered the vast difference in the wear of a good and an inferior linen? The prices quoted for the two may be very similar, but the difference is soon found out in the wear. The Big Store makes a point of always giving the best values possible for the smallest amount of money. These are useful lines:

- Bleached Table Linen: Full Bleached Table Linen in Newest Designs, satin finish. Bleached Table Linen, 54 inches, 10c. Bleached Table Linen, 58 inches, 10c. Bleached Table Linen, 65 inches, 10c. Bleached Table Linen, 68 inches, 10c. Bleached Table Linen, 72 inches, 10c. Bleached Table Linen, 74 inches, 10c.
- Huckaback Towels: Bleached with fringe, very serviceable. Size 14 by 24 inches, 8c each. Size 20 by 34 inches, 15c each. Size 21 by 41 inches, 28c each. Size 28 by 46 inches, 30c each. Size 23 by 44 inches, 45c each. Size 26 by 45 inches, 49c each.
- Hemstitched Towels: Made of Pure Bleached Linen. Size 17 by 24 inches, 14c each. Size 20 by 42 inches, 18c each. Size 21 by 42 inches, 18c each. Size 22 by 45 inches, 40c each.
- Linen Tray Cloths: Full Bleached Linen Tray Cloths, pretty patterns, with fringe. Size 17 by 25 inches, special 22c. Size 19 by 27 inches, special 25c. Size 20 by 28 inches, special, 30c.
- Costume Crash Linens: Two thousand yards extra quality fine Costume Crash Linen, 37 inches wide, regular 25c; special, 17c.

OUTING SKIRTS. Ladies' White Pique Skirts, latest style, tailor made, double stitched seams, deep plaits in back, finished wide hem, worth \$2.25; special \$1.80. Ladies' White Pique Outing Skirts, tailor stitched, perfect hanging, finished straps of same, open plaits in front, worth \$2.50; special \$2.05. Ladies' handsome Outing Skirts in White Pique, new cut, with large flare, trimmed applique design on net, finish deep plaits in back; special \$4.45.

TREMENDOUS SALE OF 6500 Yards WASH FABRICS. Thousands will patronize this great sale. By far the greatest and most brilliant offer The Big Store has ever made in Wash Fabrics will be one of the principal events Monday. This great purchase was effected at a considerable reduction on the regular value, and they are the newest, brightest, prettiest and most beautiful summer fabrics ever offered at the price. They include: Scotch Gingham, English Satens, Scotch Crinkle, French Gingham, American Pique, Bel-gim Lawn, in dainty new colorings and designs, worth not less than 35c yard..... 18c Your choice on Monday at..... 18c Mail Orders Carefully Filled

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SETTLED HER DOUBTS.—At a certain fête in the North of England there was a captive balloon, which was a payment of a shilling you would get in and have a view of the surrounding country. However, when about to enter car of the balloon, to attendants: "I say, my man, is there any danger of this balloon bursting?" "No, my man, Rest easy, there's no danger, you see it's fastened with a cable, and should it burst we could easily pull you down." "Nervous?" "No, my man, you see the car quite as about to enter car of the balloon, to

Vol. L. INCIDENT "The Missionary in Texas, a given 20 missions, very interesting workings of the field of active and encouraging summary of the four of the pre Rev. P. F. B. ary in Texas, a given 20 missions, attendance 6,385 whom were non-crowded, the pre-Rev. W. G. G. received 11, under instruction Rev. Thomas missionary in North missions, attend people—535 of v. olics. He received 128 under Rev. W. G. G. missionary in Virginia, at which courses. He had 000—1,885 of v. olics. He received 10 under instruction Rev. Henry E. missionary in Alabama. There were 735 people, of which Catholics. He left 22 under We will now tell from the stories preachers of their Father Brannan mission at Spring Here there was a ance every night. He entered the chapparent bravado took out a blank and began to write been speaking non-He was gone. I had laid his book in no more. He came after the mission to the church East- ing. He left and ative mood up on walk. I was told out to find him a He was gone. I had pastor if he should that day to invite see me. He found and he came. I told him I was that I had noticed be pleased to know if any, were made he had heard. So m he had slept but preacher, but had preacher for the but that at present where or what he had prayed to God to show him where in his struggles he giving up all religi about a month bef church like the one preaching dressed in and then he woke up the announcement I I was to be there. I ed to walk over his go. He said he had offer to anything he gave him some bod reason to think that the truth later on. vert here, and other ready, 4 go very selciving converts. W want them to come The priests of the tolate encountered at Binghamton. The A great stir was our visit. The bigot dispositions of some manifested itself in a printed circular—a d—an insult to the C city, and an insult to circular evidently om source grossly ignor malicious; most likely proposition was Protestants give bread in the United are the servants of this great republic, the enthusiasm that throughout the city mark. The non-Catholics, perhaps, crowded to filled it two hours before began. Our challengers challenged to respond. They were invited to which they blatantly were called upon to dation but, like the o they were dumb. CORPUS Y The Feast of Corpus the Sunday within the feast was held in Scot with a grandeur and has never been surpass future years will not equal, says the London Looking under the one cannot but help those who make it a did so at