

BYSTANDER'S CRITIQUE

ON DEMOCRACY, IRISH DISUNION AND NATIONAL SOCIETIES.

A Simpler Law of Land Transfer—The case of England—Mr. Lowell's Address on Democracy.

It is not to be expected that the people will consent to a radical change; but they may consent to important improvements, such as election for longer terms, and overlapping, so as to give more continuity and steadiness to the administration.

The death of Sir R. R. Torrens has closed the career of a man who in an unobtrusive way was no small benefactor of society, and whose work, it may be confidently said, will live in Australia, Sir R. R. Torrens was able without much resistance from rooted custom to introduce a system of land registration and transfer under which dealings with land are so simple as dealings with shipping on the stocks.

Next to the French element in sectional influence is the Irish, though it does not like the French form a compact mass or retain a language of its own, it is intensely national, and is held together by its priest-hood and by its separate schools.

Hereditary government is gone. Democracy has come. This is the moral of the century. It is doubted by no candid student of the political situation. Nor do many doubt that where democracy is introduced, it will be a change for the better.

The spirit of Mr. Parnell's speech in the spirit of his party. The streets of Dublin are renamed after Parnell as an insult to the British government and the people.

What was the cause of all this fury and atrocity? What enormous act of tyranny or grinding system of oppression provoked the outbreak? This is the question which a reasonable posterity will ask. The answer will be that parliament had just passed the land act and the act of 1880, and was known to be preparing to pass a measure of home rule which would have handed the reins of the government to the hands of the Irish.

THE NIGHT SCHOOLS.

Appointments of Teachers for the Coming Season—Separate school supporters. The public school board held a special meeting last night to hear the report of the standing committee on night schools and transient general business.

Parliament street—Head master, J. B. Carr, assistant master, Henderson, teacher for females, G. R. Craikbank, Elizabeth street, head master, T. A. Gray, assistant master, W. G. Milligan; teacher for females, H. R. Lewis.

Billiards are about to be introduced at Durham, and the Chronicle there is resisting the innovation as immoral. A South Woodlawn man has posted in front of his house a placard with the words, "No methodist ministers allowed on the premises."

The matter was referred to the committee on the 11th inst. and the committee held an open investigation of the charge against Mr. Clarke, the date to be left with the chairman.

See the great crowds at the Bon Marche sale. Miscellaneous Echoes from the World of Recreation. J. J. Murphy of Boston now says that he will not row this season, as Buckley has not accepted his conditions, and Laing's row next best thing is to bring the race on too late in the season.

The Manhattan athletic club will hold games on election day, when the following will compete: 100 yds, 220 yds, 440 yds, 880 yds, 1760 yds, 3520 yds, 7040 yds, 14080 yds, 28160 yds, 56320 yds, 112640 yds, 225280 yds, 450560 yds, 901120 yds, 1802240 yds, 3604480 yds, 7208960 yds, 14417920 yds, 28835840 yds, 57671680 yds, 115343360 yds, 230686720 yds, 461373440 yds, 922746880 yds, 1845493760 yds, 3690987520 yds, 7381975040 yds, 14763950080 yds, 29527900160 yds, 59055800320 yds, 118111600640 yds, 236223201280 yds, 472446402560 yds, 944892805120 yds, 1889785610240 yds, 3779571220480 yds, 7559142440960 yds, 15118284881920 yds, 30236569763840 yds, 60473139527680 yds, 120946279055360 yds, 241892558110720 yds, 483785116221440 yds, 967570232442880 yds, 1935140464885760 yds, 3870280929771520 yds, 7740561859543040 yds, 15481123719086080 yds, 30962247438172160 yds, 61924494876344320 yds, 123848989752688640 yds, 247697979505377280 yds, 495395959010754560 yds, 990791918021509120 yds, 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