



DIGGING THE GRAVE FOR PROTECTION.

belave it's true. Would Bro. Kildogan kindly state the source av his information?"

"Yis, sir. For the matter av that, I may as well tell yez I had it from Peter Ryan this mornin'. He was boastin' about how they had fixed the Orangemen this time, an' I up an' tould him it was a lie. 'Sure there's no Government,' sez I, 'would dare to do the likes av that.' An' what does he do but pull out a big wad; 'money talks,' sez he. 'I'll put up \$50 on it that not a saloon in this city'll be open on the 24th av May or the 12th av July.'" (Groans.)

"Perhaps some brother will frame a strong resolution denouncin' the outrage," suggested the Master, "an' in the meantime I'm thinkin' we'd better be considerin' the propriety av changin' the date av our annual celebration an' houldin' it maybe on the 11th or the 13th to sarcumvint the Jesuit schamers." (Hear, hear.)

"Has any brother present such a thing as an almanac," asked another brother, "so we'll see what day av the week would suit us best."

After some searching an almanac was procured and handed to the Master who hastily turned up the month of July. Suddenly his countenance broke into a broad smile.

"Bro. Kildogan," he said, "do yez want to make an April fool av the lodge or what? Av coorse there'll be no liquor sould on the 12th or the 24th ayther, for the very good rayson that both av thim falls on a Sunday. This lodge is now adjourned, an' av Bro. Kildogan's the square man I've always tuk him for, he'll make the only reparation in his power for the scare he gev us by a treat all round."

"I ALWAYS use steel pens," as the forger remarked.

A COMPLIMENT FROM THE WORLD.

THE *World*, in a recent article, expresses the fear that the Single Tax movement is being pushed by some of its advocates to extreme lengths in the direction of what it calls "anarchy" and "communism." In warning the disciples of Henry George against this tendency it takes occasion to say:

The fact seems to be that once a man reasons himself into the Single Tax idea he is irresistibly carried to lengths of which at the outset he never dreamed. A very fine perception and powerful grip may save some.

Thanks. The power of GRIP will always be exerted in the direction of securing justice to the toiler, as against the exactions of monopoly, but should we notice any disposition on the part of our co workers in the cause to drift into "the whirlpool of anarchy" the influence of which our contemporaries speak in such complimentary terms will certainly be put forth to avert the disaster.

HIS LAST—AND WORST.

GUBBINS—"Yes, he draws a pension from the Imperial Government. Says he fought at Inkermann, but I really can't see why the public should be taxed to keep him on that account."

SAMJONES—"Ah, then you consider his pension a sort of—ah—unearned Inkermann-t, I suppose."

SWEEPING.

CHOLLY—"Did she reject your proposal?"

CHAPPIE—"Yes, bah Jove! and me, too."