

struggled along for a few years and then vanished; but the fact remains that the voyagers from Iceland were the earliest European settlers of the country.

A period of decay in the Icelandic history begins when it was brought under the Norwegian sceptre. Later on the island became a Danish province, and remains so yet. With the loss of independence begins a condition of oppression from foreign government. A constitution given to the country in 1874, however, has greatly improved the recent political status of the country, and the island is at present making rapid progress both in commercial and industrial matters.

I notice a telegram from Chicago in the Victoria Times to the effect that there are likely to be some revelations in the Cronin murder case. This Cronin matter has always interested me very much, perhaps because when a detective in that city I knew intimately several of the persons concerned in the affair. For this reason I have watched carefully anything pertaining to that celebrated murder, and as a result of my observations I find the following:—Patrick O'Sullivan, the iceman, who figured in the Cronin murder, died of consumption at the Illinois state penitentiary at Joliet; John F. Beggs, who was tried as a principal and acquitted, died in Chicago on April 6 last; Patrick Dinan, owner of the white horse and one of the most important witnesses for the state, died a few weeks before Beggs; Peter McGeehan, who was accused by Dr. Cronin of conspiracy to kill him, died in delirium in Cook county hospital; Robert Gibbons, who was an alibi witness for Burke in the trial, was shot and killed by Capt. Schuettler in April, 1890, having picked a quarrel with Schuettler because of the part taken by that officer in the prosecution; Edward Spelman, the Peoria distiller, who was a large contributor to the defence fund and an active "triangle" sympathizer, lost his life by falling from a ladder; Michael Gannon, a member of Camp 50 and a great friend of Coughlin, whose name was often mentioned in the trial, died shortly after the conviction; Luke Jordan, brother of Harry Jordan, Wm. Nieman, and a Miss McInerney, the two latter witnesses for the state, are also dead. Other witnesses not yet

dead are scattered all over the country, and if the doctrine that the future is only a continuation can be accepted as infallible, it is safe to predict that their mission in this world will soon be ended.

These are the hours when tepid showers descend on hill and valley; about this time erotic rhyme gets in its liveliest rally. The bulbous root begins to shoot, so does the sportsman dapper; the auctioneer resumes his sphere and lubricates his clapper. Across the sea the wealthy flee; the tramp forsakes the city, and lopes away to sleep on hay and sigh for rum and pity. The May Day breeze, through budding trees, but likewise through the gutter, impartial tears and what it bears is quite too utterly utter. The perch is here with all his gear of bones complete and fearful, but, spite of jokes, the man who chokes dies justified and cheerful. On every block appears a flock of summer Dolly Vardens; the Chinese bland, with pipe in hand, set out their summer gardens. Begins once more the baseball score of triumphs and disgraces, and everywhere we breathe an air surcharged with bats and bases. "Oh, happy time! Oh, blessed clime! Oh, race of men supernal!" the poet sings, for all these things are gratis and diurnal.

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