

Mr. Dooley on Uniforms

"Well, sir," said Mr. Dooley, "I see be th' pa-pers that th' American Ambassadeur to Roosheya has invinted a uniform f'r himself. It's a plain unyform, but nate. A cheapeun-with a long graceful feather in it, a broad-cloth coat very full in th' basque an' th' American people who have owned it to this day, an' was in fits iv laughter ower a story about Silas Cooper—iv Salem, which Ambassadeur Obadiah told him in th' perfect Fr-ench he had picked up fr'm th' cook iv th' ship goin' over. After

garrisoned with African eagles in
gold, vest iv' th' same material,
pantaloons iv' pale blue with a dilly-
cated gold stripe four inches wide
on th' outside seam, wan hip an', two
side pockets, thirty-eight chest, forty-
five waist. Th' ambassador will
carry a handkerchief iv' th' star spangled
banner with th' r'le ar-rms in a
corner an' will wear upon his shirt
a gold device: 'E pluribus unum.
American Ambassador. Use no
hicks! Use no hicks!

'What does he want with a uniform, anyhow?' asked Mr. Hennessy.

"Well, it's a long an' a sad story," said Mr. Dooley. "Bear wid me while I tell ye, or do not, as ye please. I'll tell ye anyhow. Ye see, in th' early days o' this rhypublic, no wan cared what an ambassadure wore so long as it had th' pockets enough to carry away th' gold. An' so 't was be- haved country 'Irish an' gaffs mon- archies iv th' o' wurld. I've seen pitchers iv Benjamin Franklin, who was that thick, with a head that

"Thin was th' modest days iv th' raypublic, Hinmissy. It's diffrent now that we've become a wurrald power. Th' suferin's iv some iv our ambassadors on account iv their

to skin a king, they put their heads together an' picked out a good, active, travelin' salesman kind iv a man. Th' fathers iv th' ruyablic was mos'ly in th' fish le business an' know th' comble me, in the 30

Who'll we send to Fr-ance?" says Thomas Jefferson. "This here matter is 'n' Loosyany purchase has got to be delicately handled or we won't get all th' best in it," he says. "I suggest Obadiah Deering in Netherland."

years. It has forty pounds in epaulettes on its shoulders. It's th' kind iv a name. Gin'ral Miles wud like to wear it a uniform. If I had that name I'd go to th' palace in a sheet an' ixpict th' guards to fall down on me. I'd be a Gin'ral. I'd be a Gin'ral.

'He's our man,' says all th' others,
 an' Obadiah Perkins got th' job. He
 packed a collar an' an exthry pair iv
 socks in a bag, took along a copy iv
 th' Westminster Confession an' an
 orthodox folkle for reference an' guid-
 ance.

and himself with fine cut and started out. At 8-o'clock he landed in Paree; at 8:08 he knocked down a coort chamberlain an' a jannydarm an' landed in the lap iv Looey th' Magificent but tired. At 8:10 he took a

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LAKES BECOME LAND

Process Requires Years, But is Ever in Progress

The continent abounds in rich agricultural fields and meadow lands that but a few years ago were broad expanses of limpid water. How these lakes have been transformed was recently explained by Professor Gregory, of Yale. In the course of a talk with the students of his class he spoke of the way lakes are filled on one side and drained on the other by rivers, and called attention to the rapidity with which these lakes are filled up by the bringing down of sediment of various sorts. Rivers running into lakes are quite dark, but those leading away are clear, showing that much sediment has been left behind.

The Mississippi river carries yearly to the Gulf over thirteen million tons of matter. It would take but a day's portion of this burden to convert any one of the many ordinary lakes into broad meadow lands. Some idea of the rapidity with which lakes die under this process is shown in the fact that 73 out of 149 lakes in the Swiss region have disappeared since 1873. Lakes die by either being filled up or drained off. The draining off results when a river has worn a gorge back so deep that the water all runs out.

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The speaker called attention to the Disual Swamp in Florida, which was once a vast lake, but is now a great area of bogs and swamps, with only a little lake in one part. So rank is the growth of this peat in that hot land that the surface of the lake is fourteen feet higher than the level of the surrounding bogs, showing that it has been literally forced up into the air.

Lakes, swamps, bogs and then garden lands represent the stages in the process of drying. Filling, draining and encroachment of vegetation represent, the process that kills the lakes in warm climates, while the forces of the air are agencies in the cooler portions of the world. Professor Gregory closed his lecture with an interesting account of the way the lakes have disappeared in the regions in the western part of the United States, where only desert land is now found.—EX.

Not the Subject
London, April 10.—Henry Kimber, a Conservative member of parliament and an advocate of the redistribution of seats, wrote recently to Mr. Hallour, asking whether there was any truth in the rumors that the Irish land bill was part of a bargain for abandoning the redistribution of seats in Ireland. Mr. Hallour, in reply, makes the important statement that the Irish land bill has never been the subject of any kind of bargain with any party, group or individual, in or out of parliament. He recognizes the anomalies of the existing system of parliamentary representation as being undoubtedly serious, but he has never seen any satisfactory scheme of reform suggested. This reply seems to show that the government has no idea of reducing the Irish representation in parliament.

Editor—No, I thought my readers would prefer it condensed.—Brooklyn

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