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Deer old Ireland!

Ireland Boys, Hurrahl Indeed it was not very big, but like the American 'Cradle of Liberty," it was large enough to have been the birthplace of a nation's freedom. On the 15th of February. 1782 - the first meeting of delegates took place in Dungannon, representing 143 corps of volunteers; Coloner Irwine presided. A second meeting was held on the 8th of September. 1788, when five hundred delegates were present and Colonel James Stewart was chairman And a third meeting took place on the 15th of February, 1795, at which William Sharnian presided. Amongst the delegator, it may be stated, were a great variety of citizens—churchmen. merchanta, lords, gentlemen. farmers, and professional men. It was in every sense a remarkable, a memorable gathering. Resolutions were drawn up and carried amide: the clash of swords and rattle of cannon that Ireland should be freea nation—and so it was. Think of that. Until in the words of Thomas

When Grattan rose, none dared ODD080

The claim he made for freedom: They knew our swords, to back his words.

Where ready did he need them Remember still through good and ill How vain were prayers and tears. How vain were words-till flashed

the swords Of the Irish Volunteers

The North began, the North held on The strife for native land, Till Ireland rose and cowed her

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God bless the Northern land! Many enthusiastic pens have spread the fame of the "Volunteers." I only quote here a passage of one: Fireland was no longer an abject province that stooped under the tyranny of a foreign oppressor, but stepped forth boldly at once in the vigor of manheod, and with a correct steady pace assumed a rank among the nations of Europe, distinguished by magnanimity, by fortitude, generosity and disinterestedness." Well, I may say, for the information of tourists, that they need not fear the fall of the patriots who had to sleep in the little Presbyterian church. They will find a choice of comfortable rooms at Black's Northland Arms Hotel and two or three other nice inne in

nice, bright, pleasant little place, like space. I would hardly twelve miles from Dunganuon, situ-demed, however, if I ignored as all Edmund D. Whelenn Writes About ated at the foot of a hill called ject of great interest to Tyrone men Slievegallin, not far from the shores at home and shrood. I meen its new of Lough Neegh. It is a paculiar church. town, commissing of one long street of more than a mile reminding you From Dungannon to Omagh, of one of the Chicago boulevardswith diamond cut sidewalks and rows of trees on each side. It is one What has won for Dunganuon a of those thriving factory towns, with name of imperishable fame even some 4,000 of a population, two-fifths more than the ancient giories of the of whom are Catholics. Cookstows's O'Neille-was its having been the handsome Catholic church is much scene of the ever memorable gather- to be admired, which together with ing of what is known in history as a nice new Convent of Mercy, nathe "Irish Volunteers." How it was tional schools, Catholic reading that Dungannon, an out-of-the way room, and society hall-all in a spot on a bill should have come to bunch on a bill have a very combe the fountain head, from which manding appearance. Here I had a flowed the awelling stream of Irish very courteque reception from a Freedem it is hard to say. At all clever, gentlemanly young man, events. It was from this bill in the Mr. Rice, the sobred-master, who mider of Tyrone that the mandate told me that the Catholic young men went forth, which made Treland a of the town debate here on various Nation." Gretten's elequence, subjects on long winter eveningsbacked by the swords of Lord an excellent thing. I thought for Charlemont and 80,000 volunteers, the rising generations of Irishmen. won for Ireland in 1782 what she The hall is supplied with a nice varilost by bribery and corruption in cty of daily and weekly papers and 1800 and which ever since she has magazines. I have noticed this hapatriven in vain to win back. I vis- py state of things in various towas ited the Presbyterian church in in Ireland besides Cookstown, and it Dungannon, situated about half way is only an indication of the rising up the hill, of the main street, and spirit of intelligence and self-knowlis entered by an Iron gate, over edge which is taking hold of the which a lamp hange. It is a plain, land once again. The new Convent substantial little stone building with of Mercy cost £7,000. I could linger a square tower. About eighteen longer in this cheery little town inches of stone casing has been ad- with its fine air if time permitted. ded to the external walls, and the and feel at home at Mr. Patrick building has been enlarged and Corr's nice Commercial Hotel, while otherwise altered since the historic living, to use a sporting phrase meeting took place inside of it. The "like a fighting cook" on routed walls as they stand at present are lamb, new potatoes, stewed fruit, three feet thick. The original build- and the rest. Mr. Corr himself iming was only 18284 feet, having a pressed me as a progressive young rallery on three sides. How five business man, and a kind openbundred warrior delegates, with bearted fellow. There are some very swords, book spurs, waving plumes, interesting drives in the neisborand other military appendages, bood notably that to the famous crushed themselves into such a ancient Celtic Cross of Arbos, on the small space is a puzzle, considering shores of Lough Neagh. About two besides that the gallery was filled miles and a half from Cookstown in with fair lady admirers, lords and Tullyhoges, a fort, in which, on a gentlemen. The poor delegates, too; stone chair of state, which was brohalf of them couldn't find lodgings ken by Lord Deputy Mountjoy, the at night in town, and many of them kings of Ulater used to be inaugurhad to sleep in the "wee" church in sted. This same Mountjoy built the which they met. But I suppose it fort called after him on the shorp of school, both of which I visited and the Blackwater to protect himself

> Liter dinner: In lovely Ballinderry, Bareath Silevegallin's frown. In Derry low land valleys There stands a wondrous town: It's wondrous long and narrow. But a prospect there to please. And its cooling in the summer.

in the possession of his ill-gotten

lands, from the wrath of the O'Neilla.

I can't better describe Cookstown

than in the words of a local poets

quoted by my friend, Mr. Corr.

Fanned by Slievegallin's brease. I was whirled in a morning mail train from Dungannon to Omagh. twenty-six miles away in furtheramongst the green hills and green bushes of Tyrone. The weather was fine, the harvest was in full bloom. and the country people were busy saving it. The most that can be said about Omagh is, that it is a nice thriving country town of Tyrone, of some 5,000 inhabitants. Is is situated in what might be called a pleasant walley at the foot of m range of hills, the highest point of which bears the charming name of Bessy Bell." At the foot of this hill the Duke of Abercorn has one of the fixest demonses in the British Isles, called Barnscourt. During my stay at Omagh Lord Wellesly, the new Commander-in-Chief of the British army, was the guest of the Dake at Barnscourk Omagh has very little of the ancient or historic about it. The name is said to be derived from an accionisation source-Omagh meaning 'get out'-in reference to a Franciscan Abbey called Gortmore, which was destroyed and the monks driven out, tradition anva by Cromwellian soldiers. Of this town and its abbey a poet sang: The Stroule is rich in greens and

And sadly sweet are its murmurs Its banks as fair as if nature wishes

To please the fancy and charm the view.

But when we reed o'er our ancient

We think it mourse as if to deplore With us in Omagh, the fallen glory, Of the ruined Abbey of sweet Gortmore.

The land of O'Neill has given not a few distinguished men to the land of the Stars and Stripes, amongst whom, as I mentioned before were the late heroic General Shields, the late Archbishen Hughes of New York, wis: were natives of Tyrone.

To the Catholics of Omight s brighter day is dawning, in regard to a more fitting temple, wherein to worship God. then the old bern-like structure which has served since the Penal days. Their handsome new church is seen destined to take 140 piece sessenges the scores of others. which have surums up all over the and in the past twenty years. Like the others, top, it owes its existence, n a great messure, to the Irish in America who subscribed very Morally toward its erection during Paber McGisde's mission—one of the worthy and energetic curates of Omegt. Not that the good people the town haven's come to the front with generousty in releing this lovely temple of the Lard. They perhaps have given beyond their means. The new church occupies the highest site in the town. The style is Gothic and the materials used are blue-stone free-stone and rarious kinds of marble. It consists of mave and misles, and the reof is supported by two rows of Aberdeen marble pillars. The building mass ures 170x66 feet over all, and has a height of 70 feet from floor to ridge. i will have two graneful spires, one rising to the height 215 feet, which will be seen far away over the valleys of Tyrone pointing beaverrard. Sallium the violent of the new well as the ancient gieries of the talkh in Erin. The shell is completed ind the roof is now being put on, so it is only a question of a short time. then the Catholics of Omerh will be able to worship in as beautiful a oburch as there is inside the borders of the Green Isle. Amongst other made pleasant call on Very Bay. B. McNames, P.P., V.F., to whose mergy and seal in the first place the new church ower its existence. had a friendly reception from Mr. Shields, a nephew to the General of that name, who is a prominent attorney in Omegh. Close to the parcochial house are a fine Loretio Convent and a Christian Brothers Lough Nough, and other forts along was accomed a kindly reception. It noteworthy that the parents of the late President Buchanan were natives of Tyrone, and be himself

> Having grown tired of strolling around the green banks of the Shroula, I returned to the White Hart Hotel, where I found just what a traveller needs—a good dinner, rest, and a fine commercial room in which to write, and fine siry rooms to sleep in A tourist that would quarred with corn-bee and fowl, might be likened to certain Limerick bank clerk who cumreled with bacce and cour, bused the waltress, and went to America. But alas, we are taid when he went to seek his fortune in the "Far West," ranching in Temas was giad to get pork and beens Now can one bely noticing that he has for a bostees at the White Hars fine, big woman, and what is more bir-bearted woman, in Mrs. Mui-My hosteen too, has some fine rirls of daughters and a see who is journalist on the New York Times. This plucky little town of Oment distinguished itself recently, when on the Stud of July idea is sandered : very cordial reception to the mean pers of the Archbishop Hugher nomination who came ever is Treland to soles a suitable man dale to the dead prelate. It was mes told, the stret positic rec wer given to Americans in the North. The visiting committee consisted of Rev. Dr. McCready, pages of Holy Cross Church. New York: Rev. J. J. McCasker, market of the Church of the Assumption. Brook yn. N. Y.; and the Hon. W. Kalls New York. More than two sand townspeople turned out and rave the visitors a cood fall the meeting them at the rall way station and taking them in carriages Then they were serenaded and banquetted, and sheeches followed the champagne and cigars, in which Irish and American electrones were blended. Finally, the memorial selected was to be a marralifican High Aiter in the new course. Other er memorial afters will be put to Bishop McGuire and Bishop Kelly.

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