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DAWN OF IRISH LIBERTY

Rev. Father Sheehy of Limerick, Ireland, who is lecturing in the interests of the United Irish League in one of the foremost agitators for the cause of freedom in his native land during more than a quarter of a century. He was a coadjutor of Charles Parnell, and during the Land League movement in 1881 he was imprisoned in Kilmaham jail for eight months, occupying a cell next to Parnell.

Father Sheehy sees the dawn of Irish liberty. He says: "We have a cause that will never die. It has been the greatest struggle in history for more than 800 years, and victory is at hand. We are confident, absolutely confident of success. How long? Not very long; there are surprises in store. The United Irish League has plans that will put an end to the long struggle and it will come soon."

Speaking of the Land League movement, he said: "Landlordism had become a deformity. Its features were more hideous than any oppression in history, and in attempting to crush the agrarian movement Gladstone had an act passed authorizing the imprisonment of a suspect. I was confined for asserting the right of free speech. There was no charge, no trial. Yes, the downfall of Parnell was a crushing blow to the cause, more terrible than anything inflicted upon us by our oppressors. We grew strong under oppression, but we are still staggering from the effect of Parnell's overthrow. He was a great and noble patriot."

The announcement that Henry Austin Adams is again to visit Rochester next month and lecture in the Cathedral hall on Sunday evening, May 14, will be received by Rochesterians with unmitigated satisfaction and pleasure. Mr. Adams, who occupies the post of editor of Donahoe's Magazine, is one of the most scholarly men in the country, and is an authority on theological and philosophical research. He is deservedly ranked as an able orator, and those who have once heard him will not miss the opportunity again accorded them next month. As is well known, Mr. Adams is a convert to the Catholic faith, having previously been in the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal denomination, during which period he was some time rector of the Protestant cathedral at Buffalo.

Press dispatches from Rome to the United States vie with one another in their conflicting accounts concerning the health of His Holiness Leo XIII., and it is probable that if some correspondents had their desires fulfilled the Supreme Pontiff would long ago have been laid in the grave. We wish to warn our readers not to place any reliance in such misleading reports, as in most cases they are wholly

without foundation. The Holy Father for one of his age enjoys excellent health, and it is a matter of surprise that one so full of years should be able to take such a prominent part in the affairs of the world. We trust that His Holiness may long be spared to guide the Church he has so well and ably governed, and express with much warmth and sincerity the hearty wish—"ad multos annos."

The president of the French republic is certainly not a man who can be envied for his official position, for at any moment it seems he is in danger of assassination. The crank who shot at a gentleman recently and killed him, mistaking him for the president, is one of a class of would be anarchists who infest the country. It is not difficult to see the cause of the existence of such a class as this. It can be too readily traced to infidelity. Directly a man abandons religion and assumes an attitude of so-called free thought and agnosticism, he becomes at once a dangerous character, and one who would not stop at murder or anything else in the fulfillment of his own selfish pursuits.

Epicorians in the diocese of Milwaukee, Wis., are said to be indignant at the action of Bishop Nicholson in introducing the Paschal candle in the Protestant cathedral of All Saints in that city. Go it again, Dr. Nicholson! A few more such additions to the ritual of All Saints and the next thing we shall hear will be that you have been received into the church.

Everybody should turn out Monday and welcome the Rochester volunteers.

ADVANCED CIVILIZATION

EDITOR CATHOLIC JOURNAL:

In these days of "great enlightenment," a period in which we are supposed to boast of science, deep learning, "advanced civilization," the power of individualism, national development and endless resources, we are met with the chaotic scene that assures that all is not fine and happy as the capitalist press would picture this subject. Well might we truly say: "All that glitters isn't gold." In fact, there never was a time in the whole history of our country when that quotation could be more aptly applied than at the present time. Crabbie in fashion, we are going backward, blinded by the flattery of our 19th century conceit. The majority of mankind, nevertheless, are slowly awakening and beginning to experience and acknowledge the many mistakes and policies of the past. That we are traveling at too rapid a speed in worldly affairs, regardless of the means to the end, and whether the end will justify the means, is plain to every individual who has given the subject serious thought or any amount of study. Like the Roman empire in ages past, we imagine we are "great," and to bask in the sunshine of our "immensity" forever. But the Roman empire came to an end in the equality of a day and was buried in the grave of her fallen conceit. "Sic transit gloria mundi"—so passes away earthly glory. The origin of all this false and ungodly ambition had its beginning in the commencement of the rebellion of the fallen angels, and the like sin, to the present day, has a firm hold on mankind. That this false pride shows itself in many of the avenues of everyday life in this young republic of ours is evidenced by the confessions and wrong doings of political administrations, the fearful consolidation of capital, the twisted and complex effusions of the "law," the crowding of the majority to the wall by a hundred millionaires of the "select" order (big fishes swallow little fish), the gigantic growth of trusts to a billion of dollars in seven days, the corruption in politics through the instrument of the almighty dollar, and when men of the world have for their god the belly! Hence we have "homines non principes"—men and not principles. It is no exaggeration to say we possess those conditions to an alarming extent, hardly outdone by any other nation. By such is brought out in the daily press despite itself, the warning sounds in a feeble manner the actions of men who have been made the trusted servants of the people in the various legislatures of the nation. In like manner corporations have "excelled" their limited privileges so that the will of the people is no longer considered. In fact we are arriving at that dangerous position that was often pointed out by such sincere political economists as the late Henry George of "Progress and Poverty," Edward Bellamy of "Looking Backward," Prof. R. E. Thompson of Pennsylvania University, and Rev. Dr. McGlynn, the philosopher of the question, "Labor and Capital." Others, like the writer, may have crit-

icised those brilliant intellects in past years, but we must admit their assertions are being verified as the years come and go. Verily, we should listen to and respect the sincere sentiments of a true reformer when that individual is a Christian and God-fearing man. A matter not practical for its application does not make void the justice that is in it. The true political reformer has much to overcome. The prejudice of the very wealthy people; the daily press held down by capital; much of the pulpit of the half God order; inability of the common masses to grasp the significance of the labor problem; and worst of all, political men without conscience.

In an able article in last week's "Ave Maria" H. M. Beadle writes at great length on "Religion and the Labor Question." He says: "When men deny God's ownership of all things, or deny that they are bound by any laws human or divine, in the distribution of the surplus they receive over and above their own needs, it is difficult to reconcile differences between individuals or classes." In fact, the whole article is written in a radical tone, and exposes much of the rotteness of society, so-called. The writer hopes to hear often in such ways from the "Ave Maria" writer, for he bases his arguments on the ground of religion.

I might add, until the Christian religion is fully established—when men will look upon the Ten Commandments as the guiding chart in this world's affairs, and justice between man and man is exercised, all true Christian political reformers will have to keep at work. By religion alone will nations become possessed of a conscience. If one takes a retrospective view of our national history for the past twenty years, we can very readily discover the so-called Americanism so ably pointed out by our Holy Father the Pope in his last letter on that subject addressed to the bishops and priests of this country.

WATKINS, N. Y.

H. O'.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL—Second Sunday after Easter—St. John x 11-16. At that time, Jesus said to the Pharisees: "I am the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep. But the hireling and he that is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep and scattereth the sheep. And the hireling fleeth, because he is a hireling, and hath no care for the sheep. I am the Good Shepherd; and I know Mine, and Mine know Me. As the Father knoweth Me, and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for My sheep. And other sheep I have, that are not of this fold; them also must I bring, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

What are we to learn from all this? First, what a great happiness it is to belong to a shepherd so loving, powerful, and solicitous for our salvation. Secondly, we should constantly thank our good God for His great mercy. Lastly, we show ourselves loving and obedient sheep.

FORTY HOURS' ADORATION.

The order of Forty Hours states that the devotions will take place as follows: April 16—St. Bridget's, Rochester; Newark, Bath, Waverly. April 23—Caledonia, Geneva, Victor, Hornellsville. April 30—Seneca Falls, Avon, Ontario, St. Mary's, Rochester; Moravia, Corning.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, April 16—Second Sunday after Easter—Gosp. St. John x 11-16. St. Ben. Joseph Labre, confessor. Monday, 17—St. Rudolph, martyr. Tuesday, 18—Blessed Mary of Incarnation, virgin. Wednesday, 19—St. Leo IX., Pope and confessor. Thursday, 20—St. James, confessor. Friday, 21—St. Anselm, Archbishop, confessor and doctor of the church. Saturday, 22—St. Rufus, hermit.

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CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

What is Transpiring in the Diocese: Fraternities.

C. M. B. A.

ONE VIEW AND ONE IDEA.

Some members of the C. M. B. A. take the one view that is belittling to the association to solicit members or even make an effort to retain them! Taking the high ground that the C. M. B. A., because it is a good and solid organization, will draw members and retain them without effort. This is a false view, for our cause of humanity is a worthy one, and we are justified in all honorable methods to get and retain members.

Therefore, don't be a member with a so-called "one idea," but please take the trouble and read the history of your fraternity up to the present date, and don't claim you are well versed, for you are not, for your one idea and one view proves it, for you are like a school boy who can only read a few lines from his primer, and don't converse on matters of the C. M. B. A. before you learn its true aims and objects.

Then there are others with one idea who neglect their branch meetings, and imagine that the branch and association will run itself. All these one-view members, I assure you, mistake the true meaning and real teaching of the order.

I say do not let those of one view and one idea control you, my brother, for if you do it will react upon you in many ways and will be a detriment to your branch and the association in general. Therefore, rather enlarge your views and lay your ideas aside until you know more about the organization.

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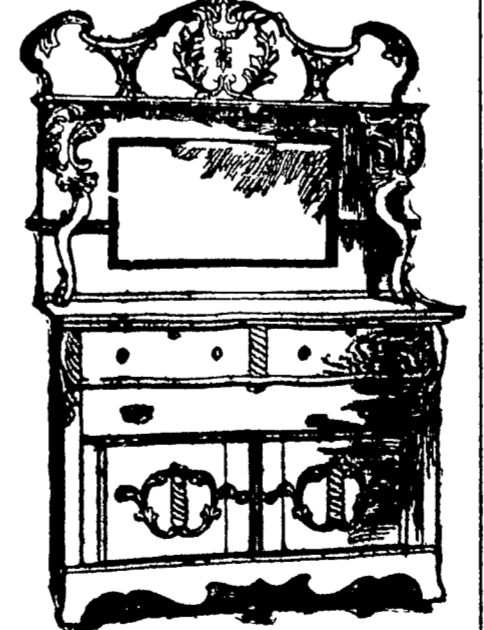
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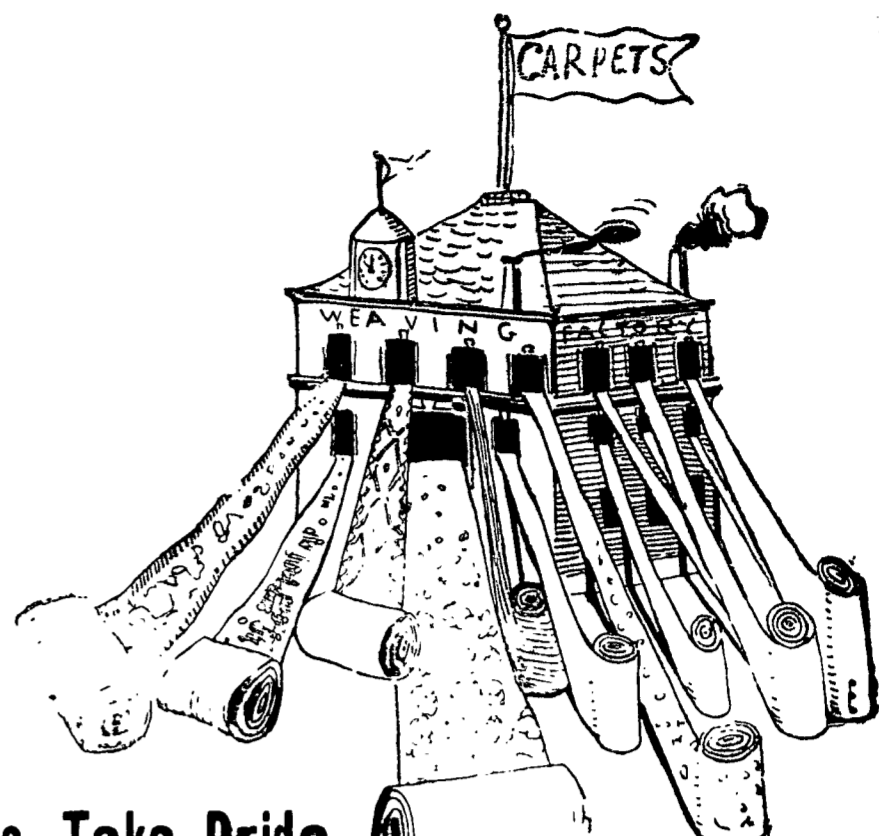


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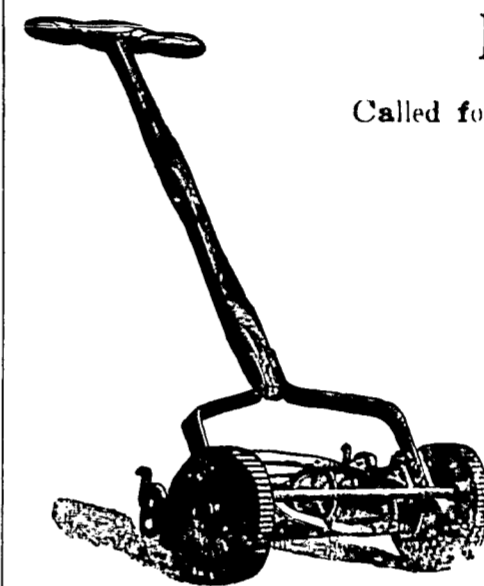
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RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and discounts.....\$1,290,871 91	Capital stock paid in.....\$500,000 00
Overdrafts secured and unsecured.....1,987 53	Surplus fund.....150,000 00
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....250,000 00	Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....20,751 54
U. S. bonds to secure U. S. deposits.....150,000 00	National bank notes outstanding.....225,000 00
U. S. bonds on hand.....2,400 00	Due to other national banks.....\$ 218,066 52
Premiums on U. S. bonds.....25,893 97	Due to State banks and bankers.....68,754 37
Stocks, securities, etc.....25,761 21	Individual deposits subject to check.....1,177,066 33
Other real estate and mortgages owned.....180,368 81	Demand and time deposits.....284,350 07
Due from National banks (not reserve agents).....58,485 82	Time certificates of deposits.....3,000 00
Due from State banks and bankers.....88,600 08	Certified checks.....7,279 20
Due from approved reserved agents.....106,501 00	Cashiers' checks outstanding.....52 63
Checks and other cash items.....1,799 06	United States deposits.....189,636 67
Exchanges for clearing houses.....29,794 98	Deposits of U. S. disbursing officers.....2,113 87
Notes of other National banks.....37,840 00	
Fractional paper currency, notes and cents.....2,118 95	
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz: specie, viz: Gold.....\$ 46,818 50	
Silver.....8,665 00	
Silver certificates.....54,530 00	
Legal tender notes.....110,240 00	
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....11,350 00	
Total.....\$2,496,982 13	Total.....\$2,496,982 13

State of New York, County of Monroe, ss: I, Peter Vay, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 1899.

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