

O'BRIEN CARES HIS NEW POSITION

Irish Leader Says He Heads No Party, and Is Working for Country's Benefit.

PROTESTANT AID WELCOME

English Scored for Simplicity in Politics, and "Molly Maguires" Held Up to Scorn of All for Their Treason.

DUBLIN, March 6.—(Special).—Mr. William O'Brien has written a letter to the newspapers in which he says:

"The English public, who are the keenest business men in the world, are marvelously simple-minded folk the moment they come to deal with Irish affairs. I have been receiving requests for interviews from no less than eight English newspapers, of various political shades, inquiring what are my intentions as leader of the new party of Independent Nationalists. So far as I know, I am not leader of anything. There is no such party, nor do I know what is meant by the phrase 'Independent Nationalist,' which is certainly not of my invention.

"The facts are that three weeks before the dissolution of Parliament I was living tranquilly in the neighborhood of Florence, with no more idea of a new party or of being myself dragged back into Irish politics than of my being swallowed by an earthquake. For more than nine months I had not opened an Irish newspaper nor communicated in any way with any Irish member of Parliament. The first news I received from Cork was that a plot was on foot to expel from Parliament Mr. Maurice Healy, who, having been elected by a majority of 1100 votes on my resignation, had admitted to the Irish party, whose pledge he was quite willing to take.

News of Plot Received.

"I learned at the same time that organizers were busy working up opposition to all of my friends in the County of Cork who were members of the Irish party and whose sole offense was that they had stood with me in the struggle to combine all classes and sects of Irishmen in a common patriotism, and to save the benign process of the abolition of landlordism from the destruction which has now overtaken it. The only communication of any kind I sent to Ireland in reply was the following telegram: 'If these people are wise they will drop their campaign of vengeance against my friends. These people have now learned wisdom in simple measure at the polls, but they learned it too late.

"It was solely with a view of saving my friends in Cork from extermination that I returned to Ireland. On my arrival I found to my stupefaction that similar plots were on foot against at least 20 members of the Irish party in different parts of the country. Those plots took the form of packing the conventions for the selection of candidates with delegates from specially manufactured branches of the United Irish League, and especially of the schismatic 'Board of Erin' wing of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, who now adopt and boast of the ribbon nickname of 'Molly Maguires.'

"These maneuvers were all directed and paid for by the 'standing committee' in Dublin, a majority of whose members it was acknowledged on oath in the prosecution of Croan vs. Devlin and Johnston are initiated members of the 'Board of Erin.' This is far the most serious aspect of the situation, as the standing committee is in complete control of the funds of the United Irish League, and in this way both the league and the Irish party are now the creatures of the irresponsible officers of a secret society as to whose legitimate object no explanation has ever been offered, and as to which all that is certain is that its rules exclude Protestants (and consequently one-fourth of the Irish population) altogether.

Had No Part in Result.

"On my arrival in Ireland I found public opinion in 16 or 18 different counties in open revolt against the convention-packing set on foot by the organizers of this occult junta. With this discontent, or with its expression at the polls, I had nothing to do outside the City and County of Cork. A number of the so-called Independent Nationalist candidates were not even personally known to me. They polled 48,847 votes, against 44,865 given to the official candidates of the 'Molly Maguires.'

"In all this I have counted for little or nothing outside the City and County of Cork. The root of the 'hoax' of the 'Board of Erin' is wholly of their own doing, and would almost certainly have led to their complete break-up if the party in its present servile condition if the opposition had only been under any general direction or supported by any means of popular organization. In the whole extent of this vast County and City of Cork, containing one-eighth of the entire Nationalist population of Ireland, we won by an overwhelming majority, the one ray of comfort for the 'masked conspirators' (it is one of His Majesty's Judge's own phrases) of the 'Board of Erin' being the momentary exclusion of Maurice Healy by a scurvy deal worthy of the war politics of the least enviable of constitutionally-governed lands.

THOMAS C. PLATT DEAD

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active interest in affairs and refused to neglect his business until the dictates of nature imposed it. In California he was he was out of bed at 7 o'clock every morning and always early at his office.

J. P. Cudahy, Jr., registering from Omaha, Neb., arrived at the Hotel Seaward yesterday. When informed of the occurrence at Kansas City, he said: "Why, that is pretty serious, isn't it? Mr. Cudahy is a cousin of mine, but I know nothing of any difficulty in his family. I have been away from home several weeks, and if the water was known to the family it had not reached me. I really can not tell you anything of the man supposed to have been injured."

TWO SPECIAL TRAINS

To the Aviation Grounds.

Will be run by the O. R. & N. today, leaving the Union Depot at 12:30 P. M. and 1:30 P. M. Remember, the 1:30 train will be the last train.

SENATOR AND FIGURE OF NATIONAL PROMINENCE, WHO DIED YESTERDAY.



THOMAS C. PLATT.

RECORD IS TELLING

Ballinger's Conservation Ex-cells Predecessor's.

ACTION, NOT TALK, SHOWN

Report of Director of Geological Survey Shows Practical Preservation of Lands and Power in Last Year.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 6.—In spite of all the criticisms that have been heaped upon him by the believers in or advocates of the Pinchot type of conservation, Secretary Ballinger has made a record for accomplishing results tending to practical conservation that exceeds that of any of his predecessors, or of Mr. Pinchot himself. The difference is that Ballinger has actually brought about action, whereas his detractors have confined themselves largely to talk.

Under Secretary Ballinger's direction, the United States Geological Survey has been at work for the last year on a practical scheme for the sensible conservation of public coal lands, phosphate, oil and asphaltum lands, and lands containing water power sites. The following statement by the Director of the Survey, George Otis Smith, shows what was done in the last 12 months:

**Coal Lands Withdrawn.**  
Coal-land withdrawals were made covering 2,870,000 acres not previously withdrawn and the form of withdrawal affecting an additional 6,000,000 acres was arranged to cover all forms of entry instead of coal entry alone. The new regulations, in eight widely separated townships, increased the sale price of these lands and fixed more definitely the standards of coal classification. Thus, for example, under the old regulations, in eight widely separated townships the total area classed as coal land was 66,320 acres and the sale price was fixed at \$2.08 per acre. Under the new regulations, the area in the same eight townships classed as coal land is 126,953 acres and the sale price is \$3.77, 65% increase in area of over 100 per cent and in price of over 60 per cent.

Under the old regulations the maximum price per acre for coal land was fixed at \$10; under the new regulations the maximum price per acre thus far fixed was \$10.88. In Wisconsin where the maximum valuation of a single township under the old regulations was \$349,600; under the new regulations it is \$9,298,884. Special efforts have been made to release from existing withdrawals all non-coal areas, and the total area classed as non-coal land, amounting to 17,200,000 acres, has been increased to 14,000,000 acres. In the 3,430,000 acres classed as coal land, there has been an increase of 2,504,103 acres, and it now would have yielded \$62,477,000.

**2,380,141 Acres Restored.**  
Phosphate-land withdrawals, in force March 1, 1909, covered all vacant public lands in an area comprising 1,482,511 acres in Wyoming, Utah, and Idaho. During the year, covering 2,380,141 acres were restored to entry, for the field work for which the phosphate lands were restored to entry 950,916 acres. The field examination had shown to be non-oil land. The area now covered by oil withdrawals is 2,487,076 acres.

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New withdrawals have been made along 97 rivers in California, where the total number of states affected to 11. These power-site withdrawals now cover about 1,306,000 acres of vacant public land and 200,000 acres of entered land.

EUGENE BOASTS OF 13,750

New Directory Gives University Town Increased Population.

EUGENE, Or., March 6.—(Special).—The new city directory of Eugene, out

this week, gives the university seat a population of 13,750. The monument most bears out the most flattering expectations as to the growth of Eugene during the past 12 months.

The new figures on population are considered authentic. They are based on the lowest multiple ever used in computation of the number of residents, two and one-half to a family. There are over 5500 names in the directory. Allowing for the students, Eugene still safely has over 12,000.

This city nearly reached the \$1,000,000 mark in building permits for the year 1909. The expansion in building and improvement lines continues, over \$30,000 being the aggregate value of new construction inaugurated during January, when interruptions to outside work were most frequent.

Extension of the city lines of Eugene is now being considered by the city council. Petitions for annexation to the corporate lines have been prepared. The district includes part of what is known as the College Hill district, around which a new street loop is to be built. If the annexation of the outside districts is completed by April this city will get the benefit of the new numbers in the Federal census.

The Commercial club is giving much attention to industrial and investment matters and many people are now investing here as a result. Eugene will, in all probability, become the operating headquarters of the Klamath Falls and Roseburg divisions of the Southern Pacific.

**FEDERAL SUPREME COURT TO DECIDE ON LAWS.**  
Government as Well as Several States to Argue on Laws Protested Against.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Several states and the United States will appear this week before the Federal Supreme Court in defense of rights asserted or laws enacted.

**NAVY CONTROVERSIES UP**  
Several states and the United States will appear this week before the Federal Supreme Court in defense of rights asserted or laws enacted.

**FINANCIERS SEE ROUTES**  
Albany & Interurban Railway Right-of-Way in Question.

SHAKEUP COMES IN ILLINOIS CENTRAL

Several Vice-Presidents Will Conduct Departments, Is New Plan.

J. T. HARAHAH TO RESIGN

Position of Board Chairman to Be Created for Retiring President. East and West Contend for Successor.

CHICAGO, March 6.—(Special).—A complete reorganization of the Illinois Central Railroad system, including the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad Co., has been decided upon by the directors and detailed plans are now being worked out in New York.

The reorganization plan includes the resignation of J. T. Harahan from the presidency and the election of two and possibly of four vice-presidents in charge of the various departments. Unless there is a change of programme, the new Illinois Central officials will be elected at a meeting of the board to be held in New York next Wednesday. It is possible that elections may take place on that date and that announcement may be reserved for a later date.

After Mr. Harahan has tendered his resignation, it is said, the position of chairman of the board will be created for his benefit, as well as for the benefit of the road. It is understood that the selection of a president to succeed Mr. Harahan lies between an Eastern and a Western man.

Among the Western men considered for the place are: P. A. Delano, president of the Wabash; Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, and W. A. Gardner, vice-president of the Northwestern road in charge of operation. One of the Eastern men mentioned is F. D. Underwood, president of the Erie Road. Still another possibility is I. G. Rawns, now president of the Monon.

CLARK GROWS BUTTERNUTS

Prune Hill Product Compares Very Favorably With That of East.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 6.—(Special).—Butternut two and a half inches long have been raised in Clark County this year. English walnuts, almonds, hazelnuts, filberts and black walnuts have been raised successfully here.

The butternuts brought to Vancouver today were grown on Prune Hill, above the Columbia Contract Company's rock quarry, ten miles east of Vancouver. The seeds were planted 13 years ago and many people are now investing here as a result. Eugene will, in all probability, become the operating headquarters of the Klamath Falls and Roseburg divisions of the Southern Pacific.

**"SPECS" 200 YEARS OLD**  
Covert Family Owns Interesting Relic of Many Generations.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 6.—(Special).—A pair of spectacles which has been in the Covert family more than two centuries is in the possession of M. L. Covert of this city. The ancient heavy and crude, the bow and ring being made of hand-hammered copper. The bows have a joint in each one.

**AVIATION**  
Admission 50c

All those who cannot afford to pay the 50c can see the performance from the outside of the fence, free.

**Nose Glasses That Stay On**

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Miss M. Virginia White Demonstrates W. B. and La Vida Corsets At Our Store, March 7 to 19



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—This is Miss White's first visit to the Pacific Coast, having demonstrated exclusively in New York, Boston and Chicago, also on the Continent, where La Vida and W. B. Corsets enjoy a reputation attained by no other American corset.

—The new Spring La Vida is the product of master minds, who have produced in this Corset a mold over which it fits gowns of the latest fashions.

—La Vida Corsets are built of everything best. The craftsmen, who make them, are skilled costume tailors, who produce each pair entirely by hand labor.

—We invite you to come and have a trial fitting.

—Properly selected and fitted by Miss White your La Vida will give you the figure of a sylph. It will round out the sudden bulges into fading curves, build out sunken lines, flatten the abdomen and lend to the bust just the effect that the new style in waists demands. Each pair is masterly wrought from the finest imported materials.

MONEY IS PLENTY

Prosperity Shown in Class of Linn County Litigation.

FORECLOSURES VERY FEW

Suits to Quiet Title and Other Actions Connected With Transfer of Real Estate Grow More Numerous Yearly.

ALBANY, Or., March 6.—(Special).—Unparalleled prosperity throughout this part of the state is nowhere reflected more clearly than on the register of Circuit Court cases in Linn County. Actions for the recovery of money and suits for foreclosure of mortgages are rarely instituted here now, while suits to quiet title and other cases incident to the transfer of realty are increasing in number rapidly.

A completion of statistics for the last year, and also for 1904, 1899 and 1894, reveals this prosperity-indicating condition.

In 1894, 111 cases were filed here to recover money. In 1899, five years later, the number filed was only 48. A decrease of more than 100 per cent marked the next five years, and in 1904 only 20 cases of this kind were instituted. Last year the number was only 16. Those figures prove conclusively that investors are becoming more and more able to meet their financial obligations without the necessity of court action.

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The number of cases for foreclosure of mortgages tells the same story, as follows: 1894, 48 cases; 1899, 20 cases; 1904, 6 cases; 1909, 2 cases.



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