

An Interview with Patrick Egan on the Condition of the Irish League.

He Says Parnell will Visit America in January Next.

Their Trip One of the Most Important to the Irish Cause.

Miraculous Escape From Death by Lightning—The Fitzgeralds Return—The Temperance People—Other Lincoln News.

AT THE CAPITAL.

A TALK WITH PATRICK EGAN. Saturday afternoon last a Bee reporter called upon Hon. Patrick Egan who had just returned from Chicago, where he attended a meeting of the executive committee of the Irish land league of this country. On Wednesday last there appeared a special telegram in the Chicago News reporting an editorial from the New York News, in which it was alleged that the National Irish league had degenerated into a political machine...

The above is the substance of the New York News article. Mr. Egan was found in his business office, and when the reporter made known the object of his visit, was told to take a chair. In answer to questions put him the gentleman said: "The charge that the league was ever used for political purposes is unfounded in fact. In 1871 I believe Mr. Sullivan uttered a word, except in the private conversation, what my views on the subject were. I wrote a letter to the paper, correcting its statement. The charge that Sullivan used the league for political purposes I repeat was absurd on the face of it. While in New York I accepted the presidency of the Irish National league of America, and in accepting this position I considered that whatever my private political opinion might be, it was thenceforth precluded from taking any part in American politics. I have accordingly taken no part nor shall I do so as long as I hold my present office. I positively affirm that I maintained this position at all times, and in the most decided manner. Scores of people came to this office and asked for my advice, but I refused to say anything upon political subjects whatever."

In reply to a question about the assertion of the New York News that the league is dead, Mr. Egan said: "This is entirely a mistake. Several years ago, when very large numbers of evictions were going on in Ireland, the love of country in every Irishman's heart was directly appealed to, and a substantial aid when it was needed was rendered. Contributions and other help, of course, then brought the league more prominently before the eyes of the Irish nation, when such needs do not exist in so great a degree."

"What condition is the league in?" "We have now no more than six branches scattered over the country, and all of them, I believe, will be in active working order at the time the national convention is held on the 29th inst. in Chicago, the other day held, which will be some time next January. The conversation then fell upon other topics concerning the welfare of the countrymen, and Mr. Egan was well satisfied to see that thing would come out right in the end. Concerning the prospective convention to be held in Chicago, January next, the gentleman fell confident that it would be the largest ever in this country, possibly with the exception of that of 1881, in the same city."

Mr. Egan here seemed to believe that Parnell himself would be in attendance, for he had promised some time ago to do so. He was at present in communication with Mr. Parnell and would not be surprised to hear that he would be in attendance. The Hon. T. D. Sullivan, of Dublin, was also a distinguished gentleman who was expected to attend at the convention. The first of January Mr. Sullivan will take his seat as the lord mayor of Dublin, and should he come it will be, it is thought, the first chief executive of that city who has visited this country while in office. One or two others of the Irish national party will cross the ocean. A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

During the storm Saturday night and while the bolts of lightning were striking the heavens, a small one-story cottage owned and occupied by W. F. Andrews, a carpenter and his family at No. 1538 P street, was struck and almost totally demolished. Andrews was but four rooms in the house which was nearly gone in shape. The bolt, a terrific one, struck a chimney in the center of the roof, dispersed to the four corners of the house, and then descended along the studding to the ground. The walls, plaster and walls were stripped off as though done by a mill wheel. There were seven persons in the house at the time, Mr. Andrews being absent in the city. Mrs. Andrews, confined but three or four days before, lay on the bed, her infant with her foot and a half of the wall. The infant and other debris, as the shock came, fell upon and covered her head to foot, and she was so badly injured that her nerves the lady was uninjured, as was also the baby. The other five occupants were unharmed. When it was considered that the house had been struck in this manner, and that there was no insurance on the place, which had but just completed, the Bee heartily suggests that home to be a charitable person to circulate a subscription in behalf of these people, and some one will undoubtedly do so.

THE CONQUERORS RETURN. Victorious and wreathed in smiles and surmounted by new brooms, the Fitzgeralds home entered Lincoln Saturday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock from the state tournament at Grand Island. A short time before the arrival of the train the Metropolitan band, headed by Hon. John Fitzgerald, marched through the city, and the procession was formed. When they alighted, and after numerous congratulations, the procession was formed. The band, headed by Hon. John Fitzgerald, marched through the city, and the procession was formed. The band, headed by Hon. John Fitzgerald, marched through the city, and the procession was formed.

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