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IRELAND MAKES GAIN

Recent Session of Parliament Does Well by the Island.

DEMOCRATIC UNIVERSITY COMING

No Restriction Placed on Subjects to Be Taught.

REVIVAL OF GAELIC LANGUAGE

Advocates of Ancient Speech Rejoice at Interest in Movement.

EXCAVATIONS INTO TARA HILL

Archaeologists Have at Last Decided to Explore Ancient Throne of Irish Kings in Spite of Protests.

DUBLIN, Aug. 22.—(Special)—Now that the Irish Universities Act has become a law and people have had time to consider it and appraise it in its final form the feeling is growing that Ireland has not done so badly after all in the session of Parliament which has recently closed. If she had gained nothing else than the universities act the session would have been worth while for Ireland.

The feature of the act that appeals to all who are interested in real education in Ireland is that the new university is democratic and self-governing. As originally planned, the British Parliament reserved to itself the right to veto any course of study, but at the last moment this clause was struck out and now the Senate of the university has an absolutely free hand. This provision is backed with especial delight by the advocates of the revival of the Irish language who saw in the original bill a plot to complete the murder of the ancient Irish tongue. Now, however, they declare that there is nothing to prevent an Irish-speaking Ireland growing up within the next few years.

Revival of Gaelic Language.

Mr. Douglas Hyde, chairman of the Gaelic League, speaking at the opening of the Oireachtas here last week, declared that the revival of the language now rests with the Irish people themselves. "We have now a free university," he said, "without any chains or bonds, and that university can be made as Gaelic as the people desire. If the people of Ireland are Gaels the university will be Gaels. Under the charter the senate can teach what it likes and whatever the people demand the senate will do."

Dr. Hyde gave some interesting figures on the growth of the language movement. A year ago there were only forty-five national schools where the bi-lingual program of instruction was in operation. This year there are 120, and fifty-five of them are in Donegal alone. Next year, according to the present arrangements, there will be at least 200.

The importance of the Irish hen as a revenue producer has never been properly appreciated, but the Department of Agriculture has at last waked up to its true position and is circularizing the Irish farmers in her behalf. The department states that the value of the eggs exported from Ireland every year is about \$25,000,000, and with the home consumption the total value of the Irish hen's product is about \$20,000,000 a year.

This production could be largely increased, the department declares, by the exercise of a little care. It advises more careful breeding to develop the best laying strains, proper feeding and housing and better grading and packing. The Irish egg industry has suffered in the past from poor packing and the generally unattractive appearance of the eggs exported, but the department is convinced that with a little care on the part of the farmer the value of the egg production of Ireland could be increased at once by about \$7,500,000 a year.

To Explore Hill of Tara.

The Hill of Tara, which was once the seat of the high kings of Ireland, is to be excavated and thoroughly explored under the direction of a joint committee of the Royal Society of Antiquaries, the Royal Irish Academy, the Archaeological Societies of Louth, Kildare, Cork and Waterford and the literary societies of Dublin and London. Several proposals to explore the hill in the past have been defeated on account of the outbreak of public indignation at what was believed to be a proposal to destroy one of Ireland's historic monuments. But in this present case the exploration shall be carried out in a thoroughly scientific manner and that neither the reverence or the faith of the hill will be affected. It is hoped that a great mass of objects of antiquarian and historical interest will be unearthed. Many of the best examples of ancient Irish ornaments and jewelry have been found in the vicinity of Tara.

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The new patent act under which foreign holders of English patents must work their patents in the United Kingdom or forfeit them is attracting attention to Ireland's capacity for industrial development. It is estimated that water-power amounting to 300,000 horse-power is running to waste in Ireland every year, while the supply of peat for fuel would last for a thousand years with an annual consumption of 30,

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THE WEATHER.

FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VERNON, NEBRASKA—Sunny Sunday.

FOR NERNEBASK—Generally fair and warmer Sunday.

FOR IOWA—Generally fair Sunday; light rain in expected places in more northern sections; moderate winds in portion.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.
6 a. m.	62
7 a. m.	64
8 a. m.	66
9 a. m.	68
10 a. m.	70
11 a. m.	72
12 m.	74
1 p. m.	76
2 p. m.	78
3 p. m.	79
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DOMESTIC.

President Roosevelt agrees with Secretary Wright that the cadets found guilty of cheating at West Point Military Academy shall be punished by the dismissal of the ring leaders and the suspension of the six others.

Mr. Bryan's recent tariff speech has not reached here, and the above statement was made without reference to what the democratic nominee has said on the subject, but in answer to a query as to how Mr. Taft interpreted the republican tariff plank.

Mr. Taft made it known here today that he will stop for two hours at Athens, O., next Saturday, on his way to Middle Bass Island, where he is to fish for a week. The Athens visit is at the urgent invitation of former Representative Grosvenor, whose guest Mr. and Mrs. Taft will be for luncheon. The opportunity also will be available of presenting the candidate to the members of the county organizations of veterans of the civil war and the Spanish-American war, who will be in session at Athens on that day.

"I should probably make a speech to the veterans," said Mr. Taft, "but it will not be a political speech—simply an address of sympathy such as the occasion warrants."

The Taft party will reach Athens shortly before noon Saturday, next, and will make the seven-hour run to Put-in-Bay during the afternoon and evening.

Hughes Will Be Renominated.

Postmaster General Meyer came here today for a "week-end" visit with Mr. Taft and allowed himself to be quoted in this statement:

"I believe Governor Hughes will be renominated."

Mr. Meyer, who was at the Oyster Bay conference on the New York situation, advised that he had based his opinion on information gathered there, although he said President Roosevelt's intention was to take no action in the matter.

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