"Cause of the Non-Commencement of the Rebellion in Ireland," November 15, 1848

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To the Editors of the Spirit of the Times: CONGRESS-HALL, Thursday, Oct. 12, 1848,

DEAR SIR : Several gentlemen of this city, who have long felt a deep interest in the affairs of Ireland, (of which number you have not been the least active.) desire that I should give some public ex-planation of the causes which led to the unexpected failure of the late revolutionary movement in that country.

I feel bound to meet their wishes, as being theirs, and for this other reason, that no honest statement of the matter can be made at present in Ireland, where the right of meeting and the liberty of the press have been both annihilated by the British authorities. Were it not my fortune to arrive in your city, I should have felt it my duty to have made the Executive Directory of New York the medium of this statement. But being detained here, and hearing so many anxious inquiries daily made, I have yielded to the general desire to make it public without delay. In doing so I fear I will try your patience much, but I am certain none of your readers will consider the final fate of seven millions of a generous and gifted race a subject of indifference to them, as men or as Americans.

In what I say I shall speak from my own knowledge, for, though I went on a mission into a neighboring country toward the end of July, I was back in Ireland the first week in August, and was engaged there till September.

There are three dates to be borne in mind in reference to this movement; the month of February, when the continental revolution began—the 24th of July, when the Habeas Corpus Act was suspended, and the Harvest time, which, in Ireland, does not come till September.

In February last, the Irish parties who sought a change of Government, were two—"the moral force Repealers," and "Young Ireland." These parties originated in July, 1846, when young Ireland seceded from the Repeal Association, on the subject of the lawfulness of shedding blood to achieve political rights. Before that event, Daniel O'Connell was as absolutely the ruler of Ireland, as Nicholas Romanoff is of Russia. The old honored him for his cautious tactics, the young, because England feared and hated him; many Protestants sincerely co-operated with him for his liberality; the Catholics revered him as the man who rebuilt their altars, and loosed the tongues and arms of their Priesthood. Two thousand Catholic Clergymen, quartered in every hamlet and at every cross-road, were his Captains and his magistracy. His word was the only law in the land, and children were baptized raw levies of the people. The remainder

and used every act to prevent the junction of the Catholic clergy with the Revolu-

tionary leaders.

In this latter enterprise they were materially assisted by the opposition of Mr. John O'Connell to the formation of the "Irish League." That League, devised by the best of clergymen and advocated by the best of clergymen and citizens, was intended to swallow up both the Repeal Association and the Con-federation. Its actual result would have been to bring together Young Ireland and the Priesthood-the two vital elements of O'Connell opposed it by a succession of small artifices, unworthy of any man, and which were only tolerated because being his father's son he was necessary to the Union of parties. He asked a delay of a fortnight - of a month-and of six weeks. Finally when the six weeks were expir-ed, and for very shame, he could ask no more, he openly assailed it as illegal, and intended to be un-Catholic. The Catholic Clergy, with the exception of courageous and eloquent Bishop of Derry and his clergymen—abandoned the infant League. and so the Confederates were left alone face to face, and foot to foot with the government.

In taking that course, the Irish Clergy did not leave themselves without arguments. The bloody days of June in Pa ris-the lamentable anarchy in the City of Rome—the comparative unpresaredness of the people-the slaughter that would be made—the partial failure of the harvest -are all reasons for their course. But, assuredly, they made the revolution fail by preaching that it would fail. At Carrick, at Castlerreagh, in Tipperary, Limerick, and Clare, they preached against an appeal to arms, and made converts.

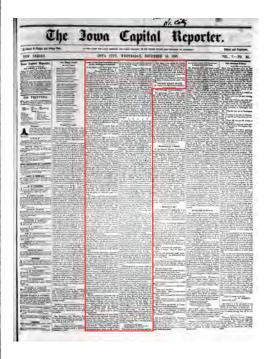
Now the concentration of the troops in the towas and cities compelled the Confederates to choose a Guerrilla war or none. The situation of an Irish town, in August last may be understood from this instance. In Dublin as in most Irish towns, there is an old and a new town.-The Government people live in the new town, and command its open and angular streets from strong public buildings, fill-ing every vista, and dwellinghouse, nearly as strong. In the old town live the hereditary rebels who could be destroyed y a shower of shells which might be so directed as not to injure the other quarter. In Dublin, the garrison was, on the 27th of July, 15,000 men, and it averaged throughout 10.000. The object of making the warfare a guerrilla one, was to drag these concentrations to pieces, as the Spanish patriots did Napoleon's armies of occupation, and by bringing them into districts where only infantry could act with ease, to put them more on a level with the

er than many, even among her friends, dare hope, I believe. The vice of loyalty is gone at the root, and it but needs a little of Time's teaching to make a Demo-cratic Revolution, which will wait for no leadership to strike, to make Ireland as free as the freest—even as free as this parent land of liberty itself.

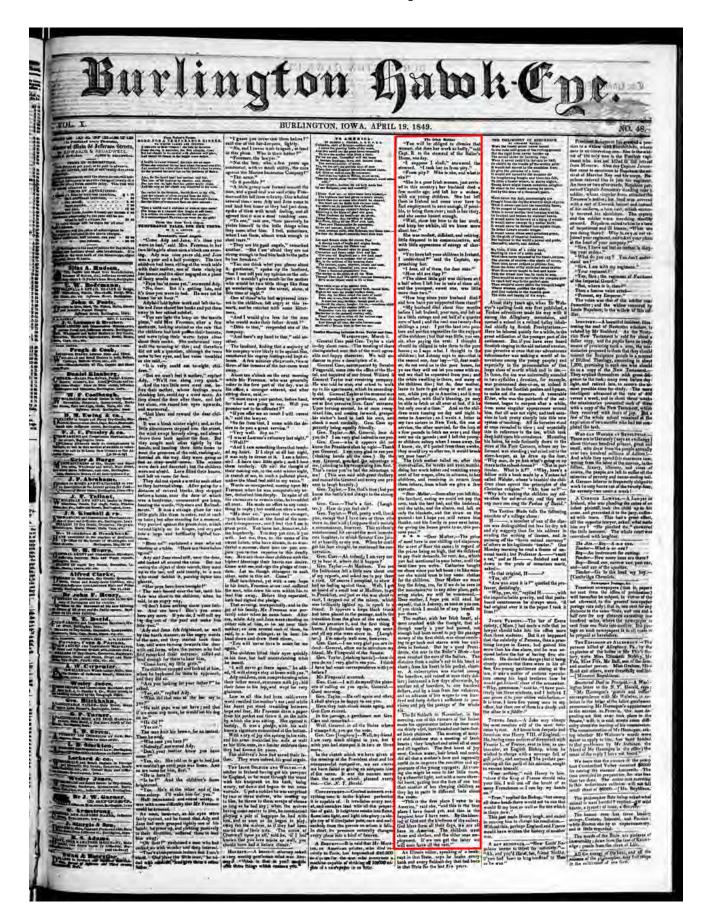
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long letter, I remain, dear sir, yours, very

THOMAS D'ARCY McGEE, (A I raitor to the British Government.)



"The Irish Mother," April 19, 1849



"Poor Ireland," June 21, 1849

Poor Ireland.

By the politeness of our townsman, Mr E. Cooper, we have Irish dates up to the 23d uult., less than one month old. The accounts of an increase of death and destitution are sad and heart sickening. In the address of the General Central Relief Committee it is said that the condition of the people of Ireland is worse than at any other period.—The editor of the Dublin Press of May 23d, in speaking on this subject says:—

" Connaught is fast perishing. A deeper shade of gloom seems to have settled on the west. Mournful as were the tidings which the earlier part of the spring brought to us from that devoted region-incapable as the sad facts then narrated appeared of any addition to their fearful character-we are forced to confess that the wide-spread misery has increased, and that the intensity of the sufferings of the people of Connaught at the present moment has no parallel in the history of the human race. The desolating influences of famine and of pestilence are diminishing that "conjection of population" which formed the subject of discussion on a late occasion in the House of Commons. The most approved economic theory of the adaptation of space to living men is rapidly being complied with. The rude hand of death is fast settling the question of emigration from Ireland. The Irish people are emigrating to the grave—they are planting a vast colony in the land of death."

In the reports, which we have not space to copy, the population had dwindled, chiefly from death and starvation, down to a diminution of forty per cent. Sixty per cent of the population are on the out-door relief lists. The maximum rate of wages is but two pence per day. Those on the out-door relief lists receive but one pound of poor Indiad corn, for which in some cases they have to travel three miles and then break stone all day on the road. Fever and dysentery are prevalent, and the population have scarcely a particle of clothing to cover them. Numbers are huddled together without any covering to shield them from the inclemency of the weather .-Twelve hundred persons had perished during the last four years in the Parish of Balla by destitution and disease. In Mr Anderson's Appeal to Lord John Russel, he states that a shipwrecked human body was cast ashore, and a starving man "extracted the heart and liver, and that was the maddening feast on which he regaled himself and perishing family." A poor forlorn girl, whose mother had died of the cholera, bore the corpse on her own back three miles, to the relief officer, to secure her mother a decent interment. Poor girl. She, herself, was taken with the disease, and died the next day. Shame on England, with all its wealth, to permit such desolation. Let America again lend a helping hand to starving Ireland. We have enough and to

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"Curious Facts," May 9, 1851

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The following curious facts are taken from Blackwood's Magazine:

In England the average poor rates for ten years past has amounted to \$30,000.-

In Ireland \$7,500.000 a year are expended to feed a starving population.

In 1826 the immigration from the British Isles was 26,000 persons. In 1849 the number was 300,000.

In 30 years, crime in Great Britian and Ireland has increased 500 per cent., while the population has only increased 30 per cent.

In 1822 there were 27,183 jail commitments in England, Scotland and Ireland; in 1850 there were 74,162.

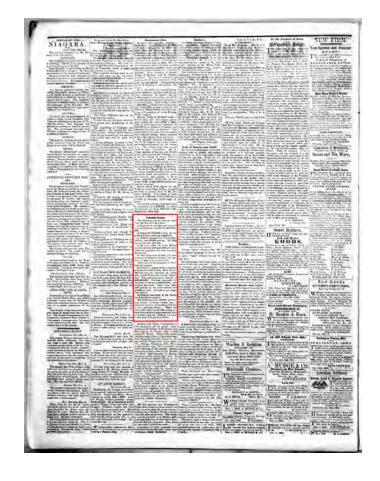
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land are paupers.

In Ireland, it appears from a report to government, made in July, 1847, that 2,020.712 persons subsisted on public alms, about 40 per cent, of the population. The nominal rental in Ireland is \$65,000,000. The sum expended for the relief of the poor, \$6,370,595, one-ninth of the rental. There were 250,000 persons in the poor houses, and 45,000 in jail. [Ireland is not larger than Ohio.]

In Glasgow one fourth of the burials are at the public expense.

In London there are 20,000 journeymen tailors, of whom 12,000 earn a miserable existence by working 14 hours a day, including Sunday. There are also in the same city 32,000 sewing women, who, on an average, make only 41d, or 9 cents a day by working 14 hours—not quite 2 of a cent per hour.



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CHAPTER XIX.

THE IRISH FAMINES OF 1846-7 AND 1848 — AMERICAN SYMPATHY — MEETINGS IN PHILADELPHIA, BOSTON AND NEW YORK — NATIONAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON THE MACEDONIAN AND JAMESTOWN — REFLECTIONS.

THE most affecting event, in the connexion of Ireland with America, is the conduct of the latter towards the rictims of the Irish famine, which began in the winter of 1846 and 1847, and endured, in its worst forms, till the close of 1848.

The famine is to be thus accounted for: The act of union, in 1800, deprived Ireland of a native legislature. Her aristocracy emigrated to London. Her tariff expired in 1826, and, of course, was not renewed. Her merchants and manufacturers withdrew their capital from trade and invested it in land.* The land! the land! was the object of universal, illimitable competition. In the first twenty years of the century, the farmers, if rack-rented, had still the war prices. After the peace, they had the monopoly of the English provision and produce markets. But in 1846, Sir Robert Peel successfully struck at the old laws, imposing duties on foreign corn, and let in Baltic wheat, and American provisions of every kind, to compete with and undersell the Irish rack-rented farmers.

High rents had produced hardness of heart in "the middleman," extravagance in the land-owner, and extreme poverty in the peasant. The poor law commission of 1839 reported that 2,300,000 of the agricultural laborers of Ireland were "paupers;" that those immediately above the lowest rank were "the worst clad, worst fed, and worst lodged" peasantry in Europe. True,

^{*} Between 1820 and 1830, two thirds of all the manufactories in Ireland were closed, and abandoned, as ruinous investments.

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that William Cobbett and other skilful agriculturalists had foretold their final destruction, years before. conspi had foretold their summer of 1846 looked fair and sound the crops of the summer of 1846 looked fair and sound refuse to the eye. The dark green crispy leaves and yellow ing in and purple blossoms of the potato fields were a cheerful Am feature in every landscape. By July, however, the rest o terrible fact became but too certain. From every townnumb land within the four seas tidings came to the capital South that the people's food was blasted—utterly, hopelessly lowin blasted. Incredulity gave way to panic, panic to de-66] mands on the imperial government to stop the export are, of grain, to establish public granaries, and to give the the c peasantry such reproductive employment as would enable disea them to purchase food enough to keep soul and body tothe l gether. By a report of the ordnance captain, Larcom. hosp it appeared there were grain crops more than sufficient are i to support the whole population - a cereal harvest estiwhol mated at four hundred millions of dollars, as prices were. But to all remonstrances, petitions, and proposals, SO 0 the imperial economists had but one answer, "they could char not interfere with the ordinary currents of trade." O'Conland nell's proposal, Lord George Bentinck's, O'Brien's, the take proposals of the society called "The Irish Council," all best received the same answer. Fortunes were made and Six lost in gambling over this sudden trade in human subsistthe ence, and ships laden to the gunwales sailed out of Irish at t ports, while the charities of the world were coming in. this In August authentic cases of death by famine, with the sha verdict "starvation," were reported. The first authentic case thrilled the country, like an ill-wind. req twos and threes they rose to tens, and in September, such inquests were held, and the same sad verdict repul peated twenty times in the day. Then Ireland, the hosrel pitable among the nations, smitten with famine, deserted Wa by her imperial masters, lifted up her voice, and uttered

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IRISH SETTLERS IN NORTH AMERICA. 137 that ery of awful anguish, which shook the ends of the othed in rags, The Czar, the Sultan, and the Pope, sent their rouace for a sucthe Emperor of China the Expert, the Shah failures occur, bles and the Emperor of China, the Rajahs of India, of Persia, to do for Ireland what he Rajahs of India, griculturalists conspired to do for Ireland, what her so-styled rulers before. conspired to do, — to keep her young and old people liv-Still air and sound s and yellow ing in the land. America did more in this work of mercy than all the ere a cheerful rest of the world. On the 9th of November, 1846, a lowever, the number of gentlemen assembled at the Globe Hotel, every town-South Sixth street, Philadelphia, convened by the folthe capital lowing circular, issued by the venerable Alderman Binns: y, hopelessly "In Ireland, the men, women and children at this time panic to deare, everywhere, from the north to the south, and from the export the east to the west, falling victims to hunger and the to give the diseases consequent upon hunger. The heart sickens in would enable the knowledge that thousands of people, among the most and body tohospitable on the earth, are perishing from famine! We in, Larcom. are in a land abounding with food of all sorts, good and an sufficient wholesome, for man and every creature that lives. narvest esti-"It is thought to be the duty of this city, which has , as prices so often been among the foremost in works of mercy and d proposals, charity, to do something for the famishing people of Ire-'they could land. What that something shall be, we do not undere." O'Contake to say. To consider what is best to be done, and the Brien's, the best way of doing it, a meeting will be held in South ouncil," all Sixth street, between Chestnut and Walnut streets, at made and the Globe Hotel, on Thursday evening, at seven o'clock; an subsistat that time and place, you are requested to attend. As ut of Irish this meeting is intended to be select, and that business shall be entered upon at the hour proposed, you are ming in. e, with the requested to be punctual in your attendance." "This is believed to have been the first meeting of a est authen-Public character, held in America, on the subject of Irish nd. From relief."* An important public meeting followed, which September, was addressed by the most distinguished citizens includverdict rel, the hos-* Report of the Gen. Ex. Committee of Philadelphia, p. 5. , deserted nd uttered 12*

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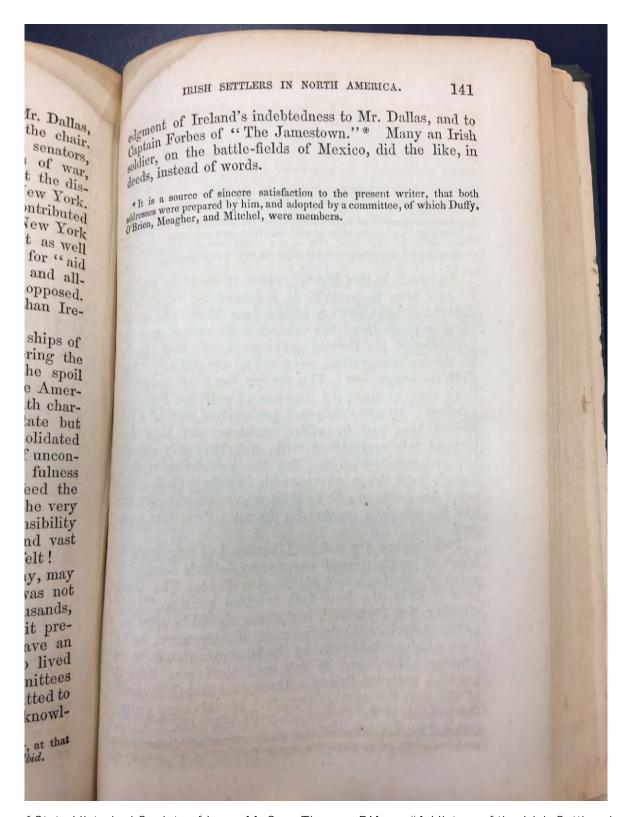
IRISH SETTLERS IN NORTH AMERICA. 139 low and humble and of the high and mighty' states of low and have, in the conduct stated, given illustrious favor of a America to those of all nations of the earth, deserved e remarks the thanks of the people whom they have faithfully rephich were the mand, and reinsured to them and to their country the heart-warm gratitude and renewed attachment of the stence, ~ people of Ireland." ier stripes An influential city committee was organized. By indepen-May, 1847, they had received above \$48,000 in cash, shouts of and \$20,000 in articles suited for shipping. They loaded statesmen three barks and four brigs, for various Irish ports, all t, in their which safely arrived. Munster and Connaught received address, nate symthe greater part. In their closing report, at the end of Ireland, 1847, the committee, among other resolutions, passed 'the ferthe following : pted the "While we gratefully acknowledge the services cordially rendered to us and to the cause of humanity, by gs, their Horious, individuals in various parts of Pennsylvania and Ohio in particular, we feel ourselves called upon in an especial ars have manner to make known our high sense of the very important assistance given to us by our esteemed friend and eat nary sea; fellow-citizen, Allen Cuthbert. Not only have we had the free use of his warehouses for the deposit of breadfor the stuffs, but the benefit of his constant and anxious services spected and experience in receiving them from every quarter, t dark, and in shipping them to Ireland. Conduct such as this t, overconfers honor not only on himself, but on the community der the of which he is a worthy member." they New York and Boston were not behind Philadelphia, cover nor the Grinnells, Lawrences, and Everetts, behind the uncov-Cuthberts and Binneys.* In the spring of 1847, a national crossed esmen * In his address on the subject, in Boston, Mr. Everett recalled a reminis-In his address on the subject, in Boston, Mr. Everett recalled a reminiscence of Colonial times, which must have told powerfully on his audience. In the prosecution of the Narraganset war, with King Philip, the Cape towns, in which were already some Irish families, contracted a heavy debt. The city of Dublin, being made aware of the condition of the settlers, The city of Dublin, being made aware of such as were impoverished, disremitted £124 10s. "for the relief of such as were impoverished, disressed, and in necessity, from the war." — Pratt's Hist. of Eastham, Well-fleet, and Orleans. Varmouth, 1844. v have their d vilheartchil-Meet, and Orleans. Yarmouth, 1844.

Another writer adds: "The donation from Ireland, is a gratifying proof of the generous influence of Christian sympathies, and is supposed to have 6 the

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"Emigrants leaving Queenstown [Ireland] for New York," 1874



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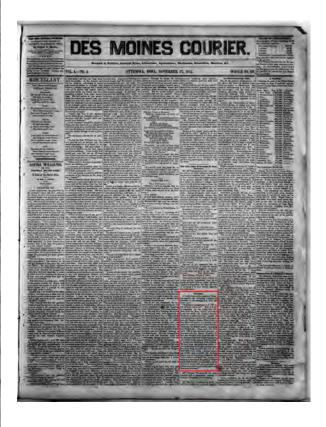
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A Dublin letter in the Limerick Chronicle supplies the following statistics in reference to the immigration from the

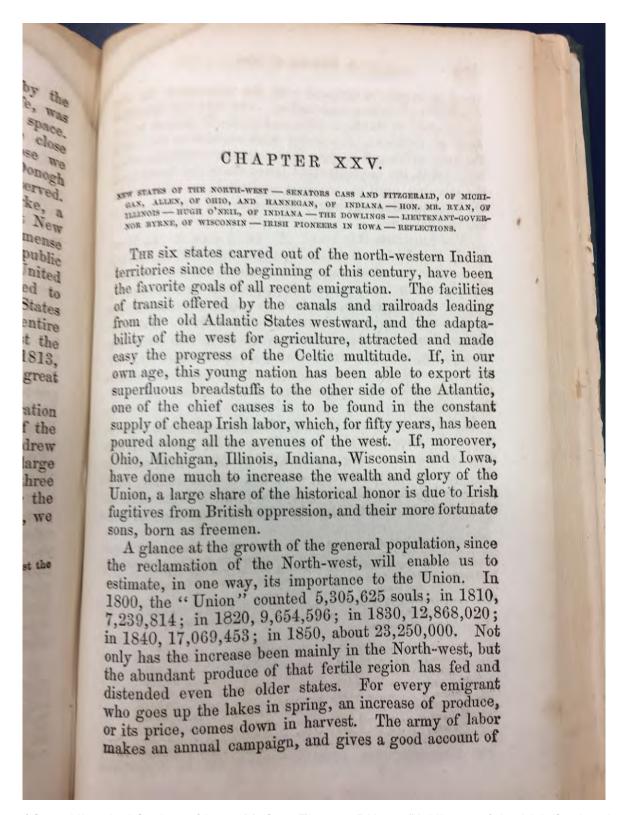
former port:

"Talking of immigration, it is idle to ask . Where will it end!' Why it is only beginning. In the Lifley this moment there are three vessels advertised to sail this week -the Coronet, (Roche, Brothers) an admirable ship, capable of accommodating comfortably 300 passengers; the Samuel, (James Miley.) also about 300; and another shy looking craft, rather the worse for wear, which has been christened the British Queen, belonging to a third house. Here, then, this very week 1000 people will leave this port alone direct for the 'Model Republic.' --But this affords a very imperfect idea of the depopulating drain which is going on, and which is last causing Ireland literally to sink into the bosom of the Atlantic. We have from this port alone, either direct to America or via Liverpool, an exodus of the Irish people to the tune of at least 7000 every week. A close observing friend who returned this morning from a tour in Tipperary, Limerick and Clare, assures me that if the current of migration proceeds in the present full and rapid flood, Ireland, if inhabited at all in five years hence, will not be peopled by Irishman-at least as far as the south and west are concerned."



"Ireland," Des Moines Courier, pp. 1, 27 November 1851. Courtesy of Library of Congress

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itself in every engagement with the wilderness, and the desolation of ancient barrenness. The host that unfurled its standard at Bunker's Hill, and took the British colors down at Yorktown, is scarcely more entitled to be called the army of liberation, than this emigrant multitude, who, armed with the implements of labor, smite the forest from the morning until the evening, and plant, in advance of the ages to come, the starry banner of the nation against the frontier skies. Who constitute this host? In every case it has been nearly half Irish. Until 1819, there was, unfortunately, no customs record of emigrant arrivals; until the Atlantic States, within ten years back, appointed local Commissioners of Emigration, we had no exact returns of the classes and origin of those who did arrive. But the names of men and places, the number of Catholic churches erected in, and the Irish feelings represented by, the public men of the west, enable us to estimate the share of that people in the population of the six new states of that quarter.* In the United States Senate, Michigan has been represented by Generals Cass and Fitzgerald, both of Irish origin; Ohio was long represented by Mr. Allen, still in the vigor of his public life, — a man of real ability, and not only by blood, but by sympathy, allied to the fatherland of Burke and O'Connell. Indiana has sent to the *Certainly one half of the recent arrivals from Ireland has been added to the settlers, may be confered by the following summary of the arrivals at New Possengers arriving in New York in the years ending 31st of December, 1848, (Americans not included.) *Certainly one half of the recent arrivals from Ireland has been added to the settlers, may be confered by the following summary of the arrivals at New Possengers arriving in New York in the years ending 31st of December, 1849, (Americans not included.) *Certainly one half of the process of the Special	same assemto Berlin; Shields. largely recthe same were forty. Of the the number national coorganizing. Illinois, as services the industry at 1842, the elected to La Salle, he render "The events had that dark means are about six she could means contained available "Mr. age, was present man in it the canal for its coneign cap in advantat a further was a present man in it the canal for its coneign cap in advantat a further was a present man in it the canal for its coneign cap in advantat a further was a present man in it the canal for its coneign cap in advantat a further was a present man in its coneign cap in advantat a further was a present man in its coneign cap in advantat a further was a present man in its coneign cap in advantat a further was a present man in its coneign cap in advantat a further was a present man in its coneign cap in advantat a further was a present man in its coneign cap in advantat a further was a present man in its coneign cap in advantat a further was a present man in its coneign cap in advantat a further was a present man in its coneign cap in advantat a further was a present man in its coneign cap in advantat a further was a present man in its coneign cap in advantat a further was a present man in its coneign cap in advantation was a present man in its coneign cap in advantation was a present man in its coneign cap in advantation was a present man in its coneign cap in advantation was a present man in its coneign cap in advantation was a present man in its coneign cap in advantation was a present man in its coneign cap in advantation was a present man in its coneign cap in advantation was a present man in its coneign cap in advantation was a present man in its coneign cap in advantation was a present man in its coneign cap in advantation was a present man in its coneign cap in advantation was a present man in its coneign cap in advantation was a present man in its coneign cap in advantation was a present man in its coneign cap in advantation was a present man in its coneign cap in a
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assembly Edward A. Hannegan, some time minister Berlin; and Illinois is now represented by James The popular branch of Congress has also been largely recruited by men, of Irish parentage or birth, from the same region. In the thirty-second Congress there were forty such representatives.

Of the six states, Illinois has been distinguished for the number of its Irish public servants. Not only in the national councils, but in the not less important duties of organizing the finances and establishing the credit of Illinois, some of our emigrants have performed important services to their adopted state. Of these, one, for his industry and abilities, deserves particular mention. In 1842, the late Mr. Ryan, then a very young man, was elected to the State Senate, for the district including La Salle, Grundy, and Kendall counties. The services he rendered are related by an Illinois journal: -

"The election of Mr. Ryan, at this time, as subsequent events have shown, was a fortunate one for our state. At that dark period of her history the state was bankrupt in means and credit. Involved in debt to the amount of about sixteen millions of dollars, there was no hope that she could ever pay any part of that sum unless further means could be obtained to bring the canal, the most available part of her property, into use.

"Mr. Ryan, then, although but twenty-five years of age, was probably as well informed, in regard to the present and prospective resources of the state, as any Conceiving that it was necessary to complete the canal in order to save the state, and that the money for its completion must be obtained from eastern or foreign capitalists, he justly deemed that it was necessary, in advance of any legislation, to convince those parties that a further advance of money to the state of Illinois was a proper, a prudent measure, on their part. this view, he, immediately after his election, in August, 1842, proceeded to New York, and so well did he succeed in effecting his object, that, aided by the advice and assistance of Mr. Arthur Bronson, now deceased, Mr.

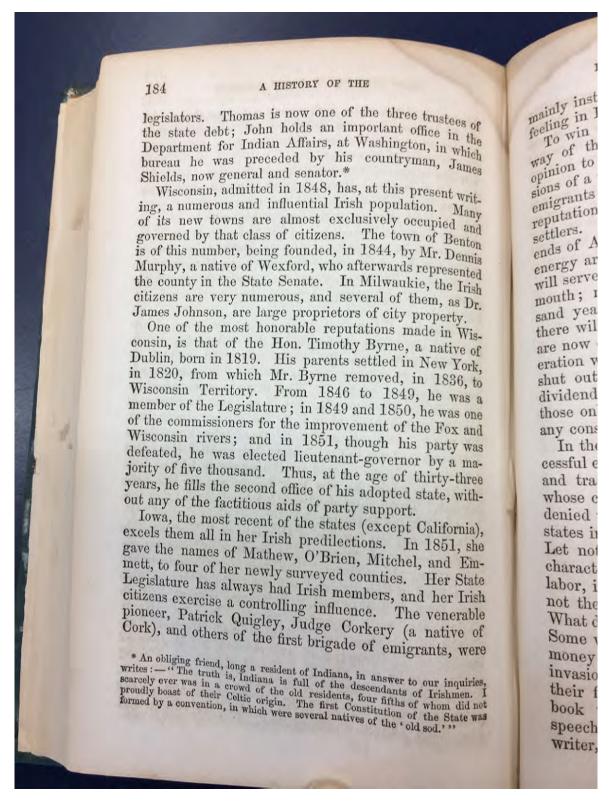
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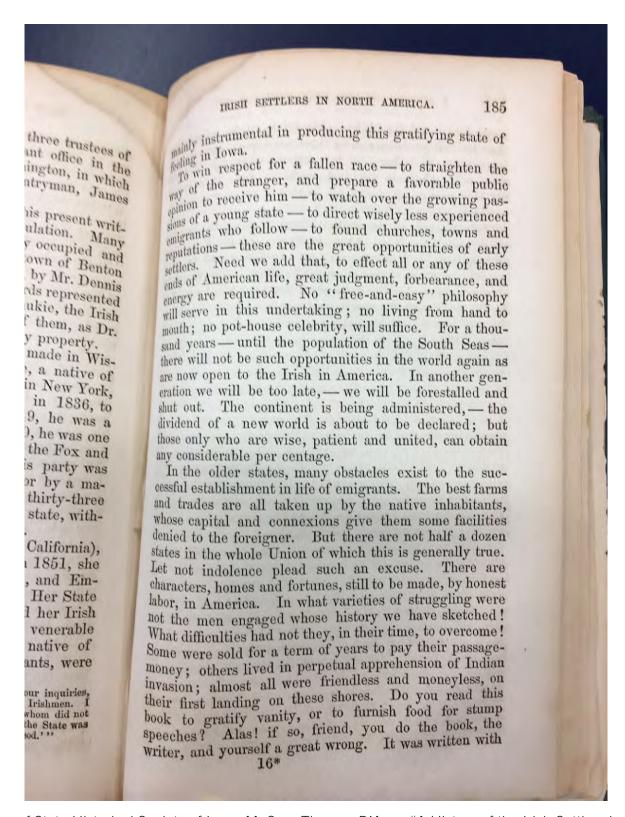
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TRISH SETTLERS IN NORTH AMERICA. 183 the service of the state, with a zeal and vigor that could the service surpassed, and a judgment and discretion that neral Land pot in complete success, felt that some attention to canal law his own business was necessary. thousand ance into "The supposed mineral riches of the shores of Lake the bill, Saperior at that time attracted much attention; Mr. Ryan a law. devoted himself to mining, and was engaged in that purviolently suit, in Pennsylvania, at the time of his death. ents, and "He had just succeeded in his pursuits to such an extent as to be able to turn his eyes towards the prairies ad been of his own beautiful state, with the hope of soon again h it was making them his home, when the inexorable fate which ion, was awaits us all interposed her fiat, and terminated his erson to career. ne law "Thus has Illinois lost, in the prime and vigor of his ole and manhood, one of her most gifted and devoted sons, -rich in the in every endowment that gives value and dignity to vas aphumanity. In intellect, among the first; in goodness of itely to heart, surpassed by none. Elegant and accomplished in stacles. his manners, wherever he has been, and in whatever oan of position he has been placed, he has always commanded canal. the respect and admiration of those who knew him. in had There was a charm in his manners that seemed to possess linois, a mysterious influence over all who approached him. But argely by those to whom he was best known was he the best ion of beloved. Those only who knew him well could know the e was full worth of his character." facts In Indiana, the families of Gorman, or O'Gorman, the d was Browns, - two of whose cadets are now in Congress, those were among the pioneers. The family of O'Neils, origin-Illially settled in Carolina, and still represented there by the Hon. John Belton O'Neil, a jurist and scholar of high John attainments, early branched off into Indiana. esent O'Neil, of this stock, was educated in the University of eeks' that State, at Bloomington, and studied law at Indianorse, apolis. He is now (1852), in his fortieth year, United nade States District Attorney for Indiana. Thomas and John Dowling, of the same state, have 845, long been known, in its local politics, as editors and es to

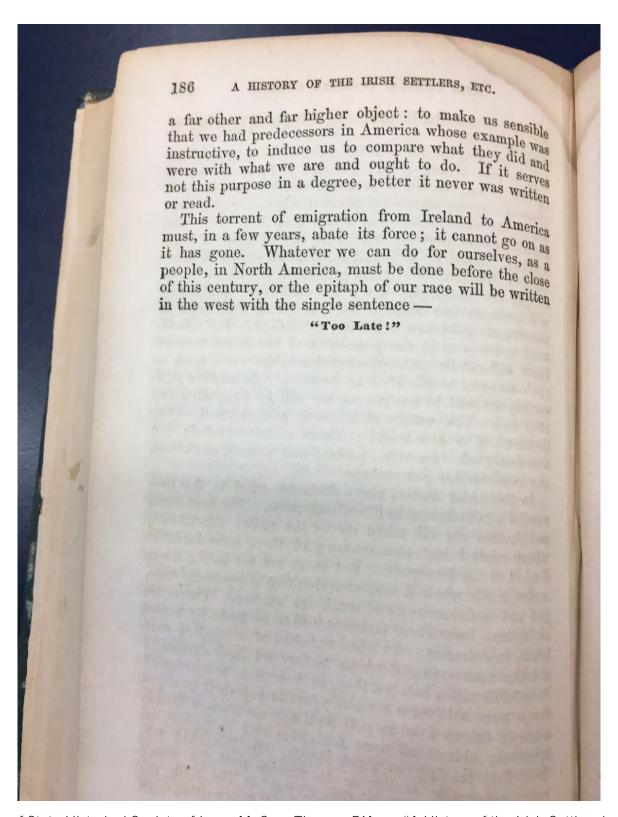
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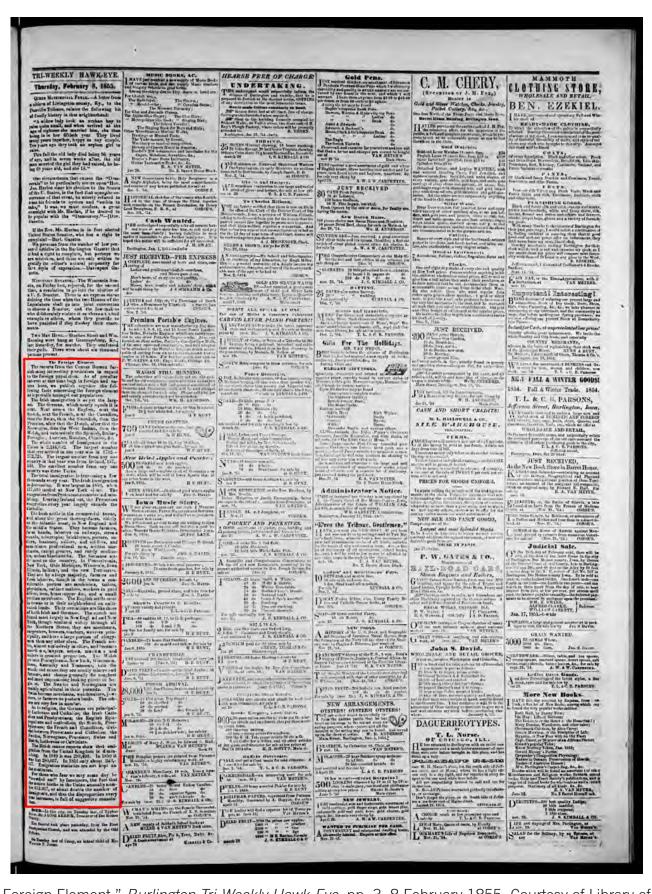
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"The Foreign Element," February 8, 1855



"The Foreign Element," Burlington Tri-Weekly Hawk-Eye, pp. 3, 8 February 1855. Courtesy of Library of Congress

"Wanted - An American or English Girl" Newspaper Advertisement, August 24, 1842

ANTED—An American or English Girl to do waiting and assist in house work. To one that is neat and understands her business this will be a home; moderate wages will be paid. No one but those who can give a good reference need apply. Inquire between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, A. M. at No. 72 Franklin street. No Irish need apply.

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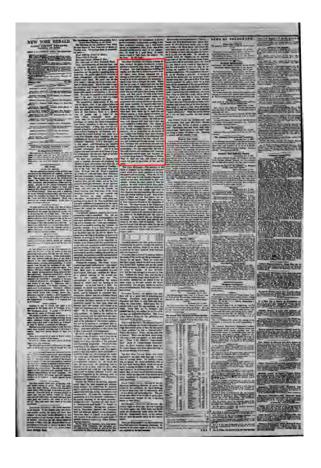
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"The Irish Problem," November 5, 1854

THE IRES PROBLEM.-At length, it seems, we have reached the point-foreseen by so many political economista long since—the depletion of Ireland. Our Irish immigration is falling of rapidly, and bids fair to decline to a mere nominal figure: many former emigrants are returning to their native land : and Ireland itself is said to be in the enjoyment of a prosperity to which it has been a stranger for years. Within the last ten years, it cannot have lost less than three to four millions of inhabitants by emigration, tamine and disease : and in consequence, those who are left behind have plenty of elbow room, and find plenty of work at fair prices. The operation of the encumbered estates court has relieved the troubles of that large class of proprietors who were an incubus to the coun'ry, and whose inability to improve their land or pay their debts, induced the wire spread distress of the laboring classes. Most of these estates have been taken up in small lots, and divided among a large number of holders, including many of the farmers. Hence, according to the best advices we receive, the Irish are for once well pleased with their native land and quite satisfied to remain there. The falling off in our Irish immigration will be sensibly felt here. We are not likely, however, to be short of laborers; for in proportion to the decline of our receipts from Ireland, those from Germany increase. These are likely to be stimulated still further by the effects of the war. Should that last, and Austria and Prussia become involved in it. Germany will not be a very desirable residence for men of moderate means and peaceful propensities: we may expect that the bulk of the small farmers and mechanics will exchange the faderland with its taxes and bayonets for a free and cheap home in Wisconsin or Illinois Thus we shall not lose, and Ireland at all events will gain by the events of the last few years.



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