

ST. PATRICK'S DAY,

IN MILWAUKIE, WISCONSIN TERRITORY, 1843.

Nations have always had their national days of festivity which called forth an enthusiastic love of the native land so natural to the human heart. What wonder, then, that Ireland's sons, with all that patriotic feeling so peculiar to them, should hail with demonstrations of heartfelt joy those days which the lapse of time, as well as the objects they hold up to view, render sacred! The day has just passed when our countrymen in the different States of this great Republic vie with each other in the celebration of the Anniversary of our St. Patrick. It may be considered by our distant friends, as bordering on romance if we have the boldness to assert that, however great may have been the exertions of our numerous fellow-countrymen in the States, to celebrate that memorable day, Milwaukee, the infant city of the Far West, has been exceeded by none in the order of her procession, the splendor of her flags and banners, and the union and harmony of heart and soul called into existence between numerous Catholic congregations in various and distant parts of this delightful and happy Territory, and many of the most respectable citizens, of other religious denominations, in this vicinity.

Friday being the Anniversary of Ireland's apostle, was celebrated by numerous Catholic congregations at Milwaukee in a manner, that reflected great credit on the Rev. MARTIN KUNDIG, the zealous pastor of St. Peter's Church, through whose indefatigable exertions about Three Thousand Catholics have been brought together to celebrate the first Anniversary of the Wisconsin Catholic Total Abstinence Society. For several days previous to the 17th, crowds continued to pour into the village from different sections of the Territory and were received with "a *cord mille fallo*" by the Catholics of this place, who cheerfully extended to them that hospitality for which they are proverbial.

ST. PATRICK'S EVE.

At about 5 o'clock in the evening, and while a number of persons were busily engaged in the erection of a platform, &c., for the procession, the Mail brought us the news of the passage of the Milwaukee Harbor bill; which happy event was announced by the roar of artillery, and filled the breast of every citizen with enthusiasm.

About 7 o'clock the congregation of Southport arrived in splendid sleighs under the ample folds of flags and banners and accompanied by martial music playing "Garra Owen," and were received amidst the cheers of the populace and the roar of artillery.

The Church, although a spacious building, was found to be too small to contain one-tenth of the spectators; and consequently advantage was taken to convert the lumber intended for the new stone Church into seats, on the outside of the building and in front of an altar which was also erected on the outside.

The altar, which was tastefully decorated, stood on an elevated platform under the canopy of Heaven, and encircled with the cedars of the wild wood and having for an altar-piece a full length portrait of St. Patrick, in striking transparency. Over the altar were suspended two beautifully executed flags bearing the emblematical stars and stripes of our adopted and happy country.

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At 4 o'clock in the morning and in pursuance of the order of the Grand Marshal, the day was ushered in by the band playing "Hail Columbia" and "Patrick's Day," answered by the roar of artillery which was stationed in front of the Church, on Prospect Hill.

From an early hour, detachments of the different congregations were to be seen passing along the streets to the place of rendezvous in front of St. Peter's Church: the greater part of them decorated with green ribbons and rosettes and many of them wearing medals, in honor of the Total Abstinence Cause. The parties as they reached the Church took their places around the altar under their respective banners, and about 11 o'clock the deep tolling of the Church bell followed by the report of the signal gun, announced the arrival of the hour for the commencement of the solemn sacrifice of the MASS.

The Rev. Mr. Morrissey's Mass arranged in rich vestments embroidered with gold, while the Rev. Mr. Kundig (who is a natural musician) conducted his well instructed choir which sent forth its many melodious voices in praise of the God of the Universe. The service was altogether august and attractive, presenting as it did the most moral and sublime spectacle perhaps ever witnessed west of the great Lakes.

Immediately after Mass, some 100 or 200 persons were enlisted in the Temperance Cause by taking the pledge at the foot of the altar and in presence of the assembled multitude.

At 12 o'clock, the officers of the day proceeded to form the procession agreeably to the order of the Head Marshal.

NAMES OF THE OFFICERS.

- Head Marshal—Solomon Juneau, Esq.
- Assistant Head Marshalls—John S. Rockwell, Esq., and Dr. E. B. Wolcott.
- Grand Marshal—Nicholas Hussey, Esq.
- Assistant Grand Marshalls—Messrs. Paul Juneau, Andrew J. Vieau, Elisha Starr, W. Coy, of Yorkville, Julius P. B. McCabe, of Madison, and Harney, of Racine.
- Marshalls—Messrs. Patrick Rogan, Watertown, Patrick McCarty, Milwaukee, M. Laughlin, Prairieville, Hugh Conolly, Mineral Point, Winter, Milwaukee, John Furlong, Greenfield, Muller, Muskego, and Harkins, Southport.
- Committee of Arrangements—Messrs. Solomon Juneau, Richard Hackett, Thomas H. Fanning, Nicholas Hussey, James Devlin and Richard Murphy.
- Orators of the Day—Messrs. W. P. Lynde, C. Walworth, Daniel Fitzsimmons, Julius P. B. McCabe.

ORDER OF THE PROCESSION.

- 1 Head Marshal, mounted on an elegantly caparisoned white charger, and wearing a crimson sash and a splendid sky blue satin scarf, ornamented with a green badge and gilt harp, and surmounted by a white saffron star and beautiful green rosette, and holding in his hand the *baton* of office.
- 2 Two Assistant Head Marshalls, mounted on white chargers, and equipped similar to the Grand Marshal.
- Grand Marshal, mounted on a white charger and equipped similar to the Head Marshal, having the Order of the Day in his right hand.
- Assistant Grand Marshalls, stationed in single file along the right line of the procession, mounted on white chargers and wearing splendid satin scarfs and rosettes.
- Marshalls, on foot, stationed in single file along the left line of the procession, wearing rich satin scarfs and bearing their staves of office.
- 3 German Band, of Milwaukee.
- 4 Choir of St. Peter's Church, of Milwaukee, marching two by two.
- 5 Male and female children of St. Peter's Church, in sleighs, preceded by a blue satin banner emblazoned with three gilt stars encircled in a wreath of shamrock, and bearing on one side the motto, "EDUCATION IS THE ROAD TO VIRTUE." On the reverse, "ST. PETER'S CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL, 1843." This beautiful banner was executed and presented by Mr. Francis Devlin, of this city.
- 6 Rev'd Martin Kundig, Pastor of St. Peter's.
- 7 Rev'd Mr. Morrissey, Assistant Pastor of St. Peter's; Accompanied by Rev'd Mr. Hull, Minister of the Episcopal Church.
- 8 Orators of the Day.
- 9 Officers of the Temperance Society.
- 10 Invited guests in a splendid Omnibussleigh under the direction of Paul Juneau, Esq.
- 11 The Ladies of St. Mary's Association, with a splendid banner, displaying on one side a portrait of St. Mary, in full stature, standing on a globe in the attitude of prayer. On the reverse, the words "ST. MARY'S ASSOCIATION, OF MILWAUKIE, FOUNDED, 1842."
- 12 The Ladies of the Wisconsin C. T. A. Society.
- 13 St. Mary's Congregation of Greenfield, with a flag, on one side of which was represented an eagle drinking from a fountain; on the reverse suitable devices.
- 14 St. Marks Congregation, of Southport, with a flag bearing the representation of the American Eagle hovering over the Irish harp, with the appropriate motto, "Where Liberty dwells there is my country," and "Eriu Go Bragh."
- 15 St. Stephen's Congregation, of Mineral Pt. —with a flag of the stars and stripes, displaying the American Eagle with the Shamrock in her bill and supporting the lute, one of the emblems of the land of song, in her talons.
- 16 The delegates from Trinity congregation, of Madison.
- 17 St. Ignatius congregation, of Racine— with a large banner having the American Eagle and the name of the congregation inscribed thereon.
- 18 St. Bernard's congregation, of Watertown —with a handsome banner, on one side of which the village of Watertown was beautifully represented; on the reverse was the name of the congregation.
- 19 St. Michael's Congregation, of Granville— with a banner displaying a beautiful landscape and a fountain, surmounted by an eagle; on the reverse the name of the congregation in gilt letters.

20 St. Patrick's congregation, of Yorkville— with a white banner bearing the name of the congregation encircled in a wreath of Shamrock.

21 St. Patrick's congregation, of Salem— with a splendid banner, on one side of which was a beautifully executed, full-length portrait of the Apostle of Ireland, and on the reverse the name of the congregation in gilt letters.

22 St. Francis Congregation of Newland— with a banner, executed by Mr. Tolland of this place, on one side of which Father Mathew was represented in a full length portrait administering the Temperance pledge to a multitude of both sexes, on the reverse the Eagle and Harp was displayed in bold relief.

23 St. Louis Congregation of Franklin— with a handsome flag executed in a masterly style, by Mr. Bailey of this place, and displaying on one side the portrait Ireland's liberator Daniel O'Connell and that of the liberator of America Gen. GEORGE WASHINGTON on the reverse.

24 St. Martin's Congregation of Geneva— with a white flag bearing the name of their congregation in gilt letters encircled in a wreath of Shamrock.

25 St. Dornick's Congregation of New Hope— with a banner displaying a delightful landscape on one side and the Harp and Eagle on the reverse.

26 St. Mathew's Congregation of Churchville— bearing an appropriate banner.

27 St. Bridget's Congregation of Muskego— with a banner displaying on one side a fountain and a beautiful landscape in the distance and the name of the congregation in gilt letters on the reverse.

28 St. John's Congregation of O'Connellville— with a splendid banner having on one side the Harp and Eagle with the motto underneath "Eriu Go Bragh," on the reverse the name of the congregation.

29 St. Joseph's congregation of Prairieville— with a banner displaying on one side, a fountain surmounted by a cross and an Eagle hovering around it, on the reverse the name of the congregation in gilt letters.

30 Citizens and Strangers, who turned out en masse to honor the day.

31 The Pepaukie Brass Band, who kindly volunteered their services on the occasion.

32 Wisconsin Catholic Total Abstinence Society, of Milwaukee— with a truly magnificent banner measuring 9 feet by 7 feet, and displaying on one side the representation of the Genius of Erin playing on the golden harp with the following soul stirring lines from the pen of the inimitable Irish bard, Tom Moore—

"Erin! Oh! Erin!
Thy night it is past
And the sunshine of freedom
Dawns on thee at last."

On the reverse, a full length portrait of the apostle of Temperance, the Rev. Theobald Mathew administering the pledge to a kneeling postulant—this banner which is ornamented on either side with a richly gilt scroll border and green silk fringe, was executed by our fellow townsman Mr. James Cleveland, and reflects much credit on the taste and genius of that native artist.

ROUTE OF THE PROCESSION.

A few minutes past 12 o'clock, a gun was fired as the signal for the grand Marshal to give the word march, and the procession moved off in military form through the following streets, viz:

Down Martin street to Milwaukee st., down Milwaukee st. to Mason st., down Mason st. to Water st., up Water st. to the Draw-bridge thence to Kilburn town. Through Kilburn town down to the boat-bridge, over said bridge to Water st., down Water st. to Huron st., on Huron st. to Milwaukee st., up Milwaukee st. to Wisconsin st., up Wisconsin st. to Jackson st., up Jackson st. to Martin st., down Martin st. to Jefferson st., up Jefferson st. to the Academy; where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared for them by the society. A gun was fired every 20 minutes during the procession.

Having partaken of refreshments, the multitude repaired to the platform erected for the occasion, where several eloquent and appropriate addresses were delivered by the orators of the day.

And the following polite letter from his Excellency the Governor of Wisconsin was read.

MADISON, WISCONSIN,
March 3d, 1843.

GENTLEMEN,—The special session of the Legislature, which it is now expected will be held on the 6th instant, will deprive me of the opportunity to be present at the celebration by the Catholic Total Abstinence Society of their first anniversary, to which you have done me the honor to invite me.

The cause of temperance is the cause of liberty. It teaches men, by restraining their appetites to govern themselves; and it elevates and secures to each that position in society to which he is entitled by his talents and worth—it gives health, wealth and honor.

A cause which is so intimately blended with individual and public happiness justly merits the attention and exertions of every citizen, and may rightfully command those of every officer of government. It is hoped by those who wish to see order prevail and the laws maintained, that the day is not far distant when the inquiry will be made of all who are candidates for public office—"is he honest, is he faithful, is he temperate?"

Let me beg of you, gentlemen, to present to your society my sincere thanks for the honour of their invitation and for the benefits they are conferring by their institution upon our country. Be pleased to accept the assurance of my great personal regard, and that I remain, very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,
J. D. DOTY.

To Messrs. S. Juneau, Nich. Hussey, Richard Hackett, Thos. H. Fanning and Richard Murphy.

Four o'clock P. M. the vast assemblage separated in the most orderly manner to meet again at 7 o'clock in the basement story of the church, for the purpose of electing officers of the Wisconsin Catholic Total Abstinence Society for the ensuing year.

At a meeting of the Wisconsin Catholic T. A. Society; on motion, Solomon Juneau, was appointed Vice President; R. Murphy, Secretary; James Davlin, Treasurer; and T. H. Fitzsimmons, A. J. Vieau, Richard Hackett, Oscar G. Laug and Nicholas Hussey, Vigilance Committee.

The meeting was ably addressed by Mr. Fitzsimmons and also by Mr. McCabe.

It was moved by Mr. Fitzsimmons and seconded by Mr. O'Neil, that the letter of Gov. Doty be printed in both papers at Milwaukee.

It was unanimous that a vote of thanks be given the Rev. Mr. Kundig.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Weleh for the orderly house he has kept on this day. On motion, the society adjourned.

AT A special meeting of the Wisconsin C. T. A. Society, held in the basement story of St. Peter's church immediately after vespers, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of uniting with our fellow citizens on Wednesday the 23d inst., at the celebration of the passage of the Harbor Bill.

Rev. Martin Kundig was called to the chair. On motion of Solomon Juneau, Esq., it was unanimously

Resolved, That this society assemble in a body and join in the Procession with their fellow citizens to celebrate that happy event.

On motion of Nicholas Hussey, it was

Resolved, That a committee of four be appointed to wait on the Grand Marshall for the occasion and report by Monday noon. And that such committee make the necessary arrangements to coincide with his views if possible.

The following gentlemen were nominated such committee:—Rev. Martin Kundig, Pastor, Solomon Juneau, Nicholas Hussey, and John B. Myers.

On motion of Mr. Flin, seconded by Mr. Myers,

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Milwaukee papers.

On motion of Mr. Davlin, the meeting adjourned.

Rev. MARTIN KUNDIG, Chair.

R. MURPHY, Sec.
Milwaukee, March 19th, 1843.

Right of visitation.—The President of the United States, on Monday, sent a message to Congress, in relation to the right of visitation, which is but another term for the old right of search. He admits that there is a misunderstanding between our Government and that of Great Britain on the subject; denies that there exists any foundation for the right of visitation as set up and suggests the doubt, as arising from the declarations of one of England, whether the difference is not rather one of definition than principle. His concluding remarks, are in good spirit, and will be unwarranted. The pretension of England is most unwarranted and preposterous, and no nation, who has the faintest regard for her dignity or interest, will submit to it.