

They license everything in Cincinnati, and I have refused to license anything in Cleveland. The result is that Cincinnati spends \$900,000 more for city purposes than Cleveland does, although we have greater wealth, greater territory, and greater population. Gov. Nash probably doesn't know this. When he hears of it he probably will stop making such statements as he gave to you and will be sorry he invited the comparison."

In closing his interview Mayor Johnson made some interesting notes on the difference between political bosses and political idols. With special reference to two types, George B. Cox, of Cincinnati, as a boss, and Gov. Pingree, of Michigan, with whom Johnson had several stormy episodes, as a political idol.

"I don't know Cox well, but I do know his reputation as a boss and why he succeeds. A political boss must have two essentials to success. He must possess the elements of leadership and he must also be absolutely true to his word. A political idol must also possess the elements of leadership to a large extent, but he must be especially ready for a fight at any time. He need not be always a man of his word. Pingree, whom I liked, was not at all a man of his word, but he had the quality of putting a thought in an original way to express just what the people had attempted to say themselves, but had failed.

"I have talked to you now so long that my throat is getting hoarse and if I keep it up much longer some of these fellows in the berths back of us will get to throwing shoes, so I'll say good night."

**"YOUR FATHERS KILLED THE PROPHETS, AND YE BUILD THEIR TOMBS."**

Lately, with mingled pride and pity,  
The genial mob of London city  
Thronged 'round the heroes of the day,  
Botha, De Wet and Delarey.  
With cheers and shouts of "Sirs, well done,  
You fought like lions, though we won;  
And England never fails to show  
All honor to a gallant foe."  
Just then some idiot, in the press,  
Whose ignorance would make you guess  
A brother of the Seven Sleepers,  
Cried: "'Arry, which of 'em is Scheepers?"  
—London Speaker of Sept. 13.

The published pictures of Brother Baer leave no doubt whatever that he said it.—Chicago Chronicle.

Hothead—I claim that I am as good as any man.

Bighed—That's not the point. Do you admit that you are no better than any other man? — Toronto Moon.

**BOOK NOTICES.**

**THE HISTORY OF IRELAND.**

Dr. P. W. Joyce has done a real service in writing what he calls "A Child's History of Ireland" (Longman's). He says in his preface: "Though the book has been written for children, I venture to express a hope that it may be found sufficiently interesting and instructive for the perusal of older people." This hope he has undoubtedly fulfilled, and so well that it may be unfortunate that he did not call the book simply a history of Ireland, as older people may be deterred by the title from reading it. His style is simple and familiar, as indeed all style should be, whether for children or grown folks; and in 500 pages he has given us a sufficiently complete history of the Irish people down to the death of O'Connell, in 1847.

The early history of the country, its legends, traditions, customs, are told with interesting fullness; and the illustrations, which are very happily chosen, add greatly to the value of the book. We have rarely seen a history better illustrated. The author has very properly taken as much pains with his illustrations as with his text. The insight which he gives of early Irish art—in writing and illumination, in gold, silver and bronze work—is greatly enhanced by the apt illustrations gathered from various sources.

The history of Ireland is too little known. It is full of interest, full of heroism, and full of lessons. By the measure of force the Irish have gone down before the Anglo-Saxon oppressor, but they have never been subdued. Except as to external government they are, in sentiment, in ideals, in patriotism, as distinct a people as any nation on earth. Force may exterminate, but it can never assimilate; and Ireland will never be English. Perhaps, as Father Sheehan intimates in his great novel, "Luke Delmege," Ireland will yet have a great part to play in the higher development of humanity.

We can heartily commend this work of Dr. Joyce to any one who may wish to get, in a compact and yet entertaining form, the leading facts and characteristics of Irish history.

If any fault is to be found, it is that the desire for impartiality has sounded the rehearsal of wrongs in too calm a note. Think, for example, of all that is involved in the following statement: "Near many of the villages in various parts of Ireland were 'commons,' stretches of grassy upland or bog, which were free to the people to use for grazing or for cutting turf, and formed one of their chief ways of living. These had belonged to them time out of mind, being in fact the remains of the Commons Land of ancient days; but about this period the landlords had begun to enclose them as private property, chiefly for grazing." One cannot but wish the author had felt justified in using more forceful terms in writing of this and other acts of Irish landlords. The Irish land question is indeed one long story of devilish wrong and cannot be written truly except in righteous indignation. Happily, its true story has been told. Henry George has told it in words of prophetic eloquence, the echoes of which, though sometimes faint, will continue to be heard through Ireland till justice be done.

J. H. DILLARD.

**PERIODICALS.**

—Wilshire's Magazine (Toronto) for October opens with a "heart-to-heart talk," by the editor, to Mayor Johnson of Cleveland on the basis of a friendly letter from Mr. Johnson. The letter and the comment make an interesting contrast of socialism, as represented by the magazine, with the single tax principle as briefly stated by Mayor Johnson.

—The Westminster Review for September is as usual far ahead of all its competitors in the freshness, originality and liberality of its contents. The article by Frederick W. Mueller, entitled the "Horns of the Dilemma," is a strong plea for free trade—and more. Replying to a recent article in

the Fortnightly Review, the author says: "Compared with the combinations of capital wielded by these concerns (the trusts), Mr. Henry George's 'bugbear of landlordism' is, in the mind of Dr. Crozier, dwarfed into insignificance. This is a pity, for with apologies to Dr. Crozier, it is an important point. Without land there is scarcely a concern in the world capable of amassing overpowering capital. Without it nearly every trust, every monopoly in America or elsewhere, would fall to pieces like a house of cards." The article, while applying especially to England, may well be read by free

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