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THE RIGHT OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLAGE.

Like the right of free speech, the right of public assemblage is not absolute. Both are subordinate to the public safety and the public authorities have the power to regulate their exercise. The Constitution of the United States guarantees, it is true, the exercise of these rights but we presume within certain reasonable limits. We do not find in the Constitution that natives of other countries who come to the United States to participate in the privileges enjoyed by the citizens of this country, may bring with them their prejudices and political and religious feuds and differences. The Constitution does not guarantee protection to naturalized citizens in the exhibition of hatred towards any portion or class of the community. It does not certainly contemplate the importation into this country of any of the quarrels which have divided the people in other countries. Free speech is guaranteed to be sure, but free speech within bounds, and so as not to provoke a breach of the public peace. And while the people may assemble freely for the purpose of discussing every matter which concerns them without interference of the authorities, we suppose their assembling should yield to the peace and safety of the community at large. The prohibition against interference with these rights was laid upon the Government of the United States because the governments of Europe had claimed and exercised the power of denying them to their subjects. This prohibition was the more inserted in the Constitution in the interest of the people of this country and for the purpose of guaranteeing the freedom of discussion in all matters concerning their prosperity and happiness. But it was never intended by the powers of the Constitution to encourage the transfer to the United States from other countries of the differences and quarrels which exist there. It follows that naturalized citizens should not organize themselves here into associations for political or religious objects which have no connection with their new home, and if the Irish Orangemen of New York had not done so there would have been no riot in New York on Wednesday last, and forty persons, who were shot down in the streets of that city, would now be alive. While we think that this sacrifice of human life might have been avoided by the action of the public authorities in New York, whose first duty it is to secure the peace and safety of the community, it would surely have been better had the Orangemen not insisted upon marching through the streets, knowing as they must have done, that evil-disposed persons had a fixed purpose to provoke a collision. We may well ask if the right of the people publicly to assemble and march through the streets of our cities, is not asserted and maintained at too dear a cost when forty or more lives have to be sacrificed for the purpose. Admitting the abstract right, would it not have been better to count that part of their celebration than to have caused the death of a single person? It appears from our latest dispatches that the firing of the troops and the people was unauthorized by the officers in command, and it is very probable that the persons shot down were entirely innocent of any intention of interference with the Orangemen's procession. This shows how dangerous a power it is, this calling out of the militia and unaccustomed to act in emergencies with that prudence and restraint which should be exercised when they seek to prevent an outbreak of the people.

We think that the Governor of the State of New York and the Mayor of the city cannot but regret the occurrences of Wednesday and the needless destruction of human life which resulted from their failure to prevent the procession marching through the streets.

IRISH ROOFING FELT.—The attention of builders and others is invited to the advertisement which appears in this issue of the Irish Roofing Felt, manufactured by R. Anderson & Sons, of the Lagan Felt Works, Belfast, and for sale by their agents in New Orleans, Meade & Hamilton & Co., No. 71 Carondelet street. This roofing is easy of application, durable and unobjectionable. Sparks falling upon it will not ignite it, and it is more durable than some slates. When used for temporary purposes it may be taken off and applied again to another construction.

EXCURSION TICKETS AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES.—The Morgan Line are now selling excursion tickets to all celebrated watering places of East Tennessee and Virginia, by the popular Blue Mountain Route. The comforts attending a trip on the splendid steamers running between New Orleans and Mobile, then taking Pullman palace sleeping cars, which run straight to Bristol, Tenn., without change or *inconvenience* offered to *pleasure seekers*.

The Population of Great Britain—Aggregate Results of the Recent Census.

From the Pall Mall Gazette, June 22.

The first official statements of the aggregate results of the recent census in the three divisions of the United Kingdom were presented to Parliament on Tuesday evening. As regards Scotland and Ireland, these returns contain all the information which will probably be forthcoming until after the revision of the facts has been completed, a process usually occupying from one to two years. The first official return consists of one page only, which, however, is understood to be merely the preface to a comprehensive volume of statistics now in course of preparation and to be published very shortly. There is little that is novel in the tables in the present return, the census authorities of the three kingdoms have apparently decided to confine themselves to the publication of facts under the head of each division, leaving the discussion of the causes of the changes indicated by the census returns to private enterprise. The following is a summary of the results:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
England and Wales	8,587,356	8,974,831	17,562,187
Scotland	1,208,357	1,324,435	2,672,792
Ireland	2,055,876	2,115,999	4,171,875
Islands in the British Seas	70,000	70,000	140,000
Army, Navy, and Merchant Service abroad	191,000	9,000	200,000
Total	12,112,589	12,494,265	24,696,854

Thus it appears that during the last decade England has added 1,562,884, or 12 per cent. to her population, and Scotland, 296,499, or 9.7 per cent., while Ireland counts 500,207, or 10.7 per cent. fewer inhabitants than she had in 1861. And, taking the United Kingdom as a whole, excepting the adjacent islands of Man, Jersey, Guernsey, and Alderney, population has been brought into account, the present population of 31,485,446 represents an increase of 2,572,962, or 8.9 per cent. on the returns of 1861. But the circumstances of Ireland during the last ten years not differed from those of Great Britain, the population of the United Kingdom would now be 32,500,000, instead of 31,485,446.

The Irish census commissioners, speak of the period between 1851 and 1861, a term in which the country was remarkably free from any outbreak of pestilence, scarcity of food, or of the other social calamities which have occasionally retarded the growth of the population. They account for the decrease of population by the very great emigration which has taken place, the emigrants of Irish origin having numbered 819,955 in the ten years. Had it not been for this outflow, the Commissioners estimate that on the ordinary natural rate of increase, the excess of births over deaths, the present population of Ireland would be 6,391,275. They also remark that at the time of taking the census of 1851 there were more than 250,000 paupers in the Irish workhouses, and 47,000 persons in hospitals of whom 4,515 were not workhouse inmates; that between the numbers in the workhouses, health and sickness were about, while there were but 43,000 paupers in the workhouses on the day before the census. The causes of this continuous decline of the Irish population are a most interesting study, which will undoubtedly receive an impetus from the facts revealed by the census. From 1801 to 1845 there was an unbroken chain of increase, while from that date to this the process of diminution has proceeded with equally unbroken step. How much longer the depletion is to go on, and what means can be taken to stop it, are weighty problems worthy of solution by rising statesmen.

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THE PROSPECTS OF FRANCE.

Duty of the Assembly M. Guizot's Letter to the President.

M. Guizot has addressed the following letter to M. Grevy, President of the National Assembly:

Monsieur le President:—When the Assembly met it proclaimed itself on the 17th of February, 1871, "the depository of sovereign authority," and stated that, "pending the negotiations with regard to the future constitution of the country," it was important to provide without delay for the necessities of the government and the means of conducting negotiations. M. Thiers was named "chief of the executive power of the French republic." No doubt these words were inserted to express a fact which was actual and undoubted, but provisional. M. Thiers took care they should not be misunderstood, for, on entering office and choosing his ministers, he said: "I have taken them, not from one of the parties into which we are divided, but from all parties, just as our country has done in giving its votes, and often placing on the same list men of the most opposite, and sometimes, as it would seem, antagonistic views, but united by patriotism, intelligence, and the common bond of good intentions. The only possible, the only conservative policy at the present time is precisely to reorganize, to restore credit, and to encourage labor. Every sensible, honest, enlightened man, whatever may be his opinion as to a monarchy or a republic, may labor usefully and honorably to promote these ends; and even if he only labors a year—six months—he may return to his country with head erect and conscience at ease. No doubt when we have rendered our country the pressing services which I have just enumerated, when we have raised from the ground the public and wounded, from which we call France, it will, when health and energy are restored, tell us how it wishes to live; the decision will be pronounced, not by a minority, but by the majority of citizens, that is, by an expression of the will of the nation. The nation which elected the Assembly, the Assembly chosen by the nation, and the head of the executive power nominated by the assembly, spoke thus when France's cause was dangerously to be saved. The republicans attached great importance to the insertion of the formal Assembly but not taking their position. Thousands of voices artificially to demand from the National Assembly the establishment of order. Frenchmen with France; and it is to the interest of whatever form of government it may be, that France shall rapidly heal of her wounds. The National Assembly and M. Thiers did their duty, and showed that they understood the real object in this case and the true interests of their country, when they reminded the members of their responsibility, and that France in confiding it to them intended to remain free to regulate her own institutions and her future destiny. This question is therefore, subject, it was expressly reserved. France and the representatives have full right to examine different forms of government and to select from them. But has the time arrived when this question can be definitely brought forward? I am not going to discuss and decide with perfect freedom in a fair chance, and some knowledge of the subject? I understand the importance of those questions, but the matter to be settled at this moment, and see if I can, what is before her, for it is a matter which concerns her safety, dignity, prosperity, and the future of her children. Is it essential. But it must not be forgotten that certain preliminary questions have been forced upon the National Assembly by events and by urgent necessity which must be got out of the way in order that the consideration of the fundamental points may be carried on in tranquillity. The National Assembly is incomplete. In consequence of the return of the same members by several constituencies, the number annulled, of vacant seats. On a late department—Var—is not represented at all. This is a great gap. If it still exists when the future form of government is decided, the National Assembly may decide to which it may consider itself bound to abide by its decision as a monarchy or a republic. It