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A Well-Marked Battle-Field.

The famous battle-field of Gettysburg, where the decisive conflict of the late war was waged, the only battle-field of the North and on the soil of a free state, will in the time to come be the spot of greatest historic interest in this country.

The number of troops engaged, the wide area of country fought over, the proportion of volunteer soldiers under arms, and the absorbing political questions involved, and the enormous amount of historical narrative and controversy already evoked from active participants, have already made our late war alike memorable in the annals of military science and of political history.

The field itself was adapted for the marshalling and movements of great armies. Nature seemed to singularly furnish it for such an event. There are plains for charges, ridges for battle lines, hill tops for redoubts and rocky fortresses for ambush and resistance.

But there is just one thing European, which the protectionists do not want to tax, and that is the European man. If they were really intent upon a high tariff, for the reason that it will protect American labor, as they claim, they would advocate a tax upon immigrants.

But the most notable and valuable artificial features of this battle-field have been established in the system of marking the places where the regiments engaged stood, where the leading events of the three days fight occurred, where this or that man fell, and where one charge advanced and another was repelled.

A story has been going the rounds of the Republican press that the Vance family, of which Senator Vance, of North Carolina, is the head, are all provided with silver spoons by royalty or members of the royal family.

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Revival of the Irish Tongue.

Attention has been attracted to the thoughtful article of Charles De Kay in a New York paper on the revival of the Irish tongue, the monuments of which extend back even beyond that early day in the sixth century when St. Columbkille, bard and saint, set out to convert the Druids of Caledonia.

It is manifest therefore that the digging into that dim past which covers ancient Irish history would unearth some real treasures. Not only does the sentiment of the revival of the Irish tongue appeal to all true Irishmen, but to every historian worthy of the name.

Mr. De Kay regretfully observes: "In England a chair of Celtic has been established at Oxford, in Scotland at Glasgow, in France at Paris, and in Wales at the new university. But in America, notwithstanding the host of Celtic speakers, the vast array of patriotic Irishmen and Irish women, the thrifty and well-organized communities of Welshmen, and the riches distributed among them, there is in America, to their shame be it spoken, not one university or college which has a professorship of Celtic."

It must be admitted, however, that the hopes for the revival of that tongue in which Dearmuid O'Sullivan, the hedge-poet, sang of Erin, are not based on strong foundations. The modern tendency is toward homogeneous nations speaking the same tongue. It is vastly more convenient, but the world loses much that would enrich it in this decay of languages.

Mr. Westling, of the Cumberland Valley, and proprietor of a charcoal pig iron furnace, was prompted to declare the other day to the ways and means committee that he would tax everything European—even his air. Mr. Westling goes the whole figure on protection to home products. Evidently it would be hard to get ahead of Mr. Westling. His desire to have European gales stopped at our shores, however, shows that Mr. Westling is a constitutional rebel against the fiat of the Almighty by whom no means have been provided of laying an embargo upon European air.

The decreasing hold of royalty on the English popular fancy is shown by the carrying of a motion through the House of Commons to reduce the grant for the maintenance of parks belonging to or used exclusively by royalty or members of the royal family.

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GUNNING FOR THE EDITOR.

How Bob Burdette Escaped O'Hoolihan—The Story Told by Himself. "When I was city editor of the Peoria Transcript, there was a little item crept into the paper one day to the effect that Mr. Michael Hennessy, O'Hoolihan, or some body else, had been arrested for playfully coming home drunk, knocking the treading Mrs. Hennessy, or O'Hoolihan, or whoever she was, down with a coal bucket and then walking on her person. News was rather scarce, and as the citizens were who had in New Haven, advised my friends who had not time to read more than one of George Eliot's books to select the "Mill on the Tockan."

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PERSONALS.

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