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J. J. O'MAHONY, S. T. Great Falls,

STATE OF MONTANA.

J. J. CLARK, S. S.
BOX 1255, Helena, Mont.

Helena, Mont., 7/4/01.

J. P. O'NEIL, Ely, New Haven, Conn.

Will our State V. P. Bro. Kelliher be allowed a seat in the Convention? We will have about 1000 members if not more.

I understand that the Constitution is very clear. Namely, State Secy. & Treas. are the delegates. Nothing said about State Vice President. Would thank you very much for your opinion. Please will answer at my expense. Write message.

Thanking you for your kindness.

Very truly yours,

J. J. O'MAHONY

S. T. Great Falls.
July 5, 1902

Mr. Jas. O. Bree
National Secretary of A.O.K.

Dear Sir:—

I have been requested to write to you for information regarding the History of Ireland. Could you tell us what work is most authentic regarding Ireland's early history.
J. J. CLARK, S. S.
BOX 1255, Helena, Mont.

Helena, Mont.,

July 9, 1907.

Dear Sir, Dr. Ey.

Dear Sir Ey,

Please find enclosed list
of credentials for the Montana delegation. I
regret delay. I should have forwarded them
before you left New Haven. Some of our
County Boards were rather slow in selecting
attorneys in cases where the County Assessor
could not go. We have entered Ex State President
Ed Jas. Maher, name in place of that of the Ex
State President, who could not go. Making
9 delegates from this State. Our delegation will
number fully 15 to 18, including 2 members
of the S. P. B. We will leave Butte
Saturday, July 17th for Denver via Salt
Lake. Expect to arrive in Denver Monday eve.

I trust that the above will meet with your approval in
the name of State U. P. With kindest regards. Yours Obligingly

Jas. O'Mahony. S. T.
Hon. Jas. P. Bree,
National Secretary,
C/O Albany Hotel,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir & Bro:

I hand you herein my check No. 46 for $4.00 in payment of per capita tax as per bill rendered to the State Board.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Fraternally yours,

J. O'Mahony
State Treasurer.
Butte, Montana, Sept. 1/02

Mr. Jas. P. Bree,

National Sec'y A.O.H.,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro:-

Your favor of Aug. 26th received.

The action of the board of directors in reference to the Michigan suit meets with my approval. I have read the letter of Attorney Phillips, and do not see where our organization has any chance to appeal the case. Our friends in Michigan appear to have placed themselves in this position through their own carelessness, and I do not see where the national board can do anything to help them. However, I am perfectly willing to abide by any action that may be decided upon in this case by the national president and yourself.

I wish to thank you very much for your photo, which I received a few days since. I have none of my own or would send you one in return. As soon as I have any taken will be glad to return the compliment.

We held our state convention about ten days ago. It was a very enthusiastic and harmonious gathering—said to be the most successful ever held in this state. My only objection to the proceedings is, that they forced me to again accept the office of state president, much against my own wishes and better judgment. However,
Jas. P. Bree,-2

we will try to do the best we can.

Acting upon suggestions made in my report, the convention authorized the state board to use at any time all available funds at their disposal, for the purpose of organization and increasing the membership within our state, and also authorized the board to levy an assessment for that purpose, if necessary.

The ladies auxiliary held their convention at the same time. I had to spend some few hours with them, which I am ungallant enough to confess was harder work than the two days spent in the men's convention.

I am at your service at any and all times to aid you in any way in my power in building up our order.

Yours fraternally,

D. J. H.
In case twenty members or persons eligible to membership shall apply in writing to any Board of L. A. of A. O. H. for organization of a Division.

How suppose twenty names are handed in to County Board and they appoint a place and hour to organize. Five members or applicants fail to respond through business or sickness or any cause but are have the assurance of those names or more it met the County President obliged to organize.
Said Div. A.O.H. County Pres. says it's proper but I., O. County President think not. The first Div. organized in Montana in 1879 just had seven charter members please answer and oblige.

Yours Fraternally,

Aora Murphy
State President

Address:

Mrs. J. D. Murphy
133 W. Pacific St.
Centerville
Butte City
Mont.
Hon. Jas. P. Blake,
National Secretary
New Haven, Conn,

Dear Sir and Bro:

My check for $400 covering "mileage" as per bill rendered
State Secretary Clark recently 2nd quarter is herein enclosed.
Please render the usual receipt.

Sincerely yours,

J. J. O'Mahony, S.T.
James P. Bree, Nat'l Sec'y A.O.H.,
902 Chapel St.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro:-

I herewith enclose a letter from Alice Keegan, of Portland, Oregon, which is self-explanatory. I have written her to proceed in the preparations for organizing; that I did not know what authority I had to empower her to organize, but that I would immediately forward her letter to you and you would send her as soon as possible the necessary authority not only to organize the city of Portland, but the state of Oregon as well. Will you please give the matter your immediate attention, so that Mrs. Keegan's ardor may not be dampened by any unnecessary delay?

While on this subject I would like to know what authority, if any, I have in matters pertaining to the L. A. I have never visited any of their meetings, because I have never felt that I had the right or authority to do so. On the other hand, inasmuch as I receive from you their merchandise, I think perhaps that the office of National Director may empower me to visit them when I feel it is to their interests that I should do so. There are numerous dissensions here in the L. A., as is natural among the ladies. Their
troubles are all brought to me for adjustment, and I am somewhat crippled from the fact that I have to meet them individually and not when they are all together. When they appeal to me on any question I simply give them my opinion as an individual or as an officer of the A.O.H., but have never yet claimed the right to settle any disputed point as an officer whose decision they are bound to accept. It seems to me that the relationship between the two orders is somewhat indefinite. Please write me at your earliest convenience just what authority, if any, I have to interfere with or attempt to adjust their difficulties.

We have now a man traveling over the state to see what the chances are for organizing new divisions of the A.O.H. So far he has met with but little success. Outside of four or five cities in the state people of our race are scarce, and it is hard to get enough of them together to organize a division that will hang together. We are also handicapped by the fact that the Bishop of this diocese is a Belgian, and naturally nearly all the priests outside of two or three of the larger cities are Belgians who take very little interest in the spread of our organization, the majority of them being opposed to it, I believe, if they were honest enough to say so. Our Bishop pretends to be friendly, but I even doubt his sincerity
J: P. B., - 3.

in the matter. Our work during the past year in this state was not encouraging, but I hope to do very much better the ensuing year.

Hoping that you will be able to immediately write Miss or Mrs. Keegan (I know not which), and that I may also hear from you in a short time, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

D. J. H.

[Signature]
Mr. James P. Bree,
902 Chapel St.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro:-

Enclosed please find letter received from Kansas City.

I wish hereby to give my consent as National Director to an appeal to the members of our order throughout the country being allowed.

Yours fraternally,

Dic. F. J. H.

FSS.
April 5th, 1904.

John J. Clark, Esq.,
Box 1255,
Helena, Mont.

Dear Sir:-

I have your favor of March 24th and note your statement that you hold receipted bill for $3, the premium on bond No. F. 0.7644 on state secretary and treasurer of Montana. Will you be good enough to advise me as to the signature which is affixed to receipt, and if possible how payment was made, whether by check or cash, and oblige

Yours truly,

James P. Bree
Agent, U.S.F. & G. Co.

Dear Brother Bree,

The signature to the bill that I hold is the same as the above in every respect, I presume that our State Treasurer Bro O'Mahony remitted by bank draft, Beleive me as ever.

Yours fraternally.

Helena, April 17th 04.

Missoula, Mont. April 7th, 1904

James P. Brennan, Esq.,
National Secy., New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro:

I desire to procure some information

relating to some property near Kells, County Meath,
Ireland, in which my mother is interested
and I beg to inquire whether the A.O.H.
is organized in Ireland, and if so can you

give me the name of an officer of the order in the locality mentioned, with

whom I might communicate, or if the
A.O.H. is not established here can

you give me the address of some

reliable solicitor here.

Thanking you for any assistance you

may favor me with,

Yours Fraternally,

M. B. McBride
Ancient Order of Hibernians
in America
State of Montana

J. J. O'Mahony, S.T., Great Falls

Great Falls, Mont., May 5, 1904

Dear Brothers:

Here with my check for $4.50 covering "Miles" for 9 divisions as per bill rendered, the receipt of which please acknowledge.

Fraternally yours,

J. J. O'Mahony
Helena, Montana, May 30, 1904

Mr. Joe O'Dwyer
W. S. A. O. H.
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Please send me a supply of transfer and mailing labels. Also, mailing list for use of divisions in sending in list of members to the "National Hibernian." We expect to have close to 1000 members by June 30st. Butte is coming to the front fast; they will have a display of about 100 new members forInitiative Sunday, May 27th. I am going over to help them. With highest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Joe J. Clark
Butte, Mont., May 21, 1901

James P. Blair Esq.,
National Secretary A.O.T.
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Kindly forward to the undersigned fifty buttons for Division No. 2, A.O.T., Butte, Mont., as you will please make enclosure for twelve 67½o dollars ($76.60) to cover cost of same.

Thanking you in advance,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

J. Brown R.S.

Butte, Mont.