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FRIENDSHIP
UNITY
CHRISTIAN CHARITY

Office of

State Secretary

Ancient Order of Hibernians

IN AMERICA

STATE OF MONTANA.

J. J. CLARK, S. S.
BOX 1255, HELENA, MONT.

Helena, Mont.,

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invid July 4

from Denver

Jas P. Bus Esq
New Haven
Conn

Dear Bro Bus

Will our State V.P. Bro Kelliher be allowed a seat in the Convention. We will have about 1000 members if not more July 1st. I understood that the Constitution is very clear, namely State Pres. Secty & Treas. are the delegates. Nothing said about State Vice President.

Would thank you very much for your opinion. Please write answer at my expense. Right message.

Thanking you for your kindness
I remain Sincerely
J. J. Clark
S.S.

Am July 11

Butte, Montana.

July 5, 1902

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

Dear Sir:-

I have been requested
to write to you for in-
formation regarding the
History of Ireland.

Could you tell us what
work is most authentic
regarding Ireland's early
history?

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Helena, Mont.,

July 9 1902

Jas P. Rice Esq
 Denver Colo
 Dear Bro Rice.

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 electing alternates in cases where the County President could not go. We have entered Ex State President Bro Jas Maher. name in place of State Vice Pres Bro Kelliher who could not go. Making 9 delegates from this state. Our delegation will number fully 15 to 18. including 2 members of the D. of C. We will leave Butte Saturday July 12th for Denver via Salt Lake. Expect to arrive in Denver Monday eve. Trusting that the above will meet with your approval in the case of State V.P. With kindest regards. Yours fraternally
 H.O.W. No 4 J. J. Clark S.S.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of a copy of Denver Herald. Thanks.

D. J. HENNESSY, S. P. BUTTE,

WM. KELLIHER, S. V. P. ANACONDA,

J. J. CLARK, S. S.

BOX 1255, HELENA, MONT.

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Ancient Order of Hibernians

IN AMERICA

STATE OF MONTANA.

J. J. O'MAHONY, S. T. GREAT FALLS,

Great Falls, Mont., July 9, 1902. 1900

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. J. O'Mahony
State Treasurer.



Hennessy Mercantile Co.

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,



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Butte, Montana,

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 auxillary 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,

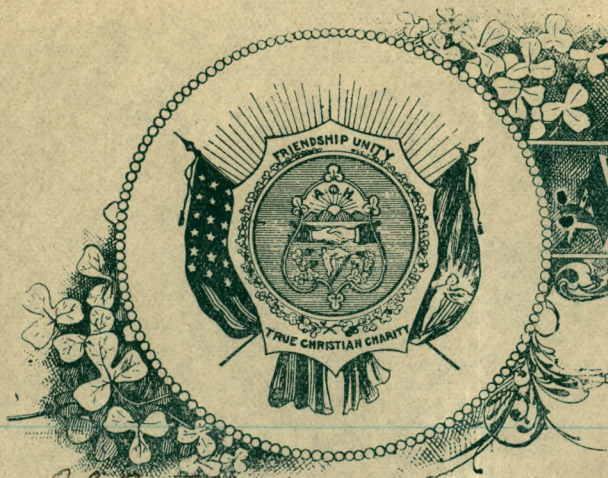
Dic.D.J.H.

OFFICE OF

STATE PRES. LADIES AUXILIARY

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Of Montana.



Butte, Mont., Sept 12 1902

A.E.B. No 1.

Mr. J. P. Boer-
H. S.
New Haven
Conn.

Am Sept 18

Dear ^{Sir} Brother

Please forward your opinion on
organization our Constitution reads
on page 12. Art 18 Sec. 1.

organization

In case twenty members or persons eligible
to membership shall apply in writing to County
Board of L. A. of A. O. H. for organization
of a Div...

Now 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 we have the
assurance of those names or more is not
the County President obliged to organize



Said Div. A. O. H. County Pres says
it's proper but L. A. County President
think not. The first Div organized
in Montana in 1879 just had seven
charter members please answer
and oblige
Yours Fraternaly.

Nora Murphy.
State President

Address -

Mrs. J. D. Murphy -

133 W. Pacific St -

Centerville

Butte City -

Mont -

D. J. HENNESSY, S. P. BUTTE,

WM. KELLIHER, S. V. P. ANACONDA,

J. J. CLARK, S. S.

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STATE OF MONTANA.

J. J. O'MAHONY, S. T. GREAT FALLS,

Great Falls, Mont., April 7th 1903

Hon. Jas P. Bree,
National Secretary,
New Haven, Conn.
Dear Sir and Bro:

My check for \$4.⁰⁰ covering "mdse" as per bill rendered
State Secretary Clark recently - 2nd quarter - is herewith inclosed.
Please render the usual receipt.

Fraternally yours,
J. J. O'Mahony S. T. J. J. O'Mahony S. T.

receipt sent
4-15-'03



Office of

Hennessy Mercantile Co.

S. E. COR. MAIN & GRANITE STS.

Butte, Montana,

June 26/o3.

Done June 20

James P. Bree, Nat'l Sec'y A.O.H.,

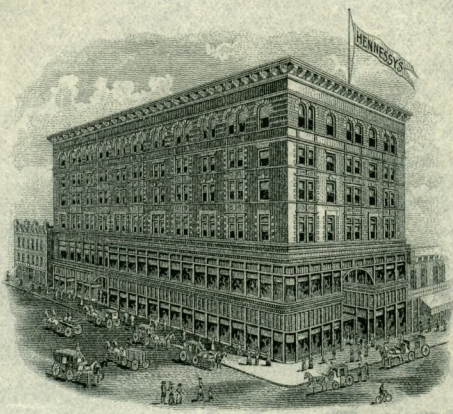
902 Chapel St.,

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



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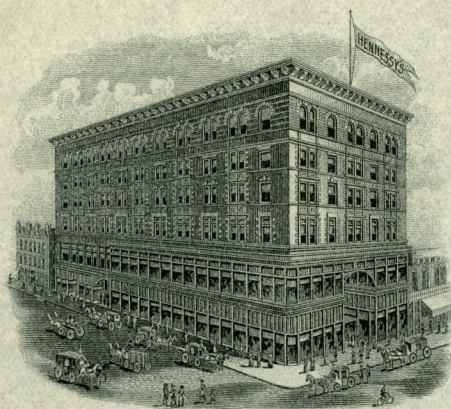
S. E. COR. MAIN & GRANITE STS.

Butte, Montana,

J.P.B.-2.

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



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Butte, Montana,

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,

Dic.D.J.H.

D. Hennessy

MADE IN U.S.A.
M 2 8 B L V V C O M F I M E N



Office of

Hennessy Mercantile Co.

S. E. COR. MAIN & GRANITE STS.

Butte, Montana,

July 1/03.

Ans July 6

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.D.J.H.

FSS.

J. Hennessy

MADE IN U.S.A. W & B PARAGON LINEN

LAW OFFICES OF
JAMES P. BREE
902 CHAPEL ST.
NEW HAVEN, CONN

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. O. 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
per K.

Agent, U. S. F. & G. Co.

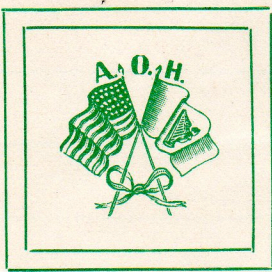
Dear Brother Bree,

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, Believe me as ever.

Yours fraternally.

Helena, April 17th 04.

John J. Clark
S.S. of A.O.H. Montana.



ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

IN AMERICA

Friendship, Unity, Christian Charity.

OFFICE OF DIVISION NO. 1.

MISSOULA COUNTY.

Missoula, Mont., April 9th 1904

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

My
4/15

Dear Sir & Bro:

I desire to procure some information relative 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 there can you give me the address of some reliable solicitor near there.

Thanking you for any assistance you may favor me with,

Yours Fraternally,

M. B. McBride

[Fine Secy]

D. J. HENNESSY, S. P. BUTTE,

WM. KELLIHER, S. V. P. ANACONDA,

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STATE OF MONTANA.

J. J. O'MAHONY, S. T. GREAT FALLS.

Great Falls, Mont.,

May 5th 1904

recd sent
5-10-04

Hon. Jas. P. Burr, U.S.
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Bro Burr:

Herewith my check for \$4⁵⁰ covering "Mds" for 9 divisions
as per bill rendered, the receipt of which please acknowledge.

Fraternally yours,

J. J. O'Mahony

STATE BOARD
ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS
OF MONTANA

OFFICE OF JOHN J. CLARK
STATE SECRETARY



State Officers

STATE PRESIDENT, D. J. HENNESSY, BUTTE
VICE-PRESIDENT, WM. KELLIHER, ANACONDA
STATE TREASURER, J. J. O'MAHONY, GREAT FALLS
STATE CHAPLIN, REV. THOS. MCCORMICK, GREAT FALLS

Helena, Montana,

May 20 1904

Mr Jas P. O'Brien
N.S. A.O.H.
New Haven
Conn.

Ans
5/25

Dear Sir & Bro

Please send me
a supply of Transfer and Traveling
cards. 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 30/04.
Butte is coming to the front fast.
They will have a class of about 100
new members for Initiation Sunday
May 22nd, I am going over to help
them.

With kindest regards
I am as ever yours
John J. Clark
S.S.

—HALL OF—

DIVISION No. 2

Ancient Order of Hibernians

in America

SILVER BOW COUNTY

Butte, Mont. May 21 1904

SWEETMAN, PR. DAYTON, OHIO.

James P. Brer Esq.
National Secretary A.O.H.
New Haven Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro.

Kindly forward to the undersigned
fifty buttons for Division #2 A.O.H.
Butte, Mont. you will please rec.
enclosure for Twelve \$1.00 dollars (\$12.00)
to cover cost of same.

Thanking you in advance

I remain,

Yours fraternally,
Jm Brown R's
ex. Business
Butte.

Mont.

Rec'd
& buttons
5/26