

FOUNDER OF THE LAND LEAGUE.

The Magnetic Michael Davitt—How He Became a Leader.

The man who moved his people most at the recent convention of the Irish National League, held at Chicago, was undoubtedly Michael Davitt. He was there not as a delegate, but coming to this country on a mission for the relief of the destitute fishermen on the west coast of Ireland. He stopped at the Chicago convention, and the reception he received could be equaled only by Parnell, the "uncrowned king of Ireland."

Davitt's career is a wonderful one. He is an Irishman born, and but 49 years old. When a child he was put to work in a mill, where he lost his arm. At the age of 25 he was arrested in London as a suspect, tried and sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment. Not being able to perform the hard labor assigned to him, owing to the loss of his arm, he was often punished severely. After seven years he was released on a ticket-of-leave, to be again imprisoned in 1880 for urging just the measures which Gladstone advocated recently. When he was again released he was taken up by the people as a hero, and his career as an agitator for land reform began, though he had organized the first national land league in 1879. This is Mr. Davitt's second visit to America. He considers the battle for home rule as practically won. He thinks the policy for Parnell to follow now is to agitate among the English, Scotch and Welsh peasantry the necessity of land reform, and when these people make a demand the greater injustices to Ireland will be removed.



MICHAEL DAVITT.

PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATS

Nominate Chauncey Forward Black for Governor.

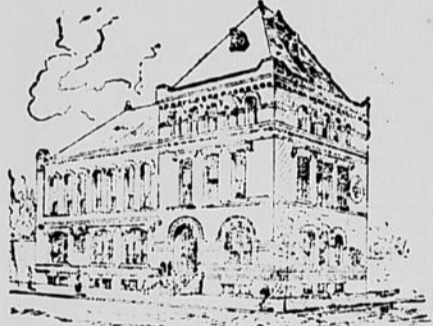
Chauncey F. Black, the Democratic candidate for governor of Pennsylvania, is the son of the late Jeremiah S. Black, the noted judge. Mr. Black was born in Pennsylvania forty-two years ago. He was a student for a time with Garfield at Hiram college, Ohio. He afterward read law in his father's office, and was admitted to the bar in 1881. Mr. Black, however, has not confined his talents to the law, but has written much upon political subjects. He was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for congress in York in 1874, but was defeated by Levi Marsh, who nominated him in the recent convention to be governor. He attended the Democratic national convention as a delegate in 1880, and two years later he was chosen lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania by a plurality of 30,028 votes over William T. Davies. Mr. Black is one of the younger and bolder and more progressive leaders of the Democracy of his native state, and has the proud distinction of being recognized by men on both sides as a thoroughly clean politician.



CHAUNCEY F. BLACK.

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Railroad corporations have heretofore cared little for the comfort of their employees. It is expected that they be ready to undertake any extra work in the way of long runs, often without rest for days, often sending them into strange towns without any care whether they find accommodations for food or a bed to rest in, only caring that they be on hand to take up their journey at the time ordered. Little wonder that men so deprived of proper rest and food are not likely to be vigilant.

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