

**PEOPLE OF THE DAY**

**A Veteran Who Will Retire.**  
Galusha A. Grow entered congress in 1851, retired in 1863, re-entered it in 1894, and at the rare age of eighty, still young in heart and possessed of remarkable mental and physical vigor, he will retire from congress on the 4th day of next March, having entered public life fifty-two years ago. He was twenty-seven years of age when he entered congress in 1851. The days were pregnant with peril. The most "star-



GALUSHA A. GROW.

ting drama of all national life" was just beginning. The fight over the repeal of the Missouri compromise was near at hand. When President Lincoln called the Thirty-seventh congress together in special session in 1861, Galusha Grow was chosen speaker. An appropriation of \$500,000, passed in less than fifteen minutes, was the unparalleled record made by that congress.

The enactment of the homestead law was due to Galusha Grow's intelligent and ceaseless efforts and is the proudest achievement of his useful life. There can be no question as to the paternity of "Homestead Bill." Galusha A. Grow, although a bachelor, is the happy father of that wholesome child. He conceived the bill. He introduced it into congress. He fought its battles for ten years on the floor of the house. He signed the bill as speaker of the Thirty-seventh congress, and by the signature of Abraham Lincoln it became a law. Nearly 90,000,000 acres of public domain have been permanently occupied under the homestead law, making about 670,000 entries, and the beneficiaries number over 7,000,000.

**Maude Gonne to Wed.**

Maude Gonne, the "Irish Joan of Arc," and John McBride, the organizer and leader of the Irish brigade in the Boer war, are soon to be married at Paris. The match is an ideal one when the characters and the history of Major McBride and Miss Gonne are considered. Marriages of this kind do not take place more than once in a century, and hence the engagement of the two Irish enthusiasts—the one a brave soldier, the other a beautiful heiress—is an announcement of unusual interest. Miss Gonne inherited the wealth of her father, who was a rich colonel of



MAUDE GONNE.

dragoons in the British army. She was born in Dublin castle, and before her conversion to the cause of Ireland she was the pet of the viceregal set in Dublin society. One day she saw an eviction, and the sight so vividly impressed her that thenceforth she swore to live only for the uplifting of the Irish people and the righting of their wrongs. Major McBride lives in Paris. He was one of the conspicuous figures of the Boer war. He organized the redoubtable Irish brigade and fought with Joubert before Ladysmith.

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