

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Many Items of Interest To Rochester Catholics.

William H. Gragen has been elected foreman of th. Protectives

The music rendered Christmas at the church of our Lady of Victory was repeated on New Year's day.

Assemblyman P. A. Sullivan has been ill with pneumonia. He is now convalescent.

Fire damaged the residence of Colonel Tappen, 3 Oxford street, to the extent of \$2,000 on Tuesday.

John B. O'Hara, who was visiting in this city, has returned to his editorial work on the Western Electrician at Chicago.

Erastus Darrow, the East Main street bookseller, commenced business January 1st, 1846, where the Merchants' bank now stands.

Mrs. P. Fogarty on Saturday last was removed to St. Mary's hospital, having fallen down stairs at her residence on Saxton street. A broken limb resulted.

The influenza or "la grippe" has made quite a hit in the Flower City. Nearly every one is either recovering from an attack or coming down with one.

Wednesday, the Feast of the Circumcision, was appropriately observed in the Catholic churches of the city. The services were all largely attended.

John Greig Johnson died Saturday night at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Dr. T. A. O'Hare, 250 East Ave., aged 39 years. The remains were taken to Utica for interment.

Bernard P. Smith, the well-known contractor of this city, has been awarded the contract to build a new railway between Union Springs and Auburn. The road will be known as the Geneva and Auburn railway.

Rt. Rev. E. P. Wadhams, Bishop of Ogdensburg, and Vicar-General Lynch, of the diocese of Syracuse, were the guests of our Rt. Rev. Bishop at the episcopal residence, on Wednesday.

Geo. W. Martin and Miss Mary Rosengreen were united in marriage Tuesday morning at the Holy Apostles' church by Rev. T. C. Murphy. Afterward the party left for a brief western trip.

Miss Elizabeth O'Connor, daughter of Francis O'Connor, of Jefferson avenue, was awarded the gold medal in the bread-making contest which took place among the chemistry students of the Free Academy recently.

Isaac H. McEwen, trainmaster of the Buffalo division of the Erie, has been appointed Superintendent of the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg, succeeding Edgar Van Etten, who becomes manager of the Buffalo Car Service Association.

Mrs. Bridget Farley, wife of Michael Farley, died Thursday at her home, 61 Strong street, aged 66 years. She leaves two sons, John of this city and Edward, of Oneida. The funeral took place at 8:30 o'clock this morning from the house and at 9 from the Immaculate Conception church.

The General Term, on Monday, handed down a decision in the now famous Kemmer case, reaffirming the decision of County Judge Day, of Waterloo, and upholding the constitutionality of the electrical execution law of the State of New York. The case will probably be carried to the Court of Appeals.

Mrs. Mary Fay, wife of Paul Fay, died Thursday at her home, 183 Clinton street, aged 56 years. The deceased was an estimable lady and her death will bring sorrow to many hearts. Six children survive her. The funeral took place this morning at 9:30 from the house and at 10 o'clock from the Immaculate Conception church.

Luke J. McGline died on Monday at the residence of his brother, Thomas McGline, No. 24 South Ford street, aged 49 years. The deceased was well known in the Third ward. The funeral took place at 8 a. m. on Thursday from the Immaculate Conception church. Requiem mass was celebrated by Father O'Hara.

Otto Betz, a lithographer employed at the Stecher Lithographic Works, and residing at No. 10 Laburnum avenue, shot himself Sunday night in Ellwanger & Barry's nursery near Linden street, while suffering from a fit of temporary insanity.

Sarah F. Dougherty, daughter of the late James Dougherty, died Saturday morning at her home, 49 Averill avenue. Miss Dougherty was a young lady of personal qualities that endeared her to friends and acquaintances. She nursed her father through his long illness with filial tenderness and by the confinement thereby necessitated broke down her constitution, resulting in her death. The deceased leaves two sisters, Rose and Mary, and three brothers, Michael, foreman in the employ of the State Public Works Department, James, a student at St. Bonaventure College, Allegany, and Thomas. The funeral took place at 9 a. m. on Tuesday, and was largely attended. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. J. P. Stewart, Rev. John Butler, of Stanloy, deacon; Rev. M. J. Cluney, sub-deacon; Rev. F. O'Hanlon, master of ceremonies; Rev. T. F. Hickey, of Moravia, gave the last blessing. Rev. P. J. Clune, of Auburn, was also in the sanctuary. The bearers were Thomas Connors, William Ham, William O. Holleran, Charles McNamara, Thos. West and J. Burkard.

Father Clune officiated at the grave, assisted by Father Butler.

A Pleasant Surprise. On Monday evening last, the friends of Miss Annie Conlon gave her a pleasant surprise. About forty young folks assembled at the residence of Miss M. Marion, 20 Gardner Pk., and proceeded to Miss Conlon's residence, No. 87 Monroe avenue. Their ring at the door-bell was answered by Miss Conlon, and a more surprised young lady could scarce be imagined. The visitors, however, gave her no time to evince her astonishment, but marched into the house and took full possession. The evening was spent in games, dancing, etc. A very dainty lunch was served, which was partaken of by appetites to which had been added keenness by the exercise. The party dispersed at an early hour, all voting they had passed a most enjoyable evening.

Confirmation at St. Francis Xavier's. Sunday afternoon last the Rt. Rev. Bishop administered the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Francis Xavier's church on Bay street. The class numbered 45 persons. The Bishop feelingly addressed the class, on the importance of the Sacrament they had received. There were present Very Rev. Mgr. DeRegge, Revs. M. J. Hargather, J. F. O'Hare, Dr. F. Sinclair, F. Oberholzer, F. Pascalar, J. H. Straten, H. Renker. The congregation was a large one, not a few Protestants being present.

Weekly Church Calendar. SUNDAY, 5—Gospel, St. Matt. ii, 13-18. St. Telesphorus, Pope and Martyr. MONDAY, 6—The Epiphany of Our Lord. TUESDAY, 7—St. Lucian, Martyr. WEDNESDAY, 8—St. Severinus, Abbot and Confessor. THURSDAY, 9—SS. Julian and Basilissa, Martyrs. FRIDAY, 10—St. Agatha, Pope. SATURDAY, 11—St. Hyginus, Pope and Martyr.

Amusements. "A Bunch of Keys," or "The Hotel," Charles H. Hoyt's sparkling comedy, will be at the Academy next week. This play has been often seen in Rochester and can be best described in the author's own words: "It is a collection of incidents intended to teach no moral in particular, striven together by Chas. H. Hoyt, invented, acted and abetted by Willie Edouin."

Married. Geo. H. Cook and Miss Mary S. Walker were married Thursday afternoon at St. Patrick's Cathedral by Rev. James B. Hartley. On Tuesday John McGraw and Miss Mary McManon were married by Father Donnelly at Victor.

THE ITALIAN MISSION.

Its Pupils Enjoy a Christmas Tree and a Good Time. On Sunday evening last the pupils of the Italian mission were given a Christmas tree and entertainment. The affair took place in Cathedral hall and was most enjoyable. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were interested spectators.

Between thirty and forty children, from four to fourteen years of age, were made happy by presents of rubbers, stockings, and various articles of clothing, candies, nuts, etc. The youngsters will remember the Xmas tide for many a day. Afterward they gave an exhibition of what they had learned at the school. Among other things, the hearers were delighted by an Italian song. The credit of the entertainment is due to the efforts of the Misses Gaffney, Miss Hanna and other ladies, who are interested in the Italian mission in this city.

The number of pupils at the Italian mission is between thirty and forty. While this may seem a small number, it is the major portion of all the Italian children in the city. In Rochester there are from 1,500 to 2,000 Italians, but the majority of these are men, very few women and children being among the number. Thus it will be seen how great a work is being accomplished by the mission. With but two or three exceptions the children speak English, and several speak no Italian. These little ones will all grow up intelligent and Christian-American citizens. Among the ladies who founded the mission and who have been untiring in their efforts for its success are the Misses Gaffney, Miss Hanna, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. C. E. Cunningham. Last, but by no means least, is the spiritual director, Rev. Dr. E. J. Hanna. He has the spiritual care of all the Italians in the Flower City, and labors earnestly and devotedly for the good of their souls, and their elevation, spiritually, morally and physically.

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