

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Many Items of Interest To Rochester Catholics.

Miss Mary B. Scanlan, of this city, is visiting her parents in LeRoy.

Miss Mary Doyle, of 139 North avenue, is spending a few weeks at Atlantic City.

Mildred, infant daughter of Lot and Mary O. McNemey, died last week, aged 14 months and 23 days.

The funeral of Mary Callahan was held from St. Mary's hospital at 9 a. m. on Tuesday.

Miss Anna McCauley will give an entertainment in Damascus hall, Wednesday evening, March 26th, 1890.

Pastors of churches outside the city are requested to send in their financial statements for publication in the JOURNAL.

Frank Edwards, formerly manager of the Academy, will hereafter act as press agent for the Grand Opera house.

George Cook died Sunday at 301 St. Joseph street, aged 87 years. The funeral was held at 8.30 a. m. Tuesday from the Holy Redeemer church.

Rev. J. P. Stewart celebrated mass at 7 a. m. last Sunday for St. Mary's Rosary, Scapular and Altar society. After vespers the members of the sodality had their throats blessed.

The regular meeting of the Young Men's Catholic Association will be held at Cathedral hall Thursday evening. Several new members will be initiated.

The election of Member of Assembly to fill vacancy caused by death of Hon. P. Sullivan will be held Feb. 18. The contest for the office is now in full force.

Cards are out for the marriage of Frances Norman and James M. Nolan, at the church of the Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, Thursday afternoon, Feb. 13th.

The Elderkin, Taylor & Co. shoe manufacturing plant was sold at auction Monday by Deputy Sheriff Salyards to satisfy several judgments and claims against the concern.

A new timetable went into effect on the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg on Sunday last. Several important changes were made and those wishing to travel by this road should consult the time tables.

Tuesday Mayor Parsons sent a communication to the Board of Supervisors advising the erection of a new court house and the preservation of the present site as a city hall park. It was received and ordered printed.

James C. Connolly has been elected treasurer of the newly organized Post Office Employees' association. The association, like many others throughout the country, has been formed to better the condition of the postoffice clerks, by securing the passage of suitable legislative acts.

Candlemas day was appropriately observed last Sunday in all the city churches. Candles to be used in the sacraments during the coming year were blessed, as prescribed in the rubric. Being Septuagesima Sunday, the celebration of the feast was transferred to Monday.

A special committee from the Board of Supervisors is busily engaged in investigating the accounts of the Court house and jail trustees. From what has already been brought out, it looks as if the county had been paying full price, at least, for all materials and work done.

Last Monday the Excise Board revoked the licenses of several persons, one because gambling was allowed in his place, the rest for keeping disorderly houses and haunts for abandoned women. Let the good work go on. At last the Excise Board has been aroused out of lethargy by the overwhelming force of public sentiment, and expresses a desire to weed out objectionable places. Now that is done, the inhabitants of Rochester should not stop until licenses have been revoked of all persons who violate the law. Since saloons must exist, let them be kept in an orderly manner and by respectable persons.

On the 28th of January last the 16th Ward Social Club held its first meeting and elected the following officers: President, Henry Seicht; treasurer, Mathew Kuhn; secretary, Val Plaff; director, John Plaff; door-tender, Martin Batz. The club is composed of young men belonging to St. Francis Xavier's parish.

Tuesday evening the Common Council granted permission to the Rochester City and Brighton street railway company to change from horse power to the electric system. The overhead single wire system is the one which will be adopted. Under the agreement entered into between the city and the street railway, the latter promises to substitute double-end cars on all the lines for the present bob-tail ones.

The Society of Our Lady of Lourdes, of the church of Our Lady of Victory, gave a musical and literary entertainment Tuesday evening, at which the following took part: Father Notebaert, Misses Ida and Hattie Savard, Fannie Rogers, Stella Walzer, Eva Taylor, Misses Wirth, Durocker, Baker, Couvez, Gendreau, McMerran, St. Hilaire, Remarque, Lemieux and Terrien. The affair was well attended and proved very enjoyable.

Great preparations are being made for the operetta to be given in St. Mary's hall, South street, next Friday and Saturday evenings. Those who will take part are being carefully drilled by their instructors, and a good entertainment is assured. Each ticket entitles the holder to admission, also a chance on a splendid kitchen range. A gold watch will be given to the one selling the most tickets. Many are at work and a warm contest is expected.

Among other bright and common-sense things, Colonel Smiley, the eloquent, gentlemanly and charitable Southern orator said, at the Rescue Mission, recently: "Although I am not a member of it, I thank my God to-night for the Catholic Church, which never has, under any circumstances, turned her back on the poor and needy. In this, she imitates Christ—the Great King and Head of the Church—whose life and example, while on earth, are truly worthy of imitation."

On Thursday evening Misses Madge and Marie Keyes gave a party in honor of their sixteenth birthday, at their residence, No. 68 Broadway. About twenty-six young people were present and a good time was enjoyed by all. During the evening, several selections were sung by the Misses Keyes and a quartette composed of Messrs. W. B. Cullen, Frank Yattau, Richard Roberts and Miss Maggie McMahon. An appetizing lunch was served to which all did full justice.

Monday, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, was observed in the city churches with the customary ceremonies. The blessing of the throats, under the invocation of St. Blase, took place at the same time. This impressive ceremony was participated in by many. Especially affecting was the sight of the number of children who had their throats blessed.

Health Officer Dr. J. J. A. Burke's report of vital statistics for the month of January, 1890, shows there were 65 marriages in the city during that time; 154 births; 237 deaths, of which 57 were caused by pneumonia. The death rate for January exceeded by 67 that of any January since 1884. There were 101 interments at Mt. Hope; 93 at the Holy Sepulchre cemetery; 1 at the Pinnacle; 6 at the Holy Family; 2 at St. Boniface and 34 were taken out of the city. The birth rate per 1,000 was 13.9; marriage, 21.46; death, 5.88.

Mr. James H. Keogh and Miss Susie M. Coyle, both of this city, were united in marriage at St. Thomas church, Corry, Pa., at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning last. Many friends of the contracting parties were present, among whom were Mrs. Keogh, Miss Ella Keogh, Will and Val Keogh and Chas. E. Reuter, of this city; B. H. and W. C. Coyle of Detroit; P. W. Coyle of Chicago; H. E. Coyle and wife of Meadville, Pa. A wedding breakfast was served at the residence

of the bride's sister, Mrs. Thomas Rogon. After receiving congratulations and best wishes from a host of relatives and friends, the bridal party left on an extended trip through the west. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Keogh will make their home in Rochester.

A disastrous conflagration occurred at 4 o'clock Thursday morning, whereby the large, handsome and supposed fire-proof building, corner Mill and Center streets, owned by J. K. Hunt, was consumed; also the Callihan building on Center street and the office of R. Whalen & Co.'s tobacco factory on Mill street were burned. The heat was so intense that all the windows within a radius of a block were cracked. The cause is unknown. Mr. Hunt lost almost \$40,000 on his building, and \$20,000 on his box factory. He was partially insured. Ross, Lewis & Piifer, who occupied the second floor as a shoe factory, estimate their loss at from \$27,000 to \$30,000; insurance, \$17,500. The Whalen company's loss was about \$2,500.

The annual report of the church of Our Lady of Victory, submitted by Rev. A. A. Notebaert, treasurer, shows the following figures: Pew rents, \$1,448.46; Sunday collections, \$254.50; monthly collections, \$248.46; school collection, \$366.57; coal collection, \$145. The extraordinary receipts, including \$10,000 net proceeds from sale of "Palace Stables," amount to \$11,137.54; total, \$13,678.63. The collections for seminary, Holy Father, orphans and colored people foot up \$129. The ordinary expenses were \$2,676.99; the balance in the treasury is \$10,018.18. The indebtedness Jan. 1, 1890, is an \$8,000 mortgage. The statement is signed by Joseph Lemieux and Israel LeBeau, auditors, and Jos. H. Savard and Severe Gendreau, trustees.

Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock a very pretty wedding occurred at the church of Our Lady of Victory on Pleasant street. A large number of friends were present and as the happy bride-elect, Miss Fanny Shields, passed up the aisle, leaning on the arm of her affianced, Saphrine Costich, more than one prayer ascended that the Great Creator would grant them a happy journey along the rough and stormy path of life. Bernard Costich, brother of the groom, and Miss Mary Shields, sister of the bride, were respectively best man and bridesmaid. Rev. A. A. Notebaert performed the ceremony and celebrated the nuptial mass. Tuesday evening an elegant reception was enjoyed by a large number of friends at the home of the bride's parents in Brighton. Afterward the happy couple took their departure on an extended eastern tour. Their many friends wish them all happiness in their wedded life. The groom is town clerk of Irondequoit and the bride a daughter of Michael Shields, of Brighton.

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Diocesan Notes. Rev. John J. Gleason, of Clyde, has been ill. He is now convalescent.

Rev. J. J. Hickey, of Waterloo, who has been quite ill at his home in Auburn, has recovered, and is once more able to perform his clerical duties. Everybody uses Rob Roy Cough Drops.



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