

CITY PARISH NEWS

Interesting Budget of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporters

ST MARY'S

Father Stewart has issued the following announcement: "The most magnificent and unique entertainment ever given in this part of the state will take place on the play ground of St. Mary's parochial school. South street, June 21st, and will continue every evening until June 29th, included. Twelve thousand square feet of flooring will be laid, splendid booths erected, trees and flowers planted and electric lights will illumine every part of this immense space. This summer garden will be protected from the inclemency of the weather by immense canvas tents. In the afternoons dancing classes will be given free to the children of St. Mary's school and of the other schools of the city who desire to attend. In the evening a grand opera by seventy voices will be rendered on a beautiful stage erected for this purpose. After this musical treat dancing will be enjoyed on the platform, which will be 7,000 feet square, especially reserved for this object. The attractions of this memorable event are so varied and numerous that the only way we can place them before the people is by publishing a newspaper for that purpose. This paper will be a splendid medium for advertising. What is given by friends and patrons will be received as donations, and the people of St. Mary's will have before them the names of their benefactors and thus be reminded of their duty to reciprocate by kindness and patronage. About 50,000 copies of the first edition of the "Carnival Journal" will be distributed in Rochester and neighboring towns, and a daily edition published during the ten days of the carnival. About 100 children will receive their first communion to-morrow morning.

CATHEDRAL

A class of 62 boys and 60 girls received holy communion for the first time after an extended period of preparation, in the chapel, last Thursday morning, and renewed their baptismal vows.

Work on the alterations is being pushed rapidly, and the contractors have promised to finish it by June 12, on which date a number of priests will be ordained.

ST. PETER AND PAUL'S

Raymond, son of Lawrence and Elizabeth Stuffer, died Sunday at the home of his parents, 101 Whitney street, aged 10 years. The funeral was held from the house Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock, and from the church at 8.30.

ST. JOSEPH'S

Andrew, son of Caspar and Kuni-gruda Steuhler, died Sunday morning at his home, 148 South Union street, aged 21 years. The funeral was held from the church at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Katherine Beall died in New York Sunday. She was the daughter of the late John C. and Emily O'Neil of Utica, and married John Alexander Beall of New York in 1876, since which time she and her mother and her brother Frank resided there. Mrs. Beall, as Miss Katherine O'Neil, was well known in Rochester. She was formerly a pupil of the Sacred Heart, on Prince street.

Michael J. Kearns, 25 years of age, died Thursday morning at No. 245 Smith street. He is survived by his mother, three brothers, Thomas, John and James Kearns, and three sisters, Mrs. Kittie Hennessy, Mrs. J. W. Rankin and Mrs. Maggie Kearns.

Jane, wife of Patrick Ryan of Fairport, died Thursday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Mahoney, No. 232 Frank street, aged 66 years. She leaves a husband and six daughters. Funeral from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mahoney, this (Saturday) morning at 9.30 o'clock, and from St. Patrick's cathedral at 10 o'clock.

PERSONALS

Dr. P. C. Guinan of Cataract street is visiting friends in New York.

The Rev. Mother Scholden of the Sacred Heart convent on Prince street, has returned from the celebration of the golden jubilee of the Sacred Heart convent at Manhattanville. Miss Josephine Best, and Miss Emily Mooney of Buffalo, who attended the exercises as delegates from Rochester, returned with the reverend Mother.

Napoleon Plant of Skuse park and Clement Hudon of Weld street have gone to Montreal for a few weeks to visit friends and relatives.

William Daly, the genial secretary of the Foresters of America, and family left Rochester last Saturday to take up their residence in New York city.

SOCIETY NEWS.

(Continued from 1st page.)

A New Benevolent Organization.

The German Catholic Sick and Death Benefit Fund of America was organized in Waterbury, Conn., May 1st, 1897. This is the first German Catholic organization which allows females to become members. Any Catholic in America, between the ages of 17 and 50, may join this society. Those joining the first class sick benefit fund will pay for admission fee the sum of \$4.50; for the second class \$9. Monthly dues in first class, 30 cents; second class, 60 cents. For class A, death benefit fund, will pay for admission, \$2.50; for class B, \$5, for class C, \$10. Assessments for class A, 20 cents; for class B 50 cents, and for class C \$1 per assessment. Death benefits in class A, \$250.00; class B, \$750.00; class C, \$1,500.00.

For German-English Catholic school and church building funds, each member of the junior fund will pay \$1 per year; for the Home for the Aged (for first two years), the sum of \$1.50 per year.

For Extra Benefit fund, for the first class, will pay 8 cents; in second, 16 cents; and in death benefit fund, class A, 4 cents; class B, 8 cents; in class C, 16 cents per month.

The above fund (extra benefit) will be used for the payment of dues for the benefit of such members as are out of work, or unable to pay on account of sickness.

After the expiration of 15 to 18 years, the capital accrued will bear interest enough so that no member will have to be taxed for assessments, provided no disastrous epidemic should occur.

Where four adult Catholic men residing in any village or parish desire to form a branch of the society, it may be formed on application to the undersigned.

For reports of sickness or death, or for any information regarding the association, apply to

DIRECTORIUM.

The German Catholic Sick and Death Benefit Fund of America, Waterbury Conn., Box 418:

At the last regular meeting of Council #3, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom to remove from our Sister Mary Lawton her beloved husband, be it

Resolved, that we extend to her our sincere sympathy in this her hour of sorrow, and commend her to Him for consolation who doeth all things well. Be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved Sister and published in the CATHOLIC JOURNAL.

WALTER DAILY, CATHARINE DAILY, Mrs. M. B. SHARP.

Society Calendars.

C. M. B. A. Monday-12, 93, 121, 134. C. R. & B. A. Monday-88. Wednesday-74. Thursday-75.

D. O. F. E. Tuesday-5, 6. Wednesday-2.

A. O. H. Monday-1. Tuesday-5. Wednesday-4.

C. W. B. L. Tuesday-30. Thursday-82.

Mrs. O'Connor Appointed.

The appellate judges have appointed Miss Minnie K. O'Connor to act with Clerk Fulton. Miss O'Connor lives at No. 70 Charlotte street. Her salary will be \$1,000 per year. She has done work for the appellate court since January, 1896.

AMUSEMENTS.

COOK'S

Cook's Opera House re-opens for the summer season of comedy with a special Decoration Day matinee Monday, at popular prices. The Canning Stock Company, an excellent organization with a long list of splendid records from other large cities in which they have played will make Rochester their home during the summer months and will produce for the first time in this city at popular prices a number of the best plays of the stage which, notwithstanding the low prices of admission will be staged in a thoroughly first-class manner. "The Arabian Nights," will be the opening bill which will be followed on Thursday for the balance of the week by "The Golden Giant." This has never been done in Rochester and it is said to be one of the prettiest and brightest comedy romances on the stage. The prices have been arranged at 10 cts. for the entire house at the matinees and 10, 15, and 25 cents at night.

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A BEAUTIFUL GIFT.

Archbishop Ryan the Recipient of a Memorial of Rare Design.

What may be termed the closing act in the exercises incident to the silver jubilee of Archbishop Ryan occurred in Philadelphia recently, when the board of directors, acting as a committee representing the Catholic Philatrist Literary Institute, called upon his grace at the archiepiscopal residence and presented him with an illuminated set of resolutions expressive of the love and esteem of the members of the institute, in book form, inclosed within a purple morocco leather covered case lined with white velvet and satin. The book itself is bound in purple morocco leather, with sterling silver corners.

In the center of the front cover is a silver wreath (bas relief), surrounding the official seal of the archbishop. The wreath is supported by two cornucopias, the whole surmounted by a mitre in chased silver. The inside cover of the book is lined with white mdré silk. The first page has inside a decorated scroll relieved by a spray of purple pansies in water color. Upon the scroll are the words, "Most Reverend P. J. Ryan, D. D., LL. D.," and above the scroll "Silver Jubilee, 1872-1897." The third and fifth pages contain the resolutions, engrossed in purple and silver with decorated borders of purple pansies; the seventh page the seal of the institute, with its motto, "Revere the church, thy mother, and love thy fatherland," and beneath the seal is "Organized 1850." This page is decorated with scattered violets of purple color. The resolutions are signed by the members of the committee on resolutions and are as follows:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Catholic Philatrist Literary Institute of Philadelphia, unite in the general rejoicing which this occasion calls forth.

That we pay to our archbishop the tribute of our reverence for the priestly zeal and many virtues that adorn his character.

That we tender to him the tribute of our respect for his long and faithful services in the cause of religion and morality.

That we yield to him the tribute of our gratitude for the kindly interest he has taken in our welfare.

That we present to him the tribute of our love for his paternal guidance in moments of anxiety and care.

That we offer to him the tribute of our admiration for his ripe scholarship, his unaffected humility, his gentility, his sympathetic and kindly nature.

That we render to him the tribute of our loyalty as our chief, the pastor and bishop of our souls.

That we earnestly pray that the life of our illustrious archbishop may be prolonged and that heaven may be the reward of his distinguished and successful labors in the cause of religion, charity, unity and peace.

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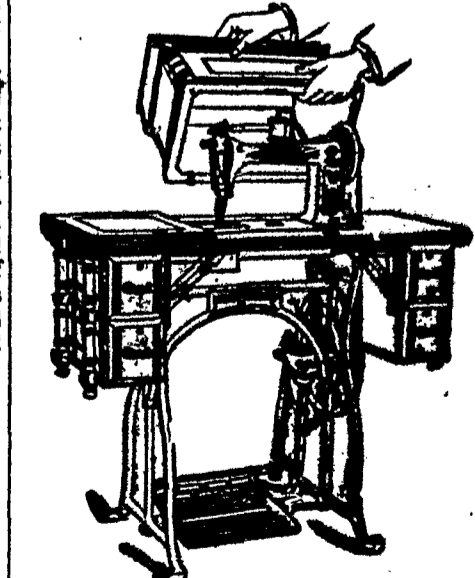
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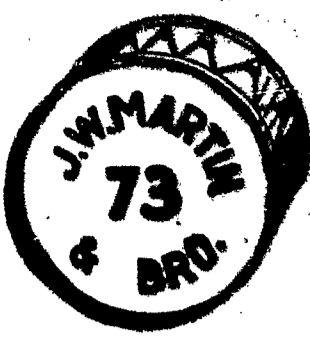
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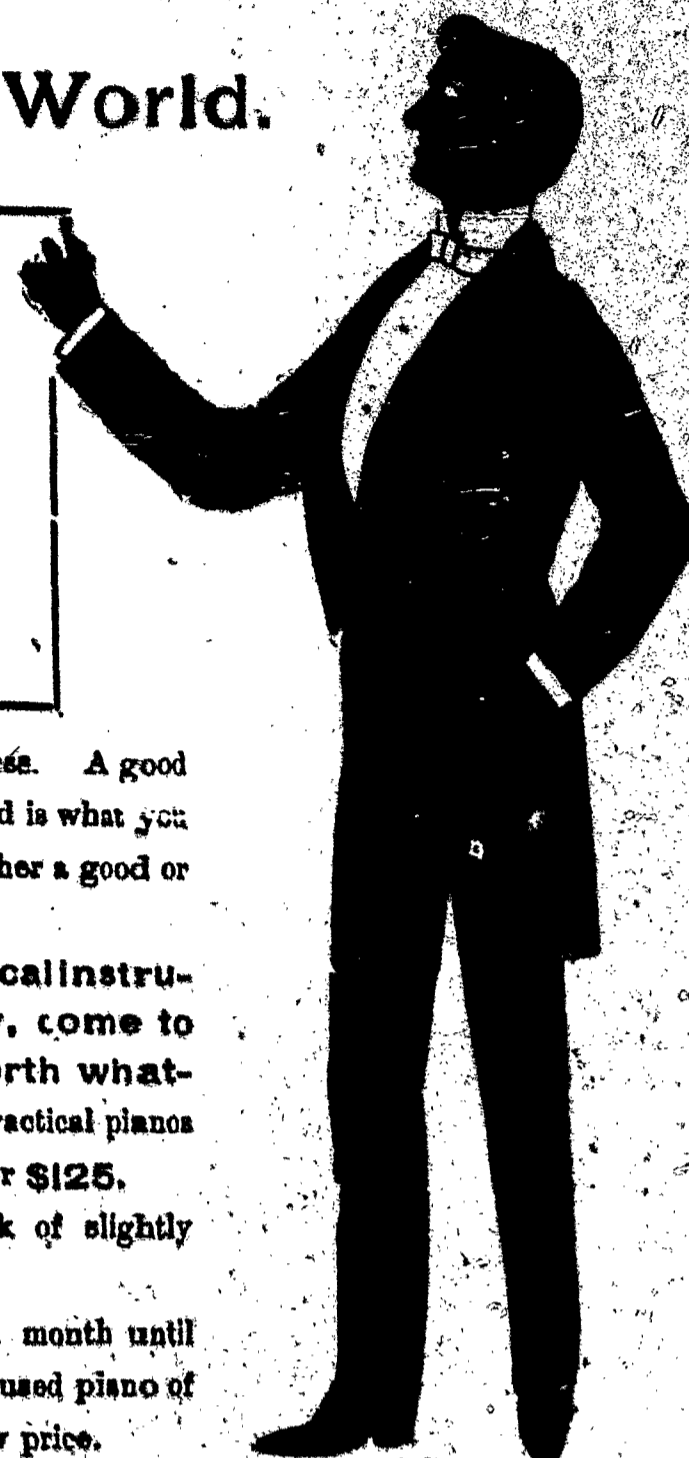
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MEN MUST CONFESS.

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Strong Words of Instruction With Refer- ence to One of the Church's Great Institutions—Confession Is an Act of Humility Glorious In Its Results.

Not long since the Rev. Father Delaney of New Orleans devoted himself to answering the query, "Why confess your sins to a priest?"

In the course of his convincing response to the inquiry Father Delaney said:

"I am perfectly aware what a great stumbling block and mountain it appears to our absent brethren to confess sins. Those who for the last 500 years have been separated from the holy Catholic church are afraid of this great act of humility, so difficult to perform, yet so easy when the will is given. The objections made against confession and the power of forgiving sins fall flat when compared with the great good accomplished and benefits arising from that sacred institution. The benefits are so great that the enemies of this sacrament and teachings of the church give praise and pronounce encomiums on this wise and holy institution.

"The purpose for which the Holy Ghost was given was for the remission of sins. The confession, with the absolution of sins, has been the means of sanctification of the frail, to make strong the weak and to encourage the faint of heart to follow Jesus Christ in determination and perseverance.

"The world may ask, Can a priest as man forgive sins? Christ has given to his pastors of his church 'the ministry of reconciliation.' They are also called 'the dispensers of the mysteries of God.' 'Let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ and the dispensers of the mysteries of God,' and, my dear friends, the ministry of reconciliation is for the benefit of sinners, to be reconciled to God, and atonement to Christ for their transgressions. Thus God in his mercy gave to his Divine Son all power in heaven and on earth for this purpose. And coming from heaven to establish the ways and means of reconciliation—in a word, help to reformation of lives—he gave the power, the Son of God, Christ, to his apostles and successors, 'Whosoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven' (Matthew xviii, 18). How many times during my priesthood have I been called to the deathbed of the dying Protestant and my administration asked for, but we do not hear of a Catholic calling for a Protestant minister to assist him in his passage to eternity. A priest does not forgive by his own power. No, that power is delegated from Christ, and the rules and laws must be complied with—proper disposition, true repentance, Priests do not give the sacraments and

absolution as easy as you would give corn to hickories. There are certain conditions on the part of the one confessing, and these conditions must be ultimately ratified in heaven. If he who was making his confession, say, for example—whob, alas, happens—was deceiving the priest; he only deceives himself, such a penitent. The absolution would not count in heaven for you cannot deceive God, but only deceive yourself, and better for you to stay away.

"In the confession of sins always, absolutely necessary for the forgiveness of sins? Or, in other words, suppose I cannot get to a priest to confess. For this, my dear friends, the mercy of God is everywhere. God can forgive sins when and how he pleases—as if a sinner had perfect contrition, but had not an opportunity of confession, such as shipwreck, a sudden death. There is no exception to the law of confession. Christ did not institute these sacraments or found his church for select parties or make a difference between people. Rich and poor are alike in the justice of God. Pope, bishops, priests, as well as other Catholics, are bound by the law of confession for this forgiveness. The penitent must bring to the tribunal of penance true contrition, sincere confession and condign satisfaction. The priests forgive sins through the power of God. Sins are committed against God, and God must ultimately forgive sins.

"People try to ridicule the laws of God because they are just and strict laws. So many turn into derision the laws of our country and the government of our glorious state, because there are always fault finders even in the temporal and spiritual government.

"Confession is one of the most beautiful of God's institutions; where justice and mercy meet. We receive and help a great many into the church, both in health and sickness, and it is always our happiness to be able to do so, for we have remarked and noticed that they do not wish to die, except that by confession of their sins they feel more reconciled to pass from this life into the next before the tribunal of God. The doctor of our bodies will tell us what to do to become well and live for a time longer. The doctor of our souls will give a perfect cure to live forever with God in heaven, for nothing defiled can enter that abode of bliss."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Ministers of Christ. Oh, give us such ministers of Christ who are not only priests, ecclesiastics, but men.

Oh, give us ministers of Christ who live not so much on pew rents as among the pews; men who busy not themselves with trifles and hair splitting as to what is "liberal" or what not, who fear not to love "the rats of the past" and, overtake the world of today, whose salvation is their God given mission, men, in the, penetrated with and actualizing in their lives the self sacrifice and universal loving sympathy of the Good Shepherd.—Rev. Father Tracy.

A NOTABLE OCCASION.

Announcement of the Founder of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity.

Extraordinary preparations are being made for the anniversary of the death of the founder of the order of the Most Holy Trinity and also of Peter Fourier, known as the apostle of Lorraine, soon to take place at Rome.

It will be the first time since the lapse of temporal sovereignty by the papacy that a ceremony of this kind has been celebrated in the basilica of St. Peter, which, for the occasion, will have only its numerous seats but thousands of huge ornate magnificent thrones, tables, presenting a spectacle which has not been witnessed for more than 500 years.

The entire edifice is already filled with hundreds of hundreds of workmen, who are draping the great arches of the dome and the interior of the capital with hangings of red silk and gold. It is expected that the holy father will be present during the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the establishment of the order, having been ordained in the entire episcopate of the Catholic Church.—Exchange.

Mr. Havemeyer's Character.

The late Theodore Havemeyer, who was received into the Catholic fold before his death, was always faithful to the Catholic church, and he held in special regard the veteran Father of the Faith, Paul, Brooklyn. Some few years ago, when Father Malone was about to go for Europe on a vacation, he opened a mail one morning and found in a sealed blank check sent him by Havemeyer, with a request to fill it, and delay with it the expenses of his trip. Father Malone did not use the check, however, but the sending of it showed Mr. Havemeyer's satisfaction in his regard. Mr. Havemeyer was a benefactor to St. Mary's, Newport, N. J., where he passed the summer.

No Prejudice.

Secretary Alger has made the following statement concerning the opening of a chapel for Catholics at West Point: "Much has been said about the opening of a Catholic chapel on the grounds of the United States Military Academy at West Point. This was a private, cordial invitation given by me to those who said that similar invitations had been accorded to others. I thought that any other denomination could build a chapel on the grounds on the same conditions, with the same equally advantageous terms. No favoritism will be shown, and no denomination will be accorded a special consideration or preference. I have accorded a like equality of invitation to the Catholic church."

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