

CITY PARISH NEWS.

Interesting Budget of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporters

ST. J. SEYMOUR'S

The C. Y. M. A. of St. Joseph's church held their annual picnic at Bay View last Tuesday, and despite the wet weather that Observer Parker sent, the picnic was a success in every way, and all members declared it to be the best picnic the C. Y. M. A. had yet held. J. Nied proved to be the "star" in all the events, and the members are thinking seriously of pitting him against Webers, the well known sprinter. Following is a list of the winners in the different events: Ball game, team captained by J. Nied; tug of war, captain, Rev. Father Hennis; 50 yards dash, E. Hahn first, W. Hahn second; shoe race, W. Schleifer; sack race, J. Nied; throwing base ball, John Schweikert; three-legged race, W. Hahn and F. Nied; 100 yards dash, E. Hahn; quarter-mile walk, J. Nied; hop-skip-and-jump, J. Nied; long jump, J. Nied; standing jump, J. Nied; obstacle race, W. Hahn; consolation race, F. W. Hahn.

Charles Stupp of Orange, N. J., is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stupp of Alexander street.

The Knights of St. Mauritius celebrated their anniversary last Sunday by attending mass at St. Michael's church.

ST. MARY'S

Miss Nellie Maloney of this city and Edward C. Kaiser of Buffalo were married Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the parochial residence by Rev. Father Smelt. Luncheon was served by the bride's sister, Mrs. J. Hurley, of 7 Marshall street, after the marriage ceremony, and the bridal party are now in New York city.

Margaret Tierney died Monday at the family residence, 88 William street. She leaves besides her father, two sisters, Mrs. L. Warner and Miss Lizzie Tierney. The deceased was well known and was a member of Branch 27, C. L. B. A. The funeral services were held Thursday morning at 8:30 from the house and at 9 o'clock from the church.

ST. MICHAEL'S

The Knights of St. Mauritius celebrated their twenty-fourth anniversary Sunday morning by attending mass in a body. The Knights of St. George, headed by the Fifty-fourth Regiment band, escorted the members to the church. An elaborate sermon was preached by Rev. Father John P. Schellhorn. The Knights of St. Mauritius is one of the oldest organizations of the kind in this part of the state.

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S

The funeral of Willie Diehl, who was drowned in the canal Tuesday afternoon was held from his late home, 46 Saxton street, at 8:30 Thursday morning, and at 9 o'clock from the church.

UNIQUE SHOW AT EDEN MUSEE.

40-48 State Street—See the Window Attractions.

There is a very interesting collection of wax figures representing historical events of both modern and ancient times at the Eden Musee. The figures are of life-size and so realistic that we actually shudder to behold some of them. The costumes and surroundings of each set are historically correct and present to the eye what with but little imagination seem reality itself. Among the scenes are the execution of Lady Jane Grey, the beheading of Santa, who killed President Carnot, the garroting of a Spanish assassin, and other milder and less sanguinary subjects. They will remain only a few more days in Rochester. Our readers should attend this most interesting exhibition which is one of the best of its kind ever seen in Rochester.

Matter of Coal Weighers.

Mayor Warner is looking up the matter of appointing official weighers to weigh coal bought by the common council for the city in accordance with the state law. A resolution that the coal be weighed according to law was recently in the council and adopted. If you get your coal from L. C. Langie you will not need the services of official weighers. Try an order. Yards at North avenue and South Clinton. Main office, 337 East Main street.

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THEIR ANNIVERSARY

SISTERS DE NOTRE DAME CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY TO-DAY.

The Order has Had a Phenomenal Growth and Now Extends Over Every Part of the Country.

The celebration of the fifth anniversary of the Sisters De Notre Dame takes place to-day and is the occasion of great joy among Catholics. Pontifical high mass will be celebrated in an elaborate manner. The Mother Superioresses of the the Division houses will be in attendance, as will also a large number of clergymen.

There are three Mother houses of the order in America. One is situated in Baltimore, one in Milwaukee, and the other, which was dedicated July 7th, at St. Louis, constitutes the third.

The order in Rochester will be under the tutelage of Mother Clare, the Mother Superioress of the division which has its headquarters in Baltimore. There will be separate celebrations in Milwaukee and St. Louis. The sisters are represented in this city by the Sisters of St. Joseph, SS. Peter and Paul, St. Boniface, Holy Family and Holy Redeemer. The Sisters at St. Joseph do not report to the Mother, as they are under the special supervision of the bishop. High mass will be given to-day in all the Catholic churches in the city in honor of the occasion. The school children will participate.

The order of the Sisters de Notre Dame is an offshoot of that old institution in France known by the same name. Its supreme object is to inculcate knowledge in children of the Catholic church. Its history in the United States has been remarkable. Previous to the arrival of the sisters there was no teaching force among the priests, for that was not among their duties, so there was a neglect in that respect. Mother Caroline came to this country and made her home in Milwaukee 50 years ago, and accompanied by a small band of sisters, she immediately set about her chosen mission. Within a short time her efforts were rewarded, for she had aroused the enthusiasm of Catholics in that city to such a pitch that a building especially designed for school purposes was erected, and also a house for the protection of the sisters.

From that time the growth of the order has been surprising. It first branched out in the West and increased in great numbers there. Their work was badly needed, for Catholicism had but lately attached itself to that undeveloped part of the states. The sisters are hard workers, straining their efforts to the education of the children with such a zeal that their work compares favorably with the best schools in the country. Several academies have been established for the higher education of its pupils.

It was thought proper, owing to the rapid growth of the enterprise, to establish another center or head of division at Baltimore, for the Mother Superioress at Milwaukee found it very laborious to inspect the far-off homes where the sisters had become established. The house in Baltimore is called the Aquith Street Mother house. Here the work progressed as before, new methods being introduced as occasion demanded. Finally the managers of the order determined to raise another house at St. Louis, where another division was made to further the interest and aid in the development of that section of country. From the latest reports it is thought there may be a necessity of instituting a similar house with a Mother Superioress of its own, perhaps at San Francisco.

The order is organized with perfection in detail. Every outline of the work had been so mastered when the order was in embryo that now nothing is left but to increase and expand. At the head of every house, as, for instance, the sisters at St. Boniface, in this city, is a superioress who is chosen for her wisdom and intelligence by the Mother Superioress of the division. There is no autonomy exercised by the individual houses—everything is left to the superior in rank. The Mother Superioress is under the instructions of a synod in France, whose leadership is recognized by every soul in the organization but the Pope at Rome, whose supremacy is paramount. A sister who teaches daily has, however, the freedom allowed her of choosing her domicile if her reasons for making a change are approved by the Mother, her superior. So it is frequently the custom for some teacher who is dissatisfied with her work in a particular district to ask leave to go elsewhere, which request is seldom refused. The assistance given by this order cannot be overestimated. They have in their control the education of the children from the cradle to manhood. Religious instruction is always a part of the curriculum at all the schools.

The celebration will be in progress eight days. The decorations will be under the care of the schools in the cities where the celebrations will be held. A special blessing will be sent by the Holy Father in Rome and fervent prayers will be in order every day. There are five homes in Rochester and but one in Buffalo.

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A GREAT CATHEDRAL.

St. Patrick's, the Beautiful New York City Cathedral, is the chief church of what is said to be the greatest Catholicism in the world, and yet the outside world hears very little about the business management of it. Few who stop to admire its graceful lines even give a thought to the large amount of money that must be raised every year to pay its expenses and keep up its repair. Every property right is vested in the archbishop, who is the head of the board of trustees and ex officio chairman of each committee, but for business purposes the corporate body of the cathedral consists of nine trustees, who meet on the first Thursday of each month. Before them everything of a business nature pertaining to the cathedral goes for review and adjustment. In the present board there are Archbishop Michael A. Corrigan, James D. Lynch, John McAnerney, Frederic R. Conder, John Hayes, Dr. E. L. Keyes, William Lummis, Cornelius O'Reilly and John A. Sullivan.

The government of this big church is in the hands of the archbishop and his chief lieutenant, Rector Michael J. Lavallee, and nearly every dollar raised and expended goes through Rector Lavallee's hands. The Church Economist quotes the Rev. Father Lavallee as saying: "There are but two sources of revenue in our church, and they are pew rents and the voluntary offerings of the people. The expenses of maintaining so large an institution as the cathedral, with its auxiliary schools, libraries and benevolent institutions, are met without much difficulty. The amount required is, of course, large, but the cathedral people are reasonably liberal in their financial notions, and whenever a need presents itself nothing more has been necessary than to notify them, and they respond."

"There are about 12,000 church-going Catholics in this parish, but a great many of the persons who worship in the cathedral come from other parishes and other cities. From October to June probably from 15,000 to 18,000 persons worship in this church each Sunday. On special days, such as Christmas and Easter, we have had as many as 20,000 worshippers. Naturally the presence of so many persons requires the attention and labor of a large force of clergy and attendants. Besides the archbishop there are eight priests regularly connected with the cathedral, and there are five chaplains, outside of the cathedral building, under the care of these clergymen. These outside chaplains are located as follows: One in the orphan asylum for boys, one in the orphan asylum for girls, one in the De La Salle Institute, one in the residence of the Christian Brothers at 248 East Forty-ninth street and one in the convent of the Sacred Heart at Fifty-fourth street.

"Including the choir, altar boys, sexton and assistants, ushers and cleaners, there are 100 persons on the pay rolls of the cathedral."—New York Sun.

O'CONNELL'S MONUMENT.

Interesting Description of the Famous Memorial Stone at Rome.

In a bas-relief an angel holds an urn containing the ashes of the liberator of Ireland, and a gilt inscription, "I bequeath my heart to Rome," told the tale of this monument and explained its construction. Another bas-relief represents him standing at the bar of the house of commons in the presence of the members of the British parliament when he refused to take the anti-Catholic declaration. The inscription on the monument explains both bas-reliefs and records two memorable events. It reads as follows:

"This monument contains the heart of O'Connell, who, dying at Genoa on his way to the Eternal City, bequeathed his soul to God, his body to Ireland and his heart to Rome. He is represented at the bar of the British house of commons in MDCCCXXXIII, when he refused to take the anti-Catholic declaration in these remarkable words: 'I at once reject this declaration. Part of it I believe to be untrue, and the rest I know to be false.' He was born VI Aug., MDCCCLXIV, and died XV May, MDCCCLXXIV. Erected by Charles Blomfield, the faithful friend of the immortal liberator and of Ireland, the land of his adoption."—Cor. Baltimore Sun.

Church Notes.

Eighteen sisters of the order of Poor Handmaids of Christ arrived in New York from Antwerp recently on the Red Star steamship Friesland.

The Rev. Omerine Lacroix, formerly of Canada, has been assigned to St. Mary's church, Marlboro, Mass.

St. Mary's college, Massachusetts, honored Dr. Hudson, C. S. C., the distinguished editor of The Ave Maria, with the honorary degree of LL. D.

For the first time in its history an ordination was celebrated in St. Patrick's cathedral, New York, recently. Archbishop Corrigan officiated.

WOMEN AT KLONDIKE

MRS. WILLIS OF TACOMA MAKES A FORTUNE OF OVER \$300,000.

Started Without Money and Is Now a Prospective Millionaire—Women Will Join in the Mad Rush to the Klondike for Gold.

Ten weeks ago Mrs. Willis of Tacoma was as poor as the proverbial church mouse. Today she is worth \$300,000, and all on account of the Klondike.

Two years ago Mrs. Willis, whose husband is a blacksmith and a great sufferer from rheumatism, decided to try her luck among the goldfields of the frozen north. She set out alone and vowed that she would not return until she could bring a fortune with her. She has kept her word.

After two years of prospecting and just when her spirit and her fortune were at the lowest ebb there came a report to Dawson City of a big placer strike on the Klondike. Joining a party of gentlemen, Mrs. Willis hurried to the new El Dorado, staked a claim, and she has realized more than \$300,000 from it.

Not satisfied with this, however, she established a laundry at Dawson City and was the first to introduce the "boiled shirt" among the miners. It made a great hit, and notwithstanding the fact that Mrs. Willis is compelled to pay \$250 for a box of starch, her enterprise is prospering greatly. An Indian squaw who works in the laundry receives \$4 a day and expenses, and the log cabin in which the work is done rents for \$85 a month. Wood for fuel costs nearly \$500 a year.

Before the turn of fortune's wheel made Mrs. Willis wealthy she worked as cook for the men of the Alaska Commercial company at Dawson.

Efforts have been made to steal the woman's claim, but to a friend, Mrs. Frank P. Hicks, she writes:

"I have gone through death, and a fight is now being made to take possession of my claim, but I will stand by my right if it takes five years."

An interesting phase of the Klondike craze is the frantic determination of many young women to go. All the expeditions are besieged by women applicants. Here is what a woman who has roughed it on the Klondike says:

"A woman actually needs little in the way of an outfit, presupposing, of course, that she goes with a man who takes the necessary camping outfit and food along. This is what she requires for her personal comfort:

One medicine case filled on the advice of a good physician, two pairs of extra heavy all wool blankets, one small pillow, one fur robe, one warm shawl, one fur coat, easy fitting; three warm woolen dresses, with comfortable bodices and skirts knee length, flannel lined preferably; three pairs of knickerbockers to match the dresses, three pairs of heavy all wool underwear, three pairs of warm flannel nightdresses, four pairs of knitted woolen stockings, one pair of rubber boots, three gingham aprons that reach from neck to knees, small roll of flannel for linoleum, wrapping the feet and bandages; a sewing kit, such toilet articles as are absolutely necessary, including some skin unguent to protect the face from the icy cold, two light blouses or shirt waists for summer wear, one oilskin blanket to wrap her efforts in, to be secured at Juneau or St. Michael's; one fur cape, two pairs of fur gloves, two pairs of fur seal moccasins, two pairs of moccasins—wet weather moccasins.

She wears what she pleases en route to Juneau or St. Michael's, and when she makes her start for the diggings she lays aside all civilized traveling garb, including shoes and stays, until she comes out. Instead of carrying the fur robe, fur coat and rubber boots along she can get them on entering Alaska, but the experienced ones say take them along.

The natives make a fur coat with hood attached, called a "parki," but it is clumsy for a white woman to wear who has been accustomed to fitted garments. Leggings and shoes are not so safe or desirable as the moccasins. A trunk is not the thing to transport baggage in. It is much better in a parki, with the oilskin cover well tied on. The things to add that are useful, but not absolutely necessary, are, chocolate, coffee and the smaller light luxuries."—New York Journal.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Treasurer Howard N. Wakeman of the Pequot Library association of Southport, Conn., has received notice that Mrs. Virginia M. Monroe has placed on interest the sum of \$20,000 to be credited to the interest of the Library association.

Senator Mason recently asked Senator Morgan of Alabama how long he could talk on a subject of which he knew absolutely nothing. "Well," answered Morgan, with a smile, "if it was a matter about which I knew absolutely nothing, I do not think I could talk more than two days."

President George Washburn of Robert College is again in this country, making his headquarters at Manchester, Mass., where his son has a summer home.

W. P. Roberts, a lawyer of Minneapolis, traces his descent in the most unimpeachable manner through 20 generations back to Edward I. of England, who reigned from 1272 to 1307.

Nancy McKee, 57 years old, of Bloomington, Ind., has sued Hiram, her husband, 58, for divorce, alleging the use of indecent language, besides cruelty and failure to provide for her.

John Huff died at Hyden, Ky., recently at the age of 99, leaving 78 grandchildren, 143 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren. His immediate family was a large one.

NEWER GOLDFIELDS

Canadian Officials Know of a Secreted Richer Than the Klondike.

It is well known in Ottawa that reports have reached the several departments of the government lately from officers in the Canadian service in the Yukon country. The minister of the interior issued a pamphlet the other day upon the Yukon mining district, but beyond sketch maps and photographs by William Ogilvie, chief of the boundary survey, it contains nothing really new.

The cause of this reticence is easily explained. The government desires the consequences of a rush to the goldfields of that inhospitable region and is unwilling by giving publicity to the facts recently received from officers as to the wonder of the goldfields to contribute to an overpopulation of the Yukon while so meagre yet exact of getting in an adequate food supply.

But it has leaked out that the reports which came down by the last mail from Fort Yukon, and which are now in the government's possession, are such as put the accounts of the returned miners with which the newspapers have been filled for days completely in the shade. It is known that discoveries have been made of placer grounds far exceeding in richness even the marvelous deposits of the Klondike. Just as the miners deserted the paying placer diggings at Forty Mile camp when the tardy news of the Klondike discovery reached that section, so, about June 1, scores of miners and prospectors at Klondike were leaving their claims for the newer and richer fields.

These are situated further up the Yukon, in the Stewart river district. Should these diggings prove to be anything like as rich as reported by the government officials this will be the greatest goldfield ever discovered. The Stewart river, an affluent of the Yukon, drains an immense area and innumerable creeks, all of which are said to be marvelously rich in gold. Another advantage of the new district is that it is many miles nearer the coast than Klondike by the White, Chilkat and Dyea pass trail, the chief routes traveled by prospectors tramping in their supplies. —Dispatch to New York Herald.

Father Keesom Vaughan, an English priest, has been gathering money in Spain for the new Westminster cathedral. In Burgos alone he has raised \$4,500.

In consequence of negotiations between the holy see and the imperial government of Russia seven new bishops will shortly be nominated to dioceses in that country.

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