

**CITY PARISH NEWS.**

Interesting Budget of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporters

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Mrs. M. J. McMahon of 600 Plymouth avenue, was awarded a prize of \$50 by the publishers of a New York magazine for the best outlined forecast and ending of Amelia Barr's Novel, "I Will Marry My Own First Love." Last Monday morning Mrs. McMahon was awarded a diamond and emerald ring by another New York publishing firm. Several other prizes have been awarded to her of less value. Thus a convert from the First Baptist church to Catholicism seeks for laurels to lay at our altars.

Martin Tobin died Monday morning at the family residence, 65 Champlain street, aged 40 years. He is survived by his wife and three children; also by his mother, two sisters and four brothers. The deceased was a member of Branch 93, C. M. B. A., Division 1, A. O. H., and Wahbee tribe, 7, I. O. R. M. The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the family residence, and at 9 o'clock from the church. The deceased was a highly respected member of the community and a crowd of friends were assembled at the funeral. There were several floral decorations presented by friends, among them a harp from the Ancient Order of Hibernians; a pillow from the C. M. B. A., and a large standard presented by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fellman. Father Gommenginger celebrated the requiem mass. The bearers were chosen from members of societies to which the deceased was a member, and were Messrs. Case, McKenna, Logan, Culliton, Fellman and Callihan.

John Rauber, one of Rochester's widely known business men, died Thursday morning at 6:50 o'clock, after an illness extending over a period of about a year. Mr. Rauber was born in Hornellsville, N. Y., in 1852. He married Miss Mary Rayner in 1872. In 1877 Mr. Rauber and his brother, Peter F. Rauber, established the business of P. F. Rauber and Bro., dealing in wholesale liquor. In 1889 they erected and moved into a well appointed building on West Main street. Mr. Rauber was a faithful and devoted member of the Immaculate Conception church, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Lincoln lodge No. 119. The announcement of his death will bring forth expressions of sorrow from all who knew him. He was a good citizen, kind friend, and devoted father and husband to his family whom he leaves behind to mourn his loss. In all the years of his married life, he had a happy home. The domestic circle was his shrine and there he and his family enjoyed, when the business of the day was done, peace and content. Besides his wife Mr. Rauber leaves the following children: Mrs. F. Hess, Misses M. Rauber, Laura Rauber, S. Rauber, H. P. Rauber, John S. Rauber, Joseph C. Rauber, C. Rauber, and F. G. Rauber; also one brother, Matthew Rauber and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Trach, of this city, and Mrs. Catherine Konz, of Hornellsville.

**ST. MICHAEL'S.**

The first annual picnic of the Ladies' Sodality of St. Michael's church was held at Bay View Tuesday. Electric cars were taken from the church to the Bay. About seventy-five attended and the affair was a grand success. The contests were as follows:

Running race—first prize, Miss Annie Gemrad; second, Josephine Heindl; third, Libbie Grasberger. Potato race—First, Margaret Matern; second, Anna Meyer; third, Eva Wahl. Egg race—first, Maggie Hargather; second, Kittie Willig; third, Tillie Wert. Fried cake race—first, Miss Mary Stanglein; second, Libbie Schuman; third, Rosa Rolt. Shoe race—First, Anna Break; second, Lena Schenck; third, Anna Matern. Fancy cake walk—Miss Laura Wahl. The arrangement committee were composed of Misses Lena Schenck, Frances Heindl, Laura Wahl, Anna Buck, Anna Wolf, Mary Hess, Margaret Kolb, Anna Mattem, Helen Hussar, Mary Stahl, Hittie Schumer, Daisy Roth, Mary Mueller.

The choir picnic of St. Michael's was held Monday at Long Pond. About sixty members attended. Lunch was served immediately after arriving at the hotel and dinner served at a later hour.

Miss Anna Stander is spending a two week's vacation at the Sea Shore.

**CATHEDRAL.**

Rev. J. P. Kiernan has gone to Saranac lake, where he will spend the month of August. He will return for the annual retreat of the priests of the Rochester diocese which will open in St. Bernard's seminary on September 3d.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Mr. Charles W. Oldfield of

this city to Miss Marie Sullivan, formerly of Hamilton, Ont., which occurred on the 5th inst. at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rev. Father Hughes officiating.

**PERSONALS.**

Miss Elizabeth Norman of Ithaca is visiting her sister, Mrs. James M. Nolan, Birch Crescent.

Charles G. Maid, of 383 Lyell avenue, and Charles F. Maid, of 379 Lyell avenue, are spending a few weeks in the Adirondacks.

Rev. Arthur O'Connor, assistant pastor of the Our Lady of Victory, Brooklyn, is visiting relatives in Rochester.

**Sisters Return Thanks.**

The Sisters of the Rochester Home of Industry wish to thank Mrs. Charles Wilkin for carrying out the wish of her departed husband in giving the sum of \$500 to this institution. At no time was a gift more acceptable, as it came just as the semi-annual interest was due. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkin have always taken an interest in the Home, and for this and past favors we are deeply grateful.

**Lorraine Hollis Company.**

At the Cook Opera house for one week, commencing Monday, August 16th, is announced the special engagement of the beautiful and popular actress, Miss Lorraine Hollis, who made such a favorable impression here last season in "Mr. Barnes of New York." During this coming engagement Miss Hollis will produce two famous plays. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday she celebrated play "Forget-me-Not," and on Thursday, Friday and Saturday the thrilling society melodrama, "The Tigris." An exceptionally strong company will support Miss Hollis. Matinees every day except Monday. By special arrangement, Miss Hollis will play for the first time at the following summer prices: Matinees, 10c; night, 10, 15 and 25c.

**A BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

Miss Carrie Vroman entertained some fifty of her young friends last Monday afternoon, it being the seventh anniversary of her advent into this world. A supper was served on the lawn at her home, 23 Henion place, and the young guests did ample justice to the menu placed before them, it being one that would especially appeal to the appetites of the young guests, for sweets were in abundance. Afterwards the little ones joined in that laughable contest of "Pinning the Tail on the Donkey," the one coming the nearest to receive a prize, which was awarded to Master Phillip Hogan of Cleveland, Ohio, a cousin of the little hostess.

**OUR NEW PREMIUM FOR 1897.**

Have you seen our premium for 1897 which we are going to present to paid in advance subscribers this year? It is a handsome picture of the Crucifixion, 17-24, beautifully colored in artistic shades, and is certainly a picture that should be in every household in the diocese. Every subscriber, both old and new, that pays \$1.00 in advance, is entitled to one.

**OUR AGENT.**

Mr. C. A. Hudson will call on our city subscribers who are in arrears next week. We trust they will be prepared to pay him.

**The New Tariff Law**

Which has just been signed by the President may be appropriately considered an Industrial Declaration of Independence. An official text of the law has just been published by the American Protective Tariff League, and should be carefully examined by every citizen. Protectionists ought to have a few copies of this law for distribution. Five copies will be sent to any address for ten cents. Ask for Document No. 30 and address W. F. Wakeman, General Secretary, 135 West 23d street, New York.

We have a select line of fine wedding invitations at reasonable prices. Call and see them at the CATHOLIC JOURNAL office, 324 1/2 East Main St.

The keys to Japanese locks turn in the opposite way from those of ours, and the lock is placed upon the jamb instead of the door.

Brazil is a Portuguese word signifying "a live coal." It was given in allusion to the abundance of red dyewood found in the forests.

Michigan alone has 500,000 milk cows. Enough butter fat goes to waste by the ordinary methods of butter making to every year pay the state tax.

One-third of Michigan's laboring men belong to fraternal organizations with a life insurance attachment. Only 9 per cent belong to labor organizations.

The value of the mineral output of Montana for 1896 is as follows: Copper, \$23,400,000; silver, \$10,725,000; gold, \$4,500,000; lead, \$375,000; total, \$38,800,000.

**A LEGEND OF THE ASSUMPTION.**

[Written for the CATHOLIC JOURNAL.]

Encased in crystal and precious gems Bound by bands of the purest gold. A priceless relic of Mary is kept In Prato's cathedral, centuries old. 'Tis a beautiful girdle, spotless white. Like to the Lily whose garments bound. Changing time has not marred or defaced Its beauty, and on it no stain is found. This is the legend the good monks tell, How Our Lady was laid in the tomb. And how Our Lord would not let corrupt The body of her whose sacred womb Had been His temple and dwelling place. Undeified by sin and stain. And raised her to heaven, while angels sang. Hail thou, Mary! eternal thy reign. How, when the disciples came, they beheld Lilies and roses of sweetest bloom— Lovely flowers whose fragrance filled With delicious perfume, the rock-bound tomb. And how there was one who would not believe. 'Till, looking to heaven, he there beheld The Virgin ascend in a glorious light. While angel voices loudly swelled— How to strengthen the doubter's mind. Cast her snow-white girdle at his feet: And it still is preserved in Prato's shrine. Retaining its beauty, fresh and sweet. And on the morn of Assumption Day. In a breeze of taper the priest's aspose This sign, that Mary to troubled minds And doubting hearts, will give repose. LEO A. MACSWENNY. Rochester, August, 1897.

**WATER POWER PLANT.**

Utilizing the St. Lawrence River Current.

The greatest water power plant in the world is to be in operation within a few months, if the plans of the corporation controlling it meet with no obstruction. It is intended to take power from the St. Lawrence river and by means of turbines of 5,000 horsepower each operate an electric plant of almost incalculable strength. John Bogart, the engineer, of New York city has prepared the plans, and the contracts are ready to be let. The financial part of the business, which means the forming of a company with a capital of millions of dollars, is in the hands of Stewart & Co., investment brokers. Mr. Stewart has everything in proper shape now and the work is already going on.

The plant is to be in an immense building near Massena, N. Y., on the United States side of the St. Lawrence. There are 15 turbines, which, with 6,000 horsepower each, aggregate 75,000 horsepower.

The St. Lawrence in the neighborhood of Massena has a fall of 56 feet in a distance of about seven miles, and the Grass river at Massena is 50 feet lower than the St. Lawrence. Engineers have examined every foot of the territory for many miles above Massena, and after weighing every consideration and taking advantage of every natural advantage, have come to the conclusion that Massena is the ideal spot.

A canal connects the St. Lawrence with Grass river at a point which makes available much greater power than could be obtained in any other way. The proposal is to cut this canal 3 1/2 miles long, 200 feet broad and 26 feet deep. Then, with a working head of 40 feet, it will be able to send enough water into the Grass river to develop 15,000 horsepower.

As showing the general confidence in the enterprise, \$5,000,000 worth of bonds have been underwritten by an English company to build the plant. Manufacturing of all kinds is to be established at Massena as soon as the electric power is in operation, because there will be actually all the power that can be required for the ponderous machinery.—Kansas City Times.

**Co-operative Societies' Congress.**

The co-operative societies in Great Britain and Ireland recently held their twenty-ninth annual co-operative congress in Perth, Scotland. The reports showed a distinct gain for the cause of co-operation. The Earl of Winchester, in the course of his address, stated that the number of co-operative societies in Great Britain has increased in 20 years from 850 to 1,750, and the membership from 150,000 to 1,000,000. The societies hold shares to the value of \$25,000,000 and carry on a business represented by sales of approximately \$200,000,000 a year, upon which profits were made and divided of about \$21,000,000, while commodities were sold to the consumer at reduced prices.—Public Opinion.

**Largest Floating Dock in the World.**

There is now in process of construction in England, at the order of the Spanish government, for the port of Olongapo, in the Philippine islands, the largest floating dock of its kind in the world. It is over 450 feet long, 117 feet wide and 38 1/2 feet deep. This dock, the sides of which are of steel, will rest on six iron pontoons, each 14 feet deep. Powerful pumping engines will lift a vessel weighing 15,000 tons in two hours. The dock will accommodate a vessel 500 feet long.

Mrs. Herwing, an English woman, has a silver colored cat named Champion Jimmy which she values at \$10,000.

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