

CITY PARISH NEWS.

Interesting Budget of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporters

CATHEDRAL.

The choir on Christmas eve at midnight will render the following programme:

Processional Hymn—Adeste Fidelis—Introitus—Domine Dixit et Me...

Gregorian
Orchestral Mass in C major—Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus Benedictus, op. 169, Rheinberger, with organ and string orchestra accompaniment.

Graduale Tecum Principium—Bona Offertorium

Laetentur Coeli—Stehle
Third verse of Adeste Fidelis—Communion—In Splendore, Sanctus...

Gregorian
At 10.30 on Christmas day the Rt. Rev. Bishop will celebrate pontifical high mass, at which the music will be the same as at the midnight preceding.

At the end of the mass the congregation and both choirs will unite in singing "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name."

The Gregorian music is sung by the sanctuary choir, composed of over one hundred students of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. Miss Minnie F. O'Laughlin, organist for the mass. M. D. Kavanagh, assisting director. Ludwig Schenck, principal of the orchestra. Eugene Bonn, organist and director.

The closing exercises of the school were given at the school hall Thursday evening. The program consisted of recitations, operetta and a short dialogue sketch. The stage was decorated, and the costumes worn by the children were very pretty. An operetta entitled "The Court of King Christmas," was given, and well rendered. Messrs. Raymond, Urban, George Gardiner and Leo Hilbert, as sons of King Christmas, did themselves great credit, as did also Master Edward Keele, as "Paul Pry," a mischievous little youngster, who was in the habit of doing things which he ought not to do. A short dialogue sketch entitled "Ruggles & Co." was also given, and was very good. The following children took part in the entertainment:

Marie Pye, May Brogan, Carrie Noonan, Marion Walsh, Edna Sours, Nellie Kehoe, Jane Daily and Master Emmett Gahan. Harry Dougherty, Frank O'Brien, Raymond Kirk, Frank Hughes, Joseph O'Connor, Charles Comerford, Edward Keele, Odille Pugh, George Shaw, Edward Sweeney, Thomas Sommer, Raymond Foley, Edward Keele, Joseph Gore and Clarence Brogan. The school choir took part in the entertainment.

Margaret Curran died at the residence of her mother, 65 Magne street, Friday, December 17th. She is survived by her mother, three sisters and one brother. The funeral took place at 8.30 from the house and at 9 from the cathedral. High mass was celebrated by Rev. A. Hughes. The deceased was a life long member of this parish.

ST BRIDGET'S

The school is closed for the holiday recess, owing to the fact that it will be necessary to make several improvements in the building preparatory to the opening of the fair on Monday evening, Dec. 27th; it was thought advisable to dismiss the scholars Tuesday evening. For many years past it has been the happy custom of the Sisters to allow the children to hold an impromptu entertainment for their own amusement at the close of each term, as a sort of recognition of the merit of the earnest little workers during the first semester. It was necessary this year to omit this pleasant feature of the school's closing, owing to reason ascribed above.

Everything is now in readiness at the school hall for the reception of the merry crowds of holiday pleasure seekers which it is anticipated will be in attendance at the fair to be held there during the week beginning Monday, Dec. 27th. Busy hands and active brains have labored indefatigably during the past week, and as a result the cold, bare walls, and the general cheerless aspect of the conventional school room have undergone a beautiful transformation. The three booths with their artistic and variegated decorations are arranged along the east side of the hall. These booths are under the direction of the choir, Rev. Father Hendrick and Rev. Father Bresnahan respectively. American colors and the flags of different nations complete the decorations. In accordance with the edict issued by the council of Baltimore dancing in its various forms will be eschewed. Several contests are announced, and one in particular which promises to be productive of much kindly strife and interest is that between Doctors Guinan and Finneasy for a case of surgical instruments. Doctor Guinan is a member of several societies, all of which have pledged him their support; and Doctor Finneasy, who was elected to the school board at the recent election, has an undivided following among the school teachers of this parish, of whom there are many.

Frederick Rauber, who is pursuing a course of study at the law school at Cornell University, is home for the holidays.

A change in the schedule of services to be held in this church on Sundays and holydays of obligation has been announced to take effect the first Sunday of the new year. At present masses on Sunday are celebrated at 6, 8.30 and 10.30 o'clock. Apparently this schedule did not suit the convenience of many, and as a result services after the first of January will be at 7, 9 and 10.30 o'clock.

George's mass in C was sung by the choir at midnight services in this church last night. Solos were sung by Messrs. O'Rourke, Kenney and Lane, and Misses Moran and Connell.

Miss Connell will preside at the organ in this church after January 1st.

ST BONIFACE

The Christmas masses at St. Boniface will be early mass 5 o'clock; next mass at 8, and high mass at 10 o'clock. The choir will sing the mass in honor of St. Joseph, by Wiegand, Offertoire, Latentur Coeli, and Adeste Fidelis.

Christmas vespers at 3 o'clock.

ST. JOSEPH'S.

At the first mass at St. Joseph's church Christmas morning, which will be celebrated at 5 o'clock, Weber's mass will be sung. At 10.30 a. m. Hadyn's third mass will be sung. Both of these masses will have orchestral accompaniment. The choir is under the direction of Prof. F. J. Bauer, and Caroline Cramer is the soloist.

C. R. PUS CHRISTI

At midnight service the choir will render Cimarosi's grand mass, with full orchestra, it being entirely new, the first time sung in Rochester. For offertory, Pastore's soprano solo, by Mrs. M. Vogt. After mass, "Adeste Fidelis." The same music will be repeated at 10.30 a. m. Christmas day—chorus choir. Mr. George E. Fisher will assist at the organ. Mrs. Mary Vogt, directress.

St. Mary's Rector to be Chosen Soon.

Right Reverend Bishop McQuaid has issued a notification to the eligible priests of the diocese inviting them to a concursus for the rectorship of St. Mary's church of this city. The date of the concursus is fixed for the 4th day of January at 10 a. m.

The examination will be conducted by the board of examiners of the clergy. The place of convention is the new sacristy of the cathedral, and the concursus will be presided over by the bishop or vicar general.

The manner of the examination concerns moral and dogmatic theology, liturgy and canon law, and is treated both in writing and orally. The questions regard the practical knowledge that is required in pastoral work. The examiners announce to the bishop all of the candidates whom they find fit for the post. From these the bishop may select whom he will for the post.

Entertainment and Banquet.

On Thursday of last week the Ladies' County Board entertained the County Board of the A. O. H. at Hibernian hall, West Main street. An interesting programme preceded the banquet, and in which the following participated: Miss M. McFarlin, Miss M. Garvey, Miss Rogan and Mr. Lynch. Speeches were made by County President McDonald, Bros. Meehan, Moynihan, Donohue, Redding and Lynch, and by County President Mrs. Powell and Miss McGarvey.

The Beautiful Snow

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AMUSEMENTS.

COOK'S.

There are many people who will not go to see a play on the recommendation of a newspaper. These individuals wait until a piece is personally endorsed by a friend who may say "Don't miss seeing such and such a play—it is great." Endorsements of this character are said to be plentiful whenever Thomas E. Shea's play "The Mano-warsman," is produced. It is reported that an unfavorable comment on this popular place has yet to be heard. With such a record it is little wonder that the play is one of the greatest successes of the season. It will be seen in this city at the Cook Opera House, commencing Monday matinee and balance of week. The star of the piece, Thomas E. Shea has it is stated scored an individual success on a par with that of the Mano-warsman. During the last couple of seasons Mr. Shea has been rapidly coming to the front rank of American actors.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

N. S. Wood, the heroic actor will be the attraction at the Academy of Music for week of Dec. 27th, with matinees Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Mr. Wood has gained fame by his accurate representation of living among the oppressed bread-winners of the great metropolis. The plays that he will present during his engagement here are his most successful ones. Each of the pieces will be elaborately staged, as Mr. Wood carries complete scenic equipment for each play. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday will be presented his famous play "Out in the Streets." On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, "The Orphans of New York," will be the bill. Mr. Wood's plays caught the fancy of the lovers of the melo-drama when first presented, and they still hold their popularity. The supporting company is said to be thoroughly capable. Special matinee New Year.

WONDERLAND THEATRE.

New Year's programme at the Wonderland Theatre commencing Monday Dec. 27th will be a stunner and without a doubt the star bill of the season. Headed by the famous Milton Nobles, the dramatist and actor, who has been engaged at an enormous salary to produce the greatest comedy success "What happened at Ellegville Junction," ably supported by Miss Dollie Nobles, Elvira Francis and Mr. Tom Lewis, two celebrated operatic vocalists will render operatic selections in effective style. Loney Haskell, the consequential comic contractor of mirthful monologue material, will surely keep the audience in continuous laughter. Mudge and Morton, musical entertainers which will offer new things in the musical line. Johnson, Riano, and Bentley, have invented a decidedly new and original act entitled "The Monkeys and the Farmer," which is as lively as a circus and full of dash. Many other great attractions are on the long programme for this week and should draw crowded houses at every performance.

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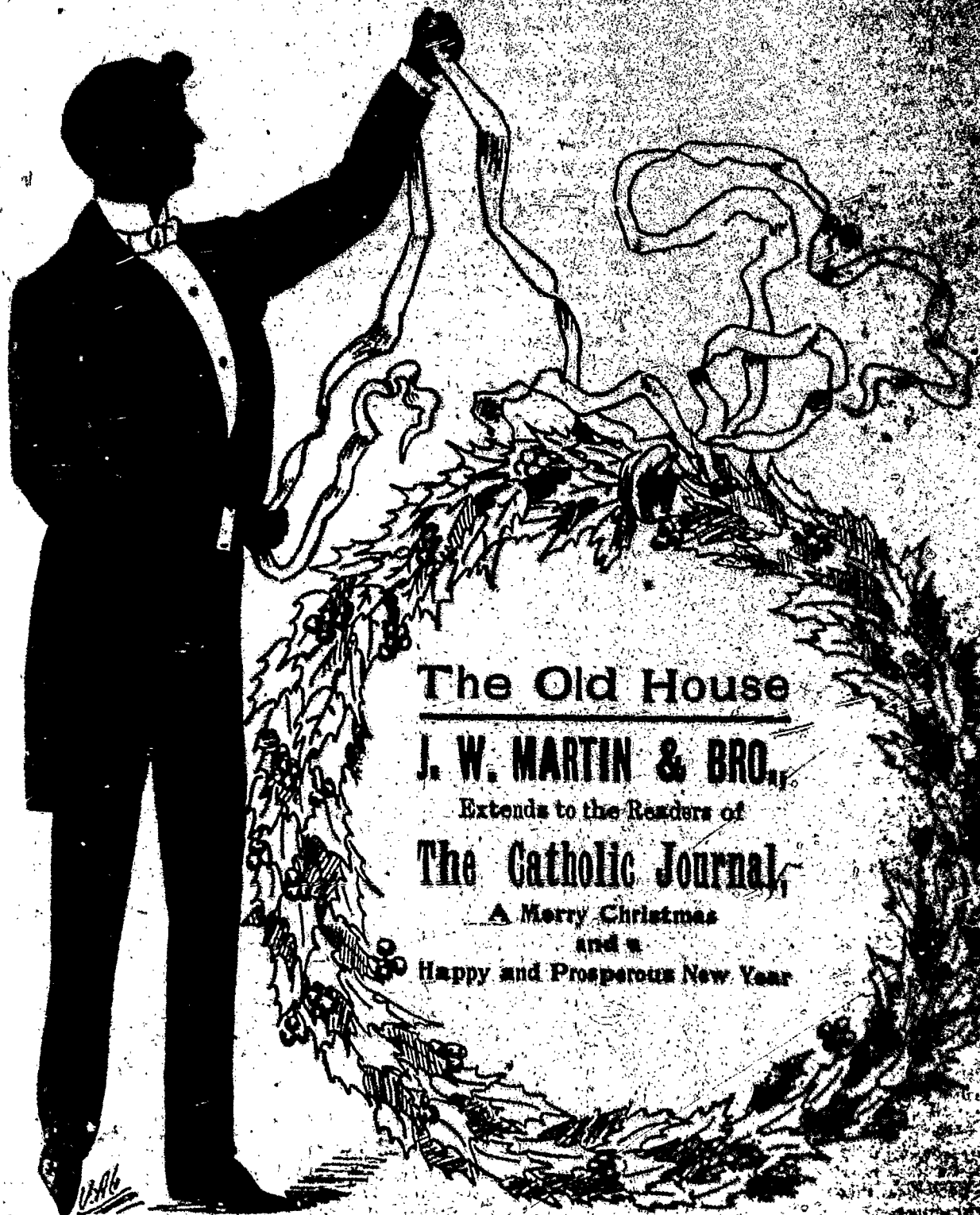
A baker residing in a very old house at Melrose, France, has just made an interesting discovery in his garret, where it had been frequently noticed that the rafters, when tapped, emitted a hollow sound. A vigorous search brought to light a rusty lock in the corner of one of the rafters, and, on being forced, the cavity was found to contain Spanish gold coins of the sixteenth century to the value of \$5,000. Further search in the house disclosed some very valuable Cordova leather paper concealed under successive layers of ordinary house paper, some of which had been placed on the walls at least two centuries previously.

An Odd Experiment.

Professor Mosso, the Italian physiologist, constructed a couch, so arranged that it could be accurately balanced in the middle, when the slightest change of weight would make either end incline. A man was laid upon it, balanced in a horizontal position. As he went to sleep his head rose and his feet sank. As he awoke the opposite occurred, proving that the blood left the head in the one condition and returned to it in the other.

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