

CITY PARISH NEWS.

Interesting Budget of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporters

St. Peter and Paul.

The first of a series of winter socials of the Y. M. C. C. was held in their gymnasium Monday evening, and was largely attended.

Two candidates were initiated in Branch 82 Tuesday evening, after which Deputy Jacob Sammenfink, assisted by Chancellors Miller and Kimmel, installed the newly elected officers. After the meeting lunch and refreshments were served.

Bro. Peter A. Vay is receiving congratulations on his appointment as cashier of the Flour City Bank. Bro. Vay is deserving of the position, and may success and good luck greet him in his advancement.

Branch 82 is making arrangements for a social for the members and their wives and sweethearts on the evening of February 8th.

Caroline, daughter of Andrew and the late Sophia George, died Sunday morning at the family residence, No. 237 Smith street, aged 19 years. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 8.30 from the house and at 9 o'clock from the church.

C. R. P. CHRISTI

Wednesday evening initiation of officers of Branch 251, L. C. B. A. took place at Corpus Christi hall. The officers were installed by Deputy Mrs. B. V. Logan, assisted by Mrs. Meyer. Rev. J. J. Leary, Spiritual Advisor of the branch addressed the meeting and spoke very highly of the way the branch was increasing and said he hoped it would continue to increase more and more each year and by assisting in this good work each one was helping a grand work on to success.

Short addresses were made also by Mrs. Logan, Deputy, and Miss Meyer, Supreme Trustee, during the meeting. Just after the installation the President Mrs. John McParlin and Mrs. Logan were presented a handsome bouquet of roses by the members of the branch. After installation a banquet was served by the branch to a large number of friends from the C. M. B. A. and C. R. and B. A. Good music was furnished throughout the evening.

All went home wishing 251 good success for the year. Officers, President, Mrs. J. McParlin; first vice-president, Mrs. M. Hanna; second vice-president, Mrs. E. Atwell; recording secretary, Mrs. Murphy; assistant secretary, Miss M. Malloy; financial secretary, Miss E. Malloy; treasurer, Miss Bethune; marshal, Miss S. Dunigan; guard, Miss Kewin; trustees, Mrs. J. H. Welch, Mrs. Winn; financial committee, Mrs. C. H. Crowley, Mrs. J. H. Leubach, Miss C. Hebertz.

CATHEDRAL.

Bertha Neumann McGee, wife of Peter McGee, died Sunday at the family residence, 57 Front street, aged 30 years. She is survived by a husband and three children. The funeral took place Tuesday morning at 8.30 from the house, and at 9 o'clock from the church.

HOLY FAMILY.

George Meiser died Tuesday night at his home, 426 Jay street, aged 65 years. He is survived by a wife and three grandchildren. The funeral was held Thursday morning at 8 o'clock from the house, and at 8.30 from the church.

ST. BRIDGET'S.

This church was the scene of a very pretty wedding Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock, when John J. McCarty and Maud L. Shaughnessy were united in marriage by Rev. T. A. Hendrick. The bride was becomingly attired in a suit of gray and was accompanied by Miss Cora Hill as maid of honor. Mr. J. E. Clark was best man. After the wedding a breakfast was served at their future home where, after a short wedding trip they will reside. Mr. and Mrs. McCarty take with them the best wishes of a host of friends.

FRENCH CHURCH.

An entertainment and social will be given at the school hall Monday evening, Jan. 24th. The proceeds are for the benefit of the church.

Preparations are being made for the presentation of a drama at Easter.

HOLY ROSARY.

On Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at this church occurred the marriage of Miss Margaret Burns and Nicholas Leveque. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. G. Van Ness. Miss Katherine Burns was bridesmaid and William Leveque groomsmen.

For a Good, Clean Fire.

Try our celebrated anthracite coal from the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western mines. Jacob S. Haight, Telephone 594-A. Yard and office West avenue, city line. Postoffice, Lincoln park.

Hood's Pills cure nausea, sick headache, indigestion, biliousness. All druggists. 25c.

TO MY CIGAR.

[For the CATHOLIC JOURNAL.]

In winter I hold no pleasure more sweet Than to sit by the fire in a cushioned seat With thee, old friend, in my fingertips, Letting me sip from thy fragrant lips That delicious contentment naught else can impart— Magic spells casting over my heart.

All doubts stilled and cares soon lightened, And with sweet visions the house is soon brightened.

Old friend, when from my loving embrace Thy spirit wings slowly into space Curling dreamily ever, and now Wreathing a halo above my brow.

Thou art the highest type of friend: In thee devotion has no end; For when I am gloomy, who but thee To cheer my heart will die for me? And, dying, who else will deem death sweet If it has but made my joy complete?

Forgive me, old friend, if I hasten thy death.

Our love for each other can never expire, And I feel, as I drink in thy last fragrant breath, And watch the gray ash slowly smother thy fire.

That the lesson thou teachest to me is not lost— A lesson sublime of self-sacrifice— To be true to each true friend, whatever the cost.

For friendship firm is without a price.

LEO A. MCSWENEY.

AMUSEMENTS.

COOK'S.

Unlike most theatrical productions once seen, "Eight Bells" has the effect of creating a desire in the spectator to witness the performance again and again. "Eight Bells" will be presented at the Cook Opera House, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 17, 18 and 19 with usual Monday and Wednesday matinees. "Eight Bells" is different than any other stage performance. It contains comedy and pantomime, with any amount of mechanical effects, the latter being remarkable for the genius displayed in their arrangements. The piece was written by John F. Byrne, the eldest of the famous Brothers Byrne, acrobats and pantomimists. It is unnecessary to detail the story. The plot is sufficient to retain interest in the play and the Byrnes with their numerous specialties, acrobatic and otherwise, do the rest.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" never grows old. There runs through it a vein of pathos peculiarly touching and sweet. It speaks the universal language of the heart. It reflects like the prism of the innermost phases of the human emotion. It is more than a play; it is a moral classic. The Salter and Martin mammoth, original spectacular Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. will appear at Cook Opera House Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 20, 21 and 22 with matinees daily.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

The coming of the cheerful comedians, Ferguson and Emerick, to the Academy of Music Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be one of the real comedy events of this season. They will bring with them, so the saying goes, a splendid assembly of stage favorites, who will make merry in the latest laugh, "McNulty's Visit," by the same author who wrote "McSorley's Twins," "Finnigan's Ball," and "Finnigan's Courtship." The new play deals with a simple story in such a ludicrous vein that their is hardly an opportunity to recover from one convulsion of merriment, until the auditor again finds his or herself overjoyed almost beyond control with the exceedingly bright lines, funny situations and quick action that follows in rapid succession.

WONDERLAND THEATRE.

The boom of the novelty season is the extensive programme that will be offered at the Wonderland Theatre, week commencing Monday, Jan. 17. High class features new to Rochester and, in fact, new to the people of America. First and foremost are the Bark Ben Achmet, famous prodigies, the world's most phenomenal troupe of acrobats, which are the best in their line ever seen in this country. The next number on the great bill is a magnificent concert display; Miss Alice Raymond, America's greatest cornetist, assisted by Mr. Kurkump, introducing concert solos, tenor solos, duet of cornets and voice, bugle calls with snare drum, cornet and slide trombone, embracing standard, popular and classical selections. O'Rourke and Burnette, a pair of California stars, will introduce their latest success, eccentric back dancing in wooden shoes. Gruet, Beers and Gruet, the superlative trio, introducing burlesque grotesque comedy, presenting a series of terpsichorean antics and marvelous legmanian evolutions. Hill and Whittaker, musical entertainers, are artists of the highest merit. Among the many real novelties is Prince Fee Lung, Chinese acrobat, who ties his queue to a trapeze and performs some marvelous feats. Howard and Johnson are a couple of lively singing and talking comedians who are said to be exceedingly clever. This is certainly a great show, and crowded houses will be the order as usual. The talented Miss Lilian Burkhardt and W. T. Carleton of Carleton Opera company fame are stars already booked for the week of Jan. 24th.

SOLID GOLD BRICKS.

WHERE KLONDIKE FORTUNES ARE PUT IN PORTABLE SHAPE.

Seattle Smelters Keep Busy Nowadays Melting Down the Gold as it Arrives on the Yukon Steamers—Bricks That Look Like Brass, But Aren't.

The bulk of the gold brought down from the Klondike by the Portland to Seattle, Wash., is shipped away to San Francisco and Helena, but a considerable amount of it finds its way into commercial channels of the city through the process of melting down into bars and its purchase by the banks. All day long on the day after the arrival of the last cargo Joseph Mayer was casting bricks, and the process was as simple as that of the same application to running off a lot of ploughshares or firebricks for stoves, only infinitely more interesting.

The casting was done in the shops fronting on Cherry street, and during the day about \$20,000 was handled. In the second avenue window of the concern was a pan containing \$1,000 worth of dust and nuggets, and a curious crowd pressed around the yellow display until it was finally removed to be converted into a bright lump about nine or ten inches long, three-eighths of an inch thick, and three inches wide. These pieces were worth \$1,700 each.

The room where all this casting was done was blisteringly hot. It was above the main floor of the wholesale department. The floor is covered with iron. Along one side are canopies of iron that look like the tops of baker's ovens. These canopies may be closed in front, and rest on platforms of iron in which are countersunk the places for the reception of the crucibles. The fuel is gas and air under pressure. It attacks the vessel of clay in which the gold can be heard a block away. A faint glow at first colors the clay pot, over which has been placed a cover, also of clay, then it becomes red and then white, while greenish and blue flames play all around it. It is necessary to turn off the blast before the crucible can be looked into, so force is the heat.

Down in the bottom of the white mass there is a line that indicates where the gold ends and the vessel begins. When it has become a homogeneous compound, by an instinct born of experience the operator lifts the cover; then the blast is withdrawn. A pair of tongs lifts another cover from the crucible itself, and then the mould is lifted into a pan standing on the iron platform. The tongs are brought into requisition, and the crucible is turned about the mould. A thick lip of red metal protrudes itself, and from under it, in a thin, white stream, runs the gold into the iron mould. A thick cloud of vapor arises from the contact of the metal and the grease with which the mould has been smeared. By this time the clamps are loosened, the brick has set and is lifted, a black and unattractive rectangle, into a basin of water. It is soon cooled, and is scrubbed with a brush and soap. Then it looks not unlike so much brass. It is cleaned thoroughly, the dirt that may have been mixed with it is removed, and the bar is weighed.

That is all there is to it. When the dust and nuggets are brought in they are simply turned into the crucible, the rest of the process is described above. The bars are stamped "J. M. & B." in three places, on both sides, and the paying for it completes the deal.

Largest Kite in the World.

The largest kite in the world is owned by William Markle, South Bethlehem, Pa. It stands 25 feet high. With a number of assistants he went out on a mountain side and sent it up. There was a good breeze, and soon 1,250 feet of cord was spent. The big kite attracted much attention. When Markle was ready to pull it down he had to have ten men to help him.

Where He Found Him.

An old doctor, says the Medical Record, had been called to see a drunken man who had been run over by the cars, and upon answering a good many questions became angry, and said: "I found the man in four different states—the state of intoxication, the state of mutilation, the state of unconsciousness, and the state of Ohio."

Land Riots in Italy.

The peasants at Albano and Marino, in the Roman Campagna, driven by distress, having made an attempt to squat on the land of Prince Colonna, have been driven off by police and soldiers. Land riots have been the consequence.

The British Empire.

The British Empire has an area of 11,400,000 square miles and a population of 400,000,000. The British Empire is six times as extensive as that of ancient Rome in its palmy days.

England's Rich Country.

There are in the United Kingdom 122,000 families of gentry, whose average income is \$7,500; but there are 1,775,000 working class families whose average income is only \$485.

Industrious Match Makers.

Americans own a match factory at Jeddah, Japan, where 3,600 men and 1,700 women are employed. Last year 1,200,000,000 boxes of matches were produced.

Great Britain's Canals.

England has 3,000 miles of canal, Ireland 600, Scotland 150. They carry in a year 36,000,000 tons of traffic, yielding more than \$100,000,000 revenue.

Fastidious Convicts.

Massachusetts convicts are getting fastidious. Not content with Boston baked beans for breakfast every day they have just sent in a petition for mustard pie every Sunday.

Turin's Exposition.

A general Italian exhibition of all kinds of chemical, agricultural and food products of all industries will be held in Turin in 1898.

NEW WEDDING OUTFIT.

Mink for Prospective Bride with More Friends Than Wealth.

These hints are for the prospective bride with more friends than wealth. Let her invite her girl friends to meet together regularly, one afternoon in each week, when the time may be spent in preparing your bridal lingerie. Let each girl bring with her some sewing similar to yours; or, if preferred, some embroidery or other work.

Selected by vote an interesting book, and let each girl in turn spend twenty minutes in reading it aloud, then pass it to the next in alphabetical order. It will surprise you after a few weeks to find how much knowledge you have gained. If good judgment has been used in the selection of the books, and also how greatly you have improved in your reading. A great deal of work may be accomplished in this way.

If you are not hurried it is best to provide one dozen of each article worn for these garments made at home are so much better than those bought ready made that an extra supply is greatly to be desired. Do not make the mistake of putting too much fussy work on them. By the use of the best materials and the daintiest of hand work very little trimming is required.

Especially in making your night dresses be careful to select a simple pattern, that will not be injured by frequent laundering. Two or three handsome gowns will suffice. The others should be made by the French pattern, in which the tucks are run in the muslin, and the gown then cut from the piece. Experience has taught that ruffles and tucks, frills and furrows, large collars and flowing sleeves are decidedly uncomfortable for steady wear.

It is a good plan to make half a dozen night dresses of muslin for winter wear, and half a dozen of Lonsdale cambric for summer use. A little Valenciennes lace used as a finish at throat and wrists will give a vast amount of wear. It is astonishing how much wear such frail-looking material will stand, and so far as daintiness goes it cannot be surpassed.

Dressing the Hair for a Ball.

When dressing the hair for a ball, the girl who hopes to be comfortable and tidy when she dances should beware of a style of hairdressing to which she is unaccustomed, and of ornaments that are not safely fixed in the hair. It is the worst of manners to see a woman "dressing" herself in public, and yet pats and touches will make themselves actually necessary, even in the ball room, if her hair seems loose and disheveled after a vigorous dance. "Vigorous," by the by, is used merely as a figure of speech here, for it is quite a sign of the lower classes to dance vigorously nowadays. Rather carrying the matter to its extreme limit, people at a fashionable ball dance as though the whole thing was a wearisome duty, to be got through with the least possible expenditure of exertion.

New Fur Hats.

The soft, fluffy, blue-gray mouton fur, so pretty and becoming for young girls and young women, is much worn and a set of that decked with frills of white satin would make any girl look like an old-time picture.

Pretty sets, including toque, muff and boa, are made of ostrich feathers in the natural tint, half-brown, half-gray, and trimmed with ruffled frills of chiffon. An odd set of mink has a toque with crown of panther-spotted beaver, with two long plumes and a blue velvet bow for trimming. The boa is of white ostrich, with a narrow band of mink down the center.

A Woman Matador of Cordova.

Now comes the denouement, writes a correspondent who recently saw a bull fight in Spain; for upon a final flourish of trumpets the matador, who in this particular performance was a woman, steps forth with a brighter red flag or cloak on a staff in her left hand and a good Toledo blade in her right, hidden beneath the right edge of the red flag. The bull makes a dash for the woman, our ladies turn their heads and ask me what I see, and I report a calm, deliberate and skillful step to the left by the female matador, a flash of the sword, a bend of the body to the right, and over the bull's neck a spurting of blood, not very copious, and the sword has pierced the animal's neck close to the shoulder. The jugular is severed, the beast trembles, his knees give way and he falls amid the applause of the audience at the skill of the swordswoman. Before the matador proceeded to the slaughter, she formally asked permission of the presiding alcalde to do the killing, and upon his formal consent proceeded with sword in hand to the front of the bull.

Woman Physician to Li Hung Chang.

Miss Hu King Hing, M. D., the only female native of China, who has ever graduated from an American medical college, has just received very high honors in her own country. Following close upon her appointment as sole delegate from China to the Women's Medical Convention, to be held in London, next June, comes the announcement that Li Hung Chang, China's Grand Viceroy, has appointed her first physician in his private household. Never before has this high office been given to a woman.

How to Blanch Marrow.

Cut the marrow into finger-thick slices; put them in a small saucepan with boiling water; let it stand on side of stove for ten minutes without letting it boil; then carefully take it up with a skimmer and use as directed.

SOMETIMES COME BACK.

Memorial Circumstances in Several Thrilling Cases.

At Benton, Ill., in 1885, a skeleton was found in the woods and identified as that of Henry Mahorn, who had been long missing under circumstances that seemed to point to one Daniel Williams as his probable murderer. Williams was indicted and put on trial. The evidence against him was strong and his conviction seemed likely, but just as the prosecution had finished its case Henry Mahorn walked into the court room and explained his long absence.

A most tragic case of this kind occurred at Gibraltar in 1841. James Barwell, a respectable merchant there, was charged with the murder of his daughter, Elsie. The girl was missing, and in a cave near her father's house some of her hair and clothing were found stained with blood. Witnesses testified to hearing the father say angrily that he would rather see her dead than see her married to a certain man who had asked for her hand. Wild shrieks, as of a woman in mortal agony, were heard on a certain day by other witnesses issuing from the cave where the clothing was found. And, to clinch the case, nobody had ever seen the girl alive, since that day. Barwell was convicted and sent to the scaffold. Just as he was about to be launched into eternity the girl's lover, William Kati, cried out to stop the execution, as the girl was still alive. He had married her and kept her in hiding ever since, and had fabricated the evidence in the case, including the cries of mortal pain for the vindictive purpose of hanging her father. The black cap was removed from Barwell's face; but he was dead. The excitement of the ordeal had killed him.

Most extraordinary of all such cases, however, was that of two brothers, Stephen and Jessie Poore, of Vermont, convicted of the murder of one Russell Colvin in 1812. They had undoubtedly quarreled with Colvin and assaulted him. They had some fear that they had killed him, for when brought to trial they both confessed to the murder. They did so, apparently, hoping to escape the death penalty. One brother was reprieved; the other was left for execution. Then it was that, feeling doubtful whether Colvin had been really killed at all, the doomed brother caused an advertisement to be put in a local paper, describing Colvin, and calling on any one who knew where he was to bring him forward and "save the life of an innocent man."

Newspapers all over the country were asked to "please copy." Many of them did so, and among others, the New York Evening Post. In that paper it was seen and read aloud in a New York hotel parlor. A gentleman present named Whipple said he had known Colvin, and described his peculiarities more particularly. As he did so, another gentleman in the company was impressed with the idea that he had lately seen Colvin at work on a farm in Dover, N. J. Mr. Whipple went to the farm in question, and there found the long missing Colvin. He had much trouble in getting the man to go back to Vermont in time to save the condemned Poore's life, but he did so.

These well-authenticated cases show sometimes "truth is stranger than fiction" and fully justify the rule of law which demands in all murder trials, that the actual commission of a murder shall first of all be clearly established.

Loveless's Corn Boast.

Loveless, about fifty miles north of Denver, Cal., enjoys an annual harvest festival known as a Corn Boast. All the farmers for miles about grow patches of sweet corn solely to furnish the main dish for the annual feast. On the day of the festival wagon loads of sweet corn in the husk are brought to the scene of the feast and dumped into a great pit, where a bed of coals has been prepared. Over the corn is packed alfalfa hay and the entire mass is left to steam and cook. By the time the excursion trains from Denver and surrounding towns have arrived the corn is ready to be served. Long tables are spread, and upon these the steaming corn is heaped, along with other food; but the corn is the chief food supply. Here, as on Mexico Day, the excursionists display enormous appetites, and the corn-cobs strewn about after the feast show how well the feast has been enjoyed. Following the feast the farmers give the excursionists a drive through the farm country.

British Officers' Afghan Mother.

Colonel Warburton, now a prominent figure in the frontier war in India, probably knows Afghanistan better than any British officer living. His mother was herself an Afghan princess of rank, and he has visited many remote villages in the country and got into complete touch with the natives.

A Recipe for the Darning Man.

And now well haberdashers sell silk shawls to be worn between the bosom of a dress shirt and the undershirt. This prevents that horrible collapse of linen that often follows an arduous evening of German leading or other social effort.

Feeds That Cause Disease.

Asparagus causes asthma, according to Dr. Deschamps of Paris, and may be added to the list, that contains roses, mullet, tea, ipocuanha, catfish, fish, cats, mail and rice dust, feathers and wool.

Phlegmatic Berlin Firemen.

Before a fire brigade can start for a fire in Berlin the members must all fall in line in military fashion and salute their captain. This proceeding wastes at least three minutes.

THE GUN.

Experiments Made, and Results Obtained.

Gun-stom is the name of the experiment tried by the British Government recently. The experiments were made to demonstrate the amount of "stopping" power in the bullet of a rifle. The experiments were conducted on the armament of freshly killed sheep, tied up in various positions, some with the head and neck removed, except in one instance the range was 200 yards and the sheep were fired at broadside on, diagonally and facing the blow.

The most remarkable results of the experiments was the large size of the wound of exit as compared with the smallness of the wound of entrance. One bullet fired at an unskinned sheep's head, passed between the ears, making an entrance wound no larger than a big pin; but after chattering out of the forehead, it came out as a large hole, and produced an enormous wound. Experts say that such wounds if inflicted upon a human being must necessarily be fatal, as well as putting an effectual stop to his advance. The officer of the British army is declared to be proved by the nature of the wound, and it is believed by medical men that the stopping effect of a bullet of such small size is sufficient to cause a severe wound, and the effect of the bullet quite enough to stop the progress of the man or horse struck. The experiments are said by the experts to prove beyond reasonable doubt the superiority of the new bullet over the old, and to settle the controversy raised as to the stopping effect of a bullet of such small caliber as that of the new small arm now in general use.

The tests were regarded as settling finally the issue between the old type large bullet and the new small arm bullet, it having been alleged that the terrific penetrating power of the modern arm did not make up for the disabling effect of the old bullet of slower velocity.

Ordered by Own Execution.

"You have been being shot by other men in the same army," said a veteran with long white whiskers, "the most remarkable case of the kind that I ever knew of happened during the siege of Yorktown, where a captain named Wood was killed by one of his own men, and by his own orders."

Capt. Wood was the officer of the day, and he had pointed the last shot at night. He had given strict orders to all of the pickets to shoot the man they saw approaching from the picket of the Continental lines, without asking for any other reason. The picket was in a close and dangerous position, and he might as well have shot the whole army. If a picket stopped to parley with the enemy, he was shot.

England's Humble Knaves.

English judges are showing a disposition to enforce the Sunday laws on the statute book. A person named Williams brought suit against the Times for advertising a weekly concert contrary to the act of 1844. The court he declined to take such an action, and stated that he considered himself the directly by ruling that the act had not been intended to prohibit the "advertisement" to the concert was lawful, although the concert had to be held on Sunday.

Speed of Electric Light.

Electric light travels faster than sound, instead of requiring time to get around the world, it may be said recently, "discovered" from an American exhibition, it can make a journey eight times in one second. This would be at the rate of about 180,000 miles in one minute, or 10,800 times in 30 minutes.

Shooting Men Who Shoot Men.

Children of New Orleans are having great times shooting "shooting men" made of boards, down with a wooden board, which is thrown at the target with a long iron rod. These children are said to be in the habit of shooting at each other.

Ministering Our Stricken People.

A recent meeting of the Society in London has recommended a new apparatus for ministering to the number of stricken men who are in a row boat.

Threatened from Japan.

The report of a Japanese fleet of 200 ships, which is said to have been sent to Korea, has caused much alarm in the East.

France's Great Victory.

France makes a magnificent record of glory, and is said to have won a great victory over Germany, which is said to have been a great defeat for the latter.

Japanese Invasion.

The Japanese invasion of the Philippines has caused much alarm in the East. The Japanese fleet is said to have been sent to the Philippines, which is said to have been a great defeat for the latter.

No Man Without a Head.

No man without a head, it is said, is a great advantage. It is said that a man without a head is a great advantage, and that a man without a head is a great advantage.