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## FAKE STORIES

The recent newspapers despatch from Chicago containing the announcement that Rev. F. J. Walsh of that city, had joined the Knights of Pythians was a fraud on its face. The denial that is now forthcoming was expected. "The story is absurd," says Father Walsh. "Were it not ridiculous, I would be more incensed, but as it stands I am done a grievous wrong. The story is manufactured out of the whole cloth, and an ample apology must be made or I will take legal steps against the newspapers which published the falsehood."

It appears that some unauthorized person handed in the name and the Pythians are looking for the man who did it.

The report that the ban on masonry had been practically removed by a recent vatican decree is also a story written by imaginative reporters.

On our first page this week will be found an excellent article on "The Inquisition," written by that distinguished Protestant writer Prof. Chas. O. Starbuck. The article is apropos just now in view of Rev. Mr. Anderson's diatribe of two weeks ago, and will be read with interest by our many readers.

In the death of Martin J. Calihan the Church has lost a faithful son, the city and government an honest and zealous official, his friends, which were legion, a man that was a true friend to them in all that the term implies.

The justices of the Appellate division, sitting in this city, have rendered a unanimous decision that the penalty provided by the liquor law for maintaining stalls in saloons must be enforced.

The Executive Board of this city have ceased quarreling long enough to pass a resolution to discontinue Sunday work hereafter unless absolutely necessary. Bill board advertising by theatres on Sunday has also been prohibited.

Through an error the syndicate article entitled "A Noble Order," which appeared in last week's JOURNAL, was published one week in advance.

## ON POTATOES.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 19, '99. Editor CATHOLIC JOURNAL:— In a recent issue of the JOURNAL appeared an account of what we eat which showed that Ireland consumed the most potatoes. This would seem to be a contradiction to the theory of scientists and hygienists that potatoes do not contain much of the necessities of life, because it is a well known fact that Ireland has and does day turn out not only the best potato fighters in the world but also the best material for education. The farmer shows potatoes make the muscle, the latter that they make brains. P. M.

## IMPERIALISM

Editor of CATHOLIC JOURNAL.

Apparently, our late war of "humanity" turns out results that point to a war of rapine, if we take into consideration the comments of the press, the protestations of many prominent Americans and the speeches of several representatives in their scene of labor in the capitol in Washington. In fact, the policy of "expansion" has become the burning question of Uncle Sam's household in both departments—the senate and congress. That the discussions, both pro and con, will last into many weeks, is evidenced by the reticence of many members of both houses to express themselves fully on such an important subject until they have heard the best minds in the precedence. That we have true and able men to fight the creed of "expansion" cannot be denied, and who will act from duty of honesty and patriotism. Whereas, the exponents of "imperialism" must necessarily act from pure selfish and unpatriotic motives with the policy of "survival of the fittest." Never before in the history of the United States has this question went the round in public discussion—"who are the patriots among the congressmen and the United States senators?" Eighteen hundred and ninety-nine will point them right out to a man, and every young American voter will schedule him down. Hence every representative who will vote for "imperialism," or rather plunderism, will have already made up his mind that he will not be returned by the votes of the people. The situation then, as never before, will be a trying one for the representatives in Washington, and undoubtedly the majority of them will have consideration for the majority of their constituents, to whom they are under obligations for the position of honor and trust. Therefore, they have a conscientious duty to perform, and to act otherwise will be a mark of the basest and blackest ingratitude as well as the conduct befitting a Benedict Arnold. Where are the representatives who are willing to make a short stroke of fame by suggesting to both houses the placing in both houses the immortal Declaration of Independence, as it is written in the handwriting of Thomas Jefferson, on the speaker's desk in a conspicuous position, so as to face the eye of every representative. The reason for doing so is a paramount one, as the subject of "imperialism" is foreign to our institutions, founded on the Declaration of Independence. The reading in full of that great document would also ward off many of the snap judgments that would be to the detriment of this young republic. I know of no young man to act in that capacity with better effect than Congressman Mahaney of Buffalo, as he has already proved himself an American from the top of his head to the soles of his feet. It might also be opportune for the New York representative, Hon. David B. Hill, to soar in one of his political fancies, by saying, "I am an American." As brevity is the soul of wit, he evidently is the author of "I am a democrat." Surely "David" will prove his democracy in his opposition to "imperialism." As he always proclaimed his interest in the wage-workers of this state, he can now render them a service, as he must be aware of the resolutions of the Central Labor Union against imperialism and expansion.

There is every evidence that anti-Catholic bigotry is playing a part in the "imperialist" propaganda. It would be far better if some of those brainless "pulpiters" set themselves at this season of the year, and earn an honest living by cutting ice, instead of parading under the cloak of religion and courting the rapine order of the imperialist. If they are over anxious for "converts" let them go among the 50,000,000 of people in this country who belong to the church. Here they have an immense field and no obstructions save to prove the "faith" that is in them. That the agitators of annexation have no solid basis on which to argue their claims is clear to every observer of historical events—especially those individuals who are acquainted with the Declaration of Independence, and who have a regard for the constitution of the United States, and especially for the founders of this great republic. Yet, in presentment to all this we find many persons of the "high order," and politicians in "noble array" fighting the wise counsels and wishes of the fathers of the American form of government. Might not the goddess of liberty exclaim, "save me from my friends!" When the un-American tad is adopted by some of our generals, whose silence would be golden, it's about time every true American would see to it that this great country must be ruled by the wishes of the people and not by "yellow journalism," a few thousand aristocrats and pulpiter "preachers."

On the agitated waters of this great discussion it is a source of delight to see such personages as Senator Hoar of Massachusetts sailing to the front to rescue this young republican form of government from being contaminated by "criminal aggression"—a term used by President McKinley, and

yet he exclaimed, "Who shall tear down this flag?" Here we have an instance of a wrong he would uphold with the Stars and Stripes! Oh, shades of Washington and Jefferson, where are you? Ye never granted power to conquer alien peoples and hold them in subjugation. We can find it nowhere implied in the constitution. Furthermore, I believe Abraham Lincoln made the declaration, "No man was ever created good enough to own another." As it is with individuals, so it is with nations. I am sorry to see some of the late movements of President McKinley, as I like others, helped to elect him at the head of the nation. I believe it is the mistake of his head and not of his heart. Yet he ought to know that the fathers of this government never gave power to govern vassals. Any young school boy can read, in this instance, the "riot act," to the president. In fact, the constitutional argument for slavery was stronger than any argument could be imagined for imperialism. Just now it would be to the honor of many of our political stump speakers to come to the rescue on this most important subject, and show that enthusiasm that so characterizes their sorry effort in the political line. It is an American duty of every citizen who has our country at heart to do this "imperial" business that has been hatched in this country. There is no difficulty whatever in making the defense, as we have truth, logic and every practical trait of true Americanism as our fortification. Henceforth let individual effort be thrown into this work of offsetting any forcible annexation that is commended by "Americans" who believe in the conquest of nations. Well can I happily apply the words of Senator Hoar: "When you raise the flag over the Philippines as an emblem of dominion you take it down from Independence hall." That sentence alone, I dare say, is a good speech in itself, and is worthy of that author and gentleman, who addressed the senate for two hours and a half in his declarations against the ratification of the "Peace Treaty" of Paris. That speech should be put in pamphlet form and spread broadcast, and the reading of it would make us better Americans. I say better Americans, for the president of our nation has somewhat relaxed from his position of a year ago, when he in his message to congress said: "I speak not of forcible annexation, because that is not to be thought of, and under our code of morality [ye gods!] that would be criminal aggression." That phrase alone, just now, might be exchanged for "What fools we mortals be!" Nevertheless, "vincit amor patrie and vincit republica!"

## H. O. C.

P. S.—At this writing, it is with deep regret your correspondent read the death of his old time friend, Rev. Father O'Connell of Montreal, Canada. I believe he was the oldest priest in America, having reached the age of 99 years. He was originally from the diocese of Ottawa. Vividly do I recollect his accounts of his earlier days in Canada, as he would give them on his occasional visits to Ottawa University. Those visits were the occasion of many a half-holiday for the students. Yet, away back in the 70's, he was then an old man. Undoubtedly my college chum, the author and brilliant editor of the "True Witness" has by this time gathered many incidents in the career of Father O'Connell that will be worthy of publication in book form. Mr. Forn is able for the task, as his history of "Pioneer Priests" of Canada proved a big success. Father O'Connell was a thoroughly proficient scholar in Latin and Greek as well as in sacred music. His choir at one time attracted considerable attention in Montreal. No man could give a better eulogy on his namesake, Dan. O'Connell, than he, as his earthly career was a long and a laborious one, as well as exemplary. May his soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. H. O. C.

WATKINS, N. Y., Jan. 20th, '99.

## Opening of a New Wall Paper Store.

Every woman is interested in making her home beautiful, and for this reason many should attend the opening of the new store of Hahn, Fisher & Parker at 48 North Clinton street, just a few doors from Main street. Although the store is new and all goods are new, they are very well acquainted with this line of business. Mr. Hahn having been with John Brodie for the past eleven years. Messrs. Fisher & Parker have been with Colby & Ament for a number of years. Mr. Louis F. Hahn of the above firm, who is a member of Branch 81, C. M. B. A., of St. Joseph's church, is well and favorably known, not only by his many German friends but also by a great many others with whom he has come in contact during his extended business acquaintance. Give him a call—no trouble to show goods. 48 NORTH CLINTON ST.

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## THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Matthew, viii. 1-13. —At that time: "When Jesus was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And behold a leper came and adored him, saying: Lord, if Thou wilt Thou canst make me clean. And Jesus stretching forth His hand, touched him, saying, I will. Be thou made clean. And forthwith his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith to him: See thou tell no man: but go, show thyself to the priest, and offer the gift which Moses commanded for a testimony unto them. And when he had entered into Capernaum there came to Him a centurion, beseeching Him, and saying: Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, and is grievously tormented. And Jesus saith to him: I will come and heal him. And the centurion making answer, said: Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof: but only say the word and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man subject to authority, having under me soldiers; and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. And Jesus hearing this, marvelled, and said to them that followed Him: Amen I say to you, I have not found so great faith in Israel. And I say unto you that many shall come from the East, and the West, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven: but the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into the exterior darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said to the centurion: Go, and as thou hast believed so be it done to thee. And the servant was healed at the same hour."

## Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, January 22, 1899—Third Sunday after the Epiphany, 55. Vincent and Anastasia, Gosp. Matt. viii. 1-13. Monday 21—Espousals of the B. V. M. Tuesday, 24—St. Timothy, bishop and martyr. Wednesday, 25—Conversion of St. Paul. Thursday, 26—St. Polycarp, bishop and martyr. Friday, 27—St. John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the church. Saturday, 28—St. Raymond Penafort

## New Undertaking Parlors.

Another new business firm has been added to the list on East avenue. Reference is made to Messrs. Coan Crippen, J. Hicks Crippen and A. G. McNeerney, under the firm name of Crippen Bros. & McNeerney. These well-known gentlemen need no introduction to the people of Rochester and vicinity, as they have for several years been engaged in business in this city—Mr. McNeerney as a custom tailor, and Messrs. Crippen Bros. in the furniture and undertaking business. Their new parlors at No. 13 East avenue, located one door west of Mr. McNeerney's tailoring establishment, are furnished with all modern equipments. The new firm have engaged the services of Charles F. Witter, whose thorough knowledge of the business as a funeral director and embalmer particularly qualify him for the position. They have also engaged the services of a lady embalmer.

## There Are Others

Who sell coal, but it's not the famous Lehigh Valley coal. Best in the world, and costs no more. J. M. Reddington, 99 West Main street cor. Plymouth ave. Telephone 390.

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## Manila Hemp.

Every engineer knows what Manila hemp is, but few are aware that it is the product of a species of banana with a cultivated variety localities in the Philippine Islands. The plant, called by the natives "abaca," throws up a cluster of sheathing leaf stalks to a height of twenty or thirty feet, which spread out at the top into a crown of huge, undivided leaves. When it is three years old it is cut down, and the stalks are torn into strips. These strips, while still fresh, are drawn between a knife and a wooden block, and the soft cellulous matter is removed. The fibre is then hung up to dry in the open air until it is fit for use. Each stalk gives about a pound of fibre, and two natives will turn out about twenty-five pounds a day. The inside fibre, which is thin and weak, is used by the natives for making articles of dress. The familiar Manila rope is made from the fibre of the outer stalks, which is hard and strong. The whole supply of Manila hemp practically comes from the Philippines, and the United States consume 41 per cent of it. Last year this country took 417,473 bales out of the 825,020 bales exported. Great Britain coming next with 355,182 bales. The continent of Europe took 22,373 bales.

The debris left from coral made into articles of jewelry, etc., is crushed, scented and sold as a tooth powder at a high price by Italian perfumers.

One-half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives, and the other half doesn't care whether the first half lives at all or not.

One of the constituents of the best qualities of varnish is a resin known as kauri, which is only found in New Zealand.

# Great Sacrifice In Prices

## ON ACCOUNT OF CHANGE OF FIRM.

Never in our history have we offered such unapproachable values in all kinds of Dry Goods, Fancy Goods and Millinery. The Prices quoted may seem ridiculous, but are nevertheless truthful. We must reduce our \$300,000 stock one-half, hence the awful reductions.

Here are a few Price cuts from some of the departments.

- DRESS GOODS.** We have 25 pieces of Fancy Plaids left that sold at 19c and 20c yard. This lot will close at 10c yard. We have about 50 pieces of all wool Mixtures, also plain colors, 46 inches wide. Clearing price 25c yard. All our Dress Goods that formerly sold from 75c to \$1.50, we will close at 50c. 10 pieces of Cloaking, formerly sold from \$2 to \$3 per yard, will close at 75c per yard.
- HAMBURGS.** 5,000 yards 6c, 8c and 10c Hamburgs, all widths and qualities. Sale price 5c yard. 40 different patterns wide and narrow embroideries, worth 25c; sale price 12 1/2c yard.
- RUCHINGS.** 60 dozen Ruchings, white, black and colors, at 5c, worth up to 30c yard.
- SHOE DEPARTMENT NEWS.** Our \$1.75 Ladies' Shoes are going fast. Some 500 pairs left, welts, turn, McKays, good value at \$2.50 and \$3. Box calf for skating, vic kid for dress wear. The famous Doige \$1.25 Felt Slippers, sizes 8 to 10, for 45c. Other Felt Slippers, same sizes, 25c, worth 50c. 50c Overgaiters, 25c. 25c Overgaiters, 12c. Ladies' \$1.50 Button and Lace, 98c. Boys' and girls' Shoes, 98c, good and solid. Ladies' 5c Spring Heel Rubbers, 25c; best makes. All sizes in ladies' Rubbers, 25c; Boston and Goodyear Glove included. Men's \$1.25 Alaska, 49c. Women's \$1.75 Button Arctic, 75c. 100 pairs of 40c Rubbers, 10-day only 9c. On all our finest lines of shoes we have made special reductions.
- W. H. Gay, Manager SILVER NOVELTIES.** All our 20c and 30c novelties now 10c. All our 50c and 75c novelties now 33c. All our 75c and 98c Scissors, warranted steel, now 49c.
- WATCHES.** 500 genuine Ingersoll Watches, guaranteed to keep perfect time for one year, at 69c each.
- LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS.** Linen embroidered, at 15c; were 25c. Union embroidered, at 12 1/2c; were 25c. Cotton embroidered, at 9c; were 12c to 15c. Cotton embroidered, at 5c; were 9c each. Velvet Stock Collars, 25c and 35c quality, at 19c each.
- MEN'S OVERCOATS \$5.00.** We have decided to close out the balance of the Overcoats purchased at the underwriters' sale, at \$5 each. They are worth \$10 and \$12.50 each. Come to-day and get fitted in the best clothing bargain in Rochester. Boys' Ulsters, 12 to 20 years, at \$3 each, worth \$6.
- MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.** Sailor Hats, with band, 15c each, worth \$1. Walking Hats 25c, worth \$1.25. Ostrich Plumes \$1.25 each, worth \$2.25. Fancy Feathers 10c each, worth 50c. Black Jet Ornaments 25c each, worth \$1. Silk Roses 12 1-2c bunch, worth 35c. Fine quality Velvet Roses 38c bunch, worth \$1.
- COLLARETTES.** At 98c, worth \$2. At \$1.50 worth \$3. At \$1.98, worth \$3.50 to \$6. At \$2.98, worth \$4.98. Children's sets at half original prices.
- UPHOLSTERY DEPARTMENT.** Kensington Art Squares, 9 feet by 10-1/2 feet, regular price \$9, now \$5.60 each. Kensington Art Squares, 7 1-2 feet by 9 feet, regular price \$8, now \$4.90 each. Kensington Art Squares, 6 feet by 7 1-2 feet, regular price \$7, now \$3.90 each. Rope Portieres regular price \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5 and \$7, now \$1.50, \$2.25, \$3 and 4.50 each. Oak 3-ft Screens at 50c apiece. Oilcloth, regular price 25c now 17c a square yard. Furniture Covering regular price \$2.50 a yard, now 75c a yard. Furniture Covering, regular price \$4 a yard, now \$1.75 a yard. Furniture Covering, regular price \$1.25 a yard, now 40c a yard. Furniture Covering, regular price 75c a yard, now 27c a yard. Tapestry Portieres, extra large, with long fringe, regular price \$4.50, now \$1.98.

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