

CITY PARISH NEWS.

Interesting Budget of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporters

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

The ladies of the parish are to hold another of their pleasant pedro parties at the French Hall on Tuesday evening next. A reception follows the games.

ST. JOSEPH'S.

The pupils of St. Joseph's school will give a grand musical and dramatic entertainment in St. Joseph's hall Monday and Tuesday evenings, the 13th and 14th of February. The play will be "German Cousin" in three acts, by the higher classes of girls, while the little girls will be dressed as little grandmothers. There will also be several drills, a tamborine drill, the clown's drill, and the blacksmiths drill by the little boys. The musical programme will be under the direction of Prof. Bauer. All are cordially invited to attend, and we are sure every one present will spend a pleasant evening.

On Ash Wednesday the ashes will be blessed before the first mass at half past five and at the last mass at 8 o'clock. After mass the ashes will be distributed to the faithful.

The funeral of Henry Richter took place Wednesday morning from the family residence, 9 Stephany Park, at 8:30 o'clock and from St. Joseph's church at 9 o'clock. A large number of the employees of the Rochester Bridge Works, where Mr. Richter was employed were present at the services.

ST. MARY'S.

The lecture which was to be given by Rev. Felix O'Hanlon at St. Mary's church, for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society, last evening, has been postponed until Ash Wednesday evening.

The funeral of Thomas Butler took place at 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

The sacred thurst-cards for the Lenten season, will be distributed in church on Sunday.

There will be a regular meeting of the Santa Marie Reading Circle at the school assembly room on Monday evening.

At the pedro party given by the Willing helpers, Monday evening, prizes were won by Mrs. Gurrey, Connor, Klem and Bogan.

Dr. Katherine Buck has been appointed examining physician for Branch 246, L. O. B. A.

There will be a regular meeting of the Willing Helpers next Monday evening.

ST. BRIDGET'S.

The death of Jas. Riley of Hand street, occurred Wednesday morning. His funeral will take place Saturday at 9 a. m. Mr. Riley was for many years a faithful member of this parish. The family have the sympathy of the congregation in their affliction.

Mr. John Connell still lies in a very precarious condition.

The funeral of Thomas Kerins, of North St. Paul street, took place last Tuesday morning.

The lecture delivered by Dr. N. F. Kiefer before the Cardinal Newman Reading circle last Monday evening was a rare literary treat. His subject was "The Status of Learning in the So-called Dark Ages." Abundant proof of what the church did for education of the people during those several centuries was clearly set forth.

Father Hendrick, accompanied by Mayor Warner, attended the opening of the fair at Ovid Wednesday.

Little Eddie Nier, nephew of Miss Anna Simpson, is suffering from appendicitis.

Mrs. M. Rockett spent Sunday at Seneca Falls, the guest of Mrs. Crelly.

Miss Lucy Fitzgerald entertained the Fortnightly Pedo club last Tuesday evening. The prizes were won by Miss Louise Riley and Mrs. W. F. Rampe. The meetings of the club are postponed until after Lent.

The next lecture before the Cardinal Newman Reading circle will be delivered by the Hon. James M. E. O'Grady on the evening of Feb. 20.

Before our next issue the wedding of George Roach of the Cathedral and Miss Julia Nelligan of this parish will have taken place.

We are sorry to announce the removal of Mrs. H. E. Culross and family to the Immaculate Conception parish, where Mrs. Culross intends to establish a business. We wish her success in her new undertaking. She has been for many years a faithful member of this parish.

The services on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 15th, will be at 9 a. m. During the season of Lent a sermon will be delivered each Wednesday evening, followed by benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the stations of the Cross upon each Friday evening at 7:45. Daily masses at the usual hours, 7:30 and 8 a. m.

Branch 27, L. O. B. A., has promised to furnish a room at the "Home for Aged Women."

Fred Rauber, son of Ald. Rauber, has been spending a few days with his parents, after the examination at Cornell, at which he was very successful. He was accompanied by his fellow-student, Mr. Cron of Troy.

Our new St. Anthony's society has a membership of 108, and promises to do good work in the parish.

Miss Josephine Wallace, president of St. Anthony's society, is confined to her home by illness.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The C. R. C. will entertain Tuesday evening, in its rooms in the school hall. The evening will be spent in dancing.

The Union Club will hold a dancing reception in its rooms in the Triangle Building, Tuesday evening.

At the meeting of the Columbia Reading circle Tuesday evening in the reception hall, a very carefully prepared paper on "Dickens' Story Children" was read by Miss K. L. Caring, who referred in detail to the author's portrayals of children in all his works. Music was furnished by Miss McMahon. At the next meeting, on February 21st, a paper on "Dickens' Trips to America" will be read by Miss Theresa McMahon.

The funeral of Mrs. John O'Kane took place Wednesday morning from the family residence, 339 Jefferson avenue at 8:30 o'clock and at 9 o'clock from Immaculate Conception church of which she had been a member since that congregation was first organized in 1848. Solemn requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. A. O'Neill, pastor of the church.

HOLY APOTHESES

This church was the scene of a very quiet, but pretty wedding on Tuesday morning, when Jewel Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Malley of 162 Whitney street was united to George Walter Weber. At 7 o'clock the bridal party entered the church and proceeded to the altar, where they were met by Rev. T. C. Murphy, the pastor, who performed the ceremony, after which the nuptial mass was celebrated. Only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom were present. The bride was handsomely attired in a gown of golden brown, trimmed with white corded silk and pearls. The party were driven to the home of the bride, where breakfast was served, covers being laid for twelve. After a trip through the east Mr. and Mrs. Weber will reside at 78 Thrush street.

CATHEDRAL.

A warranty deed of the school property now known as St. Patrick's school from the "Rochester Christian Brothers Academy and Seminary, a corporation organized in 1848 for benevolent, charitable, scientific and missionary work," to St. Patrick's church. The property is at the corner of Brown and Frank streets. It was sold for \$148,588.45. The deed was executed in 1871 but was not filed until Monday. It had to be filed then for the reason that it was desired to put a mortgage of \$25,000 on the St. Patrick's church property. The mortgage was filed along with the deed.

The services for Ash Wednesday will be as follows: Mass at 7 o'clock; solemn high mass, blessing and distribution of ashes at 9 a. m. Rosary, sermon and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 in the evening. The week day masses during Lent will be at 6:30 and 8 o'clock.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop left on Tuesday for Scranton, Pa., to attend the funeral of the late Bishop O'Hara of that city. From there he goes to Lowell to attend the silver jubilee celebration of Rev. Father O'Brien. He will preach in Lowell tomorrow, and return to Rochester in time for the banquet of the Catholic School Association. This banquet will be held on Monday evening, and is for the purpose of uniting and organizing for church work all those who have ever been pupils of the Cathedral school, among whom are many representative men and women of the city.

The R. C. R. C. meeting for this week was postponed from Tuesday to Thursday evening, and the paper of the evening, was prepared by Miss Corinne Mahon.

The little "church school" of St. Augustine is in quite a prosperous condition. Over 100 adults assist regularly at the Sunday services, and there are 45 pupils registered at the school.

Wednesday afternoon last occurred the eighth annual meeting of the Perpetual Help society. The secretary's report showed a membership of 162, an increase of 40 during the past year. The society has furnished two private rooms in the hospital, at this meeting a vote was carried to donate \$150 for the furnishing of the new surgical pavilion. The treasurer's report showed that \$145 had been the total receipts, with total disbursements of \$185.66, leaving a balance of \$279.01.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. James Madden; vice-presidents, Mrs. C. Cramer and Mrs. Edward McSwaney; secretary, Mrs. Joseph Fleckenstein; treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Lambert; directress, Mrs. Wm. Barry; Mrs. G. Carroll, Miss Julia Cor, Mrs. J. Fee, Mrs. M. Kolb, Mrs. Geo. Klein, Mrs. Louis Maser, Mrs. J. V. Lee, Mrs. Mary Metzger, Mrs. J. Hesslinger, Mrs. J. R. Brady, Mrs. J. A. Zegewitz, Mrs. G. J. Knapp, Mrs. T. J. Sullivan, Mrs. M. J. Malone, Mrs. A. J. McNeerney. Purchasing committee—Mrs. George Klein, Miss Mary Bullinger, Mrs. T. E. Brannigan, Mrs. V. Knapp, Mrs. Wm. Hyland, Work committee—Mrs. F. A. Madden, Mrs. Oscar Uebel, Mrs. A. G. Zimmerman, Mrs. Henry Hart and Mrs. Katherine Heller.

There Are Others

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CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

What's Transpiring in the Different Fraternities—Current Calendars.

The seventh anniversary celebration of Division No. 2, A. O. H., was held in Cathedral hall Monday evening. There was a large gathering of Hibernians and their friends on the occasion. Addresses were made by Rev. Father T. F. Hickey, President Cornelius O'Neil and County President W. H. McDonald. An excellent musical and literary programme was rendered in which Miss Lucy Sheridan, Daniel Driscoll and Thomas E. Crouch gave recitations. Miss Mary Slattery, F. J. Ryan, William Fredmore and J. Mahony rendered vocal solos. An instrumental duet was given by Messrs. Frawley and Conway, and Daniel Carey entertained the audience with some very clever tricks of ventriloquism. The following committees had charge of the affair: Cornelius O'Neil, Thomas Eustace, John McGlynn and M. B. O'Neil. Refreshments were served during the evening.

The following resolutions have been adopted by Branch 139, C. M. B. A. Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call to a higher life, Edward Cloonan, brother of our associate William C. Cloonan, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Branch 139, C. M. B. A., realize that in the presence of death, words are inadequate, and we can only tender to his family this expression of our sympathy in their sad affliction, be it

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the bereaved family, also to be entered upon the minutes of this association, and to be published in THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL.

JOHN M. DUNN, Recording Secretary.

SAVAGE AND FEROCIOUS.

The Devil Dancers at Ceylon and Their Mysterious Ways.

The real Singhaless devil dancers in Ceylon are ferocious and savage fellows. Their dances are revolting and horrible. But their profession is popular and affords a royal living for the men who go into it. There is a superstition among the Singhaless that when a man falls sick he is supposed to be afflicted by the devil. In order to rid him of the disease the devil dancers are called in to propitiate the demon. Two or more of them go by night to the sick man's house, in front of which a small square inclosure about six feet high has been made of grasses and palm leaves. This answers the purpose of the green room at a theatre. The men appear at first without masks and with long yellow grass streamers hanging from their heads and waists. The only light cast on the scene is by torches made of sticks, round which pieces of cloth are wrapped, dipped in oil. To the music of a tam-tam, kept up on one note, the dancers sing a peculiar, wild funeral dirge, in which the spectators often join.

The dancers begin by slowly moving about, stretching the right foot and bringing the left up to it, and appear as if they were searching for something, during which the singing sounds like crying. They are then asking the devil to appear. There are twenty-four different sorts of devils, and, after the first part, the dancers are constantly changing their clothes to represent the entire species; some wear masks, some don jaws and terrible teeth reaching to the ears. The inclosure is closed in a very realistic manner.

A dance lasts over two nights, as the whole twenty-four devils have all to be personated before the particular demon who is afflicting the sick man is pitched on. When he gives signs of his presence the dancers go into a sort of frenzy, which increases as he takes possession of them; the tam-tam beats faster and faster, the chanting grows into yells, the men whirl and stamp and the bells on their ankles jingle and clash.

At this stage the dancers appear to be looking for some object to give the devil in sacrifice and into which he may pass. A chicken is usually offered by the friend of the sick man, and this unfortunate bird is seized upon, twisted and tormented and bitten between the false teeth, until the dancers, worn out, move slower and slower, and the chicken sinks into a sort of trance, which is the sign that the devil has accepted the sacrifice, and is willing to pass from the man into the bird.

His Only Chance.

Mrs. Peck-Henry, I wish you would break yourself of the habit of talking a your sleep. It's very annoying.

Mr. Peck—But, my dear, you surely wouldn't deprive me of my only opportunity, would you?

When a Shell Strikes.

An examination of the bottom of the Indiana in dry dock revealed an elongated, trough-like dent, perhaps two inches deep, in the plates of the star-board bow, about four feet below the water line, made by a heavy shell falling at the end of a curved trajectory that had struck, glanced and burst.

This shows how marvelously our ships escaped injury.

"When this shell struck it made us all flinch," remarked an officer who was there, dropping his shoulders and cowering his knees and shrinking into as small a space as his bulk allowed in illustration of his meant. "Everybody did it instinctively, irresistibly turned their heads away and lifted their right elbow as if to ward off a blow with a club—and there was a second or two of awful waiting, while the roar and the scream seemed to still all the rest of the battle roar and come straight to the ear. Then followed an immeasurable roar—a shocking, numbing, blinding explosion—and a prodigious fountain of water burst up beside the bow and deluged the forward deck, while the ponderous ship, tearing its way through the water with gigantic weight and momentum, seemed to stop suddenly and was jarred from stem to stern as if she had run against a stone wall."

The vessel was promptly examined, but everything below was found tight and dry.

WOODLAND MYSTERY.

WHAT BECOMES OF THE BODIES OF DEAD BEASTS.

Age and Disease—Must Carry Many of Them Off—Wherever Found in the Woods a Set of Deer Antlers That Had Been Lost to Make Room for a New Set?

"What becomes of wild animals that die in the woods?" said the naturalist. "I mean wild animals that die a natural death. Age and disease must carry off some of them as regularly as human beings are carried off, but what becomes of their bodies? I have never heard of any one coming across a dead bear or deer or fox or wildcat in the woods that had died from natural causes. I have never heard of anyone finding even the skeleton of a wild animal in the woods that did not show evidence somewhere that the beast had met its death through violence. But an uninjured skeleton or body of a wild animal without a wound, I have never heard of."

"I found one in the woods of McKean County, Pa., the skeletons of two enormous bucks with their antlers locked together. It was plain that the two animals had engaged in mortal combat, during which their horns had become entangled, and it being impossible to break the lock thus made, both bucks succumbed to exhaustion and starvation. Another time I found the body of a doe in the woods, and near by lay the mutilated remains of a big rattlesnake. The story of the two bodies was plain to me. The deer, true to its nature, had attacked the snake, but the snake had succeeded in striking the deer with its fangs before the sharp hoofs of the animal had killed it. I have come upon many other dead bodies and skeletons of wild animals at different times in the woods, but never one that did not show unquestionable evidence that the beast had died of violence of some kind. So the mystery as to what becomes of the wild animals that die from natural causes remains."

"Then, here is another mystery of the woods. Who ever killed a buck that had no horns, and who ever found a set of deer antlers in the woods—antlers that had been cast to make room for a new set? I have roamed for many years the woods where deer abound and I have never either killed a hornless buck or found a pair of horns. And I have never heard of any one who did. Yet every woodsman knows, or ought to know, that no buck has even the sign of a horn until he is 2 years old, and that every buck that has horns casts them off each Spring and grows a new set. Now, where do all the bucks under 2 years keep their antlers? The cast-off antlers of every woodsman know, are eaten by field mice and wood mice; but that fact explains only one of the mysteries of the forests."

"I wish some one would tell me, also, why it is that a dog, even the smallest kind of a dog, does not seem to be able to let a hedgehog alone, although the dog may have had ever so many lessons. I have known the best trained dog bound to stop suddenly on a trail to have a fight with a porcupine, although he may have just got in shape from his last encounter with one. Of course, the dog usually kills his game, but it is always after more or less wear and tear to himself. He is bound to have his mouth and nose filled with the porcupine's quills, and it is this that seems to egg the dog on with renewed spirit. The pain they inflict on his nose and his pitches in fiercer than ever, only to receive another quiverful of the sharp and penetrating little weapons. Many a valuable hunting dog has been ruined by these quills—such numbers of them entering his nose and mouth, as to destroy his scenting quality. The quills sink so deep into the flesh that it is almost impossible to remove them with one's fingers, and the longer they are left in the deeper they insert themselves. Any part of the quill left in the flesh, will continue its journey into the flesh, and will in time result seriously if not fatally. Yet the dog seems to have an inborn predilection for fighting the hedgehog; in fact, it is almost impossible in a region where that animal abounds to eradicate that singular inclination."

Geoman, Geomancers.

The influence of the geomancers extends from the King to his humblest subjects, and illustrates the cunning and simplicity which are combined in the Korean character. These professional oracles are consulted on all occasions by all sorts of people. The King never thinks of doing anything without first asking their opinion. They are more important to him than legal advisers to railways and other corporations that employ them, and they are notoriously corrupt, and their advice is always influenced by the payment of money.

If any one desires to obtain a favor from the King, he usually endeavors to secure the good offices of the geomancer who is likely to be consulted, and the amount of the bribe corresponds to the importance of the matter. While the geomancer pretends to consult the spirits and observe the movements of the stars, his client knows that it is the money that governs his action. Nevertheless, when the client is required to perform some official act, he consults the same old humbug, who has been bribed by some one else to influence his decision, and he is perfectly aware of the fact.

To Read Paris.

If Paris is ever besieged again, it will in all probability be spared the horrors of famine. A committee appointed jointly by the minister of war and the municipal council has just approved a scheme for building large stores for preserving supplies of frozen meat.

Paris in time of war needs 200 tons of meat a day. At this rate all the stock of sheep and heads of oxen that could be brought together at the last moment would last but a few weeks, and it might be impossible to feed them. The stores about to be erected will contain even in time of peace large supplies of meat, and immediately upon a declaration of war will receive 30,000 tons of beef and mutton.

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