

DIOCESAN NEWS.

From Our Special Correspondents

What Our Friends in the Surrounding Parishes are Doing.

Auburn.

The funeral of ex-Supervisor William J. Holihan of Seymour street was held at St. Mary's church on Friday morning.

Music Hall was the scene of such gayety and splendor. Thanksgiving eve, when the Knights of Columbus held sway at their grand ball.

On Thanksgiving day a new council of the Knights of Columbus was instituted at Waterville.

On Wednesday morning at St. Alphonsus church Frederick Desrochers and Miss Louise Matilda Reach were united in marriage.

Miss Nettie Kibbler of Batavia and Fred Simmons of this city were united in marriage at St. Alphonsus church on Tuesday afternoon.

A party of local amateurs under the direction of Edward A. Hubbard of this city, presented an elaborate program at Grosvenor on Tuesday evening for the benefit of Father McMahon's parish.

The City Minstrels will present their program at the Barthe Opera House next Friday evening.

Thanksgiving has come and gone and left us all, it is to be hoped, in a more cheerful frame of mind. If it has not done this it is because we have not spent the day with our mental faculties adjusted properly.

Rehearsals for the "Mikado" are very frequent just now, and report says that the opera will be a revelation of what our home talent is capable of, when it is produced next week.

The Kennedy Bros. of Fall Brook, Pa., have purchased the grocery business of Ald. James Doyle, and will conduct the business in the future.

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COOK OPERA HOUSE.

Instead of announcing the star feature first this week, we will run the various acts according to the way they will appear the coming week at the Cook, the safest and best equipped theatre in America.

The beautiful banner recently purchased for the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin will be solemnly blessed on the evening of December 8th.

Married—Monday morning, at St. Ann's church, by Rev. Father Farrell, William R. Cullen and Mrs. Helen Scramton.

The Maple City Hose fair, which has been in progress at Metropolitan hall during the past week has been, we are pleased to say, a social and financial success.

Two weddings were announced on Sunday, one of the best signs of prosperity we have noticed of late.

The water works is progressing finely. A large corps of help is employed, and under the vigilant eye of the "boss" are now digging a ditch inside the corporation in front of the Croise residence.

Our fair is the "theme." The first issue of the "Fair Journal" will appear December 9th.

Our agent, Mr. A. Herman, will be in Auburn next week.

WANTED—SEVERAL BRIGHT and honest persons to represent us as Managers in this and close by counties. Salary \$800 a year and expenses.

It is not how long, but how well we live. Industry is fortune's right hand, and frugality her left.

Better pass a danger once than be always in fear. It is always safe to learn, even from our enemies—seldom safe to instruct, even our friends.

Doubt is the vestibule which all must pass before they can enter into the temple of wisdom. If some persons were to bestow one-half of their fortune in learning how to spend the other half, it would be money extremely well laid out.

When there is room in the heart there is room in the house. A silent man's words are not brought into court.

For the first three days of next week, with usual matinees Tuesday and Wednesday, the attraction at this theatre will be that excellent melodrama, now in its fifth successful season, "When London Sleeps."

The soloists for the fifth Sunday day evening concert by the 54th Regiment band tomorrow evening will be Margaret F. Horvich, the well-known soprano, and Seichi Kudzuoka, the Japanese baritone.

The attraction the last half of next week, with usual matinees Thursday and Saturday, will be "Shannon of the Sixth," a thrilling comedy drama with a military background.

The famous Russian pianist, Vladimir de Pachmann, is assured of a most enthusiastic reception when he gives his single recital at this theatre Monday evening, Dec. 11th.

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VIRGINIA FOLK LORE

To prevent hawks from catching chickens, heat the poker in the fire until it is red hot; then take it out and make a young lady whisper to it the name of her lover. The hawks will leave.

To put your left foot on the ground first when getting out of bed in the morning will surely bring bad luck. Avoid meeting a tailor; to encounter one is an omen of ill.

If a cat runs across your path start over again or bad luck will follow. To turn back after having started on an errand or trip will bring bad luck.

If you kill a snake, particularly a blacksnake, and hang it on a fence or on the limb of a tree, rain will come. A snake never dies till sundown.

Witches tangle your horses' manes at night. Carry a buckeye in your pocket and you will never have rheumatism.

Always plant bulbous plants, such as potatoes, when the moon is on the wane, but plant other products between the new and the full moon.

The bottom rails of a fence built after the full moon will sink into the ground. If the moon shines upon a sleeping person mental aberration will ensue.

Dogs bark at the sound of a bell or at music in order to scare away the witches and spooks which the bell and music attract.

If you cut your finger-nails on Sunday bad luck will come, cut them on Saturday, you will see your sweetheart on Sunday, cut them on Monday, and you will have good luck.

If your hand itches you will receive money. The itching of the left ear denotes that somebody is speaking evil of you, but the itching of the right ear implies you are being praised.

To dream of a snake means that an enemy is trying to harm you. Should you dream of a death, you will hear of a wedding, you will hear of a death.

Dreams occurring after midnight invariably come true. If geese splash their wings in the water it is going to rain.

When a cat runs wildly about the house rain is at hand. The crowing of a rooster near the door is a sign that you are going to receive visitors.

"THE MAP OF LIFE"

Happiness, indeed, like health, is one of the things of which men rarely think except when it is impaired. Men continually forget that happiness is a condition of mind and not a disposition of circumstances.

Another consideration in the cultivation of happiness is the importance of acquiring the habit of realizing our blessings while they last.

One of the strongest arguments of natural religion rests upon the fact that virtue so often fails to bring its reward.

Character plays a larger part than intellect in the happiness of life. The parent who shrinks from inflicting any suffering on his child is not laying the foundation of a happy life.

Few men have enough imagination to realize types of character altogether differing from their own. Passions weaken but habits strengthen with age.

Pew things are sadder than to observe how frequently the inheritance of great wealth or even of easy competence proves the utter and speedy ruin of a young man.

The secret of good or bad temper is our habitual tendency to dwell upon or to fly from the irritating and the inevitable.

One of the most fatal mistakes in education is the attempt which is often made by the educator to impose his own habits and tastes on natures that are essentially different.

In careers of riot and vice the thought of death may have a salutary restraining influence; but in a useful busy well-ordered life it should have little place.

The great guiding landmarks of a wise life are indeed few and simple. To do our duty, to avoid useless sorrow, to acquiesce patiently in the inevitable.

Russian girls try to ascertain their prospects of matrimony in the following manner: A number of them take a basket of corn and conceal them in a field and invited to partake of the corn.

An Oklahoma bachelor started to Joplin, Missouri, not long ago and on the way he met a widow with seven children. It was a case of first sight love, and marrying her the next day he carried a wagonload of family back with him.

The shipment of two wives by express from Iaquah, Washington, to their husbands at Dawson City, by the Nugget Express company is something of a novelty in the express business.

CHICAGO NEWS "DON'TS"

Don't pick quarrels before they are ripe. Don't owe any person a grudge; pay as you go.

Don't trust a tame wolf and reconciled enemy too far. Don't prolong a quarrel; make a fight of it and then quit.

Don't work too hard in trying to avoid hard work. Don't make fun of a fool unless you are in the same boat.

Don't judge a woman's complexion by the box it comes in. Don't be afraid to use good advice for fear of spilling it.

Don't think that bright men spend all their time reflecting. Don't forget that man's chief end is the one with the head on.

Don't think a national debt isn't a blessing—to the bankers. Don't think because an aching tooth is little that it isn't nervy.

Don't forget that as instructors, actions are superior to words. Don't expect to meet a self-made man who is not proud of his job.

Don't think because you think you can sing that others think so. Don't attempt to borrow money on your wheel. It won't stand alone.

Don't get into the habit of talking to yourself if you are easily bored. Don't take any stock in the man whose capital consists of wind.

Don't acquire a reputation for truthfulness by speaking ill of yourself. Don't bother about taking aim if you want to shoot the chutes of oblivion.

Don't forget that an ounce of silence is better than a pound of explanation. Don't think because you can fool some people that others can't fool you.

Don't think a man appreciates a cyclone because he is carried away with it. Don't hang your head if you are guilty. That is what the sheriff's paid for.

Don't think love's young dream will kindle the kitchen fire on a cold morning. Don't provide yourself with a wife and expect her to provide you with a home.

FEMININITIES.

Never spill salt—bad luck is sure to follow. Boes do not make hope if any member of the family are addicted to swearing, nor will they work if kept uniformed of any death that may occur among your friends or in your own family.

The counting of chickens or lambs in the spring will cause ill luck. When cows are restless bad news is at hand.

Always bury or burn a tooth which has been extracted. If a dog should get hold of the tooth a dog's tooth will grow in its place.

When a wren whistles around the house rain is sure to come. If you kill a lizard in the spring the spring will go dry.

If a child cries on its birthday it ceases growing for a year. Consult the almanac and see to it that the sign of the zodiac is Sagittarius before performing any surgical operation on man or beast.

Corn does best when planted under the Gemini sign under Cancer; but never plant anything under Scorpio. Rain on Friday, rain on Sunday; rain on Sunday, rain on Tuesday; rain on Tuesday, rain all the week.

Thunder on April Fool's day brings good luck. Eggs laid on Good Friday or on Sundays keep longer than any other, but butter made on Good Friday is never very palatable.

To kill a toad will bring you hard times. Warts are caused by either touching a toad or by touching something over which a toad has hopped.

BARON SCHIMPF'S SAYING

All's well dot end's vell, but some dings iss heider as vell. Dere's no use in quoting philoosphy do a man vot iss in lofe.

When a woman's schmilts look out, but when she cries look more out. A fool may make money bud, he takes a wise man to spend it so dot de fools don't git some.

A friend do efferbody tes a friendt do nobody, budt when he dies he iss apt do haf a pig vunerel.

When a man looks vide and he ain't v'ie aber he face iss bulidated dot v'ay or he has gramps in his schtimick.

Peandly iss budt shkin deeb, budt if you don't deed do eadt id dot is choost so deeb enough as you vandt it.

All are nod dthieves dot dogs berin ad, budt id iss choost as vell do geep an eye on der man what a dog don't like.

De man vot saldt dot a woman iss as old: as she looks, vas nod right in his headt. A woman iss more as ten years older.

"Age iss a madder off veeling, nodt off years," says de boet. Off some moops veel so bad as dey looks dey moops half lifed a good v'ille.

ALL SORTS.

A German has invented a thimble of felt or gum for the use of pianists. In Italy 600,000 people find employment in raising silk worms.

The hair of rabbits and other animals in Russia is converted into bowls, dishes and plates, which are valued for their strength, durability and lightness. The articles have the appearance of varnished leather.

More matches are used in the United Kingdom than in any other country in the world. It has been estimated that English people use an average of eight matches each person per day, and annually over 1,700,000,000 are burned.

Africa is the most elevated of all the continents. It is the "continent of plateaus." The great tableland in the south has a mean altitude of over 3,500 feet; the wide tableland on the north has an average elevation of about 1,300 feet.

FEMININE OBSERVER.

Nothing on earth is so terrible as the fear of it. One of woman's pet economies is saving strings that she never uses.

Babies are brought up on the bottle and men are brought down by the same means. The woman who can not see any thing cunning in a colored baby is somewhat lacking.

If the telephone girl became engaged every day she receives there would be trouble. The feminine server in a cheap restaurant calls herself a waiter girl; she is in a wealthy family, a waitress.

RANDOM COMMENT

With plenty of native hard wood not a stick of furniture is made in Portugal. Japan has but one leather shoe factory nearly every one wearing footwear of wood or straw.

It is a popular belief that a holly brush planted near a dwelling protects the house from lightning. A new woman's club is to be started in London to which no one under six feet in height will be admitted.

The black jaguar of Central America will attack any man by night or day, whom he finds lying down. About 10,000,000 feet of birch wood will be sent this year from Maine to England and Scotland for spools.