Correspondence

OUR AGENT

Our Mr. A. Herman will collect in Corning, Horseheads, Elmira, Waverly, Owego, Binghamton, Addison and Hornellsville.

Elmira.

The Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association will convene at St. James hall, this city, Tuesday, Sept. 4.

The death of Mrs. Mary Murphy occurred at her home on Dewitt avenue Friday morning last. Deceased is survived by her husband, Timothy Murphy, two sons, John and Jeremiah, and two daughters, Mrs. John Emis and Mrs. John Turner. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 1.30 from the house, and afterward at SS. Peter and Paul's church. Interment was in SS. Peter and Paul's cemetery.

Mrs. Catherine Lynch, widow of John Lynch, died at the family residence, No 812 Magee street, at midnight last Saturday. Surviving their mother are three children, John, Andrew and Mary. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, and afterward from St. Patrick's church, Rev J. J. Bloomer officiating Interment in SS. Peter and Paul's cemetery.

Tidings have been received in Elmira of the serious illness of J. Francis O'Brien, formerly of the Evening Star staff.

John Horgan, sr., Edward Horgan, Mrs. P. R. Sullivan, Miss Margaret Sullivan P C. Sullivan and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Sullivan were in Owego Saturday attending the funeral of ex-Chief of Police Daniel Horgan.

John O'Connell of Philadelphia has been visiting friends in town for several days.

The Father Mathew society and Kanaweola base ball clubs are arranging for a series of games to be played on the Maple avenue grounds shortly. Three games will be played, the final, or "rubber," being slated for Labor day.

The Father Mathew society have nominated the following officers for the ensuing six months: President, Thomas F. Bermingham; vice-president, Thomas Malone; recording secretary, John Maloney; financial secretary, Edward Gerger; treasurer, John Cale.

Geneseo

Miss Margaret Brogan, who has been seriously ill, is convalescent. Her sister Mabel of Buffalo, is with her this week.

Patrick Reagan, Sr., has sold a house on Elizabeth street to John McCone.

No vespers or Sunday school at St. Mary's church Sundays during July and August.

Miss Martha Curran of Avon, was the guest of her aunt, Miss Mary J. Biggins, this week.

Miss Eleanor Fitzgerald of Rochester, is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. D. Piper.

Mrs. Walter Smith of Erie, Pa, was the guest of Miss Mary A. Curran, on Monday.

Miss Eleanor Connor who has been spending a part of her vacation here, returned to her home in Skaneateles, on Saturday last.

Miss Helen Muleahy of Auburn, is visiting friends here.

Phillip Kirwin of Buffalo, is a guest of his sister, Mrs. R. Kingston, this week.

Michael Manion and wife left for Chicago on the 6th inst, to attend the funeral of Patrick Manion who died at that place. Deceased was a brother of Mr. Manion.

Jeremiah Cullinan and niece, Nellie Cullinan, left last Saturday for Pennsylvania, where they will spend a few weeks.

Miss Katherine C. Keogh of Rochester, was the guest of Misses Mary and Elizabeth Dwyer, last week.

The bicycle race which took place on the 6th inst., was witnessed by a large crowd, and good time was made.

The Dansville ball team defeated the Geneseo's by a score of 12 to 6.

Died, at Allegany, Wyoming county, Sunday, July 8, George Lahr, aged over 70 years. Deceased was the father of George Lahr of this village.

Miss Katherine O'Grady of Emerson's College, Boston, visited relatives and friends here last week.

A large number of the students and teachers who have been away for the past year, have returned.

Patrick Reagan, Jr., has moved into the Durfee house on Court street.

Seneca Falls.

Michael Galvin of New York, was in town last week.

Letter Carrier Frank J. Durnin is spending the week in Penn Yan, with his brother, Augustus Durnin.

Matthew R. Casey is home from New York for a brief vacation.

James Reagan of New York, is visiting at the home of his father, Patrick Regan, on East Bayard street.

Constable John Hoey died while sitting in a chair in the Seneca House, Friday afternoon. He had been subject to attacks of rheumatism. The cause of death was rheumatism of the heart. Aged 36 years. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hoey of Troy street. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. Patrick's church. The Rev. Michael U. Dwyer officiatieg.

The repairing of St. Patrick's church is nearly completed. The frescoing is expected to be finished this week. New seats is the next to be done. When the church is completed it will be very handsome. Three large windows are now shown over the high altar. Much credit is due to the present pastors for the condition which the church is in. Rev. Father O'Connor, pastor of St. Patrick's church is to receive great credit for the large amount of improvements he has done since his charge of St. Patrick's parish. In February 1891, when Father O'Connor became pastor of St. Patrick's parish there was a debt of $18,000, the debt has been reduced and the church is free from debt. Improvements have been also made on the church, school, convent and parochial residence, which is a credit to the parish.

A festival will be held in the future for the benefit of St. Patrick's church.

The marriage of Miss Jennie Baldassare and Antonis Slovaninni was celebrated at St. Patrick's church Tuesday morning, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Michael U. Dwyer.

Ovid.

Do you hear the Wedding bells?

Several from here are attending Buffalo [illegible]

One hundred and fifty new books have been added to the Ovid Free Library. The books of fiction will be ready for distribution Monday evening, July 9

The Fourth, 1900, is a thing of the past having only memories joyous or sad, as they may be. The fine rain of the morning although it delayed the actual program of the day, laid the dust and increased the thankfulness and patriotism of the people The remainder of the day was ideal ice cream and soda fountain weather. The parade which took place about 3 p. m. was one of the finest ever seen here. So many complimentary things might be said of each company's appearance and marching that we will refrain from drawing comparisons. The literary and musical program arranged was a treat. The singing of a picked choir and speaking of Mr. Porter was followed by the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Seward Bodine. The introductory remarks by Dr. N. A Macey were both patriotic and inspiring Hon. J. B Thomas then spoke and recalled to the minds of his hearers the time when our beautiful park was without tree or budding and was used as a drilling ground by him when as a young man of seventeen, he was made leader of a band of militia men. His remarks showed vividly the difference between those early, unsettled times and this day of peace and plenty in our own loved land. At 5 o'clock came the fusileer parade in which many of our buinesss men showed much pleasing ingenuity. The dance in the evening closed the day's entertainment.

Miss Addie Walsh of Geneva, and Miss Anna Anderson of Ware, Mass., are visiting at the home of their cousin, Miss Anna Anderson of this place.

John Cuddebach and family of Seneca Falls, were recent guests of John Mohan's

Mrs. Patrick Farrell was quite badly injured last Saturday evening by falling down stairs in the Swarthout and Wilson Block.

Miss Loretta McLoughlin of Manchester, is a guest of Miss Margaret McArdle.

Milton Hosg and family of Seneca Falls, spent Sunday in town.

Terrance Hanlon of Kings Ferry, has been a visitor in town part of this week.

Miss Helen Flanegan is visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs John Keady of Lodi.

Miss Julia McDonald and Thomas Carroll returned from a few day's visit with relatives in Ithaca.

Miss Mary Finn of Geneva, is spending a few days at her home here.

Holcomb.

Rev. Father McCormick of Canandaigua, who was recently ordained to the holy priesthood at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, celebrated mass here in St. Bridget's church Sunday, having been the guest of Father Neville.

Miss Kathryn Sweeney of this place, is spending the summer months in Rochester

Miss Laura Murphy of Canandaigua, has been the guest of Miss Neville the past two weeks.

Miss Bessie McGreevy who has been attending school in Canada, is spending her vacation here with her grandmother, Mrs. McGreevey, accompanied by a friend, Mr. Arthur Murphy.

Miss Lizzie O'Neil of Yonkers, has returned to her home here to spend her vacation.

Miss Nellie Murray and Miss Kittie Toomey of this place, Miss Anna Leary of West Bloomfield, and Miss Mary O'Neil of Lima, left last week for Honeoye, where they expect to remain for two weeks.

The many friends of Miss Mary Toomey are glad to hear that she is convalescent, as the nature of her disease was at first thought serious.

Miss Mame Smith entertained a party of friends Sunday.

Miss Mollie Turner of Canandaigua, spent a few days last week with Mrs. C. O'Neil of this place.

Hornelsville.

Mr. T. F. Leahy is spending his vacation at his home in Canton, Pa.

Misses Elizabeth Shine and Kate Knoor of Wellsville, and Mame Dalton of Olean, are visiting Mrs. William Tolan, William street.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Devaney of Buffalo, who have been visiting in this city, have returned home.

Mrs. Dennis McMahon of Buffalo is visiting Mrs. Richard Flavin, 97 Loder street.

Died, at the home of his daughter, 33 Pine street, July 7th, 1900, Paul Richter, aged 67 years. The funeral was held from St. Ann's church Monday morning at 8.15.

Mr. John Cassidy of Corning, a student of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, is visiting his brother, T. A. Cassidy, Pine street, this city.

Mr. Joseph Deegan of Corning, is visiting friends in this city.

Miss Hattie Dean and Catherine Broderick spent Sunday in Andover, visiting Miss Dean's parents.

Penn Yan

Mr. Jerry Callihan spent Sunday in town.

Mr. John Guider spent July 4th in Rochin Rochester, with Sister M. Loyiola.

John Coursey of Geneva, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. M. E. Guider spent Friday in Bath.

Miss Katherine Moyhan spent Sunday in town.

Miss Mary Grady spent July 4th in Rochester.

Miss Mame Gorman of Troy, is in town visiting friends.

Mr. E. J. Guider spent Saturday in Elmira, the guest of Miss Clara Maloney.

Mr. Willie Corcoran spent the fore part of the week in Elmira visiting friends.

Miss Sara Moyhan of Geneva, is visiting her cousin, Sara Guider.

Corning.

An enjoyable party took place early in the week at the home of Mrs. F. Carrigan, on Chestnut street, in honor of Mr. Albert Campbell, the widely known young tenor singer, of New York. A musical program of unusual excellence was carried out and the occasion was a thoroughly delightful one.

Mr. John Welch of New Bedford, is visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. Antone DeSilva, of Newark, has been visiting friends in Corning

Opportunities for indulging in the delightful pastime called swimming are not overabundant, hereabouts, but in this, as in matters of more serious import, we philosophically consider that as we cannot get what we like we must like what we get and act accordingly. There were numerous groups of swimmers to be seen in the "beautiful blue Chemung" during the past week battling with the waves with all the light-hearted abandon, and impulsive recklessness of Newport or Narragansett.

Miss Mary Adams of Elmira, is visiting friends in this city.

Mr. Daniel Flannigan and Mr. Patrick Gill are visiting friends in this city. Both are employed at White Mills, Pa., in the glass works there.

Mrs. Frank Schebb delightfully entertained several friends on Wednesday evening at her home on Fifth streeth. Among the number on the evening's program that were of unusual excellence were the songs of Mr. Albert Campbell, recitations by John Comosh, and solos by Messrs. Leo Egginton, Edward Keating, D. Flannigan and others.

Mrs. Albert Smith, with her brother, Mr. Albert Campbell is spending a few weeks with relatives in this city.

It is whispered in social dance circles that the Independent Hose Company will join forces with the Spaulding base ball club and give a dance in the near future

Lima.

Mr. Parsons of New York city, made a call in this place in the interest of the children of crowded homes of the cities The object of his visit was made known in each of the churches asking the good people to take them into their families and gladen their young hearts with the sight of a green field, the blue sky and many pleasing sights to which they are entire strangers.

Anna Guinan was awarded the gold medal gift of Father Fitzsimmons) for highest standing in Christian doctrine. Mar in Hendrick and Amelia Lane were equal in claiming next honors. All the classes received prizes according to merit.

Our Sunday School is in excellent condition and would compare favorably with any of the city churches, owing to the untiring efforts of our pastor, ably seconded by the Sisters and lay teachers.

Mr. and Mrs William Nigham of Rochester, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Hattie Cummings and her little friend, Breta Stevens, are visiting her mother

Work is pushed on the Watkin's gas well and when the sunken tools are removed a plentiful supply of gas is looked for.

Canandaigua.

Sara Donovan of Syracuse University, is spending her vacation at her home in this village.

William Hilliard has returned from a trip to Ohio.

J. Milton O'Neill has left for Boston whence he will sail for Novia Scotia and join his brother, John C. O'Neill, in the Nat-Publishing Company

Geneva.

The Misses Mary Lewis and Mamie Joslin have returned after a two week's vacation.

Miss Margaret Buckley is visiting friends in Elmira.

Miss Nellie DeVaney left Saturday night for Boston where she expects to remain about three weeks.

Miss Nora Kelcher has returned after a brief visit with friends in Buffalo.

The Ladies' Auxiliary A. O. H., held an ice cream festival at A. O. H. hall, Wednesday evening, July 11th.

IN MEMORIAM.

At a regular meeting of Division No. 1, A. O H., the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty in His infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst by death, Brother Richard F. Noonan, and

Whereas, Division No. 1, A O. H., looses a good and faithful member, and his family a kind husband and father, therefore be it

Resolved, That with deep sympathy with the bereaved family and relatives of our deceased brother, we express the hope that even so great a loss to us all may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well, be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped for the period of thirty days, these resolutions entered on our minutes and published in THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL, and a copy transmitted to the bereaved family.

W. H. McCarty, J. P. Hayden, M. O'Connell, committee.

OF REAL INTEREST.

Oriental physicians practiced vaccination over 1,000 years ago

The Tarta alphabet contains 202 letters, being the longest in the world.

A Vienna scientist has written a learned article to prove that dogs laugh.

Danish lighthouses are supplied with oil to pump on the waves during a storm

In the United States 390,000 cubic feet of pine is used annually in making matches

The price of fuel at Shanghai, China is seldom more than about $10 per ton for foreign coal

When a chameleon is blindfolded it loses all power of changing its color, and its entire body remains of a uniform tint.

There is a rosary in the British museum made of the vertebrae of a snake's backbone Another is composed of rat's teeth.

German production of pig iron in the first half of the current year was 4,000,000 tons, against 3,600,000 in the same time in 1898.

Of the vatican's 11,000 rooms, Pope Leo has reserved for his personal use only three—a small parlor, a little dining room and a bedroom.

At a recent meeting of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Prof. Dills advocated the use of English as a universal language for men of science.

American farmers own cows to the value of $369,239,993, a sum equal to more than one-half of the capital of all the national banks in the United States.

A shellfish known as the pinnna in the Mediterranean has the curious power of spinning a viscid silk, which is made in Italy into a regular fabric.

Jerusalem is now nothing but a shadow of the magnificent city of ancient times. It is about three miles in circumference, and is situated on a rocky mountain.

The spruce gum crop of Maine, the largest in the State's history, in the neighborhood of thirty tons, worth about $63,000, has been harvested and sent to market.

It is now proposed to construct a canal connecting Germany with European Turkey. The financial success of the Kiel canal has given rise to this project.

The art of self-defense is inculcated early among some of the wilder tribes of the Caucasus, who instruct their children as soon as they can walk in the use of the dagger.

An enterprising western firm is making arrangements to set up a modern American sawmill in China, where lumber is still sawed by the primitive methods of a century ago.

Peter A. Porter, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., claims to have proved by careful study that it was Champlain and not Cartier who made the first reference to Niagara Falls in literature.

WORTH KNOWING.

Mice eat the common house fly.

France has 97,500,000 people, distributed in this manner: 38,300,000 in Europe, 23,600,000 in Asia, 35,000,000 in Africa, 420,000 in America and 150,000 in Oceanica.

Horses' tails are protected from mud and rain in wet weather by a newly designed cover, consisting of a tubular sack of rubber or other waterproof material.

Two hundred and forty-eight people have been killed by trolley cars within the limits of the old city of Brooklyn since the introduction of the electric cars

In the centre of the plaza in Lima is a pretty bronze fountain that was erected in 1578, a gift from some noble Spaniard, and is probably the oldest fountain in America.

The number of failures from all causes in automatic block signals as compared with the total number of movements of each signal does not exceed more than one in 30,000.

Stockholm, Sweden, has probably the largest number of telephones for its population of any city in Europe. There are 23,000 telephones to less than 300,000 inhabitants.

The great army of Smiths in the United States is well represented in the Peerage of England. No less than six Earls' daughters have acquired the surname of Smith by marriage.

George Miller, proprietor of the famous "101" ranch in the Ponca reservation, near White Eagle, Ok., is said to be the most extensive watermelon grower in the world.

In Syria a skilled laborer is paid from 50 cents to $1 a day With the exception of a few silk factories operated by French merchants, there are no larger enterprises whatever.

The London Society of Compositors has made arrangements with two railway companies whereby its members can secure special rates and privileges on the presentation of their cards.

In Ireland horses are shod with sheep's horn. In the valley of the Upper Oxus, the antlers of the mountain deer are used for the same purpose, the shoes being fastened with horn pins

In spite of the Dreyfus affair and the strong anti-Semitic agitation in France the French Army has about 300 Jewish officers among them Brigadier Generals and even Generals of divisions

The raise of money rates in Western Europe has caused, according to the London newspapers, a violent and disastrous collapse in prices of industrial shares in Russia, where there had been much excited speculation.

An Indianapolis storekeeper who sells wooden shoes says that this style of footwear is extensively used by people who work in canneries where hot solder acid etc. on the floors would ruin shoe leather

The average consumption of domestic glass during the past 10 years has not exceeded 450,000 boxes a month, and during the past year, with an increase of building activity, the consumption has not exceeded 500,000 boxes.

Hereafter bells that can be heard a distance of 500 feet must be attached to all private scavenger wagons in Chicago, and these bells must be rung continuously while the wagons are in service, which may be between sunset and sunrise.

The laborers on the sewage farms near Berlin have to work 17 hours a day and receive $11 a month, besides field produce. Their dwellings are said to be in a frightful condition. In some cases a single room is occupied by four or five married couples.

A. R. Fowler, the "armless forger," who is serving a sentence in the South Carolina, penetentiary, is writing a book entitled "From Pulpit to Penitentiary." He writes with a pen to the stump of his arm below the elbow.

At Thurso, in Calthness-shire, the extreme Northwestern part of Scotland, by what was considered a fortunate train of circumstances the people drove ashore at one time no less than 105 bottlenose whales. After a week the people were glad to be rid of them at any price and only $180 was realized for the lot.

FACT AND FIGURES.

Japan makes pyrotechnic birds.

In Abyssinia coffee grows wild.

Austria is making artificial cotton.

American cotton mills employ 93,000 women.

There is only one sudden death among women to eight among men.

HERE AND THERE

Printing originated years ago in Chaldea.

The Congo region exports about 3,000,000 walking sticks a year.

The number of summer hotels in the United States is estimated at 23,000.

The proportion of married persons to single ones is as seventy-five to 1,000.

Tall persons have the advantage of greater longevity than short ones.

There are forty-five admirals in the French navy and 330 generals in the French army.

Births and deaths occur all the world over more frequently at night than in the daytime.

In a Methodist church in a remote Georgia community the old rule of separation of the sexes during worship is observed.

After the recent thunderstorms in England thousands of dead eels were found near Sandwich, floating in the Delf river.

Exports of coal from the United States have increased from 227,918 tons, in 1870, to over 4,000,000 tons during the past year.

Chile is going to fit up a vessel with the products of the country to be taken to the principal ports on the Pacific for exhibition.

Among the Parsees a murderer is punished with 90 stripes on his bare back, while a master who neglects his dog receives 200 stripes.

Macaroni and vermicelli are simply a mixture of wheaten flour and water, pressed through molds and dried. They are produced largely in Italy, where they are favorite articles of food.

Even a little thing like the common needle threader is worth 2,000 pounds a year to its owner, while the "return ball"—a wooden ball fastened on a piece of elastic—yields 10,000 pounds per annum.

The athletes of Greece in ancient times, when training for physical contests, were fed on new cheese, figs and boiled grain. Their drink was warm water, and they were not allowed to eat meat.

Metals get tired as well as living beings. Telegraph wires are better conductors on Monday than on Saturday, on account of their Sunday rest, and a rest of three weeks adds ten per cent to the conductivity of a wire.

Hancock-row, one of Boston's historic and narrow byways, but of late years one of the dirtiest in the city, has been deprived of its honored name by the street commissioners, and will hereafter be known as public alley No. 102.

A tank of chlorate of potash recently exploded in a factory in Lancashire, England, with disastrous results. As the substance is not combustible in itself, although a powerful aid to combustion under some circumstances, the disaster is not easy to account for.

Yankee ingenuity has upset an ancient custom in India. For centuries every rajah and even the minor potentates have had special men called "punkas" to fan them during their all waking hours. Now their job is gone, for every rajah has bought an American electric fan.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

Indian bats are six feet across the wings.

Pearls are sometimes found in mussele shells.

Ireland spends $25,000,000 a year on whiskey.

President Salles of Brazil is a baseball enthusiast.

Senator Hanna owns a copy of the famous Aitken Bible.

The giant bees of India build combs ten feet in height.

Ghent, in Belgium, is built on twenty-six islands, which are connected by eighty bridges.

In Hebrew marriages the woman is always placed to the right of the groom.

Seaweed can be made into paper so transparent that it may be used for windows.

The highest point to which a man can ascend without being seriously affected is 16,050 feet.

A sewing machine is supposed to do the work of twelve women. This of course depends upon the rate at which it is worked, as is the case with all machinery.

The largest mass of pure rock salt in the world lies under the province of Galicia, Hungary. It is known to be 550 miles long, 20 miles broad and 250 feet in thickness.

The giraffe was thought to be near extinction, but Major Maxes, a British explorer, has found great herds of them along the Sobat river, a tributary of the White Nile.

At Constantinople there is an autograph letter which is claimed to have been written by the hand of the Saviour, whose authenticity has been stoutly defended for centuries.

Colored children are much more sensitive to heat than white children, which probably means that their power of discrimination is much better, and not that they suffer more from heat.

Kanaka children, with their parents, spend many hours a day rescuing driftwood from the surf. The scarcity of timber near the Hawaiian coast makes the business profitable.

The house of commons has met on Sunday eleven times, on various occasions, when urgency demanded it. The first time was in the reign of Edward III., the last at the death of George II.