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Our congratulations are extended to Rev. A. A. Hughes, assistant rector at the Cathedral, who has been appointed by Bishop McQuaid to fill the vacant pastorate of St. Mary's church, Geneseo.

We have just received a report that the war in the Philippines is over.

Last week was certainly a case of heat without the consent of the heated.

The Hon. Fitzsimmons and the Hon. Ruhlin came together in the fistic arena and the Hon. Ruhlin looked like 89 cents marked down from 40.

A man who probably speaks from experience says the amount of pin money required by a wife depends on whether she uses diamond pins or rolling pins.

Frederick Palmer writes from Manila that the only fortune any American has made there has been out of Government contracts. And that is what a good many wars are for.

How about a trust in presidential nominations? Bryan seems to be gathering them in every week; however they are not liable to be classed as criminal trusts.

John D. Rockefeller will try and live within his income. The last reports were that it would be $38,000,000 this year. Any of us would be satisfied with that in a life time.

Cuba is learning what a bunco game is in real earnest means. Weyler in his palmiest days seems to be outdone by Rathbun-Neeley & Co.

A grave spectical is presented in the action of the Porto Ricans, in celebrating a Spanish holiday and swinging the Spanish flags to the breezes. Will it be followed by rebellion in the Island toward American rule?

This country is fast aping Europe; the constitution seems to have outlived its usefulness; the Monroe Doctrine is obliterated; its trusted agents have lied, stolen and murdered in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, and in the rage with which exposure and criticism of their crimes is denounced we can see how little scruples they will have in carrying such methods to the same extent here at home, and unless their opportunity is removed who can doubt that they will do so.

With vast arears of land in the West that by the expenditure of a few million dollars for irrigation would sustain millions of men in comfort and happiness, with public improvements; roads, bridges, etc., needed even in oldest and most thickly settled parts of the country; with taxes pressing upon those least able to bear. We are spending $713,000 a day, according to official figures, upon war. Is this good sense?

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THE ASSUMPTION.

"Mary was taken up into Heaven; the angels rejoice, and with praises bless the Lord."

A divine inspiration impelled all the citizens of Jerusalem to assist at the funeral of the mother of God. Scarcely a Jew or a Gentile remained in his house on that day. The faithful brought, with holy profusion, the most precious perfumes, and the finest stuffs for the burial of the Queen of Virgins. She was embalmed according to the custom of her people, but her blessed remains exhaled an odor sweeter than the perfumed bandages in which they enveloped her. The funeral preparations being completed, they placed the Mother of God upon a portable litter, covered her with a sumptuous veil, and the Apostles bore her upon their shoulders into the valley of Josaphat. Arrived at the place of sepulture, the mournful procession stopped. By the care of the holy women of Jerusalem the tomb was deprived of its gloomy aspect, and the sepulchral cave appeared only like a cradle of flowers. There the Apostles laid Mary, and as they laid her down they wept.

For three days the Apostles and the faithful watched and prayed beside the tomb, where sacred concerts of angels were distinctly heard. St Thomas, returning from a distant country hastened to take a last look of the cold remains of the Mother of God. Overcome by his entreaties and his tears the Apostles removed the stone which closed the entrance to the sepulchre, but they found nothing but the flowers, scarcely faded, upon which the corpse of Mary had rested, and her white winding sheet of fine linen from Egypt which exhaled a delicious fragrance. The most pure body of the Immaculate Virgin was not destined for the prey of the worms of the coffin; during her life, earth and heaven equally had part in that wondrous creature; after her death heaven had taken all and ignored all.

Again hell's jealousy and hate of God, says the Catholic Telegraph, have kindled a fierce persecution against the Church. Whatever may be the fate of the legations, one thing is certain that Catholic Christians have been mowed down like grass, and that already two new mitred martyrs have been joined to the glorious company of the shepherds who have laid down their lives for and with the sheep. Bishop Guillon, Vicar Apostolic of Manchuria, was a native of the district of Chambery, France, where he was born in 1854. He went to Manchuria in 1878. His labors in the Tartar province were greatly blessed. At his suggestion a new diocese was formed there in 1897. So fast was the Catholic faith growing that the twenty-two misionaries used to baptize three thousand converts annually. The other martyred prelate was an Italian Bishop, Antonio Fantosati, of South Honan. He resided in Hoon-Cen-Fu, and was a faithful shepherd of his flock. The Italian papers are said to speak of him as a man of eminent talent and of wide popularity, and mourn his death as a loss and a blow to the honor of Italy abroad. He was almost a Roman, being a native of the village of Trevi, in Lagio

A papal bull has been received from Rome by the Right Rev. John L. Spalding, Bishop of Peoria, Ill., granting him an auxiliary in the person of Rev. Peter J. O'Reilley, pastor of St. Patrick's church. Father O'Reilly will be known as the bishop auxiliary of Peoria, but he also holds the title by this latest appointment to an extinct see in Asia Minor. He will remain in Peoria as Bishop Spalding's assistant.

A letter received at Washington, D. C., gives the information that Bishop Sbarretti, of Havana, Cuba, will shortly pay a visit to the national capital. He has not been in Washington since he left the Apostolic Delegation last February to assume his new and important post as prelate of Havana. He will probably make the journey next month, and will bring with him several Cuban students, whom he will place in the Catholic University for advanced courses during the ensuing session.

The Pope has appointed the Right Rev. John Healy, Bishop of Clonfert, Ireland, to be Coadjutor Bishop to Cardinal Moran, of Australia. The Bishop will shortly leave for Australia to take up his new duties. Dr. Healy is a Senator of the Royal University of Ireland, and Vice-President of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland.

The Sisters of the Visitation of Holy Mary, in charge of the Cardome Academy, at Georgetown, Ky., have issued a beautifully illustrated brochure in honor of the silver jubilee in honor of the silver jubilee of the institution. It contains a number of sketches and poems by alumnae of Cardome.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: — August 19 .— St. Mark vii. 31 37—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. — At that time: "Jesus going out of the coasts of Tyre, He came by Sidon to the Sea of Galilee through the midst of the coast of Decapolis. And they bring to Him one deaf and dumb; and they besought Him that he would lay His hands upon him. And taking him from the multitude apart, he put his fingers into his ears, and spitting, He touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven he groaned, and said to him: Ephpheta, which is, Be thou opened. And immediately his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke right. And He charged them that they should tell no man. But the more He charged them so much the more a great deal did they publish it. And so much the more did they wonder saying: He hath done all the things well: He hath made both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak."

What are we to learn from this gospel?

Consider how a Christian by virtue of baptism, has his ears open to the voice of heaven, and how he speaks of God, and you will see the prodigy realized. If we hear the voice that invites us to do good and abstain from evil; if we hear the voice that reproaches us for our faults and encourages us in the exercise of virtue; if we confess our weakness and praise God, all this is a prodigy of that finger of grace which opened our ears and loosened our tongue to hear the truth and speak the words of salvation for ourselves and words of glory for the Author of our regeneration.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday, August 19—Gosp. St. Mark vii. 31 37. Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost.—St. Joachim, Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Monday, 20—St. Bernard, abbott.
Tuesday, 21—St. Jane Francis de Chantal, widow.
Wednesday, 22—St. Symphorian, martyr.
Thursday, 23—St. Philip Benizi, confessor.
Friday, 24—St. Bartholomew, apostle.
Saturday, 25—St. Louis, King of France.

CATHOLIC NOTES

After an illness of four weeks the Rev. Daniel J. Feehan died on Thursday at the home of his mother, 106 West 103d street. Death was due to hemorrhage of the lungs. Father Feehan was born in New York 37 years ago. He was graduated from St. Francis Xavier College in 1884 and was ordained in 1889. He was curate for a year in the Church of the Holy Cross. Then he became pastor of St. John's Church in White Plains. He was there for five years. Returning to New York as assistant pastor of the Church of St. Rose of Lima, he held this post until his death.

The Catholic Cathedral at Pekin destroyed by the Chinese, was completed only last year. It had long been an eye-sore to the Empress Dowager, who claimed that its tall spires surpassed those of the Imperial residence. Mgr. Favier, Bishop of Pekin, consented to pull down the belfry and spires. Now, the whole graceful edifice, whose Gothic architecture contrasted strangely with the grotesque pagados surrounding it, is nothing but a mass of smoking ruins.

An Italian paper has published a list of Catholic missions in China. From this it appears that there are in China 759 European priests, 409 Chinese priests and 532,448 native converts. The Catholic buildings and institutions number 3,930 churches and chapels, 49 seminaries and 2,913 schools. The missionaries belong in their order of numerical strength to the following countries: France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Germany and Holland.

Mr. Francis Maringo, vicar-general of Athens, who is visiting this country, believes that the Catholic Church will obtain sways over many thousands of Greek schismatics who inhabit Russia, Greece and Arabia. He says the Catholics are fighting an uphill battle in Greece. The Greek Church is the Church of the nation, and the Government expends millions every year in maintaining its institutions and furthering its missions.

The Great telescope, the siderostat, was recently blessed at the Paris Exposition. The ceremony, which took place in the Optical Palace, in the Champs de Mars, was performed by the Papal Nuncio, Monsignor Lorenzelli who delivered a remarkable discourse in which he maintained that the Church has always been the champion of science, and he assured his listeners that the Pope had minutely studied the details of the construction of the great new instrument.

The conversion of the Rev. J. H. Filmer, curate of St. Martin's Anglican church, Roath, England, has created a great interest in Cardiff, as Mr. Filmer is a preacher of quite uncommon power. He has long been studying the question, "Did Christ institute an infallible teaching authority in His Church with Peter for its mouthpiece"

Dr. Chan, a Catholic Chinaman, was buried in Cleveland last week with Requiem Mass. The church was filled with Celestials who came to attend the obsequies, and they viewed everything with wonder, after which they followed the remains to the cemetery.

The church of our Lady of the Rosary, Holyoke, Mass., has received from an unknown friend the gift of a new bell costing $4,000. The pastor, Father McGrath, has announced the purchase of a set of twelve Stations for the church, at an expense of $2,400.

SOCIETIES

Oficial Call for the C. B. & B. A. Convention at Buffalo, Sept. 11th.

OFFICE OF SUPREME PRESIDENT,

AUBURN, N. Y., July 30, 1900.

To the Officers, Delegates and Members of the Catholic Relief and Beneficiary Association:

GREETING:—The seventh convention of the Supreme Council of The Catholic Relief and Beneficiary Association will be held in St Stephen's hall, corner of Swan and Franklin streets, Buffalo, N. Y., beginning at 9 a. m., on Tuesday morning Sept. 11, 1900

The Committee on Laws will meet on Sept. 9, 1900, at 2 p. m., at a place to be hereafter designated, to pass upon proposed amendments to the constitution.

Councils are reminded of the provisions of Article 20, Section 163 of the Constitution which requires that all proposed amendments must be in the hands of the Supreme Recorder at least twenty days prior to the session. The 22nd day of August is the last day upon which ammendments will be received. Members whose relief claims have been rejected by the Board of Trustees who desire to appeal to the Supreme Council for redress, must file such appeal at least thirty days prior to the opening session. See Article 3, Section 65.

Credentials in duplicate will be sent to recording secretaries; one copy of which must be returned to the Supreme Recorder, not later than the 25th day of August, and the other properly filled in and given to the delegate. If the copy for the Supreme Recorder is not received by the 25th of August, the delegate's name will not appear upon the roll of the convention

Delegates upon their arrival at Buffalo will present their credentials to the Supreme Recorder. By a prompt compliance with this request, much delay and confusion will be avoided

The convention will be called to order promptly at 9 o'clock and each delegate should be present to answer to his name at roll call.

Councils indebted to the Supreme Council will not be entitled to representation unless the indebtedness is entirely liquidated.

Negotiations have been pending for some time with the Trunk Line Taffic Association to secure special rates on roads leading to the convention city. We have succeeded in securing a one and one-third fare for delegates living within the province of the Eastern Traffic Association which covers territory east of Buffalo; we have not, as yet, however, been able to make a rate for delegates coming from west of Buffalo. A circular letter dealing in detail with railroad fares and hotel rates will be sent out later from this office.

Given under our hand and the Seal of the Supreme Council attached, on the day and year first above written.

THOMAS H. O'NEILL,
Supreme President,

Attest:
MARY G. CONNELLY,
Supreme Recorder,

The following is the official call of the A. O. H. County Convention to be held in this city Sept. 6th:

OFFICE OF COUNTY PRESIDENT,

Brothers and Members—Greeting:

You are called upon to assemble in County Convention, and it is our duty to summon the duly elected representatives of the Order to meet in biennial session for the purpose of electing county president, of hearing the reports of their officers and the transaction of such business as may be submitted for their consideration.

We hereby summon the legally elected and constituted delegates of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, of the county of Monroe, to assemble on Thursday, the sixth day of September, A. D., 1900, in the city of Rochester, N. Y., where in the A. O. H. Hall, Main Street, west, the convention will be called to order at 8 a. m. sharp.

Fraternally yours,
WM. H. MCDONALD,
County President.

The delegates are as follows:

Monroe County Board—County President, W. H McDonald; vice-president, Martin B. O'Neil; recording secretary, J. F. Redding; financial secretary, John L. Kernan; treasurer, L. G. McGreal; corresponding secretary, P. Cauley.

Division No. 1:—John Murphy, Patrick Cullen, Michael J. Claffey, Joseph P. Hayden, Michael O'Connell.

Division No. 2:—Martin B. ONeil, Patrick Cauley, Edward Moriarity, Thomas Frazer, Charles E. Gore.

Division No. 3:—Stephen McLaughlin, Michael Buggee, Charles J. Ford, Patrick Doran, John M. Sweeney.

Division No. 4:—Thomas J. Summers, John Leary, George Weadick, Mathew J. Lynch, John L. Kernan.

Division No. 5:—John S. Burns, Peter G. Guinan, Michael J. Enright, Thomas C. Lynch, James H. Buckley.

Division No. 6—James H. Driscoll, Michael McNamara, James F. McGee, Joseph F. Redding, John Powers.

Division No. 7—Patrick Kelly, John S. O'Malley, Frederick J. Gibson, William J. McGrath, Lawrence G. McGreal.

Division No. 8—James F. Burns, Phil. Hailley, George Shea, E. D. Tobin, E. J. Carey.

Hibernian Rifles—Captain Michael Quinlivan, James Cullen. Hibernian Knights—Captain Thomas P. Laughney, M. J. DeLaney.

The Sick Benefit Association of Branch 81, C. M. B. A., organized last Monday evening with a membership of about one hundred. Mr. George H. Noeth, who was elected president, was the first president of Branch 81. The following officers were chosen: President, Geo. H. Noeth; first vice-president, Jno. Diringer; second vice-president, Wm. Lutz; recording secretary, Chas. M. Bayer; financial secretary, Jacob Hartman; treasurer, Geo. L. Ernst; marshal, C. Rebholtz; guard, Wm. Young; trustees, C. Hilbert, Jos. Balling, M. Murr; doctor, A. J. Cromier; druggist, Wm. Burkhard.

After the meeting the members enjoyed a banquet, thanks to Brother Wm. Meir.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The retired actor is naturally played out.

Lapland is truly the land of the infant industry.

Congressional bills have given way to the mosquito bills

The farmer who raises poultry is reasonably sure of good crops.

Even the temperate buzz-saw has been known to take three fingers

The chronic loafer is a man who sticks to one thing until he fails.

Some women are both good and true—and some men are no good and untrue.

It is easier to love a poor girl than a rich one, because there is less competition

The game of billiards was probably invented by the author of "Wearing of the Green"

Probably the future looks dark because coming events cast their shadows before them.

A girl may be both pretty and ignorant but she is never ignorant of the fact that she is pretty.

It isn't much consolation to a man to know that his neighbor's wife is less extravagant than his own.

When one woman out of a hundred has nothing to say the other ninety-nine are asking what is the matter with her.

Lots of people think they will be entitled to a diamond-studded crown in the other world because they drop a penny on the contribution plate every Sunday.

THE GIRL WHO KEEPS COOL

She doesn't fuss about the weather.

She doesn't drink innumerable glasses of soda water.

She doesn't spend her time bemoaning the unkind fate that keeps her in town.

She doesn't go down town shopping at noon or thereabouts

She doesn't put in the day hovering around the ice cooler.

She doesn't consult the thermometer every five minutes.

She doesn't do any more work than is absolutely necessary.

She eats fruit and easily digested, non-heating food.

She does wear her lightest, coolest dress.

She does hunt up the coolest and shadiest place to be found, and there abides.

She does keep cool in spirit, and therefor pretty nearly so in body.

SALARIES OF RULERS

The President of Mexico draws $50,000 a year, the same as President McKinley.

The President of France is paid $240,000 a year.

Her Majesty the Queen's income is about $220 an hour.

The Czar of Russia draws a salary of $12,000,000 a year.

The Emperor of Germany receives $3,852,380 per annum.

Two million dollars a year is the annual income of the King of Spain.

Abdul Hamid II., the Sultan of Turkey has an income of $650 an hour.

Two hundred thousand dollars a year, or over 500 a day, is the salary of the King of Greece.

Three hundred thousand dollars a year is the salary of the King of the Belgians.

The combined salaries of European rulers amount to the sum of nearly $30,000,000 a year.

The Emperor of Austria is paid $12,000 a day for governing a kingdom containing 41,000,000 subjects.

USEFUL HINTS.

In preserving time it is well to remember that large fruit will keep best in shallow stone pots.

Molasses will remove grass stains from woollens. Rub in and rinse in clear water. To remove ink stains soak in ripe tomato juice.

Tie a piece of bread about twice the size of an egg in a linen bag and put in the pot of boiling vegetables. This will absorb all disagreeable odors and prevent them from permeating the rooms.

A little vinegar put into a frying-pan and heated over the fire removes the odor of fish or onions from the utensil.

Whitewash is life to woodwork and death to germs.

Early fight these three—a weed, a disease, a bad habit.

Habits are stronger than muscles.

Half a cranberry, it is said, bound on a corn will soon kill it.

Skill pays better than strength.

The mortgage works long hours.

WHY A MAN MARRIES

Through kindness.
Through ambition.
Through anger
Through disdain.
Because he is bored.
Through folly.
For a wager.
Through honor.
For interest.
Because of his youth.
Because he is ugly.
Through necessity.
Through Machiavellism.
Through love.
After a quarrel.
Through gratitude.
Through wisdom.
By testament.
In accordance with usage.
Because of old age.
Through zeal.
—H. de Balzac.

There are 41 cities and 933 towns in the State of New York, only two of the cities having more than 250,000 population.

The area of China is 1,534,953 square miles—considerably more than the combined areas of France Germany, Great Britain Italy, Austria, Spain, Japan Norway and Sweden

Some one hundred and fifty colors are now obtained from coal tar, and these have almost entirely supplanted vegetable and animal dyes. In fact, only two of the vegetable class indigo and logwood are still of any considerable importance. Coal yields a large amount of coloring matter the magenta obtained from a ton being sufficient to dye 500 yards of flannel, the aurine, 120 yards, the vermillion scarlet, 560 yards and the aligarine, 255 yards.

The natives of Gomera, one of the Canary Isles, converse with one another by whistling on their fingers. It is possible to understand a message a mile off. Each syllable of a word has its own peculiar sound. Gomera is cut up by a number of deep glens which are not bridged over, and as it would otherwise be impossible for the inhabitants on separate sides of the glen to talk with one another without going a long way round to meet, they have hit upon the whistling device as the best means of communication.

CURIOUS FACTS

More than 3,500,000 Africans were taken from their country as slaves between 1702 and 1807.

Ginseng is parsnipshaped, and when freshly dug is of a white, creamy color. The root is bitter to the taste, but not unpleasant, and is highly valued in China for its supposed medical properties in combating fatigue and old age. In fact in that country it can only be gathered by permission of the ruler.

The total amount of money coined by all of Britons predecessors on the throne was $1,025,000,000. During the present reign the Mint has turned out $2,250,000,000

There are 20,000 different kinds or butterflies.

The average watch is composed of 175 different pieces.

In County Donegal, Ireland the market price for knitting a pair of socks used to be one penny and women worked cheerfully for that sum.

Artifical silks are made of wood fibre dissolved to a glue like consistency by acids forced through holes in glass and drawn out into threads.

One million eight hundred and fifty thousand square yards of looking-glass is manufactured in Europe annually.

On some of the Japanese railways terra-cotta sleepers are used. They are far more durable than those of wood.