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ELMIRA.
 The Sisters of St. Mary on E. Market St., entertained the ladies who assisted at the bazaar, last Monday evening. A very enjoyable time was had by those present.

The usual school collection was taken up at St. Mary's church on last Sunday. This is a very worthy cause and should be more generously contributed to.

On Monday morning at 8 o'clock a Requiem Mass was offered for Mrs. P. K. Sullivan, Wednesday for Mrs. Partell, Thursday for Michael Connelly, Rev. M. O'Dwyer officiating.

Rev. Father Maley of Craig Colony, called on Elmira friends last week.

The different Branches of L. C. B. A. and Council of C. E. B. A. held nomination and election of officers on their regular meeting nights.

CANANDAIGUA.
 The people of St. Mary's are arranging for their customary holiday fair on a scale never before equalled and it is expected that large crowds of people will be present each evening. The fair opens Christmas night with an entertainment by the children and the other nights will be taken up with Miss Katharine Burns of Rochester, drama from Phelps, lecture on Lincoln by Father Ryan, vaudeville, drama and concert by local talent. The fair will close New Years night. The increased facilities for travel will enable many former Canandaiguans to revisit the old town during the fair. The new train on the Rochester and Eastern leaves Canandaigua at 11 p. m. for Rochester, while the midnight train on the Central going east will be restored during the holidays. The ladies of the congregation are divided according to matrimony, the married ladies having one booth and the single ladies another. There will also be a doll booth and fish pond. Supper will be served on Saturday and Thursday evenings and refreshments every night. The Christmas Star will be published every day of the fair and promises to be a spicy interesting and lively sheet.

EAST BLOOMFIELD.
 On Saturday morning at an early hour occurred the death of Mrs. Alice Quinn after a serious illness of several weeks. The deceased was a patient sufferer during her illness having been cared for by Miss Driscoll of Rochester, a trained nurse. The family consisting of two sons and one daughter, all of this place, have the sympathy of the entire community in the loss of their mother who by her kind and gentle manner had endeared herself to friend and neighbor. Requiescat in pace.

On account of temporary illness Mrs. Neenan, the organist of St. Bridget's church, has given up her position and Miss Mamie Smith of this place is preparing to fill the vacancy. While we regret that our former organist resignation is on account of ill health and hope for her immediate recovery, we extend congratulations to Miss Smith in her new undertaking and feel confident of her capability to fulfill the position. With several new members added to the choir and Miss Ellen Wheeler, a competent vocal teacher of this town, the new mass that is being rehearsed for Christmas will be rendered in a very pleasing manner and will certainly give credit for the untiring effort that has been put forth during the past few weeks of practice. Mr. D. C. Clark of Rochester, will assist the choir on Christmas.

The laying of pipe to convey natural gas from the new wells of West Bloomfield to East Bloomfield and Holcomb is nearly finished, the high pressure line having been all completed while the low pressure line with several service lines will reach completion the last of this week. Before the first of January the majority of the residences will be lighted and heated with the most economical and labor saving method, thus enabling Holcomb and East Bloomfield to boast of an equipment not common to the majority of small towns.

Read the advertisements which are published in this number of the Journal, and, if any want is thereby suggested to you, write to or call on the advertiser. Mention the Journal. It will help us, for it will show the advertiser that our friends are worth while.

Christmas Excursion.
 On Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, the West Shore Railroad will sell tickets to Boston, Greenfield, Gardner, Fitchburg and Ayer, Mass., at the low rate of \$10 for the round trip, tickets good going Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, returning on or before Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 1904. See doggers advertising time of through trains.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

A meeting of the School Alumni Association was held in the school hall last Sunday afternoon. Officers for the coming year were elected. Cornelius Curtin was chosen president, John Burns vice pres., Vincent Collins, treas., and Agnes Barnett, secretary. All of these officers are members of the class of '97.

To-morrow afternoon the regular monthly meeting of the Young Ladies Sodality will be held. The members are invited to receive holy communion to-morrow morning.

At the meeting of the Holy Name Society held last Sunday night the names of 47 new members were enrolled. Father Ryan eloquently addressed the society.

The retreat for the ladies of the parish under the auspices of the Young Ladies Sodality closed last Sunday afternoon. The retreat was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

To-morrow afternoon there will be a formal reception of the members of the Holy Name Cadets. The boys have been on retreat in preparation.

Under the direction of Mr. Wm. P. Moore the choir has been rehearsing special Christmas music.

The drama entitled "Leah, the Forsaken" will be presented in the school hall on the evening of Monday, Dec. 28th. The drama under the direction of Miss Gertrude Hughes.

Personal.

P. J. O'Beirne of 79 Sherman St., left last week for Baltimore, Md., where he spent a few days with his sister, Helen, who is postulating at the Mt. Hope retreat. He then visited friends in Washington and Tuesday of this week, went to Virginia where he will remain for the winter in hopes of benefiting his health which has been on the decline.

DEATHS.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter P. Welter of 197 Whitney St., are mourning the loss of their only child, Peter M. A. Welter, aged 7 years. Pneumonia was the cause of his death, which occurred on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1903, at 5:30 p. m. The funeral took place from Holy Family church on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 9 a. m. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

National Theatre.

One of the strongest attractions of the season is announced by the National Theatre for Christmas week, beginning next Monday. It is B. C. Whitney's production of Rice's "Show Girl," the musical extravaganza which had such a long run in New York. The engagement is for the entire week including matinees on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, as well as a special matinee on Friday, Christmas Day.

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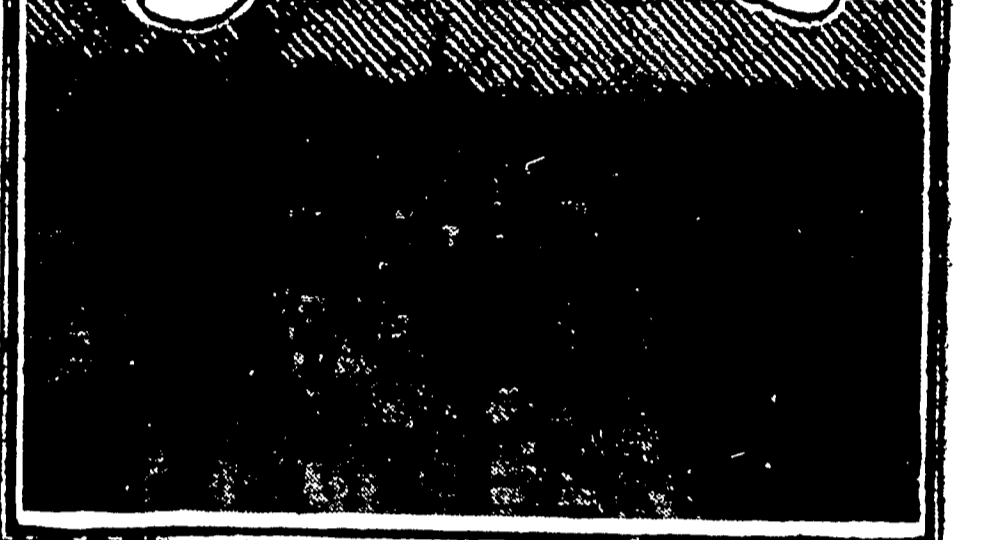
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Bells of Christmas
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View of Modern Bethlehem.

I catch the sounds of Christmas bells across the fleecy sky
 And again I hear the story of the orient's long ago.
 When softly blew the breezes through old Lebanon's cedar trees
 And Kedron o'er its pebbly bed ran laughing to the sea.
 When o'er Bethlehem the stars shone with a wondrous light
 And mystic voices prophesied the end of Judah's night.
 For in beauty and in glory soon would burst another morn
 And earth would hail its Prince of Peace. *— Isaiah 9:1*

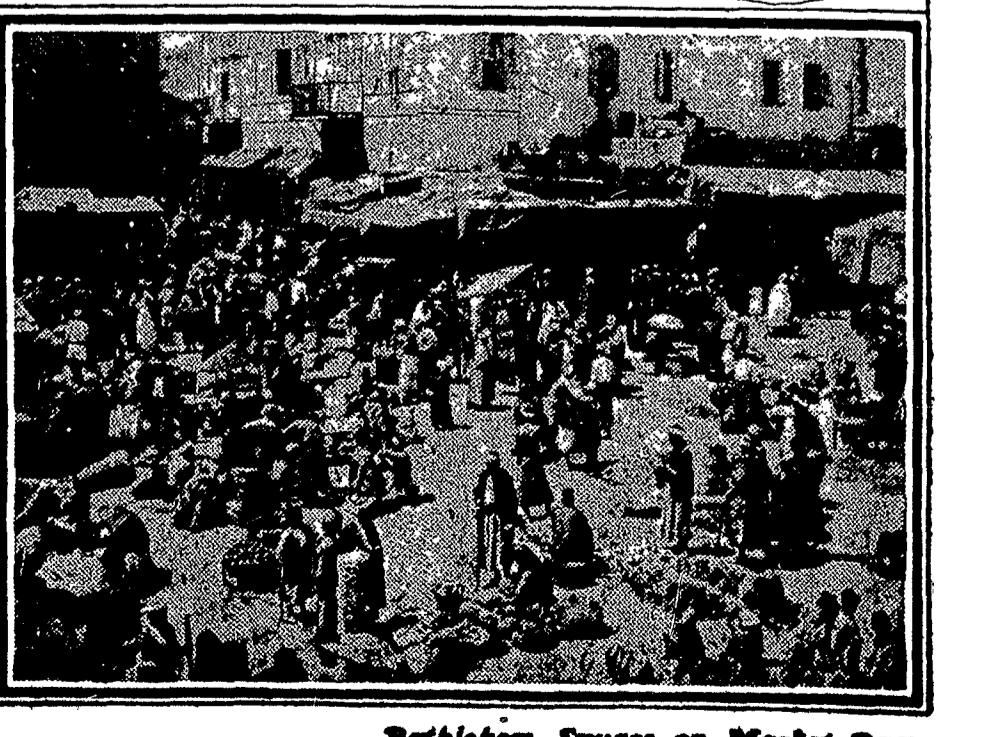
How soft ringing the bells tonight, the bells of love and peace!
 And with their tiny music wars and sins and sorrows cease.
 While I listen at my casement to the ethereal melody,
 The lilies and the roses by the shores of Galilee.
 Oh, the music in the alleys and the music on the hills!
 How at the ringing of the bells the heart enraptured thrills,
 And the thoughts of man fly backward o'er the soft and fleecy snow
 Where dawned the world's first Christmas tide in Judah long ago!



I look down the channels. In the holy alleys and the
 I hear the bells commingling with the gently uttered hymns.
 But far beyond the stinging, eye, and far beyond the chimneys,
 Lest a wondrous vision of the early Christmas times;
 I see the newly-buried with the Book upon his knee;
 I see the pilgrims worship 'neath the snow incrustated trees
 Low heads are bowed in prayer, and in the people's faith
 I see the millions listen to the holy Christmas bells.

They wait to all the story sweet which angel tongues have told,
 A story which is ever new, though time hath made it old;
 They bring the scent of Mesopotamia from the sun-kissed Orient sea
 And music sweet from Hebron's brook beneath the Lebanon tree;
 They seem to stir the blossoms on Jerusalem's ruined wall
 They whisper of Gethsemane, without its cup of gall;
 They fill the world with gladness as the holy anthem swells,
 And far and wide beneath the night ring out the Christmas bells.

Ring out, O bells of sweetness! O soft and holy chimes!
 A listening world would hear again the joyous, bright chimes!
 Thy music floats among the stars, and gently dies away
 Where fair Aurora in the east-unbars the gates of day.
 The earth is filled with gladness, for again the season tells
 Of peace and love, good will to men, beneath the Christmas bells,
 As o'er the snow is wafted from across the sunlit sea
 The odors of the lily on the shores of Galilee.



Bethlehem Square on Market Day.