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CATHOLIC NEWS.

Bishop Hogan of St. Joseph's, Mo. left New York for Rome on Tuesday, May 27th.

The anniversary of the dedication of the new church, Ballymoney, was celebrated.

The Rev. Fathers Columban, Athanasius, and Reginald, Passionists, are conducting a very successful mission at Annabone County Down.

The Rev. J. Kelly, C.C. of Newry, succumbed to typhoid fever at the venerable age of 51.

The death is announced at the early age of 27 of the Rev. T. O'Keane, C.C., Ballymena, a native of the archdiocese of Cashel.—R.I.P.

A grand musical festival will be given in the Dominican Church, Newry, in August next.

The Most Rev. Dr. McCarthy, Bishop of Kerry, has performed the solemn dedication of the Catholic Church of St. Michael, Ballylongford.

His lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Woodlock has arrived in Ireland from Rome, where he was consecrated Bishop of Ardragh by his Holiness the Pope in person.

Lord Edmund Talbot, brother and heir presumptive of the Duke of Norfolk, is about to be married to Lady Mary Bertie, eldest daughter of Lord Northcote and granddaughter of the Earl of Abingdon.

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Miscellaneous.

A thoroughbred white horse is so great a rarity in Europe, unless it be an importation from the East, that the birth of such an animal has been thought worthy of special announcement in Le Sport.

Some time ago it was announced that a daily Protestant newspaper would be published in Paris. The experiment has been tried, and it has failed.

The heir to the Italian throne was playing with the daughter of one of his mother's ladies of honor, the Marchioness of Montreone, when, in a moment of royal wrath, he exclaimed: "If I were a king, I would have your head cut off."

The Prince of Wales is not stupid himself, but he likes to have stupid fellows about him as butts.

A system of insurance has existed for several generations among the Danes, nobility of Copenhagen.

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THE GALLANT HOME RULERS.

London, July 11.—The scene last night, while the house of commons was in committee on the army discipline Bill, was most exciting.

Mr. Parnell (home ruler) accused the speaker of a breach of privilege and one-sided conduct. This language caused an altercation with Mr. Raikes, chairman of the committee, whom Parnell attempted to silence by shouting.

A tumultuous debate followed, in which all the home rulers participated, during which, according to the statements of the reporters, recourse to physical violence appeared probable.

In connection with the scene in the house of commons last night Parnell moved that any report or record of proceedings in the house of commons, without its sanction, is unprecedented, and a breach of privilege, and endangers the liberty of debate.

London, July 11.—In the commons to-day Sir S. Northcote, chancellor of the exchequer, moved to Mr. Parnell's motion an amendment expressing confidence in the speaker.

The Marquis of Hartington and Gladstone supported the amendment, amid loud cheering. The debate proceeding the home rulers became much excited, and Sullivan, home ruler, accused the government of contemplating the imprisonment and expulsion of the Irish members.

Parnell's motion was rejected by 421 to 29.

Sir S. Northcote's amendment to Mr. Parnell's motion, expressing confidence in the speaker, was adopted amid loud cheers.

OUR GIRLS.

Fate of a Winning Montreal Lady who Left for the Mines—She Becomes a Captive to Hyman.

The following notice, clipped from the Leadville Chronicle of June 30th, may be interesting to our lady readers from the fact that the lady has only been absent from Montreal for a few months.

The report says:—It was but about thirty minutes past six this morning when four carriages rolled up to the entrance of the Main street Catholic church.

They were each filled with a well-dressed, happy-looking company of ladies and gentlemen, but the one that stopped first held a couple that attracted far more attention than all the rest.

Miss Sarah McPhee was the bride. She came in the usual dress for a fashionable wedding. The long lace veil trailed to the ground, and around her head was a wreath of real flowers, and in her hand was a real bouquet, the sweet fragrance from which was remarked by all in attendance.

The groom was none other than Mr. R. J. McLeod, one of the early comers to Leadville, and at the hour mentioned certainly the proudest man in camp.

He was in full dress, and the appearance of the two as they stood in front of the chancel waiting for Father Robinson to pronounce them one and forever inseparable, was really noble, grand.

The wedding hour was not selected that the newly married couple might start on their wedding tour by a 7:10 train or an early pleasure steamer for a trip down at sea.

Nothing of the sort. The tall, manly-looking groom is very busy with his mine, up on Fryer Hill, where his individual supervision is required every day at all hours during the day.

Besides, just previous to the 7 o'clock mass was considered a good time to take the solemn vows of husband and wife.

The Russian Advance in Central Asia.

(From our London Correspondent.)

An official despatch, relating to the Russian expedition to Central Asia, was received at the India Office on Friday, and formed, I understand, the chief subject of discussion at the last cabinet council.

The ministry, it appears, are slightly at variance respecting the importance of the Russian movements. Lazareff is known to have reached the territory of the Tekka Turkoman with an army of 35,000 men, well equipped, and with an admirable commissariat.

A memorandum appended to the official despatch dwells with significant emphasis on the apparent ease with which large Russian armies traverse vast tracts of desert, exposed to the attacks of marauding nomads and to organized hostility of resisting peoples.

Nothing can be more glaring contrast than the manner in which the Russians are fed and provided during months' marches through frightful country, and the miserable collapse of the attempts British commanders have made to penetrate Afghanistan and Zululand.

The army of Afghan was paralysed from first to last by inefficient transport, and notwithstanding the enormous and wanton waste of money at the Cape, the 30,000 soldiers in the field have stood helpless and crippled for weeks, and will probably remain so till Sir Garnet goes out to set things going.

The Russians have sent notice to the Tekke that they mean to annex the country. The Turkomans have not answered, but have retired before the enemy after the fashion of their fathers in the days when Roman armies perished in these wastes.

They are not likely to succumb without a fight, but, whether they fight or not, you may wager the Moore statue against the Corporation revenues that Merv changes hands, and will soon see the black eagle over its citadel.

This is the point on which the prime minister and Sir Stafford Northcote are somewhat at issues with other influential colleagues. These statesmen think there is nothing in it.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach and Mr. Cross, taking their cue from the Indian viceroy, think it ought not to be permitted without at least a protest. I may say the movements of Russia in Asia are discussed here with a good deal of interest and suspicion, and I am bound to add that the general impression is that Merv will be occupied by quiet pre-arrangement between the imperial chancellor and Downing street.

The friends of Porter, the murdered actor, have raised a fund of \$4,100 to prosecute Currie, but Currie's friends in Texas are said to have subscribed \$23,000 for his defence.

Absence of Mind.

—Some of the following cases of absence of mind are fairly good:—

—Looking for spectacles on your own nose.

—The man who sat on the bough he was sawing off.

—The man who made a will and left himself residuary legatee.

—A gentleman who forgot to provide himself with a ring at his wedding.

—A gentleman who called at his own house and asked if he was at home.

—The old lady with a wooden leg who knitted herself a pair of stockings.

—A gentleman who placed his clothes in bed and hung himself on the door-hook.

—The man who puts the candle in the bed and the extinguisher on his own head.

—The gentleman who went up stairs to dress for dinner but undressed and went to bed.

Naturalist's Portfolio.

A SMART CAT.—A queer sort of a cat is owned by a little girl in West Kalamo, Mich., who has taught it to repeat poetry or prose after her—at least as nearly as is possible to a cat's limited powers of articulation.

Placing the cat facing her, the little girl will speak her piece, and the cat will repeat it after her by a series of meows, one new for a word of one syllable, two meows for two syllables, etc.

The singular gift of intelligence on the part of puss has excited much interest in the neighborhood.

AN AWKWARD COUNTRY FOR DOCTORS.—In Beloochistan, when the physician gives a dose, he is expected to partake of a similar one himself as a guarantee of his good faith; should the patient die under his hands, the relatives, though by no means to exercise it in all circumstances, have the right of putting him to death unless a special agreement has been made, freeing him from all responsibilities as to consequences; while he, should they decide on immolating him, has no reasonable ground for complaint, but is expected to submit to his fate like a man.

A MAMMOTH ORANGE TREE.—Probably the largest orange tree in Florida is at Fort Harley, near Waldo, now the property of Colonel D. S. Place. Its height is 37 feet, circumference of trunk just above ground 8 feet 5 inches.

At a foot from the ground it branches into four trunks, measuring respectively 37, 39, 40, and 43 inches in circumference. Each of these fork from three to five feet above ground and again higher up. All are bare of small limbs and foliage for many feet up, except on the outer sides, so that the interior of the tree presents the appearance of a huge umbrella.

TAKEN WITH A HOOK.—The Memphis Appeal says:—A gentleman who resides in Adams street and has a fountain in the front yard stocked with small fish had been puzzled for some time over the disappearance of the fish from the basin of the fountain.

One night last week he and several friends sat up and watched. About 10 o'clock they saw the house cat stealthily approach the rim of the fountain and scratch in the ground.

The cat caught a worm, while she moved around in the water for a few minutes, then when the little fish would rise and bite at the bait, the cat, with the other paw, grabbed and ate them.

"Puss" was the "lone fisherman" of the place. The above story is authentic, yet it reads as if it was apocryphal.

Swarms of butterflies are reported from southern and central France. They first appeared in Italy and Spain. On Saturday, June 14, the Marseilles coast was covered with them.

A cloud of white and yellow butterflies passed that day near Montelimar station, the passage lasting 50 minutes, while stragglers followed for another half-hour.

The invasion has extended as far as Alaska. At Angers there was a swarm estimated at 20,000, which, after passing over the public walks, traversed the Rue du Mail at only a slight distance above the ground.

Near the forest of Fontainebleau they were less compact, consisting of groups of a dozen or 20 each. Westerly gales and occasional thunderstorms have occurred simultaneously with its unusual phenomenon.

A New Use for Wheaten Straw.

(From the Oshkosh Northwestern.)

A gentleman of Bushnell, Ill., recently exhibited some samples of lumber that have attracted much attention, among the lumbermen, and which, if it possesses all the virtues that are claimed for it, is certainly one of the most important inventions of its kind ever brought to notice.

If it is a success, it will form a new era in the art of building.

To make hard wood lumber of common wheat straw, with all effects of polish and finish which is obtainable on the hardest of black walnut and mahogany, at as little cost as clear pine lumber can be made up for, is the claim of the inventor, and the samples which he produces would go far toward verifying his claims.

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The inventor claims that the chemical properties, hardening in the fibre, entirely prevent water soaking, and render the lumber combustible only in a very hot fire.

The hardened finish on the outside also makes it impervious to water.

The samples on exhibition could hardly be told from hard-wood lumber, and in sawing it the difference could not be detected.

The Pope and the Irish People.

The Pope exhibits a marked predilection for the Church and the people of Ireland. His greetings of Irish prelates visiting Rome is most cordial and emphatic.

When his brother was raised to the cardinalate he assigned him to the Church of St. Agatha, the Irish church of Rome. It will be remembered that this is the church which contains the heart of O'Connell.

On Whitsunday his holiness with his own hands, conferred episcopal consecration on Mgr. Woodlock, Bishop of Ardragh.

Dr. Newman.

The world came very near losing Dr. Newman by his late illness. The correspondents at the time of his late illness, made light of his cold, consequent upon excitement and fatigue; but the doctor announces that he was at death's door, for senile pneumonia, with which he was attacked, is one of the most dangerous of all diseases, and his rapid recovery is proof of the skill with which he was treated by his doctors.

It would have been a tragic ending to a mournful life had it closed in the capital of his religious communion while he was receiving the only great honor that Rome ever paid him.

Studies at Home.

Boston has a "society to encourage studies at home," whose purpose is to induce young ladies to form the habit of devoting some part of every day to study of a systematic and thorough kind.

Courses of reading, and plans of work are arranged by the central management in Boston, from which ladies may select one or more according to their taste or leisure and aid is given them from time to time through directions or advice.

The whole work is conducted through correspondence. During the last year 7,158 letters have been written to students in thirty-five States and in Canada.

The Physique.

A writer in the Atlantic Monthly is satisfied the people of this continent are physically the equals of the best in Europe. He says, moreover, that they are improving in physique.

He says:—"During the last two decades, the well-to-do classes of America have been visibly growing stronger, fuller, healthier. We weigh more than our fathers; the women in all our great centres of population are yearly becoming more plump and beautiful, and in the leading brain-working occupations our men also are acquiring robustness, amplitude, quantity of being.

On all sides there is a visible reversion to the better physical appearance of our English and German ancestors. A thousand men in the prime of years, taken by accident in any of our large cities, are heavier and more substantial than were the same number of the same age and walk of life twenty-five years ago."

Weston.

Of the successful pedestrian, E. P. Weston, the Rev. J. C. Fletcher, of Indianapolis, says that when a child Weston was the cleanest, sweetest little blonde boy that he ever knew.

He always had his Sunday school lesson perfectly, and was well trained at home, in Providence, by his small, slender mother. "But," added Mr. Fletcher, "Ed