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PRIEST TO AID WORLD'S FAIR.

Holiday Entertainments Were Numerous in the Parish.

The Reverend M. S. Brennan, pastor of St. Lawrence O'Toole's Church, will depart tonight for Washington, D. C., at the request of the World's Fair officials...

The closing-year mission to be given in the Cathedral, on Walnut near Third street, will commence with solemn high mass at 10:30 a. m. next Sunday.

An entertainment for the benefit of the new parish school of St. Matthew the Apostle will be given at Northwest Turner Hall, Easton and Vandeventer avenues...

The Very Reverend Joseph Grimmele, S. J., of the St. Louis University, is in Milwaukee, Wis., studying the condition of college affairs in Milwaukee.

The sisters in charge of St. Mary's Orphan Asylum at Emerson and Hatter avenues have arranged an entertainment to be given at the asylum to-morrow afternoon...

The ladies of the South Side will give a church to-morrow afternoon in Leobig Hall, Broadway and Gayle avenue...

The fiftieth anniversary of the building of the Church of Our Saviour at Jackson, Ill., was celebrated last Tuesday.

An opera entitled "Daisy Dell" and a comedy entitled "The Return" will be produced in North St. Louis Turner Hall, Twentieth and Salisbury streets...

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RUCKSTUHL AND TAYLOR MAKE STATEMENTS.

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of the important sculptural decorations at the Exposition.

After meeting with Chief Ruckstuhl and Chevalier Trentanove in the public office of Isaac S. Taylor, Director of Works...

Trentanove greeted Ruckstuhl by extending his hand and asking him if a former meeting was recalled.

"I had come to St. Louis at the request of the Exposition," Trentanove said.

Ruckstuhl turned his shoulder on the sculptor and cut him completely out of the conversation.

He cast reflections upon the Italian title of Chevalier, as meaning nothing in Italy...

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STATEMENT CONTAINED SPECIFICATIONS.

This statement, which was shown to The Republic's representative, contained specifications regarding several figures on some of the main buildings and one or two of the principal groups on the main transverse axis of the Exposition.

WILL INVESTIGATE COAL COMBINE.

Acting Governor Northcott Calls Upon Attorney General to Enforce the Law.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—Official cognizance of the coal combine existing in Illinois was taken to-day when Acting Governor Northcott directed to Attorney General Hamilton a communication calling attention to the conditions existing and requesting the Attorney General to apply such remedies as the laws of the State will permit.

The communication is as follows: Information has reached the executive office that some of the railroads of the State of Illinois have entered into an unlawful combination with certain coal operators and shippers to delay the transportation of coal to the settlers for the purpose of controlling the price of coal and increasing the same to the consumer.

You are hereby requested to make such examination of the facts as your department is enabled to do, and apply such remedies as the law will permit in the premises.

The Attorney General announced last night that he will proceed to investigate the situation with a view of taking such action as the law will permit, providing the conditions reported to exist are facts.

The laws of the State make no direct provision against the holding of coal by any other commodity so long as the owner may see fit, unless the owner has entered into a combination with some other person or firm or corporation to control the market.

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Women's Heavy Furs Indirectly Caused Their Deaths.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 27.—Heavily wrapped in furs, James Messers of Peoria and Mrs. John Jones of Pottsville, prominent in their respective communities, failed to hear an approaching train while crossing the Northwestern tracks at Pottsville last night, and were instantly killed.

NEGRO AND WIFE LYNCHED FOR MURDER OF LANDLORD.

To the Last, Each Accused the Other of the Deed in Which South Carolina Mob Hanged Them.

Greenwood, S. C., Dec. 27.—W. K. Jay, a prominent young farmer of the Troy section of this county, was murdered yesterday in his own yard by a negro, Othello Rhodes Clay, a life-size Democrat who represented Audrain County in the State Legislature, and who was shot and killed last spring in Mexico, Mo., his home.

ACTOR FAVERSHAM ADMITS HE IS TO WED MISS JULIE OPP

Says She Is Coming Over From England Within a Short Time to Marry Him.

BOTH HAVE BEEN DIVORCED.

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After denying rumors of his impending marriage for several weeks, William Faversham, the actor, confessed the truth to-night.

"There is little to add to this," he laughed, with all the air of a boyish lover. "The sooner the better."

Summer and both of them engaged more than once since March last, when public announcement was made of Mrs. Faversham's divorce.

Then Justin Huntley McCarthy, former husband of Cissy Lofton, began paying ardent court to Miss Opp, but she met Faversham. Miss Opp was born in this city, Mr. Faversham was born in England.

MISS OPP ARRIVES. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, Dec. 27.—Miss Opp was a passenger on the American Line steamship Philadelphia, which arrived here to-day.

QUEEN GIVES DINNER TO DEAD SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.

More Than Six Hundred Widows and Eight Hundred Children Are Entertained at Her Expense, Sir Thomas Lipton Receiving the Guests in Person and Delivering Message From Her Majesty.

London, Dec. 27.—Queen Alexandra's dinner this afternoon to the widows and children of those killed in the South African War formed the most striking demonstration in London's observance of Christmas.

Long before the festivities began crowds gathered at the streets adjacent to the Alexandra Trust building, which was garishly decorated.

Inside the building there were military bands on each floor, while Highland pipers, drummers and fiddlers, and other troops and tables full of toys, crackers and special chocolate boxes for the Queen all lent vivid color and meaning to the celebration.

Sir Thomas Lipton, who received the guests in behalf of the Queen, was kept busy helping lift children, to relieve their mothers, who had brought families larger than they could carry.

"Please convey the expression of my best wishes to all my guests at the Alexandra Trust. May they spend a very happy day and may God help and bless them throughout the coming year."

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Blankets, colors, Oxford gray, tan, blue, gray, brown, etc.; value \$3.00 a skirt pattern of 3 yards. Monday, for one-half hour, at

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250 Pairs All-Wool California Blankets, steam shrunk, fancy borders, full size—worth \$4.00 a pair—for one-half hour Monday, a pair

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Ladies' fine Taffeta Silk 23-inch Umbrellas, steel rods, silk cases and tassels; fine lot handles—inlaid silver, pearl, horn and Dresden—worth \$3.00; for one-half hour

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At 10 a. m. for one-half hour

100 dozen Ladies' Petticoats—mercerized black French sateen, deep flounce, trimmed with four pinked ruffles, full width—worth \$1.50 each—Monday, for one-half hour, at

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Monday we will offer double-width all-wool Albatross; colors, cream, Nile green, red, old rose, light blue, navy, green, etc.; value for 50c; for one-half hour Monday, at

29c

Notice to Taxpayers.

Tax bills for 1902 will have to be paid on or before the 31st inst.

The heavy penalties provided by law on delinquent taxes will be enforced after January 1st, 1903. Payment now will save time and inconvenience to taxpayers.

L. F. HAMMER, Jr., Collector of the Revenue.

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