

HOLY SEASON OF LENT TO BE USHERED IN WEDNESDAY

Catholic Church Lenten Program

At all the masses in the Catholic churches of the city yesterday the regular observances for Lent were read. There is no marked difference from the rules of last year. The services during Lent at the principal churches are as follows: Sacred Heart—Masses Wednesday at 7 and 8 a. m. Blessing and distribution of ashes...

Special Services, Episcopal Churches

The Episcopal churches of the city have planned services for the observance of Lent so that those who desire to attend church between Ash Wednesday and Easter will be given ample opportunity to do so. The services will be conducted along instructive lines. At Trinity Episcopal church the recitation of the Psalms has been chosen for the term "20 minutes rest for busy men and women." Noon day services will be held daily at the church, corner of Federal and Elm streets...

"SHAKESPEARE"

Entertaining and Instructive Lecture by Mrs. Ward in the Library at Stratford.

CHILDHOOD OF GREAT POET

A very select, but not a very large audience, was present Saturday evening at the library in Stratford, to listen to a lecture on Shakespeare, his childhood, and the country in which he lived previous to going to London. Mrs. Ward, who has made a study of the old English Stratford, and the surrounding country, was introduced by Mr. F. C. Beach, who spoke of her as a friend of his. The lady is not an Englishwoman, as has been supposed, but married an Englishman, and has resided for a long time in her husband's country. She speaks with no English accent, which is by no means unpleasant to Americans. She is marked, in opening her lecture, that it was very pleasant to come from old Stratford to modern Stratford. Shakespeare, she said, was a product of his times, and to know him was it desirable to know something of the times in which he lived. She spoke briefly of the condition of the country at the time of the poet's birth, and said the lords of the manors turned out the squatters and that in the time of Henry VIII the great enclosure of the commons, as they had no visible means of support. This she remarked, was an effectual remedy for mendicancy, but the remedy would not in these times be applied to the poor of the city. At that time London was a city of about 100,000 inhabitants, or as large as the modern English Brighton. One Richard Shakespeare, who might have been the grandfather of William, lived in Snitterfield, three miles from Stratford, and tried to make his living by farming. She said that the pedigree of the Shakespeares is interesting, but that it became extinct in 1670. Therefore those of today who claim to be descended from the poet, are mistaken. A picture of the font in which John the father of William was baptized, was thrown upon the screen. The next picture was Arden house, owned by Robert Arden, near Stratford, the family connected with the poet's marriage. In the living room was the ingie nook, very unlike nooks of that name seen in modern designs for workmen's houses. Here too, was the oven, and the brick, and the baken oven, such as may yet be found in old houses in this town. The well yard was shown, and the others of the house were shown, since barns are almost unknown in England. John, the father of William, was a glover, and a member of the court set. He was also high sheriff of Warwickshire in 1564. Mrs. Ward said, they had no boards of health in those days. He had two children before Shakespeare was born, who came into the world in 1564. The misused and dilapidated fountain in which Shakespeare was baptized, was shown. Since that time it has been used to plant flowers in, and the well is pretty well broken off. The well known house in which Shakespeare was born was shown, and the portrait which was discovered while cleaning the house. The house is now heated by hot water, and one may not even light a match inside. A few of the old house, as it looked before the alterations, was shown, also a view from the garden, and the old mulberry tree, which was planted when the English under Cromwell raised the siege of Stratford in 1646. Mrs. Ward very truthfully said that the inmates of the house used to gather about the big fire place and talk over the events of the day, for they didn't have Sunday newspapers at that time. At 7:30 o'clock on the evening of Ash Wednesday, school inside and out, were shown, and proved to be very interesting. School in the time of the poet, and Mrs. Ward, a m. and Shakespeare was in the grammar school as early as 7 years of age. It was in the great room of the guild hall, and the poet saw a band of roving players. They came into town over the Clopton bridge, which still stands, and always traveled in company for self protection. Their coming gave rise to the rhyme:

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pecially fascinating. Inside the theatre is a Shakespeare museum and a library, and an old gentleman, with a white beard, who keeps the library. One day, said Mrs. Ward, a countryman went into the museum, and seeing the old gentleman, said: "Be you Mr. Shakespeare?" "No," was the reply, "why do you ask?" "Because I wanted to say to you that you should keep more lively things in your museum. The old man expected to see the same snow in the old days, and possibly Indian tomahawks and scalping knives from America, which are usually shown in British museums. Regarding the deer stealing with which Shakespeare has been charged Mrs. Ward said she regarded the story as apocryphal, since there were no deer kept at Charlecote and the stealing is said to have taken place. She did not consider it wonderful that Shakespeare left his wife soon after his marriage and went to London to earn a living. The same thing happens now every day, she said, and no one remarks it. Sometimes a man goes to New York to get into business, and first something to do. She said, thinking of the open winter which has prevailed in Modern Stratford, in Connecticut, that one does not often see snow in the old days, but once she was at the theatre in that town, on the 25th of April, and when she came out there were three inches of snow on the ground. She spoke of Shakespeare's country as that of larks and nightingales, and said "Oh, how many Americans I have taken out to hear their sing!" Matthews & Ashley in their screaming farce, "Held Up," will furnish lots of wholesome fun. Little Mattie Lockette the charming and accomplished child impersonator; Ryan & White the "Dancing Dandies"; the Five Juggling Jollies; Kennard Bros., and the Electograph complete this week's splendid bill.

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The offering for this evening is an especially good one for a holiday occasion, for it is a dramatization of George Barr McCutcheon's famous and widely read novel "Graustark," presented by the same identical cast, and with the same splendid stage production which have been seen in all the large cities. Our theatre goes through a series of changes, and the theatre this evening should be filled to its utmost capacity. Mount thy candles and be early at the gates the evening of to-morrow, oh, brother, for if thou lingerest too long at the wayside, there will be for thee no assistance. A long and dreary wait at the outer doors will affront thee. No seat in the place of pleasure will be thine, until thou hast passed the period of probation; thy limbs will be weary with standing, thy soul will long with yearning for the good things of the inner circle of the chosen. In other words, ye people who don't get in time for the raising of the curtain at the performance of "The Pied Piper," by DeWolf Hopper and his excellent company, under the auspices of the local Shrimers, will be obliged to stand in the rear of the house until the conclusion of the first act of this noted play. The edict has gone forth, or fifth, and there is no remonstrance coming from anyone. The hour is set at 8. Get there, and with both feet, or it is the long and weary wait for yours. Those magnificent animated picture plays and illustrated songs will be the offering for Wednesday of this week, both afternoon and evening. The afternoon hours are from 1:30 to 5, and the evening from 7 to 10:30. Thursday evening comes the All-Star Yiddish Company, headed by Mrs. Kenny Lipzin, supported by an excellent cast will make its sojourn here in one of the best plays of Yiddish literature, "The Fergenghelen" (Her Past). The players in this company will produce types and characters which have never been seen before on any stage. "The Mummy and the Humming Bird" will come here next Friday and Saturday, with daily matinees, at popular prices.

BARNUMS CLOSE 50 YEARS OF WEDDED LIFE

Golden Anniversary Pleasantly Celebrated Saturday Night. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis Barnum of this city celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the home, 210 North Main street, Saturday evening, at which were present their only son and grand daughter and a few intimate friends. The couple were married in Litchfield, Conn., Feb. 20, 1859, by Rev. William Howard, pastor of the Methodist church of that town. Mrs. Barnum was the daughter of Ira Taylor and Lucinda Beach, both of Cornwall, and came of old Revolutionary stock. Mr. Barnum was the son of Curtis Barnum of Kent, and is a cousin of the late T. Barnum. The couple have lived in different parts of the state, and for the last ten years have resided in this city, but one child, William, a widower, clerk in the employ of the Bridgeport Public Market, blesses the union. They have one grandchild, Mr. Barnum was traveling salesman, until the infirmities of old age compelled him to give up his business, still he bears his age well and expects to celebrate more birthdays. Mrs. Barnum is a very well looking woman for her years, one hardly surmising that she has been a wife for fifty years. Mr. Barnum is a well known civil war hero, having enlisted with Co. D, Second Connecticut Heavy Artillery, under Captain William B. Ellis of Terryville. During the war he was severely wounded, and was honorably discharged. He is a member of Elias Howe Jr. Post, G. A. R.

HIGH SCHOOL BOND HEARING TOMORROW

To-morrow afternoon at Hartford before the Finance committee of which Senator Arnold of this city is chairman there will be a public hearing upon the bill to authorize a bond of issue for approximately \$250,000 for a new high school building in this city. The hearing is set down for 2 and the project is destined to meet with considerable success.

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A family residing at 678 Pembroke street while cooking a steak shortly after 10 o'clock this morning, allowed the meat to burn and the smoke escaping from the windows caused people passing in the street to think the building was on fire. An alarm was sounded from box 612 and the department responded on a fool's errand. Adath Israel's Ball Postponed. The grand ball of the Adath Israel Congregation which was originally scheduled to take place on Sunday, February 21, 1909, has been postponed to Wednesday, February 24, 1909. The proceeds will be used to carry on necessary improvements in the Congregation's edifice on East Washington avenue. From present indications Exiles' hall will be the scene of a brilliant social function Wednesday night. "I suffered habitually from constipation. Doan's Regulets relieved and strengthened the bowels, so that they have been regular ever since."—A. E. Davis, grocer, Sulphur Springs, Tex. \* 2 4 6

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DR. MAHER'S ADDRESS ON TUBERCULOSIS

(Special from United Press.) Hartford, Feb. 22.—Dr. Stephen J. Maher made the following address at the hearing before the Tuberculosis Commission this afternoon: "Governor Lilley has said in his inaugural address that we have already won a great victory. One hundred thousand of the people now alive in Connecticut will die of tuberculosis. It is because of the general and increasing prevalence of this disease that we have all enlisted for the war against consumption. And we flatter ourselves that we have already won so much victory. Wherever we will like to think ourselves as benefactors of mankind. "And it is of course right when the commission advises the state to expend large sums of money it should, if possible, show to the state that such expenditure is a good business proposition. That we have done in our report. But there is another side to the question which I think the committee should consider before deciding all the points involved in the bill. "A large proportion of the one hundred thousand people of Connecticut which Governor Lilley says are sure to die of tuberculosis if present conditions are not improved, will endure during the last months or years of their lives of misery an anguish that they would not have known if the tubercle bacillus had not been discovered and if you law-makers, editors, clergymen and physicians and all the other moulders of public opinion had not organized the present great crusade against tuberculosis. "Because of our work the poor consumptive of Connecticut is dropped from the payroll of his earning capacity ceases and he receives every year less of that tender attention that he expected in his last sad days. We forbid his wife to kiss him. We warn his children to avoid him. We put him on the public record as a danger to the community. We shrink from them in public houses and gatherings. We advise hotels, hospitals, sanitariums and boarding houses to refuse him admission. We make an outcast of him. In simple justice we owe him a place of refuge. If he was a cat or a dog we could kill him. But he is our brother—our sick brother. To preserve our self-respect we must give him a place of refuge. In each month morning service with communion and sermon at 10:30, and every Wednesday evening at 7:30 Litany and address.

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FAVORITE EPHEW OF ROOSEVELT MEETS TRAGIC END

Washington, Feb. 22.—Pres. Roosevelt, who is with the fleet at Hampton Roads, was informed to-day by a wireless from Secretary Loeb of the tragic death of his nephew, Stewart Douglas Robinson, the president was much affected. Robinson was picked up dying, early Sunday morning, outside Hampton Hall, Cambridge. He had evident signs of a chamber window of the dormitory, 45 feet above. His skull was badly fractured and both his hips were broken. Early in the evening he tripped on a rug at his club, inflicting a severe gash on his head, which seemed to daze him. The death of the president's nephew is a duplicate of the death of Adelbert Hay, son of Secretary of State John Hay, who was instantly killed some time ago by a fall from a window of one of the fraternity houses at Cambridge. Robinson was a junior at Harvard.

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At St. John's church on Ash Wednesday the usual Lenten services and devotions at 11 o'clock in the morning and prayers at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Following Wednesday there will be daily services at 5 o'clock during Lent. On Friday of this week Rev. Kenneth MacKenzie will deliver an address at the afternoon service. Beginning next week Wednesday and Friday addresses will be given. There will be services at 8 o'clock in the evening at which Rev. F. H. Miller will speak. Because of the absence of the pastor, the morning services will be omitted during Lent except during Holy Week when there will be services both morning and evening. St. George's church at this time is without a rector and no regular services will be held during Lent. On Ash Wednesday at 10:30 there will be services and the Friday following prayers at 4:30 o'clock. Beginning on Thursday, Feb. 25, there will be a special sermon at 7:45 in the evening by a visiting clergyman. The first rector will be Rev. James B. Werner of Grace church, Newark. The other weekly sermons follow: March 4, Rev. E. H. Kenyon, St. Paul's church; March 11, Rev. W. E. Stoskopf, March 18, Rev. E. J. Craft, Christ church; March 25, Rev. Kenneth MacKenzie, Jr., of Westport; April 1, Rev. D. F. Root, of Ansonia; April 7, Rev. Dr. J. G. Taylor, of Hartford. During Holy Week there will be services on Tuesday at 4 p. m., Wednesday at 7:45 p. m., and Friday at 10:30 a. m., with a Passion service from 1 to 3 in the afternoon. Calvary P. E. church, corner North avenue and Wells street, Rev. J. H. Brown, rector. Lenten services every Sunday at 7:30 a. m., Holy Communion. Every Sunday evening at 7:30 evening prayer and sermon. First service in each morning with service with communion and sermon at 10:30, and every Wednesday evening at 7:30 Litany and address.