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MONSIGNOR

Vicar General Bouchet's Distinguished Services Fittingly Recognized.

The Cathedral Was Thronged When He Was Clothed with the Purple.

Many Visiting Clergymen Take Part in the Impressive Ceremonies.

THE HONOR WORTHILY BESTOWED

One of the most brilliant as well as impressive ceremonies ever witnessed in Louisville occurred at the Cathedral of the Assumption on Wednesday last, when Vicar General Bouchet was invested with the purple and the title of Monsignor. The vast edifice was thronged with a brilliant assemblage of people from all parts of the diocese, who were present to do honor to the reverend gentleman in his new dignity.

The ceremonies began at 9 o'clock, with a procession of church dignitaries, headed by forty-five acolytes bearing lighted candles, which proceeded from the Cathedral rectory to the street and thence through the main aisle to the sanctuary, nearly one hundred priests participating. Upon arriving at the sanctuary Vicar General Bouchet took his position in front of the Bishop's throne. He was attired in his purple cassock with a red cincture, and wore a purple beretta on his head. Owing to the illness of Right Rev. Bishop McCloskey the ceremony of investiture was performed by the Right Rev. Abbot Obrecht, of Gethsemane Abbey.

When the Right Rev. Abbot ascended the throne in front of the Vicar General, the clergy and acolytes forming a circle around them, Rev. Father Schumann, who officiated as master of ceremonies, read the Pope's letter appointing Father Bouchet a member of his own household, a dignity that is conferred in the appointment of a Monsignor. After the reading of the letter the Abbot blessed the purple mantle and presented it to Monsignor Bouchet.

This was followed with a Pontifical Mass, the Abbot of Gethsemane being the celebrant. During the mass an eloquent and able sermon was preached by Very Rev. Father Hayes, of Bowling Green, who took for his subject the duties and dignity of the priesthood, during which he paid a high tribute to the truly Christian character of Father Bouchet. The music and singing was perhaps the finest ever heard in the Cathedral, the regular choir being augmented by picked vocalists from the leading choirs of the city.

Upon the conclusion of the mass the clergy were invited to the Cathedral rectory, where an elaborate banquet was spread. The menu cards were handsomely gotten up, and contained pictures of Father Bouchet and a sketch of his life. The banquet was under the supervision of Mrs. Charles Smith and the ladies of the congregation, who left nothing undone to make the feast an enjoyable one.

Before leaving the banquet table Rev. Father Rock, on behalf of the clergy of the diocese of Louisville, read an address congratulating Monsignor Bouchet and extolling his many good qualities. Father Rock was followed by Father Raffo, who arose and presented Father Bouchet with a check for \$1,000. This present was made by the priests of the diocese.

In the evening Monsignor Bouchet was the recipient of a reception at St. Francis' Hall from the members of the Cathedral and other congregations. Mr. James O'Connor presided over the assembly, making a brief address describing the occasion celebrated. This was followed by the rendition by the choir of an ode written for the occasion by Mr. Thomas P. Walsh, the well-known attorney, the words being set to music by Prof. Chase, as follows:

Right Rev. Monsignor, with pleasure we greet you,
And hail and salute you with joy every one;
For truly we feel that the honors that crown you,
Are laurels befitting your labors well done.
From dawn until dusk and the shadows of sunset
You've zealously toiled in Christ's vineyard for years,
And now in the calm of life's beautiful twilight
The seed you have sown in the harvest appears.
The weary and weak and the heavily-laden
You've sought and replenished with blessings untold;
Or followed afar after sheep that were straying
And tenderly gathered them into the fold.
Then this be our wish, that new honors may crown you,
New years may arise and new blessings descend,
And friends ever cherish and love and surround you,
And heaven illumine your days to the end.

FRANKFORT.

Death of Col. McGrath Mourned by Men of All Parties and Walks of Life.

His Funeral Was the Largest Seen in Cynthiana For Many Years.

What Is Transpiring in Capital City Irish Social and Society Circles.

CANDIDATES FOR THE VACANT PLACE

FRANKFORT, Jan. 13.—Last Sunday morning, as day was breaking, a just and all powerful God called to his reward Col. Ed F. McGrath. Just as the pale, mellow tint of the Sabbath morn slowly illuminated the sky the soul of the kind-hearted man winged its way heavenward. For months he was prostrated with the dread disease that caused his death.

Col. McGrath was probably one of the best-known men in Kentucky today. For years he was a guard at the Kentucky Penitentiary until the Republicans took control, when he resigned. When the Democrats took charge he was elected Deputy Warden, which place he held at the time of his death. He was greatly loved by every convict—black and white—in the prison.

Though of rough exterior, a kinder-hearted man never lived. Col. McGrath, as his name indicates, was an Irishman and a Catholic, and died fortified with the last sacraments of the church, administered by Father T. S. Major, of this city. The funeral took place in Cynthiana Tuesday morning, Father Major, of Frankfort, conducting the services, and it was one of the largest that took place in Cynthiana in years.

Division No. 1, A. O. H., cordially invite their friends to attend the "book reception" Wednesday evening, January 18. A fine orchestra has been engaged and dancing, as well as cards, may be indulged in by those attending. Admission, a book or set of books. An enjoyable evening is guaranteed all who attend.

There are candidate galore for the vacant place in the Cynthiana office. It is believed that no appointment will be made until the Commissioners meet in February. In the meantime the candidates are moving heaven and earth to land the plum. It is believed that a prominent young Irish-American politician of Frankfort can secure the office if he so desires.

Much interest is being taken in the movement to organize a Ladies' Auxiliary to the A. O. H. in Frankfort. Many of the wives and sisters of the members are very enthusiastic and steps to form an organization will be taken in a few days.

C. K. of A. and C. K. and L. of A. installed their new officers during the past week.

The second of the series of eulches given by Y. M. I. No. 161 was given last Thursday night and a very enjoyable time was spent by all present.

It is now officially announced that Division I, A. O. H., will give the entertainments: Wednesday, January 18, a book reception; Wednesday, January 25, a smoker; Wednesday, February 1, a progressive euchre; Wednesday, February 8, grand mask ball. This will close the social season until after Lent, when several entertainments will be given.

Brother John Hogan, the newly-elected County President, is one of the most progressive and hustling members of the division. It goes without saying that Brother Hogan will work hard for the advancement of the order in Franklin county, and many new members will undoubtedly be added to the roll call through Brother Hogan's efforts.

D. J. M.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

County Board Appoints Committees to Arrange for Its Celebration.

The County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians met Monday night in their hall, on Market street, and transacted considerable routine business. The most important matter to come before the board, and one in which our readers are interested, was that relating to the celebration of St. Patrick's day. This has been in the hands of the Vice Presidents of the different divisions for some time, who reported in favor of a musical and literary entertainment, to be followed with a hop. After adding several enthusiastic workers to the original committee, they were authorized to make all the arrangements for a fitting celebration of the event. The work will be divided between the members, who will report the progress made to their respective divisions.

The following gentlemen will co-operate with the Vice Presidents: John Mulloy, J. Charles Obat, N. J. Sheridan, Thomas Kelly and William McCarthy.

MASK BALL.

Monday evening the barbers of the city will give their mask ball at Phoenix Hill. Everything has been arranged for one of the liveliest parties of the season.

JOLLY TIMES.

The Irish American Will Hold Its Reunion Next Thursday Night.

The Hibernians to Be Entertained With Another Stag and Smoker.

Prominent Business and Professional Men Expected to Participate.

THESE SOCIETIES BECOMING STRONG

The meeting of the Kentucky Irish-American Society Thursday evening will undoubtedly be one of the largest in the history of the organization, owing to the fact that several important changes in the constitution and by-laws are to be acted upon.

It is also expected to adopt laws which will enable the society to be of greater benefit to its members, whether fortunately or unfortunately situated, and act as an inducement to many others to join its ranks.

Circular notices have been sent to the members notifying them of the foregoing and also to a number of persons recently elected to membership. There are many of the latter to be obligated.

At the last meeting it was decided to depart from the customary routine and diversify the proceedings by serving Roman punch and cigars, of which there will be an abundance, to those present. The matter is in the hands of President Keenan and Vice President Mike Lawler, which renders it unnecessary to say anything more on the subject.

The membership of this society embraces some of the leading business and professional men of the city, and it has been stated that a number will be called upon to make short talks between the rounds of punch and cigars. There will be no charges, and President Tom Keenan expects to preside over an immense gathering.

When President Hennessy called for order at the meeting of Division 4, Ancient Order of Hibernians, last Wednesday evening, there was a good attendance of members, which was augmented by the presence of several candidates. Among the names noted were Messrs. Edward J. Dalton, John E. O'Sullivan, Robert Creedon, Fergus Kennedy, H. B. Swain, William Phelan, Eugene Sullivan and James Laven.

After hearing the yearly reports of the officers, which showed the division to be in a flourishing condition, the claims of those who are on the sick list were allowed, and a great deal of routine business transacted. The announcement of the death of John J. McGrath was received with profound sorrow, and appropriate resolutions adopted.

Mr. Thomas Hines, a popular member of the division, who had been ill for some time past, was warmly greeted by the members.

When the order of new business was reached it was determined to give a smoker, with refreshments and vocal and instrumental music, at the next meeting, which takes place on Wednesday evening, January 25. This division has become famous for its hospitality, and the Entertainment Committee will endeavor to surpass anything heretofore undertaken.

The announcement of the emblem contest, inaugurated by the Kentucky Irish-American, was greeted with applause, and a number of candidates were entered.

When the hour of adjournment arrived the doors were found to be locked. This was for the purpose of holding a short social session in order to introduce initiated members. Refreshments and pipes had been generously donated, and for two hours a most thoroughly enjoyable time was had. Several short talks were indulged in, and many anecdotes related.

The surprise of the hour was the excellent singing of one of the new members, Mr. Fergus Kennedy, who possesses an excellent voice and knows how to use it. He sang several songs, which created great merriment and were loudly applauded.

Mr. Mike Welch entertained his hearers with a couple of Irish songs, while Con Hallahan guarded the door, and George Shea, Harry Brady, George Flahiff and President Hennessy kept themselves busy serving the refreshments.

Before the meeting adjourned six new applications were received and referred, which insures a large initiating class for the next meeting.

HEPTASOPHS.

Messrs. Michael Collins, George Helmeck, George Healy and Chas. Leatherman are procuring names to be placed on an application for a charter for a new convalesce of the Improved Order of Heptasophs, a popular fraternal insurance society. The new convalesce will be instituted about the middle of February, and will hold its meetings in Hibernian Hall. The gentleman having the matter in hand have already thirty names and expect to double the number.

TRINITY COUNCIL.

An Enthusiastic Meeting and Contract Closed For the Summer Outing.

Trinity Council, Y. M. I., held an enthusiastic meeting Monday evening, and the hall was filled when President James B. Kelly rapped for order. Much routine business was transacted, one application for membership referred, and Mr. Michael McCarthy was initiated to membership.

Messrs. Jacob Falzer and Harry Kirchner were reported as being still sick, and the death benefit of the late William Hulsekamp was ordered paid. The work of the degree team under the Captaincy of Henry Struby was complimented by President Kelly and the large number present.

Messrs. Danaher, Burrell, Rittman and Garvey were appointed a committee to confer with the Ladies' Auxiliary, after which John Hennessy was added to the Executive Committee of the Council. Besides the foregoing, the officers were ordered to close a contract for the summer outing of Trinity Council, which will this year be held at Fern Grove.

On Wednesday evening the Council gave a very pleasant euchre, the management of which was in the hands of John Sullivan, Adam Schneider and John Hennessy, and those present spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening. There were twenty-five tables, and the first prize for ladies was awarded to Miss Prudentia Kelly, while Harry Soete captured the one for gentlemen. The consolation prizes went to Miss Anna Daly and Henry Rittman. After the euchre and vocal and instrumental music, dancing was indulged in.

All the members are requested to be present at the next meeting, and visitors from other councils are always heartily welcomed at the sessions of Trinity.

TELEGRAPHING IRISH.

The Irish Post-office officials have accomplished a feat which deserves more than passing recognition. There has just been concluded, at Letterkenny, County Donegal, an Irish festival, which lasted for a week. It was decided by the promoters that the occasion should be taken advantage of for encouraging the revival of the Irish language. An Irish language congress was held, and numerous speeches were delivered in the ancient tongue of the Gael. These addresses were reported the next day in the Freeman's Journal in Gaelic characters, and how this was done is noteworthy.

The Irish Telegraph Department, recognizing the Gaelic nature of the festival, sent down to Letterkenny a Wheatstone staff of nine men, under Mr. Donnelly, of Belfast, with two instruments, and an Irish-speaking operator, Mr. Halpin, a Clare man, was included, to deal with the Gaelic. A Gaelic telegraphist was also put at the receiver in Dublin, and the Letterkenny staff, when dealing with the first section of the work in Irish, not knowing of the special arrangements at the General Post-office, made inquiry if the words were accurately received, and were rather surprised to receive a satisfactory answer in Gaelic across the wire. The work was sent rapidly and accurately, and the Irish telegraphists engaged in it are to be complimented on the capacity they displayed to meet the emergency.

The original Judge may be a man of few words, but he is not always a man of short sentences.

RUDOLPH DEPPEN.

A New Man in Life Insurance—Nothing Too High, So He Climbed to the Sun.

Among the many enterprises undertaken in Louisville during the past ten years none stands more conspicuous than the Sun Life Insurance Company. With its origin among home people, backed by home capital and enterprise and steered to success by an enemy almost phenomenal, aided by personal integrity and high aims, the Sun Life Insurance Company has gained a position second to none and bids fair to obtain the place that its name implies—the Sun, the center of our system, the life-giving, health-giving medium of our universe, the comforter and solace of all our ills on earth. It is to the Sun Mr. Deppen aspires and where he will find his success.

There is hardly any one better known in this city than Mr. Rudolph Deppen. During a great deal more than a half a century his family has been spending and giving freely for "the good of the town"—never doubtful of its future, their faith never faltering in its ultimate supremacy and the high destiny of the Grand Old Commonwealth. He has been highly educated, has traveled extensively from the Pacific coast to Eastern Europe, and his varied experiences have been of the greatest service to him. He numbers his friends among the highest and the lowest, the rich and the poor, the old and the young, and it is his boast that he has no better friends anywhere in the world than the best friends of every one—the Little Sisters of the Poor.

We believe that no man in Louisville can or will make a more genuine success of the life insurance business—that thing which in trouble or pecuniary difficulties is so great a comfort to every heart—than Mr. Rudolph Deppen, and with this commendatory notice we hope that he will attain to the very highest pinnacle of success in his new venture, the one to which his whole life will be devoted. His friends are our friends, and we sincerely hope that our friends will never be less than genuine friends to Rudolph Deppen.

FATHER O'SULLIVAN.

His Silver Jubilee to Be Celebrated at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament.

The silver jubilee of the Rev. D. O'Sullivan, pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament of this city. The members of the congregation are making the necessary arrangements for the event, which will be inaugurated with a solemn high mass. There is general regret that the reverend gentleman will not be here to participate in the exercises. Father O'Sullivan is at present at Los Angeles, Cal., where he has been for the past three months on account of ill-health. His parishioners and admirers throughout the city will be gratified to learn that he is being benefited by the change of climate, and hopes are entertained that it will not be long before he is able to resume his pastoral duties.

A number of prominent citizens are actively engaged in an effort to provide for a suitable souvenir of the occasion, and a handsome purse will undoubtedly be forwarded to the jubilant while he is still in California.

DEATH OF AN IRISH NATIONALIST.

The death of James Power, a well known and respected Irishman in London, will be sincerely regretted by his many friends and admirers in "the old land." Mr. Power went to London when he was only eleven years old, but the traditions of Irish nationality were deeply rooted in his heart, and for that reason, instead of being Anglicized he was one of the most devoted and enthusiastic of Irish Nationalists. He took part in every Irish movement from the days of O'Connell up to the time of his death. He was a prominent '67 man, and his vigorous character as an Irish politician of the revolutionary type may be seen from the fact that he excited the close attention of Scotland Yard. When Parnell's great movement was started Mr. Power became a very pronounced follower of the chief, to whom he clung with unwavering fidelity down to the end. So far back as 1864 he presided at a meeting of the Chelsea branch of the National Brotherhood in London, on the occasion when a resolution was passed to give assistance to James Lawless, a gallant '68 man, then 103 years old, who was compelled to enter the Carlisle workhouse. Mr. Power was interred in Kensal Green, where many other Irish patriots "sleep the sleep that knows no waking."

LORD RIPON ON HOME RULE.

Lord Ripon in a speech recently alluded to the Irish question. He said the remedy for existing evils and defects was home rule as introduced by Gladstone. It was not a policy for the exclusive interest of Ireland, but was one calculated to promote the best interests of the empire. Local self-government in some respects had certainly been an improvement, but the only settlement of the Irish question was home rule. It was a wise and a judicious policy to pursue in the interests of Great Britain.

Some men go abroad to complete their education and others marry for the same purpose.

VANDALISM

Church of St. Louis Bertrand Entered by Thieves Tuesday Night.

They Loot the Poor Boxes and Deface the Beautiful Marble Altar.

No Clew to the Miscreants Who Committed the Dastardly Deed.

LOSS WILL AGGREGATE ABOUT \$800

One of the greatest outrages in the history of the city was perpetrated between Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning last, when some unknown miscreants broke into the Dominican church on Sixth street for the purpose of robbing the sacred edifice.

The act of the vandals was not known until Wednesday morning, when one of the Christian brothers went to ring the Angelus, preceding the morning services. While going through the church he observed a dark cloth upon one of the altars. He immediately reported the matter to the Prior, Rev. Father Logan, when the two made an investigation, first discovering that the boxes containing the contributions to be devoted to the poor of the congregation had been robbed of their contents; next a lot of tools were found near the main altar, together with a candle and two old cloaks, which had evidently been used to hide the light of the candle. The handsome marble altar was found to have been badly defaced by chipping it with a hatchet and chisel. The massive gold ostensorium was also badly battered and several valuable jewels had been wrenched from their settings.

* The outer door of the tabernacle was prized open, and an attempt had been made to blow open the inner steel door, where the host and other valuables are kept. For some reason this was unsuccessful, but a quantity of powder and a partially burnt fuse were found. A small hole had been drilled in the door and the keyhole had been filled with powder. The drawers and cupboards containing the priestly vestments were thoroughly searched, but none was taken. Many of the sacred vessels were demolished, and about \$700 damage was done to the property of the church.

Detectives are at work upon the case, and it is the hope of all classes of people that the perpetrators of the dastardly deed may be speedily apprehended and severely punished.

Louisville has been seldom disgraced by deeds like the foregoing, and thieves who would rob or desecrate a church edifice of any denomination should be confined in the penitentiary and deprived of all freedom.

UNEXPECTED DEATH.

Mrs. John Featherstone Expires While Alone in Her Room.

With sincere regret we announce the death of Mrs. Kate Featherstone, which sad event occurred Thursday, while her husband, Mr. John Featherstone, of the Ohio Valley Telephone Company, was absent from the city on business. Mrs. Featherstone had been ill for some time, but her condition was not considered serious. Thursday she failed to appear at her usual hour, and when a servant went to her room the lady was discovered to be dead. Her death cast a gloom throughout the vicinity in which she lived, where she was held in the highest esteem, and the bereaved husband has the sympathy of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

THE KAISER HONORS AN IRISHMAN.

We notice by the Daily Malta Chronicle that the German Emperor, on the occasion of his recent visit to Malta, conferred the "Medaille Zum Roeniglichen Prens Sischen Kromen-Orden" (Medal of the Royal Order of the Crown) on Mr. Patrick Casey, steward to Admiral Sir John O. Hopkins, of the Ramillies flagship of the Mediterranean fleet. Our young fellow-countryman who has been made the recipient of this distinguished and much-coveted imperial decoration is one of the four sons now serving in the navy of Mr. Patrick Casey, at present employed in the customs, Dublin. Mr. Casey, Sr., who has also served in the navy, is a native of Kilfinane, County Limerick, where his family are well-known. Many old friends and neighbors in the historic Limerick town will be pleased to learn of the honor done his son.

A series of meetings have been held in Kings county by the Nationalist electors for the purpose of selecting candidates and organizing the districts. Those held in Birr culminated in one of much importance, and gave the keynote to the rest, the vast preponderant majority, under the advice in every instance of their clergy, deciding to contest and if possible capture every seat for candidates pledged to the support of the home rule cause and the claims for a Catholic university.