

O'REILLY VISITS NEW ENGLAND

PRaises OREGON IN NEW BEDFORD SPEECH.

Seeks Funds for Betterment of Oregon Church From the East.

(From the Evening Standard, New Bedford, Mass.)

St. Lawrence church was crowded last evening, every bit of available room being taken not only by members of the parish itself, but by Catholics from the north and the south ends of the city, who came to hear Rt. Rev. C. J. O'Reilly, bishop of the new diocese of Baker City, Oregon, who is visiting Rt. Rev. Mgr. Hugh J. Smyth for a short time.

Bishop O'Reilly is a man big in heart as well as in body, and his vibrant voice reached every corner of the church as he told of the land and the people of Oregon, of the conditions to be found in the new diocese and of the great future of the country. He said that while he came east seeking assistance, he did not come in any sense with a hard luck story, but with a tale of wondrous possibilities of the country. "I should like to see some of our enterprising New Englanders going out there to grow up and take advantage of the country. Most of the people out there now are engaged in cattle and sheep raising, but the soil is wonderfully fertile, and needs only water to make it teem with products of nature in varying assortment."

He characterized his work in the west as of a pioneer character, saying that the territory of his diocese comprised a section of the state of Oregon that was larger than all of the New England states put together. "The population, however," he said,

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"is small and widely scattered and it has been difficult to make an adequate beginning of the work. Hence I have come to the well settled eastern states to obtain assistance. Here the church is strong and well established and congregations are numerous and very large, while in my section of the country there is still to be made adequate provision for supplying priests, building churches and establishing such religious, educational and charitable institutions as are necessary."
 Bishop O'Reilly said that he had

met with great success in his mission in the east and had been kindly received in Fall River and Providence. He said that he was a beneficiary of Monsignor Smyth, who had been helping his priests by donations, and hence he is in New Bedford to express his grateful appreciation and to tell the people of the city something about Oregon.

"I have spent most of my life in the great state of Oregon," he said. "I love it, and I admire its boundless possibilities, and I am assured of its future greatness. We shall be especially benefited by the Panama canal which will bring to our sparsely populated land many settlers, will bring the farmers and many merchants to a country awaiting their coming with open arms. I recall that your great Massachusetts senator George Frisbee Hoar, said years ago that it would be more profitable for the country at large, for the national government, to set aside a large sum of money, \$200,000,000 or so for the irrigation of the vast lands of the west and south, than it would be for them to spend this amount in the building of battleships for the destruction of human life. Oregon needs only irrigation to spring into teeming life, and to become one of the richest sections of this great land."

Bishop O'Reilly spoke of his work as the sowing of the seed which he hoped in the future would bear great fruit for the glory and upbuilding of the church.

Bishop O'Reilly was a guest at a dinner today at St. Mary's Home. He will speak Friday at St. Killian's church.

Sloan Draper, commissioner of education of the state of New York, is the active head.

Mrs. Lampton and daughter expect to work with the ladies' clubs and clergy of Baker, with whom they have not yet allied themselves, but will within the next day or two call a meeting for the purpose of putting their plans for the local work. The teachers of the schools also will be invited to take part in the work and their experience will be of great assistance, as it is elsewhere, in the carrying out of this work, which is intended to better the standard of citizenship through the early training in the home.

In addition to the course of study it prescribes for mothers, the organization aims to help in child welfare and in civic work. Among its objects are to look after the wayward and neglected child, to see that the curfew law is enforced and to keep children from running the streets at night and frequenting undesirable places. It concerns itself with the oughfares, with beautifying the parks

and school grounds and similar lines of activity. Wherever the welfare of the child is involved, the club finds its work.

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LADD CANYON NEWS.

Ladd Canyon, March 17.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. William Banton visited over Saturday night in La Grande with their daughter, Mrs. W. E. Winburn, also attending the opera house production while there.

The Ladd Canyon Sabbath school will render an Easter program Sunday night, March 23, at the school house. People who have attended programs given by Ladd Canyon folk know that they are worth listening to, and it is hoped that the attendance will be large enough to insure a liberal collection.

Friends of Miss Ada Jorris, who underwent a very serious operation for appendicitis some time ago, will be pleased to know that she has thus far recovered enough to be able to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jorris, who reside in this neighborhood.

Will Interest City in Child Welfare.

(Baker Democrat.)
 Mrs. L. Lampton Evans and her daughter, Miss Evans, national organizers for the Draper Mother's club arrived in Baker yesterday to assist the ladies of the city to put a club in Baker. The club takes up the work of the Twentieth Century Self-Culture association, of which Dr. Andrew

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