

CORNER STONE LAID

Bishop O'Reilly Officiates at Impressive Ceremony.

FATHER P. J. O'REILLY SPEAKS

Delivers Brilliant Address on Christian Education—Text of Document Enclosed in Corner Stone Box.

Before a large assemblage of Catholics and non-Catholics, with fervent oratory and the impressive ritual of the Church, the corner stone of the St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, now in process of construction, was laid Sunday afternoon, the Right Rev. C. J. O'Reilly, of Baker City, bishop for the Eastern Oregon diocese, Father P. J. O'Reilly, recently from California, and Rev. Thomas Cantwell, pastor of the local church, taking part in the solemn exercises.

Father O'Reilly delivered a brilliant address on "Christian Education" which was listened to with intense attention by the large gathering. The speaker is a member of the Order of Jesuits and is engaged in missionary work. He possesses a resonant voice and has a pleasing delivery. He said that to the stranger coming a decade ago nothing but a vast wilderness would have greeted his eyes but how different today. The traveler finds himself in a town with promises fair, with citizens proud of their local institutions. He paid a fitting tribute to the citizens who had made it possible for the school to be started in this community. He said he was grateful to be present at the ceremonies which mark one of the brilliant epochs in the history of the institution.

He said in part: "We Catholics believe in an education that cultivates the heart as well as the mind and trains the child to obey their parents and the precepts of religion. Education is the process of drawing out, not cramming into a child. It has a two fold purpose—the training of the mind in profane knowledge and the training of the heart to respond to those virtues that make strong Christian men and women." He spoke eloquently of the Dominican Sisters of New York under whose auspices the school will be conducted. "Peculiarly well fitted are these noble women," said the clergyman, "and I might say appropriately without offending anyone, better fitted than any other class of teachers to bring this work of education to splendid consummation. They have given up home, and all social preferences and have consecrated their lives to the noblest of all callings—teaching." The speaker said that religion and learning can not be divorced and virtue and learning go hand in hand. He called attention to the importance of the school from a commercial point of view and pointed with pride to the example of Gonzaga College in Spokane which has grown tremendously in the past few years.

The corner stone bearing the inscription, "St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 1908 A. D." was put in place by Bishop O'Reilly and was dedicated according to the Catholic ritual. The noted prelate made a few remarks and

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JOHN DAY IRRIGATION PROJECT ABANDONED

Action of Reclamation Service Said to Be Only Temporary—Will Mean Much to Town of Arlington.

The John Day irrigation project has been temporarily abandoned because of the outlay required. For some weeks past it had been rumored that the government would immediately install a large electric pumping station on the Columbia river between Arlington and Umatilla for use on the John Day irrigation project and ultimately for auxiliary use in filling the reservoirs.

It has been learned through an U. S. Irrigation expert that the project has been abandoned. It is not definitely known just exactly what amount the state of Oregon will receive as its share of appropriation from the reclamation fund. It is estimated that the John Day project will cost \$6,000,000.

U. S. Senator Ankeny, of Walla Walla is quoted by an exchange as saying: "Yes, the John Day project has been thoroughly investigated at Washington. No doubt it will be the next large project the reclamation service will take in hand."

The construction of this project will mean much to Arlington.

ACTOR'S PRESENCE OF MIND AVERTS PANIC

Kerosene Lamp Falls on Stage and Starts Conflagration—Show Passing Fair.

With a melange of music and song and acrobatic stunts, the Pavilla Comedy Co. entertained at the opera-house for three nights, completing their repertoire Monday night. For a one-family show, the entertainment was quite acceptable for it was replete with fun and laughter. The little girl that did the singing has a splendid voice for so young a child. The program consisted of farces, songs, dancing, and an act by a girl contortionist. It was not a great show but on the whole the program presented made good entertainment. Manager Pavilla sacrificed his overcoat in putting out a fire caused by the upsetting of a lamp back of the wings. The actor was in the midst of an act when the lamp fell and started a conflagration of considerable magnitude. The Thespian rushed to the scene of the fire, speaking his lines all the while and maintaining rare presence of mind, thus averting a panic. Kerosene lamps were resorted to because the electric circuit which connects with the opera-house was put out of commission.

MISSION AT CATHOLIC CHURCH WELL ATTENDED

The Rev. P. J. O'Reilly, former chaplain of Gonzaga College in Spokane, Wash., opened an eight day's mission in the Catholic church last Sunday at 10 a. m.

The church is too small to accommodate the crowd attending the evening service. The Rev. Father has lectured on the principal doctrines of the Catholic church and the discourses have been both scholarly and interesting. The lecture last evening was on "The Confessional." Non-Catholics were invited to bring their own bibles as the lecturer said he intended to prove the institution of the Sacrament of Penance from that source.

The subject for tonight (Friday) is "The Cost of the Atonement;" on Saturday night the theme will be "The Real Presence." Sunday evening the lecture will be on "The Church and the Bible."

BIG GRANGE FAIR

Agricultural and Live Stock Exhibits to Be Seen.

DR. WITHYCOMBE WILL SPEAK

Mayville to Be in Gala Attire for Two Days—Fine Program Prepared for Event—Big Premium List.

Present indications are that the second annual Grange fair to be held at Mayville next Thursday and Friday will be the greatest agricultural event ever held in this section of the state.

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The lower floor of the Grange hall is to be utilized as a pavilion for the agricultural exhibits. The Ladies' department exhibits will be seen on the second floor of the I.O.O.F. building. The Poultry exhibit is to be located in the Burns building which will be conveniently arranged to house the kings and queens of the barnyard. The Livestock exhibits will be the best ever seen in the county. Stable room has been obtained at the Stinchfield and at the Golden farms. This department is under the superintendence of Wm. Rettie.

The literary exercises and lectures given by the professors of the State Agricultural college are to be held in the Grange hall. The dances will also be given in this hall. See full program on fifth page.



DR. JAS. WITHYCOMBE
One of the speakers at the Mayville Fair.

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