

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

In connection with the Feast of the Nativity, midnight Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church by the Very Rev. Dean Carew, S.M., Rev. Father Schaefer being deacon, and Rev. Father Fraher subdeacon. The choir, under the conductorship of Mr. H. F. Doogan, sang the 'Kyrie' and 'Agnus Dei,' from Weber's Mass, and 'Gloria,' 'Credo,' 'Sanctus' and 'Benedictus' from Gounod's 'Messe Solennelle.' During the offertory they also rendered 'The Hallelujah Chorus' very effectively. A small-but efficient orchestra assisted. A sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by the Rev. Father Schaefer.

For many months past the ladies of the Catholic community (says the *Evening Star*) have been very busy preparing articles for the great Coronation festival and bazaar in aid of the funds of the new presbytery which will be built on the section which was recently purchased adjoining the church. Willing hands and deft fingers soon turned yards of material into articles of the most artistic design. The majority of the workers had been pupils of the good Sisters of the convent, and one is therefore not surprised at the splendid specimens of fancy work and painting that have been prepared for the various stalls. A walk round the Town Hall, which has been transformed for the occasion into a veritable fairy bower, would give a visitor the impression that he had been transported from the Wild West Coast to one of the Eastern bazaars. The decorated stalls, the many and beautiful articles contained therein, and the appropriate costumes of the ladies make a splendid feast of color. The stall-holders are as follows:—England, Mesdames Hannan, Black, and McDonnell; Scotland, Mesdames Doogan, Duffy, and Shannahan; Ireland, Misses Barry, Phillips, and Fogarty; sweet and fern stall, Mrs. E. McDonnell and Miss E. Campbell.

The Right Rev. Dr. Higgins, Bishop of Ballarat, has presented, through the Mayor of the City, Cr. J. M. Barker, to the citizens of Ballarat, a valuable piece of land at Wendouree, having a frontage of thirty feet four inches to Alfred street by a depth of 109 feet along Wendouree parade. The land consists of a corner of the grounds of the Bishop's palace, and the city council desired to purchase it from the Catholic authorities for the purpose of widening the junction of the thoroughfares named. The Bishop said he was anxious to advance the interests of the city, and he would present the block of land free of all cost. The Mayor has thanked Dr. Higgins for his public-spirited generosity.

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Celery contains sulphur and helps to ward off rheumatism. It is also a nerve tonic.

Honey is a good substitute for cod liver oil.

The juice of a lemon is excellent for sore throat, not to be swallowed, but used as a gargle.

Carrots are excellent for gout.

A Cinder in the Eye.

Nine persons out of every ten, with a cinder or any other foreign substance in the eye, will instantly begin to rub it with one hand while hunting for a handkerchief with the other. This is all wrong. The right way is not to rub the eye with the cinder in it, but to rub the other as vigorously as you like. A few months ago I was riding on the engine of a fast express (says a traveller). The engineer threw open the front window of the cab, and I caught a cinder in my eye which gave me intense pain. I began to rub the eye desperately, when the engineer called to me, 'Let that eye alone and rub the other one.' Thinking he was chaffing me, I only rubbed the harder. 'I know the doctors think they know it all, but they don't, and if you will let that eye alone and work on the other one you will soon have the cinder out,' shouted the engineer. I did as he directed, and soon felt the cinder near the inner part of the eye, and made ready to take it out. 'Let it alone and keep at the well eye,' again shouted the engineer. I did so for a minute longer, and then, looking into a small glass the engineer handed me, I saw the offender on my cheek. I have tried it many times since, always with success.

It is Well to Know.

That fish can be scaled much easier by dipping into boiling water about one minute.

That fresh meat, after beginning to sour, will sweeten if placed out of doors in the cool air over night.

That kerosene will soften boots or shoes which have been hardened by water, and render them pliable as when new.

Potatoes, at any time of the year, can be made mealy if boiled in salt and water and drained, and then covered with a thick towel and left in the back of the range five minutes.

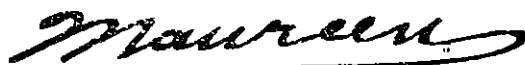
It is always best to underseason rather than to overseason food.

When anything is accidentally made too salty it can be counteracted by adding a tablespoonful of vinegar and a tablespoonful of sugar.

Meats of any kind should not be washed, but wiped with a towel to preserve the juices and quality.

Keep cheese in a tight tin box where it is cool and dry. Neither cake nor bread should be exposed to the air.

Rice, tapioca, sago, etc., must be kept close covered, for fear of insects.



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