

THE PATRON SAINT OF IRELAND.

St. Patrick's Memory Revered by Nebraska and Iowa Irishmen.

REV. P. F. MCCARTHY'S PANEGYRIC

A Parade in Which A. O. H. Divisions From Six Cities With Attractive Regalia Take Part.

St. Patrick's Day.

The A. O. H. yesterday celebrated in a magnificent manner, the festival of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. The program was well arranged and everything, despite the inclemency of the weather, was carried out according to program, reflecting great credit upon Messrs. Connelly and Kilgus, the committee in charge. The celebration was the first of the kind Omaha has had in fifteen years, and it is not at all unlikely that it will hereafter to an annual public observance of the day.

At 9 o'clock in the morning the local members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division No. 1, began to assemble in their hall, Thirteenth and Jackson streets. There were an attractive number of shamrocks and green ribbons upon almost every coat. At 9:30 o'clock President Doucald called the assembly to order, and the first words were of fifteen pieces inspiringly played the appropriate piece, "St. Patrick's Day," which was greeted with tumultuous applause. The march was led by the 150 members responded to their names, and after donning the regalia Grand Marshal Michael Doucald began to organize the parade. The parade was in charge of the A. O. H. and was formed in the order of march two abreast.

At 10 o'clock the South Omaha order, division No. 1, followed, and was led by its Chief of Police Mahoney, and sixty-five uniformed members in line. This delegation joined the local one at their headquarters, and was followed by that from Lincoln, thirty-five strong in full regalia, and under command of Marshal James Kelly. The parade was in charge of the A. O. H. and was formed in the order of march two abreast.

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In this form they marched in one division from Jackson street north on Thirteenth to Howard, east on Howard to Ninth, and north on Ninth to Jackson street.

Within a radius of three blocks of the cathedral, the streets and sidewalks were literally jammed with people who were watching the parade and gazing at the regalia of the Irish boys.

Arriving in front of the cathedral the band played "The Emerald Isle," while the procession was filing into the church. Unfortunately, the Iowa delegation, composed of orders from Fall, Sioux City, Duquoin, and other places, was delayed, but was on hand just as the rear of the procession had disappeared in the cathedral.

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Father McCarthy then concisely and eloquently reviewed more minutely some of the life of St. Patrick, the wonderful success which attended them and in a graceful manner in which he had planted the seed of christianity in the Irish heart. In proof of this he referred to the religious persecution to which the Irish people have been subjected and the manner in which they have triumphed over it. He then referred to their cherished faith. Some of the horrors of these persecutions he painted in lurid colors, and in bringing to a close his admirable address he said:

"It is difficult to keep the law of God when it seems to be our interest or a gratification of the passions to violate it. As a people we have proved that we are true to it. This consists your chief glory. Had you ever your religion in the time of the 24th Henry, or his amiable daughter Elizabeth, the likelihood is you would not have been a factor and leader in civilization. The reverend speaker appealed to Irish pride to glory in its noble ancestry, and to the fact that the great host of every bearer by his pathos and sincerity. The picture he drew of the former grandeur of Ireland was historically correct and inspiring. He dwelt upon the fact that the picture of the old home across the sea that appealed most strongly to those whose minds were wander back to the time when they sought the emblematic shamrock in the 15th which song and story has christened 'The Gem of the Sea.'"

Notes About the City. City Clerk Hector was busy during the last of the week drawing warrants for grading claims on 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, and J. Street. The amount of the bond warrants drawn have been about \$10,000.

George Sletzer, jr., has gone to Hammond, Ind., to make a visit of a fortnight with his relatives and friends.

John J. Sletzer, the boss butcher at the packing houses of Swift & Company has been appointed deputy high sheriff and organizer of the Irish in the city for the Independent Order of Foresters.

German Court Traction Independent Order of Foresters, selected Dr. W. H. Slabaugh, medical adviser.

Bohemian Court John Huss, Independent Order of Rangers, will meet in National hall Tuesday evening to elect officers.

City Engineer E. B. Towle, on being asked about the reported trouble in the engineer corps, said that he had nothing to say, only that all of the force had been laid off. When for further charge of the drainage he returned to Henry county, Iowa, and settled on a farm, and afterward opened a store in the town of Swedesburg. In 1876 he removed to Keosauqua, Iowa, where he engaged largely in real estate, of which he now owns several thousand acres. At present he is engaged in the construction of a large Swedish settlement. As a representative Mr. Abrahamson is careful and rather conservative in his business, but is one of the quiet members, but is seldom out of his seat and never shirks his duty.

Mr. J. M. Cole has been given a permit to build a large house on the corner of 15th and county roads, Corner and Archer's addition.

A petition is being circulated and is receiving many signatures for the improvement of the street graded south of N. through the hollow, connecting south of Q street, in Brown park.

Misses John Casey, Michael Flaherty, Peter J. Murray, Harry Condon, James Rodmond, Dennis Garrick, Patrick Ryan, Patrick Kelly, Joseph Shelley, Michael Slides and Frank Desmond, the day after yesterday, went over to Missouri Valley Saturday to spend Sunday with friends.

John Jensen, or John Johnson, an obstreperous member of the Swedish order, was seen on the street and began playing the innocent and was arrested yesterday for playing an arresting grip and after considerable ineffectual resistance and all the backing possible, he was lodged in the city jail. To-day Judge Reuther will answer for him.

Knight of Pythias lodge, learning of the serious condition of Frank H. Marshall, held a meeting at the headquarters of the lodge, and the afternoon was spent with singing, recitations and other social enjoyments. The A. O. H. bands occasionally played to the grandstand of the visiting national aids which were both familiar and appreciated.