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THE LATE POPE LEO XIII.

George Alfred Townsend's Sketch of His Useful Life.

EPOCHS IN THE REMARKABLE CAREER OF THE DECEASED PONTIFF.

His Influence Upon Religion and Education—A Christian Gentleman, a Superior Magistrate and a Beloved Head of the Church.

Few men have left a greater or more lasting impress upon the age in which they lived than did Leo XIII., who has just passed away at the Vatican, exhibiting in his closing hours such physical vitality, mental vigor, moral courage and spiritual serenity as come rarely in human experience.

Pope Leo's place in history will be with that of the greatest and most benignant of the Roman pontiffs. It may be doubted if any of those who were before him the mantle of St. Peter ever succeeded in captivating the imagination and interest of the civilized world as did the late pope. None of the valiant old men of his generation—neither Gladstone nor Bismarck—made



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such a wonderful impression as did the aged Leo. He possessed a marvelous individuality, which was heightened by his remarkable vigor and tenacity in old age. At ninety, when he gave Benjamin Constant a sitting for his portrait, the French painter was astonished at the brilliancy of his intellect. Yet with serene poise and strength he passed on for three years more to his jubilee, retaining for more than a quarter of a century that papal power which, it was supposed, was conferred for only a short time upon a feeble old man in 1878. He proved one of the strongest in physical endurance as well as in mental qualities that had ever been elevated to the papal throne.

As the head of the Catholic church the achievements of Leo XIII. are memorable. Even those not in the Roman communion freely admitted his greatness, while to the devout Catholic he was the personification of goodness. He was both statesman and priest, and his views, like his ambitions, were of the widest. His services as papal nuncio at Brussels gave him that stamp of the diplomat which never left him. In close touch with the affairs of many nations, his extraordinary memory, his fresh and earnest interest in the on-goings of the world, made his contributions to passing history of peculiar significance and value.

In America the late pope seemed to take an especially vivid interest, which was evinced in wise counsels to his people in this country on many occasions. To the republican form of government he showed himself a good friend upon more than one occasion. In his encyclicals on socialism is seen how his sympathy for the struggling and aspiring masses was balanced by his fine sense of the necessary order and stability of society. His refined intellect, his simplicity of life, his unaffected piety, all exalted to eminence by his extraordinary career, made him an inspiring personage even to those who did not recognize him as a spiritual ruler and teacher, and Protestants as well as Catholics mourn his death.

The story of the pope is an exceedingly simple and pretty one. He has been—though the pontiff, as it is called, of

the most ancient ecclesiasticism in western Europe—an excellent citizen of our later world. He has been a good magistrate, a superior pastor, a gentleman and, it may be added, a prince. He was a prince in nature before he was either cardinal or pope.

From the time he was elected pope the city of Rome has been in the occupation of the king of Italy and has indeed been the political capital of Italy, the laws of that kingdom paying no attention to the previous laws and formalities which the secular state supplanted. But the influence of the pope as a spirit of education and of light has extended to the most remote portions of the world.

Above all other popes, and somewhat beyond his own record in earlier life, Leo XIII. has been a liberal politician. He has hailed the future rather than deplored the loss of the past. He has been one of the captains in the movement for universal education and has striven to make education and morals confide in each other. Not a single scandal from Rome in his papacy has been conveyed to the world. He has shown a friendly disposition to the world and could himself take place in almost any learned faculty or congress and hold his own in general knowledge with scientists, belles-lettres men and doctors.

Elected pope in February, 1878, he was then almost sixty-eight years of age, and he had been for thirty-two years the archbishop of one quiet city, Perugia, which once belonged to the papal states, but stood high among the old Italian republics or feudalities for its painters and men of gifts. This region, generally called Umbria, produced the highest triumphs of art in Raphael. In Perugia and its province the archbishop was as distinctly the foremost citizen or subject as the late Phillips Brooks undoubtedly was in Boston or Henry Ward Beecher in Brooklyn.

He was born at a mountain town in the Apennines, not far from Rome, called Carpineti, on March 2, 1810. To this little place of about 5,000 people his ancestors had been expelled from Siena about 350 years before. They were nobles in Siena, but had taken part against their countrymen when the Medic of Siena, the duke of Florence, repudiated the republic with passionate hatred against Florence, made a memorable defense, but the odds were too strong.

Retiring into the state of the church, the pope's family, named Pecci (pronounced Pechi), formed new friendships, and the pope's father was a count who either volunteered or was drafted into Napoleon's service when he overran Italy. The pope's mother was a countess, who brought property to her husband.

They lived in what is called a palace in Italy, a large building rising from the rocks, two stories and an attic high, with flowers and terraces about its base. It appears that the pope during all his life has known no want, but has enjoyed a private revenue such as a gentleman of noble descent would be apt to have in any country who had kept his estates.

He was born after the French republicans had overrun Italy and been everywhere victorious and the greatest change had taken place not only in the Italian people, but even in the priesthood.

The pope himself, Pius VII., had been taken captive from Rome to France and was only returned to Rome at the fall of Napoleon in 1814. He restored the Jesuits, who were the secular schoolmasters within the church, but they had fallen under the hostility of several of the kings and been for some time suppressed. Upon their return they opened schools and gave the city of Rome something of its old clerical and literary character.

In 1817 the late pope's mother took her sons to Rome and the next year put them at school at Viterbo, a city on a hill but a few hours' carriage ride from Rome. This lady belonged to one of the orders of the Franciscans and when she died was buried in their brown cloak and cord. Her death was nearly at the same time with that of Pius VII.

The next pope, Leo XII., branched out as an educator. The Jesuits' college was opened in Rome in 1824 with 1,400 students, and among these were the two Pecci boys, of whom Joseph was a Jesuit. He was three years older than his brother. These boys went home to their mountain town on holidays, and the pope was an active hunter and fowler in the mountains. Rome was to them like any American city to a family which lived in the neighboring country and spent the winters in the city. The name of the pope was Joachim Vincent Raphael Lodovico Pecci. He always went by the name of Vincent Pecci until at a certain period after his mother's death, when he became generally known as Joachim Pecci. He became fluent in the Latin and wrote verses and orations in it and gained prizes. After his mother's death he lived with his uncle in the small palace in Rome. He somewhat knew Pope Leo XII. and chose his papal name with reference to that prelate.

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Foot Injured.
Burgess Josiah Howard, while assisting in the improvements at Howard Park injured one of his feet by dropping a piece of iron on it. As a result he uses crutches to nurse the foot. It would take nothing less than a cartload of iron to keep him in the house—has too much to look after.

Elopement.
Geo. Swich, who has resided in Emporium for two weeks, eloped with a young girl sixteen years of age from Austin, last Tuesday. The heart-broken mother came to Emporium and sought the aid of Chief of Police Mundy and every effort was made to capture the runaways, but they eluded the officers and left here Tuesday night on mail east. Later advice locates them at Baltimore. The young girl is an only child.

Overcome by Gas.
Assistant chemist Armstrong, employed at Climax Powder works, was overcome by the fumes of ammonia, last Saturday and remained unconscious for five hours. Dr. Bardwell was taken to the works, almost one mile from Emporium, who promptly had him removed to Supt. VanGelder's rooms, at Wm. Hackenberg's, on Fifth street. It was a very close call and thoroughly alarmed his friends. Mr. Armstrong was able to resume work yesterday, although yet very nervous and weak.

The New Fad.
An exchange says one of the new fads is men's socks for women. There is a rumor prevalent that some wives wear the trousers but no one imagined that the sock would be appropriated. If the women continue the invasion of the wardrobe of the men there will be very few articles of wearing apparel that man can call his own. His hat, shirt, vest, coat, collar, tie, and socks are gone. He has remaining his chewing tobacco and suspenders—not much of a layout for a cold day.

Isaac Hanson, who was brought here last week, from Sinnamahoning, and placed in jail, in a crazed condition from drink and disease, was yesterday taken to Warren Insane Asylum by Sheriff Harry Hemphill, assisted by Bing Hemphill and Mose Minard. Hanson came to this county in 1868 from Milltown, Maine, and followed the vocation of cook. Drink got the better—or worse—of him until he no longer cared for anything but red liquor. Mr. G. F. Balcom, who knew the family when he resided in Maine, says his people, who are all well-to-do, have tried to reform him and take the unfortunate home.

Especially Reduced.
While we do not, as a rule, advertise cut-price sales, we have decided to make an exception at this time and offer our entire line of hats and trimmings at a discount of 50 per cent. to close out the season's styles to make room for early fall goods. Some extra bargains in wash silks, former price 55c per yard, now going at 40c. A general reduction in all white goods. These goods are all new and up-to-date. First come gets the cream.

LUDLAM'S.

Notice.
A number of complaints have recently been made of the stench from pig-pens and chicken yards in the borough. It is unlawful to keep pigs in the borough without a permit from the Board of Health, and then only when the pens are constructed according to specifications prescribed by the board. Chicken yards must be kept so as not to become a nuisance or they will not be tolerated.

A. W. BAKER, Health Officer.

Girl Wanted.
A good girl for general house work wanted at once.
Apply to P. C. DEMING, Cameron, Pa.
21-1f.

Have you seen those nobby suits at N. Seger's? They are beauties; call and see them.

Will Drill for Oil or Gas.

A Wealthy Corporation Leases a Large Body of Land Near Gardeau.

For some months quiet preparations have been shaping to develop a large body of land near Gardeau, owned by Wm. Hackenberg, of Emporium. Orders have been placed with C. B. Howard Company for rig timber and

Pipe Organ on the Way.
The pipe organ to be placed in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, is expected to reach here the latter part of the week and will be in place by Friday. At a grand recital will be given by Mr. Reginald Key McAll, organist of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, of New York City, assisted by Miss Grace A. Walker, violinist, and Mr. George A. Walker, Jr., basso. This insures a fine musical treat. The desire to hear the organ is very general and a large attendance is expected.

The price of admission, 25 cents, is but nominal. Tickets will be sold by the ladies of the church.

Tom Lysett Buncoed.
T. J. Lysett, proprietor of St. Charles Hotel has been as proud Lucifer over his new colored porter and never failed to point with pride to the champion tip-chap. Last Tuesday Tom sent Mr. Porter up to John Cruise's after a box of cigars, giving him \$5.00 and Mr. Porter never came back—in fact he took the railroad for St. Marys. Tom followed and at last account he passed Howard Siding making a desperate effort to capture his man. No doubt he is going yet unless the rain caused him to hang up until Pat Fitzpatrick and Sam Kline caught up with him and assisted in the capture.

Rushed With Work.
The PRESS job presses have been kept very busy during the present month in our endeavor to catch up with the orders. However we are still prepared to execute, in first-class style, anything in the printing line, at fair living prices. The latest styles in papers, envelopes, cards and invitations always in stock.

Holding His Own.
John J. Hinkle, who recently came home from Philadelphia in very feeble condition, continues to improve and has gained several laps within the borough and a dozen dead men already. Hang to it, John, you'll come out on top, sure as oil does.

Substantial Improvement.
R. Seger & Company, merchant tailors opposite M. E. Church, have greatly improved the interior appearance of their establishment. The ceiling has been lined with pressed steel of a handsome design, neatly painted. The room makes a fine appearance, just as the man or boy does who wears their stylish clothing.

A Generous Response.
June 20, the Supreme Hive, L. O. T. M., issued an appeal to all subordinate Hives, for voluntary contributions for the aid of its members, who were sufferers by the recent floods in the west. Up to July 15th the amount had already reached the sum of \$1,279.65. Gladhill Hive, No. 32 donated \$10.00 from its general fund.

Mr. Ferguson Leaves Town.
Mr. Peter Ferguson, with his family, left town last Monday for Cape Briton Island, where he will reside. Mr. Ferguson's long residence here has gained him many friends and his departure is greatly regretted. His aged parents reside on Cape Briton Island and needing his care, he decided to make the change.

Ice Cream Social.
The Richard Martin Sunday school class will serve ice cream and cake on W. B. Thompson's lawn, Friday evening of this week. These busy little fellows are doing all in their power to make money for the new church and deserve the patronage of the public, which they earnestly invite.

Renovo Picnic.
The annual picnic by the employees of Renovo shops is being held at Tunnel Hill, below Sterling Run, to-day.

N. Seger is offering some special inducements in clothing this week. Don't fail to call and examine his goods before you purchase.

St. Louis Flood.
About \$15.00 was collected at the various churches last Sunday evening, and arrangements has been made with the Bank to receive money from anyone wishing to increase the amount. The subscriptions are entirely voluntary, and the Bank will receive sums of one penny or more.

Stolen.
That chap who borrowed or stole a bride at A. Smith's camp, on Hick's Run, on the 5th of July, will save some trouble by returning said bride not later than next Wednesday.
GEO. A. WALKER, JR.

A DIRE NECESSITY.

Rapid Increase in Population Calls for More Houses—None to be Had. Freight House Filled with Household Goods.

The continued increase in the population calls for immediate action on the part of our citizens if the new comers are to be provided with homes. We are informed the freight houses are blocked with household goods, held there by persons who came here to reside and are compelled to board, being unable to secure houses.

The flattering condition of Emporium, our manufacturing plants giving steady employment to a large increased number of men—the furnace and Howard & Company giving employment day and night—will warrant our citizens in providing a large number of

dwelling houses that would command a reasonable rental.

The Emporium Iron Company, since Mr. Andrew Brady took charge of the property, has increased its business and now that more extensive improvements have been completed that will result in the employment of two or three hundred additional men, on doubt many will desire to reside here. Let us get together and see what can be done to relieve the scarcity of houses. If individuals do not care to attempt the undertaking let us organize a stock company and erect fifty houses at once. Who will act?

Too Much Haste.
An Ohio paper hits the nail on the head when it says: "Man's business requires haste. The average business and professional man eats in a hurry and gets dyspepsia. He walks in a hurry and gets apoplexy. He talks in a hurry and gets the lie. He does business in a hurry and becomes bankrupt. He reads in a hurry and produces corruption. He marries in a hurry and gets a divorce. He trains his children in a hurry and develops spendthrifts and criminals. He gets religion in a hurry and forgets it in a hurry. He makes his will in a hurry and leaves a legal contest. He dies in a hurry and goes to the devil—and his tribe increases."

Camping-Out Parties.
Camping-out parties appear to be more popular here this season than ever before. A large number of mothers, accompanied by their children, have been seen camping out in the woods—while another party left on Friday for "Pankey Camp" on Hick's Run. This last party is composed of Chas. T. Felt, H. C. Olmsted and Herbert Day, accompanied by their wives and children. They took plenty of substantial along and all being strict Baptists and Presbyterians will enjoy the pure mountain spring water.

Barr-Miller.
At the parsonage of the First Methodist Episcopal church, last Tuesday morning, at 11 o'clock, Mr. WALTER E. BARR and MISS MARGARET G. MILLER, of Sterling Run, were united in marriage by the pastor, the Rev. O. S. Metzler. Attending them were Mr. O. D. Miller, of Buffalo, and Miss Ethel Barr, of Sterling Run, brother and sister of the bride and groom respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Barr will reside in Sterling Run, where they enjoy the esteem of a large circle of friends and where Mr. Barr is identified with a leading industry of that place.

Death of Popular Railroad.
Mr. W. M. Swartz, our townsman, who is cook in Craven's camp (Howard's No. 18) was called to Clearfield last week to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. C. C. Moore, aged 38 years, who died very suddenly of peritonitis, on July 13th, leaving a wife and five children. Deceased was in the employ of the New Central R. R., at Munson, in charge of the car department. The United Mine Workers attended the funeral in a body, eleven collieries closing down for the funeral, over 500 men attending.

Wrist Broken.
Hugh Swartz, aged 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Swartz, who is employed in Howard Company's mill met with an accident last Monday. While attempting to step around a lumber truck he fell to the ground, a distance of eighteen feet, breaking his left wrist. Dr. Smith reduced the fracture and while the injury is quite painful the young man is doing as well as could be expected.

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WEATHER REPORT.
(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)
FRIDAY, Fair.
SATURDAY, Showers
SUNDAY, Probably Fair.