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### CATHOLIC EDITORS' CONVENTION.

The first convention of Catholic editors, though not so well attended as might have been, was a great success. It made many editors acquainted with each other; enabled them to recount mutual experiences and help each other to profit by the other's success or failure; taught them to estimate each other at more nearly their true worth; last, and most important of all, it inspired each editor to a resolution to make his journal more than ever an indispensable adjunct to the pulpit in spreading broadcast over the land the blessed truths of Catholicity. No one who was present at the convention departed without feeling his time had been well spent.

A excellent choice of officers was made. Conde B. Pallen is a young man, enthusiastic but well balanced, cautious but standing resolute on the side of truth, and a firm believer in the Catholic press as a potent engine in aid of the pulpit. His paper at the Baltimore convention on "Catholic American Literature" attracted a great deal of attention. Rev. J. H. Conroy, the vice-president, a brainy, level-headed young priest, is rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg, and chairman of the school-board for St. Lawrence and Franklin counties. He is constantly engaged in some work for the advancement of his parish. In addition to all these laborious duties, he is the editor of the Ogdensburg Courier, a paper that has achieved great success during the short period of its existence. He fully appreciates the value of the Catholic press as a mighty lever for good, and will contribute much toward its solidification and unification. The other officers can be relied upon to fulfil their respective duties.

Aside from the advantages derived from the convention by the editors themselves, their subscribers will also receive benefits. As a result of the meeting, we hope to announce in the course of two or three months a weekly letter from Rome, London and Paris, from the pens of the very best correspondents; also contributions from several well-known writers. The nucleus of a Catholic Associated Press has been started and thereby each paper will be enabled to present much fresher news to its readers than heretofore.

Taken all in all, the convention was a success and when the Catholic Press Association adjourns after its session in New York next May, we fondly anticipate the Catholic press of this country will present a firm, united front against the foes of our Holy church, combat the kindred evils of rapidly decaying Protestantism and menacing Socialism, and maintain a resolute defence of the individual in contradistinction to the aggressions of the State.

### "POWER OF THE PRESS."

Last week's Michigan Catholic had an editorial under the above caption, referring to the now famous interview with Grover Cleveland published in the New York World. In the interview the ex-President was made to say some very harsh and mean things about Editor Dana of the New York Sun, couched in language that no gentleman would use. Mr. Dana replied in a flood of withering, caustic

investive. Mr. Cleveland called at the World office and demanded that the interview be repudiated, claiming he never used such language. The World's editor summoned T. C. Crawford, the man who wrote the interview, and asked an explanation. Mr. Crawford said Mr. Cleveland had used every word attributed to him and worse, adding, "if all had been published, it would have raised the roof off the City Hall." Notwithstanding, the World published a semi-repudiation of the interview. Mr. Crawford's integrity having been called into question, that gentleman has published in Frank Leslie's a statement reiterating his declaration to the World managers, and supports it by an affidavit. Mr. Crawford is one of the most reputable correspondents of the metropolis, and never before has his veracity been questioned. Until overwhelming proof to the contrary be produced, newspaper men, at least, will believe Mr. Cleveland talked just as it was said he talked. The Catholic, however, has evidently not read Mr. Crawford's affidavit, for it mercilessly scores the World and Sun for abusing the liberty of the press and charges them both with slandering Mr. Cleveland. While the World deserves excommunication for publishing such an interview and the Sun is not free from blame in allowing personal spite to run away with its better judgment, Mr. Cleveland's course is certainly more contemptible than either. Not content with applying opprobrious terms toward Mr. Dana, he went to the World and asked that the interview be repudiated, but said not a word of denying it on his own account. By no means; he wanted the paper to shoulder the burden of its own stultification and was willing that a reputable correspondent's honor be impugned, in order to save himself from the wholesale condemnation he was receiving throughout the land, and which might injure his political prospects. We are surprised that the Catholic tries to defend Mr. Cleveland in the slightest degree. His conduct in this instance was ill-bred, contemptible and sneaking.

The Index-Appeal, a paper published in Richmond, Va., thinks the devil is pleased to see money spent on steeples for churches, and regrets that such money is not given in charity. A little reflection would convince the writer of the paragraph alluded to that money spent in erecting churches and steeples finds its way into the pockets of those who stand most in need of it. Does not a large portion of it go to pay the carpenter, the bricklayer and other laborers? It does most assuredly, and every steeple built represents so many dollars paid for labor and so many men furnished with employment. In what condition would the country be if all our men of means refused to build handsome business blocks, giving as their excuse for not doing so that their money could be better expended in relieving distress? Would not the streets be constantly thronged with unemployed men, and would not the funds of the charitable capitalist be rapidly exhausted in caring for the families of those men? Persons inclined to criticise the expenditure of money upon church edifices will do well to ponder over the facts. The house of God cannot be made too beautiful, and it should be the ambition of every good Christian to have the edifice dedicated to his Creator as grand at least as the buildings devoted to mercantile pursuits.

The Jewish Tidings, for the past few weeks, has been giving its readers a symposium of views of many eminent Jews on the question of holding supplementary services on Sunday for the benefit of those who are unable to attend the Saturday services. A large majority favor the innovation, while those who oppose it hold the opinion that they who do not attend the Saturday services would find an excuse for absence on Sunday. The various sentiments expressed furnish interesting reading.

According to press dispatches from Yankton, S. D., Miss Josephine Crow-

leather, a full-blooded Sioux maiden has entered the Benedictine order. Her father is a Sioux chief. Thus it is demonstrated that there is no color or race line in the Catholic Church.

Very Rev. William Keegan, Vicar General of the Brooklyn diocese, and for nearly 20 years pastor of the Church of the Assumption, his first charge, died in Brooklyn recently aged 66 years. Requiescat in pace.

### Railway Conductors Convention.

This week the Grand Division of the Order of Railway Conductors has been in session in this city. Some 1,200 delegates are present. The exercises opened with a public reception at the Lyceum Tuesday morning. Secretary of State Frank Rice delivered the opening address. Mayor Carroll and City Attorney Chas. B. Ernst also made speeches. His Honor said:

In the name of this people, whom you have honored by holding your session here, I bid you a hearty welcome. Many of your members are residents of Rochester, esteemed by all for many estimable traits of character and their pleasure is shared on this occasion by all their fellow citizens. Your grand organization, representing the multitude of interests which center in the successful operation of the railroads of the country, becomes conspicuous above all similar associations in many ways. The vast properties in your daily care, the millions of lives entrusted to your watchfulness, the fidelity with which you meet daily emergencies, unprovided for by rules and left to your discretion, evoke the profound gratitude of all communities and the deepest interest in your welfare.

We are proud of our city, and never more so than since it has seemed good to you to meet in its halls. The early summer bids you welcome. The waterfall which thunders to the sky its joy in being the servant of our manufacturers, bids you welcome. The schools and churches turn out their attendants to join in the general welcome. Our art galleries and university-museum open their doors in welcome. Priest, student, artisan, professional man, women and children, 130,000 strong, bid you welcome. The official bodies of our city bid you welcome.

May your stay be pleasant, your business prosperous and your remembrance of your session here be a joy unto you forever."

Among other things Rochester eloquent city attorney said:

"It has always been the custom for men of various trades to assemble together for consultation. The ancient guilds have developed into the Knights of Labor and Federation of Trade. It is in pursuance of this proper custom that you have met together. Your organization has a noble history. The conductor's duties have grown more numerous with the advance of mechanical improvement. Years ago the conductor's principal duty was to save his passenger's scalps from the savage Indians. Now the conductor's principal foe is the "spotter." He is also somewhat troubled with the tongues of women who may take passage on his train. Your trains now travel from forty to fifty miles an hour but do not yet go as fast as a woman's tongue.

You are gentlemen of intelligence and bravery. In danger, when the faces of passengers blanch, the conductor must keep cool, reverse the lever, and save the lives of his passengers. It is eminently proper that you should be welcomed to this city. May your proceedings be harmonious and conduce to your own good and that of the public."

### TRIDUUM—Continued.

Congregation of the Mission and on December 28th, 1820, completed his novitiate. He finished his course in 1823, and was ordained sub-deacon and sent to College of Montdidier, where he remained two years, at the end of which time his superiors deemed it advisable to recall him to Paris to be ordained priest. On Sept. 23d, 1825, he was ordained priest; on the very same day in the year 1600, St. Vincent of Paul was also ordained priest at Chateau-Bevoque by the Bishop of Perigueux.

He was appointed professor of dogmatic theology at the Great Seminary of Saint-Flour; afterwards superior of the Little Seminary at the same place. At the latter place he remained five years and was beloved of all. In 1832 he was summoned to the mother house in Paris and made master of novices. In this position he was universally respected and loved. He long had wished to go as a missionary to China, but his ill-health had induced his superiors to refuse the request. At last in 1835, his wish was granted and, after a long and perilous voyage, he landed at Macao on the feast day of St. John the Baptist. Here he remained several months, learning the Chinese language. February 22, 1836, he arrived at Fuh-Ning on the East coast of China, and at the northern extremity of the province of Fo-Kien. March 15 he set off again for Kiang-Se; April 15 he reached Hankow near Woo-Chan-Foo. This country had already been stained with the blood of another of St. Vincent of Paul's sons, the martyred Jean Francois Regis Clet. After a long journey, fraught with great danger, for the Chinese law condemned to death any European who dared to penetrate into the interior of the land of the Celestials, he finally reached Nan-Yang-Foo where he rested for a time, exercising the duties of a priest and with great success. His devout and beautiful life procured for him a saintly reputation while on earth.

After laboring in God's vineyard for some years, the series of trials, which were to end with a glorious martyrdom for the sake of Jesus Christ, began on Sept. 15th, 1839. Mass had just been concluded, when a band of soldiers rushed in upon the congregation and arrested nearly all, among them the subject of our sketch. He was hurried off to prison and subjected to the most cruel indignities. He was dragged before one tribunal and another, and all manner of torture heaped upon his saintly head to induce him to renounce his faith. But he remained firm as a rock. Torture, insult, pain and contumely had no effect; he manfully stood up for the religion that had cheered and illumined the death-scene of so many Christians and had supported an already long list of martyrs, whose ranks he was destined to swell. Sept. 11, 1840, in compliance with an imperial edict, he was strangled. To the last the brave Lazarist maintained his trust in God and died a glorious death. His remains were tenderly cared for and laid in the same grave with the other martyred Lazarist—M. Clet. In 1858 the body was exhumed by Mgr. Spelta, Vicar-apostolic of Hu-Peh, identified by Mgr. Delaplace, Vicar-apostolic of Tche-Kiang and removed to France. In 1843 Pope Gregory XVI. signed the decree introducing the cause of beatification, thus entitling M. Perboyre to be styled Venerable.

### Catholic Society Notes—Continued.

brilliant banquet at the Vanderbilt House Wednesday evening. The affair was a complimentary one tendered by the Syracuse Councils to the visiting delegates and it was a flattering success. Covers were laid for 200. The tables were handsomely decorated with potted plants, and an orchestra stationed near the entrance rendered selections while the banqueters were doing justice to the menu. The toast list follows:

Opening Address by the Toastmaster, M. J. McCarthy; Prayer, by State Spiritual Adviser, Rev. James C. Rigney; The Legion, State Pres. Bernard J. York; The Church, Rev. Patrick Donohue; Our Country, Thomas Hogan; Our City, Mayor Cowie; The State Council, State Sec'y V. J. Dowling; The Medical Profession, Dr. Gregory Doyle; The Press, John F. Cummings; The Ladies, Judge John F. Cummings.

Branch 138, O. M. B. A., of Lima, will hold a grand festival and dancing party on the evening of May 30.

At the last meeting of Branch 81, fourteen candidates were initiated; two elected to membership and one application was filed. President Hellman was too ill to preside, so Dr. A. R. Gumbert filled the chair. The committee on the new meeting room reported that it would be finished about June 1st.

### The Recent Double Tragedy.

Our readers are all familiar with the circumstances of the killing of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stoddard, by Detective Thomas Lynch, which terrible tragedy occurred just as the Journal was going to press Friday night last. A coroner's jury decided Saturday that Stoddard was legally killed and that Mrs. Stoddard's death resulted from an accident. This week, however, steps are being taken to bring the matter before the grand jury and there is a probability that such action will be taken. While we are not of the opinion that Mr. Lynch meant to do any killing, still the fact that he and Stoddard were on bad terms militates heavily against the former in the mind of many. It seems to us that the moral culpability, if any there be, rests upon the police authorities. When Mr. Lynch applied for a warrant to arrest Stoddard, it naturally occurred that some other officer should have been deputed to make the arrest. Had such course been taken, it is more than probable Mr. Lynch would not have upon his mind the terrible remembrance he now bears about with him.

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### Announcement.

The JOURNAL will devote space each week to the doings of amateur baseball clubs during the season and would like to have the teams of the different Catholic schools in the city form a league. The members of the club to be 15 years of age. The winning team will receive a handsome trophy from the CATHOLIC JOURNAL PUBLISHING COMPANY.

All captains are requested to send their scores to F. W. Hanes, 3 North ave.; also to attend a meeting to be held next Tuesday evening, at the JOURNAL office, 7 p. m. sharp, corner East ave. and Main St.

The Quicksteps of St. Mary's school have organized a nine of the following players: W. Hart, p.; W. Duffy, c.; McNulty, s. b.; F. O'Connor, 3rd b.; O'Connor, r. f.; G. Maloney, 2nd b.; Spillane, l. f.; R. Farrell, c. f.; W. Carey, s. The Quicksteps would like to challenge any nine whose members are under 15 years of age. Send challenges to W. Carey, Hamilton place.

The Excelsiors of Corpus Christi school have organized with the following players: W. White, pitcher; J. Galvin, catcher; Burke, first base; G. Murphy, second base; P. Lavin, third base; J. Tierney, short stop; P. Sheehan, left field; D. Campbell, c. f.; F. Lynch, r. f.; R. Heffernan, manager; P. McCall, substitute. Send all challenges of all clubs under 15 years of age to P. Lavin, Corpus Christi school.

The Rochesterers defeated the Columbus team yesterday by a score of 6 to 2.

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