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BIGOTS IN ROCHESTER

There was a convention in Rochester last week of members of the A. P. A., according to the New York "Herald," the only paper in the State that took any notice of the assemblage of bigots. The delegates discussed the qualifications of certain presidential candidates. It was decided that Senator Hill could not receive the support of the A. P. A. because he openly denounced the organization in the gubernatorial campaign of 1894. President Cleveland would not do because he was in league with the Jesuits, and had appointed a Catholic justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Thomas B. Reid will be antagonized because he denounced the A. P. A. last summer. No objection was urged against Governor Morton, William McKinley, Senator Allison, Robert T. Lincoln, or Governor Bradley, of Kentucky. There was some objection to ex-President Harrison because of the prominent part in his canvass by Senator Carter, of Montana and Richard Kerns, of Missouri, but Supreme President Trainor, of the A. P. A. says Harrison is all right. The Apaiats, at their convention here claimed a membership of 4,500,000 in the United States, and 113,000 in New York State. The membership claimed for Rochester and Monroe County is 4,100. Either the Apaiats have been losing ground here in the last year, or they did some tallying a year ago, for then they claimed to be 14,000 strong in the Flower City.

It is said the Rochester convention decided not to endorse any particular candidate, or any particular party, but that the A. P. A. should support the presidential candidate who agreed to be bound by the A. P. A. declaration of principles. This bears out what the Journal has always argued that this murderous organization is afraid to come out in the open and place candidates in nomination on its own ticket, and pledged to support the platform of the A. P. A. Such a course would demonstrate its weakness, and sound its death knell. It will ally itself with the candidate or party it deems most likely to win, and if victory results, then the A. P. A. will claim the credit and the spoils, especially the latter.

It was also stated in Rochester that Senator Hill had told a political friend that he made a mistake when he tried to carry New York for Governor on an anti-A. P. A. platform. We have too high an opinion of Senator Hill's integrity and liberality to believe that he ever made such a declaration. He came out of the conflict, although defeated, with a clear conscience and enhanced reputation for broadmindedness. If he did make such a declaration as was stated, we have nought but contempt for the Senator, and hope he will be a political corpse ere long. It is well, however, to take note of such statements with several

grains of salt, especially in reference to politicians and candidates for office. It is well not to be misled, though, for Catholics to keep close watch this year, and if it can be ascertained that the candidate of either party has agreed to stand by the A. P. A., every Catholic vote in the 45 States should be cast against him.

There was one sentiment expressed by the Apaiats here that we hope will materialize into reality. This was that the A. P. A. should be organized into a separate political party, and nominate a candidate of its own for president. We would like to see these "amazin' ruffians" stand up and be counted once.

DIFFERENT IN ROCHESTER

The "Catholic Reading Circle Review" for January, contains a paper on Reading Circles read at the Catholic Summer School last summer by Miss Katharine E. Conway, associate editor of the Boston "Pilot." In the course of it Miss Conway says that she does not believe in circles with mixed membership. She asserts that in but few instances have circles that admit both men and women to membership, been successful. She says such gatherings have a tendency to overwhelm the diffident of both sexes. Miss Conway's other objection to mixed memberships follows in full:

"Then human nature would assert itself. The cleverer and prettier women would have escorts, and the rest would be neglected on the homeward way, and personal rivalries, disappointments and the like, would interfere very seriously with attention to essays and discourses."

Granting it were true that some of the fair sex would have escorts and others none, where is the difference in a circle admitting only women to membership? Would all the ladies not have to go home unescorted? Is it not logical that both men and women would be more inclined to join a reading circle if their "devoted admirers" could go, too?

As to the charge that a mixed membership places diffident persons at a disadvantage, the writer knows from personal experience that diffidence soon wears away, and that afterward such persons have been glad that they belonged to a "mixed" reading circle because of the confidence they had gained in themselves. It has been our experience that the men have been more benefited by such "mixed" circles, and that many a bashful young man has been cured of his failing. Mixed membership also tends to a better social feeling among the young people of a parish, and also tends often to more tender relations and—this reader can guess the rest.

All the reading circles in Rochester, except one, we believe now admit both sexes to membership, and nowhere in the country have the circles made greater progress, or where they have been more successful. The other circle, composed exclusively of members of the fair sex, has also been successful, so we fail to see where there is any argument that the question of mixed membership enters into the success of reading circles. It all depends upon the individual members and the spirit in which they enter into the work. It cannot be that the Boston circles in which mixed membership was a failure, were started on the proper basis. Or was it because the young ladies of Boston are too profoundly blue-stockingish for the young gentlemen?

The Chicago "New World" pertinently says of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg, "This amiable young man belonged to that class of impecunious German princes who seem to be specially brought into the world for the sole purpose of providing the princesses of England with husbands."

On January 10th the Holy Father celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his consecration as archbishop of Perugia, over which was presided from 1846 until he was crowned

HAS CHIVALRY DEPARTED.

Can it be possible that, after the positive statement of the Constantinople correspondent of the London "Times" that the Turkish government has decided to exterminate the Armenians, the Christian nations will fold their hands and passively allow such slaughter to go on? Is it possible that this age of greed and avarice has obliterated the ancient chivalry? If the atrocities perpetrated in 1896 in Armenia took place in the twelfth century, there would be several armies of Crusaders on their way to Asia Minor by this time. British cowardice and cupidity, German indifference, French supineness and Italian selfishness have stifled all appeals for justice.

Governor Morton has granted a further respite until February 11th, to enable Justice Mayham to examine the papers in the motion of a new trial on the alleged confession of one of Shea's confederates that he, and not Shea, murdered Robert Rose. This is but right. No man should be electrocuted when there is a reasonable doubt that he is not the guilty person.

Mr. Joseph D. Murphy, editor of "The Hibernian" has been appointed as cashier of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia. The honor was tendered voluntarily by Major Kreitz, the superintendent, and is a position of responsibility.

We congratulate editor Murphy, and we trust that he will find the position an acceptable one.

Will it be Joseph Chamberlain or Cecil Rhodes who will win in the annulment of the contest for the annulment of the charter of Rhodes' British South African Company? Rhodes is powerfully backed politically and financially, and will put up a hard fight before he surrenders his charter. British public opinion generally favors Rhodes and Dr. Jameson, it may be remarked.

The dignity of the United States senate has departed when an individual of the calibre of Ben Tillman is allowed on the floor of the senate to call the president of this country "a besotted beast," and to continue for an hour a torrent of foul invectives that would have subjected the speaker to arrest if uttered on the street.

The United States senate has passed a free silver bill. The country has reason to be thankful that Grover Cleveland is still president of the United States rather than one of the revolutionary idols who passed the bill.

The latest of the press cavards about Pope Leo XIII, was the one stating that he had offered to arbitrate between England and Venezuela.

The Syracuse "Sun" says that reading circles have been dismal failures in the Saline City. Like the Catholic papers of Syracuse, eh?

St. Stanislaus' church appears to still exist notwithstanding the opposition of the Polish National Alliance.

REPORTERS WANTED.

If you do not see any news from your parish in THE JOURNAL, and would like to act as our special correspondent, write us in regard to the matter. We desire correspondents in all unrepresented parishes of the diocese. Address: Editor CATHOLIC JOURNAL.

A feature of the Tennessee centennial exposition, which will open Sept. 1, 1896, will be a steel tower 100 feet high, with a great revolving crown of incandescent lights on top. As the crown revolves the lights will spell in dissolving shades the words: "Tennessee Centennial, 1896."

At Berlin the Academy of Arts is preparing an exhibition of the paintings of Adolf Menzel, Andreas Achenbach and Julius Schnader, who are now all 80 years old and still painting.

Numerous heavy rains on the hotels in St. Albans, Vt., are yielding heavy crops.

THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: St. Luke viii. 43.—At that time: "When a very great multitude was gathered together, and besetted out of the cities unto Him, He spoke by a similitude: A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell by the wayside and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And other some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And other some fell among thorns, and the thorns growing with it, choked it. And other some fell upon good ground and sprang up and yielded fruit a hundredfold. Saying these things He cried out: He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And His disciples asked Him what this parable might be. To whom He said: To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables; that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now this parable is this: The seed is the word of God. And they by the wayside are they that hear; then the devil cometh, and taketh the word out of their heart, lest believing they should be saved. Now they upon the rock are they who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no roots, who believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they who have heard, and going their way, are choked with the cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and yield no fruit. But that on the good ground are they who in a good and perfect heart, hearing the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit in patience."

What did our Lord wish to teach by this parable? He wished to say that of all those who came to hear and hear Him comparatively few would profit by His divine teaching.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday 9.—Seragatima Sunday. Epist. 2 Cor. xii. 19-21. Gospel: Luke vi. 43-45. Monday 10.—St. Scholastica, Virgin. Tuesday 11.—The Seven Holy Founders of the Society Order. Wednesday 12.—St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr. Thursday 13.—St. Raymond of Penafort, Confessor. Friday 14.—St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor and Doctor of the Church. Feb. 9. St. Valentine, Martyr. Saturday 15.—Office of the Immaculate Conception. SS. Paschasinus and Jovita, Martyrs.

A Melodious Mass.

An exceedingly melodious composition is Paola La Villa's "Third Mass in D," which has just been published by Ditson & Co. The Mass is well written. It shows the hand of a composer of intelligence—one who has studied his great art conscientiously. The score is by no means difficult. You feel, on examining it, that the composer is capable of writing a much more elaborate Mass. But there is a quiet charm about it that will at once delight the majority, and there is no reason why La Villa's "Mass in D" should not become a great favorite in the Catholic churches.

It is to be hoped that we shall hear La Villa's "Third Mass in D" at some of our churches. We think it would make a very favorable impression. It is published by the Oliver Ditson company of Boston, Mass. Price \$1.75 postpaid.

The Second Annual Entertainment and ball of the Letter Carriers of Rochester will be given at Pittsburgh hall Thursday evening, February 13th.

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SHE TOOK THE PRIZE.

Miss Melissa Taylor is declared the prettiest girl in Iowa. Miss Melissa Taylor, who possesses the distinction of being the prettiest girl in Iowa, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Taylor of Albia. Out of 40 contestants from various parts of the state she was awarded first prize for beauty at the state fair recently held at Des Moines. Miss Taylor is now 21 years of age and besides having a fair face is a charming young woman. Early in life Miss Taylor showed a remarkable



MISS MELISSA TAYLOR.

musical talent, and having a beautiful soprano voice it was decided to give her an opportunity to improve it, and to Chicago and its instructors are due the happy results of four years of study and training, for the young woman now ranks without question as one of the most talented musicians in central Iowa. With this gift she unites a sweet, womanly disposition and a charming manner, which win for her a place in the hearts of all who meet her.—Chicago Tribune.

Modern Woman's Strength.

Whatever may be thought of the pretensions to intellectual advance put forward on behalf of the modern woman, there is at least no denying her physical and muscular progress. Brought to the test of actual results, her claim to mental superiority over the woman who thought and worked and achieved in a less assertive age becomes by no means easy to establish. With all the exultant fuss about higher education and the equality of the sexes, we look in vain today for worthy successors to some of those gifted and brilliant women of the past who, quietly and without the aid of advertisement, wrote their names upon the history of their time. But when it comes to a question of physical comparison the new feminine generation has far better reason to congratulate itself and pity its grandmothers.—London World.

Remarkable Twins.

Tillie and Lizzie of Philadelphia, 10 years old, are remarkable twins. If the stories told of them be true. When one suffers pain, the other feels it also. Either sister can find the other in a crowd of any size "without hunting," as they express it. The resemblance between the two girls is remarkable. Both weigh exactly the same. Their recollections of past events are precisely the same. Neither one can recall a single occurrence that did not happen in the presence of both. It takes the minds of both to retain a lasting recollection of any happening, but when the fact is once impressed upon the minds of both, neither one forgets its least important feature.

New York's Legal Women.

New York's list of lawyers includes the names of many talented young women. The first woman to win a prize at a regular law school was Miss Nellie Tins, now an active and successful lawyer. Miss Florence Dangerfield, who was chosen president out of a class of 90 men, is a young woman who has already distinguished herself in her profession. The versatility of Mrs. Theodore Satro, who was valedictorian of her class in the law school of the University of New York, is well known. The first woman to be admitted to the bar in this city was Miss Kate Stoneman, a friend and coworker of Dr. Loder.—New York World.

Jeanne de Chantal.

Mrs. Jeanne de Chantal, superior of the religious Order of Providence, is dead. She was 83 years old. When the French came into France in 1870, she was superior of the Chateaudun community. She concealed in the cellars of the convent a great number of soldiers and guerrillas. One of the latter was captured and ordered to be shot. She stood between him and the squad, and the order to fire was not given. A company of wounded French soldiers was ordered to Germany, but she stood in front of it, and the soldiers were returned to the ambulance. This achievement has been made the subject of a celebrated painting.

The Spreading Struggle.

Mrs. M. Wolstenholme edits The Woman's Voice at Sydney, New South Wales. Its motto is, "Democratic, but not revolutionary; womanly, but not weak; fearless without effrontery, liberal without license." The Abbeville (S. C.) Median says: "The struggle for equal rights for women is not confined to our state, but is going on throughout the world among the most enlightened people." The Voice is an advocate of suffrage, and the question seems to be a live one in those localities.

The Big Three.

Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, hail Your disarmed masters of 41 less favored states look upon you not in envy, but in a spirit of emulation, anticipation and expectancy. In Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California our fight for freedom is on, and our hopes beat high as our campaign progresses. The mighty west is marching on.—Portland (Or.) Pacific Empire.

FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

THE A. T. C. CLUB.

It is an organization of Brooklyn Boys Who Are Animal Trainers. How many readers will be able to guess what the A. T. C. means? (Name again!) Oh, well, it is a hopeless case. You will never be able to guess the right answer, so you might as well be told first as last. The A. T. C. is the Animal Training club, and its members are little Brooklyn boys who have an assortment of animals as pets. These boys agreed to teach their pets a number of tricks and to meet and confer with one another and exchange experience. As all of the boys are near neighbors, it was not much trouble for them to congregate in the back yard of one of the members and there hold teachers' conventions.

There is one peculiarity about the Animal Training club, and that is that every member is an officer. There are the president, vice president, secretary,



treasurer and a number of subordinate officers not usually thought of by the farmers of clubs. The term of office is not very long—only two months. The membership dues are 6 cents a week, which is used in giving entertainments for the club and such guests as it invites. In the picture printed here you may view all the members of the club. The picture was taken by a young amateur photographer, Charles Anderson, the brother of Willie Anderson, who educated two turtles.

Harry Rose and his brother, Waldemar Rose, who live at 140 Lefferts place, Brooklyn, have three rabbits, one canary bird, five turtles, two cats and a silver fish. Of these pets the silver fish and the cats proved to be the most difficult to educate. A bonnet the extent of education that a silver fish is capable of is to come up to the top of the water and get a fly. Birds can be taught all sorts of tricks if they are handled when they are quite young.—New York Recorder.

Wykes, Blynkes and Nod.

Wykes, Blynkes and Nod one night staid in a wooden shoe. Batted on a river of misty light. Into a sea of dew. "Where are you going, and what do you wish?" The old man asked the three. "We have come to fish for the herring fish. That live in the beautiful sea. Nets of silver and gold have we." Said Wykes, Blynkes and Nod.

The old man laughed and sang a song. "As they rocked in the wooden shoe, And the wind that sped them all night long. Batted the waves of the sea. The little stars were the herring fish. That lived in that beautiful sea. 'Now cast your nets wherever you wish, But never discard any one.' So cried the stars to the fishermen three." Wykes, Blynkes and Nod.

All night long their nets they threw. For the fish that the twinkling stars. Then down from the sky came the wooden shoe. Bringing the fishermen home. 'Twas all so pretty a sight seemed. As if it could not be done. And some folk thought 'twas a dream they'd dreamed. Of sailing that beautiful sea. But I shall name you the fishermen three— Wykes, Blynkes and Nod.

Wykes and Blynkes are two little eyes, And Nod is a wooden shoe that sailed the skies. Is a wee one's trundle bed. So shut your eyes while mother sings. Or the wonderful sights that be. And you shall see the beautiful things. As you rock in the misty sea. Where the old shoe rocked the fishermen three. Wykes, Blynkes and Nod. —Eugene Field.

Battered the Little Princess.

One of the little English princesses, the young daughter of the Princess of Battenberg, and a granddaughter therefore of the queen of England, was perished recently, as any little girl might have been. Like all small princesses, she has begun the study of European languages early, and already speaks French and German with considerable fluency. But the other day when her patient governess began to teach her some Italian phrases her royal highness very nearly struck. "Grandmamma makes me sly," "Thank you," when she gives me anything," she exclaimed, "and father, 'Ich danke Ihnen.' Then you used to tell me to say 'Merri,' and now it's something else! What a lot of different ways there must be of talking!"

Table Football.

A good table game that is easy to contrive does not need much preparation. Get a large cloth on which you can mark with chalk, or if you prefer you can stitch the lines with red cotton. The boys will tell you if you do not know how to lay out the football field. The ball is an egg that has been blown. A hen's egg is generally used, but a robin's egg is better. It is not kicked, but blown from point to point. There is not much danger to the combatant, but a new ball has to be provided for almost every match. Touch downs and five yard limits are not possible, but the general rules for football may be observed.