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## YIELDED TO POPULAR CLAMOR

THE JOURNAL so far has said nothing about the case of Bartholomay Shea, electrocuted for murder at Dannemora last Tuesday; but it seemed to us that the case requires notice at this time.

Shea was accused of murdering Robert Ross, in the course of an election row in the first ward of Troy two years ago. Both had been prominent in the factional political row for which Troy has so long been notorious. There is no disputing the fact that Ross was killed, and for a long time it looked as if Shea killed him. The latter was convicted after a long trial, in which Shea was defended by counsel of great ability, who fought every point inch by inch. Shea was sentenced to be electrocuted. Governor Flower and Governor Morton refused to interfere. The case was carried to the court of Appeals, which affirmed the decision of the lower courts.

Suddenly, a few days before he was to die, John McGough, who was convicted of manslaughter in connection with the same brawl, and sentenced to twenty years in Dannemora prison, confessed that he, and not Shea, was the real murderer of Ross. The Governor granted a reprieve to Shea. A representative of the Attorney-General's office visited Dannemora and questioned McGough closely. Justice Mayhan granted a stay to Shea, and listened patiently to lengthy arguments for and against granting a new trial. He finally decided adverse to Shea, but stated that in his opinion the evidence in the original trial did not warrant a conviction of murder in the first degree. Again Governor Morton was appealed to; to exercise executive clemency to commute Shea's sentence to imprisonment for life. He refused, and Shea suffered the extreme penalty of the law.

It seems to us that all the ends of justice would have been subserved if Shea had been sent to State prison for life. But the A. P. A. made an issue of this poor ignorant boy's life and made a popular clamor for his blood. They refused to cease their activity after McGough had "confessed." This, of itself, raised a question of Shea's guilt, and he should have been given the benefit of the doubt. Vicar-General Smith, who was with Shea to the end, believed in his innocence; that is, he believed if Shea fired the fatal shot he did not know it. Father Swift says that Shea maintained his innocence to the last. McGough still claimed he was the guilty party after Shea was dead.

It seems to us, and this is written dispassionately, that Gov. Morton has assumed the awful responsibility of sending to the electric chair an unfortunate human being, of whose guilt there was a doubt.

Queen Victoria's recent speech to Parliament adds no lustre to that beautiful occasion. It was colorful.

## LENT

We have entered upon the holy season of Lent. Last Wednesday was Ash Wednesday, the day that marks the opening of the penitential season. For the next six weeks we should endeavor to mortify the flesh by works of penance. We should sustain from those things in which we habitually take pleasure. For instance, a good penance for a man is to abstain from smoking. Liquor he should always abstain from, but if he is in the habit of drinking he should abstain from wine during Lent. The women can abstain from eating candy, chewing gum, reading novels, skating, from sugar in tea or coffee, etc. These may seem trivial or absurd penances, but they serve to mortify the flesh and furnish opportunities for self-denial. We should attend the sermons and other evening exercises during the season. A little extra exertion and self-denial in sleep will permit us to attend mass every day during Lent, and such attendance cannot fail to enhance our spiritual welfare.

We should never fail to remember that the forty days of Lent commemorate the forty days' fast of Our Blessed Lord. We should also constantly keep in mind that Lent closes with a commemoration of Christ's awful Passion, where he gave up his life on the cross and suffered the death of a common malefactor that you and I, dear reader, might dwell forever in Heaven if we but choose to avail ourselves of His plan of redemption; with His glorious resurrection from the grave, the triumph of the Infinite over the finite. We are entering upon the most solemn, sorrowful, yet grandest season of the ecclesiastical year. Every service in a Catholic church in the 365 days has a meaning and significance; it marks a step in the life of Our Lord, or in the history of the Church. The holy season of Lent with its sublime ending is the most significant of all to the true Catholic.

How will you observe Lent, dear reader?

## THE A. P. A. ROUTED AFTER ALL.

After the editorial in last week's JOURNAL charging that the A. P. A. controlled Congress, was put in type, the report of the committee of the whole striking out the appropriations for the Catholic hospitals and asylums in the District of Columbia, was presented to the House for approval. No roll call is permitted in committee of the whole, hence it was comparatively easy for the A. P. A. adherents to vote to strike out the appropriations mentioned. But when a roll call was demanded in the House, so many former opponents of the appropriations were afraid to be placed on record where the whole country could see what contemptible heights they were, that they changed front and voted to defeat the appropriation. This is the first time that such an event has happened in the history of the country. The bill will go back to committee of the whole, and the items stricken out will probably be re-inserted.

Thus once again the A. P. A. gets a black eye for presuming to try to control this country's law makers.

A western contemporary, evidently has no love for Bishop Perry, head of the Episcopal Church in Iowa. Here is the way it speaks of him:—"Our candidate for ambassador to England in case of T. Bayard's recall or resignation, is Right Rev. William Stevens Perry, the Episcopal Bishop of Iowa. By sending him to that country which he so loves and serves while he fattens on the fruits of an American Bishopsric, we would rid this country of the most blatant, offensive and mendacious anglo-maniac that now infests the state of Iowa. He would crawl on all fours in the presence of British royalty as no other American would do; and in singing the praises of the "mother country" would tune his har much more melodiously than the new poet can tune his official lyre."

## THE BAN ABSOLUTE.

The ban of the Catholic church against the Knights of Pythias, Sons of Temperance and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is absolute. Cardinal Satolli has notified a committee of Catholics connected with the Pythian order who asked for a conference with the Cardinal, relative to removing the ban from the Knights of Pythias. He replied as follows: "I have received your letter of Jan. 20, and in reply I would say that the matter of the condemned society is entirely out of my hands. The last instruction from Rome was that the condemnation was absolute and admits of no further discussion. It was, however, provided that if there seemed to be particular reasons for making exceptions in any individual case, the matter might be referred to Rome through the Bishop of the diocese. If you have anything to submit in the matter it must all be done through your Archbishop. With sentiments of respect, I remain most faithfully yours: in Christ, Francis, Card. Satolli, "Delegate Apostolic."

In condemning the practice of claiming every great man as a Catholic, the "Catholic Citizen" says: "A man may write a book or paint a good picture, and be, like Mr. Balfour, or Sir John Millais, a non-Catholic. If he becomes a Catholic, what does it prove? That he has accepted the grace of Christ. Nothing more than is proved when a washerwoman, who has done the same, becomes a Catholic. If Sir John Millais should paint better pictures under the influence of Catholicity, there would be much to be proud of. His faith would show in his work. If the washerwoman should be more conscientious in her duty, there would be quite as much to be proud of. Christ came to save souls, not to choose distinguished people for his election, that they might figure in bumpkinous paragraphs."

Ballington Booth, son of the founder of the Salvation Army, has had charge of the army in the United States for the last nine years, during which the army has increased wonderfully in strength and influence. It is no wonder then that it is a source of regret to the members of the army in this country, and their many friends, that General Booth has seen fit to transfer his talented son to other fields of labor. Still it is his duty as a loyal soldier to obey orders, and those who are urging him to disobey are not giving the right sort of advice. We see the same spirit often manifested when bishops transfer Catholic priests.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, Henry Ward Beecher's successor in the Congregational Church in Brooklyn, is outspoken in his opposition to the A. P. A. Writing to the Boston "Standard," the only A. P. A. daily in the country, he says plainly that there is no danger to American institutions in Catholics owing spiritual allegiance to the Pope. Dr. Abbott then goes on to lay the A. P. A. for its bigotry and intolerance, saying: "Worse than even sectional strife is religious strife, which, in the name of the love of God, incites man to suspicion and animosity toward fellow-man."

There seems to be a large number of what are termed "strike bills" in the legislature at Albany. These are what are known as bills introduced with no expectation of their becoming laws, but to scare certain corporations, or political leaders, into paying money or in promising political patronage to the author of the resolution. A legislator low enough and mean enough to lend himself to further such despicable work, should never be sent to the legislature a second time.

"Innominato" is speculating again in the New York "Sun" on who will be the next Pope. It will be time enough to think about that when it pleases Almighty God to take Pope Leo XIII. to Himself. It is unlikely that newspapers will play much part in the selection of the next Pope.

The attempt of the A. P. A. to defeat General Coppinger's confirmation in the federal Senate was a despicable piece of business, and it served to fail, as it did. The Senators who were influenced by this vulgar organization, should be retired to private life, though.

A Protestant minister recently complained because a summer garden proprietor had invited him to preside at one of the concerts of the garden, on the ground that the clergyman's presence would give an air of respectability to the affair. Considering the subjects some preachers talk upon in their sermons and the unnecessary prominence they assume in political campaigns, the request of the summer garden man was not so surprising.

William Waldorf Astor has rehabilitated himself to a certain extent among self-respecting and loyal Americans by summarily dismissing as editor of the "Pall-Mall Gazette" one who wrote sneeringly of America and the Americans, in connection with the Venezuelan dispute.

It seems queer for a Republican organ like the "Post Express" to rebuke a Republican Assemblyman and a Republican Senator; but it would be well for the country if more partisan newspaper organs were imbued with the same spirit of independence and fearlessness.

It must be a queer sort of a church congregation in Lynn, Mass., that on February 2nd, unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing the fool and brilliant speech of Senator Tillman against President Cleveland and the members of the federal cabinet.

According to the Albany correspondent of "The Post Express," the Raines Excise bill may be defeated in the legislature. It is to be hoped this is true, for the bill in its present shape is unjust, unwise and oppressive. The high license feature is the only commendable feature of the proposed measure.

The Cuban insurgents should be recognized as belligerents. They have fulfilled all the conditions required, and they also seem abundantly able to puzzle and defeat the cleverest of Spanish leaders. The Cuban revolution has been a costly experience for Spain, and there can be only one end, the cutting loose of the Cubans from the rule of Spain.

Chamberlain defends the scheming Rhodes and the brigand, Jameson. This is in line with what The Journal predicted several weeks ago. Chamberlain would like to be premier, and the South African company is too powerful to be sneered at.

It is asserted by those opposed to Governor Morton that his administration has been too much of a social and too little of a political function, and that Mrs. Morton is the real head of the administration. This should bring cheer to the hearts of Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, et al.

The Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, Tory leader in the English House of Commons, has delivered himself of the opinion that Ireland does not need home rule. What Tory thinks otherwise? Then why do not the Irish members of parliament "get together" and fight the Tories on common ground?

There is no good reason why the law forbidding barber shops to be open on Sundays should be repealed. If a man be too lazy to get shaved on Saturday he does not deserve to be shaved at all.

The Milwaukee "Citizen" aptly suggests that if Edison is able to photograph a living man's brain, he experiment at once on the Orange-Canadian. W. H. J. Traynor, who is supreme president of the A. P. A. We second the motion.

Last week's dinner of the Chamber of Commerce was a brilliant success.

Bishop Ebleter of Grand Rapids, recently preached a sermon in which he advised young men not to marry a woman for beauty only, but to seek a helpmate for life who knew how to keep a house. Sound advice.

The Raines ballot bill should be amended so that the ballots cast be preserved for, say sixty days. This would allow a recount if demanded. At present the ballots cast are destroyed as soon as counted.

President Kruger, of the Transvaal Republic, continues to be a match for Joe Chamberlain in the delicate art of diplomacy.

The House of Representatives has saved the country's credit, and prevented the wildcat currency bill passed by the un-representative Senate.

The JOURNAL sees no good reason why John Y. McKane, the Gravesend election debaucher, should be pardoned.

Again we say to the self-respecting legislators: Defeat the Raines Excise bill.

## THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew iv. 1-11.—At that time: "Jesus was led by the spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards He was hungry. And the tempter coming said to Him: If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. Who answered and said: It is written: Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. Then the devil took Him up into the holy city and set Him upon the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him: If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down, for it is written: That He hath given His angels charge over Thee, and in their hands shall they bear Thee up, lest perhaps Thou dash Thy foot against a stone. Jesus said to him: It is written again: Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again the devil took Him up into a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, and said to Him: All these will I give Thee, if falling down Thou wilt adore me. Then Jesus saith to him: Begone, Satan, for it is written: The Lord thy God shalt thou adore, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and ministered to Him."

What do we learn from this Gospel? We should learn to love and practice mortification and penance, and not to lose courage when strongly tempted.

## Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday 23—First Sunday in Lent: Epist. 2 Cor. vi. 1-10; Gosp. Matt. iv. 1-11.  
Monday 24—St. Peter, Damian, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church (Feb. 23). Vigil of St. Matthias.  
Tuesday 25—St. Matthias, Apostle.  
Wednesday 26—Ember Day.  
Thursday 27—Feria.  
Friday 28—Ember Day.  
Saturday 29—Ember Day.

## ST. JOSEPH.

The Sister of St. Joseph of the Diocese of Detroit, have the pious custom of offering up all their prayers and good works during the entire month of March for all who seek their aid in this way.

Such as desire their prayers, will write their requests, and sign the same, and forward them to the Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Lefevre Institute, Kalamazoo, Mich., on or before the 1st of March.

During each year the Sisters are in receipt of many letters, expressing the gratitude of the recipients for favors obtained through the intercession of this Glorious Patron and his devotion. The sick claim they have been healed, extraordinary vacations have been obtained, unhappy marriages were blessed, sin was overcome, and virtue acquired.

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## SOME INSIDE HISTORY

WALTER WELLMAN DISCOURSES ON THE RECENT BOND ISSUE.

Why the Morgan Syndicate Did Not Get the Whole Lot.—This President at Odds With Morgan.—Why Stewart Lost a Good Sized Fortune.

The recent loan, despite its impressiveness and popular features, was no scientific and clumsy. Any one could bid, whether he had gold or not. It is pretty certain that millions were bid by persons who had scarcely a gold dollar to their names. These were speculative bids, and they are of course to be transferred to banks or other institutions which have gold or the means of getting it. The result is that gold is practically at a premium in New York and Boston. It is a small premium, but just enough to tempt the cupidity of many men who have bid for bonds. If they find they must pay an eighth for gold at a bank or broker's, but can get it without a premium at the subtreasury, where carriage expense may be avoided by simply carrying the stuff from the pay to the receiving window, where are they going to get it? Human nature is human nature, and no one has as yet discovered that it is any less human among bankers, brokers and bond speculators than it is among other people.

In this connection I am able to give some secret history that is very interesting. Some weeks ago the administration wanted to place the loan with Mr. Morgan and his syndicate under conditions that would protect the reserve. Mr. Morgan was willing to undertake the task, but he declined to pay more than 105. The administration offered him the whole lot at 109, which was equal to 8 1/2 per cent interest. Mr. Morgan persisted, despite pressure, in adherence to this figure, and then the president decided upon a public loan. The howls of certain newspapers and the speeches of senators in Congress denouncing private loans had nothing whatever to do with the president's change from a private contract to a public competitive loan. Mr. Morgan's refusal to pay 109 determined that it was some satisfaction to the president to force Morgan to come up with an offer, not above 109, but of nearly 111, but he would be better satisfied had he assurances that the sale at 111 were going to protect the reserve and make another loan unnecessary before the presidential election.

The newspaper writers who praise of Pierpont Morgan as the favorite financier of the administration do not know what they are talking about. President Cleveland is out of patience with Mr. Morgan. If any financier may be regarded as the favorite of the administration it is John A. Stewart of the United States Trust company. After the president had rejected Mr. Morgan's terms of 105 a month ago Mr. Stewart was asked to take hold and help make the public loan a success. He did so, and to his efforts and influence more than those of any other man is due the success of the recent loan.

And yet Mr. Stewart was outmaneuvered by Mr. Morgan as a bidder for bonds. This was because Mr. Morgan had a friend in the syndicate which Mr. Stewart had organized for the purpose of insuring the success of the issue. With this information in hand, it was easy for Morgan to outbid Stewart. If Mr. Stewart had been guided by the advice of a Washington banker, one of his friends, he would have beaten Morgan. Last Wednesday morning this banker became satisfied Morgan was going to bid nearly 111, and he wired Mr. Stewart to this effect, not once but thrice. Still Stewart refused to change his bid. At the last moment the Washington banker filled out bids for a half million on his own account at 111 and a little more, and reached the treasury at just five minutes of noon. His bids went in, he gets his bonds, and makes \$25,000 or \$30,000 for his quickness. Stewart lost the chance to make a million or two.

The Stewart bids for bonds, all at 110.075, were put in the hands of treasury officials about 35 minutes before noon. The Morgan bid of 110.877 was put in five minutes later. The Stewart bids had not been opened when the Morgan bids came in, and the Stewart bids were not in the hands of the treasury officials when the Morgan bids were filled out and sealed in the office of a banker two blocks from the treasury building. The difference between 110.075 and 110.877 represented the loss of a chance to make a fortune. But how silly and reckless the charge that there was collusion in the treasury.—Walter Wellman in Chicago Times-Herald.

Science Making War More Costly. Germany has been prominent of late in the field of invention and discovery. To the Roentgen photographic light, the gelatin photography in colors, and the Zeppelin airship must be added the Brand rifle, operated by explosive gas and firing 3,500 shots from one charge. In these times an army with rifles a year old finds itself out of date.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## Changeless.

As on its annual career The world goes gayly spinning The same old hope, the same old fear Still has its same beginning. For just ere springtime smiles again The people sit and wonder On old time themes of joy and pain That years cannot know under Will congress in ponderous incidence lag? Will the Washington nine get a chance at the flag? Will Turkey assume a more generous part? Will Emperor William give lessons in art? Will Puffer's brave whalers still wave in the west? Will the Buzzards bay fish give the duckling a rest? Will Tillman be eager and up for the chase? Will new women and bloomers still be in the race? And so they crowd on in a ceaseless array: As we found them of yore so we find them today. Though other old friends may prove fickle and go, Such standbys will ever be with us, we know.—Washington Star.