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TWO AUXILIARY BISHOPS.

The bishops of Scranton and St. Joseph have both applied for auxiliary bishops, and Rev. Michael J. Hoban has already been appointed to the Scranton diocese, while no appointment has been made to the See of St. Joseph.

By the way the year 1868 saw the consecration of a number of bishops and the creation of a number of new dioceses. Besides those mentioned above the late Bishop, Melcher, of Green Bay; Bishop Ryan, of Buffalo; bishops Heiss, of La Crosse, also dead, who, afterward was the second archbishop of Milwaukee; Bishop McCloskey, of Louisville, who was mitred in the Chapel of the American College at Rome by Cardinal Reish.

WHY IS IT?

Why is it that secular newspapers are so ready to publish all sorts of impossible stories where the Catholic Church, Catholic priests and Catholic doctrines are concerned, without verification?

On the other hand papers will publish all sorts of lies about the Catholic Church without compunction. They will tell the most outrageous lies about church history.

Mr. Barrister Purcell probably wishes now that he had not written that alleged biography of the late Cardinal Manning. It may be, though, that Purcell is of a kind with P. T. Barnum, who always worked his abused or praised him, mattered not, as long as they said something

OUTSIDE THE CHURCH.

The following special despatch from New Haven is a painful warning to those Catholics who prefer their membership in forbidden secret societies to the salvation of their souls:

"James F. Byrnes died Friday. He was a member of the Catholic Church, and also of the Knights of Pythias. When the Pope issued a manifesto placing the Knights of Pythias, together with several other secret societies under the ban, Byrnes with several others refused to leave the society.

When taken sick he sent for Father Chiquett, pastor of the French Catholic Church, to administer the last sacraments. The priest informed the dying man that he could do nothing for him until he renounced the Knights of Pythias, but the man declined to give up his membership. His funeral took place, the Knights of Pythias taking charge of all the arrangements. Byrnes was buried in a Protestant cemetery. The lodge attended in a body, but many of the dead man's friends stayed away."

Think of it! A supposedly sane man deliberately throwing away the eternal happiness of his soul, and taking in exchange eternal damnation, in order that membership in a society that is forbidden by the Church might be retained!"

CATHOLICS AND THE BIBLE.

Protestants are wont to brag about their devotion to and respect for the Bible, and to say sneeringly that Catholic priests endeavor to keep their flocks ignorant of the scriptures. Of course the charge is wholly untrue. If it were not for the Catholic Church the Bible would never have been given to the world.

"Church Progress" of St. Louis, thus states the fundamental objection to secret societies: "They require an oath or promise of absolute secrecy and obedience. Such an oath, taken before knowing the secret or command, and without reservation as to its morality, implies a disposition to comply whether it be good or evil. This disposition is intrinsically wicked, so is the oath that implies it, so are the societies that require this oath. Such an oath is not binding before God or upright men; nay, if the secret or command be evil, its fulfillment is a duty, its violation a conscientious crime."

W. C. Braun, in the "Iconoclast" thus breezily pays his respects to the A. P. A., or A. P. Apes, as he calls them:

"In the Anglo-American controversy about the Venezuelan boundary, the A. P. Apes all insist that Uncle Sam is in the wrong, and should back down, while the Irish Catholics declare that, right or wrong, they'll stand by him until hell is frozen a foot deep. The A. P. Apes are the ducks who should be disfranchised. There is not as much stalwart Americanism in the whole cowardly mob as can be found in Phil. Sheridan's corpse."

The Journal sees no good reason why the supervisors should not be paid a fixed salary, say \$500 or \$600 a year, instead of a per diem allowance. The latter custom tends to degrade man, because if he would receive anything like decent compensation for his services, he must spin out the number of days' services out longer than is absolutely necessary to transact the public business.

The Raines excise bill, as finally reported to the Senate, is just as objectionable now as when the Ontario County legislator introduced it in the Legislature. It still seeks to enrich the State treasury, and incidentally the rural districts by robbing the cities. This sort of legislation is vicious. It is doubtful if the bill can be beaten, though. Conscientious legislators are afraid of the party lash.

MORE A. P. A. IN CONGRESS.

Congressman Linton, of Michigan, is a bosom friend of Traynor, the boss A. P. A. Linton has demonstrated that fact on the floor of Congress a dozen times or more this session. He it was who urged the striking from the appropriation bills, all items for the payment of just claims within the District of Columbia, to any asylum or hospital operated by persons of the Catholic persuasion.

Linton has also succeeded in inducing the lower house to refuse to appropriate a cent for the maintenance of the Indian schools, that were built up, taken care of and brought to a degree of perfection no other Indian schools have or can attain, by Catholics. The non-Catholics are jealous because they cannot do so good work in the government schools. This is shameful, and it is still more shameful that Congress is dominated by such a contemptible creature as this Mr. Linton.

The day will come, however, when the votes of the last few weeks in Congress will return to plague the men who cast them.

It is amusing to see non-Catholic oligarchs representing denominations that do not observe even Good Friday, telling their parishioners how to observe Lent. It only shows, though, that Catholic example and Catholic principles are exerting a wonderful influence on popular thought.

If there is no law by which the legal authorities of the State can reach and punish the "Coal Pirates" who conspire to arbitrarily reduce the production and advance the price of coal in the middle of a hard winter, the Legislature should enact one in double-quick order.

In order to be recognized as ruler of Bulgaria Prince Ferdinand has deliberately violated his marriage contract, and had his son baptized in the Greek Church. Contemptible creature!

Richard Crocker may not be an ideal man, but no honest-minded citizen can deny that Crocker is as good as "Joe" Pulitzer of the New York World, and all will coincide with Mr. Crocker's designation of Pulitzer as "a journalistic hyena."

Instead of harmonizing matters, increasing the number of West Side sewer commissioners, and re-assessing the territory supposed to be benefited, seems to have stirred up a hotter fight than ever.

Electrocution is infinitely to be preferred to the frightful bungling in Detroit last week, where by it was necessary to place an unfortunate wretch on the gallows twice to end his life.

The exploited alliance between England and the United States does not appear to materialize very fast, despite the impassioned speeches of Joseph Chamberlain and Arthur J. Balfour.

The Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, leader of the Liberal party in Canada, will not gain anything in the way of political prestige if he declines to vote for the bill to restore to Manitoba Catholics their school rights.

The Rochester "Herald" is entirely right when it says that the Raines bill, instead of taking the sallow out of politics, builds up a gigantic political machine.

The plan adopted by the grand Council of C. M. B. A., giving \$50 to the person who organizes a new branch, ought to result in a large increase of membership to the order.

The sentiment for Canadian independence of England appears to be gaining ground with our friends across the border.

It is to be hoped the Canadian government will not falter in its purpose to restore to the Catholics of the province of Manitoba the rights that were guaranteed them under the "confederation act."

CARDINAL SATOLLI'S FUTURE.

A private letter received in Rochester recently is to the effect that Cardinal Satolli will return to the United States after he receives the red hat in Rome. According to this information the Cardinal will not be the delegate, but will occupy a position as nearly akin to a papal nuncio, as the customs of this country will permit. We do not vouch for the accuracy of this piece of news. It is simply stated as a report.

According to newspaper reports there are some of our State legislators who would be better off—and then constituents would be better represented—if they were sent back to their native towns.

Kentucky will lose caste among the States that stand for public integrity, for statesmanship, and for public good if she sends a free all-verdomagogue to the United States Senate.

The Chatfield trial is giving the general public considerable knowledge of the aims and objects of the A. P. A. That organization will be responsible for the death of young Chatfield if he finally dies in the electric chair.

It is a good rule to follow not to run in debt if you can possibly avoid it. It is just as well to do without things until you have the money to pay for them.

There ought to be some way in which a legislator who deliberately misrepresents his constituents, could be forced out of office.

J. Pierpont Morgan did pretty fair, even if he did not succeed in snatching all the \$100,000,000 of the new bonds.

Let's see! Who is the latest Cardinal the enterprising New York papers have fixed up in for Pope Leo's successor?

The amplitude of snow we are getting now is a sad disappointment to those who predicted a mild winter.

Susan B. Anthony is a splendid specimen of American womanhood, whether you agree with her ideas on woman suffrage or not.

Do not neglect your duty to God and to yourself during this holy Lenten season.

If Manson has really found the North Pole he should anchor it or fence it in.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Month of St. Joseph for people in the World," by Rev. J. T. Roche, of David City, Neb.; cloth, 198 pp., 50 cents. John Murphy & Co., publishers. A book that should be in the hands of every Catholic.

From the same publishers, "The Office of Holy Week," by the able Alexander Maximelli. This is a new edition, containing the ordinary Rubrics; a summary of the Psalms and explanation of the ceremonies and mysteries for each day of Holy Week and Easter Sunday; 16 mo., cloth, red edges, 50 cents.

Murphy & Co. have also issued a popular edition of "The Faith of Our Fathers," by Cardinal Gibbons. The book is in paper, after the style of the popular edition of "Our Christian Heritage." The book retails at fifty cents.

From the same publishers: A short statement of the Question of Anglican Orders." Paper, 14 pp., 10 cents.

Great Distress After Eating.

"A year ago last fall I was feeling weak and sick and had no strength or ambition and my appetite was very poor and what I did eat gave me great distress. I was in this condition about eight weeks, and then my face began to break out. I was very sick and had severe pains in the stomach and bowels. My husband advised me to have a doctor, but I urged him to get me a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and it cured me. I felt better after the first dose, and have not been sick a day since taking Hood's Sarsaparilla." Mrs. Belle Zimmerman, Geneva, N. Y.

Oversighters for less than cost, 130, 190, at J. W. Mason's, 190 East Main st.

THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew xvii. 1-9. At that time: "Jesus taketh unto Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart; and He was transfigured before them: And His face did shine as the sun; and His garments became white as snow. And behold there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with Him. And Peter answering, said to Jesus: Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. And as he was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them: And lo, a voice out of the cloud saying: This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him. And the disciples hearing, fell upon their face, and were very much afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said to them: Arise and fear not. And they, lifting up their eyes, saw no one, but only Jesus. And as they came down from the mountain Jesus charged them, saying: Tell the vision to no man till the Son of man be risen from the dead."

Why did Christ manifest Himself in His glory to these apostles? He did so for several reasons. First, by giving them a manifestation of the glory which was His own and which was not lost or diminished, but only hidden by the veil of humanity. He gave them a visible proof of His divinity. Moreover, He did so to strengthen them and sustain their faith when they would later on see Him in humiliation and suffering. Lastly, He was transfigured before them to encourage them and all future Christians to suffer voluntarily the trials of the apostleship, and observe the law, by permitting them to see a glimpse of that consolation which they will enjoy in the vision of God, which is the reward of all that love and obey Him here on earth.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday 1st—Second Sunday in Lent. Epist. 1. Thes. iv. 1-7; Gosp. Matt. xvii. 1-9. Monday 2nd—Feast. Tuesday 3rd—Feast. Wednesday 4th—St. Casimir, Confessor. St. St. Lucius, Pope and Martyr. Thursday 5th—Feast. Friday 6th—Most Holy Lance and Nails. Saturday 7th—St. Thomas, Aquinas, Confessor and Doctor of the Church. SS. Perpetua and Felicitas, Martyrs.

How Women Hide Their Jewels.

The average woman carries her treasure in a small leather bag slipped inside her corset, but this is out of the question with women who own from \$50,000 to \$100,000 worth of jewels. Not only would the load be cumbersome, but it would be injurious. Any continued pressure of clothes or bone against a woman's bosom is hurtful, but the burden of gold and stones would undoubtedly create cancer. A physician whom I queried on the subject said he had instituted a crusade against the habit. "A woman's breast," he remarked, "was one of the most sensitive spots to cancerous growth; therefore the slightest pressure there should be avoided."

A well known actress who owns a few dozens of diamonds has had several little bags made that are fastened with safety pins along the lines of her stocking supports. These supports consist of four strong silk elastic straps, depending from a small satin belt which she fastens securely about her waist, giving it additional safety by doubly pinning it to her corsets. So down the straps, which are kept taut by the stockings, are fastened these little jewel cases. She says they do not interfere at all with her walking; but, as she is a poor pedestrian, it would scarcely do to take her word for it.—Chicago Tribune.

This Will Be a Curious Room.

A curious room, well worth describing, says The Upholsterer, was recently undertaken by a New Yorker, but up to the time of our last inspection had not progressed much beyond the mere scheme. The idea applied simply to the walls, which were covered in a dark deadish green ingrain paper, and at various points around these walls were simple shelves upon which were deep green jardinières containing artificial flowers arranged after the style of the Japanese, appearing to be in natural growth, each pot containing but one kind of flower. Vases were arranged upon the walls and, presented thus, were the only designs or colorings anywhere upon the four sides of the room. Artificial flowers are plentiful and at certain periods are cheap enough. The calculation was that about \$15 worth of flowers were needed, and we can readily understand that the idea would give the appearance of quaintness if nothing more.

Women in the Lead.

Two years ago the state of New York appointed a board of examiners, before whom all graduates of medicine must pass an examination for a license to practice in the state. This year they published the comparative standing of all the colleges of the state. The students of the Woman's Medical College of the New York Infirmary were found to have taken the highest average. So, for the present, the women students lead in the results of the examinations of the state board. Henceforth the professors of this woman's medical college can truthfully say that their college leads the state.

The Brooch.

The brooch, or "breastpin," as worn at the throat 40 or 50 years ago, is again shown, to wear with the turned over collar of linen, batiste or lace, which young women now affect with their tailor gowns. The present fancy is to have this brooch of a large dark stone, very lightly mounted, and beyond all others the amethyst brooch is the choicest.

The Dog Remembered the Jobs.

A well known physician in one of the suburbs is the proud owner of a dog that is almost human and has in his make up a strain of humor that no Englishman can boast of. The canine is just 8 years of age. The first four years of his life were spent under the care of a young man who worked for the doctor, and who had a penchant for teasing the dog on all occasions. The young fellow was an excellent mimic of animal sounds, and whenever he could catch the dog asleep he would creep up behind him and bark loudly in his ear. The dog invariably woke with a start and would jump out of the door or window in a fury or turn to defend himself.

After four years of such misery the dog saw the young man leave the employ of the physician, but recently he returned and was again given his old position. When he entered the house, the dog was lying on the floor. The young man greeted him, but Mr. Canine did not notice the salutation. He did, however, take in the situation at a glance. A few hours afterward the young man lay down by an open window for a short nap. Presently the people in the house noticed the dog get up from his resting place and make his way toward the young fellow. Every-body silently awaited developments, holding themselves in readiness in case the dog made any attempt to bite the man. But he did nothing of the kind. Only his sense of humor came into play. Creeping up to the sleeping man, he placed his mouth close to the ear of the sleeper and barked loudly. The man, upon hearing the sound, was so frightened that he leaped out of the window and fell into a tub of water beneath. The joke was so good that the doctor has been deluged with offers for the dog, but his valuation has so greatly increased that it would take a pretty good figure to get him.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Taking the Risk.

The question which appears to have been most frequently asked while the shock of the massacres lasted was whether it was right to imperil the lives and honor of men and women in such dangerous enterprises. It is this question which I propose to deal with. In doing so let me dismiss for a moment all rhetorical methods and even the direct and obvious religious rejoinder in meeting this question. From this standpoint missionary work must be treated on the same principles as those on which any other enterprise are treated. No doubt it is horrible to read of massacres and outrages, and all reasonable care should be taken not to provoke them. But to abandon an enterprise because certain risks attach to it is quite another matter. The objection that men and women ought not to be exposed to certain perils is really part of a much larger question. How far are risks lawful in any enterprise? Will any one build that only safe enterprises are to be undertaken? As we ask the question we provoke a smile, for there are hardly such things as enterprises devoid of risk. Enterprise usually involves risk. No progress of any kind is possible without it. If immunity from danger had been made a condition of enterprise, the development of civilization would have been arrested long ago. America had never been discovered. Australia had never been colonized. Neither the Suez canal nor the Forth bridge had ever been constructed. Balloons, ships and steamers would never have been known. Science would have been a pygmy instead of a giant. The healing art would still have been in the hands of charlatans. In proportion as we applaud the heroes of science and discovery we admit the principle that certain enterprises justify certain risks.—Saturday Review.

Giraffe Hunting.

Certainly one can scarcely consider it an elevating form of sport—to often it is lowering for the giraffe, as well as for horse and rider—for it calls forth neither endurance, courage nor extraordinary skill on the part of the hunter. Practically speaking, if he has a good horse which he can stick to, and can hit a haystack, there is not the slightest reason why he should not count his slain giraffe by the score. At the same time, it is not to be denied that there is something wonderfully fascinating and keenly exciting in a flying race on a good horse across a troop of these animals. The country through which the chase leads, the wonderful effect caused by the great striding, swaying troop in front of one, the feeling of exultation inseparable from a stiff gallop on a good mount, all combine to render attractive that which comes perilously near to deserving a very different name.

It is certain that all the interest of the sport is centered in the run, for when once the giraffe is brought to a stand nothing but honest pity can be felt for its beautiful, stately helplessness. No one with any real English grit in him will pretend that he derives from the fall of one of these great harmless creatures the same amount of satisfaction afforded by the death of a lion or a buffalo. But all our horses cannot be buffalo, nor our foxes lions, so it is not well to set up too high a standard. To those who enjoy an exciting race on a good horse over rough country, giraffe hunting offers great, almost unequalled, attractions. The only question is whether the feeling of pity for its reluctant death does not outweigh the previous short lived pleasure. It is so easy to take life, so impossible to restore it by endless regrets.—Kirby.

Of Course.

The mail matter handled in a day in a single postoffice in this country averages 8,000,000 pieces, but the man whose letter goes astray is just as mad as if his was the only piece in the hands of the government.—Norwich (Conn.) Bulletin.

Columbus' Example.

Columbus made the egg stand, and now many of his fellow countrymen are devoting themselves to making the peanut stand.—Philadelphia Record.