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## CHATFIELD ACQUITTED.

A jury of twelve men has declared that Egbert Chatfield is not guilty of murdering Dominick Kearns. It is current report that the jury took the ground that Chatfield killed his victim in self-defense. We fail to see from the evidence presented that there was any justification for such a conclusion. We have never thought that Chatfield premeditated Kearns' death, but we hold and still hold the opinion that he fired the fatal shot in a moment of mad frenzy, and that he was guilty of manslaughter. We have thought and still think that Chatfield owed a debt to society for the wrong he did in taking a human life, and that a term of imprisonment, apart from his fellow men, where he would not have had another chance to play a fellow being; where he would have had a chance to repent of his evil ways, would have fitted the crime. The jury, however, has thought otherwise, and we must bow to the verdict.

In all that we have said we are not actuated by any spirit of resentment or any desire for revenge. We have sought but pity for Chatfield, and sincerely hope to profit by the severe lesson he has learned. It should be a warning to him for the rest of his life. Our only wish is that he may heed the warning and lead a life above the shadow of reproach.

We said last week that the A. P. A. was responsible for the murder of Dominick Kearns, and we repeat that assertion. Chatfield's father and uncle are members of the organization, and it was by their influence that Egbert became an A. P. A. If he had remained outside the un-American order, he would probably not have the stain of human blood upon his soul, because then he would have had no incentive to engage in a quarrel over religious differences.

There is another lesson to be drawn from this sad affair. If Dominick Kearns had been in his home, where his place was at midnight Sunday night, he would be alive to-day, for it is beyond the range of possibility that Chatfield would have gone to the Kearns house to slay the head of the family. Just one word of advice to Kearns' friends and other impatient, thoughtless Catholics: Don't indulge in the sentiment, "If the situations were reversed and a Catholic was on trial for killing an Apatist, the district attorney would have remained here to prosecute the case and the result would have been conviction of murder in the first degree. Don't say such things. The jury had the case in charge; they listened to and weighed all the evidence and were more competent to return a verdict than any other tribunal ever known except Him who knows what was in the mind of the slayer as he slew his victim. Don't say such things for

## THEIR SPECIAL ADVANTAGES

In one of the lectures in Bishop McQuaid's "Christian Free Schools," are set forth the special advantages attainable in and through Catholic schools as follows:

1. "Catholic schools instruct in all the useful branches of a sound English education.
2. "They are more economical, costing no more than one-fourth or one-third the expense of supporting State schools; and commanding at the lowest possible price, merely food and clothing, one of the most expensive necessities of the age and country—skilled and trained intellectual labor.
3. "Their teachers are devoted to their work of teaching as a life-work; study every day, and waste no time in idle visits and foolish amusements.
4. "These teachers are in sympathy with the religious faith of the patrons of their schools.
5. "Parental schools alone will stand the test of logic; they are consonant to sound democratic republican doctrine; they make possible the inculcation of morality by the authority of a divine law giver; they respect the natural rights of parents, and meddle with and infringe on no one else's right.
6. "They are a necessity demanded by the circumstances of the times and the demoralized condition of the country, as well as for the future welfare of the Republic. It is our common country, belonging not to one man more than to another. He is the best citizen, no matter where he was born, who loves it most, and labors in his sphere of life according to his ability, with pure motives, for the honor and prosperity of the Union. He would be a renegade and base destroyer of his country, who, believing that morality on a religious foundation was essential to the safety and continuance of the government, should consent to withhold from children all possible means of growth in sound moral principles and conduct."

The lecture from which the above lines are quoted was delivered by Bishop McQuaid before the Free Thinkers' association in Boston, February 13, 1876. The country is in much the demoralized condition as in 1876, and the bishop's words come with greater force at this time.

## THE TENTH OF MAY.

The St. Louis "Church Progress" makes a pertinent suggestion that could be followed with great profit to the Catholics of this county, as follows:

"The Sixth Council of Baltimore assembled on the 10th of May, 1846. Twenty-three Bishops took part in its deliberations, and the first decree was to choose the 'Blessed Virgin Conceived Without Sin' as the Patroness of the United States." We quote from a history of the Church in America. The 10th of May, 1896, will be the golden jubilee of the selection of Mary Immaculate as the Patroness of the United States. Here is a most glorious occasion of celebration for the Catholic Church of the United States. It should be a universal celebration the land over in honor of the Immaculate Mother of God, under whose special protection we are. By a happy coincidence our own Archbishop has selected the very day, the 10th of May, for the ceremony of the conferring of the Pallium. Therefore the Catholics of this archdiocese will have a twofold reason for a great celebration. Let it be worthy of the double occasion, a celebration such as St. Louis knows so well how to appropriately arrange.

It would conduce more to general respect for the State legislature were fewer of its members in the state of hilarity in the public sessions described in the press despatches of last Tuesday. It becomes supposedly dignified legislators to appear in public in such a state that they scarcely knew what they were talking on.

It is to be hoped that John Dillon, the new anti-Parnellite leader, will be able to reconcile both wings of the Irish party, but it is doubtful if he can.

## AN INQUITOUS BILL.

The dominant political party in the United States Senate has seen fit to crack the party whip, and to compel all Senators of that party to vote for the iniquitous Excise bill. We think this course is utterly indefensible. There was not a hint in the last Republican State platform binding the party to such a course, then why should it be made a party measure, and Senators forced to lose their self-respect and to vote for a law that they denounce in public and private. We take the stand that to apply the caucus lash on such measures is an abominable practice, and will, sooner or later bring grief upon whatever party undertakes it. We have contempt for the Senator who thus humbly submits to caucus rule; at the same time we realize that to do otherwise would mean political suicide under existing conditions. Nevertheless, the day will soon come when caucus dictation on purely legislative, and legislation that is pushed for personal revenge will be rudely resented.

What we have said before we say again concerning the Raines bill. It is a bad bill, vicious in principle, and unnecessary at this time. If high license is demanded, the end can be obtained just as easy by amending the present excise law, and increasing the rate for licenses. The Raines bill was not drawn for that purpose. It was drawn to concentrate in the hands of political bosses the control of the liquor traffic, to be used as a club in political campaigns. It creates a small army of state constables, and that in itself is vicious. We want fewer State officials, not more. We care not what party has control of the machinery the people are demanding that the number of State officials be reduced, not increased.

Another objection to the Raines bill is that it makes a uniform excise law, applicable alike to all parts of the State. We would not consider this objection, were it not for the fact that the men who support the Raines bill argue that it is impossible to enact a uniform charter law, applicable to all cities in the State, because different conditions exist in different cities of the State. The same objection, in our judgment, applies equally to a proposed uniform excise law.

There is no probability that the law can be defeated, but it should be, and we will continue to protest against it until Governor Morton has affixed his signature to it and it is placed upon the statute books.

## OUR SERENITY NOT DISTURBED.

The Syracuse "Sun" says that reading circles have been dismal failures in the Saline City. Like the Catholic papers of Syracuse, she—Rochester Catholic Journal.

We will bet a big apple that our friend of the JOURNAL will regret this levity when the great luminary of the "Sun" darts a shaft or two at him. The JOURNAL man's temerity is exceedingly surprising. The luminary's ire has been aroused; now watch the fur fly.

"The Vatican," Albany. We appreciate fully our contemporary's solicitude for our welfare, but beg him not to be disturbed. We are not at all dazed by the rays of our contemporary in the Saline City. The rays are not at all penetrating, neither do they arouse any responsive feeling in the world, while the shafts never reach their mark. We might paraphrase an old axiom of another namesake of our friend from Syracuse, thus: "If you see it in the 'Sun' it's not so." As a post master of Billingsgate our friend in Syracuse excels. There's all there is to say.

Death is terrible to think of, but it is still more terrible when it comes to a person who is not prepared to meet his God. In this holy season of Lent we should all prepare to meet death, for as surely as the stars rise and set, so surely must we all die, and if we die in our sins we die to all eternity.

Enis Daaraven! It is well.

The Chicago "New World" does not approve of the proposed plan of having selected passages from the Bible read in the public schools. It thinks that the selection of the passages exclusively from the Protestant translation of the bible furnishes just cause for Catholics to complain. The "New World" also raises the point that the selections are all of a moral and ethical sort, and that religion seems to have been treated with indifference. This is contrary to the Catholic teaching that religion should form part of the daily school routine, in fact that the school should breathe religion. However, the "New World" thinks the movement is a tacit avowal that the schools are failures.

Catholic readers need not be told that the published report that the Pope had sanctioned the baptism of the son of Prince Ferdinand, of Bulgaria, in the Greek church, is a base fabrication.

Now if the federal senate would only pass a sound money law as expeditiously as it did the Cuban resolutions, every true American citizen would be happy.

Catholics in the diocese of Rochester should pay no heed to reported indications of the recent papal decree against secret societies unless officially promulgated by the bishop of this diocese.

It is to be hoped the Spanish butcher, Weyler, will soon meet a decisive check by the Cuban insurgents. He is, from all accounts, the right sort of a man to make the Cuban revolutionary war a scene of carnage and massacre.

The alleged filibustering expedition frustrated by the United States authorities in New York harbors will be a bonanza to the federal marshals. Roughly estimated, their fees will foot up \$10,000.

There is a man, uncouth and ignorant, named Gleason, who rejoices in the title of Mayor of Long Island. Rough as he is outwardly, Gleason seems to have a big heart. He must have some good points, for all the women and children swear by him.

It is impossible for non-Catholic denominations to exist long without dissensions and quarrels. Instance the Salvation Army friction over the change in the commander of the United States corps of the army.

The Chicago W. C. T. U. should eliminate the word "Christian" from their title. Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, the arch infidel, is to speak in the W. C. T. U. there on a Sunday morning in the near future.

It now looks as though the proposed joint parade of the Union and Confederate veterans on the coming Independence Day has been abandoned. Perhaps it is just as well. The war of the rebellion is over and there is no use of recalling memories that are sad.

Even the A. P. A. is sick and tired of the alleged "ex-priests." The American public is sick of both A. P. A. and ex-priests.

We doubt the New York "Herald's" story that the A. P. A. is back of the Raines bill. If that were so it would be defeated.

There should be no man in St. Mary's parish who does not approach the sacraments this week.

"Explorer Nansen has discovered a place for Mrs. Lase's pulpit" says an esteemed contemporary.

A good Lenten devotion is to rotate the ten decades of the Rosary each evening before retiring.

The name of Raines bids fair to become noted if not famous.

This is the season for self-denial.

## THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Luke xi, 14-28.—At that time: "Jesus was casting out a devil, and the same was dumb. And when he had cast out the devil the dumb spoke; and the multitudes were in admiration at it. But some of them said: He casteth out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of devils. And others tempting asked of him a sign from heaven. But He seeing their thoughts, said to them: Every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought to desolation, and house upon a house shall fall. And if Satan also be divided against himself how shall his kingdom stand? because you say that through Beelzebub I cast out devils. Now if I cast out devils by Beelzebub, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I by the finger of God cast out devils, doubtless the kingdom of God is come upon you: when a strong man armed keepeth his court, those things are in peace which he possesseth. But if a stronger than he come upon him and overcome him, he will take away all his armor wherein he trusted, and will distribute his spoils. He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man he walketh through places without water, seeking rest; and not finding, he saith: I will return into my house, whence I came out. And when he is come he findeth it swept and garnished. Then he goeth and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and entering in they dwell there. And the last state of that man becometh worse than the first. And it came to pass, as He spoke these things, a certain woman from the crowd lifting up her voice said to Him: Blessed is the womb that bore Thee and the paps that gave Thee suck. But He said yea, rather blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it."

Of whom is this dumb man a figure? He is a figure of the human race, which being a victim of the demon, like a blind man cannot see its own misery nor the glory of its morals, nor the light of truth, nor its duties, nor God. And like a dumb man, it cannot utter a word in praise of the divine majesty, nor a word in behalf of its own welfare.

Overgaiters for less than cost, 13c, 19c, at J. W. Massey's, 196 East Main st.

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## A YEAR OLD

To-day this Shoe Department celebrates the first anniversary of its birth. We have sold shoes for a year—sold good shoes honestly, and with little profit.

We are not satisfied yet with the proportions to which this Shoe business has attained, want more. Shall not ask for larger profits, but will be content to do business on the same scale as last season.

Here is a starter of values: \$2.95. A twentieth century boot, low cut top, common sense heel, extension, narrow, cottage toe. The stock is fine Vici kid with patent leather lace pieces and toe tips. A fine Vici kid shoe, with scalloped heel facings, patent leather facings and toe tips, a very genteel boot, with Goodyear welt soles. Choose either, can't help getting more than your money's worth.

## OAK TABLES

Haven't been able to get these little priced oak tables fast enough for you. A goodly stock on hand, now, but can't tell how long they will last. You won't wonder at their going so quickly when you see them.

Solid oak table with 16-inch top, shelf and turned legs, for 50c.

Solid quartered oak table with 16-inch top, with rail underneath; shelf, and turned legs, 75c.

Solid oak table, 24-inch top, with rail underneath; shelf and turned legs, for \$1.

And you can buy higher priced tables here as relatively cheap.

## DRESS GOODS

At the top of the mast we would nail these two dress goods offers.

45-inch all-wool Henrietta Cloth, a "sure nuff" Frenchman, in black and all colors, for 25c a yard.

A 50-inch Serge Coating, all-wool, colors black and blue only, 50c a yard.

## CROCKERY DEPARTMENT

Glassware. Fine clear ware with prices about half what you would expect.

5-inch engraved glass fruit nappies, 3c.

6-inch engraved glass bowls, 5c.

7-inch engraved glass bowls, 10c.

8-inch engraved glass salads, 12c.

8-inch plain glass nappies, 5c.

7-inch scalloped, oval glass dishes, 10c.

Covered glass butter dishes, 10c.

Glass measuring cups, with handle, 5c.

2-quart glass water jugs, 23c.

Engraved glass water jugs, 43c.

Engraved glass water sets, including 2-quart water jug and half dozen thin tumblers and tray, for 73c.

Plain white china: Cups, regular size, 3c, Saucers to match, 2c.

## Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday 8.—Third Sunday in Lent. Epist. Ephes. v. 1-9; Gosp. Luke xi. 14-28.  
Monday 9.—St. Francis of Rome, Widow.  
Tuesday 10.—The Forty Martyrs.  
Wednesday 11.—St. Gregory the Great, Pope.  
Thursday 12.—St. Gregory the Great, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church.  
Friday 13.—The Five Wounds of our Lord.  
Saturday 14.—Feria.

## VERDICT IN THE CHATFIELD CASE

A Correspondent's View.

"From 'Pilgrim's Progress,'—Alfred. Then went the jury out, whose names were Mr. Blind-man, Mr. No-good, Mr. Malice, Mr. Love-lust, Mr. Live-loose, Mr. Heady, Mr. High-minded, Mr. Enmity, Mr. Liar, Mr. Cruelty, Mr. Hate-light, Mr. Implacable, who every one gave in his private verdict against him among themselves, and afterwards unanimously concluded to bring in a verdict of not guilty before the judge. And first among themselves Mr. Blind-man, the foreman, said: 'I see clearly that the man is a gentleman.' Then said Mr. No-good, 'give the man his liberty.' 'Aye,' said Mr. Malice, 'for I love the ground he walks upon.' 'Then,' said Mr. Love-lust, 'I could endure him until death.' 'And I,' said Mr. Live-loose, 'for he will be always coming my way.' 'Acquit him, acquit him,' said Mr. Heady. 'A noble youth,' said Mr. High-minded. 'My heart warms for him,' said Mr. Enmity. 'He is a hero,' said Mr. Liar. 'No position in life is too good for him,' said Mr. Cruelty. 'Let us compensate him for lost time,' said Mr. Hate-light. 'Then,' said Mr. Implacable, 'Might I have all the world given me, I could not convict the youth; therefore, let us bring in a verdict of not guilty.'"

When it "Raines" it pours. Geo. Raines was the most surprised man in this city when the verdict in the Chatfield case was announced. So much so that he lost his head and asked the judge to permit Chatfield to shake hands with the jury, as they were his benefactors and not the learned counsel, whose eloquence and ingenuity faded away before that of Mr. Warren's.

All Ladies are invited to call at the Culross bakery No. 30 State street; a fine display of baked goods always on hand.

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