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EASTER

The most solemn week in the ecclesiastical year has drawn to a close—Holy Week, with all its solemn mysteries and reminiscences. We have recalled the Savior's sublime sacrifice for us, that we might inherit eternal joy instead of everlasting misery. We have seen Him spat upon; crowned with thorns; reviled and scourged. We went with Him to the foot of Calvary's mount, and we there saw Him crucified that we might live. To-morrow we will be with Him when He has conquered Death and burst the bonds that bound Him. He is risen, and if we ought, we too will rise with Him at the last day.

Holy Week has a wealth of meaning to the true Catholic it should be a reminder that he must make his peace with his God or be out off from the church, the Almighty's visible representative on earth. There is no excuse for staying away from the sacraments. There is nothing hard about the tribunal of penance. It is there you are lightened of your load of sins, and when the priest has given you absolution you feel a new person. Just try it, dear reader, if you have not yet made your Easter duty.

THE CATHOLIC PRESS

It is not to be expected that all Catholics will harken to the advice contained in a recent issue of the "Catholic Standard and Times," but we wish that all our subscribers will read it over carefully: "Every week and every day that passes demonstrate the more vividly the absolute need of an able and fearless Catholic press. It is not alone the danger from the rising flood of indecency and vulgarity that menaces our social system, but the widespread and permanent injury to the cause of religion which the dissemination of falsehood and slander touching Catholic doctrines and Catholic personages, which Catholics are called upon to resist and refute, if they value the existence of their church. We are gratified to note that the necessity of the hour is being recognized by the responsible heads of the church in many quarters. The most recent proof of vigilance is furnished in a letter of the Archbishop of Oregon commending the Catholic Sentinel to the support of his flock, in which his Grace says:

The great advantage of an able Catholic paper is evident to all. While this is true everywhere in our days, it is evidently so in the province of Oregon. A Catholic newspaper should be conspicuously able to spread before its readers Catholic news of the province, of our country and of the world. It should be able and ready to defend Catholic doctrines, which are so frequently misrepresented and maligned by the many enemies of our holy religion. It should be ready to defend ecclesiastical and other Catholic personages, be able to show, in their proper light, the many historical facts which have a strong bearing on the honor or dishonor of God's holy church. But, besides all these theoretical and historical questions, our

newspaper should be able to meet the many false systems of philosophy which are everywhere ventilated to the injury of souls. The Ecumenical council of the Vatican eminently called attention to these philosophical errors so subtly spread abroad."

We trust that the Catholic laity may rally to the support of the bishops and clergy in this most vital matter, and subscribe generously to those organs which are never wanting when there is an earnest call for their display. And we would fain add a word of hope that the lamentable tendency of some Catholic organs to waste their energies in the search for weak points in the armor of friends may cease, and their undivided attention be given to the common danger. Some organs of Catholicism appear quite ready to forget and forgive so far as their enemies are concerned, but never to lose sight of the trespasses of their friends. We hope we may witness an immediate change in this respect, a general burying of the hatchet and a rally, shoulder to shoulder, in defense of the interests and principles which have called the Catholic press into existence as a mighty auxiliary."

THE FEDERAL SENATE

An esteemed correspondent discusses on another page some phases of Senator Hoar's article in the April "Forum" on "Has the Senate Degenerated?" There are several important phases of the senator's paper that we think merit more than passing notice. He admits that the senate has fallen in popular confidence and that in some quarters public feeling has almost reached condemnation of the entire body. He admits that the moss-covered "rules" and traditions of the senate have permitted senators to talk to death measures that the people demanded. The blame for the continuance of this he would place upon the American people, and he would have us believe that the majority of our citizens are actuated by the spirit that tolerates what he calls "election frauds in the south." In other words, the senator would have us believe that the majority of the American people are selfish and willing to see the interests of the country sacrificed so long as their personal interests are subserved. We are loath to believe this. In passing we might remark that talk about election frauds in the south comes with but poor grace from one who took a prominent part in the great fraud of 1876.

The senator admits that not all the senators are ideal in character, but defends the senate of to-day by assailing the body in years past, and also by asserting that now its character is far better. It strikes us that this is contemptible and puerile defense. Neither can we see that the plan of betterment that the senator proposes—to make it a violation of law for a senator to absent himself from the sessions of the senate for the purpose of breaking a quorum—would improve matters in any way, while we do think that the plan he proposes—election of senators by popular vote—has many arguments in its favor. Mr. Hoar says that to elect senators by popular vote would be an incentive to corruption because it would relegate their selection to political conventions. In another part of his paper he says that the only way to elevate the senate is to purify the character of the people. How on earth is the character of the people to be purified when they see upon whose only merit is the length of their purse strings buy their way to the federal senate by wholesale corruption of state legislatures?

It may be asked, would not similar conditions prevail if senators were elected by popular vote? We answer, no, not at least in New York state. If the great political parties were both to nominate objectionable candidates for senator the decent respectable element could nominate an independent candidate, and the politicians are coming to dread independent political movements. It may be urged that under popular vote we would have more politicians in the federal senate. To this we answer: Better politicians than Croesus-senators. Politicians, at least, have brains.

NICE BATTLE

Under the head of "Thieving Bigots" the Boston "Republic" says: "Mr. A. D. Hubbard, formerly president of the A. P. A. in and for the state of Kansas, was arrested some time ago for embezzling \$7,056.78 from the treasury of the Hamilton Printing company, of which he was receiver. He has managed to escape prosecution by disgorging some of the stolen funds. He gave up \$1,500; his bondsmen gave \$1,500, and his aged mother gave \$3,000, all she owned in the world, to keep her 'patriotic' son out of state's prison. Hubbard is an old jail bird. He was sentenced to serve a term in 1879 for forgery. A few years after his liberation he joined the American Protective Association, an organization designed by its founders—as they impudently claimed—to protect American institutions and to purify politics. He worked his way up from the ranks to the state presidency, and while holding that office he was appointed receiver of the printing company. His natural propensity for thieving soon asserted itself, and he stole over \$7,000 of the money which came into his possession. Another 'patriot' is in trouble in Montana. His name is Johnson. This defender of American institutions was elected county clerk of Butte on the A. P. A. wave which swept over the state two or three years ago. It was found upon investigation that the treasury was short \$4,000. A warrant has been issued for his arrest for embezzling that amount.

According to the London "Rocket" the newspaper museum in Aix-la-Chapelle contains a copy of the world's largest newspaper—viz., the Illuminated Quadruple Constellation, published in New York in the year 1859. The paper is similar in form to the surface of a billiard table and measures 8 feet 6 inches in height by 6 feet in width. It contains eight pages each of 13 columns, and these are each 48 inches long. The paper on which it is printed is extremely durable and strong, and each ream weighed 300 pounds. Forty people were occupied continually for eight weeks in order to bring out the first issue of this remarkable newspaper, which it is proposed to publish once in 100 years. Another large newspaper was the number recently issued by the New York World on the anniversary of its tenth birthday. It consisted of 100 pages of the usual newspaper size, enclosed in a colored wrapper, with a design that had been specially executed for the occasion.

A correspondent of the New York Herald who says he describes things as he sees them, informs the public that there is no such thing as war in Cuba. There are no pitched battles, no general engagements, no extensive maneuvers. There is very little loss of life except from disease or exposure. "In fact," he says, "the Cuban losses during the entire war would not equal the losses of an organized army in a morning's skirmish. The tactics employed by the majority of the Cubans are simply to dodge the Spanish columns, fire on forts from a safe distance, run when the enemy comes out after them, eat well and trust to God and the United States to pull them out of the predicament they have gotten into." Most persons will incline to the opinion that the aforesaid correspondent has been located in Florida or some other convenient point in the United States.

We are glad that the officials of the University of Rochester are about to take vigorous action against "hazers." It has always seemed inconsistent to us to allow college hoodlums liberty, nay license, to do things for which poor boys would be arrested, fined or sent to the workhouse.

"To be or not to be" seems to be the status of the new Rochester charter. There is a growing suspicion that it will never be.

"We have always contended that an honest man could not be an A. P. A.," says an exchange. We heartily concur in that sentiment.

The legislature will adjourn in another week. This is cause for thankfulness.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Matthew, xvi 1-7—Easter Sunday.—At that time: "Mary Magdalen, and Mary, the mother of James, and Salome, brought sweet spices, that coming they might anoint Jesus. And very early in the first day of the week, they came to the sepulchre, the sun being now risen. And they said one to another: Who shall roll us back the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And looking, they saw the stone rolled back. For it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed with a white robe; and they were astonished. Who saith to them: Be not affrighted; you seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified: He is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He goeth before you into Galilee: there you shall see Him, as He told you."

What are we to think of those women who, alone and without fear, went at that hour to the sepulchre?

We ought to learn from these pious women to be courageous in working for the glory of Jesus Christ, and, as St. Gregory says, "we shall bring Him precious balm if we serve Him with humility and with mortification."

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, April 18—Easter Sunday—Epist. 1 Cor. v 7-8. Gosp. Matt. xvi 1-7.
Monday, 19—Easter Monday
Tuesday, 20—Easter Tuesday
Wednesday, 21—Of the Octave.
Thursday, 22—Of the Octave. St. Soter, and Caus. Popes and Martyrs
Friday, 23—Of the Octave. St. George Martyr.
Saturday, 24—Of the Octave. St. Fidelis of Sigmaringa, Martyr

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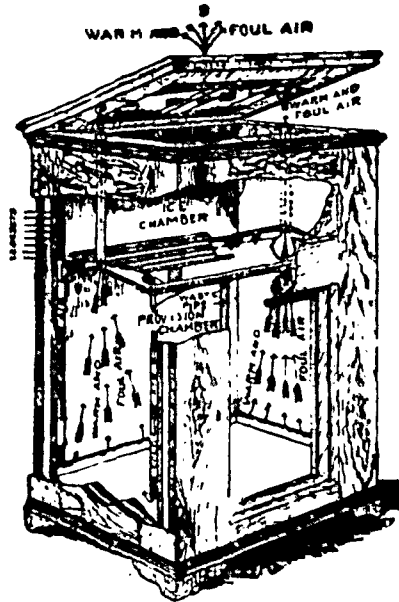
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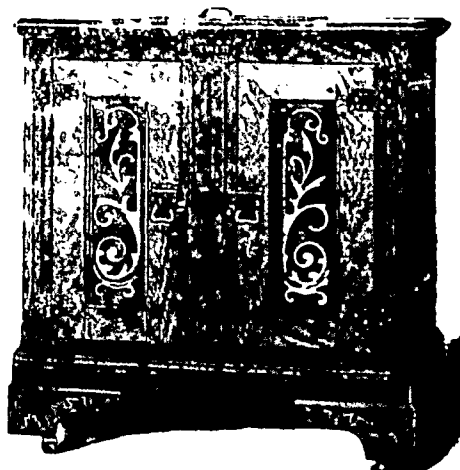
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