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**SENSATIONAL JOURNALISM.**

Day by day the secular papers become more and more unfit to enter into the family where they will necessarily fall into the hands of young persons. For the last three weeks the secular papers, both metropolitan and local, have published as their leading news articles sensational and highly colored sensational reports of what? Murder trials, scandalous criminal cases, vivid details of atrocious assaults and their usual sequences, lynchings. For the six weeks previous all that could be found in the daily papers was politics, and that so distorted and garbled that those who placed the slightest credence in any of the stuff could well be put down as not evenly balanced mentally.

A decade ago this was not so. All the sensational stuff and criminal matters if wanted in disgusting details could only be found in the "Police Gazette" and kindred publications, which were only read by the depraved. Indeed, such prints were only perused "on the sly" by anybody. It is vastly different to-day. The sensational publications are going out of business because the hitherto respectable dailies are outdoing them in their special domain. Not even the "Police Gazette" publishes such vile and disgusting details of atrocious crimes, sensational divorce suits or like matters as do the local papers right here in Rochester.

What is the cause of all this? The newspaper publishers cannot be all to blame. We know some of them personally, and they complain bitterly at the difference between the papers of to-day and a decade hence. Still they protest that they have to "keep up with the procession" because the reading public will not patronize non-sensational papers so long as they can purchase sensational prints. Undoubtedly this is true. There is no question but that the public taste is more depraved than it was a decade ago, or perhaps it would be better to say that the standard of public morality is less rigid than it was ten years ago. Our moral tone as a nation is lower in what we tolerate and crave in the press, the pulpit and the drama. A decade ago a minister would have been frowned upon if he talked politics from his pulpit. To-day he is applauded as a moral hero when he ascends the political platform and takes the stump.

The reading public is to blame for the sensational newspapers. Were the latter not patronized their managers would soon change their tone because newspapers, like dry goods or other merchandise, is in the market. When new styles are demanded by the buying and advertising public the old ones are quickly relegated to the past. Were we to withhold our patronage from the sensational sheets and bestow it upon such sheets as

keep within the bounds of decency we would soon have cleaner newspapers, and we need such a change for the purity of our homes and the moral safety of our children.

In the meantime let us not neglect to support our Catholic press as the only antidote to sensationalism, as the only papers fit to be placed in the hands of our wives and children.

**ON ITS LAST LEGS.**

That beautiful bubble, which was known as the A. P. A., is fast going to pieces. THE JOURNAL last week "said its finish" in Rochester. In Massachusetts at the recent election the state leader of the apostats was defeated for election to the state legislature. In Louisville, Ky., the Apaita city government elected two years ago has been routed horse, foot and dragons. Just what sort of a government it is, is best told in these words from the Louisville "Courier-Journal":

"Louisville people last week registered an energetic protest against the motley crowd that have for the past two years made the city groan in shame, and lifted their voices for good city government, for a taste of which they had been yearning. They ejected from the City Hall the worst city council that had sat in authority in many years, and cast into outer darkness the worst mayor in the memory of man. They gave a formidable blow to those who have based their campaign on religious prejudice and on the arraignment of the blacks against whites, and class against class."

A few days ago the national effects, office furniture, etc., at the national headquarters of the A. P. A. in Washington, D. C., was sold at auction by the sheriff to satisfy unpaid judgments. The national president, a Mr. Echols, formerly of Pennsylvania, says the organization owes him \$1,900, and indirectly predicts that the organization is fast going to pieces. He ascribes two causes for this effect. The first is that the members of the institution were disappointed in not receiving office under President McKinley, whom they supported with all their might. The second is that "at least one-third" of the members are trying to make a living out of the organization." The Boston "Republic" tersely adds: "The other two-thirds have been paying the bills and providing fat places for the schemers and swindlers who have been manipulating the machinery for their own benefit. It is safe to say that in various ways the poor dupes who were led into the movement by their bigotry and brutal ignorance have paid in more than \$2,000,000 into the local state and national treasuries. In Boston alone they threw \$200,000 into the bottomless pool made by the publishers of the "Daily Standard."

"As there is nothing more to be made out of the order its managers are deserting quietly and leaving their victims to their own bitter reflections. Meanwhile the country is to be abandoned to its fate. The little red school house has gone back to the rubbish room. The Pope's grip upon the American eagle is deadly and strong, and patriotism is disappearing from the land. The only regret that we experience is that the Canadian and Ulster 'patriots' do not disappear also."

It will not be long before the cellar gang ceases to have either weight, influence or organization.

**"SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE," ETC.**

The courts have recently rendered two decisions that are consistent. One is that boycotts by labor unions are illegal; the other is that corporations have no right to blacklist employees with whom they are dissatisfied and thus preventing them from obtaining employment elsewhere.

Had the first decision stood alone the labor unionists would have had just ground for complaint that they had been discriminated unjustly against. Happily the second is consistent with the first, and we believe both to be sound in law and sound in common sense.

We have never believed that it was legal, right or proper to compel—for that is what a boycott amounts to—a person or persons to purchase certain articles of merchandise or to refrain from their purchase simply because a certain person or set of persons feels

aggrieved at the action of certain other persons. If the aggrieved parties wish to pursue such a course they have a perfect right to, but they have no right to seek to compel others to do likewise to their own detriment and disadvantage. On the other hand we cannot see why a corporation should be permitted to deprive an employee of a livelihood so long as all that can be alleged against him is that he stood up for what he believed to be his rights or refused to work for what he considered as not a just equivalent for his labor.

THE JOURNAL is opposed to labor trusts, to capital trusts or political trusts.

**ANOTHER MARE'S NEST.**

Some fictitious personage has been trying to prejudice the citizens of the country against Catholics, likewise to bring discredit upon the United States navy by an anonymous letter to a sectarian sheet charging that on Good Friday of this year—"a great day among Catholics," as this mythical personage puts it, Captain Barker of the United States war vessel Oregon gave orders that no meat be served that day; that all sailors and officers on board ship were compelled to attend services conducted by a Catholic priest, those refusing or protesting being punished.

This yarn has been circulated so persistently and so maliciously that Captain Barker has felt it incumbent upon himself to write to the United States Department of the Navy and state that all the charges are false; that no order not to serve meat on Good Friday was issued by him and that no service of any sort or under the auspices of any denomination was held on board the Oregon on Good Friday, and that consequently none of the crew were punished for non-attendance. Captain Barker also asks the department to have the sectarian paper, the "Herald and Presbyterian" of Cincinnati to make public the name of its informant.

The author of the alleged communication makes plain the depth of his faith in revealed religion or the gospel of Jesus Christ when he says "Good Friday is a great day with the Catholics." It is greatly to the discredit of the Protestants that they observe Thanksgiving with greater solemnity than Good Friday, yet the latter commemorates the day on which the salvation of poor suffering humanity was consummated by the death of our Savior. It is to Protestant shame that they are unwilling to observe Good Friday or the Lenten season because it would savor too much of Rome and might awaken a train of thought that would lead their followers to the true church.

It is only within the last few years that Protestants have celebrated Christmas, and even now it is more of a holiday than a holyday.

The common council is to be severely censured for its chesapeake in the board of education funds to such an extent that there is danger of the coal supply in the public schools giving out before the close of the fiscal year. In this connection it might be well to call attention to the precious plight the city would be in were the sixteen Catholic schools to be closed some of these mornings and their thousands of pupils suddenly turned over the public schools for education!

Mrs. John A. Logan has been appointed guardian of Miss Evangelina di Cimeros, the "Cuban heroine" of yellow journalism. It is to be hoped Mrs. Logan will in the future keep the young lady from posing as an advertisement for the yellow papers.

The supervisors may not be so well satisfied over their action in voting away \$7,000 of the people's money to "muzzles" the press of the city and county when the people get a chance to express their opinion at the polls. There's too much money wasted in printing stuff that no one wants to read, and too little spent in printing what should be known and published.

One of the good results of the recent elections is the defeat of the notorious W. C. P. Breckenridge for congress in Kentucky. Let us hope we have heard the last of this "nice, clean old man."

**THE GOSPELS**

**GOSPEL: St. Luke, xxi. 25-33.**—At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars, and upon the earth distress of nations, by reason of the confusion of the roaring of the sea and of the waves; men withering away for fear and expectation of what shall come upon the whole world. For the powers of heaven shall be moved, and they shall see the Son of man coming in a cloud with great power and majesty. But when these things begin to come to pass, look up and lift up your heads; because your redemption is at hand. And He spoke to them a similitude: See the fig tree and all the trees: when they now shoot forth their fruit you know that summer is nigh. So you also, when you shall see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is at hand. Amen I say to you, this generation shall not pass away till all things be fulfilled: Heaven and earth shall pass away; but My words shall not pass away."

In the Gospel of to-day we are reminded of that general judgment which Christ which will pronounce on the last day, and the church directs our attention to the Gospel for three motives referable to that judgment. The first motive is to remind us how Jesus Christ will one day descend on earth in awful majesty to demand account of the use we have made of His graces and gifts, and to judge us according to our actions. The second motive is to incite us by a wholesome fear to prepare ourselves to receive Jesus Christ with love at His first coming, and forsake sin and obey His holy law, so that at His last coming we may appear with confidence, well prepared, at His tribunal. And the last motive is to impress deeply on our minds the thought of the last judgment, for to avoid sin and excite ourselves to penance it is enough to know that one day all our actions will be judged. It is to make this thought of the last judgment useful and efficacious that the church, with maternal solicitude, recalls it to our minds at the beginning and end of the ecclesiastical year, and frequently during the course of the year.

**Weekly Church Calendar**

Sunday, Nov. 28—First Sunday in Advent. Epist. Rom. xiii. 11-14. Gosp. Luke xxi. 25-33. Monday 29—Vigil of St. Andrew, St. Saturnus, martyr. Tuesday, 30—St. Andrew, Apostle. Wednesday, December 1—Feria. Thursday, 2—St. Bibiana, virgin and martyr. Friday, 3—St. Francis Xavier, confessor. Saturday, 4—St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor and Doctor of the Church. St. Barbara, virgin and martyr.

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**Try Our Lehigh Valley Coal.**

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**ROCHESTER'S GAIN.**

Prominent Titusville Business Man Becomes a Member of a Firm in This City.

Rudolph Vay, one of the best known men in Rochester and a leading underwriter, has associated himself in business with Clifford L. Kerr, of Titusville, under the firm name of Vay & Kerr, retaining the old office at 114 Powers block, Rochester, N. Y.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver tonic. Gentle, reliable, sure.

**CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.**

What is Transpiring in the Different Fraternities—Current Calendars.

**Hibernian Rifles.**

On Tuesday evening, at headquarters the new roll was signed for the new year, 1898, and the general aspect assumed a business-like appearance, which indicates that the coming year will be a "bummer," as the boys are determined that nothing but success shall mark their way.

On the first Tuesday evening in December the annual election will be held, at which a full list, both military and civil, will be chosen. A spirited contest is promised for chairman of the board of civil officers. This office is the same as president of the company, the present incumbent being Fourth Corporal Hayden, who is filling the unexpired term as a successor of Bro. Delehaunty.

The veteran Captain M. Quilivan, who is serving his 17th year as commander, will have no opposition, and Lieutenants Cullen and McCaffrey are equally sure of re-election. A lively time is promised by the friends of the several aspirants for orderly sergeant, also third and fourth sergeants. A trustee will be elected to succeed Bro. Delehaunty. The general treasurer, M. J. Connors, will be re-elected, which is an assured fact. Secretary T. Conway is equally happy, and they have served the company during their respective terms of office in a manner that did honor to the company and credit to themselves.

Several of the boys met the new county president and speak in high praise of him. They say that by his fraternal visit to the ladies' party he showed himself to be a hustler.

A reception was tendered the company by Mr. and Mrs. James Lee on Thanksgiving eve, which was a grand affair.

After the installation of officers on the first Tuesday in January a banquet will be given in honor of the new officers, including our new county president, William McDonald.

**Knights of Columbus**

A council of the Knights of Columbus was instituted at Geneva, Monday evening. The council was organized by Deputy Knight James L. Whalen and starts off with a membership of 54 members.

A new council was organized at Corning Nov. 25th, by Elmira Council.

Ithaca council will be organized Tuesday, Nov. 30.

The Good Shepherd council of the Catholic Women's Benevolent Legion was instituted Tuesday evening at the rooms of Branch C. M. B. A., by Deputy Mrs. L. W. Maier, with 42 charter members. This is the third council in Rochester. The officers of Floral and St. Hermance councils, C. W. B. L., and of Flower City and Rochester City councils of the C. B. L. took part in the ceremonies. The following officers were elected:

Chaplain—Rev. Caspar Ritter. Chancellor—Elizabeth J. Burke. President—Cecelia Yawman. Vice-president—Elizabeth A. Bayer. Orator—Martha A. Schiltzer. Secretary—Marie S. Metz. Collector—Mayme L. Otto. Treasurer—Ida M. Wegman. Marshal—Anna S. Shilling. Guard—Magdalena Henricus. Trustees—Clara Hilbert, Hulda M. Wadserland Elizabeth Park.

The following resolutions were adopted at the regular meeting of Branch 95, L. C. B. A., of LeRoy, N. Y., Nov. 18, 1907:

Whereas, Death has once more invaded our association and removed from our midst Sister Margaret Kelly, after a brief illness Resolved That we tender to the husband and sister, who is also a member of our Branch, our sincere sympathy and condolence, and commend them to Him who is the true consoler of the afflicted. Be it also Resolved, As a mark of esteem for our deceased sister that her charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Branch, and a copy be sent to her bereaved husband and sister.

Mrs. CATHERINE NOON, KATE M. BELL, Committee.

**An Excellent Charity.**

The clergy of the Church of Sacred Heart, Paris, distribute a pound of excellent bread at early mass to destitute applicants, the sole condition being that they attend the service. The applicants on admission to the chapel receive a prayer book, and after service, on handing back the book as they leave, each receives a pound loaf. The daily average of the number of applicants is 2,000. There are only about 1,000 women and children in the parishes of the men of advanced years.—New York Sun.

**Asked the Boy Too Much.**

A boy had been up for examination in Scripture, had failed utterly, and the relations between him and the examiner had become somewhat strained. The latter asked him if there were any text in the whole Bible he could quote. He pondered and then repeated, "And Judas went out and hanged himself." "Is there any other verse you know in the Bible?" the examiner asked. "Yes. 'Go thou and do likewise.'" There was a solemn pause, and the proceedings terminated.—Catholic Standard and Times.

**MANLINESS IN THE BOY.**

The Child's Life Before the Years of Reason is Innocence.

Would you have a face that is marked by manliness in the years that are to come and are to be yours, young man? If so, then you must be manly now. Every spot you now do, every thought that is now running through your brain, every design and ambition that is now yours, has in it the staining or keeping pure of the soul that God gave you. That soul will show itself in your face and tell to all your character when you grow to manhood. It is very easy, you may think, to deceive your father or your mother, but your Father "who art in heaven" will not be deceived. He will punish you for doing this by stamping on your face slowly, very slowly, but oh, so surely, the telltale marks of meanness, that when you grow up men will say: "I do not like that man's face. There is something there I do not like."

On the other hand, high thought and honorable action at all times will so imprint itself on the face as the boy is growing that when he comes to be a man in years he will have a true man's face and be the unmistakable image of his maker. The life of the child before the years of reason is innocence. It is like the spring that throws out its waters to the light. But those waters may be poisoned on their way and end in ooze where only crawling things find life. Keep, then, the waters of your soul clean, young man, that so they may sparkle in your very eye and show that a spirit that is true is possessing your whole face when in the years to come you shall have reached the age of manhood, and with its manliness the time for the showing of your real worth. Sin is a horrid shape that never sees its outer parts, but virtues, finding herself reflected as in a glass in the consciousness of every good deed, is always open and fair of face.—Weekly Bazaar.

**NEW CAPUCHIN PROVINCE.**

Two English Friars Intend to Organize One in the United States.

A new province of the Roman Catholic order of Capuchins is to be formed in America. Fathers Finnegan and Piage, prominent members of the order, recently arrived from Birmingham, England, bearing instructions from the Most Rev. Father Bernard of Andernatt, minister general of the order, to organize a new province and eventually erect a mother house.

Father Finnegan explained that the new province will be wholly for Americans, or, at least, for English speaking people. There are, he said, two provinces of the Capuchin order already in America, but both are German speaking people. He is not yet certain where the headquarters will be, but inclines to the opinion that a site will be found in or near Chicago. Father Finnegan said that the money to erect the proposed monastery would have to be raised here.

Like all members of the Capuchin order, Fathers Finnegan and Piage have full beards and wear long brown cassocks of rough material, girded at the waist with a knotted rope. Around the neck is a bone rosary, from which is suspended a crucifix, and attached to the back of the neckband of the cassock is the capuce, or hood, from which the order takes its name. While indoors this hood is allowed to hang down the back. In the street it is used to almost completely cover the head. Sandals protect the feet.—New York Sun.

**THE CATHOLIC CADETS.**

Organizations to Be Formed Along the Lines of Boy's Brigades.

A movement is on foot to organize Catholic boys between the ages of 12 and 16 years into a military organization modeled after the boys' brigades of other denominations. The movement was organized by Professor Arnold V. Power, head master of the Collegiate Military school, and has the approval of Archbishop Ryan. A number of pastors have already consented to the formation of branches in their respective parishes. The organization will be called the Catholic cadets and will be under the patronage of the Blessed Mother and St. Louis. Religious and social features will be combined, and Ascension day will be the annual feast day of the cadets. A review and parade will be held on the afternoon of that day.

The uniform will consist of a blouse of dark blue cloth, trimmed with white braid and brass buttons; trousers of a lighter shade of blue, with cap to match the latter, bearing within a gold scroll a cross and the initials "C. C." A Maltese cross of gold, three inches long, will be worn on the left breast, and white belts, with brass buttons, will complete the uniform.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

**Roman Catholics in the Lead.**

Bishop McKim, the Episcopal prelate of Tokyo, recently said that of a total of 150,000 converts in Japan the Roman Catholics are first, with about 50,000, and the Greek Catholics second, with 88,000. The Episcopalians number in the neighborhood of 10,000. He said that in the matter of church government, ritual and theology the Episcopal and Greek Catholic churches in Japan are closer than any other religious bodies and intimates that the two bodies may soon be united.—Chicago Times-Herald.

**Faith.**

God's word is wisdom, as his law is love. Faith stands beside the unclosed gate of heaven in majestic serenity and looks upon The suckers after light, with smile benign And hand upraised in peaceable benediction. Faith fears no light, for she is born of light And fostered by the truth and glory of God. She seemeth not so frail as when she comes In the white robes of knowledge garnered. Then is her voice tuned to sweet words of love, Mercy is in her touch and wisdom shines From the clear depths of her eternal eyes. She stoops from her high home among the blest, Uplifting method out of shadowy death, And points the way to everlasting life.—Daniel J. Donahoe in Weekly Bazaar.

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