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WHAT IS GAMBLING.

Commissioner Cutler has ordered the police to seize all penny devices which are put in candy shops to catch school children. They are nothing more than gambling schemes and the Commissioner is to be commended for his actions on this subject. The Milwaukee Citizen says on this subject: "Does the fact that the games are played in a resort maintained for that purpose make up the sinfulness of gambling? Or has the fact that the game is poker rather than pool, faro rather than roulette, or roulette rather than shuttle-cock, the decisive bearing in the question of its vice? There is no need to answer these questions. The gist of the vice consists in putting up and wagering money or other valuables on the chance of some occurrence, not in the ordinary process of legitimate industry. Gambling is betting on outcomes and contingencies, whether in games, elections or in prices. There is no moral difference so far as the special act is concerned, in winning four hundred dollars at poker and winning four hundred dollars on the elections. You are no less a fool if you lose money in either case; no less a knave if you win it and take it, and no less a gambler and a law-breaker, whether you win or lose. Similarly in dealing in lottery tickets. The gambling instinct is not confined to night-hawks who frequent gambling halls. There are lottery cranks who in the matter of wasting their money and starving their families, are preparing for themselves a deeper damnation than even the worst of the gambling fraternity."

TYPHOID AND CARBOLIC ACID

A rather curious idea of hygienic matters is evidenced by a published report that seven cases of typhoid fever in North Braddock have been caused by drinking water from a well into which drainings had passed from a pile of blast furnace slag in the vicinity, the assertion being that traces of carboric acid are found in the water. What typhoid fever can be produced by the draining of surface matter into a well has been fully established. Whether blast furnace slag contains anything which in solution would produce the fever is not so clear, and it is also a question whether the drainage from it would contain carboric acid. But what is beyond dispute is that if there had been carboric acid in the well it would have killed the typhoid fever germs. It would also, if strong enough, kill the persons drinking it, but they would not have died of typhoid fever. What gives the subject interest enough to make it worth holding is the fact that one of the newest and most successful treatments of typhoid fever is minute and diluted doses of carboric acid, which, in the early stages of the disease, destroys the germs even after they have been taken into the system. So when that drug is charged with producing the fever, it is worth noticing that it is not a disinfectant and has been used as a remedy for that very disease.

CATHOLIC JOURNALISM.
In his Lenten pastoral Cardinal Vaughan devotes considerable thought and attention to Catholic journalism, and believing the subject of great interest to our readers we select the following paragraphs for their perusal:

"We take this opportunity to offer a few observations on the mission of the Catholic press. The spirit manifested by some Catholic papers in England during the last year has given pain to many Catholics, and has been a cause of some anxiety.

"Catholic journals are perfectly free to take any line they please in matters purely political and national, in literature, science, art, the debatable ground of sociology, and other subjects which have not been decided by the church. Herein they are free as all are free.

"But when it comes to questions directly concerning religion, such as the policy of the church, the character and conduct of the Sovereign Pontiff, of the Roman Congregations, of the Cardinals, in curia of Bishops in their official capacity, of the laws and discipline of the church, of the clergy in the discharge of their appointed ecclesiastical duties, the case is altogether different. This is holy ground.

"The Church is governed by a Hierarchy, not by a House of Commons. Her constitution is divine, and not dependent, like a political machine, upon popular agitation and the see-saw of public opinion. Bishops have received a divine mandate to rule and govern their flock. They are teachers and judges in matters of faith, moral conduct and ecclesiastical discipline. It is chiefly for them to determine the policy to be followed in defense or furtherance of Catholic claims. The appeal against them is not to the people but to ecclesiastical tribunals and to the Sovereign Pontiff.

"The office and the honor of a Catholic journalist is religiously to follow the lead of the Church in matters that concern the Church, to defend the faith and Catholic interests with skill and with courage, sentire cum ecclesia in all things so to inform and convince his readers that they may intelligently and joyfully co-operate with the Episcopate, and thus present to outsiders the spectacle of a church knit together not only in one faith, but in the discipline of a common spirit.

"But if a Catholic journal habitually fall in its mission, by weakening respect for authority, by cooling the allegiance of Catholics, by sowing suspicions, doubts, discords and scandals among the faithful, by opening its columns to the propagation of false and mischievous theories, by fostering a proud spirit of independence and of carping criticism in the sphere of religion, its circulation becomes noxious, like the spread of a plague or a pest.

"And then, what is to be done? If good counsel fail, the priests and the people have the remedy in their own hands, by ceasing to support it. They can do this of their own initiative, from their own good sense and Catholic loyalty, without recourse to the last step in such cases, a formal denunciation by ecclesiastical authority. Let this much suffice.

"The Catholic press in these days has indeed a high and noble mission, open to the well instructed Catholic layman as well as to the priest. It seems to have become a necessary adjunct to the spiritual influences which generate and protect fervor and loyalty among the children of the Church and spread the light of faith and the just claim of the Church, even beyond her own pale.

"You ought, therefore, almost as a religious duty, value the Catholic press, to exact of it the true Catholic ring and spirit, and to promote its circulation whenever it faithfully fulfills its mission—and this without oversight, pressure of time or accident, there occur an occasional slip or error of judgment.

"We have thought it right to say thus much, for the press is a power for evil as well as for good; and so far as it professes to be Catholic it falls under the direct purview of the Bishop of the Church."

By the order of Bishop Hoban, the priests of the Catholic churches in the Scranton (Pa.) diocese announce that funeral services will no longer be conducted in the churches of the diocese on Sundays, which practically puts a ban on Sunday burials by Catholics there.

Eduardo Ortiz, once famous in many Mexican cities as a violinist of unusual genius and brilliancy, was quietly ordained priest at Chihuahua a few days ago. His reason, taken suddenly one morning, for abandoning the pathway to fame, has never been revealed.

The Pope lately said to a priest: "I am preparing another encyclical on the workman question. At present the materials are being collected (Cardinal Wastwail is helping me in this) and before long it will be published."

THE GOSPELS
GOSPEL: St. Matt. xxi. 1-9. — Palm Sunday.—At that time: "When they drew nigh to Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto Mount Olivet, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them: 'Go ye into the village that is over against you, and immediately you shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them and bring them to Me, and if any man shall say anything to you, say ye that the Lord hath need of them: and forthwith he will let them go. Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: Tell ye the daughter of Zion: Behold Thy King cometh to thee, seek, and sitting upon an ass and a colt the foal of her that is used to the yoke. And the disciples, going, did as Jesus commanded them. And they brought the ass and the colt, and laid their garments upon them, and made Him sit thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way: and others cut boughs from the trees and strewed them in the way: and the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying: Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest."

Today we behold Christ entering Jerusalem amidst the hosannas of the people—five days later we shall see Him dragged to Mount Calvary amidst curses and blasphemies. Today the people are all love for Him and pay Him homage—in a few days we shall see them filled with hatred, demanding His blood.

Weekly Church Calendar
Sunday, April 8th—Easter. St. Matt. xxi. 1-9. Palm Sunday. St. Walter. 15th.
Monday, 9th—St. Mary of Egypt, penitent. Tuesday, 10th—St. Marcellus, bishop. Wednesday, 11th—St. Lawrence the Great, priest, doctor, confessor, fast.
Thursday, 12th—St. Victor martyr. Friday, 13th—St. Hermenegild martyr, fast. Saturday, 14th—St. Lucia, martyr.

BERNARD P. SMITH'S ESTATE.
Letters of administration upon the estate of the late Bernard P. Smith have been issued to the decedent's widow, Anna Smith. The estate is valued at \$97,000, consisting of \$75,000 in personality and \$22,000 in realty.

Aside from the widow the only heir-at-law is the decedent's 13-year-old daughter, Elizabeth Julia Smith.

Bernard P. Smith, who was one of the best known contractors in this state, died at Jacksonville, Fla., on March 3d, where he had gone for his health.

RAILROAD NOTES.
The New York Central will run an excursion from Corning and all stations on the Fall Brook Division, to Rochester, on Wednesday, April 18th. Tickets will be sold at a rate of \$1.25 from Corning and all stations to and including Penn Yan, \$1.15 from Dresden, and \$1.10 from Earles. Tickets from Corning will be good returning same day or on the 19th, from other points on the 18th only.

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 - "Dora"—3 clasp, pique; price, \$1.25.
 - "Girard"—2 clasp, real kid; price, \$1.25.
 - "Valance"—2 clasp, real kid, a Grenoble glove; price, \$1.50.
 - "Alice"—3 clasp, suede, price, \$1.
 - "Marion"—3 clasp, suede; price, \$1.50.
- MISSES' GLOVES.**
- Misses' 2 clasp, glace kid gloves, at \$1 and \$1.25.
- MEN'S GLOVES.**
- Men's glace kid gloves at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.85 and \$2.
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