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Significant.

It is well known to the reading public that "Everybody's Magazine" cannot be accused of partiality to the Catholic church or to the Vatican, hence there is more than passing significance to the following scattering comment on current events in France: "It is impossible that Pius X., gentle as he is, should not resent the severe proceedings of the French Ministry against the religious orders and the Church itself. The closing of the religious houses and schools has been defended on the ground, true or false, that they taught dialoaly to the republic; but the removal of the symbols of the Catholic religion from the courts can only be regarded as an act of war against religion and against the Church, since the majority of Frenchmen are Catholics.

"A temporary check to an age-long institution like the Catholic Church is little, but the real friends of the French Republic must regret an intolerance utterly unreplicable, and fear that this violence will beget reaction. In the East, the French Republic never loses any opportunity of posing as the champion of Catholic Christianity. At home, it is anti-Catholic."

More Than Half Right.

As a rule the "religious syndicate matter" furnished by a publishing house in the East to such papers as will print and pay for it, is notoriously inaccurate, garbled and malicious so far as it relates to Catholic matters, but last Sunday a paragraph appeared which states some truths even if the pretext given there be not altogether verified. It is alleged that Pope Pius X is about to issue an encyclical on the duties of the Catholic laity to ecclesiastical superiors and then goes on: "The Pope will point out the necessity for those laymen who are chosen as chiefs of the Catholic societies to be consistent in their private lives, as examples of good Christians. No work is to be undertaken by laymen except the permission to do so is secured from the diocesan authorities. In many cases it will be declared new organizations are effected merely to give prominence to certain men, and by men who are declared not to be Catholics at heart. The Pope will advise that different laymen hold offices in different organizations, and that many offices are not given to a few men.

"It is said that the new encyclical is the result of the personal experience of the new Pope both in Venice and in Rome, and will reflect opinions expressed by Pius X, in recent interviews had with and in behalf of organizers of the laity in the Roman Catholic Church."

Motive Is Apparent.

It is difficult to believe that The Post Express would distort facts and history simply to make a plausible pretext for the climax of a bitter attack upon certain politicians so we trust our contemporary will not be offended if we venture to set it right on a few matters of ancient and current political trend.

The P. E. printed a very ingeniously veiled appeal to the voters of the country not to elect Judge Parker president unless he announced in advance whom he would appoint as his secretary of state. The adroitness of the appeal lies in the emphasis that the P. E. lays on the succession of

Vice president Roosevelt to the presidency and that in the event of the deaths of Judge Parker and his running mate, Henry G. Davis—who is now past the three score and ten of scriptural allotment as man's average sojourn in this world—the secretary of state would succeed to the White House. Of course, all this presupposes democratic victory at the polls in November, something our contemporary is most anxious to avert. With this explanation it is easy to see the animus of the P. E.'s almost transparent appeal that Judge Parker would let it pick out a man to hold the state portfolio.

It is pointed out that if he would follow precedents set by the early presidents and by Cleveland, Harrison and Garfield he would offer the portfolio to his chief rival for the nomination -- William Randolph Hearst. Of course the P. E. chuckled over the absurdity of this suggestion, but it is in line with its sense of grim humor.

If Parker—always presupposing his election—wished to honor a defeated candidate for president as Adams, Garfield and Harrison did, he would offer the state portfolio to William Jennings Bryan. Another absurdly humorous quib because W. J. B. would be infinitely a greater personage as "The Commoner" than secretary of state under Alton B. Parker.

Here is where the P. E.'s political humor ceases and its heavy tragedy begins. With Hearst and Bryan out of the way, Parker would be compelled according to all recognized political ethics, to choose between David B. Hill, August Belmont and "Elliot Danforth, notorious in the stead of the state senate, who coralled the Southern delegates" (at St. Louis.)

What the P. E. says about Hill and Belmont is legitimate political argument from a partisan viewpoint and so is its characterization of Danforth's part in that transaction of 1892 which turned the republicans out of power at Albany and put the de-nigrators in and which, if we recall aright, taken in its entirety, the court of Appeals sustained — when judged through republican spectacles. But why give Danforth credit for what he did not do at St. Louis and why deny "Blue Eyed Billy" Sheehan his share of the credit of securing Parker's nomination? Danforth "cut no ice" to use a slang phrase, at St. Louis. Indeed, he was so busy looking after Danforth's personal interests that he let it be known that if Judge Parker was not the presidential nominee, and New York was asked to furnish a vice presidential nominee it would not be necessary to go further than one Elliot D.

It was Senator P. H. McCarren of Brooklyn, who first suggested Judge Parker for president and William F. Sheehan and August Belmont who engineered the search for Southern delegates. Danforth was not heard of in the Parker canvass except as David B. Hill told him to talk or act. If the P. E. is not afraid of Parker's election why so busy in suggesting possible snares for the judge months in advance of his possible installation as president?

Cardinal Approves.

Members of the Knights of Columbus are gratified beyond measure by those words of approval of the order uttered by his Eminence Cardinal Satolli, in reply to a reception tendered him by the St. Paul, Minn. councils of the order:

"I thank you, gentlemen, Knights of Columbus, for the sentiments to which you have given expression, both in regard to myself personally and in regard to your society. To be frank, I will say that heretofore I had some little hesitation as to the substantial nature, the formal organization and the probable results of this organization. Now, however, I am glad to say that I have better information and have seen it at a close range. I realize that it enjoys the approval and the encouragement of bishops, and that it counts among its members many irreproachable ecclesiastics, and that it admits no one that does not give evidence of good standing in church and state and is not a practical Catholic. I declare that henceforth I shall cherish a special regard for the society of the Knights of Columbus, and I trust it may have a field

growing wider with years and a future blessed with prosperity."

Now let the knights strive to maintain their order on so high a plane as ever to merit the cardinals commendation.

Teachers in Convention

It is a good work that Bishop McQuaid and Vicar-General Hickey have done in calling together in convention the teachers in the Catholic schools of the diocese of Rochester to discuss educational methods, merits and demerits of text books, how to remedy defects in teaching of various subjects and other salient topics.

Such exchanges of opinion cannot but be of mutual advantage both to teachers and to priests. The latter are just as anxious to bring their schools up to the highest standard possible as are the Sisters. Where one subject is taught well in one school another topic may be treated differently and to better advantage in another. Uniformity in method, in examination, in textbooks, would mean uniformity in educational results and would be of great advantage where a pupil is forced to change schools and teachers.

Yearly conventions of our teachers would doubtless be productive of much good.

Of Ancient Origin.

The rule in democratic national conventions requiring a successful candidate to secure two-thirds vote of all delegates elected is not of recent enactment. It was adopted by the national convention which met in Baltimore May 21, 1832. Curiously enough the democratic "unite rule" requiring the entire vote of the state delegation to be cast as the majority dictates operates to the advantage of the majority party while the "two-thirds rule" operates to the benefit of the minority because if the latter have one vote more than a third of the total number to dictate to the majority who shall not be the nominee.

It is probable that when, if ever the two thirds rule is abrogated the unit rule will be wiped out also.

The daily press of Monday published "official despatches" that Cardinal Merry del Val had resigned as Papal secretary of state. On Tuesday the same papers published "authoritative despatches" that Cardinal del Val has not resigned. You pay your money and get fooled in either event by the daily press.

Why should newspapers print such lies as that a man is about to marry when they could find out that there wasn't a grain of truth in the report? Truth is not what most secular papers want. They prefer to print a lie today so as to deny it to-morrow. In that way two "fine stories" are secured and printed.

Judge John T. McDonough has tired of his judicial life in the Philippines and has returned to his American home in Albany. He has not tired of judicial life, though, because he has announced his willingness to sit for 14 years in the Court of Appeals bench if the New York state voters see fit to elect him.

John P. Holland has turned his inventive genius from submarine boats to flying machines. Here's hoping he may succeed in his new venture.

Like father, like son. The Prince of Wales has decided to emulate his royal father and build up his own stock farm and racing stable.

Press despatch may cause more concern to one Charles F. Murphy than all the jibes of Hill and his cohorts.

Richard Croker will leave Wantage for a visit to the United States the latter part of August.

Grover Cleveland cannot keep out of politics it would seem.

If Mayor Cutler makes good the street car company won't like him but the citizens of Rochester will.

The "Rochesterian" never did like one G. Cleveland and never will, apparently.

Father Doyle of the Paulist order administered a well merited rebuke to State Superintendent Draper for his apparent glorification of the latter-day idolatry of the "might makes right" god.

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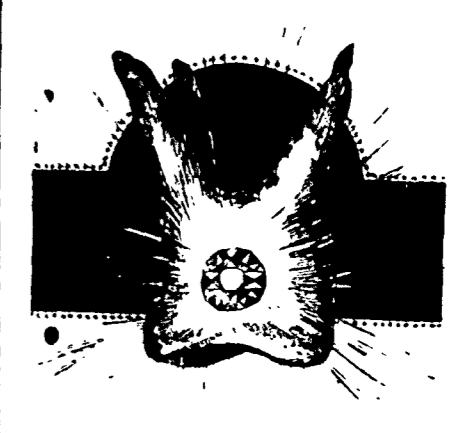
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