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Another Fraud.

One of the moves to be expected in a political campaign is the "coming out" for this or that party or candidate of persons, factions or papers hitherto supposed to favor just the opposite. Sometimes these "coming out" may be discounted when one knows the consideration, the quid pro quo exacted.

The process referred to has begun in the campaign of 1904. A few days ago the news was heralded abroad that the Boston "Pilot" always classed as quasi-democratic, in so far as it took sides in politics, had declared its intention of supporting Theodore Roosevelt for President. It assigned as reasons for its action, broad, high-minded definition of principles, and frankly declared that it stood by Roosevelt, the American citizen, and patriot—as it viewed the man—rather than by the Republican party; also because it believed that all the Catholics in the United States should not be herded in one political party.

Knowing its past record, no one could accuse the "Pilot" of being actuated by other than the highest of motives, no matter if he did not agree with the expediency of the move or did not agree with its estimate of the candidate chosen for support. Hence the republican press had good reason to hail the "Pilot's" change of heart as a good omen for their side.

This week another "coming out" is announced. The New York "Sunday Democrat" has "come out" for Roosevelt. The paper is described as "lifelong democratic." Those familiar with Catholic journalistic history know well that the "Democrat" has worn as many political coats as the cat's proverbial nine lives.  
"It was a most bitter and unfair opponent of William F. Sheehan—if our memory serves us correctly—when he ran for lieutenant-governor, in 1891, although he was a Catholic. It has been with Tammany and against it, as occasion and consideration demanded. To put it mildly, the "Democrat" has been a source of more or less shame to Catholic journalism.

And then the reasons assigned by the "Democrat" for its support of Roosevelt are sordid—in fact, savoring of the purely selfish and mercenary; not the high-minded motives ascribed to the "Pilot." The "Democrat" asks "whether the voters will agree to exchange the pro-American and anti-English policy of Theodore Roosevelt for the pro-English and Anti-American policies represented in the nomination of Alton B. Parker?"

The "Democrat" asks the voters to believe that Mr. Roosevelt is anti-English because he has appointed John T. McDonough, E. J. Sullivan, William Byrne and Dominick Murphy to minor places in the government service, while John Hay is Secretary of State, and Joseph H. Choate is ambassador to Great Britain—two men lauded most highly by the British press. Grover Cleveland, who is flouted by most Irish Americans, appointed as many Catholics to as high place. He even appointed a Catholic to the United States Supreme Court, and if we mistake not, he appointed this same Dominick Murphy—who is said to aspire to be the William R. Hearst of Catholic journalism—to be Commissioner of Pensions.

The JOURNAL believes Theodore Roosevelt to be a fair-minded American gentleman, who has not a drop of Know-Nothing blood in his veins. It believes the same of Alton B. Parker. It believes that the country will be safe if either man is elected President. It does not presume to advise its readers which candidate to vote for. It will take no partisan part in the campaign unless some more vital issue presents itself than the platform of either of the great political parties. But it does hate shams and frauds, and this "coming out" of the "Sunday Democrat" strikes it as of the biggest gold bricks ever sought to be peddled to the voting public of the United States.

Unwise Talk.

We were considerably surprised to read in that usually safe and sane column, "The Rochesterian," in the Post Express last week, such sentiment as this, anent the decision of Justice Stephens, that Justice Chadsey had no right to hold for trial a lad 12 years old, charged with assault upon a playmate.

"Judge Chadsey complains that the decision of Judge Stephens will restrict the operations of his juvenile court, as he cannot now convict children, under twelve years of age, without evidence that they are capable of crime. Well, what of it? That result is not an evil, but a blessing, for the fewer convictions of children of tender years, the better for the community."

On the surface this looks not only a sensible, but laudable sentiment. Certainly, it would be if all the lads in Rochester were blessed with parents who tried to control them, who brought them up as they should be reared, who kept their offspring off the streets, and who tried to bring them up as little gentlemen.

It might be said with truth that the loose hap hazard educational ideas so prevalent just now are as much at fault as the almost criminal negligence of the parents. It seems to be the fact just now that children must not be disciplined, that they must not be made to conform to the sterner necessities of life; that they must not be compelled to study—in short, that the child must be allowed full swing to do as it pleases, if he or she does not respond to the namby-pamby moral suasion plea. Parents who hold to the notion that they know how to govern and rear their children, and that the latter should be respectful to their elders and obey their commands, are sneered at as old fashioned, and not up to date.

What is the result? Children who say "yes, sir," and "no, sir," are exceptions. Boys of tender years run the streets until all hours. They plunder orchards with impunity. They fight like little tigers. They are saucy to their elders. They sneer at their sisters. In short, they, or many of them, are training for terms in state prison if their just deserts are accorded in after life.

Our recollection is that the "Rochesterian" has argued with considerable vehemence against latter day educational fads. Then why does he object to the Police Justice taking a hand to curb these young loafers when their parents, apparently, take no steps to restrain their ruffianly propensities? Are the conservative people of Rochester and elsewhere to have no protection from these impertinent young ragamuffins whose parents do not care or cannot hold them in check?

We agree with the Rochesterian that the less young criminals a city has, the better for the general good. But mere absence of correction does not prove absence of necessity for correction.  
If the police justice may not deal with juvenile depravity, and the parents cannot or will not, what remedy does the "Rochesterian" suggest?

Pious John Wanamaker says that it is better to be a poor man and a rich Christian than a rich man and a poor Christian." In which category does he put John D. Rockefeller?

Let's see. Didn't Bourke Cockran speak in Vermont?

Some wag has suggested that the Legislature pass a law declaring hay-fever illegal. That would not be much more absurd than some of the legislation which is enacted.

An Expatriate

Were it not for the fact that he is an educated man who chose his course with his eyes open, one might feel sorry for William Waldorf Astor, the snobbish scion of an old New York family, who found American society too slow for him, so deliberately turned his back upon his native country, forewore his allegiance and vowed fealty to the king of England.

One of the richest men in the world, Mr. Astor hoped, rather expected, that his self-expatriation would open the doors of English society to him. In this he was sadly disappointed. English nobility may stoop to alliances of its own sons with wealthy American heiresses, but it does not need wealthy American snobs. And so the purchase of magnificent English estates, the expenditures of vast sums of money in lavish entertainments, did not make Astor a social lion—at least not in the exclusive inner set.

Then the disappointed expatriate tried a new tack. He thought to wed his beautiful daughter, Pauline, to a prince or duke, and so obtain—through the medium of his daughter's social recognition—the open sesame which he craved for himself. This has failed. Miss Pauline is to marry a man she says she loves—a typical English rounder, an untitled expatriate, but who possesses a fairly large income of his own. William Waldorf does not like it; but the young lady says she will wed whom she pleases.

Meanwhile this "man without a country" continues to draw vast incomes from his holdings of American real estate to spend in England.  
Queer, isn't it?

A Query

Writing in a contemporary, Joseph O'Connor asks a somewhat pertinent query as follows:

"The writer has passed the new preparatory seminary of St. Andrew daily, since its foundation was laid, and he has watched the progress of the building with peculiar interest, in order to see what kind of a school can be put up and equipped for \$10,000. The result is something of a surprise. Considering the purposes for which it was designed, this preparatory seminary seems to be admirable; and the wonder is that so much could be accomplished for so small an amount.

"So far as we can learn, thirty-three such school buildings might be erected for the city of Rochester with the money spent on the East High school." The most picturesque and imposing looking building in a landscape, to be found in Monroe county, is Saint Bernard's seminary on the boulevard. It is a striking feature in the scenery from many points of view in Seneca park, on account of its coloring and the grouping of the different parts of it. How much did it cost?"

There's a whole lot of horse sense in this paragraph from the Troy "Press." "Class war and industrial strife are as unnatural as the lifting of a brother's hand against a brother or as discord between husband and wife. The gentlemen and the benignant sunshine of to day can bear no better lesson than the idea that the solidarity of labor is best served by and should be contributory to the greater solidarity of society."

One of the most idiotic hot weather suggestions is that an American general now at the Philippines has recommended that soldiers there be compelled to participate in athletic sports and that an injury received by a soldier in any game shall count as having been received in the line of duty.

Boston is relieved that John L. Sullivan has foreworn the Hub and gone to live in St. Louis.

The War Department officials, so the despatches say, gave General F. D. Grant great credit as "a tactician." We always thought Fred. D. was a capital tactician for Fred. D. Grant!

All surface railroads, trolley and steam, should be double-tracked.

Henry James, the novelist, has been absent from America for twenty years. On his return to New York, the other day, he found out that "the world do move," when he asked for a three-cent stamp.

Congratulations

The Journal extends sincere congratulations to the Rev. Dr. M. J. Nolan upon his appointment to the responsible post of Chancellor of the diocese of Rochester. While his name had not been mentioned in connection with the vacancy, so soon as the Rt. Rev. Bishop announced it, everybody concurred in the sentiment that an admirable selection had been made. The new chancellor is a young man of splendid physique, of magnificent intellectual attainments, uncommon executive ability and capacity for an infinite amount of hard work. He has given his time and talents freely for the advancement of St. Andrew's seminary and has followed closely the footsteps of him who did so much to make the institution a success, the late Mgr. DeRegge. It is but fitting that Dr. Nolan should succeed to the deceased prelate's position. The bishop has also made him one of his consultants—an unusual honor for so young a priest.

To the congregation of the Holy Family and Immaculate Conception we offer our hearty felicitations upon their elevation into irremovable recitories while to the first incumbents, Fathers Laurenzis and O'Neil, we can only say Ad Multos Annos. Both are zealous priests and richly deserve the honors which have come to them.

To its readers the Journal owes an explanation. We were in possession of the news of Dr. Nolan's appointment and the honors bestowed upon Fathers O'Neil and Laurenzis, from what was undoubtedly good authority. But the official announcement did not reach us until after the time the Journal is scheduled to go to press on Friday morning. It has been our unvarying rule not to print official diocesan news upon mere report or surmise. This fact will explain why the news appeared first in the secular daily press.

While press reports vary as to the extent of the Japanese victory at Liao Yang, there is no doubt that in point of carnage it was one of the most terrible engagements of modern years.

The trouble with Alton B. Parker's campaign appears to be superfluity of managers and lack of cohesiveness and vim.

It's too bad that the campaign of 1904 cannot be fought along the lines laid down by the newspaper editors.

Much good may be accomplished if the mayors of the cities of New York state meet in conference at stated intervals and discuss how certain matters are handled in their respective precincts.

Who or what is the Atchison "Globe" hinting at when it says:—Faith, Hope and Charity should crowd closer and make room for Gratitude?"

Magistrate Pool of the New York Police Court, has a queer idea of judicial propriety. The other day a police captain, in plain clothes, arrested a truckman, who tried to run him down. The magistrate discharged the prisoner, remarking flippantly to the policeman, "I guess it won't hurt you to dodge trucks, as I have to do frequently." Magistrate Pool and Judge Chadsey of Rochester should lose no time in becoming acquainted.

Really, the number of men who could be governor of New York, and will not, is growing every day!—Why is this? Is the salary of governor too small?

"Marse Henry" Watterson has been treating a New York audience to a "port paragraph" three columns long.

The New York "Times," one of Judge Parker's warmest supporters, remarks plaintively: "Let us, at least, save New York." Does it admit defeat of the national ticket thus early?

Republicans have done a good thing in deciding to return Congressman James Breck Perkins for a third term. Length of service courts in the national House of Representatives if nowhere else.

Indiana is not satisfied with possessing Booth Tarkington and Tom Taggart. It now to wants organize a literary trust.

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