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Ash Wednesday. Next Wednesday will be Ash Wednesday the beginning of the Lenten season...

The church enjoins upon her children that they shall practise self-denial during Lent; that they shall fast and pray; that they shall abstain from worldly pleasures as theatres, dancing and other forms of amusement designate to turn the heart from thoughts of the holy season and what it commemorates.

Let us all resolve to observe Lent more devoutly than ever before. It will repay us from a purely physical standpoint. The spiritual benefits cannot be measured by mortal ken.

Needed. It is announced that a Catholic Encyclopaedia, in English, is forthcoming...

This is good news. Long has the need been felt of a publication to which the layman could turn for ready reference in matters of faith and church history, written in phraseology and style which he could grasp and assimilate readily.

It is a pity, however, that the work has not been undertaken by one of the representative publishing houses.

Wrong. Every day we read in the papers about corporations directed by men high in the world of finance...

The new stockholders wake up to find that the dividend was a "fake" and declared only to whet the appetite of the investment public.

Does the financial world censure the dishonest "men high in the world of finance"? Not that any one hears of. They are hailed as clever financiers.

Our congratulations are extended to John C. Hayden who under an order of Commissioner of Public Safety Gilman became chief of police March 1st, to succeed Major Joseph P. Cleary, resigned.

Statistics of the "Catholic Directory" for 1905 do not furnish any proof that the Catholic church in the United States is looking backward.

There is much to be said for and against the proposition for a state commission to dense a plan for state control and state distribution of the water supply but it is best to wait and see what sort of a measure is agreed upon by the legislative leaders.

Legislation.

It is now nearly two months since the state legislature was organized for business and what has been done? It must be confessed that to the uninitiated lay mind it would seem that the legislator have done practically nothing.

Whatever is to be done the legislators should hurry with it and put an end to the agony.

Let us know the worse as early as possible.

Negro Question.

It need surprise no one if President Roosevelt be the politician statesman to settle the negro question on broad intelligent lines.

It will be conceded, we think, by all intelligent persons that a stupendous blunder was made when the emancipated blacks were given the ballot. It may be doubted whether so many would approve of the proposition to repeal the Fifteenth Amendment to the Federal constitution...

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President Roosevelt in his Lincoln day address took high ground in favor of the moral and mental elevation of the negro but there was no hint of social equality of blacks and whites—that stock argument of republican politicians on the hustings in the North.

'Ware The Dog.

Neatly, concisely and to the point does the "Saturday Evening Post" score the all too prevalent habit women and men as well have of paying more attention to their dogs and other animal pets than upon their families.

"It cannot be disputed that the dog-cult is good for dogs. But how about their masters and mistresses? How about these men and women who give to lower animals time, and thought, and care, and love—above all, love—which they deny to their fellow men and women—and to children? Is it good for one's character, does it tend to make one better, this cogitating hours on hours about making a dog comfortable and happy, this treating it as if it were one's child? Is it elevating to nurse and caress and serve a dog?"

"Those who have fallen into the habit may perhaps be excused for keeping on, since to stop would be cruelty to an animal. But those contemplating the acquisition of the habit—ought not they to reflect, to be warned, to withstand the temptation?"

Will the old plan of a state constabulary be revived by the present republican state leaders?"

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