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The Pity of It.

When one reads in the daily papers every day or so of "Miss Marie Maloney and Mr. Blank" being married by the Rev. Mr. Blank of the Methodist or Presbyterian church it brings a feeling of sadness.

If one of the contracting parties is a Catholic and marries outside the Church think of the scandal involved and the heartaches which it will bring to the Catholic relatives.

Bad as mixed marriages are they cannot be mentioned in the same breath with the marriage of a professing Catholic by a non-Catholic.

And when the Maloneys, Ryans, Byrnes, O'Haras and Murphys are non-Catholics it must mean that somewhere along the line a mixed marriage contract had been broken and the offspring brought up outside the Church.

Top strong protest cannot be made against mixed marriages when one sees what they lead to or attempts to figure out how many damned souls are now in hell because of them.

Coming to Sense.

Bishop Knight of the Protestant Episcopal church in Cuba is in this country. He has told some interesting things to the interviewers of the press.

The most significant utterance of Bishop Knight was to the effect that there was no use in attempting to fight the Roman Catholic Church in Cuba. He says there is enough of evil for all churches to combat without trying to drive out the old Mother Church.

This conclusion was reached by many far-seeing non-Catholics, who are not steeped in bigotry. All Rochesterians recall how Rev. A. S. Crapsey of St. Andrew's church, was criticized by his own people for uttering similar sentiments.

Our non-Catholic friends could not realize how strongly-seated is the love of the Catholic faith in the people of Cuba and other countries where the "black robes" were the first apostles of Christianity to appear. The Catholic priests brought something to the benighted inhabit-

ants, they brought the Gospel of Christ. They preached the same story. There were no divisions of sentiment. There were no diverse interpretations of the same passage of Scripture.

The quicker the non-Catholics realize this fact the less humiliation they will have to endure.

Taxation.

With all due respect to Governor Higgins, for Governor Odell and the leaders of the state legislature, we must differ with them on their theory of taxation and methods of raising revenue with which to meet the expenditures of government.

When Mr. Odell entered upon his term as governor he announced with a flourish of trumpets that he proposed to retrench in state expenses to reduce state offices and to abolish the direct state tax.

There was a consolidation of state bureaus with a consequent apparent reduction in officeholders of the heads of departments who were not in accord with the governor but enough minor places were created to equalize the reduction and these were filled by the appointment of friends of the governor. The direct tax was abolished but how? In great part by taking from the cities and towns much of their source of revenue.

When the Odell tax legislation was tested in the courts several of the laws were set aside in whole or in part, evidencing that they were drawn by amateur financiers.

One would have thought that this justified a return to the direct state tax and also rigid economy in the expenditure of the state funds.

Governor Higgins is as devoted a hunter of the Will-o'-the-wisp as ever Mr. Odell was. He has given out that he will veto half the appropriation bills before he will permit a return to the direct tax.

Why not return to the direct tax and tax all personal property fairly and squarely and without favoritism? Let us have an end to amateur financiering and half-digested tax legislation.

Is it really necessary that in order that New York city may have an adequate water supply that all the waters in the state are to be impounded and placed in the hands of a state commission? Have other parts of the state no rights? Is it not time to teach the arrogant New Yorkers the lesson that the inhabitable world does not end at Spuyten Duyvil?

President Roosevelt is to live the simple life in strenuous style when he goes West next month.

There were not so many attempts as usual this year to make that St. Patrick was a Presbyterian or a Baptist. Somehow or other it always struck us as incongruous that persons who publicly and privately despise the Irish race should attempt to appropriate the patron saint of Erin's Isle.

If Marshals Oyama and Oku are of Irish descent where does Kuro-patkin come in?

Now they say that the legislature will not adjourn before May 1st. What's the matter? Why is it necessary to harass the people so long?

Dr. Osler's joke about chloroforming men who are 60 years old has drawn as much fire as Bernard Shaw's impossibilities.

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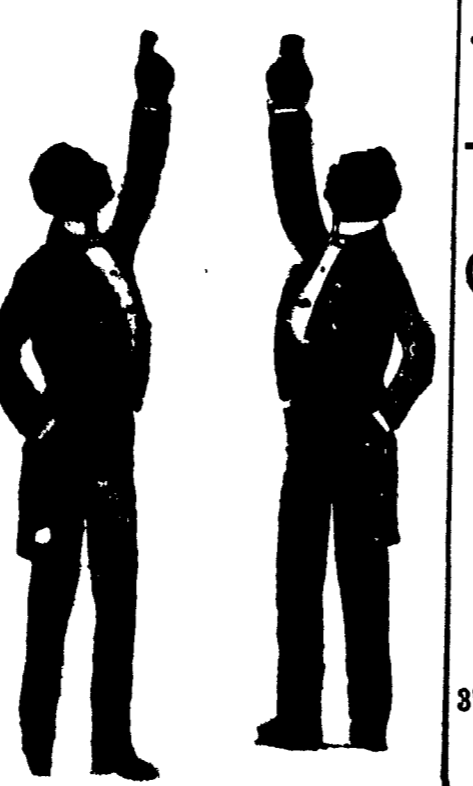
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