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"Business"

Whenever the high-class gentry of high finance cannot bunco the practical politicians in any other way they cry out for a "government by business men or business principles." That is to say: The high class gentry think they bunco the politicians when "business men" are elected to high office. On the contrary the general public is buncoed. The politician is able to continue on his way generally with greater profit because the business man does not know the ropes. The high-class gentry are able to swing bigger financial schemes at less expense than when the politicians were in charge.

The other day a correspondent of the New York "Times" made the suggestion that the legislature be asked to pass a bill naming a commission of "high-class business men" to whom would be turned over the government of New York city. Probably, this suggestion was couched in sarcastic vein. If it were meant seriously let us say that by the time a "commission of high class business men" had operated the city government for five years; the metropolis would be bankrupt. Seth Low was a splendid example of the "high class gentleman" but if he had been re-elected, the taxpayers would not have been able to bear up under the heavy burden of taxes which would have been levied to pay for extravagant public contracts, at outrageously high prices.

"Business government" comes so high that it is a matter of close calculation whether the rule of the practical politician is not less expensive and productive of just as good general results?

Divorce

Writing on the "latter day progress" a New York contemporary has this to say:

"It is apparent that marriage is not in all cases 'what it used to be.' Clergyman, sociologists, authors, philosophers—all seem to agree that as at present understood it is the trite finish of romance.

"Cupidity seems to have usurped the office once exercised by Cupid. With the higher education woman resigned her divinityship. With the higher civilization she adopted equality as her watchword. She no longer has reality expurgated from life for her benefit. The white man's burden is also hers.

"Those who still venture into matrimony do so with the consciousness that the divorce court is just behind the church."

A study of the latest statistics on the question of divorce reveals some appalling facts. In 1881 there were granted in all the United States 20,762 divorces. In 1901 only 20 years later—cities of 30,000 population and above contributed that number. In 1879, 704 divorces were granted in New York state. In 1901 817 divorces were granted in New York city alone. In New York city the proportion of marriage and divorce is 1 in 40; in Kansas City, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle, the proportion is 1 in 4.

In Maine in 1901 there was 1 divorce to every 7 marriages, in 1902, 1 to 6. In 1873 the proportion in Massachusetts was 1 to 47; in 1882 it was 1 to 34 and in 1902 it was 1 to 1.

The significance of these figures may be better understood when it is stated that in Belgium the average is 1 divorce to 41 marriages and that in the entire German Empire there were but 8,037 divorces in 1901 and in France the total was 7,157.

Aside from the religious issue involved in this divorce grist mill process, is it any wonder that Max Nordau felt called upon to remark that "The institution of marriage has become one of the great lies of civilization."

We have not heard that the Stock Exchange has been removed as yet from New York to Jersey City.

It is a difficult matter to predict on which side the 5 to 4 decision of the United States Supreme Court will turn.

Judge Parker's decision on the baker's hours of labor was not in line with the United States Supreme court as he had hoped and expected evidently.

Why is it that when an employer succeeds in persuading the courts to declare null and void a state statute by which it was sought to regulate the hours of labor in a certain line of business, capitalistic papers hail it as a great victory for the laboring man because he is "free to sell labor where he will and on whatever terms he may choose to exact."

Niagara Falls will be safe for another year. Likewise the present Niagara Power Company will be free from competition.

In the death of Orville H. Platt the United States loses a thoroughly honest, efficient and conscientious citizen.

Miss April was a bit coy this year.

Isn't it funny how men will complain when a tax is levied which hits their pocket-book, but will shout in approval when the other fellow is mulcted?

The life of an insurance agent is not a bed of roses these days.

Judging from the scarcity of available renting houses Rochester must be growing rapidly in population and industries.

It is to be hoped that the legislative amendments making it impossible for a person convicted of maintaining a disorderly house to obtain a new liquor license will be enacted into law at the present session of the legislature.

Andrew Lang seems to think that Dr. Osler is "an American physician. Evidently, Andrew does not read the newspapers very carefully.

In a few days more there will be two Catholic bishops resident in Rochester.

The three Nestors of the Catholic press are having a great discussion over their respective ages. It is patent that they do not take kindly to the Osler theory.

The Journal extends congratulations to Revs. William Gleason of St. Mary's, and Thomas F. Connors of the Blessed Sacrament, on the completion of their new parochial residences. Both edifices were needed and both are creditable additions to fine parochial properties.

Now, really, did the Lenten fasting do you any harm?

They say that politicians are corrupt. Well, who furnishes the money and the incentive to make them so? Wall street or the gambling forces behind that malestom of speculation. Would it not be a spectacle for gods and men if these men were placed in charge of New York city as suggested by a New York paper? Better a Tammany dictatorship of the Tweed type than such a government.

The cables made a queer blunder the other day when they said that if King Alfonso of Spain and Princess Patricia of Connaught wed Pope Pius X would approve an arrangement whereby the sons of the marriage, if there be any are to be

reared as Catholics and the daughters as Protestants. Such arrangements are not sanctioned by the Catholic Church.

Truth Should Prevail

The following editorial from The Union and Times of Buffalo, seems to fit a certain Rochester paper so well that we reprint it.

CUNNING VS. WISDOM

"There are some people in this world who have a deathless belief in indirection. When the straight path to success is wide open before them, and all the flowers of hope bloom by the wayside, they nevertheless prefer to dive into the dark and tangled brushwood of evasion, or trust the treacherous quagmires of deceit which have swallowed up so many in the past, and will continue to do so in the future.

"Only the truly great distinguish between wisdom and cunning. The former is not for the present. It looks to the future which endures. It preserves the present of to-morrow. It conciliates friendship, it wins loyalty and it creates success. Cunning on the other hand, always plays for the present and lays up explanations for to-morrow. It weaves with one hand and ravel with the other. It has the hectic bloom of "smartness" which precedes the death or defeat. It is, in short, the secret of all failures which might have been successes.

"Whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad," was the dictum of the ancient Greeks. The proverb of the modern Greeks might thus be paraphrased, "Whom the gods wish to defeat, they first make cunning."

"All opinions to the contrary, this is a wise old world. People are not easily deceived. They may be blinded for a season, but the quality of truth is such that it is destined to the light. Lies perish, and wars with them. That alone endures to victory, which is honest and sincere."

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday April 30 Gospel, St. John 11:19-41 St. Catherine of Siena virgin
Monday May 1—SS Philip and James, apostles
Tuesday 2—St Athanasius, bishop, confessor and doctor
Wednesday 3—St Alexander pope and martyr
Thursday 4—St Monica widow
Friday 5—St Pius V pope and confessor
Saturday 6—St John before the Latin Gate

Five Minute Sermon

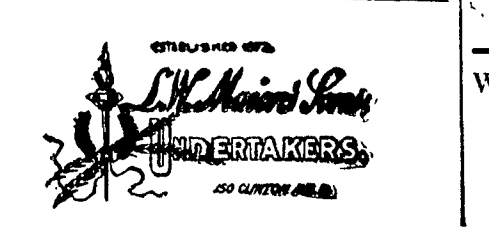
Jesus Appears to His Disciples
We must know, says St. Augustine that God can do many things which we cannot understand. As Jesus while yet mortal could walk on the water without sinking, and as He was able without being seen or touched to pass among those who wished to cast Him from the precipice and to stone Him in the temple, so after His glorious resurrection He could pass through closed doors and enter the room without difficulty. All is explained by the power of Christ, true God and true man.

As our senses are the doors of the soul, we infer that when these senses are closed to things of the world Jesus will enter into our souls and say: "Peace be to you." Let us, then, close our eyes in order not to see the vanities of the world, our ears not to hear them spoken of, and our lips in order not to speak useless and evil words, and Jesus will come into our hearts and announce peace to us.
We also can enjoy that peace if, with the grace of God obtained through Christ, we study to keep in peace with God, by avoiding sin; in peace with our neighbor, by loving him with true charity and suffering with patience his defects; and in peace with ourselves, by being contented with our condition in life, and limiting the desires of our heart.

Forty Hours

The devotion of the "Forty Hours" will be held in the churches of the diocese of Rochester as follows:
April 30 Palmira, East Rush, Canandaigua, St. John's, Elmira.

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"It is really gratifying to know by way of the magnetic telegraph," says an editorial writer in Tuesday's Democrat, "that one of the Easter worshippers at St. Thomas's Church, in New York, 'carried gold boxes, a gold purse and a vinaigrette on a chain,' and that 'her gown of lavender silk was a mass of tucks and flounces,' the entire combination being preserved from disintegration by some fearfully wonderful device described as 'a suspender suit.' All that is lacking for clear understanding is a diagram."

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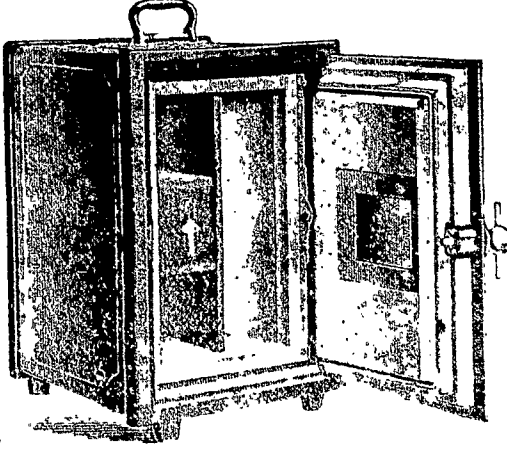
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