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## This Is Different

A few days ago Rev. Peter Lind, say of this city, wrote a letter to the "Democrat and Chronicle" taking the side of the French Government in its war upon the Catholic church.

J. C. Hemphill who, we are informed, stands as high in the Presbyterian church as does Mr. Lindsey, takes a different view. Writing in the Charleston "News and Courier" he says:

"Appeal as we may to our religious prejudices," writes the scholarly and broad-minded journalist, "and rejoice as some of us are accustomed to do at the discomfiture of the priests in this case, because our fathers also passed through the fires of persecution for righteousness sake, there is no mistaking the tendency of the revolutionary conditions in France.

"If it were only the Roman Catholic Church the outcome of the struggle would not greatly distress some of the separated brethren," at least. It is not the Roman Catholic Church however, but Christianity that is at stake. \* \* \* It does not make the least difference, therefore, whether we believe in the Pope or not, nor what our denominational views may be, \* \* \* the fight in France is at bottom the fight of the Christian world, whatever the regiment or division or branch of the service to which we belong. The Protestants have as much at issue in this struggle, in principle, as the Roman Catholics. They will not lose much in property, their churches or meeting houses, and schools and seminaries and asylums will not be seized and confiscated by the State—this time, they may even profit to a certain extent by the heavy hand which is laid on the Catholic temples and means of religion; but the State is setting a precedent which will in time affect all religious societies in the freedom of their worship and the security of their property.

"What will be the outcome of the present struggle in France nobody can tell, but the aggressions of the State are so outrageous that we who are the descendants of those who passed through the fires of persecution must sympathize with the Roman Catholics in their resistance to the materialistic hosts which have apparently very nearly accomplished the overthrow of Catholic France. The issue is deeper and more far-reaching than the suppression of priestly influence; it touches the very life of the Christian religion. If it can be settled only by revolution the Church should not shrink from the struggle in which event many a so-called heretic will be found near the colors, because, whatever we may say, Christianity by whomsoever taught is better for the world than infidelity."

## Dissolution

A non-Catholic clergyman of Rochester, a few days ago preached a sermon in the course of which he said that the American Catholics should break away from Rome. He asserted that many young Catholics with whom he had talked coincided with him in his opinion.

This clergyman may be entirely sincere in his ideas but he is not well informed on his subject matter. If the Catholics in America start

out to form an independent organization, they cease to be Catholics and would occupy a position to the non-Catholic sects.

Such a move would please the non-Catholics because it would remove from us our cohesive power. Suppose we separated from Rome, where would our authority come from? We would be headless and, ere long, instead of one, powerful, cohesive, comprehensive organization, there would be seen a dozen, yes a thousand warring organizations. Our power for good and for the advancement of Religion would be diminished mightily, if not destroyed altogether.

But why pursue the subject further? The reverend gentleman never derived his inspiration from Catholics. Perhaps, they called themselves such, perhaps they thought themselves such, but they were not.

Catholics in America will continue to be spiritual subjects of the Pope, the Bishop of Rome, long after the reverend gentleman is gathered to his fathers.

## Honored

In selecting as his first deputy and confidential representative James L. Whalen, of this city, Secretary of State-elect John S. Whalen has done credit both to himself, to the appointee and to the State.

Few Rochesterians are better known in the State than "Jim" Whalen. Every Knight of Columbus knows him and few gatherings of the order have not been enlivened by his presence and by his witty speeches. His wit, while pungent, is never disagreeable and the shafts never wound a friend or embitter a foe. James is also popular in the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association and is a member of the Supreme Council of that organization.

Genial, honest, strong in his Catholicity, James L. Whalen will be heard from his new field. He will be missed in Rochester during the next two years but Rochester's loss will be Albany's gain.

The Journal extends to James L. Whalen its hearty congratulations and predicts for him a pleasant sojourn in Albany.

## Justice

In several Catholic papers recently has appeared an article which, it would appear, has misrepresented, and unintentionally no doubt, Secretary Taft.

In the article in question it was stated that Secretary Taft, while a member of the Philippine Commission, decided that wherever any Catholics were found in peaceable possession of Church property he should remain. It was added that this decision helped the heretic, Aglipay, materially.

Professor E. L. Scharf writes from Washington that this was not the gift of Mr. Taft's decision. What he did decide was that there was no way these cases could be decided until the proper courts decided them. This is a very different sort of statement. Probably, any Catholic lawyer would have been forced to the same decision. Professor Scharf quotes Mr. Taft as saying in reply to Senator Hale at a meeting of the Senate Philippine Committee:

"My own judgment as a lawyer about the title is that the purpose in erecting these buildings was that they should be devoted to the use of the Church, and therefore, whatever the title is in law, in equity they belong to the Church for the benefit of the Catholic people of the parish."

In answer to a question about the title to the friar lands, he said:

"I think it may be said generally as we said in our first report that the title of the friars to these lands is, as a legal proposition, indisputable."

It should be remembered that these properties were seized while the insurgents had control of the islands, and while the Americans held only the city of Manila and neighborhood.

It might be added that the Supreme court of the Philippines has passed upon these cases and that they have been decided favorably to the Catholic Church.

## Ponder This

Those citizens who are constantly deprecating the South American Republics and sneering at their evident disinclination to kow-tow to the United States, would do well to read and ponder the following extract from a recent article by Hon. John Barrett, recently our Minister to the United States of Columbia:

"How few North American scholars and men of culture or breeding realize the existence in the South American countries of excellent universities, advanced scientific and commercial institutions, literary societies and groups of progressive thinkers, writers, poets, historians, editors, painters, sculptors, architects and professors, as highly gifted and as numerous in proportion to population, as those of the United States and Europe.

"The statistics of crime for American cities are so remarkable in comparison with those of similar North American cities that the least said on that subject the better for Yankee pride. The worst scandals in the politics of Latin-America, even when developed in the favoring surroundings of revolutions, do not rival the scandals that are constantly being unearthed in the political and business life of our great republic.

Buenos Ayres, with one million population, is better governed at half the cost than any city of similar size in the United States, while Rio Janeiro, with seven hundred thousand people, spends five times as much money on public improvements as St. Louis or Baltimore, and yet governs itself at smaller cost. Mexico City is a model to many of our large cities in good government, attractiveness and economy of administration. It would be a good idea if some of the representatives of our American municipal study societies would visit Latin-America as well as Europe. . . . The bogie of revolutions is held up so constantly by North Americans in all they write and say about South America, that the great and peaceful nations, from Mexico to Argentine, feel that a deliberate effort is being made to belittle their condition of peace and progress. There is no doubt that the epoch of successful political revolutions has passed in these leading nations. The history of Brazil, Argentine, Chili, Peru and Mexico is proof of this contention.

Columbia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Uruguay and Paraguay are tired of civil strife."

Two of the State officers, who assumed their duties last Tuesday, Secretary of State Whalen and State Comptroller Martin H. Glynn, of Albany. Let us hope they will set high official ideals and live up to them. Much is expected of them, naturally.

A queer condition of affairs, certainly, when a respectable woman is arrested on the mere say-so of a passerby, thrown into a cell with abandoned women and looked up all night! Yet this happened within a week in New York city! To the credit of that keen student of human nature, Magistrate Daniel Finn, the woman was discharged when brought to trial. But how is she to be recompensed for the terrible experience?

Several Rochesterians have learned, to their sorrow, that all is not political gold that glitters.

Have you learned to write "1907" yet?

The "Daily News" of New York indorses the proposition of the "Register" printed in the Journal two weeks ago that Catholics of America unite in a boycott of French-made and imported goods until the Clemenceau government decides to treat the French Catholics as they should be.

Says the "Catholic Union and Times":—"Since France will not have us, we will not have France in anything French."

Rev. John S. Foley, on December 20th, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the holy priesthood. Ad multos annos!

# McCurdy & Norwell Co. The Daylight Store.

## January Sale of Undermuslins

### Despite Increased Cost of Materials and Labor, There's No Advance in OUR Prices, Nor Impairment of Qualities

In the face of a rising market, it's not easy to keep qualities up and prices down. But difficult though it be, it is not impossible, as was demonstrated to the satisfaction of all who availed themselves of the underprice offerings in our "January White Sale," which opened yesterday. How, it may be asked, did we accomplish such a feat? By skimping sizes? Most assuredly not. That would be suicidal. No concern with the slightest prestige to conserve would dare adopt THAT expedient. The explanation lies in profit-sharing, manufacturers meeting US half way, so that we could meet YOU on the same terms.

While our usual high standard is fully maintained, we show greater variety than ever. Then, too, styles are more striking and elaborations more exquisite and dainty. This morning, thanks to yesterday's impetus, the sale enters upon its second day under full headway. May we expect you? Come in the morning, if possible. Less crowding, more comfort.

# McCurdy & Norwell Company

## AUBURN, N. Y.

The parochial schools of the city reopened after the holiday vacation on Wednesday morning.

New Years Day was an unusually quiet one in this city. At the different churches the Christmas merriment was again rendered.

The annual Christmas tree was given again this year for the benefit of the orphan asylum, by the Young Ladies Society of St. Mary's church. The children of the institution greatly appreciate the remembrances given by the young ladies.

Father Paulinus, formerly John Doran of this city, now a missionary of the Paulist Order, preached the sermon of the day at St. Aloysius church last Sunday.

Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus, held an open house for members of the lodge on New Years day. During the day a program of vandeulle numbers and speeches was given. A fine New Years lunch was served by the house committee.

## LIMA

The funeral of William Leary took place from St. Rose's church, Monday morning at 10:30. The deceased is survived by his wife, three daughters, Rose, Minnie and Jennie, and two sons, John and William, all of Lima.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green are rejoicing over the birth of a young daughter.

Mr. Edward Haggerty of Chicago, is home for the holidays.

A months mind high mass was sung, Wednesday morning for Mrs. Peter Finnegan.

## Dansville.

The printed statements of the Christmas collection amounting to \$267 will be distributed Sunday.

Dansville friends were pained to learn of the death of Rev. Father Huber at Perkinsville Saturday.

Martin E. King and Otto Götger spent Christmas vacation with their parents.

Miss Helen Brogan of Sedus High School, Miss Grace of Oswego Normal, and Edward E. of Albany Law School, spent the Christmas holidays with their mother Mrs. Mary Brogan.

On Friday Daniel E. Driscoll received the sad news of the death of his brother Francis J. at Woodville, Ohio, of typhoid pneumonia. Mr. Driscoll was born 44 years ago in Dalton, N. Y. and spent his boyhood and received his early education in Funda. April 4, 1895 he was married to Miss Mary Flaherty, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Flaherty of Portageville, now located at Gibsonburg. After his marriage up to 1905 Mr. Driscoll resided on his farm in Portage, he then moved his family to Woodville, O. and has since engaged in contract work. A loving and devoted husband and father, a kind and dutiful son he is bereaved by all who knew him. The many and beautiful floral offerings which found rest about the form of the loved one paid silent tribute to his memory. Mr. Driscoll leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, a son and daughter, his aged mother, Mrs. Margaret Driscoll of Hornell, and three brothers, Florence of Buffalo, Michael of Hornell, and Daniel of Dansville. The funeral was held Monday at 10 a. m. from St. Mary's church, Gibsonburg. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Driscoll of this place attended the funeral.

Next Sunday is the monthly communion day for the Cadets of Sacred Heart Concessions on Saturday from 8 to 9 and 7:30 to 9 p. m. Mr. William E. Driscoll of Morgan-town, Va., spent the holiday vacation with his parents. He returns to Virginia this week.

Mr. Herbert Schuster who has been spending some time in Cohocton returned to his home in Dansville last week.

# McFarlin Clothing Co.

HOWARD A. BARROWS, President

## Clearance Sale of Boys' Clothes

In accordance with our inevitable rule to close out all goods in their own season, we have begun a sweeping clearance sale in our Boy's Department. Everything is now offered at prices that will excite general interest among mothers of boys because of the opportunity presented to make substantial savings on Suits, Overcoats and Reefers for boys of all ages. We invite inspection of the values, confident that they will be recognized as most unusual.

Having just closed the most prosperous year in the history of the McFarlin Store, we desire to thank all who have contributed to the large volume of business, including, we doubt not, many readers of the Journal in which our advertisements have appeared regularly for some time. We have endeavored to make it an object for everyone to trade with us and the enlargement of the store has been followed by such an increase in our facilities that we feel warranted in promising for the future even better service than heretofore.

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