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Church and Labor

Rev. Peter E. Dietz, a Catholic priest of Oberlin, Ohio, headed the delegation from the Federation of Catholic societies to the Denver convention of the American Federation of Labor. In a masterly address he outlined the close connection between the Catholic Church and organized labor. We quote these striking paragraphs for the benefit of the Socialists and other agitators, who would have us believe the Church is antagonistic to organized labor:

"I represent an organization of three million thoroughly organized men. It is made up of many nationalities. I am proud that it is my privilege to be the first man to represent the Catholic Federation in your body.

"True unionism has always been a part of the Catholic system of thought. It may not have been in that name, but the substance of it, according to the times and the modifications of circumstances, has always been a part of the Christian civilization of the past. I need not enter into details, for any fair student of economic history will satisfy himself that the Catholic Church has not stood in the way of the just aspirations of the people, but has ever been their champion.

"The Federation of Catholic Societies, therefore, holds out to the trade unionism the hand of the fellowship and support. We realize and recognize that trades unionism is a primary element in the regulation of industrial society. We fail to see how within proper limits it can in any way prove injurious to the common welfare. Every business enterprise that to succeed rests upon a rate of wages and conditions detrimental to a decent livelihood and unworthy of manhood ought never to see the light of day.

"We realize that the American Federation as Labor has been a most effective institution for the protection of the rights and liberty of the American working-men. We believe that heart it offers a safe, real, constructive, sane and Christian solution of many of our social problems. It has always been guarded by conservatism, and precisely because of this the American Federation of Labor deserves the sympathy and active support of that larger portion of our American population which is the constituency of the American Federation of Catholic Societies."

"Beware of the bone-head Catholic."

It is 1911 now. Have you forgotten yet?

With a "double-headed" New Year's did you make two sets of resolutions?

Ex-Mayor Walsh, of Yonkers is to be deputy State Comptroller.

Is it just the thing to "watch out the old year" with wine and revel?

"Bone-Head"

While we may deprecate slang as a general rule of speech and also the employment of baseball slang in the parlor, nevertheless it has its uses. There are times when able bodied slang appeals to a man as nothing else will do. Rev. F. J. Finn furnishes a splendid example of this. In a recent article he contends that the worst enemy to the Catholic parochial schools is not the A. P. A., bigot but the "bonehead Catholic," and he argues it out thus:

"Everybody acquainted with baseball knows what a bone-head is. A bone-head is a man whose brains have been ossified. The bone-head Catholic is always complacently announcing that the parochial school as regards teaching is inferior to the public school. He always says so with an air of certainty. One would think to hear him make the declaration that he has made a thorough study both of public and parochial school training, the chances being that he could not tell on an isosceles triangle from the Jack-ass' bridge. The bone-headedness of the declaration consists in this—that he thinks he is talking sense, whereas he is talking the most arrogant nonsense. Now, if a man talks nonsense and knows it, it is quite possible that he is something of a wit, but if a man talks nonsense and doesn't know it, he is a preferred candidate for the house of foolishness."

"The bone-head Catholic, just because his ignorance is so colossal, does a tremendous amount of harm; and he justifies that saying of Holy Scripture that a man's enemies are those of his own household."

"We are not making these remarks for the benefit of the bone-head Catholic. His intelligence cannot be reached without the aid of surgical instruments, but for the other Catholics who too often come under his blighting influence, and who in consequence are in danger of having their brains ossified also.

The Rev. Paul Gonzaga Rohr, S. J., writing on the social apostolate of our women says:

"The Catholic woman cannot stand apart, indifferent to the issue of the battle now on, which is to decide whether or not all things shall be restored in Christ. No! She, too, has her share in the dissemination of the Gospel of Christ which is to leaven the masses and raise them above the gross materiality of our age near- ing. She, too, must sow with Christ or help the evil one in his cockle-sowing. Which will she choose?"

Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney, received numerous congratulatory messages from all parts of Australia recently, on the occasion of the eightieth anniversary of his birthday. An autograph letter was read from the Pope. The Cardinal entered his eighty-first year in magnificent health, showing no signs whatever of old age.

Chief Justice White received a real education. He was graduated from Mount St. Mary's, the Jesuit College in New Orleans and Georgetown University in Washington, all noted Jesuit educational institutions.

What a peculiar standard of civic morals must prevail in rural Ohio!

Good-by, 1910! Taken all in all, you were pretty good to us—

Wm. T. Connor has an opportunity to build up the fourth degree Knights of Columbus in this part of the State.

If you make New Year's resolutions, try and live up to them.

Magnitude of Stars.

The brighter a star is the smaller the number representing its magnitude, and consequently a star of the first magnitude is brighter than one of the second, and one of the second magnitude is two magnitudes brighter than one of the fourth. In the same way stars brighter than the first magnitude can be represented by numbers smaller than one, by decimals, or even by negative numbers. Sirius is of the 1.4 magnitude, Vega of 0.2 magnitude. Our sun is a star of the 26.5 magnitude and it gives us 10,000,000,000 times as much light as Sirius. If the sun were twice as far away from us as it is it would give only one-quarter as much light. If it were 100,000 times farther off than it is its light would be the same intensity as that of Sirius. But even at this enormous distance the sun would be only about one-sixth as far away as Sirius exactly lies. In other words, Sirius shines with a lustre fully thirty times that of our sun.—New York World

New Fast of Ramadan Begins.

Since the Mohammedan year is composed of lunar months, the beginning of the fast is dependent upon the appearance of the new moon. The word of the almanac is not taken as true evidence, and before the mufti the highest Moslem official in the nation, declares the fast to have begun two Mohammedans must appear before him and swear that they have seen the new moon. In precisely the same manner the fact comes to a close. The mufti proclaims a three days' fast whenever the next new moon is seen by two of the faithful. One year the moon was visible in upper Egypt the night before it was observed in Cairo. Two Mohammedans up the Nile telegraphed the fact to the mufti, asking him to announce the fast. This he refused to do on the ground that a telegram could not take the place of two Moslem witnesses. Christian Herald

Old Daddy Longlegs.

Everybody is well acquainted with the insect called "daddy longlegs," but not everybody knows that there is evidence to show that this strange little creature, towering high upon its thread-like stilts, is probably a more ancient inhabitant of America than any representative of the human species. Far back in tertiary time, at the very dawn of the modern world, its ancestors lived, we are told, in great numbers in that part of the continent which we call Colorado. The fossil remains of these insects show the characteristic features that mark them today, although new species have taken the place of the old, for even "daddy longlegs" knows what evolution is and has attained to something that in his view is perhaps a kind of civilized existence suitable to the exigencies of life in the twentieth century.—Harper's Weekly.

The Hunting of the Tahr.

Of all the ways of hunting surely that of the hillmen of Garawal is the strangest. This, according to Major the Hon. C. G. Bruce, in "Twenty Years in the Himalayas," is their method of killing the tahr, "a local species of goat." Having driven the tahr into deep nullahs with most precipitous sides, out of which there are certain well known tahr runs, they proceed to cover these runs where the ground is most difficult with mats made of split bamboo which have been previously well drenched in water. The result is the mats freeze and become as slippery as glass. Then they frighten the herd and drive them over these mats, with the result that they are precipitated from the cliffs and that the Garawal pick up the remains—perhaps twelve basketfuls."

Meety Hall.

A New Yorker bought one of those old colonial places down in Virginia, principally on account of the glowing description of the real estate agent and on information from friends. When he went down to see his mansion he was much impressed by the great pillars, the spacious porch and particularly the great hall running from the front to the back of the house. He inspected the place and came back to New York. "What shall you name it?" he was asked. "I think," he replied, "I shall call it Meety Hall."—Saturday Evening Post.

Philadelphia is Not So Slow.

"Mother," said a thoughtful Boston child, "is Philadelphia older than Boston?" "Of course not, my son. The first settlement was made in Charlestown in 1630, while William Penn did not arrive on the site of Philadelphia until fifty-two years later."

"That was always my impression, mother. How is it, then, that Philadelphia is mentioned in the Bible, while Boston is not?"—Boston Star.

Discovered.

Little Violet was one day examining a beehive, which was new to her. Being disturbed, the bees came out of their hives and one of them stung her. Tears came into her eyes, but she quickly dried them and cried triumphantly: "Now I know who takes the needles out of mamma's cushion."—Delineator.

Couldn't Bother With Trifles.

"Has your father ever given you any idea what he thinks of me?" "No. I really don't believe father thinks of you at all. He has so many important things to fill his mind."—Stray Stories.

If you be poor do not seem poor if you would avoid insult as well as suffering.—Goldsmith.

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