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Holy Week

Once again the ecclesiastical calendar has rolled around to the most impressive week of the year—Holy Week.

In the next few days we shall accompany the Saviour to the Garden of Gethsemane. We shall watch the blood of sweat drip from His sacred brow. We shall see again Judas betray his Master with the traitor's kiss. We shall share Peter's denial of his Lord. We shall hear the rabble choose Barabbas instead of Christ and we shall see the vacillating Pilate accede to their demands.

We shall look again upon the Roman soldiery as they mocked Him and, in derision, set a thorny crown upon His Sacred head. We walk along the road to Calvary with the Son of Man as He dropped beneath the weight of the Cross. We shall see His Sacred limbs nailed to the Cross. We shall how our heads in agony as He gives up the ghost. We shall assist at His burial and rejoice at His resurrection from the dead.

In these sacred seasons we realize more than ever what a privilege is ours—that of communion with the Catholic church. In Protestant churches where are these solemn ceremonies emblematic of our faith and commemorative of the birth of the Christian religion? Their service, if service it can be called, is of the lip. It is material? Ours is of the heart. We believe something. We practise something.

Let us thank God the coming week for the gift of faith.

Senator O'Gorman

Judging from the biographies printed of him in the daily press, from the encomiums printed of him from personal friends and acquaintances, and from the hearty congratulations telegraphed to him by Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Farley and other leading churchmen of our faith, it would appear that in James A. O'Gorman, New York state is to have a United States senator who will represent us creditably in the upper branch of the Federal Congress.

More than that, the Legislature of New York state has not done that which so many of us feared, set aside all eligible candidates because of their race and creed. Undoubtedly, much of the antagonism toward Mr. Sheehan was aroused because of his faith and creed, abeit other reasons were alleged. It is remarkable that during the three months the senatorial struggle was waged, not one word detrimental to Mr. Sheehan's moral or personal character was uttered in public. His ability was conceded, his integrity was unassailed. Veiled hints of "Murphy domination," of "attachment to coporate interests were put forth but they were only hints. Those opposed to Mr. Sheehan never united in support of a Catholic who might have been elected. There were put forward John D. Kernan, Martin H. Glynn, Victor J. Dowling and other Catholics but never once did the thirty odd opponents of Mr. Sheehan unite solidly in support of any one of these. It was not until the very last minute, when great pressure was brought to bear from all sides and, almost before they knew it, the anti-Sheehan men were swung to Judge O'Gorman, a splendid man personally, and in point of equipment, but far closer to Mr. Murphy, than Mr. Sheehan ever was, a straightout Tammany man and a boyhood friend of Richard Croker.

There are plenty of surface indications that had it not been for the clear-cut definition of the situation put forth in January by Bishop Ludden, the anti-Sheehan men would have covertly accomplished the defeat of every Catholic mentioned for United States senator. Bishop Ludden, drew the line of demarcation so clearly that the anti Sheehan men saw plainly that either they must take Mr. Sheehan or choose one of his faith else they stood discredited before the public men of fair mind.

To Senator O'Gorman we extend onr hearty congratulutions, as the third United States senator of our faith elected in half a century. We expect him to make good. He must make good now to silence the criticism which will be leveled covertly against him by the bigots, the men of small mind, the snakes in human form who search with a fine tooth comb how they may blacken and malign every official who owns the Catholic faith.

Senator O'Gorman belongs to the Catholic Club, of New York, the Catholic Benevolent Legion and the Knights of Columbus, all good recommendations.

The Capitol Fire

While the fire in the State Capitol has done great damage, much of it is irreparable, nevertheless, it might have been far worse. The entire structure might have been destroyed. Had the fire happened an hour earlier, much loss of life might have occurred. As it is, the damaged part can be rebuilt but many rare and priceless documents are gone and many cannot be replaced.

There is a lesson in the fire for the State and the City of Albany. The City of Albany should purchase modern and adequate fire apparatus. Had there been a water tower in service in Albany, the fire could have been confined to the apartment in which it originated. The State should equip its Capitol with fire-fighting apparatus and should have its own fire company. These are ordinary precautions which do not seem to have been provided.

When the Capitol is repaired, it should be extended and enlarged. One reason the fire extended so far and so fast was that every available inch of space in the corridors was filled with little apartments partitioned off in wood to make rooms for state officials or legislative committee rooms. Space should be provided for future contingencies so that firemen will not run up against "blind alleys" in future fires.

It would also seem that the State insure its property. A good many years' premiums could have been met out of what the fire of last week will cost the State.

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Well, a Catholic United States senator was elected. Bigotry may not be dead but it fears to rear its head too high in air.

William F. Sheehan made a clean fight and has no need to feel ashamed of the outcome for himself. Possibly, he may feel that some of his professed friends were not exactly loyal but that he could not forsee or prevent.

Instead of Nevada forswearing its title of "divorce made easy," the Legislature of that plce proposes to make it easier than ever for couples to sunder the holy bond of matrimony, in the eyes of the law of man.

Change the Law!

It has been supposed that a newspaper reporter stood in the same class with the priest, the lawyer, and the physician in that he was justified even in a court of law in refusing to betray the source whence his information is derived. The olden newspaper reporter was noted in that confidence reposed in him was held inviolable and Presidents, Governors and men high in all walks of life have declared that never had their confidence in a newspaper reporter been betrayed.

If the decision of a Georgia judge become the law of the land, however, all this will have to be revised. A reporter in the Southern state refused to divulge to a court who gave him certain information on the ground such communications were "privileged." The judge directed him to answer and upon his continued refusal committed him to jail for contempt of court. On appeal the Georgia Appellate Court sustained the trial judge.

Attorney-General Carmody is always at his best when speaking on Irish topics.

When John B. McDonald died in New York the other day another of the Irish-Catholic immigrants who made fame and wealth in the New World passed to his last reward. God rest his soul.

Are we or are we not to have the income tax as a Federal revenue producer?

"Big Tim" Sullivan has passed his bill aimed at the users of short weights. If there be any class who have a hard enough time to exist at all it is the very poor and they are the ones hurt most by short weight.

"Teledict" is the latest suggestion for a short title to describe a telephone message. Would that be easier understood than "'phone message?"

What will be the outcome of this Mexican affair anyway?

Why do politicians always give way to the temptation to grab the spoils?

While we are to loth to man the natural scenery, if water power now going to waste can be utilized to promste and foster new industries without appreciable damage to the scenery why is not a good policy for the State to pursue?

The new Senator is no believer in race suicide. He owns two sons and seven daughters.

Let us hope the new Exposition grounds will prove as attractive to exhibitors and public as did Convention Hall.

Sometimes trials are necessary to bring out the real good there is in us.

There can be no real understanding of happiness unless one has also borne the pangs of suffering and sorrow.

Is it only the yellow press which is responsible for the talk of war between the United States aud Japan?

The "Catholic Tribunne", of Dubuque, Iowa, is the latest Catholic paper in the field.

Those doughty persons who talk so loudly that there is no hell will be forced to reverse themselves when it is too late.

Cathedral.

The Tenebrae will be held at the Cathedral on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 4 p. m. Friday at 9 a. m. unveiling and adoration of Crucifix and Saturday at 8 a.m. blessing of Paschal candle and Easter Water.

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Weekly Church Calendar

Palm Sunday

Gospel, St. Matt. xxvi., xxvii.
Sun. 9 St. Mary of Egypt. Pen.
Mon. 10 St. Macarius, B.
Tues. 11. St. Leo the Great, P. C.D.
Wed. 12. St Julius, P.C. Fast
Thurs. 13 Holy Thursday
Friday 14 Good Friday Fast
Sat. 15 Holy Saturday Fast

Napoleon's Custodian at St. Helena.

Sir Hudson Lowe, the man appointed by England to be the custodian of the emperor, arrived at St. Helena on April 14, 1816. His appearance was not prepossessing He was extraordinarily thin, with a stiff carriage. He had a long, bony face blotched with red and scanty hair of a dirty yellow color His hollow eyes gleamed under thick reddish eyebrows, but were furtive and restless, never looking straight at any one save by stealth.

"That is a bad man," declared Napoleon when he had seen him. "His eye as he examined me was like a hyena's caught in a trap."

He really resembled this horrid, sly animal in its walk as well as in hair and eyes. He never sat down when he was talking, but swung about hesitatingly and with abrupt jerks.—Stokoe, "With Napoleon at St. Helena."

The Stork's Lazy House Building.

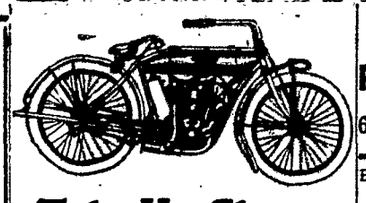
The most interesting sight in the Rotterdam zoo was the stork, whose nest is set high on a pinnacle of the buffalo house. He was building in the leisurely style of the British workingman. He would negligently descend from the heavens with a stick. This he would lay on the fabric and then carefully perform his toilet, looking round and down all the time to see that every one else was busy. Whenever his eye lighted on a toddling child or a perambulator it visibly brightened. "My true work!" he seemed to say. "This nest building is mere bypaths of industry." After drinking and overlooking and congratulating himself thus for a few minutes he would stroll off over the housetops for another stick. He was unquestionably a king of the garden.—Lucas in "A Wanderer In Holland."

The Way Out.

A well known Boston physician was on his way to his office one winter morning when the sidewalks were a glare of ice. While going down the street he met a lady coming in the opposite direction. The lady was a stranger to him, although he was not unknown to her.

In trying to avoid each other on the icy pavement they both slipped and came to the sidewalk facing each other, with their pedal extremities considerably entangled. While the polite doctor was debating in his mind what was the proper thing to do under the trying circumstances the problem was solved by the quick witted lady, who quietly remarked:

"Doctor, if you will be good enough to rise and pick out your legs I will take what remains."



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