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Bigots Will Howl!

We suppose that the bigots will set up a terrible howl at the news that Mrs. Henry W. Taft, wife of the President's brother, has been baptized in the Catholic church and will hail it as another proof of the growing dominance of the Catholic church in the United States Government.

However much the bigots may squeal and squirm, the fact remains that every day is chronicled the entrance of educated, refined, cultured non-Catholics into the Catholic Church. In Holy Mother Church they find their only spiritual haven where something tangible is presented in the way of belief, faith and soul-food.

Gross Perfidy

President Taft is, indeed, unfortunate in his selection of subordinate officials. Ballinger cost him lots of trouble and, in fact, afforded the excuse needed by Pinchot, Garfield and the other "Progressives" to thrust again into the Presidential limelight former President Theodore Roosevelt, the man Mr. Taft had considered his best friend.

These are merely political complications. In the last ten days, however an instance of even grosser perfidy has come to light. Robert J. Valentine, commissioner of Indian affairs, sent out secretly, without the knowledge of his superior, Secretary of the Interior Fisher an order to all Indian agents that religious garb or insignia must not be tolerated in the Indian schools, which are maintained by the Indians themselves and paid for out of their own funds.

Water Storage

Rochester is intensely interested in the problem of conserving the State's natural resources, especially in regard to the development of the hitherto unused water power of the Genesee River. What water power is now

developed has done wonders in the way of increased manufacturing and industrial development. If the cost of power can be decreased, the development of industry will be still greater and the corresponding benefit to manufacturer and employee—and consumer too, will be still greater.

Whether increased power at lower cost will come quicker under State control or private enterprise is the problem now confronting the community. The State has certain inherent rights which cannot be overlooked, but it must not be forgotten that Rochester is a very important component part of the State and increased prosperity in Rochester means increased valuation and a greater revenue to the State under the direct tax system.

The Chamber of Commerce has done well to enter upon a comprehensive survey of this very important subject.

Mistake Corrected

Rev. J. Dr. Hennessy, of Buffalo, has administered a stinging rebuke to the Buffalo "Commercial" for permitting itself to be gullied by the Episcopalian "Living Church" into a bigoted criticism of the American Catholic Cardinals Farley and O'Connell, for taking the prescribed Cardinalial oath of loyalty and obedience.

Dr. Hennessy points-out that "the Living Church" garbled and misstated the Cardinal's oath to begin with and then insinuated cleverly against other portions. Because a Cardinal swears loyalty to the Pope and Holy Mother Church, the secular publication cannot see how any American citizen can take it conscientiously or consistently. Dr. Hennessy points out that any Christian who acknowledges God places his God above his country and asks if believers in God cannot be American citizens. As to the Cardinals promising to uphold the temporal power, Dr. Hennessy says that this in reality, constitutes a protest against the spoliation and virtual imprisonment of the Pope.

It is funny that non-Catholics will persist in drawing upon bigoted sources for information regarding Catholic Church matters.

Detective William J. Burns seems to put in most of his time these days in making speeches.

One good thing may be said of Woodrow Wilson. He has not denied writing some nice things about the Catholic Church while he was still a college president. We might find another good point in Governor Wilson's favor: He is not in the same class with Chancellor Day.

So Governor Dix may attend the Rochester News' Writers' Roastfest? Well, he may hear some plain truths about politicians.

Senator LaFollette does not like the newspapers and, judging from current comment, the newspapers have that reciprocal feeling for the senator.

In the death of Rt. Rev. Dr. Burtzell, New York archdiocese loses one of its prominent priests.

As usual, the secular press guessed wrong in the new delegate to the United States from the Vatican.

We congratulate Bishop Hickey on the dedication of the new Church in Henrietta.

Chief Quigley is a splendid conservator of public morals in his crusade against objectionable dances.

Old Fasting Advice. Thomas Cogan in "The Haven of Health," published in 1583, discusses the no breakfast question at considerable length. "Touching breakfasts, whether or no they are to be used, it may be some question, because they are not mentioned in Galer and other ancient authors of Physicke, neither are they appointed by order of the universities, but only two meals of the day spoken of, which be dinner and supper. But the temperature of this our country is such that I think it good for Englishmen not to be long fasting. Yet some may better bide without than t'others. Children and young men until they came to the age of thirty-five may not be long fasting without inconvenience. Men of middle age—that is, from thirty-five to forty-nine—may better bear it. Old men, being not decrepitate—that is, from fifty to seventy—may best of all abide fasting, but after seventy years they are to be dieted as children."—London Chronicle

The Scorpion's Fainting Fit. The scorpion that is placed in the center of a ring of coals does not commit suicide by stinging himself to death as has been claimed in lands where the scorpion abounds it is a regular pastime among countrymen to ring a scorpion with fire and watch him commit, as is believed, the happy dispatch. Nevertheless the scorpion has the last laugh and not the spectator. The scorpion, though an inhabitant of torrid regions, is so delicately organized that a very slight increase above the normal temperature produces a condition in him analogous to a fainting fit. Driven desperate by the heat, he lashes his tail wildly, giving the impression that he is plunging his sting into his own body. Then he falls motionless. As a presumably dead scorpion has no further interest for the spectators, he is usually left where he has fallen, and after the fire has died down he recovers and crawls away.—Harper's

A Novel Trap. A short time ago a hunter found in a patch of woods in Connecticut eleven large blacksnakes tied up in hard knots and stone dead. Two telegraph wires ran through the woods overhead and a few days before there had been a heavy blast set off in a quarry near by. This broke down the wires and started a colony of blacksnakes from their slumbers in a neighboring ledge. One of the wires was crossed in a distant city by a trolley wire, and hence the broken wires which lay near the snakes' den made a death trap. When the snakes came to the wires trailing on the ground one after another crossed over them, touching the ends of both wires at the same time. They thus "short circuited" them and received a shock which caused death. Immediate upon being shocked each snake curled up in a hard knot, thus opening the circuit and setting the trap again.

Life in Virginia in 1648. In the old days in this country, farming and manufacturing were carried on together to a very large extent. A letter written from Virginia in 1648 gives the following picture of life on the plantation of a certain Captain Matthews, a leading citizen of the colony. "He hath a fine house and all things answerable to it. He sows yearly store of hemp and flax and causes it to be spun. He keeps weavers and bath a tan house, causes leather to be dressed, hath eight shoemakers employed in their trade, hath forty negro servants and brings them up to trade in his house. He rears some abundance of wheat, barley, etc. The wheat he steeth at 4 shillings the bushel. He kills store of hens and sells them to victual the ships when they come thither. He hath abundance of fine a brave dairy, swine great store and poultry."

The Barking Wolf. The prairie wolf, the coyote of the Mexicans, is the American representative of the old world jackal. It is thirty six to forty inches long, with a tail measuring sixteen to eighteen inches. Its color is usually a yellowish gray on the back and sides, with black cloudings. The under parts and inside of limbs are of a dirty white tint. The cry is a sort of snapping bark, and for this reason the animal is known as the barking wolf. It lives and breeds in burrows and has its young in April, often ten at a time. It hunts in packs and is very fleet.

Passing Counterfeits. Johnny—Say, papa, passing counterfeits money is unlawful, isn't it? Papa—Yes, Johnny—Well, papa, if a man was walking along the street and saw a ten dollar counterfeit bill upon the sidewalk and did not pick it up, wouldn't he be guilty of passing counterfeit money and couldn't he be arrested and put in jail? Papa—More likely the lunatic asylum. Now you may go to bed, my son.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune

Making It Personal. "Did you ever long for death?" asked the soulful, dyspeptic young man of the practical young woman. It was the fourth long call he had made on her that week, and she was sleepy. "Whose death do you mean?" she asked in a dry, discouraging tone.

Useless. "Your wife has filed suit for divorce. Are you going to contest it?" "No. It wouldn't do me any good. I've lost every argument I ever had with her."—Detroit Free Press

Comforting Her. Miss Wry—I have a picture in my mind of my future husband. Miss Guy—I bet it will never be developed.—Smart Set.

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