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Our Twenty-fourth Year

With this issue the Catholic Journal enters upon its twenty-fourth year of Catholic journalistic existence. We take this opportunity of extending our heartfelt thanks to all who have stood by us, as subscribers, as advertisers, as patrons of our printing office. They have made possible the issuance of a Catholic paper in and for the Diocese of Rochester.

When the Catholic Journal was started, the Catholic press was in its infancy, as it were. Catholic papers were few, those that were prosperous could be counted on the fingers of one hand. To-day the Catholic press is numerous in the land. Scarcely a Diocese but boasts a vigorous Catholic paper, some have more than one. Catholic magazines are coming along and they are as vigorous, and as well edited as their secular competitors. If they are not prosperous, the fault lies with the Catholic public which has not come to the full appreciation of the value and help that a strong Catholic press is to the cause and the Church.

The Catholic Journal renews its pledges to give its subscribers the very best Catholic paper that can be had for the money. It thanks old friends and extends a hearty invitation and welcome to new friends.

Let Us Choose.

There is one point upon which most thinking men agree with the professed principle of the new progressive party. That is that the people have a perfect right to a choice in selecting members of the judiciary. There has grown up a sentiment that if two political parties and their bar associations agree upon all tickets and therefore, elected unannouncedly, the judiciary is hence non-partisan and taken out of politics.

This sounds good, but it is fallacious in practice, in that the people have no choice whatever and their judges are picked for them by political leaders and the lawyers. The result is a bipartisan, not a non-partisan judiciary. Now, there are two parties to every litigation, the lawyers and their clients, the latter representing the people at large. When judges are virtually picked by political leaders and no other candidates can be voted for on election day, where does the people's right of choice come in? It is absolutely eliminated.

Why should not the fullest latitude be afforded in selecting the judges? Why not encourage lawyers to enter the judicial race? Let the people have a chance to decide for themselves from among a group of aspirants. We believe that such a policy would dispel much of the clamor for the power of "recall by the mob."

Turn out in force for the Holy Name parade on October 13th!

Healthy

Aside from the purely political side, the republican state convention held in Saratoga last week exhibited an exceedingly healthy condition of political action. There were no bosses in that gathering or if they were there they did no bossing. The delegates themselves did their own nomination of candidates, formulated their own platform and, in brief ran their own convention, which is as it should be. If direct nomination sentiment is not to gain ground there must be more of such conventions as were held last week. It is the feeling that after men make their canvasses among their fellow-men that a coterie of bosses are to most in the back room, away from the reach of public sentiment and coolly proceed to ignore the appeals to the people made by the aforesaid men and to name candidates unknown and untried, which has inflamed the public mind against what has been styled "practical politics" and led to the development of movements to relegate political leaders to the rear and to hand control of the government over to a sort of mob rule.

If the politicians had listened more to the rank and file of their parties, there would not be so much mob rule sentiment abroad in the land and things would be better all around.

More Than Half Right

There is a Catholic jurist out in Chicago, Judge Gibbons' by name, who is winning a reputation for blunt speech and hard hitting. An exchange relates this incident of Judge Gibbons:

High school fraternities and all other secret organizations were branded as "enemies of the State and foes of our Christian civilization" by Judge John Gibbons, the Catholic jurist of Chicago, the other day, during a hearing of a case in the Circuit Court which involved the fight against the frats at the Oak Park High School. "Secret societies," he said, "are and always have been a menace to order and law. They inculcate in their members a spirit of insubordination, prevarication and falsehood, and thereby indirectly if not directly shield from punishment members leagued together by secret pledges and pass words."

A Good Work

The name of Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, is mentioned among the vice-presidents of a new league formed in London. The aim of which is "to combat indiscipline, especially in the home and in the school." The new league is intended to teach children to obey, to serve obedience, while at the same time it teaches parents to exact it. The "let the child do as he pleases," school of thought is given a hard rap by the league, which says:—

"Instantaneous unquestioning obedience must be required from the children in their earliest years, and the parents task must be to instill obedience, order, industry, concentration of thought and to every litigation, the lawyers' effort, punctuality, politeness, patriotism, loyalty, respect for authority and thoughtfulness into the minds of both boys and girls until their exercise becomes a habit. Self-control, endurance for on election day, where does the people's right of choice come in? It is absolutely eliminated."

Thirteen new parish schools were opened last month in New York City, 10 of which are in Manhattan. There are now 184 parish schools in New York, 109 in the Archdiocese of New York and 75 in the diocese of Brooklyn. The 1912 registration will reach at least 140,000.

In Lima, in Mexico City, in Cordoba, in South America, are universities dating back to 1554, to 1613, Harvard University was not founded until 1640. Need any more be said?

ROUND THE GLOBE

Buffalo now has 96 iron foundries to 109 in Chicago.
Americans yearly eat 120,000,000 gallons of ice cream.
Fifty-seven thousand Scotchmen left Scotland last year.
Louisville, Ky., is covering old brick pavements with asphalt.
There are over 23,000 justices of the peace in England and Wales.
Within a year the population of Buenos Aires has increased almost 50,000.
As a humane way of slaughtering, cattle electrocution is being tried in France.
By January government business will be conducted from Delhi as the capital of India.
Pneumatic tires are being made in France from paper chemically treated and compressed.
The United States postal department employs 60,000 postmasters who draw \$20,000,000 yearly.
Two new British battleships will be fitted with anti-rolling tanks the first war craft so equipped.
About one tenth of the electric lamps made in the United States every year are used for advertising signs.
Buffalo excludes temporarily from schools children from homes where infantile paralysis has been noted.
Constituting a record, the population of New South Wales has increased by over 30,000 during the last six months.
J. C. Wagner of Denver has combined raspberries and strawberries in a new fruit to be called rasp-strawberries.
In twenty years there have been 4,000 inventions of three, not including mechanical devices to take the place of tires.
In the garden city near Dresden established three years ago the mortality is only 8 per 1,000, against 13.7 in Dresden.
In the United Kingdom there are a million children between the ages of twelve and sixteen who are not being educated.
There are vastly more natives in the south of China who are cutting their hair and adopting European clothes than in the north.
Since the beginning of the century the wheat harvested in France has only once exceeded the absolute needs of the French people.
Within fifteen years there have been built in Berlin twenty four bridges over the river Spree and neighboring ponds and to connect new streets.
A London theatrical agent who has over 17,000 artists on his books declares that never more than one third of these are employed at the same time.
Despite American, German and Belgian competition steelmakers of England got the contract for building for Buenos Aires the greatest elevated water reservoir of its kind in the world.
Italian shipbuilders have constructed a floating dock in which submarine boats can be subjected to external pressure tests without the necessity of sinking them into deep water.
A system of personal identification based on the patterns of the veins on the back of the hand has been invented by an Italian scientist who claims that in no two men are the veins exactly alike.
After a careful study of meteorological records Dr. Peppier of the University of Glessen has reached the conclusion that 1912 marked the beginning of a cycle of dry summers which will last thirty to forty years.
The shell of the largest quahaug ever found on Cape Cod weighs one pound twelve ounces. The shell is five inches long and is thought to be more than forty years old. It was picked up on the marshy flats.
There is invested in hotels and restaurants in Switzerland which depend largely upon tourists for their support about \$175,000,000 and the aggregate number of persons employed in these establishments is over 100,000.
The bootblack as a London institution is vanishing. Two or three decades ago bootblacks abounded in the business sections of the city but now accepting within two small sections one cannot be found in a day's walk.
A serving maid in one of the most aristocratic families of Vienna was dismissed because it was discovered that she was using her mistress' visiting cards, to which she had added her name and the explanation "Cook to the above."
The making of tons of lead pencils in Europe has depended on the import of American cedar. A firm in one German city has made 300,000,000 lead pencils a year from the American cedar. It is said that over 600 tons of cedar are used daily.
Norway has a fish canners' association, the aim of which is to keep up the quality and reputation of Norwegian sardines. It has endeavored to secure the enactment of laws prescribing the form of labels to be used and prohibiting the packing of winter catches.
The queen of Holland has received a petition signed by 28,000 men asking that the suffrage be given to women. This monster petition is the work of the Netherlands Men's League For Woman Suffrage, though many of the signatures are said to be those of non members.
The superiority of American tanned leather is shown by the fact that shoes worn in Germany are made from calf skins bought in that country and sent to Detroit, Mich., to be tanned and colored and then the finished leather exported to Germany, where it is cut up into shoes.

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