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Patriotism

One of the cloaks in which hypocritical bigot swathes himself is that of patriotism. He will wave aloft the Stars and Stripes and shout loudly about liberty for all men and proclaim undying allegiance to "Our Country." Quite often he is unnaturalized; frequently he never intends to be sought than an alien in the land whence he derives a better living than ever before in his life; not infrequently he is an Orangeman and pledged to uphold the cause of an alien sovereign.

Nevertheless, these pious frauds prate incessantly against the Catholics as subjects of a foreign potentate, forgetting, if indeed they ever knew that Catholics were leaders in the War of the Revolution, in the Civil War and, lastly, in the war against Spain, one of the oldest Catholic countries in the world. Catholics have ever been real patriots. Indeed, he who is the most practical and devout Catholic cannot help but stand in the very front rank of loyal Americans because our faith teaches us to be law-abiding.

By their fruits ye shall know them. Read the pages of American history and learn the valiant deeds for home and country done by Americans who worship in the Catholic Church. Perchance, this is the reason why some alien bigots are so insistent upon excising our history text books, because the truth might furnish the strongest argument in refutation of their specious and misleading statements. Where have more ardent patriots in civil life been found than Chief Justice Roger B. Taney, Archbishops England and Hughes and the other names that adorn the pages of history? And in later years, who more ardent patriots than Cardinals Gibbons, O'Connell and Farley, Archbishops Quigley, Glennon, Ireland or Blend; Bishops McQuaid, Hendrick, Colton, Ludden, Burke and Cusack, not to mention the hundreds of Catholic priests who have glorified the Stars and Stripes and the United States by their sacrifices in behalf of their native or adopted land and her laws, customs and welfare.

No, indeed, patriotism is not foreign to Catholicity. Instead it is part and parcel of our very being!

Treat All Alike

While there may be some merit in the contention that there should be certain days set aside for students to have uninterrupted access to the "Zoo" in Eastman-Durand Park, nevertheless it was unwise for the Park Commission to take action virtually turning the park over to the control of a private corporation. All the city parks are city possessions, are maintained by city funds and should forever remain under control of the Park Commission, a city body and be absolutely free to all the citizens. It is true Eastman-Durand park was donated to the city and the donors deserve thanks for their gift, but once turned over to the city it is

as much as a city park as any of the other parks. If this was not so intended, then the donors should have retained title and provided for its maintenance.

Without looking a gift horse in the mouth, it may be remarked that Eastman-Durand park has been and will continue to be a very expensive park for the city to maintain and without much corresponding advantage to the masses unless cheap and adequate car service is provided because at present access is well-nigh inaccessible unless one possesses an automobile or a carriage. This being so, the city authorities should not seek to enhance the popular objection to expending much more proportionately upon Eastman-Durand than upon the other city parks that are convenient of access and, perhaps, lead to a popular inquiry as to why the donors were not also generous to provide for its upkeep, if it is desired to make it a sort of exclusive park, and permit the park portion of the tax levy to be expended upon the real city parks.

This may seem a trifling matter, but we assure the Park Commission and others interested that among the rank and file of the people, at large it is coming to be a very live topic of discussion.

Lincoln

As a further proof that Abraham Lincoln was no bigot, Charles H. McCarthy cites the biography of the great Emancipation written by Nicolay and Hay and Lincoln's Works by the same author. In Vol. I, page 218, of the latter in a letter written on August 24, 1855, to his friend Joshua F. Speed, Mr. Lincoln wrote:—

"You enquire where I now stand. That is a disputed point. I think I am a Whig; but others say there are no Whigs, and that I am an Abolitionist. When I was at Washington, I voted for the Willnot proviso as good as forty times; and I never heard of any one attempting to unwhig me for that. I now do no more than oppose the extension of slavery. I am not a Know-Nothing! that is certain. How could I be? How can anyone who abhors the oppression of negroes, be in favor of degrading classes of white people? Our progress in degeneracy appears to me to be pretty rapid. As a nation, we began by declaring that 'All men are created equal.' We now practically read it, 'All men are created equal except negroes.' When the Know-Nothings get control it will read, 'All men are created equal, except negroes and foreigners and Catholics.' When it comes to this, I should prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretence of loving liberty.—where deipotism can be taken pure, and without the base alloy of hypocrisy."

Evidently, the Know-Nothing's of Lincoln's days were as pestilently pestiferous as the Guardians of Liberty of the present day but who recalls them now and so it will be with the G. of L. a quarter century hence.

Why should a private club be permitted to monopolize several tennis courts in one of the city parks? Possibly, if an organization wants to play, it might be permitted to set aside certain courts on one or two evenings a week. But it is not conducive to popular content to see courts idle and when one wishes to use them, to have an attendant refuse with the curt announcement "Private courts." And this in a city park, supported by all the people!

Catholic organizations, both national, state and local are up and doing these days. This is as it should be.

The Catholic Summer School at Cliff Haven is, as usual, very interesting. As usual, Rochester once turned over to the city it is



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A somewhat similar origin is assigned to the ornamental clock on the stocking. In the days when stockings were made of cloth the seams occurred where the clocks do now, the ornamentation then being used to conceal the seams.
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