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Honor to Our Men!

The Catholic Journal remarked a month ago, in commenting upon the efforts of the bigots in Philadelphia and elsewhere to hamper the Holy Name demonstrations by withdrawing music from these processions in honor of the holy name of Jesus, that if such were actually effected in Rochester, the Catholic men would turn out in even greater numbers and prove to the people that we march, not for show, but in defense of a vital principle.

At that time we were not aware that a recent state law had been construed as forbidding music with processions on Sunday, except for funerals of a military and semi-military nature. Bishop Hickey and the Catholic clergy knew of it, however, and had decided to omit music even though they might have had the bands and no untoward effort to prevent music would have resulted. In order to make manifest our respect for the law of the state, it was decided to turn out simply and solely as a demonstration of our devotion to our Blessed Lord and as a silent protest against profanity and obscenity.

The result more than justified our predictions and also the wise decision of our Bishop. The parade numbered more men than ever before and they marched better than ever. Like a veteran army corps, the measured footsteps were heard along Main St. as the Holy Name men passed along. It was a remarkable demonstration and attracted more and favorable comment by reason of the absence of music. Every marcher was in line for a principle and not for a mere show.

The Catholic Journal joins in extending hearty congratulations to Bishop Hickey, to the Catholic clergy of the Diocese and to the members of the Holy Name societies upon the remarkably successful demonstration for 1913.

Matter of Shame

Whatever may be said of the motives behind the impeachment of Governor Sulzer, the fact remains that the removed chief executive of New York State has been shown to be possessed of a peculiarly low moral sense and unfitted to be the guiding spirit of a great Empire State. His ideas of right and wrong, his failure to take the witness stand and deny under oath the accusations made against him, his repudiation of the majesty of the law, his defiant attitude after judgment has been pronounced by the judges of the highest court in the land and the senators elected by the people, all combine to place him before the people in a most unenviable light.

The revelations of the last few weeks make every decent citizen hang his head in shame at the low level which politics has reached in this state. Has it come to the point where public office is to be regarded only as a vehicle to graft from the public treasury? Are our public officials

to be looked upon with contempt? Must our young people grow up to despise law and authority? Have we reached the low level where perjury, theft and forgery are to be condoned because, forsooth, those guilty thereof prate about the dishonesty of others and refuse to admit their own wrongdoing? Have we reached the level where demagoguery is to be preferred to intellectual rectitude and pharisaism to honesty of purpose? Must our young people learn that it is perfectly proper to steal, to perjure themselves, to break laws with impunity and then point to the examples of others, perhaps less culpable, as an excuse? Have we reached the level where there is no fear of punishment for misdeeds in high places, where there is no recognition of the rights of our neighbors, where sham is preferred before honest endeavor and performance?

Day by day we come to see that the Catholic Church is the only American institution that stands for reverence for law; respect for decency in public life; for even-handed justice, for the rights of the individual and the sanctity of home and family, and for something beyond the mere applause of the unthinking mob. May we ever be alert to our responsibilities and may we ever train up our sons and daughters to support the fundamentals which stand as the bulwarks of our system of government and of our American civilization!

Purity

Purity of foods, of liquids in common use, of drugs; absence of shoddy and presence of the real thing in fabrics and other articles of everyday merchandise seems to be the order of the day. Promise must be followed by performance. Advertisers must be honest with their patrons and not promise what they cannot or will not fulfil.

It is a good sign. Whether or not there is some buncombe along with fact and demand, matters not. The demagogue will soon be found out in public life and the sham will not wear in business or merchandising. If we purchase a package alleged to contain a pound of a certain product, we are entitled to have a full pound, from the seller. If we purchase candy, we are entitled to have it pure, not adulterated with unwholesome stuff, put in either to add to weight or to disguise some other ingredient of doubtful character. When we purchase bread or cake, we have a right to expect and exact that such be produced in sanitary surroundings, by employees of cleanly habits.

Now that we are urging and exacting purity in perishable commodities, let us urge purity of life, motive and conduct in our fellows who have immortal, imperishable souls. These must pay a penalty, not only in this but in another life; and world; for impurity of life, and speech and thought. As we live, so shall judgment be meted; out to us in the next world. The perishable fabrics may be replaced, but the immortal soul goes on forever. True, the soul may be cleansed as by fire, but the marks of impurity remain. And not only the one immediately interested suffers, but many another who may be affected by the example. And then there is society at large. If only we would or could reflect upon the dire consequences which may follow a single lapse from holy purity.

Let us urge purity in life and thought among humans as well as in perishable commodities we buy and sell!

State Commissioner James A. Lavery, of the Civil Service commission, has evidently kept track of "Who's Who in Catholic Public Life."

The "bomb trust" is one trust that should be exploded.

The only way to get your money's worth is to live a cheerful life.

Do not wait too long for the ship to come in. Swim out and meet it.

About the only knocker that fails to work overtime is Old Man Opportunity.

As somebody has expressed it, the Gatun lock is the key to trade supremacy.

The trouble with the average man is that he wants to reap his reward before it is ripe.

Greece seems to think that the war in the Balkans may solve the problem of perpetual motion.

Jay riders probably think a good road is one that has neither ditches nor telegraph poles along the sides.

The Italian artist who spent a month in a sewer is undoubtedly well equipped to write a modern play.

"We should worry?" say the vegetarians when they read of threatened meat scarcity and meat famine.

Vindictostok, in farthest Siberia, has a cafe chautauk. The sad thing is Vindictostok's tendency to boast of it!

Although woman frequently varies her waist line, she continues to keep the place with plus. So an investigator reports.

While it is not true that the oceans will meet at Panama, they will be locked together and what more could anybody want?

All this time the ladies could ridicule some of the things men wear if they wanted to. But they are too polite to do it.

New York women are going into the taxi business regardless of the melancholy fate that overtook the woman cabbies of Paris.

A New York man deserted his wife because she couldn't make pie-in other words because she couldn't properly desert him.

The meanest thief is the one who stole \$7 from the San Francisco mint, thereby making it necessary to recount \$61,595,000, mostly in coins.

If earthquakes had any spirit of accommodation they would leave the isthmus of Panama alone, after neglecting to dig a canal themselves.

The Zulu prince who is paying his way at Harvard working as a waiter has the right kind of stuff in him and may be a Pullman porter some day.

The Paris scientist who promises a great improvement in domestic refrigeration had better put that off until next summer and look after the heater.

The University of Pennsylvania has imported a twelve ton sphinx from Egypt instead of patronizing home industries and buying a statue of Connie Mack.

There's less in the garment than in the way it is worn. There was never a time when the modest woman did not look modest no matter what the fashions.

Hoop skirts are said to be coming back and man may as well prepare to give up his right to the one look in the clothes closet that has been granted to him.


There was a school in Babylonia, 3,200 years B. C., but some people think that all the wisdom in the schools was developed during the last two or three decades.

What has become of the old fashioned man, who washed his face at the pump every morning and made so much noise that he could be heard in the next county?

Popcorn may be all right and cheap and digestible enough for breakfast, as the agricultural department authorities insist. But suppose a fellow happens to be hungry?

Some fine morning you will read in the papers a short item to the effect that "the Panama canal was opened yesterday and is doing a fine business." That is the Goethals' style.

A Louisiana expert figures that by becoming a suffragist a woman reduces her chances of marriage 50 per cent. This is the most subtle knock the cause has yet received.



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