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Good and Bad Papers

The Catholic Advance states the difference between good and bad papers, also the responsibility resting upon each individual...

There are some good newspapers—just as good and no more so, than the men behind them.

But there is also a brood of filthy rags in the business, just as leprous, and no more so, than the men behind them, whose souls the lucre-lust has corroded and finally devoured.

A Point Gained

While the United States government has had its case against "Tom" Watson, indicted for sending obscene matter through the mails, halted temporarily because Judge Foster threw the case out on a technical defect in the papers, it is held that the Government can re-indict Watson by including the entire article complained of instead of an excerpt, there is a strong point gained.

In his discussion of the case, Judge Foster said: "The United States Supreme Court has decided that Congress can exclude obscene matter from the mails, regardless of whether it appears in newspapers, magazines or letters. This would not, in my opinion, trench on the freedom of the press, and I cannot understand how any man would be unable to express his ideas without resorting to the use of obscene or filthy language."

This is sound common sense. If the opposite were held, then every vile minded fellow could transmit through the mails all sorts of filth, on the plea that in no other way could he express his ideas.

Charity Guild

It is a grand and good work that the Catholic Charity Guild is doing and it is a pleasure to record that its worth is appreciated by Catholic people as a field of activity for the Catholic laity.

The domain of charitable work and endeavor is growing so rapidly and broadening so much that the clergy and sisterhoods can no longer cope with it. Moreover, our non-Catholic friends are so busily engaged in utilizing the energy of the laity that we must do likewise if we hope to keep in line with latter-day ideas.

Moreover, in the name of sweet charity too much of proselytizing work is carried on and we must have our own agencies in order to be sure that charity funds are not used to divert recipients from the faith of their fathers.

Let Us Have Peace

Now that the most turbulent election of recent years in state and city is ended, let us have peace!

Let there be an end of mud-slinging, of sundering of personal friendships, of covert insinuations against public officials, of blackening of the reputation of state and city in order to compass partisan ends.

Let us settle down to normal conditions. Let us resume business relations with our neighbors, halted temporarily because politics demanded that we be enemies for the time being.

Rochester is as good a city to live in as it was before the campaign of 1913. Then every broad-minded citizen was shouting the praises of his home community.

Let us be loyal and helpful to the officials the people have elected.

Governor Glynn seems to take hold of the reins of government in a cool, matter-of-fact, common-sense way.

Now that Anthony Comstock has gotten after the obscene sheet brought over by Mrs. Bankhurst, let us hope he may find time to get after the "Manage."

Catholics should keep close watch and report at once if a moving picture film of a nature stander to our faith and people makes its appearance in any of Rochester's moving picture shows. There is such a film extant.

We hate to make any invidious distinction in professional matters, but Catholics would be surer if they employed only a physician of their own faith.

Talk as they will, Socialists cannot escape the fact that their system must, perforce, be against the Catholic Church and all Religion and against the sanctity of the marriage tie, or else be an inconsistent system.

Bigots could not help themselves from electing a Catholic mayor of Syracuse.

Well, the mayor of New York is a Catholic, after all the fight.

Is the radium trust best typified as an octopus or a bacillus?

Favorite sport just now appears to be building cup defenders.

The Kaiser has almost as much trouble managing the empire as his son.

Any man who wants to be president of Mexico must have an unconquerable itch for office.

Meanwhile the present high price of wheat should not prevent the return of prodigal sons.

The next record for a no stop flight may be made by a prominent Mexican statesman.

Camembert cheese drops a cent as the result of the new tariff. Strong evidence, as far as it goes!

One trouble with the legitimate drama of the day is that as a rule it is not legitimate and it is mighty poor drama.

A Chicago lawyer was bunked out of \$99 by a confidence man in London. It's impolite to laugh, but one just can't help it.

Wearing watches on the fingers is all right for those Washington society girls who are not in the habit of washing the dinner dishes.

Andrew Carnegie gives this advice: "Do not hoard your millions." We don't. We never had a thought of doing anything like that.

Scientists have produced something "just as good as radium," but we shall accept no substitute and shall demand the old-fashioned kind.

A New Jersey husband complains that his wife trained nine cats to annoy him. He must have been very hard to annoy originally.

A spinster has been appointed a judge in Norway. The fireworks will begin when her court comes to consider the bachelor tax law.

Sedate Boston's tale of electric fish held captive to the steel sides of a steamer is enough to elicit loud cries of help from Ananias himself.

Hard to believe that English suffragists have adopted another slogan in "prayers for women." That would be admitting that they need them.

It is just possible that the priceless Babylonian antiquities now at the University of Pennsylvania museum are blissfully unaware of the change.

Jane Addams says she admires Mrs. Pankhurst's capacity for martyrdom. She does seem willing to live a long while in order to die for the cause.

The secretary of the treasury has decided that hereafter Y must not be used for U in inscriptions on public buildings. Uniform spelling is the slogan.

Scientists have discovered that pig-skin is a pretty good substitute for human skin. This was so evident that no wonder the doctors overlooked it hitherto.

The best way to insure a city beautiful is to use foresight. It is better to build on clearly defined plans than to tear away and remodel at increased cost.

Amundsen, it is said, contemplates a polar trip by aeroplane. The great disadvantage of the method is that it will furnish so little of incident to write about.

With more fatalities on New York streets in one recent month than ever before, perhaps, "Stop, look, listen" signs at each street intersection would be of service.

England's proposal for a rest in Dreadnought construction is in keeping with the spirit of the times, but the gear supply manufacturers will not let it get any further.

The Montenegrins are a primitive people. In their plays the villain is always a Turk," says a traveler. Well, isn't the Turk nearly always a man with a black mustache?

If it is true that the popularity of the oyster is waning steps should be taken, to prove that the bivalve is about to become extinct. This would revive interest in oyster consumption.

All previous vibrations that you have heard will be like the sighings of an acolian harp compared with the noise that will arise in Washington if it is decided to dock congressmen for lost time.

By a peculiar decision a Chicago judge renders a verdict in favor of a claimant whereby the latter still loses. Still it makes but little difference, as the lawyers would have arrived at the same result.

The district attorney of Philadelphia declares that he has been unable to find any law to prevent women from smoking. Which will take away from most of the feminine smokers the encouragement to do it.

Princess Alexandra's trossseau included thirty-eight hats, but if Prince Arthur thinks he will therefore not have to buy her any hats for a year or two the prince's bank balance is in danger of an unexpected jolt.

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