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None of Our Funeral

Of course, it is none of our funeral that our non-Catholic brethren are at logger heads as to whether they shall or shall not have "Billy" Sunday to give a month or six weeks engagement of his evangelistic troupe in this city. We so characterize Rev. Billy without malice and in a way he would not hesitate to use himself. Whether Mr. Sunday comes here or not is a matter of indifference to us. He will not deplete the Catholic Churches, neither will we suspend operations while he is here. If he comes, as he insists the non-Catholic churches must do, when one Catholic parish has a mission all the other Catholic Churches do not shut up. Not at all. The one Church where the mission is in progress is taxed to capacity while the attendance at the other Catholic Churches is undiminished. Were all the Catholics in Rochester to unite in one mission "Billy Sunday's" tabernacle "wouldn't be in it for a minute.

To even confess the necessity for a "Billy Sunday," we should imagine, must make the average Protestant clergyman hang his head in shame at the failure of his colleagues and himself to attract the average citizen to their services.

Wrong Reasoning

We incline to the opinion that Governor Glynn's position that the state is entitled to a better bargain than its sister subdivisions, the city or county, is not exactly tenable and we doubt that he would maintain it when he retires to private life and writes and speaks as an Albany newspaper editor.

Why should state revenues, derived from indirect sources, like mortgage tax, liquor tax, secured debts, penalties for infringement of the conservation law and so on be divided so that the cities and counties should receive a portion to be applied toward decreasing local taxes? It is not the state tax that is burdensome but local taxation. The latter increases proportionately as a community grows and its needs grow larger. When the state seizes to itself what have been held as local taxable sources, the local revenue is decreased thereby and the deficit must be met by direct tax upon real estate and generally falls heaviest upon the small property owner who is least able to stand it.

When Governor Glynn vetoed the bill which would have permitted the city of Rochester and the other cities along the line of the Erie canal to secure the canal bed abandoned when the new barge canal is opened and compel us to take our chances at public auction with private corporations, we think he showed poor judgment. Or were his advisers to blame? Whoever is to blame, we think, erred, especially since the State has damaged to a large extent our beautiful Genesee Valley park to make possible the barge canal crossing

over the Genesee river. Why should cities which contribute at least 75 per cent of the state tax levy, be entitled to as much consideration as private corporations which seek to minimize their tax contributions as much as they possibly can?

Ingratitude

He who is ungrateful for material favors bestowed is usually a marked man and his fellows look upon him with contempt if they are aware of his ingratitude because it is well held that he who cannot appreciate a favor is not likely to be loyal to anybody else and is unworthy of trust.

However, while it is reprehensible for one to show ingratitude for material favors, it is far worse for us to be ungrateful to Almighty God for His many, many mercies bestowed upon us; for His gift of His Divine Son that we might be freed from the punishment due because of mortal sins; for His goodness in that we free Catholics and members of His Church and for His gift of eternal life despite our many sins.

We should always be not only willing but anxious to show our gratitude to God by assistance at Mass and frequent reception of the Sacraments.

Should Stop It.

While we should be and are thankful that the insane crank's attempted assassination of Mayor Mitchel of New York city failed of its purpose, we cannot but express our conviction that our authorities are largely responsible for this latest attempt to kill a prominent man as well as for other like attempts in that they have not sternly repressed Industrial Workers of the World, anarchists and near anarchists and blatant demagogues in general who go abroad stirring up sedition and discontent, sometimes just to hear the sound of their own voices.

As we said in a previous issue and in which the New York World of April 18th coincides. The American people must rise in their might and stamp out demagoguery and anarchy. And the idle men and women of wealth must cease their sympathy with the demagogues, "thanks to whom" says the New York "World" we have a condition of affairs in this country in which every man who holds high office is the possible victim of an assassin's bullet. What took place in New York recently might take place in any other city.

This condition of affairs must come to an end!

Should "Billy" Sunday come to Rochester, let us hope the Protestant employers will not repeat the Pittsburg experience where Catholic employees were virtually ordered to attend the "Sunday meetings." Our Protestant friends have all they can do to take care of their own side of the house. We can and do take care of ours.

Non-Catholic's who heard Father Kearney, the noted Dominican preacher at St. Mary's this week cannot plead ignorance as to what the Catholic Church and religion stands for.

Bishop Hickey's report to Pope Pius X on the condition of the diocese of Rochester cannot fail to be of interest.

It should never be forgotten that "infallibility" is applied to the Pope only when he is speaking of the Spirit of God, by the Divine approbation.

And pretty soon we will yearn for that February temperature.

A man in a passion rides a horse that runs away with him.

There were nearly 14,000,000 telephone calls in this country last year, and perhaps an equal number of times when the wire was busy.

Courting a dancer is reported to have lost one of the kaiser's cabinet ministers his job. If he doesn't get another soon it will lose him the dancer also.

"Tis darkest just before dawn," but the man who gets up at midnight to hunt for a lone match on the corner of the washstand can't see how it could be any darker.

Londoners complain that baseball is monotonous, their idea of change and excitement being to sit four hours watching a man make 185 runs without being put out.

An Italian astronomer announces that the moon is oval in shape, not spherical. It has been noted also that our earth is a little fatter one way about than the other.

According to the latest researches of the anthropologists, man is 500,000 years old. It would be interesting to know how much human nature has changed in this time.

Mr. Widener has paid \$150,000 for a marble bust, which he will doubtless use as a rack for the \$80,000 helmet he bought the other day. This shows how one little thing leads to another.

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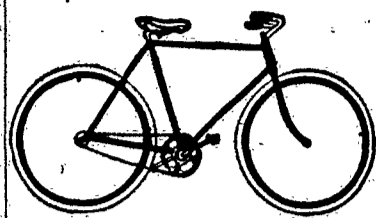
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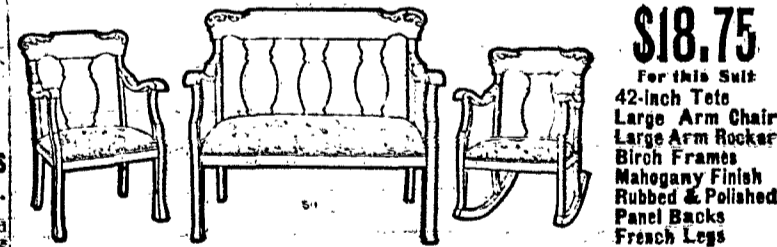
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