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Convention

Important, indeed, is to be the forthcoming constitutional convention to be held in 1915 and to which delegates are to be designated in the September direct primaries and elected in the November general election.

This convention will have power to draft an entirely new state constitution subject, however, to the approval or disapproval of the people in the general election of 1915. Because of the great change in public sentiment as regards certain problems and questions, it can readily be seen that the convention of 1915 may easily turn out to be the most momentous gathering of its kind ever held in the Empire State.

Great care should, therefore be exercised in the selection and election of the delegates to the constitutional convention. Monroe County, with its two senatorial districts is entitled to six of these delegates.

We as Catholics have a right to insist that the political parties shall not nominate men of known bigoted tendencies or temperament.

Non-Catholic Aid.

In every outbreak of bigotry in the United States, there have been non-Catholic laymen and clergymen who have had the manliness and decency to rise up and declare they will have no part in a campaign against their fellow Catholic citizens.

The same is true of the present epidemic of "Menace" and kindred anti-Catholic bigots. Many of our non-Catholic neighbors discountenance the A. P. A., bigots and all their works. For instance, the Rev. Hamilton Schuyler, of Trenton, N. J., recently protested against the renewal of these old anti-Catholic tactics as follows:

"I desire emphatically to dissociate myself from the recent exhibition of violent denunciation and coarse abuse directed at Catholics. To ridicule and deride the distinctive dogmas and practices of Roman Catholics—beliefs and customs dear to them from inheritance and training—is unpardonable, and serves merely to intensify bitterness, and to enkindle anew the fires of religious bigotry. . . . The peace and harmony which we have so long enjoyed seem at present to be threatened by the recrudescence of the spirit of sectarian bitterness. As Christians, as churchmen, and as patriots, it is our bounden duty to abstain from saying or doing anything which may serve further to intensify this unhappy situation."

Some Protestant clergymen have gone further, and commended to their flocks certain distinct features of Catholic life, as the steadfast attendance at the morning offices of the Church, the Holy Name Society, the care for the spiritual training of the young. And one layman, a Methodist, Bird S. Coler, in his notable book, "Two and Two Make Four," has done more to awaken reasonable minds outside the

Catholic Church to the intimately associated dangers of non-religious education and Socialism, and the wisdom of the Catholic way of preventing these than any one else we can think of in this country.

The Difference

It may be argued, even by weak-kneed Catholics, that there is no great difference between the anti-Catholic's organizing "Knights of Luther," and "Guardians of Liberty" to uphold the Protestant religion and the organization of the Knights of Columbus to uplift the banner of Catholicity. But there is a difference and a very vital one. The Knights of Luther and the Guardians are not organized so much to uphold Protestantism as to malign and asperse Catholicity and insult Catholics.

The Boston "Republic" puts it well in the following excerpt from an editorial on "Is There a recurrence of anti-Catholic bigotry in the United States?"

"To be sure, our non-Catholic fellow-citizens of the various denominations have the same legal right to institute (Knights of Luther) as the Catholics have to institute Knights of Columbus. The difference, however, is that where the Knights of Columbus seek to promote the interests of their own religion, they never fight nor malign any other. We fear this is not the case with the (Knights of Luther) nor the "Minute Men"—a title which is ill-chosen and singularly suggestive of a lack of humor on the part of the inventors.

"In the United States every form of belief has, so far as the government is concerned, a free field and no favor. If the Catholics have increased until their numbers very nearly equal the aggregate of all the Protestant bodies in this country, it must simply mean that the air of liberty agrees extremely well with the Church. The aim of the "Minute Men" is "to protect the State against organized religion." But have the Baptists no organization? Are the Methodists, the Presbyterians, the Lutherans, the Episcopalians destitute of organization? If the organization means in the case of the one Church which most of these just named unite in fearing, growth, symmetrical development, and the power to hold its people, would it not be more profitable to study the methods of this most wonderful example of religious organization, consistency and coherence which the world has ever seen, than to beat the air in vain abuse of it?"

President Woodrow Wilson is as great a mystery to the politicians as Governor Charles E. Hughes.

Direct primaries are likely to furnish amusement to the politicians and experience to the dear people.

United States Commissioner of Education has it all figured out that women school teachers will be superseded by men in 1930. Great idea!

These are sad tales we read of young "drug fiends." Let us all pray that they may be freed from the insidious habit!

They who never have experienced pain or sorrow have not keen appreciation of happiness.

It is not popular to be a "trust magnate" in this day and generation. There are limits even to what money will secure to a man.

The man who subscribes for and reads the "Menace," of course does not want Catholic's to vote for him or purchase his goods. And Catholic's who are Catholic's surely should not, and will not do either.

Good for Number One: Safety First.

The man who never works never enjoys a holiday.

No one can accuse the army worm of soldiering on the job.

It's the man's own punch that generally gets him a pull.

If killing time were a capital offense lots of folks would be hanged.

Life is a grindstone that sharpens either our wits or our noses.

Experience is that which we learn when it is too late to be of use.

Some people burn their bridges behind them, and others fireproof theirs.

It is possible to avoid temptation by standing strictly to one's own business.

It makes a man feel cheap to be caught looking at his own photograph.



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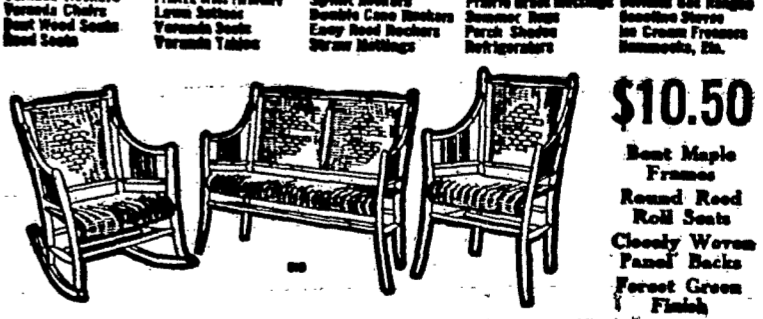
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