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Election.

Next Tuesday citizens of the Empire State will go to the polls and cast their ballots for Governor and other State officers, for a United States senator, the first time that that office has been filled by popular choice—Members of Congress, state senators, members of assembly and county officers, and last but by no means least, for fifteen delegates-at-large and three delegates from each senatorial district to the Convention to revise and re-draft the Constitution of the State.

In many respects, the election of 1914 in New York state is the most important held in many years. The issues presented, both State and National, are varied and complex. Religion, that refuge and excuse of the narrow-minded and bigoted politician, has been injected into the canvass this year.

We, as Catholics, are vitally interested in the selection of delegates to the Constitutional Convention who are broad gauge men, and men who are not bigots. We cannot blink the fact that certain malcontents and women are determined to circumscribe not only our religious activities but our civil rights as well. They would close our convents if they had their way. They would close our parochial schools, by law, and compel us to send our Catholic children to the state schools. They would make it unlawful for the State to pay for the secular maintenance and education of our orphan dependent children in Catholic institutions, but would permit state aid to institutions avowedly non-Catholic, but cloaked under the sternly and rigidly excluded.

For these reasons, it behooves Catholics to scan carefully the nominations made for delegates to the Constitutional Convention and acquaint themselves as well as they can with the records of these nominees in order that they may cast their ballots intelligently and with effect. Whether by design or accident, one of the great political parties has excluded every Catholic from its fifteen delegates-at-large. This discrimination should be rebuked in unmistakable fashion at the polls next Tuesday!

Divided First Page.

Those of us who criticize the papers because they do not give more space and attention to news of the day which is of a safe and sane character, have been stirred to fresh ire by the amount of space given over the last few days to a trial in the Eastern part of the State of a woman for murder. True, there was the fact that a woman was on trial, but that is nothing unusual in New York state. However, there was more than a suspicion of scandal, so that may pass as an excuse for metropolitan papers according considerable space to the affair.

But just why the Rochester and other up-state press saw fit to even shut aside the war news

to give space to this murder trial, for which their telegraph tolls must have been very large, passes comprehension. But this is what happened. Why?

Newspaper proprietors will tell you that they only print the news for which their readers crave. If our readers do not like the sort of stuff we print, they will discontinue their subscriptions. It is the plea put forward by the newspaper proprietors.

Hence we are forced to conclude that only the sort of news matter desired by the newspaper readers is printed and published. Nevertheless, we wish that the experiment of printing and publishing a decent, unsensational paper could be tried out just to see if its subscription list would dwindle. The New York paper that inaugurated a plan of printing "all the news that's fit to print" has achieved a phenomenal subscription and advertising patronage.

We Are Not At Fault

The St. Louis Church Progress calls attention to the self-evident fact that Catholics are not the ones who are continually raising the cry of "keep religion out of politics", but that it is raised by the non-Catholics whenever a Catholic is nominated to or aspires to political preferment. Our contemporary continues:—

Do these people figure that Catholics are irrevocably committed to the practice of keeping religion out of politics? Do they imagine that we will and must submit to being assaulted in our civil and religious rights without resenting it? Do they think that neither question nor occasion can arise when the Catholic ballot is affected by religious considerations? If so, they are sadly mistaken.

Political questions and the social and economic policies of political parties sometimes involve grave moral issues wherein the parties are at variance with Catholic doctrine. In such cases Catholics must be at variance with the opposing party and withhold their support.

Then in the matter of assaulting Catholics in their civil and religious rights: Isn't it a species of insanity to expect the political support of Catholics under such conditions? And if they should combine their political strength to right the wrong, who can blame them? Are they not merely availing themselves of the only legitimate and recognized remedy permitted them under our form of government? What other remedy has any citizen or class of citizens under the law but resort to the ballot?

Officeholders and office-seekers here in Missouri and elsewhere in the country should get this view of the matter firmly fixed in their convictions. Catholics always have persistently kept religion out of politics. But is officeholders and office-seekers, by flagrant acts of political proscription and more despicable assaults upon the civil and political rights of Catholics, compel the latter to vote as they pray, officeholders and office-seekers must abide the political consequences without complaining.

Four things come not back to man or woman—the sped arrow—the spoken word—the past life—and the neglected opportunity.

"Catholics never will provoke religious war, never will give to it cause or countenance"—Archbishop Ireland to the Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus.

Decent fraternal orders and organs are not in love with the Menace crusade—tirade rather.

Let us not neglect our duties as citizens next Tuesday.

Baseball to football, to indoor baseball and bowling, so the cycle of sports wends its annual march.

All Souls—All Saints.

Once again the year has rolled around and again the November skies usher in the month of All Souls, the month when Holy Mother Church urges us to special remembrance of our dead friends and to pray for the souls in Purgatory. It is an especially fitting accompaniment of the season.

Saturday is the feast of All Souls, Sunday the feast of All Saints. They fittingly supplement each other. First we are reminded that each of us must die and our souls go to Purgatory. Then our attention is directed to the graduates of Purgatory, so to speak, the Saints and other souls who have been cleansed by the fires of Purgatory. Then for the rest of the month we are reminded that there are suffering souls in Purgatory and that we on earth may aid and assist these by our prayers and, we in turn, will be aided and assisted by those on earth who come after we have passed to the world beyond.

And so let us not neglect during the month of November to unite in fervent prayer for the souls in Purgatory. If we do not forget them, we may rest assured they never will forget us.

He who goes on a lark is apt to wind up in a cage.

Forgiving and forgetting rarely go hand in hand.

What has become of the old fashioned man higher up?

Small things are not small if great results come to them.

It is folly to try deaf mutes as servants, they won't answer.

System is not everything. You can go to the bad systematically.

Occasional depression no one can avoid, but ill temper everybody.

Some people prune their genealogical trees by cutting their poor relations.

Satan doesn't expect to be invited into the parlor the first time he calls.

Campaigning by aeroplane would seemingly be getting above the voters.

Mexicans were called Greasers long before oil was discovered in their country.

It may be true that every man has his price, but most of us hate to be sold.

If a man has help they do not regard it as a disgrace for him to die rich.

Just a flyer in the stock market has proved to many a man that riches have wings.

The aged Francis Joseph has had more than his share of troubles, even for a monarch.

For many a weary day there are apt to be more engagements than marriages in Europe.

Again Mexico is following our illustrious example. It will hold its elections in November.

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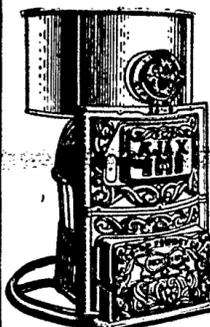
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