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Unconscious.

While it is written in all apparent seriousness, the "Lutheran" perpetrates a fine example of humorous expressions and also pays a splendid tribute, albeit unconsciously to the efficiency of education given in secular branches in our Catholic schools, in the following paragraph:

"The Romanists are certainly wise and far-seeing. One of the evidences is a recent comment in The Gavel, which asks: 'Do you know why most of our consuls are Catholics? That eight-tenths of the clerks in the service are subject to the dictates of Romanism? It is because the Catholic is the only Church which has a class of diplomacy in which young men are trained for that service, consequently when examinations are held for civil service positions in the consular or other government positions, the special training aided by political church influence, gets the jobs. This is but one of the many ways of the Roman hierarchy to make America Catholic.'

If there be a chair of diplomacy in any Catholic college we have not heard of it as yet. Our schools aim to educate their pupils along practical lines, and not in every-fad of the hour. The value of our work was complimented indirectly not so long ago when a prominent official in Rochester was grilled in a meeting of the 'Guardians of Liberty' because 'so many Catholics are appointed to the police and fire departments while so few of us are named. The official made reply: 'You should know that we favor you wherever we can. But we must draw our policemen and firemen from the civil service eligible lists which are made up after open competitive examinations in which all who wish are permitted to compete. The Catholics must be better educated than your men because they are able to pass so much better examinations and hence lead you in the eligible lists.'

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After scenes of bitter crimination and recrimination, the Republican national convention in Chicago nominated Justice Hughes and Charles Warren Fairbanks. The Progressive convention, refusing to listen to the policy of conciliation advocated by their illustrious leader, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, broke loose and nominated the Colonel as their standard-bearer. The Colonel will not run. True, his refusal is nominally conditioned as to whether Justice Hughes meets the demands of the hour as to "Americanism" the new issue coined by Mr. Roosevelt. But it

has appeared certain for weeks to the impartial observers that Mr. Roosevelt has been drifting back toward the Republican party. This being so, it is inconceivable that he will permit himself to be placed in a position where he can again be charged with the defeat of the Republican nominees.

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A Fine Tribute!

Although a trifle belated, the tribute paid to the Irish race in a St. Patrick's Day address by ex-President William Howard Taft is well worth producing at this time and we do so herewith:

There has been an easy amalgamation of the Irish with our American life. They have added much to the composite American, made from various European stocks. They have softened the American wit. They have added to American tenderness. They have increased the spirit of good fellowship, added to our social graces, increased our poetical imagination, made us more optimistic, and added to our sunny philosophy. Socialism and anarchy have found no lodgment among Irishmen. They believe in upholding our national and our state governments. They are not full of diatribes against the existing order. They struggle for equality of opportunity, and recognize the value of liberty ordered by law. They are not seeking to invent a new society and turn the present one topsy-turvy. They are co-operating with the good fortune, the prosperity, and the happiness that is possible under our government. They are grateful for all this, they value it, they will fight to preserve it.

Another Dupester.

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The Knights of Columbus includes countless politicians in its membership who give tremendous power to the organization.

The Jesuits, for centuries a most powerful secret order, and so malignant in their influence that they have been driven out of practically every country in Europe, work their secret machinations in these United States in a manner scarcely realized by American citizens.

Well, now, we wonder if there will be enough dupes to respond to the Hess appeal to put that wretched national convention in St. Louis.

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Nazareth Graduates Hold Class Day.

The usual speaking, singing and good cheer characterized the class day exercises of a large class of girls who in several days will be graduated from Nazareth Academy, Jay street Monday afternoon and evening. The exercises were thought to be just a little bit better than those of former years, and the class is the largest in the history of the school. The three courses of the academy are graduating 107 girls.

Blessed Sacrament.

"The Taming of the Shrew," Shakespeare's five-act comedy, was well presented Wednesday evening by several East High School students on the Blessed Sacrament School lawn at the corner of Monroe and Rutgers street. The play was given under the direction of Miss Katherine Burns, teacher of elocution at East High School. The grounds were illuminated with electric lights.

St. Bridget's.

Miss Marie Fee, daughter of Mrs. John Fee, of No. 1180 St. Paul street, and Andrew Edward Tuck were married Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at this church. Nuptial mass was celebrated and the wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. John J. Bresnahan, assisted by Rev. John D. Maseeth. In the sanctuary were the vicar-general of the diocese, Rt. Rev. Dennis J. Curran; Rev. Alphonse A. Notebaert, Rev. William Byrne; Rev. Wm. Frank and Rev. James Wood.

The maid of honor was a cousin of the bride, Miss Marguerite Fee. The four bridesmaids were the Misses Louise and Carolyn Fee, sisters of the bride; Miss Eloise Lucy, of Ogdensburg, and Miss Pauline Cox of Rochester.

John Bennett Tuck, of Syracuse, a brother of the groom, was best man. The ushers were Dr. William W. Percy, Leo Fee, James P. B. Duffy, James L. Hotchkiss, Dr. Gerald G. Burns and William W. Chase, of Norfolk, Va.

After an Eastern trip Mr. and Mrs. Tuck will be at home at No. 192 Oxford street.

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Beautiful Fish.

Japanese gardens are almost like a part of the house. The people live in gardens far more than most Americans do. In almost every garden is found a pond with goldfish in it. The golden carp is a kind of goldfish which was brought from China to Japan, and the species named ranchu is greatly admired. It has a tail made of three or four fanlike fins that open and close. When floating about in the water and looked at from above it appears like one of the old Japanese gold coins called the koban. It is supposed to look like a lion, when one gazes straight into its face. The Japan Magazine tells us of these fish and says that the Japanese are fond of giving fancy names to their favorites, such as "dancing butterfly" and "double cherry blossom." Sometimes the fish take their names from appearance and sometimes from habits.

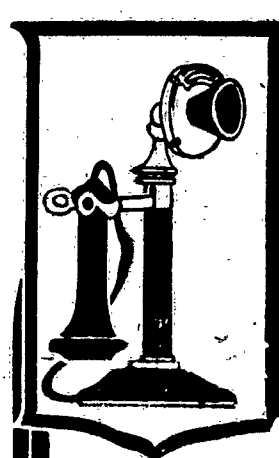
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