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We Should Know.

Not only Catholic children but Catholic adults as well would do well to preserve for reference the following list of familiar personages in American history who professed the same faith as they do:

Christopher Columbus, a Catholic, is the marvelous link in the chain of time which connects the history of the Old World with the New.

Americus Vesputi, from whom America accidentally received her name, was a Catholic.

The discoverer of the Pacific Ocean was a Catholic, the renowned Vasco de Balboa.

The discoverer of Florida, John Ponce de Leon, was a member of the same Church.

The admiral of the fleet that first sailed around the world, and the discoverer of the straits which bear his name, was a Catholic, Ferdinand Magellan.

The discoverer of the Atlantic states of this republic was John de Verrazani, a Catholic. He coasted along the shore from a point not far from Wilmington, in North Carolina, as far north as Newfoundland.

The discoverer of California and conqueror of Mexico, was a Catholic, Fernando Cortez.

De Soto, a Catholic, conquered Florida and discovered the lower Mississippi.

The discoverers of the mainland of North America were the Catholics, John and Sebastian Cabot.

The oldest city in the United States - St. Augustine, Fla. - was Peter Melendez, a Catholic.

The Catholic, Sir George Calvert (Lord Baltimore), was the founder of Maryland.

The founder of Quebec and discoverer of Lakes Champlain and Ontario was the Catholic, Samuel de Champlain.

The missionary of the Iroquois was the Jesuit, Isaac Jogues, and the Jesuits are Catholics.

The first missionary of the Hurons was John de Brebeuf, Jesuit. The first governor and chief justice of Maryland was Leonard Calvert, a Catholic.

The first missionary in Maryland was Andrew White, Jesuit. The discoverer of the upper Mississippi and the apostle of the valley of that river was the Jesuit, James Marquette.

Two Million Educated.

Rev. John J. Wynne, S. J., has given us in a recent issue of the C. M. B. A., Advocate, a timely article on "The Catholic Education of America" showing correct, he will throw Lloyd that here in this country in the George overboard, just as Mr. 7,000 Catholic schools almost two million children are being educated without cost to the State.

Of this number 1,497,949 children were in the 5,588 schools of elementary grade. In academies and colleges there are over 120,

000; in universities and professional schools about 8,500; in industrial and technical schools 17,600; in seminaries 6,200 and in training school, 9,000; in various institutions for dependent children about 30,000 besides several thousand in night, club, settlement, social and summer schools. There are 40,000 or more teachers in the elementary schools, whose entire lives are consecrated to the teaching vocation and whose remuneration, including board and lodging is about \$300 a year. The property included in the school work foots up over \$100,000,000. The cost per pupil is about \$10 a year while the public schools cost upwards of \$25 per pupil annually. It is easy to estimate that the annual expense borne by the Catholic parents to educate their children is about \$20,000,000 every year.

This is less than one-half the cost of educating an equal number of pupils in the public schools. This money is raised by ordinary church collections.

It should not be inferred, however, that the quality of the education imparted in a Catholic school is inferior because it costs less. This impression used to prevail among Catholics as well as others, but it has gradually been removed by the manner in which pupils in the Catholic schools acquit themselves in examinations and by the satisfaction they give employers.

The old prejudices against the Catholic school as being "poor," or "parish," or "parochial"; as segregating the Catholic child from the Protestant; as raising a barrier between future citizens; as alienating their pupils from the republic; as inculcating disloyalty, have happily disappeared from well-informed minds. Instead, those who know these schools are convinced that they inspire not only respect but reverence for authority, and that they breed a spirit of self-sacrifice.

The Electors.

Because of the delay in ascertaining the result of the presidential election of 1916 and the closeness of the result in several States, there has been a renewal of the old agitation for election of the President by popular vote, instead of ratification of the general election by electors chosen by the voters of the several states.

Cumbersome as it may appear at first blush, it strikes us that the present system is less open to manipulation than by popular vote which is more apt to reflect the average sentiment of the voters at large than if the President were elected directly by the voters. In this connection it may be remarked that in many states where direct primaries have been established - and this system is akin to election by popular vote - there is apparent a strong sentiment in favor of returning to the old convention system of nomination.

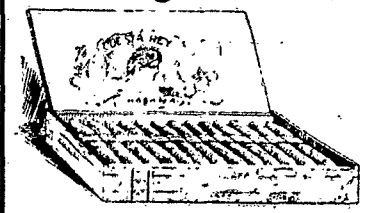
Direct nomination and direct election may sound pretty in the theory but in practice direct nominations has not produced any higher level of public servants than under the convention plan and we very much doubt whether the level would be raised by direct election.

Will the Irish Nationalists be able to wring a Home Rule promise out of Lloyd-George? If he gives it will he keep it?

Evidently, Lord Northcliffe is the William Randolph Hearst of England. If that assumption be correct, he will throw Lloyd-George overboard, just as Mr. Hearst threw Judge Seabury.

Had Charles Evans Hughes been elected President, a Welshman would have been Premier of England.

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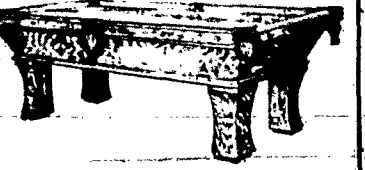
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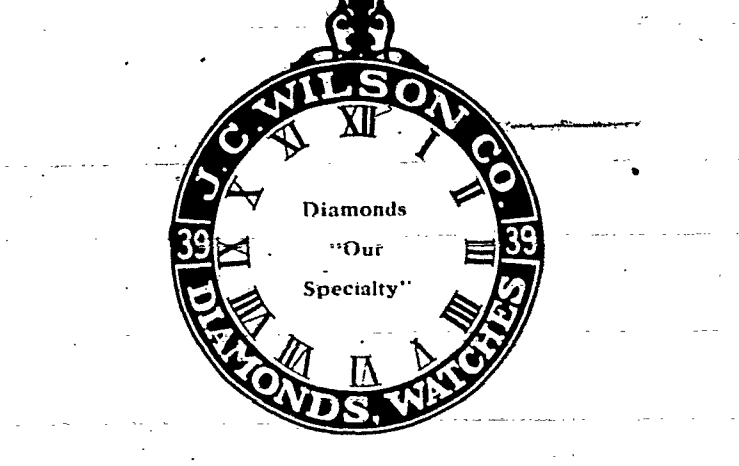
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