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Non-Catholic Tribute

Rev. Guy L. Brown, of the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, recently preached a sermon on "Lessons from Catholics".

Finally, the Roman Catholic has a valuable lesson for the Protestant in the important place which he gives to religious education in his program.

The Protestant church has been woefully remiss in this respect. The interchurch survey has revealed some startling facts in this connection.

President Harding

Within the next few days Woodrow Wilson will turn over the executive reins of the National Government to Warren G. Harding.

For eight years, Woodrow Wilson has been the President of the United States. It will not do to say that we have been under a Democratic Administration because President Wilson has not always acted in concert with the leaders and platform of his party.

dent and party in November, 1920.

We have no idea that President Harding will separate himself from his party. And yet he may prove more independent than people think.

It often happens that men classed as "easy going" develop strong backbones when elevated to place of power.

We have an idea that Warren G. Harding will go through his administration easier than did Woodrow Wilson.

Good Man Gone

Few men have exercised greater influence in their communities or possessed more real personal admirers and staunch friends than Rev. James F. Dougherty, of Canandaigua.

And it was because he was such a staunch Catholic that he was such a representative American citizen. The one is corollary of the other.

Film Censorship

Periodically, bills appear in the State and National Legislatures to regulate and censor moving pictures. Sometimes these bills originate with the producers who would have a monopoly could they only eliminate the film productions of their competitors.

In more than one instance the "black horse cavalry"—the polite brigands who are always on hand at the state and national capitals—have egged on the reformers who would install the Puritan blue laws everywhere to push these obliteration and restrictive censorship bills in order that the scared movie magnates would avail themselves of the aforesaid black horse cavalrymen at more or less fat retaining fees, to use their persuasive influences with legislators to pigeon-hole such obnoxious legislation in committee.

However, there is need of censorship over the movies and the very best type is that exercised by the general public. If the public at large would fail to patronize "off color films" the managers would very soon eliminate them because the managers are producing moving pictures for profit and not as philanthropic experiments for educational effect.

Movie managers know these conditions and the public protests have far more effect than all the censorship legislation in the United States and Canada.

Traction Matters

Governor Miller has suggested a new idea in regulation of public utilities. He would have two public service commissions take full charge of the whole matter. For five years he would have three New York City men with power to take over and reconstruct the traction system of the metropolis.

The Governor appears to believe sincerely that if his two Commissions after the New York City consolidation and reconstruction is accomplished, which is expected to take ten years, the New York city regulation is passed over to the State Public Service Commission and the New York city commission goes out of existence—are created with the powers outlined, the people will at least have decent service even if they have to pay advanced rates.

Laying aside the contention that in an era of descending prices, there appears to be no valid reason why rates for public utility service should go up there is this to be said: If assured that Governor Miller's proposed plan will result in better service the people will be willing, if not eager, to pay an increased price for that service.

But can they be assured, how and by whom? That's the question.

Some editorial writers in Rochester have a peculiar sense of humor. The other day one remarked that University avenue was formerly called "Riley street, probably in memory of some immigrant." It happens that the "Riley" in question was George S. Riley and he was not an Irish Catholic either. By the way, was not even the much praised of late "Pilgrim Fathers" immigrants to the United States? Or did they have wings and halos before they left this world?

Merton E. Lewis is out of politics in Monroe County. But he is to be president of the Society of the Genesee for 1921-1922!

Congratulations to Archbishop Dougherty of Philadelphia on his prospective elevation to the cardinalate! It is an honor richly deserved.

Let us hope our Rt. Rev. Bishop will be greatly benefited by his vacation in the South.

The Knockers could not keep Charles E. Hughes or Harry Daugherty out of the Cabinet—although one is classed facetiously as a "highbrow" while the other ranks as a politician and sometimes has been listed as a legislative lobbyist.

Of course Senator Hiram Johnson was not influenced in any way to fight against Governor Nathan L. Miller's traction plans by the fact that Mr. Miller was a staunch adherent of Herbert Hoover for President during the Presidential primaries of 1920.

Maybe our service - at - cost - agreement will not please the new Public Service Commission - to be and out it goes?

If racing still exists you know they said that Governor Hughes' bills ended racing in New York state—why not tax it? Racing is a luxury and the County fairs miss the \$250,000 the racing associations turned over to them in the olden days.

Why direct primaries of the New York State type any way?

Weekly Calendar of Feast Days

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Sunday, Feb. 27.—St. Leander, Bishop of Seville, who overcame the Arian heresy which had been established by the Goths in Spain and which had reigned for one hundred years in that country.

Monday, Feb. 28.—SS. Romanus and Lupicinus, abbots. They were brothers who retired to the forests of Mount Jura, between France and Switzerland, where they were joined by many holy men. They founded the convent of LeBeaume and several monasteries which they governed jointly. Romanus died in 460 and Lupicinus survived him twenty years.

Tuesday, March 1.—St. David, who was elected Bishop of Caerleon, and who removed his see to Menevia in Wales, that he might serve God away from the noise of the world. It is related that Our Lord appeared to him at the of his death in 561.

Wednesday, March 2.—St. Simplicius, an ornament of the Roman clergy under Saints Leo and Hilarius and who succeeded the latter in the pontificate in 468. He comforted the Romans during the barbarian invasions, sowed the seeds of Christianity among the invading hordes, and strove against the Eutychian heresy in the East. He died in 483 after a reign of fifteen years.

Thursday, March 3.—St. Cunegundis, wife of St. Henry, Duke of Bavaria, who with her husband's consent made a vow of virginity before her marriage. To prove her innocence of slanders against her, she walked barefoot over red-hot ploughshares. She founded a monastery at Kaffun, in the diocese of Paderborn and on the death of her husband embraced a religious life, after having given away all her treasures. She died in 1040 and was canonized in 1200.

Friday, March 4.—St. Casimir, second son of Casimir III, King of Poland. He was noted for his virginity and his special devotion to Our Blessed Lady, to whom he wrote a long and beautiful hymn. Many miracles were wrought by his body, which was preserved uncorrupted after his death.

Saturday, March 5.—Saints Adrian and Eubulus, martyrs, who suffered death during the persecution of Firmilian, the bloody governor of Palestine. They were executed at Caesarea.

St. Joseph's

The Catholic Young Men's Association of St. Joseph's church will receive Holy Communion at the 7:30 o'clock mass on Sunday morning. The members of the C. Y. M. A., will meet at their club rooms on Ormond street at 7 o'clock, and from there will march to Franklin street to the church. All members are requested to be present.

Corpus Christi

A requiem high mass was celebrated at Corpus Christi Church on Saturday morning, Feb. 19th, for the repose of the soul of the late Patrick J. Fenelon, who died recently in Dublin, Ireland. Deceased was a brother of Martin K. Fenelon, of this city.

The Last Horse Car in Rochester. Wound its tedious way up Main Street hill in 1892. Straw on the floor to keep one's feet warm, metal runway for the nickel fare, turn-tables and horse barns—all have given way to modern equipment. The Merchants Bank was established while horse cars were in operation. Almost every car line in the city still passes its doors. MERCHANTS BANK of Rochester. Located then as now at Main Street and South Avenue.

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