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Back To Rochester

About a quarter of a century ago the first State Council of the Knights of Columbus was held in Rochester in the days when Charles R. Barnes, Ed. Gurry, James L. Whalen, John Fee, Tom Breslin, James Fee, Miles O'Reilly and others of the old Union Club had just entered the Order and they were enthusiastic K. C. boosters.

It is hoped that the 1921 convention in Rochester of the State K. of C. Council will be as great an event as that first meet here. And it should excel it because the Council is bigger and the leaders in it are men who have made possible the successful community chest drives, the Liberty bond campaigns and various other enterprises.

Every "Casey" in Rochester should be on the job from now on and including May 24 and 25.

Masons point with pride to the selection of one of their own to be private secretary to the President. Well they have a right to. But we do not recall that the K. of C. pointed with pride or made any great ado when Joseph P. Tumulty was made Secretary to former President Wilson.

In one respect, at least, the Harding Cabinet and the Woodrow Wilson Cabinet are alike. Not a Catholic in either.

Queer Reasoning

The reasoning of William Loeb, formerly private secretary to the late President Theodore Roosevelt, that because living costs in certain quarters have fallen slightly the man on fixed wage or salary, even if he did not secure any actual increase in his pay envelope, really has his salary increased because he can buy a trifle more with his dollar than he did a year ago strikes us as on a par with the following from an unnamed exchange:—

Paddy, after working eight years for one firm, asked for an increase in salary.

"You don't really work for us at all," said the manager, and then proceeded to prove it by the following subtractions:

"There are 365 days in the year. You sleep 8 hours per day, making 122 days, which, subtracted from 365 days, leaves 243 days. You also have 8 hours recreation every day also making 122 days, leaving a balance of 121 days.

"There are 52 Sundays that you do not work at all, which deducted leaves 69 days. Our store is closed every Saturday afternoon, thus giving 52 half holidays or 26 days more that you do not work, now leaving a balance of 43 days. We allow one hour for lunch each noon, which totalled makes 16 days and leaves a balance of 27 days. We give you two weeks vacation during the year, which leaves only 13 days. There are 12 legal holidays during the year that the store is closed. This leaves only one day in the year and that is St. Patrick's Day and of course you are off".

Funny Argument

It is asserted by Congressman Clyde Kelly that the Government printing office, during the war refused to print for distribution by Mrs. William Wolf Smith, wife of a Mayor in the United States Army, copies of the Declaration of Independence. Let her tell the story:

"The plan was placed first before an officer of the surgeon general's office and he approved it and the copy was sent to the printing office. The folder was to contain a title page, with the poem 'Breathes there a man with soul so dead' Who never to himself hath said, 'This is my own, my native land?'"

"The additional pages were to contain only the text of the Declaration of American Independence. When the folders were not delivered as promised, Mrs. Smith went to the office. She was put off with evasive replies, but insisted on knowing why the folders were not printed. At last the officer in charge told her it had been officially decided that it would be unwise to print the Declaration of Independence by the war department, because it would be an act of discourtesy to our friends, the British, and also that in the inflated state of the public mind, such a publication might increase social unrest and the tendency to bolshevism. The officer stated, without equivocation, that, for these reasons, the copies of the Declaration of Independence would not be issued from the printing office maintained by the war department of the United States government."

Governor Miller honored the State as much as the State honored the appointee, when he made Richard H. Curran a member of the new Industrial Board of the New York State Department of Labor.

It is a queer turn in public events, that it is necessary to invoke the aid of the courts in order to compel the people of Albany to ride on the United Traction Company's street cars. They seem to prefer the jitney service, so the courts are trying to rule the jitneys off the streets of Albany.

Philip H. Yawman, Edward G. Gurry, Miles O'Reilly have passed to their reward. They were familiar figures in Rochester's business world. May their souls rest in peace!

Less To Erin

The death of the great Archbishop of Dublin, Most Rev. William J. Walsh, removes one of the most noteworthy champions of Irish freedom. In fact, the English Government did all in its power, unofficially of course, to prevent his selection as successor to Cardinal McCabe. The "Freeman's Journal" said at the time:—The telegraph informs us that the wire-pullers are already busy at Rome. More than this, it is said that Mr. Errington did not await the last illness of Cardinal McCabe to intimate his pleasure in the matter, or in his capacity of the accredited envoy of the British government at the Court of Rome graciously to relieve the clergy of Dublin of all further trouble by nominating the new Archbishop himself. It is no wonder that rumor and intrigue should both be active, for, in all truth, seldom, if ever, has the appointment of a great dignitary of the Church involved considerations of greater significance or been more likely to entail consequences of far-reaching importance. The idea of a gutter agent of the English government in Rome having the effrontery to declare who shall be Archbishop of Dublin is absolutely revolting. The recognition, tacit or otherwise, of Mr. Errington's nomination would be even more monstrous or degrading than submission to the veto which Ireland so indignantly rejected in Quarantetti's time."

Efforts failed and Dr. Walsh was selected as Archbishop of Dublin and for years he led his people fearlessly and wisely, May his soul rest in peace!

Now that Cyrus W. Phillips and Charles K. Blatchly have received temporary appointments as referees to hear workmen's compensation cases; they have their chance to pitch in, make good and receive permanent appointments.

It is to laugh to read in the "letters from the people" wild walls from anglo-maniacs who are so afraid that England will get mad, that the British Empire may suffer if the United States does this or does not do that or if Ireland had her freedom. Well, what of it? Is there any country in the world, outside of the United States, that we should favor especially? Why England more than France?

The Catholic News Service at Washington has scored another point. It has been recognized as one of the news services at the National Capital, admitted to the press galleries in Senate and House of Representatives and to the press corps at the White House and Cabinet Departmental offices.

Why should Ireland not enjoy as much freedom from English interference as Canada or Australia?

The Catholic press is the right arm of the pulpit and the laity should realize that fact.

Down in Pennsylvania the industrial beard must hate the Churches. It has adopted a code of moving picture rules under which no license will be issued to show moving pictures in churches or church halls except films of a religious or educational nature, and then only by licensed operators and then only if no admission fee is charged. In other words the local moving picture men do not propose to permit any church or charitable society to tempt away any of their shekels.

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Irrespective of party ties, most persons are glad that Hon. George W. Aldridge has secured a good, purely political job.

That must be a great town of Hoopesten, Illinois. At present the Mayor receives 50 cents a year. It was proposed to raise that to \$96 a year but the voters, in referendum, decided in the negative.

Governor Miller is not only chief executive of New York state but the undisputed boss of his political party.

Judge Landis may be eccentric but it is plain he intends to have honest baseball as long as he remains at the head of the game.

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