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Welcome!

Rochester extends a hearty
welcome to the State Council of
the Knights of Columbus which
meets in this city next week
after a lapse of nearly a score of
years.

Since Rochester Council entered
the Knights last much
Catholic history has been made.
The great first Bishop of Roches-
ter has been gathered to his
fathers. Rev. Dr. Hanna who
preached the sermon at the last
State Council is now the revered
Archbishop of San Francisco. As
we recall, Father Curry, of New
York, sang the mass. Rev. Wil-
liam Gleeson—then an enthusias-
tic Knight and pastor of St.
Mary's Church, where the Coun-
cil mass was held has been called
to his last reward. Rt. Rev. Den-
nis J. Curran, also a loyal Knight,
is now Vicar-General of the Dio-
cese of Rochester. Bishop Hickey,
who has ever been a friend of
the great order of Catholic lay-
men, will extend the welcome at
the 1921 Council. The Order has
grown from comparatively small
membership to a veritable army
of 750,000 men. It has taken its
rightful place as the Catholic lay-
men's right arm of the Church.

Many a Knight who welcomed
his associates when the last Coun-
cil was here are now no more.
Let us recall but a few: William
T. Bassett, John Fee, Miles
O'Reilly, Edward S. Gurry, John
S. Whalen, Thomas Braslin, Ed-
ward McSweeney, what interest-
ing memories of rare comradeship
these names recall. And how
they would delight in renewing
old acquaintances and in making
new ones!

But the Knights of today
"carry on" the traditions of the
olden days. Past Grand Knights
J. Henry Howe, James P. Jones,
William J. Carey, James Dun-
gan, Thomas E. Garvey, George
T. Roche, Grand Knight George
T. Boucher and the others who
have guided the destinies of the
Rochester Council; Past State
Warden Charles R. Barnes, Faith-
ful Navigators Joseph P. Doyle,
John C. Powers and William M.
Smith, and William T. Connor,
provincial Master of the Fourth
Degree, all will be hard to get-
together with all the Sir Knights
of 178 to uphold the proverbial
hospitality of the Flower City
Knights.

And so, let the latch string be
out and let the visiting Knights
experience the time of their lives
in the famed city by the Genesee!

It used to be a ruse of politici-
ans to raise the false A. P. A.
issue to elect their own men.
They say the Irish Orangemen
are getting out bogus editors of
Sinn Fein newspapers, and fake
letters of Irish Bishops to turn
aside the flood of sympathy with
the Irish patriots that is sweeping
over the United States.

Queer State!

We have read and heard much
about the "weird and woolly va-
garies of the weird and woolly
West"; but it remained for the
comparatively conservative state
of Iowa to launch the most out-
rageous proposition of all—that
it be unlawful to send children in
the grades to parochial schools.
It was supposed the bill was to
repose in committee but the Iowa
Legislature voted it out by a vote
of 53 to 39 and so this preposter-
ous violation of the United States
Constitution will come to a ser-
ious vote in the full Legislature
at a future date.

That the Catholics do not pre-
pose to treat the affair as a huge
joke is evident by the following:
protest given to the press by Rt.
Rev. Bishop T. W. Drumm:—
"We have come to a pretty pass
when a large number of respect-
able American citizens of Iowa
have to defend their natural and
constitutional right to educate
their own children in their own
way, especially since they foot
the whole bill themselves, besides
paying their share for public
education. Pretty soon, I suppose,
our legislators will be establish-
ing one table at which all citizens
shall eat or starve, and one
church which all must attend or
be damned.

"This thought is suggested by
the report that the Rumley bill,
H. F. 573, compelling all parents
and guardians to send their chil-
dren to the public school up to
and including the eighth grade,
has been forced out of committee
onto the floor of the house by a
vote of 53 to 39.

"We have little to say about
Representative Rumley beyond
the fact that there is not a paro-
chial school in Decatur county—
yet, or within fifty miles of him
—none of ours at least; but the
moving power behind him is to be
feared; and also that fifty-three
representative men of Iowa
should concur with him and call
in question these rights, that is
the danger to natural and nation-
al liberty. I might add without
fear of challenge that the thou-
sands of parochial school products
were no less patriotic in the war
than Mr. Rumley.

"It would seem that the legis-
lators of Iowa have a sufficiently
large program of useful, farsee-
ing and constructive laws to con-
sider and enact without calling
in the dry-bone of a religious is-
sue. Now, too, when what the
world is calling for more than
anything else, religious instruc-
tion for children to save the na-
tion from anarchy, and individ-
uals from robbery and murder, to
attempt to enact a measure that
would put out of existence the
only schools in which religion is
taught seems unworthy the con-
sideration of wise men.

"We have 40,000 children in
Iowa affected by that bill, and
you may believe that the well-
organized thousands of fathers
and mothers will not allow them-
selves to be evicted or forced into
schools not of their choice."

Must Come From Above

The Boston "Pilot" points a
great truth when it says:—Never
was society in greater need of
help and consolation. That help
and consolation cannot be found
in material things. The wounds
opened during the last six years
are too deep for earthly healing.
The remedies heralded by men
who believe only in the passing
things of time have merely added
to the fever of unrest, and pro-
duced a delirium of degrading
pleasure and amusement. The
help and consolation that the
world needs must come from
above. The agonized soul of hu-
manity conscious of its spiritual
nature must turn to the Author
of its being for consolation.

Rochester's baseball season
opens pretentiously for umpires
whose eyesight disappoints the
local fans.

Movies To Be Censored

Governor Miller has approved
the bill to create a board of cen-
sors to pass upon all moving pic-
tures to be exhibited in New York
State. There will be three per-
sons vested with power to pro-
hibit all films of immoral or in-
decent character or in any way
tending to lower or degrade the
citizenship of the State.

The bill was opposed by the
moving picture exhibitors as un-
necessary and tending to hamper
and harass a great industry. They
asked that the Governor veto the
bill and appoint a commission to
inquire into the necessity for
censorship and promised to abide
by any restrictions such a com-
mission might recommend.

The Governor is the father of
seven daughters and he says he
has himself personal knowledge
that moving pictures are shown
upon the screen that are unfit to
be seen by young persons and he
feels keenly that there should be
some power to prohibit such ex-
hibitions. Moreover, the afore-
said promises were made by the
exhibitors and not by the pro-
ducers, the real controlling fac-
tors in the moving picture indus-
try.

It now remains for Governor
Miller to appoint three persons
of firmness, integrity and breadth
of vision as censors. Blue noses
and narrow-minded censors would
create a feeling of hatred toward
the new law similar to that felt
toward other restrictive legisla-
tion.

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not done so already.
They say that Charlie Barnes
is the veteran "Casey" of Roch-
ester Council. We refer to Roch-
ester's municipal commissioner of
street railways.

Just why Charlie Ogden should
wish to exchange the comfortable
berth of Rochester assessor to be
a barge canal press agent is a
dark mystery but we have no
doubt he will make good in his
new post.

How do you like the National
Catholic Welfare Council's Catho-
lic News Service now appearing
in the Catholic Journal? Its head-
quarters are in Washington and
the director-general is Justin Mc-
Grath one of the best equipped
newspaper men in the United
States. He has had experience in
the biggest daily newspapers in
the country and is a representa-
tive Catholic gentleman in every
sense of the word.

"Collector George W. Ald-
ridge" it is now. May he enjoy
himself in the Big City.

District Attorney William F.
Love is making good.

Governor Miller is not swayed
by maudlin sentiment, that is
certain. Heart and brains are a
good combination in a state ex-
ecutive.

They do say that Secretary of
State "Jack" Lyons aspires to be
Mayor of New York City.

Do not forget that May is the
month dedicated to the Blessed
Mother.

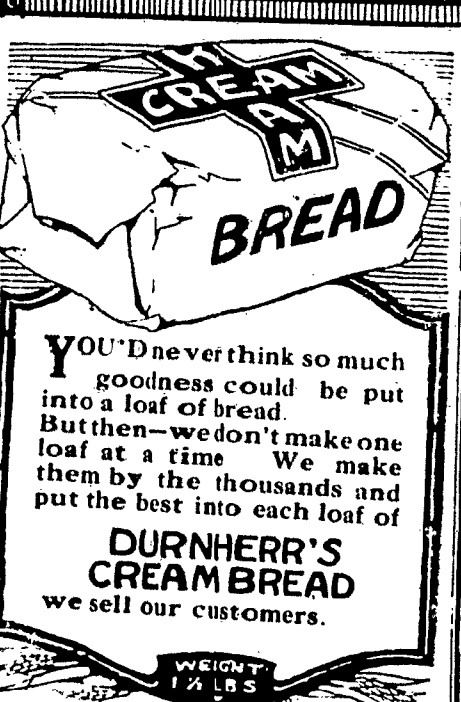
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