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See What Happens!

Mixed marriages are always to be deplored as the rule of averages makes it probable that, sooner or later, both the Catholic and the non-Catholic parties to the contract, will regret the event.

Quite often, when children arrive, the difference in religious lines between parents begins to obtrude. Unfortunately again, the non-Catholic disregards the promises made to God's priest never to interfere with the Catholic in practice of religion and also that all children shall be reared as Catholics and given every safeguard of Holy Mother Church and attempts to deprive the child of the fruits of those solemn promises entered into before marriage.

Occasionally, the Catholic parent is so anxious to enter the married state that promises outside those exacted by the priest before the marriage and contrary to the laws of the Church and of God are entered into. In the Catholic Journal of last week appeared this despatch:—

New York, July 11.—Justice Morschauer, sitting at White Plains, has decreed that 4-year-old Ruth Sullivan, for the time being, shall be instructed as a Protestant six days of the week and attend Mass on Sundays. This extraordinary decision was rendered as the result of habeas corpus proceedings brought by Edward Sullivan, the father of the child to obtain the custody of Ruth, Mrs. Sullivan, the mother of four sons as well as of the little girl, asserted that when she was married to Sullivan she entered into an agreement with him under the terms of which any possible sons of the union were to be brought up as Catholics and any daughters as Protestants. She told Justice Morschauer that Sullivan had failed to live up to his agreement with regard to his little daughter. The court promised to give a decision on Sullivan's application in September. In the meanwhile it authorized Mrs. Sullivan to teach Protestant doctrine to the child during the week, but gave permission to the father to take her to the Catholic Church on Sunday.

Mr. Sullivan, if facts are stated correctly made a promise to his wife that if known to the priest would have impelled him to refuse to marry the couple. And see the results! The final results of a "mixed marriage" are difficult to foretell.

United States Senator John Sharp Williams has let it be known that he is not bigoted but that he stands for unlimited public inspection of all institutions that "Tom" Watson thinks should be inspected.

Perpetuated

Some persons have wondered just what was meant in the press statements and despatches that the New York State Council of the Knights of Columbus had decided and agreed to purchase and maintain the place on Watling San Salvador Island in the Bahama Islands where Christopher Columbus landed in 1492.

State Deputy Dr. John G. Coyle has given out the following authoritative statement:— The American Geographical Society is fully satisfied of the identification of the site where Columbus landed and offered to help Father Schreiner publish the facts. Because this landing place comes ecclesiastically within the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of New York, New York Knights of Columbus have special interest in securing for and in the name of the Catholic Church this hallowed and historic spot. But a greater deed spiritually than the purchase of the landing place is the evangelizing of the natives. The funds supplied by the State Council will not have to exceed \$25,000, which will be expended at the rate of about \$5,000 a year.

This expenditure will not only buy the actual landing place, but purchase a plantation of 2600 acres around it, which will be taken and reclaimed for cultivation. It is now overgrown with jungle. The expenses of the missionary priest will be defrayed as also the expenses of three or four sisters and five or six lay catechists. Cultivation of the plantation held in the name of the Catholic Church will give occupation to the natives in a large number.

By this act, New York State Council of the Knights of Columbus will secure to the Catholic Church in perpetuity the landing place of our great patron and will, in addition make the entire island of San Salvador Catholic. Morning and night and on Sunday and holidays will be offered the prayers of the natives, enlightened with Catholic Christianity, and every day the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered on this Catholic island by a priest of our Church. San Salvador means Holy Savior. How fitting it is that on the island named Holy Savior the Body and Blood of that Savior will be offered and consumed again and again through the years because of the Catholic knightly spirit of the members of the Order named for the great Christopher Columbus.

Queer Antics!

Evidently, Buffalo's municipal campaign this year is not to be devoid of the bigoted tinge that has colored the Bison City politics for the last few years—since Jay Forrest and Bill Sulzer organized "The Units" according to the following editorial in the "Union and Times"—Who could have thought, a few years since when little John Sayles had his nose in the public trough, that the day would come when he would be added to the assorted "nuts" of this community? Evidently John has not been able to forget the trough, even amid the spiritual exaltations of the pulpit. He longs for it as the Israelite longed for the flesh pots of Egypt. But he sees only one way of reaching it—the way of the criminal Catts of Florida and the malodorous Watson of Georgia. John's present ambition is to become mayor of our city, and he says: "I am going to take the ultra-Protestant position on the public school question as my campaign issue and platform." What John means by the "ultra-Protestant position" on the public school question is not yet quite clear to us, but if he is really convinced that bigotry can carry him into the office he evidently hasn't brains enough to fulfill its high requirements. John's campaign will succeed in making him not the "mare" of the city, but its

egregious and contemptible ass.

America Leads

According to a Paris cable to the National Catholic Press Service, America now leads the Catholic world in contributions for the Propagation of the Faith. The despatch reads as follows:— Paris, June 30.—For the first time in the history of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, the contributions to its work by the diocese of Lyons have been exceeded in amount by those of other dioceses—Boston, New York and Philadelphia. The diocese of Lyons still leads the dioceses of the world in point of the total sum contributed to the society during the last 99 years.

The total contributions received at the central offices of the Propagation of the Faith for 1920 is 19,104,315.65 francs, an increase of 4,850,562.88 francs over those of the preceding year and the largest amount ever registered in a like period. The United States has first place among the contributors, with a contribution of 10,143,927.05 francs, which does not include the special donations which did not pass through the central offices.

France comes next, with 4,233,055.60 francs, which makes the total amount contributed by France since 1822 the year of the foundation of the work, 273,326,272.52 francs.

The diocese of Lyons has given 30,702,820.03 francs since the foundation of the society. Last year Lyons gave 517,000 francs.

Perhaps

One of the writers for an exchange gives Lloyd George this back handed compliment:—Lloyd George, the Welsh wizard who has spun his web around English politics with such personal success that the English may soon be looking for the world's sympathy in a demand for home rule for England, will never be accused of cowardice for refusing to walk where angels fear to take a chance. At no period of his life could he be charged with backwardness in interfering with other peoples' business. The latest proof of his talent is contained in a speech with which he favored the General Assembly of Calvinistic Methodists of Wales, and in which he gave to the churches some kindly hints for their guidance in arranging their conduct. He spoke in Welsh, and gave some illustrations of what the churches "in his humble opinion could do and what they ought not to do." To treat the matter briefly, as it deserves to be treated, Lloyd George handed the churches his permission to discuss temperance and the gospel of peace, and told them to keep off the coal strike and Ireland. On the question of the rival claims of the League of Nations and the "American proposition," a slight concession was made. The churches should not discuss the conflicting policies, but should "create the atmosphere." Perhaps we may look for the formation of a ministry of public worship under Lloyd George's genial ecclesiastical direction.

May Be Better Days

Possibly, there are better days in store for Ireland, and that very soon. Erin has suffered so much. The Irish people have been oppressed so long that it is not surprising most persons are a trifle pessimistic.

That Lloyd George has yielded a little is a hopeful sign, no matter what the impelling motive. Let us pray that peace and happiness and prosperity may yet be the lot of the Irish people.

Our old friend, John T. Ryan, has entered the publishing field. He has become the manager of the Buffalo Catholic Union and Times. More power to you, John!

Pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre

Rev. A. A. Notebaert, rector of Our Lady of Victory Church, led a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre on Thursday evening. The party, which numbered one hundred and sixty, sailed on the Steamer Kingston. The feast of St. Anne occurs on Tuesday, July 26th.

Display of Fine Vestments

In Holy Redeemer parochial hall, Household No. 118, Order of Martha, has an exhibition of remarkable needlework done by its members. None of the articles are for sale. There are furnishings and beautiful vestments for the altar for priests. The exhibition will be open to visitors again on Sunday afternoon and evening.

Catholic Women's Federation

The Catholic Women's Federation, will hold its annual basket picnic August 3 at Ontario Beach Park. Picnic grounds have been reserved, and a delightful programme has been arranged. A series of athletic events has been listed, and the outing promises to be one of the most enjoyable held by the organization. The committee in charge consists of Miss Louise Meyers, Mrs. Elizabeth Beyer, Mrs. Elizabeth Gaffney, Mrs. Sophia Kramer, Mrs. H. M. Mandel, Miss Angelina Leicht and Dr. Marie A. Walz.

C. R. & B. A. Dissolved

The Catholic Relief and Benefit Association has been dissolved by an order signed by Justice Leonard C. Crouch. In winding up the affairs of the company about \$1,500, a second dividend, was paid to persons who benefitted under terms of policies.

"CATHOLIC", PIETY MAGAZINES

A Brooklyn priest writes to the Tablet of that borough exclaiming "the generation of thieves who pose as solicitors for Catholic piety publications." "The magazines may be all right, but the individuals and the means that many use are all wrong," he says. "This promising of masses and other numerous spiritual benefits should be stopped at once. Household holders should not be afraid to drive the swindlers away from the door. Some time ago several of these pious fellows asked my permission to go through their parish. I looked over their publication and saw it was quite trashy, so I refused them permission. But undaunted, they went around anyhow, told the people I gave them permission, and secured a number of subscriptions. The following Sunday I informed my congregation that under no circumstances should they subscribe to a Catholic magazine unless I announced it from the pulpit. Nevertheless, some of our people were even fooled the following week."

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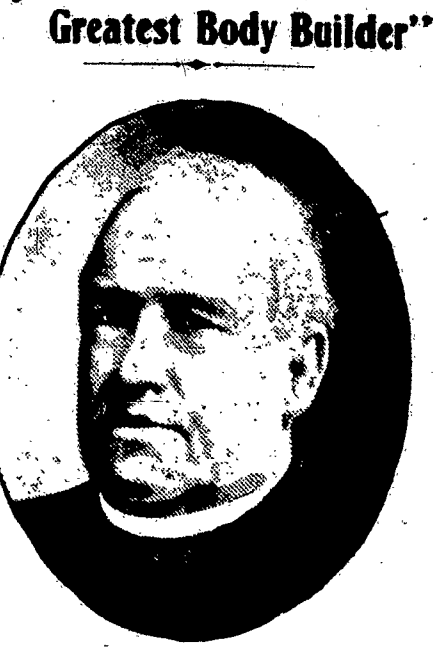
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