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**Press and Reading**

It is probable that in most Rochester homes there is taken at least one daily secular paper. In a large number of homes there is taken at least one Sunday secular paper.

Their purchasers argue that they must take these papers into their homes "to keep informed of what is going on in the country, the state and the city."

Concede the soundness of the argument: Is it not equally necessary for Catholics to keep informed as to what is going on in their own immediate circle, the latest news as to church development in this and other countries and information as to religious progress?

Where and how can this information be obtained if not through the columns of the Catholic press? The Catholic Journal is a subscriber to the news service of the National Catholic Welfare Council—which is as up to date in newsgathering methods as its secular associate, the Associated Press. It has a corps of correspondents gathering the Catholic news of every parish in the city and Diocese.

It is as fine an example of Catholic newspaper craft as any of its secular contemporaries. Its place cannot be filled by "Catholic news pages" in the secular dailies that chronicle only such sensational events as will appeal to their sensation loving readers.

If you do not have the Catholic Journal in your home you cannot keep truly informed of Catholic progress and happenings.

**From Atlanta**

Tersely and eloquently writes the editor of "Columbia":

"I have done my duty regardless of threats and have renominated sixteen Catholic teachers! These words come out of Atlanta, Ga. whence many strange things have issued since the Imperial Palace was founded by extremely imperial grafters. School Superintendent Sutton uttered them after his aides had busily answered telephone callers who were dits in their prophecies of terrible sequels to his simple act of living up to his pledge of office by securing the teachers which, in his judgment, were best qualified for service. That little sentence stands as an eloquent tribute to the Catholics of Georgia who, harassed and wilfully misunderstood, yet meet hostile criticism by the daily lesson of their lives."

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Autumn is with us and not the autumn we feared in the early days of September.

Sheriff Morse is going to be an unpleasant memory to bootleg-

**Must Take Interest**

One need not go further than to examine the record in the recent primaries in Monroe county to be convinced that the average citizen or enrolled voter takes precious little interest in primary elections except when there is a special contest. To be sure, the office holders and those who look upon politics as a recreation or diversion, like golf or tennis or baseball, went to the primaries, likewise the friends and admirers of candidates whose nomination was contested went to the primaries but the combined primary vote of both parties did not equal one-third the usual vote on election day.

If citizens were interested, really, in politics they would take part in the choosing of party committeemen because these are really the men who steer and shape party policies and candidates. The fact that the average citizen does not even respond to letters requesting his participation in the primaries, is fairly good circumstantial evidence that he is not interested. Even the added women vote has not swelled the primary total appreciably.

Probably, one cause of this is that voters must enroll in one or other of the political parties when they register this October in order to participate in the primaries of September, 1923. Many citizens are not ready to tie their political hands so far ahead, hence they are disqualified to take part in the primaries. If enrollment were separated from registration and set at a date nearer the primaries, probably more men and women would enroll and take part in the primaries. Perhaps, the politicians are not anxious to have too widespread primary participation.

However, when all is said and written, there is not widespread interest on the part of the average citizen in the party primaries as at present conducted.

**The Right Way**

Bishop Hoban, of Scranton, knows the situation in the coal fields. He knows the needs and the income of the miners. Therefore his views on the big coal miners' strike are entitled to be studied. After saying that the miner is entitled to the highest wages he can get in view of the dangerous character of the occupation, Bishop Hoban goes on:

"I do not think it was right to let the strike go on as long as it has. It was simply allowed to drift, and apparently no thought was given to bringing about negotiations. Now the conditions have become menacing, not only to the miners themselves, but to that other great party which should never be lost sight of, those who must have coal to burn in their stoves."

"Now as to this question of arbitration which seems to be the stumbling block to peace. Where two parties come in conflict and one side is opposed to arbitration, of course those men have the right to their convictions."

"But when a third party is affected, one not figuring actively in the dispute, and when that party is the public, then, in my judgment, the disputants should recognize the public rights. If the public calls for arbitration, then there should be arbitration. In this case it is especially important that the public rights should be recognized and conserved, for unless coal is mined, men, women and children may freeze to death and many thousands of others may be thrown out of work."

"There is a moral obligation on both parties to submit their points of difference to arbitration."

"A better way always would be for both parties to come together and make concessions and reach a decision fair to both. But where there is a deadlock, experience shows that arbitration is the only course to take."

**The Simple Life**

According to John B. Kennedy, in a recent article, "the simple life" really should not be listed as a putting off the recognized habiliments of civilization and eschewing all the commonly accepted foods in favor of roots and herbs and nuts. Here is the way Mr. Kennedy would define "the simple life":

Extravagant pleasures, rich apparel and food, and excess in all things are, logically, the opposite of simplicity in all things. But a man may relish good food in sufficient quantities, may patronize the best tailor and haberdasher, may ride in the most formidable appearing automobiles, and yet be a genuine leader of the simple life; while the naked gentleman we have previously referred to might, amid shivering boughs and purling streams, be really leading the most devilishly complex form of life because his soul is at odds with the ways of salvation.

Simplicity is a Divine attribute and a human perfection. It is a spiritual quality, purely, and can be manifested in the soul's governance of the body, its rejection of all vanity. The truly simple life is the life led by a human being in harmony with the dictates of human nature—not what is commonly called human nature, for all the ills of the world are rightly attributed to human nature when they are really the result of human perversity. Some of the most rigid ascetics, who have pulverized every rational physical appetite of mankind into a mass of tyrannous self denial, are beaten to the core and know little or nothing that is true of God. Who gave them the bodies they abuse. The man who accepts the comforts of existence gratefully and reflects on his fellowmen the material and spiritual blessing with which he is endowed, no matter how limited or extensive those blessings may be, is a true leader of the simple life, for the essence of simplicity is not as much the primitive course of escaping the world as the positive course of getting nearer to God. The poverty of those who abhor pride and know their failings in their striving for virtue constitutes the real richness of simplicity.

The citizens of the United States, irrespective of party, are glad to hear that Mrs. Harding is on the road to complete recovery.

Governor Miller at least has the courage of his convictions. That much cannot be denied.

Direct primaries has not eliminated factional political contests. Neither has restoration of state conventions.

Archbishop Curley coincides with Bishop Turner as to the real conditions in Ireland.

**Sisters Acquire Former Y.W.C.A. Tract**

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cincinnati, Sept. 25.—The Sisters of Notre Dame have purchased the tract of land formerly used as an outing grounds by the Y. W. C. A. It comprises thirteen acres on Old Orchard avenue east to Forest avenue. The site will be used for a new college and school within a year. The site is one of the most desirable in the city.

**DAYTON UNIVERSITY CROWDED**

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dayton, Ohio, Sept. 25.—Six hundred students will enroll at the University of Dayton for the fall semester. The number of Dayton pupils is expected to exceed past records. The College department of the University has reached an enrollment of 800. The problem of increasing facilities to meet the student growth confronts the university authorities.

**Cardinal Gasparri Has Slight Illness**

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.) Rome, Sept. 22.—Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, is confined to his home here because of a slight illness contracted while on the way to Rome from his country home. His physician has prescribed absolute rest although it is declared that the Cardinal's illness is not serious. Pope Pius XI, visited the Cardinal Secretary of State and urged the latter to remain in bed until completely recovered.

**Indianapolis Chosen For Next Convention of C.P.A. June 29-30**

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cleveland, O., Sept. 25.—Next year's convention of the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada will be held in Indianapolis, June 29 and 30. A resolution appealing to the hierarchy to continue its support of the Catholic press was adopted.

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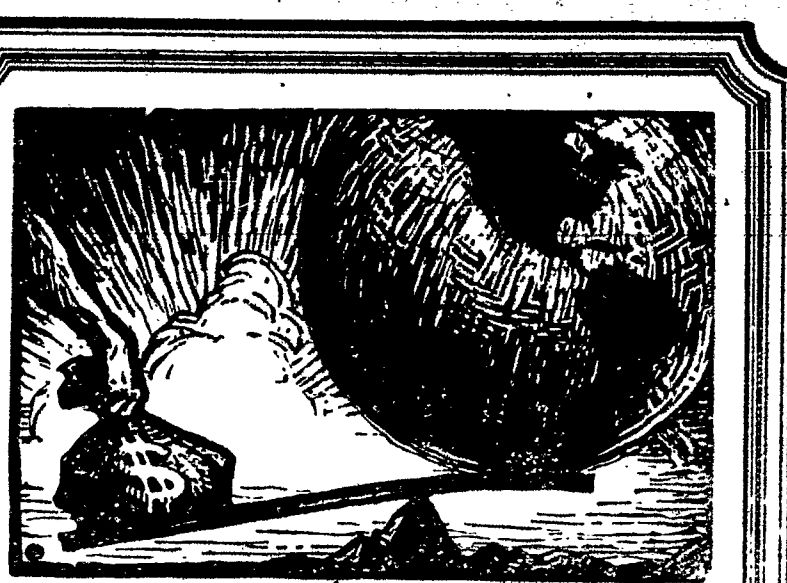
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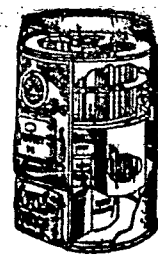
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