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Smith's Chances

With the oil scandal spotting William J. McAdoo; with Mr. Bryan hammering Oscar Underwood; with Woodrow Wilson's friends assailing Senator James A. Reed, it begins to look as if Governor Alfred E. Smith may have a serious consideration as the presidential choice of the democratic national convention when it meets in New York City on June 24.

The local atmosphere will not be inimical to "Al."—All the other candidates admit that and were sorry that New York was made the convention city. "Al." himself is the Governor of New York state, having staged a comeback after once being elected and two years later defeated. Everybody concedes Smith's equipment for any public office. He has made a great Governor. True William Randolph Hearst is not keen for Smith.

But it will not be Hearst who will defeat Smith in New York.

It will be because the leaders of Smith's party lack the courage to nominate a Catholic for their candidate.

There's the real reason.

William J. Bryan

Undoubtedly, many persons do not agree with William Jennings Bryan in his economic ideas, in his views as to what does and does not constitute personal liberty and on other ideas of the erstwhile "Great Commoner" but now a free lance in politics and all else.

But it cannot be denied that Mr. Bryan is an earnest man, a very persuasive talker, a pleasing orator and, above all, is a past master of the art of achieving personal publicity. Ever since he stamped the democratic national convention in Chicago by his famous "Cross of Gold" speech, Mr. Bryan has succeeded in keeping himself in the public eye in one manner or another. And he has built up a wonderful following.

While, apparently, Mr. Bryan is a hopeless minority in his own religious sect in attacking the Darwinian theory of evolution nevertheless he has not weakened but keeps hammering away.

Mr. Bryan does not lack courage, that's certain.

Well if that ground hog did not see his shadow he played a mean trick on us. We all thought winter had dropped Rochester from his 1924 schedule.

They do say this is the day of the self-advertiser and even if you do have merit unless you tell the world you have the goods the world passes you by. In other words, the appearance of merit well advertised is of few-rewarded more than merit itself, if kept under a bushel.

Shiriff Franklin Judson has achieved much publicity the last few weeks, but it is a question whether he enjoys it all.

Some ready letter writer; Eh what!

The flood of sensational novels, trashy magazines, jazz music and movies ought to be offset by a clean, sensible paper of educational value. You can have the best of both worlds for half what the sensational Sun-... organization."

Hysteria

Signs are not wanting that (1) Either practically all the Senators in the Congress of the United States have been seized with an attack of neurasthenic hysteria or (2) there are more public men who are really started with the oil scandal now afflicting the nation.

There are two sides to the political problem. One is that while the politicians under fire may be perfectly free from personal dishonesty or corruption nevertheless public sentiment has condemned them hence they should be sacrificed immediately lest the party at large may suffer defeat. The other side is if the accused persons retire under fire that may be construed as confession of guilt and they and their families are blackened for now and the future.

It is but human nature for accused who feel they are innocent, at least no more guilty than their accusers, to demand a chance for possible vindication, at all events to make sure that the accusers receive their full share of the public odium.

There is little doubt that the moral sense in Washington has a peculiar slant these days. The war profiteers have stopped at nothing to grab and hold wealth from beyond what legitimate business would have yielded. Practices were sanctioned, written into the every day code, in order to raise war funds, to dispose of Liberty bonds that were taboo before the war. Olden ethics were thrown aside such as the olden chaplain was ousted and the Volstead law made indulgence in liquor expensive hence fashion-able. Result that the olden drinker of the artisan type has forewarned his beer and whiskey, while the wealthy, class, old and young, are indulging in liquor far beyond the limit of the olden drinkers.

It is high time for a real awakening; for a return to religious fervor and regard for God's laws and commandments. Unless this comes to pass this Republic is headed for the rocks and national calamity and chaos impend.

Why The Difference

Why is it that the same man in Oregon champion the Ku Klux Klan's anti-Catholic crusade while the Grand Master of New York State Masons, Judge Arthur S. Tompkins, sends out an annual message to his New York State fraternal reading in part as follows—

"Finally, my brethren, I want to make it plain and clear that the Grand Lodge will not tolerate in any degree the linking up or association of the Masonic fraternity in this state with the Ku Klux Klan, and will take drastic action, if necessary, to maintain this position." Concerning the Ku Klux Klan, Justice Tompkins said: "No doubt many of the members of the Ku Klux Klan, and probably most of them, have a real reverence for the flag, but their attempts to form an extra-legal force with which to influence public officials and private citizens and regulate public and private morals, and to oppose those whose religion or ancestry is not to their liking, is un-American and opposed to the very first principle for which the flag stands."

"The true purposes of the Klan are not to be learned from its ritual or its oath, but from the underlying motives as they have been expressed and made manifest by its leaders and by the acts and conduct of its members in many parts of our country as follows:

"Fomenting a hatred of the Jewish people that is daily finding expression in acts of violence and oppression; arousing a distrust of devout Catholics, whose adventurous priests first planted the Cross in a land that was yet to be dedicated to religious freedom; oppressing the Negro, who for 60 years has made a constant attempt to prove himself worthy of the trust the great Lincoln reposed in him; thwarting the efforts and ambitions of those hardy, thrifty sons of the mother countries who come to our shores seeking 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness' guaranteed by our constitution."

"Assaults, tar and feather applications, removal demands, death threats, and the destruction of property are among the recognized weapons of the 'Invisible Empire' in its warfare against constituted authority as reported daily in the press of the country. Commercial boycotts against business concerns owned or operated by Jews, Catholics, foreign-born Americans, and Negroes; doors closed to professional men, clerks, and laborers from these groups; opposition to candidates for public office because of their race and creed, regardless of their qualifications or character, are proof to my mind of the un-American, un-Masonic, and dangerous character of this organization."

State's Ruin

Non-sectarian and non-Catholic authorities are waking up to the fact that adverse criticism and publicity of the Oregon anti-Catholic crusade is likely to ostracize and bankrupt the state. Already two large organizations have broken off their negotiations to locate national homes there, because Oregon's big law would not permit the children therein to be educated by the organization. And these were not Catholic institutions either!

But the fight goes further. If the Oregon plan prevails the bigots try to extend it over the country. This was done in the campaign for the Eighteenth Amendment and the God-given and Constitution guaranteed right to select the schools their children shall attend. The St. Louis "Post Dispatch" recognizes the seriousness of the situation in this editorial—

"Oregon, which was the first state to be captured by the Ku Klux Klan, its governor elected in 1922 C. T. which being interpreted is being a Klan candidate, is now in the spotlight because of a fight in the courts to retain for the citizens the constitutional right to choose the kind of school to which they may send their children. Under a profiteer's state school law, put through by initiative under Klan influence, that right will be taken away after 1926, when the law goes into effect. Whoever refuses to send his child or children to the public schools after that date will be subject to a fine of \$100 a day. The law has a double object—to close Catholic and other religious schools, and to level education downwards, the propagandists who favored this law arguing that special schools for the well-to-do were undemocratic."

"Religious prejudice, on the one hand, and social envy, on the other, are plainly to be seen as the motives back of this Klan school law. If it is held constitutional, it will practically put every school in the state under Klan control."

"Says the state's attorney, arguing for the law: 'The education of children is a police power function, within the scope of the state's legislative power. With the power to provide for the compulsory education of children clearly established, it follows that the state also is empowered to select the means for making such education effective.'

The welfare of the child is the paramount consideration, and this object in view the children may, in a proper case, be taken from their parents."

"This was precisely the view taken by the Bolshevik authorities of Russia, who herded children into communist state schools, regardless of the parents' wishes, in order to educate them to be thorough tools of the State. It is state socialism in its most mischievous form, denying personal liberty, and especially liberty of conscience. It makes of the state a jealous policeman, competent and authorized to take charge of every citizen, his children, his parents, his property, and his opinions. It is a leveling system, whose outcome would be a universal mediocrity and slavery to the state. 'As far as Oregon is concerned, the triumph of this Klan ideal would be the severance of that state, educationally and socially, from the American union of states, founded on the ideal of personal liberty and liberty of conscience. It makes of Oregon and for any other state that should place itself in the same class of intolerance with regard to education, religion and so on."

As we understand, Frank A. Vanderlip's contention is: If a rumor is current about your dead friend and if true, his memory would be blackened; if by all means institute inquiry and if the rumor is true let that be established and his character blackened by official fiat! That's one way of showing your deep regard for your dead friend. But there are persons who would call it treason to him who cannot defend himself.

William H. Craig looms up as the financial genius of the latter day politician genus.

First there were to be but three assessors but when James L. and Clarence D. conferred it developed there will still be four assessors!

So the old Press Club is to rise phoenix-like from its ashes once more? Good luck! Rochester scribes ought to be able to maintain a club in their craft, if the ad men, the Lions, the Rotary, the Columbus and all the other exclusive organizations can keep at least a lunch club in operation. And the traditions and memories of Rochester journalism not perish.

Anthony McGreal's death removes a whole-souled, genial, loyal Catholic gentleman. May his soul rest in peace.

Why does not the city of Rochester lay out a comprehensive annexation plan and then secure legislative approval for a sanely-designed "Greater Rochester."

The last week was especially trying to the snow cleaners, the asphalters, the garbage collectors and the meter readers.

Evidently, Governor Smith jolted the Mayor Van Zandt and Public Safety Commissioner Bareham!

If Congress has not formally by statute authorized postal air service it should lose no time repairing the omission.

Let us hope we will have no building strikes in 1924.

A popular pastime in Rochester and the Genesee Valley is suggesting new names for the thoroughfare over the old Ageduct. But the weirdest one yet is "Wonderful Way E. T." which being interpreted is "Wonderful Way Erie Canal Tow-path". Trouble is a diagram is needed with every sign.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF FEAST DAYS

Sunday, March 2.—St. Simplicius, Pope, succeeded St. Hilarius as Sovereign Pontiff in 468. During the barbarian invasion he sowed the seeds of Christianity among the invaders and at the same time was engaged in fighting the Eutychnian heresy in the East. He died in 483.

Monday, March 3.—St. Cunegundis, Empress, was the wife of St. Henry, Duke of Bavaria, who was chosen King of the Romans and crowned on the 6th of June 1002. Before her marriage, with the consent of her husband, she made a vow of virginity. She founded a monastery at Kaffungen and on the death of her husband embraced the religious life there. She died in 1040.

Tuesday, March 4.—St. Casimir, King, was the second son of Casimir III, King of Poland, and was born in 1458. He led a life of the most rigorous sacrifice and after his death many miracles were wrought by his body. When his tomb in Vienna was opened one hundred and twenty-two years after his death, his body was found to be whole and incorrupt.

Wednesday, March 5.—St. Adrian and Eubulus, martyrs, came to Caesarea during the persecution of Diocletian in order to visit the holy confessors there. When questioned at the gates of the city as to their mission they told the truth and were immediately brought before the magistrate. After suffering prolonged tortures they gained the crown of martyrdom.

Thursday, March 6.—St. Colette, virgin, was a member of the Third Order of St. Francis and was instructed by that Saint in a vision to undertake the reform of the order. By her inspired advice she assisted in healing the Great Schism at the Council of Constance by the election of Martin V as Pope.

Friday, March 7.—St. Thomas Aquinas, was born of noble parents at Aquino in 1226. Known as the Angelic Doctor he was one of the greatest Christian teachers of all time. His writings are still looked upon as a treasure house of sacred doctrine. He was particularly noted for his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday, March 8.—St. John of God, after a wild youth resolved at the age of forty to devote his life to the ransom of Christian slaves in Africa. On one occasion after his return to Spain, Christ appeared to him in the form of an old man whom the Saint had rescued from the streets and the Saint gave himself to the work of providing a great hospital for the poor. He died in 1550 from an illness incurred in an attempt to rescue a drowning boy.

J. W. McGrath, Former Private Secretary To Mr. Roosevelt, Dead Boston, Feb. 25.—John W. McGrath, private secretary to the late President Roosevelt, died last week at his home, 830 Commonwealth avenue, Newton Center. The funeral was held Thursday with a solemn High Mass of Requiem at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Newton Center.

Mr. McGrath had been a newspaper reporter, banker and president of the Interstate Fish Corporation with offices at Boston and Gloucester. In his younger days he was a well-known hockey player.

Dorchester Infant Asylum Enlarged Boston, Feb. 25.—A new building for St. Mary's Infant Asylum in Dorchester has just been completed. Sunday it was inspected by more than 500 people and shortly after it was blessed and dedicated by Rev. Joseph G. Anderson, auxiliary bishop of the diocese. The building will accommodate 50 more patients.

The WELL FROG REMEMBER the problem in the old arithmetic about the well frog—how many leaps it will take him to get out if he jumps up four feet and slips back two and a half of every jump? Some folks are like the well frog. They save quite a bit; then a risky investment comes along, or an ardent desire for a bright bauble, and they slide back. When you feel yourself slipping take a firmer grip on your passbook and fix your eye on the Grand Prize. Rochester Savings Bank Established 1831

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