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Easter

We have now completed the Lent  
season of prayer and penance  
and the joyous feast of Easter is  
at hand.

We have followed the Saviour  
along His sorrowful journey to Cal-  
vary. We have wept at His suffer-  
ings on the Cross and shuddered as  
He gave up His life that we might  
live eternally. We have stood beside  
the tomb wherein He lay. Now we  
will send our way to that tomb  
and behold He is not there! He is  
risen from the dead. He has triumph-  
ed over Sin and Death. He has  
paid the awful price and now He  
is God once more.

Great, indeed, is the mystery of  
the Christian religion and small  
wonder that he who is not blessed  
with the faith cannot grasp its full  
meaning and scope.

But to us Catholics who have  
been vouchsafed the great privilege  
of faith and membership in the true  
Church do not find mystery. We  
find it easy to accept Christ's mes-  
sion and message at face value and  
without any discount.

And so the feast of Easter has  
peculiar joy and significance to the  
Catholic who has prepared to cele-  
brate the feast by the preparation  
thereof laid down by Holy Mother  
Church.

Therefore let us rejoice and be  
glad!

Rev. M. U. Dwyer

Because of his family connections  
and his friendship with the late  
Bishop of Cebu, probably the late  
Rev. Michael U. Dwyer was known  
to many persons all over the coun-  
try. His long pastorate at Seneca  
Falls had endeared him to his  
people.

But it was a simple, loyal priest  
of God that Father Dwyer was best  
known. He was devoted to his peo-  
ple, the flock over which he repre-  
sented the great Shepherd of souls.  
His whole life and energy was given  
for them unstintedly and to the last.  
As assistant the first years after his  
ordination he laid the foundation  
for his future pastorate and, as  
rarely happens, his first charge was  
his only one. The serious illness of  
Father O'Connor, the pastor, virtu-  
ally placed Father Dwyer as pastor  
and at Father O'Connor's death, the  
assistant was named as pastor and  
the steady growth of the parish in  
numerical and financial strength is  
traceable to Father Dwyer's efforts.

Four years ago overwork unde-  
fined Father Dwyer's health and  
despite long rest he succumbed  
finally. His Master called him as his  
work was done.

May his soul rest in peace!

Says the "Catholic Transcript" of  
Hartford, Conn. "The Catholic  
people of this nation are determined  
upon having the best education that  
can be provided for their children.  
And what is more, if they cannot  
have it out of the money which they  
pay in taxes for the public schools,  
they will not hesitate to tax them-  
selves again for the establishment of  
parochial schools in order to secure  
that education. They have done  
just this. They have set up schools  
all over the broad land of America,  
which are the equal at least of the  
public schools in secular culture;  
and in addition the pupils are pro-  
vided with the moral and religious  
training which is their God-given  
right."

Advertisers in the Catholic Jour-  
nal are worthy of your patronage.

Legislature

At last the Legislature of 1923  
has adjourned.

When one says it might have  
passed many obvious laws that  
did not, all the words of praise pos-  
sible have been said.

Of real constructive legislation  
the Legislature just adjourned has  
very little to its credit beyond some  
salutary amendments to the Work-  
men's Compensation Law.

Too much of the early part of  
the session was frittered away with  
needless and useless controversies  
and when the legislators sought to  
take up constructive work the ad-  
journment date had been fixed so  
early of course to permit the pres-  
idential conventions to be held.

Of course, the real reason for  
the legislative fiasco was that the  
Governor and Senate were of one  
political complexion, the Assembly  
another and each sought to reap  
political advantage of the other and  
neither would allow a particle of  
credit to redound to the other is pos-  
sible to avert it.

It is a pity that partisan politics  
should operate to prevent the peo-  
ple receiving the service they expect  
from the legislators they elected to  
look after their interests free from  
personal prejudice or bias. Certainly  
the people did not elect senators  
and assemblymen to play partisan  
politics.

But it appears that so long as  
senators and assemblymen are elect-  
ed as partisan politicians, as long  
as a partisan political complexion  
will they steer their legislative  
craft by the compass of partisan  
political advantage.

Law and Blue Pencil

More than one layman and not a  
few of the learned legal profession  
will feel inclined to agree with an  
editorial writer for the local Hearst  
paper when he says—

President Justice Hubbs of this  
Appellate Division rightly contends  
that the "books" which many law-  
yers prepare in connection with  
appeals of cases are needlessly pad-  
ded.

They waste time, type, paper and  
money without in the least promot-  
ing substantial justice.

The learned justice admonishes  
his brethren at the bar to cultivate  
what in newspaper parlance would  
be called the nimble blue pencil.  
We think that a blue pencil em-  
ployed to public advantage in  
other phases of the legal profession.

Take the average legal document  
the "brief" which so rarely lives  
up to its name, the contract, the  
bill intended to become a law. Isn't  
it mostly cumbersome and repetitive  
jargon?

If it were rephrased in terse, sim-  
ple English such as is used in  
everyday speech, including, when to  
be effective, a few short cuts of slang  
would it lose its magic value, would  
it weaken the chances of justice? The  
layman finds it difficult to believe  
that it would.

Reduction of the non-compensa-  
tion period to injured claimants  
from 14 to 7 days after accident, it  
is predicted, will extend the bene-  
fits of the Compensation Law to the  
least one third more of the injured  
workmen in industrial plants and  
occupations.

As a means of inducing respect  
for law and as an aid to law en-  
forcement, reduction in the number  
of laws placed on the statute books  
would help tremendously. Even the  
lawyers themselves cannot keep track  
of the new laws enacted in  
Albany and Washington.

Just suppose all the advertisers  
stopped advertising, how long would  
business keep up? Suppose the  
newspapers stopped writing about  
the baseball games, how long would  
you suppose the attendance at ball  
parks would keep up?

Governor Smith urges a four year  
term for Governor and says he has  
no selfish motive because he is not  
a candidate for re-election. But the  
Republican Assembly would not  
take any chances and refused even  
to progress the Constitutional amend-  
ment so the people could vote  
on it.

Speaker Machold says he has had  
enough of that task. It is a hard  
position and very often not only  
thankless but a stopper to further  
political preferment, as instance:  
James M. E. O'Grady, S. Fred Nix-  
on, Thaddeus C. Sweet, Miles Fri-  
die, Edwin A. Merritt, et al. Alfred  
E. Smith is the one exception but  
he is an exceptional man.

The Pittsburg Catholic states a  
great truth when it says that "as  
the variety abomination has killed  
the classic stage, so has the sloppy  
newspaper killed love of literature."

George VanNamee seems to have  
a peculiar liking for the Public Ser-  
vice Commission.

Same Views

Whether one agrees with the  
estimate of Senator Borah or not,  
many thinking men and women are  
likely to coincide with the "Demo-  
crat & Chronicle" when it says:—  
Senator Borah is by general con-  
sent one of the most thoughtful  
and eloquent men in American pub-  
lic life. He puts a sure finger on  
causes and practices which have a  
sinister and subtle influence, in low-  
ering the nation's moral tone; but  
he does not get hysterical. War  
brings extravagance and that is  
followed by corruption, but our  
government is not corrupt. There  
are hosts of honest, faithful public  
servants and millions of citizens  
just as willing to sacrifice for the  
honor of the country and just as  
capable of serving the cause of  
a clean government as their forbears  
were.

Any disclosures of venality that  
have been made or may be made  
must not be accepted as an im-  
peachment of our political institu-  
tions, but as a call to duty to pre-  
serve and pass them on to posterity  
purified and unimpaired. As usual  
the Idaho Senator sounds a high  
note. He is no sensationalist,  
no narrow partisan  
personal prejudice or bias. Certainly  
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political advantage.

The Federal Court in Oregon has  
decided that the Klu-Klux-Scottish-  
Rite-Masonic law to close the Catho-  
lic and Jewish and Lutheran and  
all other private schools is uncon-  
stitutional and un-American. Now  
if the Supreme Court of the United  
States affirms this decision, the sub-  
sequent bigots will have to try an-  
other attack.

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seen at a sensational scandal trial  
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WEEKLY CALENDAR  
OF FEAST DAYS

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Sunday, April 20.—St. Marcellinus, Bishop, was born in Africa of a noble family, accompanied by Vincent and Dominus he went over in every day speech, including, when to be effective, a few short cuts of slang would it lose its magic value, would it weaken the chances of justice? The layman finds it difficult to believe that it would.

Monday, April 21.—St. Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, His episcopate was a constant struggle with the Kings William Rufus and Henry I, chiefly over the question of investiture. He introduced the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in the West. He died in 1109.

Tuesday, April 22.—St. Soter, Pope, martyr, was raised to the Chair of Peter on the death of Anicetus in the year 177 and was distinguished for his aims-giving and for his opposition to the heresy of Montanus. He died in 1109.

Wednesday, April 23.—St. George, King of England. He was a tribune under Diocletian and rebuked the Emperor for persecuting the Christians. For this he was cruelly tortured and finally beheaded. There was something so inspiring in the defiant cheerfulness of the young soldier that every Christian felt a personal share in this triumph of Christian fortitude; and as years rolled on St. George became a type of successful combat against evil, "the slayer of the dragon."

Thursday, April 24.—St. Fidelis, a rich and noble candidate for re-election. But the lawyer, entered the Capuchin Order. He preached against the Calvinists in Switzerland and after a sermon at Sevis was attacked and killed.

Friday, April 25.—St. Mark, Evangelist, was converted by St. Peter whom he afterward accompanied to Rome as secretary and interpreter. He founded the Church in Alexandria. After governing his see for years he was seized by the heathens and killed.

Saturday, April 26.—Sts. Cletus and Marcellinus, Popes, martyrs. St. Cletus was the third Bishop of Rome, reigning from 76 to 89. Marcellinus succeeded to the Papacy in 296, in the time of Diocletian.

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