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Go Slow!

Even the blind man can sense out that the presidential election of 1924 is to be a most peculiar one.

Even shrewd, veteran political prophets hesitate to predict what will happen.

The political wiseacres also are bewildered as to the attitude of Senator Robert La Follette.

Where the Ku Klux Klan will throw its strength and how much effect that will have is another contributing cause to the chaotic mind of the aforesaid political wiseacres.

And then there is the democratic nominee.

Should Mr. McAdoo be honored, he continued, "I feel that named in New York city it is felt America will always be right!

That the Ku Klux specter will haunt the campaign as both candidates would be acceptable to the Klan.

But were either Underwood or Governor Al. Smith the democratic nominee, both hostile to the Klan, will come and pay tribute to the shepherds.

Then it would be a division of sentiment as to whether Coolidge or La Follette would receive the Klan strength.

All in all, the political outlook for 1924 is about as mixed as we could imagine at this writing.

New Bank

Two more landmarks of Rochester—one at least a real landmark—disappear in a few days when the new National Bank of Rochester takes the place of the Traders National Bank of Rochester and the National Bank of Commerce.

Rochester's new financial institution starts with a splendid directorate representing all shades of financial responsibility and with a splendid outlook in the way of deposits and resources.

It is strength and stability would seem to be assured and make it a fine addition to the already long list of financial institutions in Rochester.

Those who like to take hikes in the woods should have enjoyed the month of May 1924.

Not Politics

That religion should not be injected into politics and politics should not be permitted to interfere with religious liberty should appeal to every red-blooded citizen.

The question of a man's religion and the question of a man holding public office have nothing in common.

The test of fitness to act as a scavenger or national president is not religion, but ability, experience and sound judgment.

Alfred E. Smith may or may not be elected to the presidency.

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Not Unanimous

Out in Cleveland they have been trying out a plan of holding "religious instructions" in the public schools in school hours.

The plan has not been an unqualified success. Rabbi H. Silver has addressed a letter of protest to the board of education in which he holds that these religious instructions should have been held, not in the school houses in school hours, but after school in separate buildings.

Under the supervision of the leaders of the several denominations involved. He goes further and hints that the services or instructions have been taken on the guise of prosperity for Protestant sects and that Jewish and Catholic faith have been held up to ridicule.

Rabbi Silver sent a copy of his letter of protest to Bishop Schrembs who let him vote for his opponent. But in all fairness, he said that vote be one of merit or demerit, not one of antipathy because of Governor Smith's religion.

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First Catholic College For Women In America Holds Silver Jubilee

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Convent Station, N. J., May 16.—Saint Elizabeth's College, the first Catholic college established for women in the United States, and the first woman's college in New Jersey, celebrated its silver jubilee, the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding, here Saturday.

A bronze mural tablet in memory of Sister Pauline Kelligar, LL. D., co-founder and first president of the college, was presented by an alumna, Miss May Ennis, of Brooklyn, a graduate of both the academy and college made the presentation address at the unveiling.

The Rev. Lator R. McLaughlin blessed the tablet, and Sister Marie Jose Byrne, Ph. D., dean of the college, accepted it in the name of Saint Elizabeth's. His Grace, Archbishop Seton, who resides at Saint Elizabeth's, gave the Benediction.

Ground also was broken for a new dormitory, which is urgently needed by the increasing numbers of collegians. Money for this hall was contributed by the alumnae and their friends in 1920.

The following officers were elected by the alumnae for the year: President, Miss Lucie O'Connor, Newark; vice-president, Mrs. Joseph E. Coulton, Newark; secretary, Miss Anna Burns, Jersey City; executive secretary, Sister Joanna Marie, and treasurer, Sister Marie de Lourdes.

Saint Elizabeth's was founded in 1899 by the Sisters of Charity. It has a student body of about three hundred, and the alumnae association has a membership of about five hundred.

French and Belgians Exchange Professors

Paris, May 8.—By virtue of a diplomatic agreement, there has been an exchange of professors between the French and Belgian universities. Louvain University, which is Catholic, has asked for some professors from French Catholic institutions.

The Minister of Public Instruction has granted this request, and informed the Rector of the University of Lille of the service expected of him. The Catholic University of Lille has received the request favorably, and M. Eugene Duthoit, Professor of Law and President of the Social Works of France, has gone to Louvain where he has begun a course dealing with the various social questions being studied in France at the present time.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF FEAST DAYS

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Sunday, May 25.—St. Gregory XII who was born in Tuscany in 1014, was educated in Rome. He was elected Pope in 1073. His long struggle with Henry IV, Emperor of Germany resulted in the latter seeking the Pope's absolution at Canossa. Henry later relapsed, set up an anti-Pope and besieged Gregory in the Castle of St. Angelo. Gregory died in exile in 1085.

Monday, May 26.—St. Philip Neri, the Apostle of Rome was one of the most illustrious Saints of the sixteenth century. He devoted his life to bringing joy to the lives of the people. He died in 1595.

Tuesday, May 27.—St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi was born in Florence in 1566 of an illustrious family. She persuaded her parents to permit her to embrace the religious life and at the age of fifteen was professed in the Carmelite monastery of Santa Maria degli Angeli. She was twice chosen Mistress of Novices and then made Superior. She died in 1607.

Wednesday, May 28.—St. Germanus, Bishop and Abbot, was known as the glory of the Church during the sixth century. Chosen to fill the See of Paris, he was noted for his charity and by his eloquence converted King Childeric, who founded many religious institutions and gave large sums for charity. He died in 576.

Thursday, May 29.—St. Cyril, Martyr, while still a boy suffered martyrdom at Caesarea in Cappadocia during the persecutions of the third century. He was burned at the stake.

Friday, May 30.—St. Felix I, Pope and Martyr, succeeded St. Dionysius in the government of the Church in 69. During his reign Paul of Samosata, Bishop of Antioch, was excommunicated for gross heresy concerning the Divine Nature of Christ and the mysteries of the Trinity and the Incarnation. When the persecution of Arianism broke out, St. Felix was among those who obtained the crown of martyrdom in 274.

Saturday, May 31.—St. Petronilla, virgin, is said to have been a daughter of St. Peter, who was married before he was called to become one of the Apostles. She lived at Rome and was buried on the way to Ardea where, in ancient times, a cemetery and a church bore her name.

Catholic Charity In St. Louis Nearly A Million A Year

St. Louis, Mo., May 16.—The thirteenth annual report of the Catholic Charities of St. Louis for the year ending January 1, 1924, has just been issued, and was distributed at the meeting of the Catholic Charities Conference, held on Sunday last. The report shows a total outlay for charity here of \$941,030.87, inclusive of the estimated salaries of 237 religious, which are figured at 170,409.00.

The aggregate includes aid extended to the poor by fourteen of the institutions submitting reports to the Central Bureau, treatment of individuals aided by institutions and organizations, the cost of which amounted to \$69,594.00.

The Conference of Charities held its annual meeting and entertainment at the Odeon. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. John O'Grady, of the National Catholic Charities Conference, and by Archbishop Glennon.

The Archbishop made a plea for the addition of a Catholic institution for the blind, which would make the number of charitable institutions thirty-four.

Dr. O'Grady spoke on "Some Aspects of Catholic Social Work in Europe." He emphasized the point that while in America we think in terms of one class helping another class, in Europe they think in terms of the wage earners and others helping themselves through such things as cooperative home building, cooperative stores and cooperative insurance companies.

Catholic Wins The Vail Prize

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)—Washington, May 17.—J. R. Mulligan of Wilmington, Del., a graduate of the Catholic University of America with the class of 1923, has been awarded the Theodore N. Vail Medal for noteworthy public service. The award is accompanied by a citation for conspicuous proficiency in first aid work resulting in the probable saving of life.

The medal was presented by L. H. Kinnard, President of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.

Louisiana Legislature Makes Catholics and A Klansman Officers

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New Orleans, May 17.—Organization of the Louisiana legislature following an election in which the Ku Klux Klan was the dominant issue, resulted as follows: An admitted member of the Klan was elected Speaker of the House; a Catholic and a Knight of Columbus was elected Clerk of the House; another Catholic and a Knight of Cotnam was elected President pro tempore of the Senate; and a Catholic and a Knight of Columbus was elected Secretary of the Senate.

Catholic priests delivered the invocation in both Senate and House. A Baptist minister administered the oath of office to the Klansman chosen as Speaker.

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