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First in Field

With the Cleveland convention finished, the Republicans are first in the field with their entries for the 1924 presidential sweepstakes.

Calvin Coolidge, who succeeded to the Presidency from the Vice-President's desk, will head the ticket and General Charles Dawes of currency banking and European reparations fame are the nominees respectively for President and Vice-President.

The platform is as "safe and sane" as the character and reputation of the candidates nominated to stand and run upon it.

No vast upheaval of the Republic's traditions and ideals will be likely if Calvin Coolidge is elected and the platform of 1924 is followed.

Radicals like LaFollette are not satisfied with either candidate or platform—particularly the platform—and they propose a third or mildly progressive platform with LaFollette as the nominee for President.

Democrats are now trying to work out a ticket and platform sufficiently elastic to hold all the old time democrats, attract at least a part of the big business interests, capture a portion of LaFollette's progressives and a section of the Republican "Old Guard" set aside by the Coolidge campaign managers.

It is a great game if you don't weaken.

Think It Over

To those who find fault with the Catholic Church because it adheres to olden traditions and truth we commend a careful perusal of the following editorial in the Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle," albeit it refers to another subject.

In the American Mercury it is stated that the conservative state of mind is one of refusals to give attention to new proposals, to look with care and suspended judgment at the thought of people who want things changed. This is all very well. Then the Mercury declares that "the conservative pretends to be thinking broadly and soundly, whereas everybody knows that he is not thinking at all."

Here we have the same old mistake. How does the writer know that the person whom he calls a conservative is not thinking? How does he know that the decision against proposed changes is not as sincere as the approval of change? Why is adherence to something different always to be taken as a sign of open-mindedness? A good mind may as rightly decide to say no as to say yes. The American Mercury is a riot of negation against things as they are. Why should there not be a place in its philosophy for the argument that there is no sense in some of the changes that it advocates.

The veto enrages some folk; it has always, by the way, excited juvenile hostility. Maturity gradually recognizes the logic of the veto and comes to accept it, even when it refuses to surrender to personal preference. The constant anathema against the conservative would be defensible if the first part of the Mercury's statement told the whole truth. If the so-called conservative were always referring to look with care at new proposals, but a great body of conservative thought has considered new proposals and does not like them. Because this refusal disappoints the enthusiasts for the new, they argue that conservative thought is the worst of all. And this, of course, is the worst of all.

Learn To Vote!

We are in full accord with the following sentiments expressed by the "Union and Times":

The enfranchised American woman have not come to realize the importance of taking a more active part in national affairs. Particularly does this apply to our Catholic women who are content to let "George do it" when "it" is a matter of solving grave national problems. Like her stronger brother, she suffers from mob-mindedness, which is nothing else than a wish to follow the crowd. This is a condition of affairs that needs immediate remedy, since womanhood enjoys the right of casting her vote.

As an example that even those who are supposed to be the leaders of American women are not conversant with important issues, we submit a late instance. The general Federation of Women's Clubs is behind the Sterling Reed bill. Sixty individual members in clubs within the federation, when asked their opinions of this measure that federalizes education, confessed that they had never heard of it. How many mothers and daughters are there at the club meeting who vote "aye" on the question of bureaucratizing education when they know no more about the issue at stake than a chimpanzee does about evolution.

Women! and Catholic women especially! Learn to vote intelligently both for the protection of your families and the welfare of the State. It is a grave duty incumbent upon you—the neglect of which is violation of a sacred obligation.

Stop and Listen!

Those perverse persons who worry themselves into a frenzy and inspire nervous prostration in their friends by their superstitious terror of "No 13" and kindred "bad luck figures" would do well to paste in front of their mirror and read often the following New York news despatch.

New York, June 13.—Today, Friday the Thirteenth, was the thirtieth anniversary of Mrs. John Steele as floor clerk on the thirteenth floor of the Waldorf-Astoria. All her life, Mrs. Stelle said, thirteenth has brought suspicious happenings into her life. When she went to Sacred Heart convent her number was 13, as was her age. The other day she opened a savings account and the book they gave her was number 1313.

Mrs. Stelle spent today on the thirteenth floor of the hotel as usual, in fact, she gave up her weekly holiday to celebrate the anniversary at work.

"Men as a rule are not superstitious about the number or about coming to this floor," said Mrs. Stelle. "If anything, most of them think it brings good luck. Women on rare occasions ask to be put on another floor. We have never had an accident or unfortunate occurrence of any kind on this floor. Strangely, the floor has more permanent guests than any other at the Waldorf. Five guests on the floor have been there since the hotel opened."

"Massachusetts steam-rollered" describes the recent gathering at Cleveland.

Candidate Dawes is to be the Roosevelt of the campaign of 1924.

Frank M. Lowden broke records in refusing to be catapulted into the Vice-Presidency even after the convention had done the catapulting.

Nomination of Alfred E. Smith for second place might make him President if the LaFollette candidacy produced the result some political prognosticators affect to see in the air.

Sensible citizens see cause for gratification, not alarm, in the fact that the graduating class of 1924 at West Point is the largest in its history.

Curtailment on immigration from Southern Europe will deprive the proselyters of one source of adaptable material, to save whom they have been able to wheedle large sums from enthusiastic Protestants of wealth.

Young Mr. Rockefeller's speed-coming daughter is not a chip off the grandfather's block. Old John D. did not believe in undue haste, but he got there somehow.

Neither of the Puritan's fathered themselves into a vice-presidential nomination at Cleveland.

In the first review in three years "Rochester's Finest" showed themselves to advantage.

Pity the poor Congressman and Senator. "He's damned if he does and damned if he doesn't."

Passing

Announcement is made that the herds of wild horses in Northwestern Canada are to be "rounded up" and the "free range" to be fenced and the free pastures parceled out into farms.

Not a century ago in the great unsettled North and Southwest of the United States vast herds of wild horses roamed the plains. Indians and others learned to capture and ride the stubborn little mustangs who could travel where the tame horse, with larger girth and added weight found it difficult to go.

As a contemporary puts it: "With the destruction of the Buffalo herds and the fencing in of the plains, the free range disappeared and with it the wild horses and the danger of strays joining the masterless herds. But in Canada, where settlement is slow and where a considerable part of the plains have remained unfenced until the present, thousands of animals have roamed the prairies, despite the encroachment of settlers and civilization."

"Final passing of the free range in the Northwest means the end of an era of development in North America. It marks the closing in of civilization on the last unfenced area where horses were free to roam even under the common pasturage system of the range country. Henceforth, the animals will be pastured on the lands of their owners, and the last element of romance will disappear from the business of breeding and herding horses in the Northwest."

Simon L. Adler knows now just how he stands with James L. Hutchings.

After all the wind that has been pumped into it, Senator King declares that prohibition is a flat fallure!

Even the Republican national convention could not prevent a trolley strike in Cleveland.

With the proportion of women to men in England as two to one, if the franchise is extended to all women over 21, the feminine influence in the British Empire is not to be underestimated.

Thursday, June 26.—Sts. John and Paul, Martyrs. These two Saints were both officers in the army under Julian the Apostate. They received the crown of martyrdom about the year 362.

Friday, June 27.—St. Ladislas, King, was the son of Bela, King of Hungary. Compelled against his own inclination to ascend the throne, he restored the good laws and discipline which St. Stephen had established. He died in 1095.

Saturday, June 28.—St. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, was born about the year 120. He was chosen Bishop of Lyons and by his preaching in a short time converted almost that entire country to the Faith. He wrote several works against heresy. About the year 202 he suffered martyrdom under the Emperor Severus.

"Eddie" Edwards has found a way to run a Horse Show without a local committee. Page Mr. Van Voorhis.

Even if they were late in arrival, the blues of Rochester outdid themselves.

Rev. Dr. Taylor, like many other non-Catholics, will never forget his visit to the Vatican.

The Ku Klux Klan has no reason to feel scared at the slap on the wrist it received at Cleveland.

Our congratulations go to the boys and girls, young men and young women who figure in the annual exercises in the schools.

American Minute Men Support Upshaw Bill

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

Washington, D. C., June 13.—Simultaneously with the presentation by Representative Upshaw of Georgia in the drug moments of the last Congress session of a set of resolutions of various organizations in support of his proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting "sectarian appropriations," Frank J. Batcheller, national chairman of the American Minute Men, the organization sponsoring the move, made public a statement asserting its fairness.

Upshaw's bill, which was referred to the House Committee on Judiciary, would bar the appropriation of public money by the Federal government, States or municipalities to the parochial schools and other sectarian institutions. It is the outcome of a movement aimed at Catholic schools, which seeks to drive Catholic institutions from competition for the care of persons who become wards of the public. In some States the practice has been followed, where an institution such as an orphan asylum or home for dependents fulfills State requirements, of entrusting these dependents to its care, whether it was sectarian-controlled or other wise, and compensating the institution for the service.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF FEAST DAYS

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

Sunday, June 22.—St. Paulinus of Nola, was one of the foremost men of his time. He withdrew into Spain, distributed his great wealth and was ordained to the priesthood. When the Vandals made a descent upon Campania the Saint, then Bishop of Nola, devoted all he had to redeeming his people from slavery. Finally he offered himself in place of the son of a poor widow, was accepted, and worked as a gardener. When the Vandal King learned of this he set the Saint free together with his townspeople. The Saint died in 431.

Monday, June 23.—St. Ethelreda, Abbess, came of a family distinguished for virtue, her mother and three sisters being numbered among the Saints. Compelled to marry Tombricht, a tributary to the King of the Mericans, she lived with him for three years as a virgin. After his death she was forced into a second marriage with Efrid, King of Northumbria. At his court she lived the life of an ascetic rather than a Queen and observed a scrupulous regularity of discipline. Later, she retired with her husband's consent to Coldingham Abbey. She founded an Abbey at Ely which she governed. She died in 679.

Tuesday, June 24.—St. John the Baptist. It was the office of St. John to prepare the way for Christ and before he was born into the world he began to live for the incarnate God. With the Baptism by St. John Christ began his penance for the sins of His people and St. John saw the Holy Ghost descend in bodily form upon Him. Then the Saint's work was done. He had but to point his own disciples to the Lamb, he had but to decrease as Christ increased.

Wednesday, June 25.—St. Prosper of Aquitaine, was born in the year 403. His works show that in his youth he had happily applied himself to all the branches both of secular and sacred learning. St. Leo the Great invited St. Prosper to his home and made him his secretary. The date of his death is uncertain but it is known that he was alive in 463.

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\$3,000,000 Sought For New Seminary Of Our Lady of Lake

Cleveland, June 12.—A diocesan wide campaign to finance the new preparatory college and seminary of Our Lady of the Lake now under construction, will begin June 22 and continue one week. The amount sought in payments and pledges is \$3,000,000.

A program under direction of Msgr. Joseph F. Smith, vicar-general has been outlined and every parish will have a corps of solicitors large enough to make a call upon each family.

Three years will be given for the payment of the pledges.

The campaign is under the patronage of the Sister Teresa "The Little Flower of Jesus." Preliminary work has included exhortation of pulpits by priests of the diocese on Sunday June 8 and 15 on which dates the visiting priest speaking before a strange congregation stressed the need of the new seminary, and the obligation that lay upon every wage earner in the diocese to contribute as generously as his or her means permitted to its construction, equipment and endowment.

Essays were published in local Catholic weeklies from several of the more prominent of the pastors of the diocese on the importance of the proposition. It is the outcome of a movement aimed at Catholic schools, which seeks to drive Catholic institutions from competition for the care of persons who become wards of the public.

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Kansas Governor Presents Diplomas At Catholic Academy

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

Dodge City, Kas., June 13.—Governor Davis of Kansas addressed the graduates and presented the diplomas and honors at the ninth annual commencement exercises of St. Mary of the Plains Academy here. A class of seven was graduated.

Clergy from all surrounding parishes were present, and 400 attended the informal reception for the governor after the exercises. The Rt. Rev. A. J. Schwertner, Bishop of Wichita, delivered the commencement address proper.

New President Named For Toledo College

Cincinnati, June 12.—Rev. Jeremiah J. O'Callaghan, professor of English in St. Xavier College, Cincinnati, has been named president of St. John University, Toledo.

Father O'Callaghan was a graduate of St. Xavier's, class of 1894. He has been engaged as a teacher in St. Mary's College, Kas.; Loyola University, Chicago, and Marquette University, Milwaukee.

British Miners Build Church With Pennies

London, June 2.—Catholic miners at Shotton Colliery, Durham, have raised \$10,000 to build a church. They have been collecting pennies for four years for this purpose.

Pageant On Spot To Show Abbey's Life

London, June 3.—A page of history will be brought to life by Summer folk this summer, when they will produce a pageant depicting the story of the Benedictine Abbey of Muchelney. Five hundred men, women and children will take part in the spectacle, which will be performed in its original setting.

Shortage of English Priests Again Shown

London, June 3.—The shortage of priests in England has been further emphasized this week by the withdrawal of a priest from each of six important parishes in the South-west diocese. The diocese takes in a half of London, and five of the parishes to suffer are in the metropolitan area.

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