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Our Country

We have read many addresses of our country, our flag, our land, etc. but we have read none to excel the following toast to the United States at the 1924 banquet of the Charitable Irish Society of Boston which is herewith reproduced.

"OUR COUNTRY! No words of ours can brighten the luster of her name—it is inscribed on history's page in letters of imperishable splendor; in the heart of humanity it glows, a quickening flame; and through the ages it will persist undimmed, a sacred symbol upon the altar of human hopes and aspirations. No praise from our lips can exalt the ideals and achievements of her founders and defenders—forever secure is the glory of their heroic adventure, their unflinching passion for the rights of mankind and their firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence. To the oppressed and suffering who came to her from other lands she has given comfort and protection. They, receiving much, withheld from her nothing that was theirs to give—their love, their labor, their lives. They have served to strengthen and defend her and to make her great among the nations of the earth. The loyalty and devotion of her children, native and adopted, have been her pride and strength through the years. We, in whose veins courses the blood of Irish immigrants to her shores, cherish and revere the heritage which we have received from her and from our fathers."

Exposition

Once more we have with us the Rochester Industrial Exposition.

This annual combined exhibition of industry's march, horse show, livestock, social progress and high-class amusement enterprise has come to be a permanent event in Rochester.

Its educational value is conceded. It's value as a civic asset is admitted. It brings together thousands of persons who do not see each other for a twelve-month. The varied industrial products of Rochester are massed where all may see and examine.

President Hibbard and Secretary Edwards aver that this year's exposition will be the best ever and that it is going some.

Let us hope that the weather will be propitious; that the people will turn out in droves and that the exposition may justify all expectations and that 1924 will be a red letter year in municipal annals!

Klan Will Not Down

The Klan specter will not down in the presidential campaign of 1924. Senator LaFollette and his Socialist allies have denounced the Klan openly and declare they will have none of it.

John W. Davis, the Democratic nominee, has come out with plain, unequivocal denunciation of the Klan as un-American and has challenged Mr. Coolidge to state his position.

What will be the attitude of the many New Englanders? Will he be absolutely opposed to religious intolerance and then sit quiet, neither inviting or repelling votes from either the Catholics or the Klan?

Any and all candidates of whatever party must be assured, the people of this vital issue of the prohibition law will be enforced when a policeman smuggles contraband liquor into this country.

The Difference

Had the young men now on trial for their lives in Chicago had the advantage of real religious training; if attention had been paid to their souls instead of to their intellect; had their parents kept any close acquaintance with their growing boys, this terrible episode need not have happened.

These boys would today be the pride of their parents instead of a terrible specter. For whether they pay the extreme penalty of the law or are incarcerated for life the specter will not down.

And then the little victim would be at home with his parents. Instead that some is saddened and what an awful sadness!

It is a terrible indictment of "intensive higher education" as exemplified in the University of Chicago and other educational halls where pride of intellect reigns and Almighty God either is not considered or given scant attention.

Do Not Know How

Of course, we realize that Chief Warren S. Stone, of the Locomotive Engineers, is not referring to Catholic Churches or Catholic priests when he writes that, in the big cities at least, the Church has become a big yet was able to make a man feel entirely at home—not even a big hotel and then went on.

There is a certain class of ministers who feel that they have to patronize the workingman every time he comes to church. Their intentions are good, but they simply do not have the humility and understanding necessary to approach a man as a man. I do not care how ignorant and ill-dressed a worker may be, he has self-respect and he will not stand being patronized by any one. Robert Burns, the Highland poet, uttered one of the greatest truths of all time in his famous poem, "A man's a man for a' that, the clothes are but the guinea stamp, a man's a man for a' that." I am frank to say that the workers would think more of a preacher that was openly and honestly hostile to them, and there are such, than of the preacher who humiliates them, calls them "My good man," and says, "Now can I do something for you?"

Fundamental

The Cleveland Catholic Universe puts it well when it says—

The question of the Klan is more fundamental than any party or any candidate or any political principle or policy. It makes little difference what party be in power, what candidate be in office or what principle of law be promulgated, for the man who is asked to sacrifice his God and his conscience or be considered an outlaw. The Catholic, the Jew, the Negro, the foreign born, will have no protection under law if the Klan rule have its way. In such an issue all party lines are forgotten, all party loyalty may be rightly abandoned for the redemption of captives and the candidate for office who is absolutely and unequivocally against the Klan and all that the Klan represents, must not ask or expect a "banquet" as a hostage for the ransom of a born citizen to vote for him. They should not vote for him save at the sacrifice of their honor and the Christian faith. And that is asking a little too much.

Every mortal brings its toll of automobile accidents. The majority are of persons who do not stop or look or listen before they drive on to a grade crossing over a railroad. A minute's delay would have avoided a fatal accident. In the old-fashioned words, "It is well to make haste slowly."

If some Americanization enthusiasts would only read the Ten Commandments often they would command greater respect and cooperation from the foreigner within our gates.

Not much sense discussing radio possibilities from Mars. The big thing at present is to tune out the undesirable talker.

Nazareth Academy pupils carried off twelve out of 25 state scholarships this year. And, not only that, but six Nazareth students stood at the top of the list and the girl who headed the entire 25 attained the highest standing of any competitor in New York State. That speaks well for the secular education imparted at Nazareth and secure will be the new Nazareth College for Women.

The flapper may be all right as flapper but not the average modern flapper magazine. These should be suppressed.

How can it be expected that the prohibition law will be enforced when a policeman smuggles contraband liquor into this country.

"Defective"

Under the heading "A Defective Definition" the July "Columbia" says:—

"A Republican," wrote a lady who won a newspaper prize for definitions of the adherents of the major American political parties, "is a person who thinks a Democratic administration is bad for business; a Democrat is a person who thinks a Republican administration is bad for business."

Which is witty, swift and inaccurate, and absolutely valueless as a guide to party value or the opposite. In every form of human government there have always been and must be schools of opinion which inevitably crystallize into parties—the parties themselves comprehend various shades of opinion between the extremes of their principles and programs. This is true of government by monarchy, plutocracy, democracy, or that far more general and disguised and usually beneficent form—oligarchy. To sneer at the party system with apt if empty wit is simply to confess ignorance of the springs of human government. Government is not a business. It is a science. It can be efficient but it cannot be run for financial profit, as business is. To apply business standards to government is as foolish and pernicious as to apply government's standards to business.

Is not there some defect in the reasoning of our contemporary? Is it not only possible, but feasible, to apply some business standards to government? Possibly. It may be foolish to apply government standards to business but it depends upon the standard and quality of government.

General Dawes finds it hard to live down press anticipation of vigorous and expressive epithets. John W. Davis employs understandable English at all events. If Senator Whitley should win out as governor, he'll not resent being called "Jim". Let's see. Which World Court plan is President Coolidge supposed to favor?

They say the Klan is losing ground in the South. If it is gaining ground in the North and East, that is an insult to our supposedly high order of intelligence.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF FEAST DAYS

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Sunday, August 31.—St. Raymund Nonnatus, was born in Catalonia in the year 1204 in his childhood he seemed to find pleasure in his devotions and hereafter he joined the Order of Our Lady of Mercy. He was admitted to his profession at Barcelona by the holy founder, St. Peter Nolasco. Sent to Africa to ransom captives, he gave himself as a hostage for the ransom of a born citizen to vote for him. They sought to convert Mohammedans to the true faith he was barbarously tortured until his ransom was sent from Spain. On his return to Spain he was appointed a Cardinal by Pope Gregory IX. He died in 1240 at Cordona while on his way to Rome. Monday, September 1.—St. Giles, a hermit and of noble extraction. Admiration for his virtues in his own country made it possible for him to have the solitude he desired. He went to France and led the life of a hermit at the mouth of the Rhone. Afterwards, he moved to the River Gard and finally went into the forests of the diocese of Nîmes. A community which he founded, later became an abbey of the Benedictine Order. Tuesday, September 2.—St. Stephen, King, born in 977, was the son of Geysa, fourth Duke of Hungary. Geysa with his wife had been converted to Christianity. When Stephen ascended the throne, he began to root out idolatry and founded monasteries and churches throughout the land. He died on his favorite feast, that of the Assumption in 1038. Wednesday, September 3.—St. Seraphia, virgin and martyr, was a native of Antioch. Her Christian parents fled to Italy from the persecution under Adrian. In her determination to consecrate her life to Christ she gave away all her possessions and sold herself into slavery. Her mistress, a Roman Lady named Sabina, was converted through the saint's piety. Having been denounced as a Christian, Seraphia was condemned to death by fire but a miracle intervened. She was later beheaded.

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Friday, September 5.—St. Lawrence, a Roman martyr, was a brilliant lawyer and fled from his luxurious home in Venice to join the Carthusian Regular of St. George. He became the first Patriarch of Venice and died in 1435 at the age of seventy-four.

Saturday, September 6.—St. Eleutherius, abbot, was favored by God with the gift of miracles. He was noted for his wonderful simplicity and spirit of compunction. After many years as Abbot of St. Mark's near Spoleto, he resigned his abbacy and retired to St. Andrew's monastery in Rome where he died about the year 885.

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