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New Churches.

Dedication of the new Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish, calls attention to the wonderful growth of the Catholic population of Rochester and the wonderful increase in the number of Catholic churches in and near Rochester since 1867 when the new Diocese of Rochester was created and Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid was consecrated as the first bishop of the new diocese. Corpus Christi, Blessed Sacrament, St. John the Evangelist, St. Monica's, St. Augustine's, St. Francis Xavier, St. Ambrose, St. Lucy's, Mt. Carmel, Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart are all new parishes created within the memory of the present generation. Several of these have grown so rapidly that a second and a third Church edifice has been erected to care for the increase in congregation and school pupils.

Then there have been instituted such educational and scholastic institutions at Nazareth Academy, Nazareth Hall, Nazareth College and Aquinas Institute for the laity and St. Andrews and St. Bernard's Seminary for the education of students for holy priesthood. Marvelous, indeed, are the monuments to Bishops McQuaid and Hickock, the two incumbents of the See of Rochester since 1867.

We doubt if another Diocese, all things taken into consideration, can excel the record of the comparatively small diocese of Rochester in its 58 years of life.

Cheerful Optimist.

The Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle" like Chauncey Depew, always was a cheerful optimist, but we must confess we never expected that it could be so optimistic as to predict that the result of a referendum on "wet and dry" probably would help to kill off third parties and induce a return to the old two party system in politics. Yet this is what we gather from a perusal of the following editorial:

"In the three-cornered contest for the senatorial nomination, Senator Pepper was the candidate best equipped by character and capacity to represent Pennsylvania. He was defeated on an extraneous issue which would not have been brought into the campaign if the majority sentiment of the electorate on the question had been known. Mr. Vare ran as a "wet," and Mr. Pinchot as a "dry," as neither would have done had a referendum such as New York has decreed and other states contemplate, shown where the voters stand in the matter of liberalizing liquor-traffic restrictions.

"As soon as popular sentiment on this question has been manifested in the various states, that issue will be taken out of state politics and will no longer elect governors or defeat superbly qualified candidates for the Senate. Men will be named for high state offices on the strength of their demonstrated capacity to administer public affairs and on great national economic and other issues. Thus we shall, as publicists of eminence believe and urge, tend back toward the two-party system, departures from which are bringing Old World democracies into ineffectuality and distrust, and out of the existing confused condition in which aspirants least fitted to voice great commonwealths can overturn the safe, historic, two-party system under and through which we became in less than a century the most prosperous, puissant and envied nation of earth.

The resolution was "postponed indefinitely."

Franklin D. Roosevelt says he does not want to be governor or United States senator. His cousin, Theodore, would take either office if he could get it.

In the death of John F. Donovan, St. Martin's, the state loses a representative officer and Holy Mother sympathy to those who mourn his loss.

Canal To Be Tested.

The Rochester "Times-Union" appears to think there are real business and shipping possibilities in the barge canal, judging from the following editorial in a recent issue:—

A private company of long experience and large enough to have a line of sea-going ships running between the United States and South America started this week a packet service upon the Barge canal.

Concerns before have tried to work up a packet business upon the barge canal, but they were handicapped by being newly organized and new to the business. Apparently, too, they did not have the support of adequate capital.

It looks as though a real test of the possibilities of a packet business on the canal will now be made, for the Munson Company is one well-known to shipping, has had long experience and is adequately financed. Its carriers will stop at all harbors along the canal and afford transportation between local points, as well as across the state.

The outcome of the business of the company will undoubtedly figure in future discussions of the Barge canal.

Stick To Old Name.

In this age when the devotees of jazz and pep and speedup and nobility-worship are changing names of streets and towns from names of men and women who helped settle a given community, or whose Indian nomenclature recalled historical facts and associations to the surname of some princely feigns, whose ancestors were not to be compared with honest, American ancestors, it is refreshing to read the following in a recent issue of a secular contemporary:—

The residents of Hicksville, like the apostle of old, are citizens of a mean city, and know it. They have decided to retain the name in spite of its present humorous connotation.

It is entirely by accident that the word "hick" has come to be a sort of national joke and a term of derision. There may have been an original bearer of this name who, like the coined family name Jukes, was a figure of reproach. But a search of the encyclopedia shows many eminent Hicks to offset this blot on the escutcheon of a proud name.

The most famous is Elias Hicks, after whom this Long Island town was named; an eminent divine and the founder of the Hicksite, or liberal, wing of the Society of Friends.

We find also the following: John Braxton Hicks, a famous English physician; Seymour Hicks, English actor; Thomas Hicks, American portrait painter; Thomas Halliday Hicks, one-time governor of Maryland; William Hicks Pasha, brilliant British soldier.

Better than to change the name of Hicksville to rival one of these high falutin Pullman car concoctions, let the citizens of this little town settle down now to the task of giving their locality such fame for progress and wholesome living as shall bring the name to the forefront of American small towns.

Ill Advised.

President Coolidge seems to have "slipped a cog" in his recent executive order that would have made "prohibition spies" of local and state officials.

Senators of his own party appear especially wroth at Mr. Coolidge. Even the local Coolidge organ, generally the first to approve anything fathered by the National Administration, condemns the latest order in this editorial utterance:—

"The executive order permitting appointment of state officials as Federal agents in law enforcement has raised a storm in the Congress and in the press of the land. Secretary Mellon assumes responsibility for it explaining that it does not mean as much as it seems to and that there was no intention of acting under it except in some special case. Probably no use whatever will be made of the authority conferred; and in our own and many other commonwealths no state or local official could act as a Federal agent without losing his salaried office.

"The New York Herald-Tribune condemns it as an 'unsound, confusing, dangerous precedent, running counter to the whole trend of the Coolidge governmental philosophy concerning the rights and functions of states. The Washington Post deplores it as a radical departure from our governmental system, the constitutionality of which is as questionable as its wisdom. Senators of both parties unite in vigorous condemnation of it; and the probabilities are that the order will be of no effect, a dead letter, or withdrawn."

There's a lot of talk that something must be done else Niagara Falls will cease to be a magnificent cataract: Then why not stop talking and do something?

And now one Dr. Pearson goes Oster ten better and would have man declared "old" at 65 years.

Rev. Raymond Cunningham passed away eleven months after he was ordained a priest. Evidently God considered his work on earth was finished. The Catholic Journal extends its sincere sympathy to those who mourn his loss.

Friday Unlucky?

The "Mentor" is not inclined to look upon Friday as an unlucky day. It offers this pronouncement in support of its position:—

The superstition varies in character and degree, but it is in most of us. There are some who would never start a long journey or transact any essential business on Friday. Others—even those that hoot the suggestion that they are superstitious—often find it just "convenient" to postpone until another time anything they consider important.

Yet American history is filled with important incidents that occurred on Friday. In fact, we of the western hemisphere would never have come to be what we are if it had not been for a lot of events that happened on Friday.

On Friday, October 12, 1492, Columbus discovered the western hemisphere. Land was reported by one of his sailors, Rodrigo de Triana, at 2 o'clock in the morning.

On Friday, March 6, 1496, Henry VII gave John Cabot his commission to pursue the discovery of America, which resulted in the finding of North America.

On Friday, August 28, 1609, Henry Hudson discovered the Delaware River.

On Friday, September 11, 1609, the Half Moon entered New York Bay.

On Friday, August 21, 1620, the Pilgrims sailed from Southampton in the Speedwell.

On Friday, February 22, 1732, George Washington was born.

On Friday, June 16, 1775, Bunker Hill was seized and fortified.

On Friday, October 17, 1777, Burgoyne surrendered at Saratoga.

On Friday, September 22, 1780, Benedict Arnold's treason first came to light.

On Friday, October 19, 1781, Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown.

We wonder if the new city manager council will consider any such measure as the following, introduced in the Rochester Common Council on February 18, 1862:—"That the practice of paying the mayor of the city a salary, introduced under the administration of Mayor Paine, was a most unfortunate measure, not only in increasing the public expenses, but also in its tendency to degrade the office from its high and honorable character to that of a mere 'hired man' with the sign (\$) of dollars prefixed instead of 'Hon.' and we therefore recommend its discontinuance."

Those who find it impossible to dispose of those bottles need not despair. The City of New York need 10,000 to test the harbor currents!

The Catholic Journal extends congratulations to Bishop Hickey on his recent anniversary. Ad multos annos.

Assemblyman Hackenbury would define hypocrisy, by statute, as "soliciting and collecting funds for the purpose of promoting measures restraining the exercise of personal liberty."

If Charles E. Hughes will not run for governor why not try Arthur E. Sutherland!

"Al." Smith will have to run for Governor again if Tammany braves have the say.

In a general sense the title cleric or clerk applies to the whole body of the secular clergy, including persons in minor orders, to monks and nuns, to lay institutes following a religious rule, to hermits leading their life under authority, to the Knights of Malta and others. In the stricter sense the term applies only to the inferior ranks of the secular clergy and does not include bishops, canons or any ecclesiastical dignitary.

The cord or girdle with which a priest or other cleric binds his alb preparatory to saying Mass is symbolic of continence and self-restraint. The girdle should be of linen rather than silk but may also be of wool.

In the first 12 centuries of her existence the Church was disturbed some 25 times by rival claimants for the Papacy. At one time for 40 years two, and even three, pretenders claimed the allegiance of Catholics.

The term infidel applies to those who are not among the "fideles", the faithful of Christ. Popularly, the term means who reject Christianity as a divine revelation. In order to reject it, they must have heard of it; those, therefore, who have never heard of Christianity are not in popular language called infidels, but heathens, though they are included under the theological term "infidels."

The stole, a narrow vestment carried round the neck, is always worn by the Pope. Bishop and priests wear it at Mass. The priest wears it crossed over his breast, while the bishop, who already has the pectoral cross on his breast, wears it pendant on each side.

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ST. ANTHONY'S SOLEMN NOVENA AT GRAYMOOR

On Friday June 4th began the Solemn Novena in preparation for the Feast Day of St. Anthony, the Wonder-Worker of Padua. There is still time to participate in this Novena as conducted by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor. All petitions arriving during the course of the novena will be continued at the Shrine during the Octave Novena, beginning on Tuesday, June 15". In order to make these novenas for efficacious on behalf of the thousands of clients participating in them the Graymoor Friars have arranged for a Novena of Masses to be said every month at the altar over the tomb of St. Anthony in Padua for all intentions forwarded to the Wonder-Workers' Graymoor Shrine.

Testimonials Of Gratitude To St. Anthony. A. E. M., Princeton: "Inclosed ten dollars is from a non-Catholic friend who received a great favor through St. Anthony. Please publish my gratitude and that of my non-Catholic friend."

M. B., New York City: "For many years my brother was addicted to drink, and oh! so many times we grew discouraged and thought our prayers would never be answered. Today he is leading a good, sober and industrious life due to the intercession of our Blessed Mother and St. Anthony. Please publish so that others who despair may be encouraged to keep on praying."

J. M., W. Va.: "Some time ago I made a Novena to St. Anthony asking that some friends might make sale of their property. They were in hard circumstances and it looked as if they would lose all they had; but thanks be to God they made a good sale. May God grant St. Anthony even more power that his miracles may convert the whole world to the Catholic Faith."

S. E. C., Long Island: "Please publish these favors which I have gained thru your Novena to St. Anthony. My son has reformed and made his Easter Duty, thank God. Also, I found a package which I had lost."

Send all Petitions to ST. ANTHONY'S GRAYMOOR SHRINE, THE FRIARS OF THE ATONEMENT, BOX 316, PEEKSKILL, N. Y.