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"Choose?"

Americans, especially, and the world in general has associated crooked speech and double meaning talk so long with mention of politicians that it is, perhaps, but natural to read between, or above, or under the lines in endeavor to find another meaning than the plain, clear-cut, enunciation by President Calvin Coolidge of "I do not choose to be a candidate for President in 1928."

Any New Englander knows that "choose" means yes or no according to the way it is combined with other words.

President Coolidge says "I do not choose—in 1928". We take it to mean just that—I am not a candidate in 1928.

More he could not say at this time. Not a presidential primary has been held or called—where he would, perforce, have had to declare himself.

In effect he says: I am not in the race. All you who have lightning rods hoist them and see whether lightning strikes.

If no agreement is reached?

Ah, that, is another story and will be told differently.

Smith Answers.

"Answering the charges of his political opponents that New York State faces a deficit of $40,000,000" says the Union and Times, "Governor Alfred E Smith has in his characteristic straightforward, convincing manner, presented to the people of the State a financial report which gives ample evidence of a real sound business administration. Instead of the prophesied deficit the Governor shows a bank balance of $13,965,345.

"The charge that the State government has been running wild on expenditures is amply clarified by Governor Smith. The report comprises the main expenditures of the State from 1917 to July 1, 1927. It shows the approximate cost of government ten years ago to have been $80,000,000. In 1927 it was $216,000,000 or an increase of $136,000,000.

"Of the $136,000,000 increase, education accounts for $71,800,000; mental hygiene or care of the State unfortunates, $12,000,000; new highways, repairs, etc., $27,900,000; bridges, tunnels Port Authority, public works, $5,800,000. Explicit information as to the remaining $20,000,000 of the increase is given in the Governor's report. These four items cited here surely cannot be questioned in regard to the wisdom of the expenditures.

"With the astonishing growth of New York State it is only natural that expenditures increase particularly in relation to productiveness. Governor Smith's administration of the affairs of the Empire State has always been in the best interests of its millions of citizens. His ability has been proven and attested by his repeated election to the Governorship. Such capability deserves greater reward. The Governor is well on his way to the highest gift this nation can bestow."

Seymour Lowman, new prohibition chief, says the Volstead law will, dry up the country—some day. General Andrews said the same thing. So did Roy Haynes and the other prohibition chiefs since 1918. And new stills, new wildcat breweries, new speakeasies spring up every time the prohibition chiefs make a seizure! "Some day" is right, Brother Lowman—but not in your day.

Nazareth College for Women will soon be one of the distinctive features of Rochester.

The Knights of Columbus new home in Chestnut street progresses apace.

What is so rare as a rainless day in July or August?

Foreign.

Says a local secular contemporary: "American public opinion is by way of becoming better informed regarding foreign affairs.

"This Summer we are having the Williamstown Institute of Politics, the Institute of Pacific Relations, the Chicago Institute of Politics, the University of Virginia Institute of Politics, the Institute of Pacific Relations, the Chicago Institute of Politics, the University of Virginia Institute of Public Affairs, the University of Californio Assembly for the Study of International Policies, the Athens, Georgia, Southern Institute of Politics.

"Addresses are delivered at the sessions of these institutes by men who have made careful, first hand study of international problems and policies, and followed by critical discussion.

"Those who in increasing numbers attend the meetings will themselves spread more enlightened views. Sound knowledge is the best antidote for the prejudice and conceit which set up barriers and cause friction between the nations of the world."

Mere listing of gatherings and names of well-known men of affairs as—speakers and readers of papers need not mean, necessarily, that real knowledge is to be had of or on the subject specified. These days there are plenty of men and women who will agree to talk on or of everything under the sun on condition of achieving publicity of face, form and ideas presented. Whether these are their own or of another matters not, so long as publicity is achieved in plenty.

There are not so many real experts on Foreign Affairs—not enough to go round to the gathering's listed.

Did Many Things Well.

We fancy pretty nearly everybody will coincide with this estimate of Theodore Roosevelt given by Kenneth Coolbaugh in current "Columbia":—

Whatever the balance history strikes upon Theodore Roosevelt it will always be said and written of him that he did many things and held many jobs. Men may dispute the mile posts he reached as naturalist, author, statesman, historian, explorer, hunter and journalist, but neither time nor myriad footprints can mask the fact that he walked in the vanguard of the armies and battalions that have trod those trails. The paths he took were not always to his liking, but he seldom lingered at any crossroads. A man of vision, he thought more of today's job than tomorrow's: thus those he held became larger for his having filled them. He was too busy with today's work to be hobbled by yesterday's mistakes.

"And the magic stone which transmuted his common qualities into uncommon deeds was as unadorned as his speech: "I have enjoyed my life and my work because I thoroughly believe that success, the real success, does not depend upon the position you hold, but upon how you carry yourself in that position.'

"Men at any age will never find a safer road-map."

Justified.

We will not attempt to express our own attention in the latest and final decision—the Sacco-Vanzetti case but will reproduce the editorial finding of the Rochester "Times-Union" the one paper in New York state that has consistently and persistently preached and urged a re-examination by Governor Fuller of all the evidence in the case:—

"The decision of Governor Fuller in the case of Sacco and Vanzetti will no doubt pain a great many generous persons who have believed in their innocence of the crime of which they are accused.

"But the decision ought to be accepted, even by those who sympathized with the demand for a re-examination of the evidence. For the commission which assisted the Governor in his task was composed of three highly-trained minds, which may be assumed to have attacked the question without prejudice and in the true spirit of the seachers after the facts.

"It is impossible in any counry or under any system for the man in the street to make up his mind with regard to such a complex question as that presented by the Sacco-Vanzetti case, and be sure that he is right. The arguments addressed to him are likely to be shot through with prejudice. They are likely to be far from a full presentation of the facts.

"Governor Fuller's commission represented a scientific, cool attempt to get the facts. To impugn its honesty, its intelligence, or its public spirit would be to impugn the best that Massachusetts has to bring to the candid examinatin of a great public question.

"That question was whether the administration of justice in one of the leading states of the Union had been swayed and perverted by political and social prejudice.

"It was the essence of right method to appoint such a commission, and it is of the essence of true wisdom to accept its decision, as endorsed by Governor Fuller."

Just which way will the Anti-Saloon League and the Ku Klux Klan flop now?

Canada Delays.

Secretary of State Kellogg recently addressed to the Canadian Government a note indicating a desire to make an agreement so that the United States and Canada could undertake jointly construction of the "St. Lawrence Shipway" so-called. One of the paragraphs of this note read:—

The government of the United States adopts the recommendations of the St. Lawrence Commission. It appreciates the advantages which will accrue equally to both countries by the opening of the waterway to ocean shipping. It feels that the necessary increase in railway rates due to the war, and the modern practises respecting the generation and transmission of hydroelectric power have increased the importance and practicability of early development, and believes that the factors which influences its conclusions must have equal application to, and influence upon, the Dominion of Canada.

The local unit of the Gannett Newspapers Inc. interprets this to mean:

"Thus the administration formally sponsored the St. Lawrence ship canal route. If Canada had responded favorably, a plan for joint development by the two cuntries would now be ready for approval by Congress.

"But Canada side-stepped. The reply of the Dominion government set forth the advisability of awaiting certain further detailed reports from the joint engineering board.

"No one familiar with the subject will take this explanation too seriously. The real obstacle is that the province of Quebec has so far opposed the shipway. Montreal might benefit, instead of being harmed by the deep waterway. Lake and ocean freighters differ so widely that transfer at a suitable point, which would naturally be Montreal might prove advisable.

"But Montreal, like Buffalo, does not wish to take any chances.

"So there the matter rests, the cooperation of Canada being necessary for the joint undertaking."

Does this state the real reason for Canada's delay? Possibly not. Perhaps it may not be unrelated to the following bit of information that is going the rounds in the "News Notes" that are furnished to thse who will use them:—

"States are taking thought of the importance of having within their confines some mecca for the tourist tide. New Mexico has looked long and envfously at the Colorado Canon. Not having a hole in the ground of proportions to match this, the state legislature has appropriated money to construct 'The Skyline Drive' which will top the Sandra mountains and afford one of the most "variously interesting views" to be had in the great Southwest."

The St. Lawrence Rapids constitute one of the greatest tourist drawing inducements of the present day These tourists bring much money both to Montreal and Quebec.

The proposed St. Lawrence Waterway will eliminate the Rapids as a scenic attraction, throwing them into a power canal that will attract industrial plants manned by thrifty, saving workers instead of the free-spending transient tourists.

May there not be a very potent, prevailing reason for delay in final approval by Canada of the new waterway.

"Silent Cal" knows how to keep a secret.

Martin H. Carmody, new Supeme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, is a splendid, Catholic gentleman. But he will need all his ability to equal or excel the record of his predecessor, James A. Flaherty who was a solid, sensible, American and a loyal, devoted son of Holy Mother Church.

"If everything in hell really is rotten, how the realist will enjoy it" is the very sage editorial opinion of a secular contemporary.

Father Hussman, of St. Louis, says he gave to Colonel Lindbergh a medal of St. Mary of Loretto, patron saint of flyers and that Lindy promised and did wear the medal when crossing the Atlantic!

The local political situation is not so muddled. "Joe" and "Clip" will both fight "Jim". While "Bill" plays position.

It will be well for us to scan carefully the records of all aspirants for councilmanic honors. These nine councilmen select the first city manager, an official of practically unlimited powers, in reality a city dictator.

Erie To Have First Retreat For Women

Erie, Pa., Aug. 1.—For the first time in the history of the Diocese of Erie, there will be a three-day retreat for women here from August 11 to August 14. The retreatants will assemble at Mercyhurst College, in charge of the Sisters of Mercy. Arrangements have been made for an attendance of 100.

The Rev. Father Fidelis, Passionist priest of Boston, will be retreat master. He has had large experience in conducting retreats for women in various parts of the country.

Msgr. G. Finnigan, Bishop of Helena, Is Consecrated

First Member of Holy Cross Congregation Raised To Episcopate In U. S.

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 2.—The Rt. Rev. George J. Finnigan, C. S. C., exwar chaplain, former university official and late Provincial of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, who was appointed Bishop of the diocese of Helena, Mont., May 20, by His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, was elevated to episcopal rank amid impressive ceremonies in Sacred Heart church, here, yesterday.

Approximately 400, including three archbishops, sixteen bishops and eight monsignors and priests of nearly every order and section of the country attended the consecration of Bishop Finnigan, the first member of the Congregation of Holy Cross to receive a diocese in the United States. It was the second consecration of its kind in Notre Dames history. The first consecration was that of the Most Rev. Peter J. Hurth, D. D., C. S. C., titular Archbishop of Bostra, who was consecrator at yesterday's ceremony.

The Rt. Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of the Fort Wayne diocese, and the Rt. Rev. Edward T. Hoban, titular Bishop of Colonia and Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, assisted Archbishop Hurth .The Very Rev. Matthew Walsh, C. S. C., president of Notre Dame University, the Rev. Thomas Irving, C. S. C., also of Notre Dame, and the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Victor Day, Administrator of the Diocese of Helena, were deacons of honor.

Holy Cross Priests Assist

The Rev. Richard J. Collentine, C. S. C., novitiate head, was notary; the Rev. Frank T. Jansen, Hammond, Ind., and the Rev. John G. Bennett, Garrett, Ind., were deacon and subdeacon, respectively, to the Archbishop, while the Rev. William McNamars, C. S. C., and the Rev. John Margraf, C. S. C., both of Notre Dame, were chaplains to Bishop Finnigan, with whom both have labored here as priests and teachers. Bishop Hoban was attended by the Rev. James French, C. S. C., and the Rev. George J. Marr, C. S. C., also of Notre Dame.

Immediately following the consecration, Bishop Finnigan was the honor guest at a banquet attended by approximately 500 ecclesiastics Toasts were offered on this occasion by prominent members of the clergy.

The new bishop will leave here this week for his old home in Malone, N. Y. After a visit there he will return to Notre Dame to prepare for work in his new field. He will leave Notre Dame August 15, accompanied by about eighteen ecclesiastics, to become the third bishop of the Helena diocese as successor to the late Bishop John P. Carroll, and will arrive there August 17.

Installation August 18

Msgr. Finnigan's installation as Bishop of Helena will take place August 18, the feast of St. Helena. At this event the Most Rev. Edward Howard, D. D., Archbishop of Oregon City, will officiate. The Rev. John Cavanaugh, C. S. C., former president of Notre Dame University, will preach the sermon.

Bishop Finnigan was born in 1885 in Potsdam, N. Y. and studied in Malone, N. Y. He entered the University of Notre Dame and was graduated in 1910, afterwards going to Rome, where he studied theology. In 1915 he returned here to join a mission band, but became a war chaplain in 1918, receiving a captaincy for his work. Since 1920 he has been seminary director, university vice-president and Provincial General of his order.

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2—Special members contribute six dollars a year or fifty cents a month. A special member can enroll nine others, living or dead, who also participate in the spiritual benefits.

3—Perpetual members contribute forty dollars at one time, or during the course of the year.

Catholics of any age can join the Society. The daily recitation of one "Our Father," and one "Hail Mary," and the invocation of "St. Francis Xavier, pray for us," is a condition of membership.

Deceased persons may also be entered by their friends as ordinary, special or perpetual members.

What Is a Catechist?

One of the most pressing needs of the Missions today, is that of native Catechists. A Catechist is one who is thoroughly instructed in the truths of the Catholic religion and is capable of imparting this knowledge to his fellow men. A good faithful catechist can do an untold amount of good towards the extension of the Faith, and in the absence of the missionary, he takes the missionary's place in so far as he is able, by instructing those who have not yet been informed of the one true God, and by keeping alive the Faith of those who have already professed their belief in the one God. In short, a Catechist is a teacher of the Catholic religion.

The Catechist plays an important part in the work of converting pagans, and for two reasons. In the first place the Catechist knows the people whom he is to teach.. He understands their language and customs and he knows how to go about his work as a teacher of the true Faith. The missionary comes from a far-off country and very often he is a stranger not only to the customs and laws of the people whom he wishes to convert, but also to the very language which they speak.

In the second place Catechists are needed to teach the people since the missionary is not able to enlighten all those who come to him for instruction, as most of his time is taken up in administering the sacraments, hearing confessions and in the discharge of his other priestly duties. This is particularly true when one missioner has charge of a large district, where he is able to visit certain villages only at long intervals of time. For who, if not the Catechist, is going to keep the light of Faith from dying out among those people who have not the consolation of the sacraments and Holy Mass, and, who see their priest only once or twice in several months.

One may now ask, how can I bring Catechists into the Mission field. You have one means in your power, and that is by financial aid for that particular purpose. The catechists are natives who make teaching their profession. Teaching the Catholic religion is their means of livelihood. These natives have to live and very often the catechist is the father of a family whose duty it is to support his wife and children. Consequently, the missionaries have to pay their catechists salaries sufficient to support them and their families. The reason for the lack of catechists in the Missions is the great poverty of the Missioners and consequently their inability to pay men to teach for them. In India and China for instance, the amount required to support a good catechist is small. Yet missionaries are unable to employ Catechists, due to lack of funds. In our country native Negro and Indian Catechists may be employed for five dollars a month—a small sum indeed, when we consider how much good a Catechist can do in helping to convert our poor pagan brethern. How many Catholics are there in the United States today who could easily support a Catechist who could be their representative in the Mission field, and who would be able to estimate the reward which would come to such Catholics.

Mission Spirit

It is a modern failing to vivisect every cause with the scapel of statistics. And yet the missionary spirit is something quite independent of results. A foot-rule will not reveal the height of Calvary, nor the sun and moon mark the measure of God's Grace.

Rev. T. Gavan Duffy.

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On every Tuesday a fresh Novena to St. Anthony is begun by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in their Monastery Church on the Mount of the Atonement, Graymoor-near-the-Hudson, N. Y.

Petitions can be sent by mail for presentation to the Saint in this Novena from any place and at any time. All letters will be promptly acknowledged and instructions given to the Client of the Wonder Worker of Padua how to co-operate with the Graymoor Friars in making the Novena.

Thousands upon thousands have obtained their petitions through recourse to St. Anthony in this Wonderful Novena. Why Not You? Read the following:

H. M. K., New York: "No words of mine can express my deep and sincere gratitude to St. Anthony for favors he has granted me. One, especially, of these favors was pretty close to hopeless, if not entirely so; but I prayed constantly that my petitions would be granted by a certain day. They were granted at almost the last minute, but in time, thank God."

D. M., Penna.: "I am enclosing a check for St. Anthony's Bread, which I promised should my mother regain her mind. Her mind is entirely restored, and she is slowly regaining her health, thanks to Saint Anthony."

P. H., Toronto, Ont., Can.: "Please publish that St. Anthony has been a very successful business partner to my father. You will find enclosed thanks offering promised by my father, being Saint Anthony's percentage."

M. E., Nichols, Iowa: "Not very long ago, I made a Novena to St. Anthony for a certain request and before the Novena had ended, my request was granted. I am sending this small offering in thanksgiving, and I wish you would find room in your paper to publish this, so that others may be encouraged to seek his aid in their desires."

Mrs. L. K., Waukesha, Wisc.: "We wish you would please publish our thanksgiving to dear St. Anthony. Our prayers concerning a legal matter have been answered, and in ways even more than we expected."

Mrs. J.A.M., Alberta, Can.: "I wish to thank St. Anthony for a very great favor. It seemed to me almost impossible, but through St. Anthony's intercession I have been granted my request in the way I least expected. I am sending a donation in thanksgiving."

Mrs. R.M., Duluth, Minn.: "Inclosed you will find a money order which my son promised to St. Anthony for his poor, if his health would me restored. He says that he feels better now than in all his life, and I also feel that I have been saved from a mental breakdown, due to anxiety. How can we thank you for your prayers to St. Anthony for us? God bless and reward you all."

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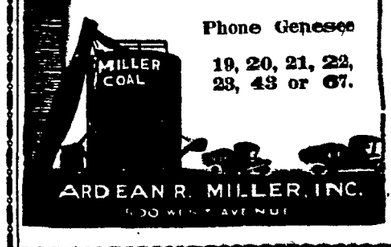

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