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Time Will Tell.

Notwithstanding the City Manager plan has been in actual operation in Rochester less than two months, the papers and platform and pulp, too, carry complaints of various sorts—chiefly from those who thought the millennium was due under the new system or thought the city manager was to be a panacea for all economic, social and financial municipal ills.

It is true that since January 1st we are paying certain municipal officials a good bit larger salary. If they render value received, they will be worth the increase. If not, then we taxpayers will have been acting.

Time will tell. There need not be many tears shed over the whiner who expected a large reduction in his tax bill. Any one of common intelligence knows that the only way tax bills can be reduced appreciably is by curtailment of some municipal activities. Certain groups may agree that this municipal activity could be abolished but that activity must stay. The great trouble—impossibility in fact—is reach unanimous agreement on the curtailment of that activity. What one condemns as unnecessary, another holds as absolutely essential.

The upshot is that not only are there no curtailments but additions are made.

This would be the inevitable result, whether under the new system, or the old political machine rule, or even under the non-partisan regime planned originally when the city manager charter was presented.

Moral: The American citizen gets just the sort of government he wants—at least gets the sort he does not protest.

And that's that.

Catholic Press.

Although "February, Catholic Press Month" is over we shall reproduce the stirring appeal for "A well organized religious press" made by Rt. Rev. Joseph Chartrand, Bishop of Indianapolis.

After discussing the influence and shortcomings of the secular daily newspapers, which, he declares, are for many the principal source of information, Bishop Chartrand says: "We are living in an age of specialization, and without minimizing the work and merit of the secular press and the important service it renders to the general reader, we are fully convinced of the great need of a well-organized religious press, which shall unite the faithful throughout the world, presenting special features which cannot be found in periodicals of a non-religious character."

The various movements, activities, problems and events in different localities must be of interest and concern to all the faithful, and they will be assured of accurate and full information, and of the Catholic viewpoint on issues of vital importance. What a pleasure and inspiration it is to read a paper or magazine in which every line breathes the true spirit of Catholic Christianity. Such wholesome reading is an antidote for the poisonous, insinuating, suggestive printed matter thrust upon the unwary at almost every turn.

Such a service, beyond praise, is being rendered by the Catholic press of this and other countries, in defense of truth and virtue and all the higher, nobler things of life. We earnestly bespeak for it continued and increasing patronage so that its work may reflect and foster the zeal of all Catholics in our diocese.

Heavy launches, high priced bridge parties, theater parties, are not exactly breathing the spirit of the Lenten season.

Good Will To Men.

A few days ago there was held in Richmond, Va., "a good will dinner", attended by 500 prominent Virginians irrespective of creed. The speakers were a Jew, a Protestant and a Catholic. That our readers and friends may know that Senator Hoffin does not represent the entire South, we are about to reproduce a few excerpts from her address of United States Senator Randell, of Louisiana.

"There is more good will on earth today than at any period of its history," began Senator Randell. "War death a year ago, and has increased no longer universal, but the exception; slavery has ceased in all civilized countries. Women are the equal of men; homes, hospitals and asylums care for the suffering; even dumb animals receive human care and kindness.

"The golden rule, 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,'" added Senator Randell. "is practiced by a great many persons and there is infinitely more good than bad among men. We are not perfect good and it makes no impression on us, whereas, grave crimes, being abnormal, are widely and the thoughtless imagine that wickedness predominates. There is still much intolerance and hard feeling, due mainly to ignorance of the other party's viewpoint. 'Good will meetings such as this will help to sweep away the mists; to broaden our outlook on life; to make us more charitable; to realize that our neighbors are just as worthy people as ourselves, and to understand there is no genuine religion in hiding those whose religious views differ from our own.'"

Europe Vs. America.

The difference between governmental machinery like ours in the United States and in England is fairly well illustrated in the following editorial in a local secular newspaper:

Long before Mr. Coolidge's statement of last August taking himself out of the presidential race, it was predicted by many observers that any announcement of that kind would lead inevitably to an unruly Congress which the President could not control and though, at best, the White House has not been particularly successful in leading with the law-making body during this administration, it is certainly true that the present Congress is particularly refractory.

On the question of tax reduction the House went out of its way to reject the proposals of the President. On the Mississippi flood problem it is preparing to follow a similar course. On the farm problem it is ready to send a new McNary-Haugen bill to Mr. Coolidge. On the matter of naval appropriations it has turned its back upon the big-navy program.

The Senate has as yet acted on no very important legislation except the ship bill. But this bill was absolutely opposed to the President's philosophy, and it was passed with the support of some of the staunchest supporters of the administration. There is no reason to believe that on other issues the Senate will be any more subservient to Mr. Coolidge.

This curious situation could not exist in most countries. Where, as is generally the case in Europe, the prime minister is chosen from the majority party or from some majority coalition group by the Legislature, harmony must necessarily exist between the executive and Parliament. If the ministry is defeated, it must resign and one more ready to do the will of the legislative majority will take its place. Here, on the other hand, the deadlock may last for some time, with no way of determining where preponderant sentiment actually lies.

Yet our system has proven by no means unworkable in practice. It leads to delay in legislation, no doubt, but it also assures the fact that laws actually passed will represent the settled opinion of the nation.

Tax Tangle.

The following editorial from the Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle" very vividly illustrates the necessity for less laws in this country and a greater uniformity in those now on the statute books or to be enacted: A widow of great wealth who died in New York city not long ago had given more than thirty millions to reproduce a few excerpts from her will. Her estate devolved upon her great-grandson, who had inherited a fortune of some eight millions since she died a year ago, and has increased to some twenty millions since she died. Her Federal tax bill was \$1,300,000. Her New York State tax bill was \$1,000,000. Her Federal tax bill was \$1,300,000. Her New York State tax bill was \$1,000,000.

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Bigots In South.

The ill-advised Jew who persuaded the "Educational Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South" by the way the press despatches carried the story without the "Methodist Episcopal Church, South" to adopt a resolution opposing Governor Smith for President.

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Mr. Hoover's family will now learn things about Hubby and Dad they never dreamed of.

Jane Adams, octogenarian, writer, and founder of the Woman Suffrage Society of Pennsylvania and its president for twenty years was also corresponding secretary of the American Catholic Historical Society.

Bishop McDevitt of Harrisburgh, was one of the consecrators of Bishop-elect O'Reilly, of Scranton, Pa. The Bishop of Harrisburgh, it will be recalled, preached the sermon at the late Bishop McQuaid's funeral. He was then superintendent of Catholic schools for the archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Which Way Shall I Go...? IS a perplexing problem with most individuals to know exactly whom to appoint as the executor or trustee of their estate. Long years of experience, however, have taught us that individual trustee or executorships are too uncertain and that the only positive, assured course of action is to name a strong banking institution. You will find the Central Trust Company most capable and willing to serve you in the capacity of executor or trustee of your estate. We will be pleased to have you come in and discuss this important question with any officer of the Friendly Bank. Interest Paid on Deposits: Money deposited on or before March 3rd draws interest from March 1st. Safe Deposit Boxes: Both at our Main Office and Brighton Branch... \$3 and upwards annually. Central Trust Company Main Office: Central Trust Building 25 Main Street East. Brighton Branch: 1805 East Avenue Near Winton Road.

Senator James Reed, of Missouri, may never be President but he will have a lot of fun.

Mayor Leon Scharf has appointed Rev. Daniel P. Lawton, S. J., as a member of the Historical Society of Mobile, Alabama. Page Senator Hefflin.

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Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, March 4. — St. Casimir, King, was the second son of Casimir III, King of Poland, and was born in 1458. He led a life of the most rigorous sacrifice and after his death many miracles were wrought by his body. When his tomb in Vienna was opened one hundred and twenty-two years after his death, his body was found to be whole and incorrupt.

Monday, March 5. — St. Adrian and Eubulus, martyrs, came to Caesarea during the persecution of Diocletian in order to visit the holy confessor there. When questioned at the gates of the city as to their mission, they told the truth and were immediately brought before the magistrate. After suffering prolonged tortures they gained the crown of martyrdom.

Tuesday, March 6. — St. Colette, virgin, was a member of the Third Order of St. Francis and was instructed by that Saint in a vision to undertake the reform of the order. By her inspired advice she assisted in healing the Great Schism at the Council of Constance by the election of Martin V as Pope.

Wednesday, March 7. — St. Thomas Aquino was born of noble parents at Aquino, A. D. 1225. Known as the Angelic Doctor he was one of the greatest Christian teachers of all time. His writings are still looked upon as a treasure house of sacred doctrine. He was particularly noted for his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Thursday, March 8. — St. John of God, after a wild youth, resolved at the age of forty to devote his life to the ransom of Christian slaves in Africa. On one occasion after his return to Spain, Christ appeared to him in the form of an old man whom the Saint had rescued from the streets and the Saint gave himself to the work of providing a great hospital for the poor. He died in 1550 from an illness incurred in an attempt to rescue a drowning boy.

Friday, March 9. — St. Frances of Rome, at the age of twelve, was married to Lorenzo Pontiano, a Roman noble, notwithstanding her own desire to become a nun. During their married life of forty years they never had a disagreement. She used to say: "A married woman must leave God at the altar to find Him in her domestic cares." She died on the day she had foretold, March 9, 1440.

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Bishop McNamara's Consecration Date Changed To March 29

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—The consecration of the Rt. Rev. John M. McNamara, Bishop Auxiliary-elect of Baltimore, will take place at the Baltimore cathedral on Thursday, March 29, instead of March 15, as originally scheduled, according to an announcement made in this week's issue of the Baltimore Catholic Review, official organ of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

His Grace, Archbishop Curley, who will consecrate Bishop McNamara, finds that he must be in Florida on March 15. Therefore, postponement of the consecration is necessary. The Right Rev. William J. Haise, Bishop of Raleigh, and the Right Rev. Thomas J. Toolen, Bishop of Mobile, will be the co-consecrators. The Rev. Eugene J. Connelly, pastor of St. Peter's Church, Washington, will preach the sermon.

H. L. Stuart, Chicago Banker, Is Honored By The Holy Father

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Harold L. Stuart, president of Halsey, Stuart & Co., investment brokers, has been made a Commander of the Order of Pope Pius IX, His Eminence Cardinal Mundelein announced Saturday following the receipt of a cablegram from the Vatican.

The order bestowed on Mr. Stuart is the only one which the Pope confers on persons not members of the Catholic Church, and is usually given to heads of Governments or men who have rendered an outstanding service recognized by the Holy Father. Mr. Stuart is the only living American so honored. The late General Wood was a recipient of the order, in "recognition of his service to humanity."

Mr. Stuart for years has been financial adviser of a number of leading ecclesiastics, and at present is handling the details of a \$1,500,000 loan to the Vatican, which is to be used in building the new home of the Propaganda College in Rome, for the training of priests for foreign missions.

Methodist Institute To Train Missioners Opened in Jerusalem

By Dr. Alexander Mombelli (Jerusalem Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Jerusalem, Feb. 13.—A Methodist institute for the training of missioners to the Moslems, chiefly in the Holy Land, has been opened, within the walls of Jerusalem.

Arabic and Islamic will be taught in the new school, which is housed in a building given rent-free for five years and put in repair by the Methodist Episcopal Mission.

While it is intended that primarily the institute will train clergy-men who will work in Palestine, accommodations are to be reserved for Protestant missioners to Moslems in other countries who wish to spend a short period of study in the Holy Land.

This latest evidence of Protestant initiative in Palestine follows shortly upon the announcement that an International Protestant Congress will be held in Jerusalem next month. Taken together, the two developments seem to indicate an active plan of the Protestants to widen their sphere of propaganda in the Holy Land and the Near East.