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New Trials

A secular contemporary in the following editorial calls attention to the addition to the trials and tribulations of candidates for office and public speakers generally presented in the campaign of 1928:

Public speakers do not, as a rule, have the best of times in any case. Of course there are some speakers who dearly love the platform, and who live upon the laughter they provoke with their anecdotes, no matter how ancient they may be, and the applause they receive upon the utterance of some of their carefully conned sentences.

But there are many who are disinclined, who are positively in misery most of the time they are speaking. Then, also, there are times when things don't "go over" as one expected and hoped, and disappointment follows.

Now there are these new mechanical contraptions which are being set up all around a speaker. Read for instance, extracts from one of the correspondents describing the situation confronting Governor Smith when delivering his speech of acceptance:

Four feet from the right side of his face a big black box with large lens kept a ruddy light flickering over his face. This was part of the television apparatus with which an attempt was being made to broadcast Mr. Smith's features. In front of the Governor were eight microphones and the microphone of the loud speaking apparatus which relayed the ceremonies to a small crowd under umbrellas in front of the Capitol. . . The palpitating light from the television apparatus made him blink as it flashed its disconcerting rays constantly across his face. He peered curiously with half-shut eyes into the powerful, flickering illumination in order to give television operators a glimpse of his countenance. Flashlights exploded in a drumfire as scores of cameras and moving picture machines went into action.

Here is an ordeal under which the stoutest heart of the most seasoned campaigner might quail.

New Roads

New York state is building new roads at a great rate as is proven by the following editorial in the Rochester "Times-Union":

The State is building roads as fast this year as it did last, which was a record, according to a report of the State Department of Public Works. Up to the end of July 31, 265 miles had been built, or two miles more than were constructed last year in the same period.

As state roads cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000 a mile, the total cost was somewhat between \$10,000,000 and \$13,000,000.

State roads formerly cost much more than that. To be sure, the price was \$30,000 or \$40,000 a mile, but the road didn't last more than two or three years. It belonged to the category of cheap things which are really costly.

Much of the road building is the rebuilding of old roads built for another time and age. They have been knocked to pieces by up-to-date transportation facilities, which are far heavier than those of a decade ago. Many of the old roads were built of a material not suitable to a climate where a slow explosive operates over the land-water into ice.

The Highway Department has said it would like to devote all of its time for a few years to the rebuilding of roads that need it. But the pressure for new roads is great.

Everybody claims new roads and better roads, no matter where they may be built. The principal objection is based on the theory that they would have been done somewhere else.

No department of the state is engaged in more popular work than the department of Highways. Everybody is glad to see these highway men start a job and finish it.

Rochester's Show

Rochester will welcome New York State on Monday when the Industrial Exposition opens for its 1928 showing.

Opening of the Exposition also signalizes the approach of autumn and the actual presence of Labor Day.

Started as a purely local exhibit of the products of Rochester industries the Exposition has grown into a state and national exposition. Its Horse Show is unsurpassed. Its attendance is numbered in the thousands, attracted by the industrial exhibits, the cattle entries, the vegetable and floral displays.

It is hoped that with favorable weather the attendance at the Rochester Industrial Exposition of 1928 will be a record breaker and it will if Rochesterians only appreciate what a wonderful show they have right in their home city.

Should Stop

It would appear that there are some government employees in Washington whose services could be dispensed with and no damage done the nation if the following special despatch to the New York "Evening World" from Washington is half accurate:

The Evening World has obtained evidence of brazen practices by Government clerks in Washington. It is being done by Civil Service employees who take an oath to uphold the Federal Constitution.

It is being done in direct violation of the most recent reminder by the Civil Service Commission against improper private conduct or unlawful activity in behalf of any political party.

It is being done on the taxpayers' time in Government buildings. The appeal is being directed through civil service employees from Southern or border States. It is in the form of a set of little cards, turned out on a hand press at a little hole-in-the-wall print shop in Washington. Most of the cards carry a form of verse others are acrostics, some mere slogans, others are illustrated.

Here is how the poison squad operates: A girl employed in a Federal department was sent on an official mission to another building. She sought egress through a door which is closed after 2.30 P. M. In her attempt to get the watchman to open the barred gates for her he began talking politics. Was she from the South? She was. He reached into a desk, produced a packet of the anti-Catholic cards and requested that if she liked them to pass them along to her friends. "That address on the back shows where you can get more of them," he added.

Inquiry disclosed then that it was not difficult to turn up further extensive activities of the sort among Government employees. The case of the watchman was among those investigated personally. Names, dates and details could be given. There is no special point in mentioning the name of this old man. He is over fifty-five and having him singled out for discharge would be unfair to all the others who are doing the same thing or worse.

"Where did you get those things?" was asked of him.

"From an organization to which I belong," he replied.

"Political?"

"Oh, no; it's a temperance society," he insisted.

The Best Opus

The top card on the stack he had handed The Evening World correspondent bore a picture of the Capitol dome in one corner and the words:

"Shall the flag of Rome float over this?"

The Government employee was asked what that had to do with temperance. He replied it meant all the same thing.

He was reminded he might get into trouble. He said he knew it, and "this place is full of Catholic spies."

He fumbled around some more, shuffling his little packet of cards.

"How many of these things have you?" was asked.

"I bought a thousand," he replied glibly. "But wait a second; no; yes, here it is. This is the best one. Read that. Ain't it a bird?"

The reporter read: When the bullfrog learns to sing tenor,

When the rattlesnake walks on legs,

When the razor-back hog grows feathers,

And the old mulley cow lays eggs;

When the fountain is both sweet and bitter,

When figs on the thistle shall grow,

Then Al Smith will be President; And we'll all kiss the Pope's big toe.

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Probably, united action will yet be taken to ban all "daredevil stunts" by aviation when done for show, and thrill at fairs and other commercial propositions.

Commenting on the recent action of the War Department in forbidding performance of such stunts by military aviators, the Kansas City Post says:

Considerations of safety and common sense are embodied in the order of the War Department prohibiting army aviators from participating in daredevil stunts, such as walking and similar antics, endentent being overcome, at least locally. The facilities of our parochial schools, high schools and colleges are and have always been of the best and no education is more complete than that given in a Catholic institution. There is no longer any excuse for transportation and as such should be reduced to its safest form at all times. There are hazards enough in the air to lend occasional thrills provided by weather and adverse conditions, but deliberate seekers for and providers of the spectacular should be held in as much restraint, as in the older order of transportation.

The flying switch of a loaded passenger coach or Pullman would add thrills to a train journey and probably could be accomplished without loss of life or of great inconvenience, but just the same it would be foolish to employ such practices when there are safer ways of accomplishing the same results.

The unified campaign for safety in all forms of transportation has no greater foe than the daredevil in the aerial forces, and the department order is quite in keeping with the conservative trend toward minimizing accidents through avoiding needless risks.

Complete

Appropos of the opening of the school year the "Union and Times" calls attention to the fact that "a complete education" is given by Catholic schools in the following editorial:

Within the next few weeks, thousands of Catholic boys and girls will begin another school year. For many it will be their first appearance in a classroom while for others it will be the beginning of their final year of education.

Today more than ever the necessity of sending every Catholic child to a Catholic school must be impressed upon our Catholic parents. A clear understanding of religious obligations is a sound foundation for a fruitful life. The youth of today is beset with temptations that it did not have to face a few years ago and the only way to overcome these is to teach the children the proper course to follow in moral matters. This is the function of the Catholic school and it is a work which they alone can accomplish.

There was a time when Catholic schools were unable to compete with non-Catholic schools in secular studies because of their lack of equipment. That disadvantage has to a great extent been overcome, at least locally. The facilities of our parochial schools, high schools and colleges are and have always been of the best and no education is more complete than that given in a Catholic institution. There is no longer any excuse for sending a child to any school other than a Catholic one.

It will not be long now before "the frost is on the pumpkin."

"Eddie Machold State Chairman" reintroduces to public life a very adroit, clever policeman.

It is just as incumbent to support the Church as to contribute to the political campaign.

Day by day the Catholic Church wends its way, winning souls and spreading the Gospel of Christ.

Possibly, 1928 may be marked as the year when the doctrine of state rights took on a new meaning.

It's hard to please everybody all the time. James L. Whitley suited to perfection as state senator but punk when he is suggested as Member of Congress.

The Louisville Record deploras the increase in institutions of higher learning for women as a possible "decline in home and family, decrease of the human race, the complete change of civilization."

Says the Providence, R. I. "Visitor": "The position of the Church is that its educational system is a good means to a good end. The Church claims, and upholds its claim, to be the true teacher of men. The Church maintains that its system has developed out of the truths taught by Christ, and is consequently the true system."

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Saturday, September 8.—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin. The birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary announced joy and the near approach of salvation to the lost world. Mary was brought forth in the world not like other children of Adam, infected with the loathsome contagion of sin, but pure, holy, beautiful, and glorious, adorned with all the most precious graces which became her who was chosen to be the Mother of God. She appeared indeed in the weak state of our mortality; but in the eyes of Heaven she already transcended the highest seraph in purity, brightness, and the richest ornaments of grace.

Sunday, September 2.—St. Stephen, King, was born in 977, the son of Geys, fourth Duke of Hungary, who, with his wife, had been converted to Christianity. When he ascended the throne, the Saint 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.

Monday, September 3.—St. Seraphia, virgin and martyr, was born at Antioch of Christian parents who fled to Italy from the persecution under Adrian. Resolving to consecrate her life to Christ she gave away all of her possessions and finally sold herself into slavery. Through the Saint's piety, her mistress, a Roman lady named Sabina, was converted to the Faith. Having been denounced as a Christian, the Saint was condemned to death by fire but miraculously escaped. She was later beheaded.

Tuesday, September 4.—St. Rosalie, was the daughter of a noble family descended from Charlemagne. She was born in Palermo. Despising worldly vanities she made her abode in a cave on Mount Pellegrino where she practiced austere penance and manual labor. She died in 1160.

Wednesday, September 5.—St. Laurence Justinian, refusing the offer of a brilliant marriage, fled secretly from his home at Venice and joined the Canons Regular of St. George. He became the first Patriarch of Venice and died A. D. 1435, at the age of seventy-four.

Thursday, September 6.—St. Eleutherius, was chosen abbot of St. Mark's near Spoleto and favored by God with the gift of miracles. He later resigned his abbacy and died in St. Andrew's monastery in Rome about the year 585.

Friday, September 7.—St. Cloud, confessor, was the son of Chlodimir, King of Orleans. After his father's death his uncles divided the kingdom between them and stabbed two of their nephews. Cloud, saved by special providence, renounced the world and devoted himself to the service of God. He later established a monastery about two leagues below Paris where he assembled many pious men who fled from the world for fear of losing their souls. He died about the year 560.

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American Priest Attracting London Crowds By Sermons

London, Aug. 22.—The well-known American preacher, the Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, Ph. D., D.D., has been preaching to crowded congregations on the Sundays of August at Westminster Cathedral and St. Patrick's, Soho Square. Dr. Sheen is well known in the Archdiocese of Westminster, having previously delivered courses of sermons at the above mentioned churches and was for some time professor of Dogmatic Theology at St. Edmund's Diocesan Seminary.

Rev. John Roach Straton has learned better than to try to tell Alfred E. Smith he misreads the Bible.

It is astonishing to find so many intelligent persons (seemingly) who are either grossly ignorant on Catholic belief and practices or intentional bigots of deepest dye.

Governor Smith's acceptance speech reveals a familiarity by the man with topics and problems on which the anti-Smith traducers have been alleging the Governor is and must be ignorant.

When the Democrats were here in 1910 they nominated John A. Dix for Governor and he was elected. Perhaps that is why they were so willing to hold their state convention of 1928 in Rochester.

William Allen White may find the market for his "canned syndicated output" considerably curtailed if the reading public wakes up to his lying propensities in attacking public men's personal character.