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Time Will Tell.

Rochester's new Director of Parks is not a native Rochesterian. He did stand at the head of the Civil Service eligible list.

The new charter gives the City Manager full power to name the Director of Parks.

Judging from his own statement, the City Manager has pronounced ideas as to what use should be made of the city's parks.

Queens County sewer scandal echoes continue to be heard.

Mayor Wilson's health trip to the South is another striking example of the Wilson luck.

One profitable Lenten observance: Assistance at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on every week day.

"Just To Serve"

It has been said and written often, and it is as true now as when ever, uttered, that the greatest heroes, the greatest public benefactors, pass through life unpraised, at least publicly, because they were poor self-advertisers.

In this class we place the late Robert W. Egan, a K. of C. war secretary, in the course of whose obituary, the "Southwest Courier" of Oklahoma said:

"A quiet smile; a few words; asking just to serve."

"Such was Bishop Kelley's tribute to Robert Egan, Tulsa publisher and philanthropist. No panegyric, carved or spoken, ever was filled with greater truth or beauty."

"Perhaps no layman in Oklahoma was more universally loved. He spoke against no man and it is recorded that no man spoke against him."

"The idea of considering members of a football squad as humble followers of the fair and graceful, not to mention gentle, Sir Galahad, might seem a bit incongruous."

But the name is not the misnomer some might think, after all; for while it is true that accounts lead us to think knights usually were fair and graceful, they were by no means effeminate, nor so peacefully inclined.

Moreover, judging by the composition of so-called Irish football squads, the "fighting Irish" are really just as likely to be fighting Poles or fighting Hungarians.

For the sake of accuracy, if for no other reason, the name might well be considered false. Likewise, the old idea that an Irishman did nothing but fight has waned, nowadays, along with the discarded "stage Irishman."

Besides, the name "knights" is more distinctive, and the average Irish college student, far from having to advertise any inferiority, can be called upon to uphold the unquestioned reputation of his race for physical prowess.

At any rate, the "knights" of St. Mary's should have a right to be called knights.

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Censorship of movies must be revised to meet the situation caused by the advent of "talking movies."

Colonel Lindbergh still draws the crowds.

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For Once, 'Tis True.

Once in a while, the secular press associations are found accurate in advance information regarding Catholic matters.

This is true of the ending of the strained relations between Italy and the Holy Father or as generally termed "The Quirinal vs. the Vatican."

Even so usually well informed and reliable a paper as the Brooklyn "Tablet" on January 26 printed the following "doubting Thomas editorial:—The vast amount of publicity about the so-called settlement of the Roman question is intriguing.

Here we not only have a settlement widely announced, but the future scope of the Vatican in its new quarters is elaborately laid out in attractive articles and photographs.

The number of acres the Pope will have, the number of people quartered in the new property, the quality of houses and buildings, the means of legislation, the future representation of other governments at the Vatican and finally the usual prognostication of the Pope visiting the United States and copious editorial remarks are written up with gusto.

The strange part of the entire "settlement" is that neither of the two parties supposed in agreement have affirmed the deal.

It is conceded, of course, that friendly discussion has been going on, but this has been true since the Pontificate of Leo XIII.

Then again it was only in 1927 that the same kind of a settlement was heralded far and wide, but later it went up in smoke.

There are so many obstacles to ward a restoration of the Pope to the rulership of part of what was stolen from him in 1870, that we doubt if there will be any settlement for many a day.

The favorable press opinion of the world, however, should hasten that day.

It is always necessary to take many of the foreign despatches in the press with a grain of salt.

Some of them are distortions, others have but a sole element of truth, and still others are downright falsehoods.

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With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations.

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It is one of the penalties of improved communications that we know the worst about vagaries of the weather in their entirety. Formerly a cold snap could be laughed off as something local. Now come complaints of blizzards in Thrace, shivers in Paris and uncomfortable temperatures in many other parts of Europe.

Only in recent years have we had data from so many parts of the world as to give weight to the belief that when exceptional cold prevails in one part of the world exceptional mildness afflicts another.

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Over Fifty Styles in the Sale

Combinations, step-ins, clasp-arounds, garter belts . . . there are over fifty styles in the sale.

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Only the most popular models . . . the ones that people really like . . . are used in the sale.

And it is all new, fresh merchandise of superior quality. Order several garments now, for future use!

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Reason Why.

One of the very best reasons for the existence of a virtue Catholic Press, supported liberally and generously by all Catholics is found in the following paragraphs in a Catholic exchange:—

Recently all our secular papers carried an article stating a bomb had been exploded in the home of the Cardinal Archbishop of Milan.

Neither our own news or cable service sent a line on such an important item. The other day a well-informed man who has just returned from Italy told us such a serious event never took place.

The bomb, he said, was manufactured in Russia, where tales are continually spread broadcast in an endeavor to harm religion in general and the Catholic Church in particular.

When you read, he said, is a cablegram, not a fablegram.

Russia is a propaganda mill of the most disreputable sort. Tear down, annihilate, subjugate is the one idea which all its leaders agree on.

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Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, February 24.—St. Matthias, apostle. Matthias was selected, after prayer, to fill the vacancy among the Apostles left by the defection of Judas. He was above all remarkable for his mortification of the flesh.

Tuesday, February 26.—St. Porphyry, Bishop. At the age of 25 Porphyry, a rich citizen of Thessalonica, left the world for one of the great religious houses in the desert of Scete. His health was broken through austerities, but upon his selling all of his possessions and distributing the returns to the poor, he was returned to perfect health. He was ordained in 393 and three years later was made Bishop of Gaza. He died in 420.

Wednesday, February 27.—St. Leander, Bishop. He was born of an illustrious family at Carthage in Spain, the eldest of five brothers, several of whom are numbered among the Saints. He entered a monastery when very young and in time his virtue and sacred learning led to his elevation to the See of Seville at a time when Spain was in the possession of the Visigoths. He became the happy instrument of converting the nation to the faith. When he converted Hermenegild, the king's eldest son and heir apparent, Leander was banished by King Leovigild. He was later recalled and died about the year 596.

Thursday, February 28.—Sts. Romanus and Lupicinus, Abbots. Romanus retired from the world at the age of 35 and eventually established himself in the forests of Mount Jura. Whither came Lupicinus, his brother, in the company of others. The brothers governed the monks jointly and in great harmony. St. Romanus died about the year 460 and St. Lupicinus survived him by 20 years.

Friday, March 1.—St. David, Bishop, was the son of Sant, Prince of Cardigan and of Non, born in the 5th century, and from his earliest years devoted to the service of God. He preached against heresy, was elected Bishop of Caerleon, founded a dozen monasteries and lived to a prevailing winds appear to have a 561. The force back of these winds, but imperfectly understood, appears to be the varying amount of heat derived from the sun. As knowledge of this controlling force increases it may become possible to predict Arctic weather invasions in time to warn dwellers in mild lands to supply themselves with heavier underwear. Perhaps they are happier without the sufferings of anticipation.

Saturday, March 2.—St. Simplicius, pope, was the ornament of the Roman clergy under Sts. Leo and Hilarius, and succeeded the latter in the pontificate in 468. He was raised by God to comfort and support his Church amidst the greatest storms. After great trials he went to his reward in 483.

Leo MacSweeney is no shrinking violet. He never did dodge publicity lightning.

The Church's Liturgy.

Feb. 24: Second Sunday of Lent

Dom Bede Scholz, O. S. B. (Prepared for N. C. W. C. News Service by The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minn)

Today's Mass is in part a repetition of the Mass of Ember Saturday. Each time a liturgical celebration is repeated it is less striking and new, but it becomes always more meaningful. Yesterday our Lord appeared amid the glory of Mount Tabor with the thought of His approaching death; today He appears again on Mount Tabor as the transfigured Saviour, pointing forward to His glorious resurrection.

The Mass of today presents three prominent thought divisions. In the Introit and Collect is poured forth a confident prayer, imploring God to be mindful of His mercy and goodness. Thus: "Remember, O Lord, the bowels of compassion and thy mercies. . . to thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul; in thee, O my God, I put my trust" (Introit). In the Collect we have these words: "O Lord, who seest that we are wholly without strength in ourselves keep us . . . from all adversity."

In the second part we are asked to look up to heaven, always to rest our eyes on God. Crosses are our lot. We are passing through a time of trial, especially now during Lent when many sacrifices are asked of us. The old Adam, still in us, is to be subdued by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. St. Paul in today's Epistle gives us the reason why God deals thus with man: "This is the will of God, your sanctification." To strengthen us against discouragement and failure, the Gospel allows us to get a glimpse of the divinity of Jesus, our Saviour. Our Lord knows we are weak in times of trial and therefore wishes to show us by His Transfiguration what glory we are to share if we remain faithful.

The glory that surrounded our Saviour on Tabor will truly be our portion if we do what we say in the Offertory and Communion prayers: "I will meditate on thy commandments" (Offertory); and: "to Thee will I pray, O Lord" (Communion). Jesus is to be found everywhere, even in the bustle of a large city, but He is seen only by a peaceful soul. The soul that meditates, understands Him and listens by means of faith to His commands. Such a soul yields itself up so completely to its Saviour that it is constrained to cry out as St. Peter in today's Gospel: "Lord, it is good for us to be here."

Let's see: In Pennsylvania they have a state prohibition enforcement act. It appears to have strengthened the notorious Vars machine and encouraged bribery and corruption. Privilege seekers had to settle twice—with the Federal agents and the local police. Probably that is why the Anti-Saloon Leaguers want a New York state enforcement law—so as to have the New York troopers and policemen "declared in."

Dr. Kettell told the Men's Club of a non-Catholic sect that it was because the founders of this country were religious men that the nation has become the power it is today. He predicted that, should America lose its faith in God, it would go down to ruin as have other nations that have driven God from their hearts and churches.

CHURCH IN U. S. AS VIEWED BY GERMAN PRIEST

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine (Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Cologne, Feb. 11.—A report of his six-months travel in the United States was delivered at a recent meeting of the Winfried Union at Cologne by the Rev. Dr. Bolten, pastor of the Rhineland parish of Gimborn, near Gumbach.

In detailing the difficulties encountered by the American clergy, Dr. Bolten explained that a diocese one-third the size of Germany will often have not more than thirty-two priests. An unusual fact, from the point of view of its audience, is that changing neighborhoods in the large cities cause changes in the location of churches. He referred to the practice of building basements of churches and how, in some instances, the church property is disposed of before the building has ever been completed.

Dr. Bolten declared that the influence of Catholic women upon school and education is exceedingly important in the United States and that the Catholic schools are generally very good. The esteem for woman met with among Americans he attributes in part to the nuns who are teaching in Catholic institutions. He also described conditions in coeducational institutions as favorable to morality.

Immorality is not as apparent in the United States as in Germany, but the automobile, according to Dr. Bolten, constitutes a moral hazard. Particularly so since every fifth man is said to own one. Divorce, he regretted to report, is extensive in the larger cities.

In reviewing American charitable work, which, he said, merits praise in all its branches, he paid tribute to the Franciscan Sisters of Aix-la-Chapelle for their excellent work among the negroes. Catholic charity is especially displayed in the care of the sick, he said, and 60 per cent of the Catholic hospitals function without hampering restrictions.

Outside Catholic circles, Dr. Bolten said that 50-60 per cent of the people do not attend church regularly and fall to have their children baptized.

The Union's Cologne meeting was called together by its president Rt. Rev. Dr. Straeter, Auxiliary Bishop of Cologne. The purpose of the union is to bring back into the fold Christians who have severed relations with the Papacy and Catholicism.

Mr. Hoover seems to be having a difficult task selecting his Cabinet. Apparently, one bone of contention is over Colonel William J. Donovan who aspires to be Attorney General but whose aspirations are frowned upon by the Klan and the Anti-Saloon League.

Lindy seems to be in the matrimonial toils. Pretty soon all the advertised and advertising heroes will have strutted off the public stage.

How Barney Haggerty or Samuel Potter Burrill would love to be writing Rochester politics in the present mixed condition.

The one true saying in the street traffic controversy is that "no one proposed remedy is a cure-all for traffic jams."