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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. Confirmation by the City Council is not necessary.

Judging from his own statement, the City Manager has pronounced ideas as to what use should be made of the city's parks—possibly quite contrary to the ideas held by the projectors of the Rochester park system, notably William C. Barry, whose associates donated the site of Highland Park and Miss Baker, who has donated several hundred acres to Genesee Valley Park.

This being so, it was inevitable that he should, having the power, name a Director who would carry out his ideas, not carry on the plans outlined by the first Park Commission, headed by Dr. E. M. Moore and Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid and broadened by Park Commissioner's Riley and Laney.

Time will tell whether City Manager Story has acted wisely or foolishly.

President Coolidge plans to retire on March 4 to the \$36 a month half of a rented double house in Northampton, Mass., he left eight years ago to become Vice-President. A fine example of New England thrift, we say.

Despite his physical handicaps, Governor Roosevelt plans two tours of the State this summer, one by boat through the canal system, the other by automobile.

Cause And Effect.

There have been various comments for and against on the action of the athletic authorities of St. Mary's school in Kansas in dropping the term "Fighting Irish", as its football team was known and substituting "Knights of St. Mary's". The Brooklyn "Tablet" takes a broad and sane view in the following editorial:

Pugnacious followers of the many sport of football may feel somewhat chagrined, if not actually belligerent, over the action of the St. Mary's (Kansas) athletic authorities in dropping the name "Fighting Irish" and designating the sturdy battlers for the honor of St. Mary's by the more poetic name of "Knights".

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. On the contrary, we gather from a reading of St. Thomas Malory's Arthurian chronicles that about the chief activity of these fair and graceful knights was to wield the sword and smite their enemies.

Moreover, judging by the composition of so-called Irish football squads, the "Fighting Irish" are racially just as likely to be fighting Poles or fighting Hungarians. So for the sake of accuracy, if for no other reason, the name might well be considered passe. Likewise, the old idea that an Irishman did nothing but fight has waned, nowadays, along with the discredited "stage Irishman". Besides, the name "Knights" is more distinctive, and the average Irish college student, far from having to advertise any innate belligerence, can be relied upon to uphold the unquestioned reputation of his race for physical prowess.

At any rate, the "Knights of St. Mary's" if they are to live up to the old motto, should have the same motto on the football field, and endeavor to keep their minds and hearts as steady as the quest for the Holy Grail.

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 editor-service sent a line on such an innuendo:—The vast amount of publicity about the so-called settlement of the Roman question is intriguing. Here we not only have a settlement wide-spreadly 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.

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. He escaped the Park Director and the tax disturbances.

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 ordinary, 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. His charity came from a heart of gold and it went to places where the cry of need was answered with fullness and with warmth.

"Robert Egan did have a quiet smile. He was pleasant to greet, pleasant to speak with, pleasant when he bade adieu. His character seemed to me moulded from a fine die; his heart seemed to beat a little faster for those who did not snatch riches from the world; his gracious pleading way fastened itself upon us and made us like the man.

"Perhaps the reason Robert Egan stood out above his fellow-men was because he seemed to soar above those things that war men's lives today. The brazenness of men was modesty in him; the seeking of limelight of others served only to emphasize his own retirement; no Babbit's glory here, no rush to win the eye of man; only asking to serve when service of Christ was the call.

"The world has few Robert Egans. And the reason is because men must be made of finer mettle to lift themselves above the sordid things that see a way out beyond to the creating shadows of Eternity. Such men live in this world, but regulate their lives to live in union with Christ forever in the next."

In order to have full grown trees to beautify the new state park in Albany around the new State office building the Public Works Department is moving trees from New Jersey and Pennsylvania at an estimated cost of \$150,000.

Censorship of movies must be revised to meet the situation caused by the advent of "talking movies". Colonel Lindbergh still draws the crowds.

While Bishop-elect O'Hern will not have to face a new trail as did Bishop McQuaid when named first Bishop of Rochester, the Catholic population is greater and responsibilities are as heavy, if not heavier.

Reason Why.

One of the very best reasons for the existence of a virile 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 innuendo. 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, be sure it 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.

Compulsory automobile insurance has its vigorous advocates and forceful opponents, the same situation existed in the early days of the compulsory workmen's compensation law.

To be or not to be; gasoline tax, no gasoline tax; reduction in the income tax, no reduction in income tax; to abolish the real property tax, not to abolish real property tax. And there you are!

Lincoln On War

In 1865, on March 4th, in the course of his second inaugural address, Abraham Lincoln said:

"Fondly do we hope—ferently do we pray—that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bond-man's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid with another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said, "The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

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.

And yet the United States has participated in two wars since then; the Spanish-American war and the great World Cataclysm!

Ideal Here

While this is not the first winter in which Rochester has stood out as an ideal winter resort because of its unusually moderate weather—whereas the reputed mild climate of winter resorts, both in America and Europe have been experiencing unusually cold and disagreeable winter seasons—the worst in years.

The Rochester "Times-Union" thus cheerily, if indirectly and unintentionally, gives Rochester weather a great boost in the following editorial:—Pity the poor gondoliers, idle because ice has formed on the canals of Venice; pity also the unfortunate Eskimos in Greenland, worrying about the supply of snow with which to build commodious igloos, now that the temperature in southern Greenland hovers around 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Climatologists have apparently become misplaced for the moment. Everybody suffers, unless they get back very promptly where they belong the Venetian canals will be a failure for lack of skates, of which Italy has a sadly inadequate supply, while the Greenlanders will run some risk of a housing shortage due to the melting of their frozen homes.

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.

Climates, of course are only momentarily displaced. They soon slip back where they belong. Nor do the old records about the alteration of the Gulf Stream play much part in the reckoning of such vagaries now. The direction and force of prevailing winds appear to have changed. Saturday, March 2.—St. Simplicianus, pope, was the ornament of the Roman clergy under Sta. Leo and 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.

Take Any Elevator to Third Floor

To Our Greatest Annual

Corset Sale

IT'S now in progress... our Annual Corset Sale. Ever since November, we've been planning and working on this event. People have been inquiring about it for weeks. Women look forward to it from year to year. For it offers the greatest corset values possible... the manufacturers work with us toward higher quality at lower prices than at any other time.

Over Fifty Styles in the Sale

Combinations, step-ins, clasp-arounds, garter belts... there are over fifty styles in the sale. They include foundations for every type of costume, for women of all sizes, for every hour of the day. And during the sale they are priced at about 1-3 to 1-2 less than ordinary prices.

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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Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

The Church's Liturgy.

Feb. 24: Second Sunday of Lent

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.

Monday, February 25.—St. Tarasius was born at Constantinople about the middle of the eighth century, of a noble family. He was made consul and afterwards first secretary of state to the Emperor Constantine and the Express Irene, his mother in the midst of the court he led a religious life and was chosen unanimously to be the successor of Paul, patriarch of Constantinople. Finding it vain to oppose his election, he declared that he could not in conscience accept the government of a see which had been cut off from the Catholic communion, except on condition that a general council should be called to compose the disputes which divided the Church at that time in relation to holy images.

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 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, 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 Theodigild. He was later recalled and died about the year 536.

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 fifth 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 an advanced age of 80 years, dying on March 1, much more to do with the proceed-

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

CHURCH IN U. S. AS VIEWED BY GERMAN PRIEST

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Caplain
(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 Rhine-land parish of Gimbora, near Gummerbach.

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 his 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 women 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.

Immortality 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 80 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 fail to have their children baptized.

The Union's Cologne meeting was called together by its president Rt. Rev. Dr. Straeber, 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 ills."