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EXCELS IN

TWO IMPORTANT RESPECTS

Recognition accorded dignitaries of the Catholic church today is in sharp contrast with the prescriptive ideas that have had wide vogue in at least two periods of our national life. Neither in politics nor religion are men of the world or protestant clergymen afraid to greet the priest, the archbishop or the pope's representative as man and brother. Nor is this wholly due to toleration from the protestant side. Greater fraternity has been manifested by Catholics toward protestants, especially among the higher prelates of the church in the United States.

Thought is measurably free in our protestant denomination; and while this may lead to chaos on the one hand, it has enabled many eminent ministers of brains and character to study Catholicism with an open mind—historically as in the heroic annals of New France, and contemporaneously as revealed in missionary and charitable work. Many have been greatly impressed with the wisdom and effectiveness of the Catholic organization, and still others with the devoted service and self-sacrifice of the benevolent orders. If relaxation of creeds has tended toward religious indifference, it has at least promoted tolerance and charity.

It is a common observation of protestant scholars that the Catholic church excels in two important respects—one being its assiduous attention to children and other its uninterrupted hold on the masses, from which protestant congregations too often find themselves far removed. For these phenomena there are many explanations, but one in particular may be worth mentioning. This is the emphasis the church lays on worship and service and the latitude it allows in matters of personal conduct. For one to pay his vows to the Most High and to do some good as one goes along must have a great power of attraction as a gospel for daily living.

Is it significant that it is upon these heads that protestant opinion so often condemns the church of Rome? Is it a suggestive theme for study that sometimes in our protestant circles we seem to pay more attention to long prayers and the tithing of mint and anise and cummin, the playing of cards, the use of Sunday afternoon, attendance at the theater, than we do to the visitation of the sick and the hungry, the clothing of the naked and cups of cold water in the name of Christ? Do the masses still flock to Catholic services because they are more comfortable there and not repelled either by superciliousness or reproof for amusements? At least one would dislike to admit that the growth of Catholicism in numbers and standing is unexplainable by natural causes. At least it would be unwise to complain of the church's success with children and with the poor without an inquiry into the reasons that have made such success possible and perhaps an effort to adopt and adapt those principles and methods in the other denominations.—Indianapolis Star.

A TARIFF LESSON

FOR THE WOMEN

Says President Taft in his speech defending the new tariff law:

"The high cost of living, of which 50 per cent is consumed in food, 25 per cent in clothing and 25 per cent in rent and fuel, has not been produced by the tariff."

Says Harper's Weekly, also a Republican authority:

"Last year, Mr. Con Sumer and his wife made a New Year resolution. They agreed to keep an itemized account of all their expenses and save \$300 toward a house. They kept half the resolution; that is, they made the itemized account, but not only did the trade (which no one is demanding) in favor of a previous tariff."

400 die an inglorious death, but the pair just managed to see the 31st day of December die away before the last cent of Mr. Sumer's yearly salary had disappeared. Yet this gentleman is a confidential clerk; he gets a salary of \$3,600 a year and makes a noble attempt to keep up a good appearance.

"Mrs. Sumer bought two street dresses and an evening dress during the year, and even Mr. Sumer had no cause to object to the price. For her spring dress she paid \$20, and for her winter dress \$25; while for her evening dress she paid \$35. Now for these precious dresses, when they are imported, the customs authorities come along and collect a duty of 44 cents a yard, and in addition 60 per cent ad valorem, which means that Mrs. Sumer had to pay \$9.31 duty on the \$20 dress and \$11.32 on the \$25 dress. In other words, if there were no duty on dresses, she could buy these same dresses for \$10.69 and \$13.68, respectively; or the two for less than she paid last year for one.

"For that evening dress that she paid \$35 for she had to disburse a duty of exactly \$14, so that if there had been no duty the dress would have cost \$21. In other words, these three dresses that she paid \$80 for cost her just \$34.63 in customs duties. The actual cost of the dresses without duty would be \$45.37, so that the duties ate up the cost of her evening dress. That \$34.63 which she indirectly paid in duties would have bought an extra dress that she felt she sorely needed, but instead some manufacturer got probably \$30 of it and invested it in real estate in his wife's name."

HARD ON

SENATOR BEVERIDGE

President Taft does not propose to leave Senator Beveridge and the other Republican "insurgents" a leg to stand on. Mr. Beveridge and his friends, including his special organ, the Indianapolis Star, belabored Senator Aldrich unmercifully accused him and truly of being the chosen representative in the senate of the mercenary interests and opposed to the welfare of the common people. And now comes President Taft in a speech at a Boston banquet and thus eulogized Aldrich and his new project:

"I am told that Mr. Aldrich will swing around the circle in the present fall and will lecture in many of the cities of the middle west on the defects and needs of our monetary system. I cannot too strongly approve of this proposal. Mr. Aldrich, who is the leader of the senate, and certainly one of the ablest statesmen in financial matters in either house, has been regarded with deep suspicion by many people, especially in the west.

"If, with his clear-cut ideas and simple but effective style of speaking, he makes apparent to the western people what I believe to be his political career by the preparation and passage of a bill which shall give us a sound and safe monetary and banking system, it would be a long step toward removing the political obstacles to a proper solution of the question."

Mr. Taft plainly wants it understood that any Republican who insurges against Aldrich insurges against the Republican party.

THE PRESIDENT

16 A PETTIFOGGER

President Taft has shown on more than one occasion—and even repeatedly during the last campaign—that it is not at all difficult for him to descend to the language and methods of the commonest kind of a common pettifogger. In a speech defending the Payne-Aldrich-Cannon tariff on his present tour (for which the public pays) Mr. Taft said:

"If the country desires free trade and the country desires a revenue tariff, and wishes the manufacturers all over the country to go out of business and to have cheaper prices at the expense of the sacrifice of our manufacturing interests, then it ought to say so and ought to put the Democratic party in power if it thinks that party can be trusted to carry out any affirmative policy in favor of a previous tariff."

Mr. Taft knows as well as any other intelligent person that neither free trade (which no one is demanding) nor a tariff for revenue (which most people are demanding) will put any honest manufacturer or any other honest man "out of business." It would be bad enough for Mr. Taft to make such a statement if he were traveling over the country as a private citizen at his own expense. But it is inexcusable for him to make it while traveling as president of the United States at public expenses.

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IT'S TO BE

A HARD ONE

These untimely frosty mornings indicate that the agricultural year down in New Jersey is not without wisdom in his prophecies of a cold fall, and what he terms "a riproaring winter," by which he means "intensely cold." He reports that the corn this season grew long "whiskers," and in this respect the New Jersey seer notices that the corn patterns after the wise farmer, who "raises" a good crop of hirsute appendages as the frost approaches. Then, too, the sunflower blossomed early. Because of this he predicts a blizzard of the 1888 kind about the middle of November. Then the apple crop was short; a poor crop, such as noticeable this fall, showing that the trees are storing up their sap and energy against a long winter and a "hard spell of weather." Yet more, the cabbage head is no mean indicator. This year, on this New Jersey farm, it is growing thick, tough leaves so that they may have warm covering for the cold weather which is coming. There are weather prophets in Indiana—acres of them—who tell by the bark on a tree, the migration of birds in early fall, the industry of the squirrel, etc., what to expect, but it seems as if none of them has yet based predictions on the growth of the corn, "whisker," the early bloom of the sunflower, or the thick leaves of the cabbage. They should get busy. It should not be left for a New Jersey seer to warn us against arctic conditions when there is such a wealth of atmospheric talent in the Hoosier state.—Indianapolis News.

The Democrats of Brown county have already nominated their county ticket to be voted for in November, 1910. That is going some.

The Auburn Courier have cut out all clubbing features and from this time on will sell their newspaper on its own merits. This is what every newspaper should do, and in the place of premiums give their readers every item of local news that is fit to print.

The Democrats of Hartford City held their nominating convention Tuesday evening and selected a strong ticket headed by Dr. G. W. Sweiert for mayor. Hartford City is the liveliest political spot on the map, and the Democrats are usually fast enough to get the gravy.

At no time did politics play any part in the affair and Democrat and Republican councilmen worked together for the accomplishment of the one purpose, the erection of the plant.—P. L.

The last account we had, was that the plant was built and that it is pretty good "junk," worth the money and everybody is happy.

But is the debt contracted in the building of the water works plant the cause of our present trouble?—P. L.

Now, is it, or isn't it? Which? Seems to a man up a tree that any one possessing the worldly wisdom about municipal affairs and good government that you do, P. L., ought to solve that problem quicker than scat-

The fact will be recalled that some weeks ago Governor John A. Johnson

declared that the psychological moment for his elevation to the presidency of the United States had passed. The Times commented on that declaration at the time, expressing the belief that the governor's physical condition probably impelled him to take that gloomy view of his political future. His death warrants the inference that Governor Johnson had a premonition of approaching dissolution. Man's mind is at times won-

drous in its working.—South Bend Times.

MAKES

AN ADMISSION

In as much however as the reports are volunteer matter not verified by oath or asked for by the council we grant him the right to make such classifications as are most calculated to suit his convenience or answer the expedience of the situation.—P. L.

Here is an admission. An admission that perhaps there were a few

things done, a few acts performed by the present council that are subject to discussion on their merits. This is good. It certainly will have to be admitted that the present council did not build the water works, nor did they steal out in the dead hours of night to destroy the private property of a then citizen of this city in order that we might have a monopoly on the business of an electric light plant. Neither did they obligate the city right and left and in the middle without any pretensions of meeting those obligations. All they did was take hold of the affairs of the city when it was impossible to even get a car of coal without their private endorsement, pay off the bills, the court judgments, reduce the indebtedness, put a system in operation so that the affairs of the city are now on a business basis. These are a few of the accomplishments of the present council, and while they may have their faults, yet when it comes to business they have a record of which they at least, may always be proud.

The new governor of Minnesota is Adolph O. Eberhart. When he got married he concluded to drop his own name and take that of his wife. He did this for the reason that the name Olson was very common. He is a republican, the democratic candidate for lieutenant governor being defeated along with the rest of the democratic state ticket, Johnson alone being elected.—Columbia City Post.

President Taft has made a lot of trouble for the Republicans of Indiana. He has put it up to them whether they shall be loyal to him or to Senator Beveridge. Indeed, he goes even further than that for by declaring that the Republican senators who voted against the new tariff bill took themselves out of the party, he puts the Republicans of Indiana in a position where, if they endorse Beveridge's course, they take themselves out of the party. And if they fail to endorse Beveridge they leave him entirely without a political home.

There is a class of citizens in Decatur, most of whom are beneficiaries of the present administration, who every time attention is called to the failures of the present administration begin to sneer and in a sort of far away insinuation hint that all our present troubles are the outgrowth and fruits of action taken by some previous administration.—P. L.

Was there ever anything more cruel than of those sinners who are growing filthy dirty from the gravy distributed with a lavish hand by the present city fathers, sneering a mean sneer every time a real reformer like P. L. points his index finger at the faults and failures of our city government. It is fairly maddening.

A writer in the Indianapolis News says: "Never before in history has a president felt called on to stump the country, within six months after his inauguration, and defend his policy and decry the opposition." And never before did any president do it at public expense.

American farmers ought to feel humiliated that the number of bushels of wheat to the acre averages a fraction less than 14 bushels in this country, while the average in Germany is 21, in England 23, Scotland 29, and Ireland 37. There is not the slightest doubt that the average could be doubled in this country if the same pains were taken to cultivate and fertilize the soil that are applied in the countries named. Iowa is moving in that direction.—South Bend Times.

SAYS SHE MEANT IT

IS NOW A RESIDENT OF MONROE

John Mayer Expects to Open His Five and Ten Cent Store There.

John Mayer came in from Monroe yesterday the first time since leaving Kendallville and locating at Monroe. He is getting ready for the opening of his new five and ten cent store in that place and expects to be ready by the middle of next month. His stock of goods is ordered and by the time mentioned he expects to be ready for business. Himself and wife are now living there although they were unsuccessful in getting a house to live in, which is a little inconvenient, but at the same time it looks good for hustling Monroe.

Cora Hooker-Gross Maintains That She Tried to Suicide

CALL DR. McMILLEN

Her Condition Was Hysterical and She Had No Chance of Shuffling Off

Cora Hooker-Gross fell in love again and then tried to end it all by the suicide route. Dr. McMillen was called on the case this morning and while the patient was in a sub-rosa condition, breathing hard, refused to talk and was hysterical, yet an examination revealed no poisonous concoctions taken internally. The doctor, not to be fooled, gave the patient an emetic, and in due time she let go of everything but her shoes, and after today will be able to fix things with her fickle lover and the world will move along just the same. She stoutly maintained that she did the awful deed, and did it too for the purpose of ending all the trials and tribulations this world is heir to. She refused to state what sort of poison she took, how much or where she got it. The doctor, however, says that her condition was only hysterical and that she had no chance of shuffling off this mortal coil. Cora is sick today, but she will be all right tomorrow, when she will be tickled to death that she was saved to meet face to face another lover that will discount the old one two to one. There is plenty of fish in the sea, Cora. Brace up and be a good fellow.

THE CENTENNIAL

Mayor France Will Attend Big Celebration at St. Louis Next Week

LEAVES HERE SUNDAY

Every Mayor in the United States is Invited as Guest of Honor

Mayor C. O. France of this city will leave here Sunday night for St. Louis, where he will attend the Centennial anniversary of the incorporation of that city. He was notified today that the invitation extended to him as well as to the mayor of every other city in the United States was of the genuine kind, which they were expected to accept, and that all expenses would be paid after the officers arrive in the city. Great plans have been made for the event which begins next Monday and the occasion will be one of the biggest of the kind known to history. Among the guests who will participate in the celebration are a number of the mayors from the great cities, including New York, Chicago, San Francisco, New Orleans and others, and the program of entertainment includes some events of great interest. It will prove a delightful trip for Mayor France, and the others from this section who will attend.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, we have learned with profound sorrow of the death of our esteemed brother, Charles F. Colchin, whose death occurred Sept. 23, 1900.

Whereas, by his death our council has lost a valued member, whose utmost endeavor was always for the welfare and good of the order, and whose upright and noble life is one worthy of our imitation.

Whereas, by his death his parents lost a kind and loving son, his church a devout Christian and one of its best and most valued members, the community an honest and upright young man.

Be it further resolved that as a token of our respect for our deceased brother, our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days, that a copy of these resolutions be given to the family of our deceased brother, that a copy be given to each of the newspapers of Decatur for publication, and that a copy be spread on record in the record book of our council.

And be it further resolved that we extend to the family of our brother our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of their bereavement.

H. J. YAGER,
JOHN HESSLER,
W. A. KUEBLER

Miss Laura Fishbaugh, of Huntingdon, returned to her home this noon.

SOCIETY COLUMN

Woman's Missionary Society Held Banner Meeting Yesterday

PATTERSON FAMILY

Enjoy Another Happy Reunion at Home of Mrs. Schrock

The following program will be rendered at the Salem church in Blue Creek township on Saturday night, October 2.

Song—"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

Prayer.

Song—By the choir.

Band selection—Salem band.

Solo—"O, Dry Those Tears"—Bertha Carver.

Recitation—Alta Bryan.

Duet—"Mid Evening Shadows"—Prude Danner, Frances Meyer.

Flag Drill.

Mixed Quartet.

Recitation—Fern Krugh.

Solo—"Four Leaf Clover"—Bertha Carver.

Song—"Thou Canst Hear a Little Child"—Primary class.

Solo—"Rose, Rose, Rose"—Maggie Lynch.

Recitation—Harry Danner.

Male Quartet.

Solo—"A Little Thief"—Bertha Carver.

Recitation—Edna Lynch.

Instrumental Music.

Solo—"Sing Me to Sleep"—Bertha Carver.

Pantomime.