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Editor Intermountain Catholic:

My Dear Sir:—Replying to your favor asking my approval of The Intermountain Catholic since its establishment in this diocese, I will state that I consider the founding of a Catholic paper in Salt Lake not the least of the many blessings bestowed by Providence on the Church here during the past two years. Its birth occurred at an opportune time. Its zeal in propagating Catholic truth, has had, since its inception, my hearty, though silent approval. I believe with Our Holy Father that "a good Catholic journal is a perpetual mission in a parish," and that it will serve as a question box, at all times, for anxious inquirers. In my visitations I shall hope to find The Intermountain Catholic in the homes of every Catholic family. Its mission is to espouse truth, justice and morality, and all devoted priests will find in it an able cooperator in their missionary work. It is my wish that all my priests and the laity entrusted to my charge should encourage your noble effort and that of the generous founder of The Intermountain Catholic. Yours sincerely,

L. SCANLAN,
Bishop of Salt Lake.

Salt Lake City, Oct. 2, 1899.

CARD FROM BISHOP SCANLAN.

I feel it my duty to protect Catholics and the public generally from fraud and imposition by notifying them from time to time that no person bearing the name and garb of a priest or sister or anyone else is authorized or permitted to solicit or collect in this diocese for any purpose whatever connected with the Catholic Church without having from me permission in writing bearing my seal and signature. Should any one be found engaged in doing this unlawful work or collecting without such a document, he or she, as the case may be, should be regarded by all as a fraud and an imposter.

L. SCANLAN,
Bishop of Salt Lake.

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THE POPE'S ADMONITION.

A Catholic newspaper in a parish is a perpetual mission. Let all who truly and from their souls desire that religion and society defended by human intellect and literature should flourish, strive by their liberality to guard and protect the Catholic press, and let every one in proportion to his income support them with his money and influence, for to those who devote themselves to the Catholic press we ought by all means to bring helps of this kind, without which their industry will either have no results or uncertain and miserable ones.

POPE LEO XIII.

PHIL. CORCORAN.....Editor.

Mr. Lloyd George estimates the cost to Great Britain of completing the conquest of the Boers at $2,000,000,000.

The retirement of the Hon. William C. Whitney from business while still successful in making money indicates that he does not intend to endow any colleges.

Another Spanish Irishman has set foot in the new world. He is Senor Ignacio Yuero O'Donnell, who took charge of the Spanish consulate at New Orleans.

Father John Walsh knelt when he delivered prayer in the New York senate chamber, but none of the senators followed his example. One of the solons said it might establish a bad precedent.

Today Catholic Germany is proud of its press. Four hundred and seventeen newspapers, with 2,000,000 subscribers, form the vanguard of the faithful Catholic body that fights for truth, justice and liberty.

Miss Susan B. Anthony is 82 years old and still sprightly. She can read with the aid of glasses, her memory is unimpaired, and she converses freely with friends. Miss Anthony has never used either spirits or tobacco in any form.

Edward Kent of Colorado, appointed by President Roosevelt to be chief justice of Arizona, is a son of the famous Whig candidate for the governorship of Maine, and whose campaign called forth the stirring political cry, "Hell bent for Governor Kent."

Mrs. Hetty Green sent word to Mayor Collins of Boston the other day that she wished to see him on private business. The mayor sent word that his office hours were entirely given up to city affairs and he could not see Mrs. Green. "The richest woman in America" was angry, but had to submit.

There's more ways of finding facts in history than hunting them through a book. Look over the advertisements of patent nostrums. For example, "fried onions were the indirect cause of Napoleon's death." Ergo: If Napoleon had taken one of —— Dyspeptic Tablets after eating friend onions, he might have been alive today. "Sold by all druggists," etc.

King Edward sets the fashion for the British bloods, and the American "Chawleys" turn up their pantaloons when it rains in London. Roosevelt sets the pace in Washington, but Teddy can ride a horse. Now all those at the capital who desire to be considered en regle, a la mode and recherche, young and old alike, are following the fad created by Roosevelt, and permit themselves to be joggled up and down on a horse for an hour or two each day. What monkeys these mortals be!

There is a good opening at Washington for a bright, capable, self-reliant Utah man out of a political job; but he will have to hustle, as there are already a large number of applications on file, and more are coming. The position in question is that of governor general of the Danish West Indies. A big salary and little to do is assured; and the man who secures the plum is not required to talk Danish or walk Spanish. The suggestion is offered to the Republican party managers in Salt Lake, as affording handy means to patch up peace over the police imbroglio.

Last Tuesday Miss Stone was free. But Tuesday was not a good day to verify news, although the dispatch stated the money for her release had been paid over to the brigands. Now it is announced that Miss Stone is not free. Perhaps the best explanation is offered in Mickey Free's song: "'Pon me sowl, I'm thinkin' the money's not there."

Now that we are owners of the Danish West Indies, what name shall we give them? Danish is misleading and inappropriate, and United States West Indies would be no better. Territory of the Antilles has been suggested, but it is a name that meets with little favor. It has been suggested that the islands be attached to the jurisdiction of Porto Rico, but that would cut off a lot of fat offices, and deserving politicians would go hungry.

Grief over "Father Pat's" untimely death is genuine in British Columbia, and his loss is reckoned a public calamity. The Rossland Miner publishes a list of subscribers to a memorial fund at that place, which includes citizens in every walk of life. Father Welch of the Sacred Heart church set apart a collection for this object. What form the memorial will take we are not advised. Presumably a monument. Far better than marble shafts to perpetuate the memory of "Father Pat" is the good example he left his fellow men, and if he could speak in death, the chances are he would put a veto on the monument by telling the committee it was too much money to waste on a dead man. It would be just like "Father Pat."

The report that Mr. Schwab gambled at Monte Carlo has excited considerable discussion over the point where games of chance begin to be gambling and offensive to morals. From a theological standpoint, Archbishop Ryan says: "I was very glad to learn that a dispatch from Mr. Schwab himself positively denies the report. All playing for exorbitant sums is reprehensible. No contract is justifiable in which neither reason nor proportion is observed. No man should stake on a blind chance a sum which, if lost, would not only distress himself, but others. As many other sins are almost inseparably connected with gambling, it should be discountenanced. To play at a game of chance for mere amusement or for so small a sum as would be virtually regarded as nothing, cannot be condemned."

Some Thoughts For To-Day.

NINE out of ten persons who pick up a paper this morning will be reminded in some way that today is the twenty-second of February, and a state holiday. Some paragraph may appear telling about a proposed celebration in honor of Washington. One will read it; the other nine will skip it. No better proof is needed of the decay of American colonial hero worship. If any love for early traditions remain in the American heart, the flame is kept alive by our children. Fortunately they cannot comprehend, like their elders, a republic reaching out and obtaining by conquest an empire spreading over two hemispheres. The children are charmed by the story of the War for Independence; their sympathies go out to the suffering patriots at Valley Forge; their young blood leaps over the affair at Trenton and the surrender of the Hessians. From Lexington to Yorktown our children repeat the history of Washington, as we learned it long ago and loved it long ago. Now the Funstons and the Bells take his place in the American heart. Washington is good enough for children only.

Today, in spots throughout the Union, a militia company may turn out, or the Daughters of the American Revolution may drink tea. By mere coincidence, Blanche Walsh is in Salt Lake, and among her repertoire is the play of "Janice Meredith," a drama founded on a revolutionary novel in which Washington appears. To attend the matinee today may discharge a lofty patriotic duty, in the minds of some patrons; but the chances are that half who attend go to see Blanche Walsh and will be surprised at the stage apparition of Washington. In other places some orator with the courage of conviction will admonish his listeners to remain steadfast to the principles won at Yorktown and incorporated into the federal government by the fathers. The verdict of half who listen will be that the orator is an anti-imperialist and his language calculated to keep alive rebellion against armed authority in the Philippines.

Iconoclasts have already begun to destroy the inpocent traditions which made the character of the great Washington a lovely one for the nursery—an example of morality, of truth, of honor. Some comparisons favor Benedict Arnold as a general; John Adams is quoted as writing down the "Father of His Country" a blockhead in statesmanship. All agree that if he lived in this day he would be a fellow of no consequence. And so would he be, were it not for our children.

God bless our American children. They are the sap of the tree of freedom. Their sires are the withered branches of decayed liberty, fit only for the fire of imperialism.

Revolution in Spain.

ALAS, POOR SPAIN! Shorn of your past glory as the herald of the Cross and civilization in the western hemisphere, you now await the mercy of the mobs inside your imperial cities. Weyler, loyal though he be to his royal mistress, is a dangerous adviser for the queen regent. Premier Sagasta is not much better. A telegram in the afternoon papers of today (Thursday) says the premier is preparing a decree establishing martial law throughout Spain, and it is believed this will be followed by an extreme national crisis. Already Weyler has given orders to have the troops in Madrid served with arms and ball cartridges, and proceed to the troubled cities in the Catalonian province.

After the Hispano-American war, for a time we indulged in the hope that the Spanish people would loyally unite to retrieve their loss through the opportunity which liberal legislation could establish, and follow the example given by France after the disastrous war with Germany. The queen regent favored such a liberal policy, but it appears her Austrian ways are not the ways of the Spaniard. The result is hunger, wretchedness and workingmen, running mad with anarchy, pillaging the rich and killing those who oppose their strike.

It is hard to find in Spain today a man with the broad views and fearless courage of Castillo, shot by an anarchist only a year before the outbreak of hostilities between this country and Spain. He carried into the office of premier all that was left of good in the republic, enough to modify the monarchy and at the same time keep the Carlists in check. Today none can tell what the morrow may bring to Spain. It may bring the republic—but such a republic! If reliance can be placed on Thursday's dispatches, the bloodthirstiness of the Spanish mob is more terrible to behold than the anger which found vengeance satisfied only upon the guillotines of France. Yet that scourge brought out a Napoleon and a grander people in France. Who knows but history may repeat itself in Spain?

What a nightmare all this must be to the young man so soon to be crowned king of Spain! What anguish it must bring to his mother, the devoted Catholic and amiable queen regent!

The Dutchman Fooled Them.

ALL THE WORLD is laughing, except John Bull, over that comical event along Klip river, south of Johannesburg, on the 12th. The spectacle of 150 mounted British troopers scampering after one lone Boer, is enough to excite humor in a wooden image. According to a Pretoria dispatch, this large British force was engaged in running down Boers hiding in farm houses. A house was surrounded and a single burgher broke away and made for a kopje, the British hot in the chase. Up the kopje climbed the Boer and up the kopje followed the British, and then ——.

Lord Kitchener "regrets" to announce the loss of two officers and ten men killed and several officers and forty men wounded before the British force was able to fall back under cover of a block house. The cunning old Dutchman led his pursuers into a trap.

Anticipating the derisive smile on the lips of the civilized world, the Pretoria dispatch apologetically announces that "the mounted infantry trapped were all fresh from home and unused to Boer tactics." That explanation is also fresh—fresh enough for Kipling to take it up and add another verse to "the flanneled fools at the wicket or the muddled oafs at the goals." Did these flanneled fools imagine they were chasing a jack rabbit up that kopje?

Except the fabled story of the capture of ancient Troy through a wooden horse, there is nothing so exquisitely funny in history as the spectacle of 150 troopers chasing a lonesome Boer, and then getting what Paddy gave the drum.

A True "Soggarth Aroon."

FATHER LARKIN of All Hallows college in this city laments the death of his uncle, Rev. Thomas J. Larkin, P. P. The sad event took place early in the month at his residence in Monyemoore, County Derry, Ireland.

The Irish News of Belfast contains an interesting sketch of the labors of this true "soggarth aroon" for the Church and his people, which extend close on half a century. Especially throughout the archdiocese of Armagh, the loss of Father Larkin is deeply deplored. A long account is also given of the funeral, and, judging from the large number who followed the remains to the cemetery, the eulogy given by the correspondent of the Irish paper only briefly outlines the genuine sorrow of the Irish people for their old parish priest. The Irish News correspondent says:

"Father Larkin was remarkable for a quiet, unostentatious and lovable disposition, and all who enjoyed his acquaintance speak in eloquent terms of him as a priest and a gentleman. Perhaps those immediately associated with him could best appreciate his worth. None knew him better than the people of the parish of Aardtrea, amongst whom he labored for over thirty years, and none will appreciate more fully his merit and the loss his death entails.

The deceased first saw the light in Ballinderry, in the year 1829, and at an early age went to Armagh seminary, where he distinguished himself by close and brilliant study. He subsequently attended Maynooth college, and in the year 1856 was ordained priest. Soon afterwards he was appointed dean and general manager of the seminary at Armagh. During his stay there he was beloved by the students and citizens alike, and it was with feelings of regret that they learned of his departure from amongst them to take up his first curacy in Carrickmore. Father Larkin's next appointment was to Keady, and thence to Donaghmore, whence he came to Moneymore in the year 1870. Here he remained until his death, labering as only a true soggarth aroon can to further the interests, spiritual and temporal, of his people. Father Larkin was considered one of the most accomplished singers of Gregorian chant in Ireland and while a student in Maynooth he distinguished himself as leader of the college choir.

"For some months past Father Larkin had been failing in health, and, though the best medical aid procurable was forthcoming, the venerable priest never rallied, and on Sunday he passed to his reward, full of years and honors."

About "Bad Reputations."

SOME PERSON masquerading as a Jesuit in the editorial department of the Deseret News—perhaps the clipping editor—has called the chief's attention to an article this paper copied from the Catholic Transcript. The article from our Catholic cotemporary recited the action of an English society called the Protestant Alliance (corresponding to our A. P. A.'s) in memorializing the Marquis of Salisbury to take drastic action against the exiled French Jesuits who had taken up their abode in England. Receiving but a curt reply to their entreaty to expel the Jesuits, the spokesman of the Alliance besieged Salisbury a second time, expressing "their regret and alarm on learning that it is not the intention of his majesty's government to take any measures for the protection of this Protestant kingdom and his majesty's Protestant subjects from the Jesuit invasion."

The comment of the Catholic Transcript upon the catalogue of crimes charged against the Jesuits by these English bigots is also copied by the News, and thereby serves the purpose of imparting to the Mormon mind knowledge unobtainable through the ordinary channels of news. For this courtesy, the Jesuits are probably indebted to the clipping editor.

The editor-in-chief, however, observes nothing in the reproduction from the Transcript but a justification of a previous remark made in controversy with this paper, that the Jesuits had a bad reputation. We are perfectly willing to let his explanation stand so long as the clipping goes with it, although the Pickwickian argument is set up by the News that editorial statement need not mean editorial endorsement.

If "bad reputations" are obtained through bigotry and malice, then it becomes difficult to define good reputations. Reputation is at the mercy of ignorance and falsehood. Under such an interpretation of reputation, all Catholics in this country are in bad repute, because the A. P. A.'s allege they are in conspiracy to overthrow the government and set up the pope in power at Washington. The English bigots charge the Jesuits, among other things, with murder and regicide, and that their presence is a menace to the king and his subjects. Of course the intelligent portion of the English people know better and the effect of this tirade against the Jesuits will be to call attention to an obsolete law against them so that legislation may be had for its repeal. But, all the same, reasoned out according to Deseret News logic, it is not the bigots who have the bad reputation, but the objects of their malice; not the giver, but the taker; not the Anglo-Saxon, but those who would "dominate him by clerical influence."

The Jesuit, therefore, doffs his hat to the clipping editor of the News. Clippings like that from the Transcript will help along Father Hendricks in his missions to non-Catholics in Idaho, attended by Mormons, and some of whom have patronized the "Question Box."

Good For Kentucky!

KENTUCKY boasts of its beautiful women and fast horses, and some say the best whisky in the world is moonshined in Kentucky. There is another feature of the Kentuckian that commands our admiration. He is a genuine American and will remain a genuine American until Daniel Boone and Henry Clay are blotted from her history. But no such misfortune will befall Kentucky so long as such men as Wheeler represent that state in congress.

Representative Wheeler threw a bomb into the house the other day, and its echoes are heard over the ocean. It was a caustic arraignment of American flunkeyism, the like of which was never heard in this latter-day congress. A half century ago, there was no occasion for such speech. Americans had not outgrown their Americanism in that day.

"Mr. Chairman," said he, "I have read with lively interest the recent exposure and criticism in the press of the attitude of Great Britain and the other European powers toward the republic during the war of 1898. Divisions of public sentiment among the people of the United States are to be desired, but, until the inauguration of the president in 1897, there never was any division of sentiment upon one great question, and that was the splendid isolation of the republic and its fixed determination to hold aloof from all entangling alliances with foreign powers. Then the belief and fixed judgment of well-nigh every patriotic citizen was overturned, and, for the first time, we witnessed a president of the United States, aided and egged on by a pitiable flunkey in the state department, stretching his arms across the water to embrace the historic enemies of the American people.

"From that good hour until now we have made ourselves a laughing stock at every court in Europe, because of our flunkeyism, our truculency here and the disgraceful sycophancy of the representatives of the republic at the feet of Great Britain, and now, when it serves the purpose of some other great nation, the pitiable spectacle is presented that we have been hugging to our bosom during the last five years a nation that has systematically and persistently attempted to destroy the liberties of the American people since the battle of Yorktown. We find now, despite the fact that the present administration is afraid, even in the face of its great majority, to ask an appropriation of $60,000 or $100,000 to pay shome shoulder-strapped, gold-laced flunkey to cross the water and bow the knee and kiss the hand of some English king; that while this very pitiable spectacle is being presented to us, it is being heralded abroad that in 1898, when we were seeking to strike the shackles of serfdom from off the heels of Cuba, that nation was then secretly in our capital attempting to form a coalition of the great powers of the world to prevent that interposition. And it has not caused a ripple in diplomatic circles. It has been the boast of America, diplomacy to the contrary notwithstanding, that when our state department said 'no,' we meant 'no,' and when we said 'yes' we meant 'yes.'"

Mr. Wheeler went on in this strain for an hour, but he did not stop when he ought to stop. He denounced the arrangements made for the visit to this country of Prince Henry. That is an entirely different affair, not to be placed alongside the toadyism to be observed at Edward's coronation. Prince Henry will make himself at home to American people and exact no courtly etiquette from those who grasp his German hand and raise their glass to "Hoch der Kaiser." No kissing of hands and prostrations. Nothing of that English flummery which would disgust a German courtier as it would an American gentleman.

Even though Mr. Wheeler may have made a political mistake, his speech will count for one that Henry Clay would not discredit in the height of his fame.

Our Catholic exchanges complain that few Catholic millionaires are endowed with the philanthropic spirit of Carnegie, Rockefeller and other wealthy members of Protestant sects. Utah has no cause for grumbling on that score, especially the diocese of Salt Lake. The Kearns orphanage and the home for aged miners are monuments to the Catholic liberality and charity of wealthy members of the church. Neither is this philanthropy confined to persons counting their wealth in the seventh column of figures. It takes in the lucky miner with a soft spot in his heart for God's poor and the orphan. For example, the last gift to Bishop Scanlan for the orphans comes through a bequest made by John Hendricks, bachelor, who died last week at Holy Cross hospital. Decedent's estate is valued at $11,000, and half of it is directed to be handed over to the executors of Kearns' orphanage. Just like a miner, Hendricks directed the other half to be given to the wife of a former partner, who shared in life the hardships of the prospector.

Next week begins a series of missions in Butte, conducted by the Jesuit and Redemptiorist Fathers. An article on "What the Mission Is," from the pen of the Paulist Father Doyle, in this issue, is, therefore, appropriate at this time.

CATHOLIC OPINION.

According to the Springfield Republican, Eugene V. Debs seems to have made a foolish attack on the arbitration committee of the national civic federation, assailing Mr. Cleveland, Bishop Potter, Archbishop Ireland and other distinguished members personally, and declaring that any agreement between capital and labor is ridiculous, because "there is no land in which capitalist masters and working slaves can abide in peace; the war is on, and the conflict will grow fiercer until the crash comes and wage slavery is wiped from the earth." Now, Debs may be a prophet, and yet be extremely unwise as to the present. To damn without trial an effort which is certainly meant for the betterment of relations between members of a common state is not philosophic or effective. Better poised socialists regard these tentative experiments as part of the road-cleaning that must come before the right thing is found out. Whatever they do of good—and they may do much—they at least indicate the vital interest there is in these vexed questions, and the mutual recognition that something must be done. More thoughtful socialists believe they have reason enough for cheerful waiting.—Catholic Transcript.

Archbishop Keane, as noticed in last week's issue, is preaching some sturdy Christian politics at Dubuque that have no compromise in them. Archbishop Keanse evidently believes in making the Church a moral force and its members the moral example that they ought to be in every community.—Iowa Catholic Messenger.

In a recent issue of the Boston Pilot we read a summary of an excellent sermon dealing with the financial relations between pastor and people. The preacher referred to the injustice of the charge that priests are money-grabbers, but pointed out that the charge should be met by fuller explanations on the part of the clergy of the reasons why money was needed. Children, he said, should be trained from their earliest years to give something to the support of the Church and its pastors, and this habit being once formed will remain with them for life.—Casket.

In bank failures there is always either a clique of knaves or a knave and a fool. The latter juxtaposition occurred in the failure of a Detroit savings bank this week. The knave was a speculator. The fool was a cashier.—Catholic Citizen.

The worst and most dangerous citizens are not the poor devils in the penitentiary, brought there by ignorance or debauchery, but the rich and educated and "respectable" scoundrels who corrupt politics, bribe juries, interfere with justice in courts, perjure themselves to escape taxation, and otherwise defile the public life. They may dress finely, live in mansions, have front pews in the church, and hold their heads high in the community. But they are more wicked and noxious than burglars, or drunkards, or even murderers. The grand jury in St. Louis has indicted a number of hightoned citizens for municipal corruption. If they are guilty and convicted, may they get a selty sentence!—Catholic Columbian.

Another of those wonderful Englishmen who are so unfortunate as to be entirely rich has just passed away. The Earl of Dufferin and Ava, who for many years filled the highest posts in the British diplomatic service, has just died at the family seat, Clandeboye, Ulster, once the ancestral home of the great O'Neills. Lord Dufferin was of the lineage of Richard Brinsley Sheridan, and his mother inherited much of that great man's genius. He himself was also highly distinguished in literature as well as in statesmanship and wit. His death was hastened by the humiliation of being mixed up innocently in one of those huge financial scandals that often convulse the island that dishonestly claims him as one of her own.—Standard and Times.

For 300 years the Presbyterians have taught that the Pope was "Antichrist, the man of sin." Now they say he is no such thing, and that it was never a teaching, but always and ever a very ugly nickname. Now let them unite in a letter to the Holy Father apologizing for the insult, since they have recalled the expression.—Western Watchman.

The legislatures should lose no time in passing a law making it a misdemeanor to impersonate a person over 1,000 years dead. We do not mind if preachers give themselves out as resurrected Ingersolls, but we draw the line on Our Lord and the prophets. A preacher up in Chicago is posing as Elias. Another pretends to be the Messiah. A third has got himself into trouble with a married man by playing his David to his wife's Bersabee.—Western Watchman.

A "Requiem Mass" for the repose of the soul of the late Queen Victoria was celebrated in the Angelican Church of St. Matthew, Westminster, on the 4th inst. The publication of the "Requiem Mass" stirred up a tremendous amount of latent bigotry in the English metropolis, and for a week the dailies have been filled with protests from all classes of nervous Protestants. These spasms are the sure forerunners of death to the establishment.—Western Watchman.

Between the government and the dishonest white man the Indian has been fleeced out of almost all he ever had. And now the bureau of American ethnology has robbed him of his name. To scientists he will in future be known as "Amerino," and not Indian, using the first two syllables of America with the first of Indian to coin the word. This leaves him with nothing but his life.—Church Progress.

England has sprung a great political coup on the world—an alliance between herself and Japan. It is an alliance for war as well as for peace, and is intended as a makeshift against Russia's influence in China. An edifying spectacle it surely is this compact between a Protestant power and a heathen power, all the time the Protestant power is engaged in the extermination of a whole honest Christian people, also Protestant, in another part of the world.—Standard and Times.

Let us again repeat that the Catholic paper is one of the greatest allies that Catholic parents can have in safeguarding the faith and moral of their children.—Sacred Heart Review.

According to the United States census one in every three professing Christians in the United States is a Catholic.

Love finds us young and keeps us so; immortal himself, he permits not age to enter the heart where he reigns.

Hatred is a passion that stands opposed to love and develops itself in anger, retaliation, envy, revenge and lust of power.

The man that attends strictly to his own business may have less business to attend to, but it will pay him larger dividends.

THAT REMINDS ME--

As the Scotsman tells this story, it cannot be suspected of proving false to its own countrymen:

An Irish friend insisted that a Scotchman should stay at his house instead of at a hotel, and kept him there for a month playing the host in detail, even to treating him to all places of amusement, paying all the cab fares and the rest. When the visitor was returning to Dunedin, the Irishman saw him down to the steamer, and they went together to have a last cigar.

"Now, look here," said the man from Dunedin, "I'll hae nae mair o' this. Here ye've been keepin' me at your hoose for a month, an' payin' for the amusements and cabs and so one—I tell you I'll stan' one mair o' it! We'll just hae a toss for this one!"

AN EMBARRASSING HONOR.

The obsequiousness of those who hope to advance themselves by being exceedingly polite to their superiors in office sometimes assumes an amusing aspect.

A certain head of a government department was invited, says a daily paper, to dine with others at a table with a cabinet minister. During the dinner the former, who happened to be placed between a door and a window, and had said nothing at all, began to sneeze.

"Are you taking cold, Mr. Brown?" asked the cabinet minister.

"I believe I have the honor and pleasure," answered Mr. Brown, bowing very respectfully.

NOT STICKING TO HIS COLORS.

"That butter's too white. Give me two pounds of this. It has more color in it."

"All right, sir. Anything else?"

"Yes. I want half a pound of uncolored Japan tea."

ONLY A SUGGESTION.

Borus—Give me a rhyme for "civil." I am writing a poem.

Naggus—Try "drivel."

ADVANTAGES OF FOREIGN TRAVEL.

For us Americans, no education is complete without a trip abroad. There is so much to be seen—paintings, marbles, palaces, cathedrals. When one has traveled and seen all this, with whatever else nature and art have to display, he is blessed far and away beyond the impecunious drudge who is tied to his desk. So thought this American couple, who had "exhausted the sights of the continent in thirty days," and were on their way home with devout thankfulness. A fellow-passenger in discussing the sights of the Old World with them mentioned Rome. The husband could not remember whether they had visited Rome or not. He appealed to his wife. "Clara," he said, "did we take in Rome or didn't we?" "Rome? Rome?" responded that lady in deep thought. "Why, yes. We were there. Don't you remember? That's the place where I bought your socks."

CHOICE OF EVILS.

"I hate to have to pack up again, Jake," protested the wife. "This will be the thirteenth time we have moved since we came to town, and that's bad luck."

"But we're owin' $13 rent on this house, Marg," he said, "and it'll be a heap worse luck to stay here and have to pay it."

UNCLE ALLEN.

"There is no experience in life, my boy," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "but will be good for you if you make the right use of it. Even when you do a mean thing you hate yourself for it, and that's always a useful exercise of the mind."

HOW SHE RECKONS TIME.

Girl With the Gibson Girl Neck—How long since you were vaccinated?

Girl With the Julia Marlowe Dimple—The last time, I think, was just before my sixth engagement.

GREATER SUPPLY NOW.

The old-time sages who
In figures were expert
Said, "Every man before he dies
Must eat his peck of dirt."

But in these later days,
Before man's race is run,
'Tis figured that of things unclean
He eats about a ton.

CAN BE DONE.

Impatient Husband (on the outside—What are the Revolutionary Daughters doing now—electing delegates or quarreling?

Doorkeeper—Both.

HAS ITS AWKWARD FEATURES.

"There's a fellow somewhere down-town that looks exactly like me. I am taken for him a dozen times a day."

"That's funny."

"Yes, but it isn't as funny as it used to be. I've found out he owes a small bill at nearly every cigar store in town."

THE DANGER OF CONTROVERSY.

We have noticed of late in many secular newspapers throughout the country letters in which Catholic challenge certain bigots to debate in public upon the doctrines of the Catholic Church. Several of the letters have demonstrated very clearly how painfully incompetent this or that challenger is to present the claims of the Catholic Church.

The Ave Maria has noted these facts, and it remarks that in such cases as we speak of the Church needs to be saved from her friends. As our contemporary says, it is better far that our holy faith should be misrepresented by its enemies than that it should suffer by a bungling defense by those who have neither the duty nor the ability to champion its cause. A lumbering, heavy-handed brief will compromise the best case in law; and a dull, incompetent apology for the Church is worse than a whole broadside from the agnostic cannons. The glib-tongued infidel makes an impression, it is true, but the earnest seeker after truth, remembering that there are two sides to every question, holds his judgment suspended, and thus remains open to conviction. On the other hand, when the position of the Church is feebly stated, in thousands of ignorant minds it is not the individual member, but the whole Church which has suffered defeat.

Men of marked ability hesitate to engage in controversy with a bigot or an infidel, but those who are not suited to defend the Church hasten to the fray. They are the fools who rush in where disciplined scholars fear to tread. Cardinal Newman remarked once to one who wished to draw him into public argument against religion: "Debate with you? No; but I'll fiddle against you, if you desire." It is related that when this great man felt obliged to write his magnificent "Apologia" he groaned in spirit at the thought of his responsibility, and his friends had to exercise all their influence to induce him to undertake the work.

There is something, too, in considering the character of those who invite controversy. A certain class of professional defamers, utterly without principle, have but one end in view—notoriety. They are impervious to logic or reason, care nothing for facts and will cite pages of "damaging testimony" never written.

The persons who challenge bigots and infidels to debate should realize the position they thus assume. As self-constituted spokesmen of the Catholic Church, what they say is regarded as a correct exposition of Catholic doctrine. If they fall into error their opponents will not concede that fact, but, on the contrary, they will take advantage of it and use it to further misrepresent the Church. Thus, it is plainly the duty of Catholics to be wary of falling into traps. If there must be controversy, let only those who are competent speak for the Catholic Church.

True merriment may be distinguished from false by the fact that it bears reflection; we can think of it with pleasure next day and next week.

He is too weak a soldier who takes to flight at the first sound of battle. Fight! If thou shouldst fall in the combat, rise again quickly and begin anew, but never despair.

O, Mary, every step of thine upon earth is either a lesson or a benefit! Queen of Heaven, Mother of Mercies, in thee is life, joy and hope of the earth!

News of the World.

Congressman Wheeler of Kentucky made sensational speech in the house attacking Lord Pauncefote and Prince Henry. Demanded the dismissal of the British ambassador and called America a nation of flunkies. Government took steps to forestall effect of speech in London and Berlin.

General Corbin announced names of officers and enlisted men of the army who are to be rewarded for bravery in campaigns of Cuba, Philippines and China.

Bill introduced in the house to make anniversary of Lincoln's assassination a public holiday.

Secretary Root's plan to reorganize the army opposed by many staff officers.

Mrs. Catherine Voegel, a widow, mysteriously murdered in her flat in New York. Necktie of a man found in her hand. Robbery apparently not the motive of the crime.

Seven men killed and fourteen seriously injured in a wreck on the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad, near Little Rock, Ark. Huge bowlder crashes down on the house.

Woman's National Suffrage convention scored administration for crowding women out of government offices.

Edwin Boyce, head of the Western Federation of Miners, offered $5,000 for a mining claim in Idaho.

Skeletons of two mastodons and bones of another dug up near Morris, Ills.

Santos-Dumont caused his balloon to fall into the Bay of Monaco to prevent an explosion of gas. Accident caused by rope catching in the machinery. Aeronaut rescued by launches.

Lord Rosebery in a speech at Liverpool declared that England can never grant a separate parliament to Ireland. Liberals must disown their former allies.

Great Britain will begin work on April 1 on thirteen new battleships, twenty-two armored cruisers and twenty-eight other warships.

Russia said to be pleased with the Anglo-Japanese treaty. Czar's ambition declared to be to help maintain the integrity of China.

Plague deaths in the Punjab India, number 1,900 a day.

Big losses caused by floods, storms, fires and explosions failed to hurt trade during the last week.

President Roosevelt has reached decision in Schley case which will not please friends of the rear admiral, and finds among other things, that Sampson was technically in command at the battle of Santiago.

Senate had difficulty drafting amendment to census bill so as to bring part of bureau under civil service.

Industrial commission, established in 1898, finished its final report and went out of existence.

Navy department soon to test petroleum for fuel on ships.

Smallpox in Iowa legislature may cause adjournment of that body until June.

Frank C. Andrews, vice president of Detroit bank, locked up in default of bonds on second warrant charging fraud.

Woman's Suffrage convention celebrated eighty-second birthday of Susan B. Anthony.

Johns Hopkins university plans big celebration on quarter centennial on Feb. 22.

England's attention diverted from South Africa to new issues presented by Anglo-Japanese alliance, which is variously received by different political parties. Marquis Ito credited with master stroke of diplomacy. Hints of further revelations.

Prince Henry of Prussia and his suite left Bremenhaven on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm yesterday afternoon and is expected to arrive in New York on Saturday morning, Feb. 22.

Canadians objecting to Monroe doctrine because it forbids Dominion right of other communities on the continent.

Lord Pauncefote assumes all blame for note of April 14, 1898, regarding American relations toward Spain.

England's war budget shows decided decrease in campaign expenses. Forces reduced by 30,000 men.

Europe busy trying to guess purpose behind widely advertised visit of Prince Henry to the United States.

France looks with favor on Japanese alliance as assuring peace in the far east.

Art show of pictures by American women opened in Paris.

Walter S. Brooks, aged 29, son of rich New York man, found dead in hotel with bullet wound in head. Florence W. Burns, aged 19, held pending inquiry.

Emperor William's yacht Hohenzollern arrived at New York and was taken to the piers of the North German Lloyd company for a general cleaning. Officers welcomed by a committee of city officials.

Erie vestibuled passenger train derailed between Phalanx and Mahoning, O., and a score of persons hurt, one of them fatally.

Six persons killed and six more badly wounded in a fight between a sheriff's posse and mountaineers near Middlesboro, Ky.

Great Northern railway in answer to suit to prevent the merger declared the road managed independently of all other lines.

Kansas City Judge granted Frank James' request to enjoin play in which he and his brother are exploited as train robbers.

Willis Cooper killed his enemy and a woman at Amite City, La., taken to New Orleans to save him from lynching.

Receiver appointed for the wrecked City Savings bank of Detroit. Valuable securities of the bank missing.

Boston and Chicago capitalists bought the street car lines of the Everett-Moore syndicate for $2,500,000.

Will Prince of Kansas City convicted of helping his sister kill her husband, Philip H. Kennedy.

Wu Ting Fang was the principal speaker at the Lincoln memorial exercises at Grand Rapids.

National Woman's Suffrage association met in annual convention at Washington.

Boy of 11 at Joliet killed his 3-year-old sister while playing with a loaded revolver.

Automobile White Ghost, once owned by W. K. Vanderbilt, jr., killed a child while the machine was running forty miles an hour.

At New York the skin of a dog grafted on a boy's scalp with the result of giving him a head of dog's hair.

German foreign office published official dispatches to prove that Great Britain sought co-operation of the powers in joint note to the United States declaring war with Spain unjustifiable.

Three German cruisers arrived at La Guayra, Venezuela, to enforce the demands of the Kaiser's subjects.

Marquis of Dufferin, former governor general of Canada, died at Clandeboye, Ireland.

Census taken at Berlin showed 75,000 persons out of work.

Memorial of the Federal party of the Philippines submitted to the senate by the secretary of war. Territorial form of government favored.

Women's protest against custom-house methods presented to Secretary Shaw.

Net earnings of the Northwestern road for 1901 were $18,789,968, which is equal to 23 per cent on the common stock.

Populist party of Kansas will go out of existence next Friday, when its last state convention will be held in Topeka: Majority of the organization are in favor of joining the Democrats.

Three serious railroad wrecks in Illinois and Iowa cost six lives. Four men were killed near Gifford, Ia., and two were killed at Shop Creek Siding, Ill. Several persons badly injured near Carbondale, Ill.

Caleb Johnson attempted to explore a mysterious cave at St. Genevieve, Mo., and lost his way, wandering in the depths of the earth four days.

Albert O. Klein of Chicago, a student at the University of Michigan, committed suicide because he thought his life a failure.

Will of James W. Tufts left $80,000 to workmen of Boston branch of the American Soda Fountain company.

Twenty-ninth regiment, which leaves Fort Sheridan on Thursday for the Philippines, will have hospital car attached to trains for use of two score of men sick with measles.

Jacob Riis, the New York sociologist, declared Chicago, with its new home for boys, will lead all other cities in reclaiming children.

Establishment of the order of Paulist Fathers among Episcopal clergy urged by many ministers of that denomination.

Miss Shaw of St. Louis to paint the portrait of Queen Alexandra this summer.

Cornelius Roosevelt, a cousin of the president, died suddenly.

Lord Rosebery bidding hard for liberal support and believes he will gain the leadership of the party. Opinion divided on effect of his Liverpool speech.

Filipino insurrection in Batangas province practically ended as a result of General Bell's energetic campaign.

Boers entrapped a British force and killed two officers and eight men and wounded forty before they escaped.

Colombian revolutionists defeated by government forces in two engagements.

Report of the house committee on interstate commerce strongly recommends government cable to Hawaii and the Philippines.

National secretary of the American Federation of Labor accused Chicago leaders with insubordination and with failure properly to organize the city.

Federation of Labor took steps to prevent employers discriminating against workingmen over 45 years of age.