England has some queer towns, but from the accompanying description it is probable that in this connection Northwich takes the palm. There is not a straight street, nor, in fact, a straight house, in the place; every part of it has the appearance of having recently suffered in m the visitation of an archouake. Northwith the property of the straight of the property of the straight house, in the place; every part of it has the appearance of having recently suffered in m the visitation of an archouake. earthquake. Northwith, an everyone knows, is the centre of the salt industry. On nearly all sides of the town are big salt works, with their engines pumping bundreds of thousands of gallons of brine every week. At a depth of some two hundred or three hundred feet are immense subterranean lakes of brine. and as the contents of these are pumped and pumped away the upper crust of earth is correspondingly weakened, and the result is an eccasional subsidence These subsidences have a "pulling" are drawn all ways, giving the town an upside down appearance.

On every side ministers of various creeds are jumping up in their pulpits and accusing the Church of interference in politics. Now, the New York Sun is annually well informed paper and we beg leave to reproduce the following article from its editorial columns for these gentlemen to study over and in wardly digest. In this we do not appeal to the bigot, because the bigot is always more or less a fool, but to the minister who, in fulfilling the duties of his pas torate, holds that the greatest attribute of the pulpit is to tell the truth and not spread falsehoods. The Sun goes on to

asy:"Politico-religionism" was ascribed by Dr. MacArthur to the Roman Catholic Church only. "It is exceeding diffi-cult." he said, "for some persons in the Roman Catholic Church to understand that we are in the nineteenth century.' Out it is even more difficult to understand how a preacher who supported the politico religious" Low movement can make such an accusation against ministers who took part in no movement of the cort in that election. To be frank, it seems impudent. The Low enterprise was hatched in the vestry of St. George's Episcopal Church. Mr. Low himself and several of the most prominent managers of the Citizens' Union are mem bers of that vestry. Supose such a political movement had been started in St l'atrick's Cathedral, with Archbishop Corrigan and the Catholic clergy generally supporting it openly and actively, what an outcry weuld have been raised in all Protestant pulpits! Mr. Low, an Episcopalian, was backed by Bishop Potter and a great part of the Episcopal clergy and the Protestant clergy of all denominations. Archbishop Corrigan and the Roman Catholic priesthood, as a whole, kept aloof wholly from the campaign. That Church did not appear in it, except in the person of two eccentric priests, who sided with Dr. Mac-Arthur in opposition to Tammany Hall. Such "politico-religionism" as there

son assigned by a daily paper in describing the fall from an honest place in life of a hitherto respectable young man. Up to a week ago he was the respected where one passes through the fiery ordeal unscathed, hundreds fall by the wayside, leaving as the only landmark heart-broken parents and wives. In many instances, however, the employer may not be blameless. A master stands in the position of a guardian over his subordinate, and common Christianity neglect of this duty, a duty which is not only demanded by the laws of society, but by the laws of God. We do not advocate espionage, but surely an observant master, faithful to the trust God has reposed in him, should make it his business to exercise a fatherly watch over those who to a certain extent are committed to his charge.

All over the continent of America the different societies allied to the different Protestant churches are snowing an activity in extending their organizations and erecting well equipped public institutions, which ought to be imitated, if not surpassed, by our own church societies. It is sad to say, but none the less true, that we Catholics do not display the same spirit in this connection as go our separated brethren. There is a lethargy, a supineness that should be remedied, and it behoves every true Catholic to put his or her best efforts forward to alter this state of things. Church socie ties are one of the greatest links which bind the people to their faith, and we would like the matter to be taken up and thoroughly discussed by those in whose hands it lies to foster such a movement or rather awakening.

The season of 1897 in athletic circles in Ireland has brought the Irish athlete well to the front in the rank of world champions. In every department where soundness of wind and fleetness of foot

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man; stance well to the front. This great muscular superiority of the Celt also seserted itself in the British army in no unmistakable feshion, as it has done in previous years, and one of the most notable feats of the season was the winning of the two running championships, the i mile, decided at the Curragh, and the i mile at Aldemhot, which are open to all ranks, by Private T. J. Conr.y. is native of Mountmellick, Queen's County, where the speedy little is idler first saw the light some 27 years are. Added to Conroy's victories, the ago. Added to Conroy's victories, the brilliant successes of Private Courtney, who fills the former's position in India, and of the Munster Fusiliers in the marching contest and rifle shooting competition—in which they scored the highest marks on record—prove indiaputably, considering the mere handful of Irishmen in the army-some 20,000 odd-their muscular superiority over their comrades from the land of the Rose and the Thistle.

A writer in a United States paper says that there is no place like the public schools for making boys and girls good effect on the nearest buildings, which citizens and he praises the curriculum are drawn all ways, giving the town an of studies so filled with patriotic love as the incentive to that end. It will be interesting to learn what the writer means by a good citizen. No doubt a very large percentage of the scholars of the United States public schools become good citizens from a worldly standpoint, but alse do they become good Christians. The trend of public education across the line is to eliminate religion and the little ones leave school for the world stored with all knowledge save that of

> A Harvard man, according to the New York Sun, has been interviewing a college girl and his deductions with some allowances do not seem to be favorable to the type. He promised himself a very pleasant girl but he was wofully disappointed in his conception. He saw her often, but for a long time she had so many college engagements to attend, a society meeting here and another there. that it was impossible even to have a promenade. After staying around two days he left in disgust which was intensified when at the final interview she e x pressed surprise that he could not stay

Chicago is a city of boundless enterprise, and one has only to inhale its at mosphere to breathe the divine atllatus which is the mother of great ideas. The latest great scheme laid before the citizens of the windy city has been evolved from the brain of Mr. Charles T. Yerkes. Like all things which have gone before it it is simply grand in its giganticness. He suggests that the Chicago river be either filled in or roofed over and the new surface thus acquired be converted into a grand boulevard. The proposition at first sight is certainly a sterling one and perhaps its only two objections are that it would cost an immense sum of money and also that the city would be puzzled to obtain a substitute for the function this river performs at present. In place of the natural harbor which it would kill, Mr. Yerkes proposes to build an artificial one out in the lake The whole cost Mr. Yerkes places at \$50,000, was in the campaign, and there was a doubt that dangerous quantity of it, came from sufficient capital could be secured in sufficient capital could be secured in other quarters than the Roman Catholic | Chicago to engineer the whole concep tion. Be this as it may, the citizens are not likely to destroy the river which was "Drink and cards." This is the rea- the only excuse for building Chicago where she is to day.

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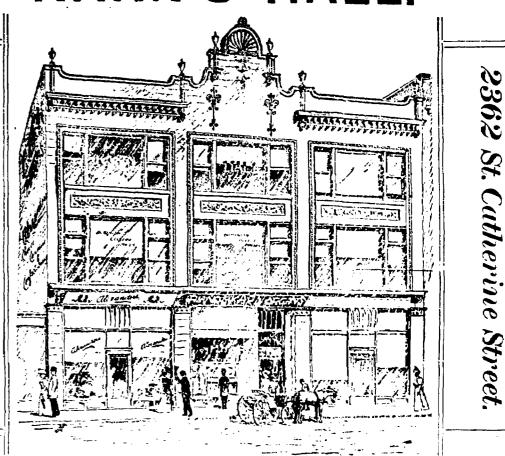
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