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ABOLISH THE LEGISLATURE.

We respectfully suggest to the members of the Constitutional Convention that an amendment be framed which will result in abolishing both branches of the Legislature.

It has been generally supposed that the framers of a constitution merely marked the lines beyond which legislation should not go.

The petitioners of to-day seem to think differently. They would have the convention practically make the laws, which shall govern the state for the next twenty years.

These are only a few of the many instances which might be cited, to prove that the Catholic press does owe a great deal to the hierarchy.

Little will be left for the Legislature to act upon as the circumstances which may exist five, ten or fifteen years hence, may demand that it should act.

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The assassination of President Garret, which has so horrified the world, is but an incident in the troubles which we may look for in Europe.

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Some newspapers say the Anarchists should be exterminated. As well might we try to stamp out disease by shooting the afflicted.

As diseases of the body originate in those places where the requirements of health are absent, so the spiritual disease springs from those sources where the purifying power of religion is not used.

The Syracuse Catholic Sun, which, by the way, has just ended the third year of what we hope will be a long and prosperous existence.

but who shows in some matters the imprudence which might naturally be expected in youth.

In the article mentioned the Sun editor makes the mistake of giving advice to the Hierarchy of the country—a most imprudent, if not impudent, proceeding for a layman.

In its comments on the Ducey matter the Sun finds fault with Bishop McQuaid because the latter granted an interview to a representative of a secular paper.

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his misguided fancy it is a meritorious act to rid the world of the rulers whom he believes to be tyrants.

For doing so he may be punished, executed; but the pains of execution are over in ten minutes and then nothingness.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

We give up much of our space this week to accounts of the closing exercises of our Catholic schools.

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THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: Matthew vii. 15-21. At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in the clothing of sheep, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

By their fruits you shall know them: Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit, and the evil tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can an evil tree bring forth good fruit.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit shall be cut down and shall be cast into the fire.

Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them. Not every one that saith to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doth the will of My Father Who is in heaven, he shall enter into the kingdom of heaven."

The word prophet means a person who, being inspired by God, announces future events and foretells what will take place in the remotest times in regard to the people and religion of the immutable will of the Lord.

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THE PRAYER.

Ernest Clark has given up his starring project. Joe Ott starts on his starring tour in August.

Eddie Foy will next season quit burlesque for farce. Edward Harrigan will call his next play "The Blue Ribbon."

James B. Radcliffe goes with Barney Ferguson's company next season. Adrienne Dattolles goes from the Kenais to the New York Empire theater.

Clara Hunter has signed with Manager Pitou for Chautauque Orest's company. Charles Atkinson has made a ten strike by securing Edwin Stevens for Davy Jones.

Carrie Perkins has been specially engaged for the run of "Tabasco" in Chicago. John H. Russell is in London, looking over a new play which he may bring to New York.

Florence Mackwell, who is not yet "sweet sixteen" may be one of next season's Shakespearean stars. George M. Weitz is confined to his room with nervous prostration.

There is a possibility that Mme. Janansek and Kate Thornton may make a joint starring tour, alternating "Break House" and "The Two Orphans."

Mary Timmerman, an exceedingly competent actress, has been engaged to play the leading heavies with Robert Mantell during the coming season.

E. E. Kidder and Barney Ferguson are said to have been collaborators in the authorship of "Duffy's Blunders," the new farce which Manager J. Wesley Rosenquest will send out next season.

James Fort sails for England to take the management of the Gray and Stephens production of "Signal Light." The tour commences at the Shakespeare theater, Liverpool, and is looked for nearly 12 months.

The story is a sad one and full of warning. The confession and conviction of Erastus Wiman are almost a tragedy.

Mr. Wiman has added another name to the list of distinguished victims of the letter writing habit.

Mr. Erastus Wiman is another impressive example of a man who came to grief through attempting too great a feat in writing.

The great public will not share the vengeful feelings of the convict's business partners who have chased him into the penitentiary.

The conviction of Erastus Wiman of a penitentiary offense ought to convince those who are constantly speaking of the partiality of law that it is sometimes, at least, no respecter of persons.

One way to promote this diffusion of honesty is to hold up such men as Mr. Wiman to the severest censure and to punish them to the fullest extent of the law.

Now that the Wiman trial is over it is difficult to see why he made any defense. In fact, there was no defense to make.

AFFLICTED GREATNESS.

Cherubague had an ulcer in his leg that kept him much annoyed for many years. Coker was quarrelsome and passed his life in almost continual war with his associates.

Vonnel, the great Dutch dramatist, was poor all his life and was finally buried by charity. Johnson was quarrelsome and his face much disfigured by scars resulting from scuffles.

George IV was greatly vexed for years by a carcinoma on his face, caused by secret drinking. Voltaire was rendered miserable by his envy of those more fortunately situated than himself.

Mme. Sevigne wanted to be very beautiful and often lamented her lack of personal charms. Louis XVIII was very fat and much ashamed of his infirmity, as he knew it subjected him to constant ridicule in Paris.

Handl became blind in his old age, but the fact did not prevent his composing the series of oratorios that made him immortal. Sir Robert Walpole's greatest vacation was the fact that he did not have enough holidays.

Cammons, the poet of Portugal, often felt the bitings of poverty and finally died in a hospital in Lisbon, not leaving enough to bury him. Alfred the Great of England was annoyed all his life by severe headaches, which came on without warning and lasted for days at a time.

Catherine the Great of Russia was very temperate and constantly dressed lest her face should become red. She rarely appeared in public after it did. Sir Walter Raleigh felt bitterly the ingratitude of a king who put him to death for carrying out the instructions that had been given him.

Chicago is fearing that the success of the World's fair has tempted her ball club to make an exhibition of itself.

Chicago has three winds, says Hamlin Garland in a recent meteorological paper. And the Chicago man represents all of them.

The formation of a great league to kill the cigarette habit is quite proper in Boston, but it indicates a superficial view of sin in Chicago.

Lawyers are increasing in Chicago at the rate of 400 a year, and another "problem of the unemployed" confronts the good people of that unfortunate town.

A number of Chicago women have organized to suppress the cigarette. The weapon of offense are not stated, but we presume the fashionable use of the slipper will answer for a starter.

Now that Chicago is within two hours of Milwaukee it can afford to think of greater New York with a self-satisfied and patronizing smile.

If the public spirited citizens of Chicago would spend half the time now devoted to laying out "take-shore drives" in the interest of the class of citizens who live in tenement and back alleys, considerable good of a practical nature might be accomplished.

The Montana banker who went to a Chicago hospital and while there was relieved of a goodly portion of his outside, which was grafted upon some one else, and who now brings suit to recover damages, is more sensitive than other persons who go to Chicago.

Butterflies have scent scales which emit 80 different odors. A lion in the jungle will jump 25 or 30 feet from a standing start.

A fish caught and thrown on the bank will rarely fall, when endeavoring to escape, to jump in the direction of the water. One species of black spider is afflicted with a sort of constitutional hydrophobia.

WIMAN'S WOE.

CHICAGO CUTLETS.

FIN, FEATHER AND FUR.

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