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THE FLAG LAWS.

If the subject were not a sober one we would think the "Post Express" was joking in the following: "Judge Wright, circuit judge of the Supreme court of Illinois, has decided that the state law requiring the national flag to be displayed over every school house in the state during school hours is unconstitutional, and has dismissed indictments for its violation against Gov. Altgeld and others. The dispatch giving this information does not state the grounds of the decision, but it is certainly unfortunate that a law, the main feature of which is so beneficial, should be adjudged unconstitutional, and it is to be hoped that the decision will be reversed on appeal. It is not surprising that Gov. Altgeld, the champion of anarchy, should be chief violator of the law. The Stars and Stripes floating over the school-houses of the state, and inculcating patriotism in the hearts of the coming generation, cannot be a pleasant sight to him. We do not know whether the details of the Illinois law are the same as that of New York, but we do know that our law is one of the best placed upon the statute books in many years, and it is to be trusted that no attempt will be made by any citizen of the Empire state to invalidate its provisions."

It may be that "flag laws," so-called, are well meant, but so far they have been the work of the A. P. A. and kindred organizations of bigots to get an indirect slap at Catholics. In most instances the laws have been so carelessly drawn and faulty that frequent amendment is necessary before they are rendered practical.

In one of the western cities Catholic school authorities have been threatened with indictment—in fact we believe they were indicted in one instance—because the national and state flags were not displayed precisely the requisite hours per day as demanded by the idiotic state flag law.

Catholics are laughed at when they say their non-Catholic fellows are unjust when they compel Catholics to pay a pro rata share of the tax to maintain the state schools and in addition are compelled to maintain our own schools that our children may receive a Christian education. We are told our Catholic schools can never become a part of the school system of the country—that is, we can never hope to have our rightful share of the taxes we help to pay that our schools may be maintained, yet when it comes to "flag laws" our schools are so far a part of the school system that we must display the flag.

Not that we object to displaying the national or state flag. Not by any means. We'll venture to say there is more true patriotism and loyalty to state and country imparted in one day in any one Catholic school than in to be scored up in all A. lodges in the land.

Catholic pupils are taught to reverence the flag—to hold it sacred.

If the flag of our country is made common; if it is to be flaunted to the breeze every day, irrespective of what that day may commemorate, it will soon happen that the pupils will lose their respect and reverence for the flag. The truth of the old saying, "Familiarity breeds contempt," will be sadly manifest.

We fail to see why our contemporary should express a hope that a state law will not be tested in the courts. There is no harm in the test. If a law is unconstitutional it should not be allowed to remain on the statute books.

NEED SOMETHING MORE.

The "Catholic Citizen," in a recent issue, says: "The Catholic school is a necessity; let us admit that. The Catholic school teaches our children the rudiments of the faith, and sometimes more. But there comes a time when it stops; and there also comes a time when the letter of the religious instruction received in it ceases to be remembered. There also comes a time when grown men and women need something more than the names of the sacraments, the seven deadly sins, the eight beatitudes, and all the treasures of the Little Catechism.

"There comes a time when the lessons for the first communion are not enough.

"We repeat this seriously; there comes a time when men and women, in a modern environment, need something more than the teaching of their childhood. Their minds expand; questions meet them on all sides; and 'we believe' is not a sufficient answer for the faith in them.

"Thugs hear sermons—occasionally. But sermons do not suffice—always. A perpetual sermon is needed in every home. And part of this is the book, the Catholic newspaper, the magazine.

"To send children to a Catholic school is to light the fire of faith. To keep them in a home without good books is to do all that can be done to dampen that fire. There are millions of bookless Catholic homes in this country, and how many thousands of careless Catholics. How many heretical opinions on divorce, for instance, and all sorts of half-understood 'isms' are found in these homes where the lessons of childhood have been dimmed by the constant influence of secular literature and the daily press,—for the daily press does not pretend to teach, it merely reflects; what Providence permits to happen, or satan instigates, it is not ashamed to chronicle."

The book shelf should be a precious part of every Catholic home, and we should suggest that instructions in good reading, with lists of good books, should be part of the instruction in every parochial school in this country.

According to a special dispatch to the New York "Herald," Dr. J. B. Dunn of Boston, secretary of the national advisory board of the A. P. A., says his organization will do all it can to encompass the defeat of William McKinley. He gives as his reasons: "McKinley tries to ride too many horses. Within twenty-four hours after giving a committee of the order to understand he was in sympathy with the A. P. A., he retracted, and declares, through the press of the country, that he had seen no representatives of the A. P. A." We have seen no such retraction over McKinley's signature, but we have met many members of the A. P. A. who say that McKinley is the candidate of their order unless an out and out Apapist should be nominated by the democrats or populists. We know this, and we also know that if William McKinley, jr., is not a bigot, he is a moral coward.

Although no longer a temporal sovereign, the deliverances of the Holy Father are watched for with far more interest and paid far more attention to than the opinions of any temporal sovereign in the world. All the civilized world listens with deference to Leo XIII.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

The Journal is certain that the \$80,000 estimated to enlarge and remodel St. Patrick's cathedral will be speedily forthcoming. The improvement is one that has been long needed to place the diocese of Rochester in her proper place among her sister sees in the province of New York.

Bishop McQuaid has delayed this improvement, and rightly, too, until he could build and equip St. Bernard's Theological seminary. He made the opening of that institution the commemoration of the silver jubilee of his episcopate. He now proposes to mark his golden jubilee as a priest of Holy Mother Church by the enlargement and consecration of the Cathedral.

Heretofore thought that the work of giving to his diocese a theological seminary where his flock could see their sons reared up for the holy priesthood under their own eyes was of more vital importance than the renovation of the cathedral. But now that Almighty God has spared him to see the seminary in a flourishing condition he feels it his duty to begin the work on the Cathedral.

Should our dear Lord spare our Rt. Rev. Bishop to celebrate his golden sacerdotal jubilee, in 1898, he will see about him as well equipped a diocese as there is in the United States. It has a preparatory and a theological seminary; a beautiful cemetery, hospitals, asylums, grand churches, handsome convents, and well equipped parochial schools. Is this not enough to fill the bishop's heart with joy?

The Journal trusts Bishop McQuaid may be spared to see all his plans completed and that his people will give him the most generous assistance.

GREATER IN DEFEAT.

Richard P. Bland is greater in defeat at Chicago than Bryan is in victory. Here is what the "great old commoner" wrote in reply to Allen W. Thurman's disgraceful attack because of the fact that Bland's wife and daughters are Catholics: "Religion is not the issue. I am a Methodist and have always been one; always will be. If I were only half as good as my Catholic wife I would not worry about getting into heaven. This is a sentiment I expressed in a previous emergency, when her religion was criticized. I stand by it now."

A special dispatch to the Chicago "News," gives this response of Mr. Bland to an interview:

"I was born and reared a Protestant and am one yet and am willing to die in that faith, still I do not consider my chances for heaven better than the chances of my good wife, who is a Catholic."

These are the times that try men's souls. They know not whether to be bound by the ties of party fealty or to obey the dictates of their conscience and strike a blow for the maintenance of the time-honored institutions of their country, for the protection of American industries and to rebuke anarchy, bigotry and a deliberate attempt on the part of dishonest politicians to array one section of the country against the other.

In the death of ex-Governor William E. Russell, of Massachusetts, the democratic party loses one of its brightest politicians.

What stupid pieces of business these "notifications of candidates" are. One would suppose the nominees went to Europe some six weeks before the convention; that they never sought the offices but the offices sought the men and that they had been out of reach of telegraph or cable or telephone for some six weeks. Instead they were in active canvass for the places for years; during the convention they were in constant communication with the managers, and almost before the convention knew the fact the wire flashed it to the successful candidate. Under these circumstances it is not a waste of time and money to continue this absurd "notification" custom?

If the Myers ballot machine will only do the work claimed for it, we will have an honest count, an honest election, and the result will be known inside of half an hour after the polls close.

THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: St. Luke, xvi. 1-9

At that time, Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward; and the same was accused unto him, that he had wasted his goods. And he called him, and said to him: How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship, for now thou canst be steward no longer. And the steward said within himself: What shall I do, because my lord taketh away from me the stewardship? To dig I am not able; to beg I am ashamed. I know what I will do, that when I shall be removed from the stewardship they may receive me into their houses. Therefore, calling together every one of his lord's debtors, he said to the first: How much dost thou owe my lord? But he said: An hundred barrels of oil. And he said to him: Take thy bill and sit down quickly and write fifty. Then he said to another: And how much dost thou owe? Who said: An hundred quarters of wheat. He said to him: Take thy bill and write eighty. And the lord commended the unjust steward, forasmuch as he had done wisely; for the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. And I say to you: Make unto you friends of the mammon of iniquity: that when you shall fail they may receive you into everlasting dwellings."

Why did Christ speak this parable? With this parable, Christ intended to rebuke the avarice of the Pharisees, who made bad use of their worldly goods, and besides, He advises us to make good use of riches, especially when they have been acquired by violating in some manner the law of God and by offending the Divine Majesty.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, July 19, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost—St. Vincent de Paul, Confessor. Epist. 1 Cor. 9-15; Gosp. Luke x. 1-9; Last Gosp. Luke xvi. 1-9.
Monday, 20—St. Jerome Emilian, Confessor.
Tuesday, 21—St. Praxedes, Virgin.
Wednesday, 22—St. Mary Magdalen.
Thursday, 23—St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr.
Friday, 24—St. Francis Solano, Confessor.
Saturday, 25—St. Christina, Virgin and Martyr.
Sunday, 26—St. James the Greater, Apostle.

CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL.

Opening of the Fifth Annual Session at Plattsburg.

The fifth annual session of the Catholic Summer School of America at Plattsburg was opened Sunday by pontifical mass at St. John's church, Rt. Rev. Bishop Gabriels, of the diocese of Ogdensburg, being the celebrant. The other officers were: Assistant priest, Rev. Dr. Dricoll of the Grand Seminary of Montreal; deacons of honor, Rev. Dr. Lowrey of Cohoes, and Rev. Dr. Loughlin, chancellor of the archdiocese of Philadelphia; deacon of mass, Rev. Dr. Morrissey of Philadelphia; sub-deacon, Rev. Dr. Smith of Plattsburg; master of ceremonies, Rev. Dr. Conaty of Worcester, Mass. The opening sermon was by Rev. F. Ryan, rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto. He took for his subject "The Attributes of God."

Monday morning the practical work of the Summer School began on the assembly grounds, the first lecture being one of a series of five by Conde B. Pallen, Ph. D., of St. Louis, on the "Philosophy of Literature." Rev. Edward A. Pace, D. D., Ph. D., of the Catholic University of America, Washington, also began a course of lectures on "Experimental Psychology." The evening lecture was on "Christian Archaeology," by Rev. J. Dricoll, D. D., of Montreal. The prospects are most encouraging for a prosperous session. The grounds are in fine condition, and every cottage is filled. The Champlain club house, located on the grounds, is also well filled. It was opened by an informal reception.

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CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

What is Going on in the Various Societies Calendars for Next Week.

C. M. B. A.
Monday—134.
Tuesday—12.
Wednesday—34, 88, 117, 131.
Thursday—80.
Friday—57.
Branch 88, C. M. B. A.

Whereas, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called from our ranks our late brother, John F. Dicks, we bow with submission to His will, remembering that we know not the day or the hour that death may come to us all. Be it therefore Resolved, That in the death of our late Brother, John F. Dicks, Branch 88, C. M. B. A., has lost a faithful, energetic member in the true sense of the term, ever ready to perform all the duties imposed on him by the Branch; be it further Resolved, That we tender to his bereaved widow our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction and sorrow, remembering that our loss is his eternal gain. Be it further Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved widow, spread on the minutes of this meeting, and that they be published in the CATHOLIC JOURNAL.
CHARLES E. GORE,
JAMES H. CASEY,
HUGH D. MAGUIRE,
Committee.

C. R. & B. A.
Monday—Council 25.
Tuesday—18.
Wednesday—23, 59, 66.
Friday—39, 40, 58.

D. O. F. E.
Thursday—Auxiliary 4.

A. O. H.
Monday—Division 5.
Tuesday—3.
Wednesday—9.
Thursday—1.

The national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians opened at the Catholic club in Detroit at noon on Tuesday last, nearly four hundred delegates being present. The report of the national secretary, M. J. Slattery, for the two years ending December 31st last, shows a total membership of 89,901. The number of members enjoying the insurance benefits is 7,450.

During the past two years \$845,768 were paid out in sick benefits, and \$289,888 were paid for charitable and other purposes, the total expenditure for the period being \$1,024,980. The receipts during the two years from all sources were \$1,075,480, and the order has a balance on hand of \$545,216.

Knights of St. John.
Rochester and Buffalo members of the order of St. John will have a big field day at Agricultural park, Batavia, on Tuesday, August 11th. On the day of the event there will be 800 Rochester and Buffalo knights, accompanied by many friends, who will go to Batavia to participate in the festivities. An elaborate programme of sports is in course of preparation.

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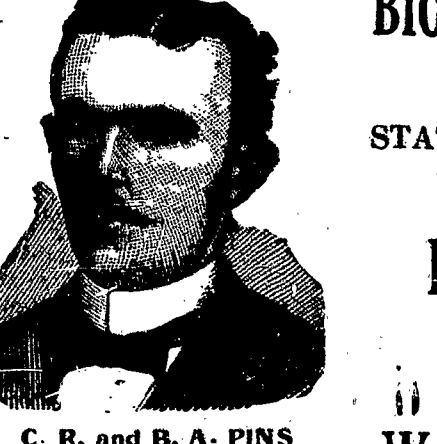
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