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To Be Well Shaken, Before Taken.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28, 1903. So the teachers of Rochester are organizing a fair to raise \$30 000 as a "nucleus for a pension fund." After this, the deluge. Is there no more gratitude left in the world? Pension fund, indeed! What need, pray, bave they of pensions? Why does the city remunerate them so handsomely, if not to make provision for the "rainy day" or at any rate enable them to purchase Madame Rachael's secret for the retention of perpetual youth?" Who do they suppose they are? Do they imagine they are of any real importance to the community? Let us put them right in this matter. All they do is to keep the children up todate in what is understood by 'modern elucation" to put them in possession of the knowledge of the ages, to make them fit and responsible members of society and other such trifling services. and what of it? Does not Rochester come up handsomely for this? What are they doing with the \$121 a week which they receive so regularly, that they should threaten to come round with the hat? They have to purchase books attend lectures etc constantly? Suppose they do, do you imagine they cannot aff rd it? Why only a few months ago we were fools enough to be cajoled into giving them any. Neither can be have descendants. a \$50 maise making their salary the He is nothing, from nothing he came, princely total of \$600 a year. And now the cry is "more", "more" and because they cannot have it, those among them, who were worth their Fiddle de dee! Let not that trouble salt, are quitting this "profession" (sic). They point to New York and she is nothing—and even were she say "that city pays decently and pen. alive to witness your unfilial "persions its teachers." Well two wrongs fidy," laugh in the old jade's face don't make one right. Is Rochester to be invited to follow such a lead? parents?" What are they to you? Besides, conditions are different in New York. Living in the metropolis if they could, be an encumbrance. children there are required to know more. All we want schools for is to convictions. You believe that "moral relieve our poor wives of the trouble of looking after the children in the but only the crazy result of environdaytime. This fol-der-ol of "education" is going too far. If this baiting continues only one course remains open to the city, namely the closing down and conversion of all these schools into something really necessary is the clear issue of your vaunted and useful. Our patience is exhausted philosophy. If Reason be your god. "Pensions" do they say? Why these teachers might be policemen, so seriously do they regard themselves They whine about the "costly preparation" for such a career, and the fact that even after they have served the Board 10 years they cannot get more than \$600 per annum. Again, in the name of common sense-very dommon indeed - why should they? "It is not so Ever a word of hope to those in despair, much, "they say, "as you would give a navvy." Of course not. And see Such is our blind friend, our Father the logic of these folks in instituting such a comparsion. A ''navvy''is an Indispensable member of society, where as a teacher—but there, we have no patience to pursue the topic further, except to say that we suppose there will be found sickly sentimentalists in Rochester who with their heads full of such nonsense as a 'living wage

etc." will support this "Fair." We commend the Board for stopping the gap, and hope the terms in which not done by men, but by God himself, we have supported them will not be using or not using men, as seems to him misunderstood.

Weekly Church Calendar.

xxi. 25-33-St. Saturninus, martyr. Menday 30-St. Andrew, apostle. Puesday December 1-St. Edward

Campion and Comp. Wednesday 2-St. Bibiana, virgin and Thursday 3-St. Francis Xavier, con-

Friday 4-St. Barbara, virgin and Bakirday 5-St. Sabas. abbot.

Pray, Be Logical. I feel my immortality o'ersweep All pain, all tears, all time, all fearsike the eternal thunders of the deep,

Into my ears this truth—Thou liv's

To tell Catholics that they have soul and that it is immortal is on a par with taking coal to Pennsylvanis. Still as the subject is just now agit ating the breasts of many of our non-Catholic fellow citizens who are flooding a local contemporary with proc and cons on the subject, we feel constrained to advance a few thoughts from the common sense standpoint.

Let us begin by supposing that man has no soul; still less an immortal Then why does he live as he diet? Surely the materialist the man with no hereafter, who would deny himself any sensual gratification, or show any respect for law, honor, friendship, charity, or any other socalled "virtue," must be a fool? If with his body, his personality perish, be annihilated, what a mockery is his "upright life." He had no hope, then why not give his passions fling, and make the best of this brief uncertain span of life?"A short Kfe and a merry one''not a so called 'good life''should be his motto. What meaning has "duty" got for him—what should it have? None except self interest and self indulgence. What does he mean by his "bonored father who is dead?" If he be dead—he is nothing. He would be nothing if alive. What does he mean by "self respect?" Respect for what?-for nothing? Bah! Let us have consistency.

What is he, the ass, doing with the word "morality" in his mouth? It is no concern of his If retribution closes with his death agony, then morality is but a creation of the brain, a fantastic climera. If the grave be his end, why should be cultivate such arduous follies as love of kindred, home, friends and country? Why does he burden himself with a wife and teach children to tenderly whisper"father?" It is a hollow mockery. He makes only a buffo in of himself when consenting to play in such a drama. Listen to his prate about his "ancestors." Why according to his belief he never had to nothing again is he returning Harken again to that almper of his about his "mother's last request." vou, friend Materialist. She is dead. What madness is this "reverence your Nothing. Nay worse, for they would, Rise up! have the courage of your promptings' are not of your nature, ment, and often only of a disordered stomach—then tolerate no longer the slavery of law and order, marriage and purity, probity and truth, and all the other string of like nonsense. This and Reason teach that you have no immortal soul, and you are content

it may, it is at best but a sorry one. Father Eugene.

with society's arrangement of your

course and lot in life, be that lot what

Ever a kind word for the sick and the Ever a smile to brighten a day so Making the world appear more bright and fair, Eugene

Bringing sunshine where ever he is seen. Oh truly, he will reap the harvest he Will be rewarded for all kindness he has shown,

For there is One who watches o'er us from above. Who repays each little deed with

Prayer. Let us never forget that the great work itself we want done is, after all, good, and therefore that always our most effectual working will be prayer to him that he may be pleased himself Sunday November 29—Gospel, St Luke to work. A single prayer offered in secret to Almighty God by some devout soul unknown to the world can effect more than our most elaborate articles or brilliant and stirring editorials. God loves the simple and humble and will do anything for them. The times are dreadful; the dangers are thick and threatening. Let us betake ourselves to prayer as the surest and speediest remedy.

THE POSSIBILITIES OF RADIUM

The marvelous properties of radium are now being investigated by scientists in all countries. Their expectstion seems to be that experiments with the new chemical element will develop more startling results than any yet

and succeeded in separating it from pitchblende, states in an interview in McClure's for November many interperiments. He tells us that the mere dium in close proximity to animals will cause their death. A number of caged a few grains of radium were suspendfor three days. The result of similar experiments with plants was the same;

exposed to the influence of radium in sufficient quantities. He has no doubt that "a kilogramme of radium would be sufficient to destroy the population of Paris, granting that they came within its influence." nI view of its lethal power it is perhaps as well that the one-eighth of a gramme of radium used in experiments by the scientist George F Kunz at the American Museum of Natural History is stated to have cost \$274, which is at the rate of \$64,800 per

Extremely interesting is M. Curie's further discovery that solution of radium gives a violet or brownish tint to a glass vessel containing it, this tini being permanent unless the glass bi heated red-hot—a fact likely to prove of importance in the coloring of glass and crystals and possibly of gems. By radium also genuine diamonds may be distinguished from imitations, since it causes real stones to burst into brilliant phosphorescence when it is brought near to them in a dark room while false stones make no such re

Frederick Soddy, a Canadian inves tigator, is convinced that from radium a gas can be developed of great effi ciency in the treatment of consump tion. Prof Crookes, of England, debromide of radium will kill the most malignant of disease germs. these are but a few of the hinted possi with radium, still in its infancy, has

Paris railroad men are to experiment with 'memory pictures" to enable pass engers to regain their own cars in s train. A cat, a dog, a rose, a balloon is more likely to beremembered than a number Such a simple picture would be easier recalled than the "fancy names" American parlor cars must

The World's cable despatches to-day tell a pathetic story of a Parisian Countess who is earning her living a: the washboard. It is an honest living honestly earned, and no one in a repub lic need honor her less than when she rode upon the crest of the wave of influence.

When Dowie was in Boston he used his English with its coat on. Japan is perhaps wisely finding dis

cussion the better part of valor.

Winter's advance agent arrived with mild samples.

If You Would Live Long.

It is well known that women live longer than men. Out of a minion people 225 women and only 82 men reach the age of 100 years. The longer you sleep the longer you live. Sleep on the right side and sleep at

much as you can. Keep the bedroom window open al:

Have the morning bath at body tem

Keep no pets in the living roomthey steal the oxygen you need. They carry disease germa.

Take plenty of exercise in the open

Watch the three D's-drinking water, dampness and drains.

Worry less, walk more, eat less and chew what you eat; preach less and practice more. Last and most import ant-Breathe long, deep breatus and

Like Clockwork.

Young Housewife (enthusiastically) My house runs like clockwork. Old Housewife-So does mine, but ! never look to see whether the clock is keeping good time or not.

THE DESPAIR OF A SCHOOLGIRL

The importance of the increment to afford special classes and a larger share of teachers' attention to backward pupils in the public schools is strongly indicated by the individual case of Edith Caldwell. Little Miss Caldwell is the New York schoolgirl whose pathetic attempt at suicide. M. Curie, who, led on by his wife's traceable to her lack of progress in enthusiasm, first discovered radium her studies, was described in yester-

Not quick at her work with her books, Miss Edith is yet a child of an esting facts developed by his later executemely sensitive temperament. There is every evidence that she is presence of a minute quantity of ra- affectionate and willing, In a crowded classroom, however, there is too little time for a hurried teacher to appeal mice all died within fiftteen days after to the love and patience of a single pupil. As a rule there can be only an ed in a tiny glass tube above the cage urging to try and keep up with the rush. Between this driving along and the taunts flung at her by those who should have been kinder, outside of M. Danysz is quoted as saying that school, Miss Edith passed to a state of all forms of life would be destroyed if despair. She was made to feel wrong fully that her failure to keep up with her class was a disgrace. Then she turned to the river.

> Special small classes will not plant intellect where there is none. But they will afford teachers time to be tactful and to meet individual needs They will remove the bugbear of scheduled promotions—a trouble to more than the absolutely dull pupilsand they will relieve the slower etudents from the worry and fret of daily association with those who are setting a pace they cannot follow.

It is to remembered that the chief and most useful points about learning bear no relation to the quickness with which it is acquired, nor to the percentage marks scored during the

THE GREATEST AMERICAN FACT. Lost sight of in the excitement of the elections, the Federal Commissioner of Education's report on the school work of the country for the year that ended on June 30 last was nevertheless the most important national document of the past week

Its salient features are these

nearly 16 000 000 or more than oneclares that a very minute quantity of fifth of the entire population of the

schools of all grades, of public, high billties which the exeprimentation and special educational institutions and of business schools, the grand otal enrolment for the whole country was 18 080 840 pupils or very nearly one fourth of its total population.

These figures are exclusive of the students in our colleges and university. Obviously, then, if we include those who teach as well as those who learn, more than one fourth of all the inhabitants of these United States are occupied in the work of education.

This is the one stupendous fact that characterizes America and differentiates it from all the counries that now are or ever have been. The world has never before seen a nation of eighty millions of free people and twenty millions of them in school!

An assessment of \$5,000,00 on per sonalty and \$5,000,000 on real estate does not seem on its face a very extravagant valuation for the owner of \$300,000,000 of taxable bonds, but Will Bell Phone 2013. iam Waldorf Astor renounced his citizenship and became the subject of a foreign sovereign rather than pay taxes on an assessment of \$2,000,000 and hundreds of New York's richesi men dodge their taxes altogether or pay on a ridiculousl small assessment there is any fault in his case it is that dispensable qualities in this order:

Fresh air and cleanliness are commandments in the modern gospel of health. Fresh air and sunshine are foes of tuberculosis. Increasing clean liness-cleaner streets, more public baths and more sanitary tenementshave done much to reduce death-rate

Consumpion is still the unsolved riddle of New York. One in every three deaths in the city is caused by it, and Dr. Biggs estimates the city's annual economic loss from it at \$25,000,000.

Sixty-two years ago to-morrow Eng land went wild over the birth of a male heir to the throne. But none of the enthusiasts dreamed that more than sixty years must elapse before the help could ascend that throne.

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TWO EXPERTS ON SUCCESS. achieved the capture of some of the chief prizes of life, said some time ago that the principal requisites for success were courage, persistence and determination. Senator Beveridge,

First-Sincerity. Second (and almost first)-Courage Third-Reserve.

Fourth (and lowest)-Intellect-Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Beveridge agree, it will be seen, upon the rather surprising proposition that superior mental ability is not a very important element in worldly success. Mr. Cleveland does not seem to think it worth taking into account at all, and Mr. Beveridge puts it at the bottom of the list. It is so plentiful, he holds, that you can get it in the market on easy terms if you happen to be short of it yourself. And he quotes an il literate but intensely vital millionaire who explained how he had won his

Oh, by just having the nerve to decide upon a plan, and then by hiring these brainy fellows to do my work. I can get the services of the ablest lawyer in this city for a mere frage Chronicle Telegraph.

ment of a crumb of what I realize Ex-President Cleveland, who has from his thought and industry. The secret of success? Why, sir, it is will, that is all-will, nerve, "sand."

Of course, it is pleasant for a man to have his own brains, but the theory advanced by the statesmen of New On the whole, therefore, Mr. Carnegie whose swift rise in politics has aston. Jersey and Indiana is comforting to is setting a pretty good example. It ished the old war-horses, ranks the in the average man. For everybody must get along with the brain with which it pleased Providence to endow him at his birth, but courage, determination, persistency, sincerity and reserve are qualities that can be cultivated and brought to robust maturity by ex-

"Samson," urged one of his advisers, what's the use? Even if you should take that ass's jawbone and clean out the whole Philistine army you never could make Bob Ingersoll believe you

"Nevertheless," replied grasping the weapon more firmly, "this jaw will outlive Bob Ingersoll's jaw in

history. And a moment later he sailed into the enemy with the result now known to everybody.—Chicago Tribune.

"As I came home in the shower," remarked Mr. Murry Hill, "I saw Miss Homewood out with her rainy day cos-

tume on. "Oh, tell me all about it," replied Mrs. Murry Hill, eagerly. "I am deeply interested in rainy day costumes."

"Well, I can't tell you very much, for I noticed nothing especially except her stockings." - Pittsburg