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Activity

It seems inevitable that the American people must be active in one or another direction. If we are not active in business, then we are active in politics if we are not active in politics then we are active in social affairs, in organized charities, in sociological experiments, in economic research or in scientific work.

This reflection is impelled by a perusal of the daily papers day by day. Even in Rochester, there must be a hundred varied lines of extraordinary activity. Few of the "new movements" are not represented in Rochester and indeed, several of these claim Rochester for their birthplace, at least Rochesterians claim the credit.

Later-day enthusiasts claim such varied activity is good for a city in that it acts as a sort of advertisement for the locality and so attracts industries and new population. Others there are who deprecate so much unusual activity and hold that it really results disastrously, in the long run, to any opportunity. The latter-day chaps cavil at this attitude and take the position that the others are old foggy and unprogressive.

Possibly, both are right in a certain degree. Progress is inevitable else stagnation results. But progress should be sure and steady not spasmodic and hurriedly. Talk and no works, will not take a person anywhere and the same is true when all applied to communities. It is easy to pull down but sometimes it is difficult to build up. Certainly, it is the height of folly to pull down, unless it is proposed to rebuild or to beautify. To raze a structure and then leave the rubbish heap is to make a worse condition than existed in the first place.

Be sure you are right before you go ahead is a safe motto.

High Living

Some one of the big men of the country said the other day that it is not the high cost of living that is bothering the country half as much as the cost of high living. In this he is more than half right.

It is, unfortunately too true that we are all prone nowadays to want to live too extravagantly. We want to dress well, to eat well, to enjoy luxury right off without waiting to earn the wherewith to pay for it. We want fine homes, elegant furniture, automobiles and what not. Young married couples are not content to begin life in anything of a humble way. The inevitable consequence is that debts accumulate faster than the income to meet them, ill-feeling is engendered and a divided family is the result.

While all this is true, it must not be forgotten that the selfish rich are responsible for the craze to live high. They flaunt their wealth in the face of everybody. It is inevitable that the working people who contribute in great measure to these large fortunes, and the money which makes possible such lavish display, cannot

see why they should not follow in the footsteps of their employers and they "swing too high" as the saying goes.

Lavish display is a bad example. One wonders that the selfish rich to whom we have referred do not see this and do not content themselves with simpler modes of life if only not to incite envy and its attendant results on the part of their employees.

Unless there is a halt soon, the people of the United States are likely to reap the whirlwind as the cost of too high living.

What is Needed

Bishop Muldoon, it seems to us, has struck the nail on the head in the following remarks to the social reform committee of the National Catholic Federation:—

"To my mind one of the most important things in resisting the spread of socialistic ideas is the personal service of the priesthood and laity amongst the poor. A few men like Vincent de Paul, and Frederick Ozanam in our big cities, men who spend their lives amongst the poor, would do a great deal. Parlor theorists and declaimers in societies will not solve the problems. It is a democratic society with which the Church has to deal here and the ballot means a great deal; but there must be more widespread spirit of consecration for the benefit of all and above all for the protection of the weak. You cannot talk socialism in a parish in which the priest spends much of his time amongst the poor, aiding them in their difficulties and pouring the healing balm of sympathy into their wounds. There are many laymen who are ready to give their money. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is doing a great deal of good along this line, but there is a big field which they cannot and do not touch, these ills, miseries, difficulties, misfortunes, which cannot be adequately cared for by any form of organized charity, and which is pre-eminently the field of personal service."

Point to Remember

William D. Haywood, not unknown to fame for the last decade, appears to figure in the press of late in connection with industrial disputes. If we are correctly informed, Mr. Haywood now poses as an ardent trades unionist. It is our recollection that the Socialists have tried for several years, and unsuccessfully, to capture control of the American Federation of Labor. Indeed, it is this persistent opposition on the part of Socialists which has proved to be Samuel Gompers' best stock in trade.

In view of these facts, we wish to present to our readers just how Mr. Haywood stands in relation to organized labor and Socialism. Lecturing to a Socialist audience Sunday afternoon, December 18, 1910 at Yorkville Casino, East 86th street, New York, Mr. Haywood said:—
"No socialist can be a trade unionist. The ethics of trade unionism are those of the identity of interest between capital and labor. Trade unionism does not act upon the principle of class struggle, and a socialist cannot be a trade unionist."—From the New York Call. The National Socialist Daily of America, page 3, issue of Dec. 30, 1910.

Under such circumstances, we cannot see how a trades unionist who prides himself as such, can become actively identified with the Socialist party. Knowing how the leading Socialists hate the Catholic Church and all religion and churches, we cannot see how any Catholic can be an avowed Socialist.

You need a Catholic paper in your home.

Monroe County democratic politics, as usual, are not altogether monotonous.

Irish Tenor Coming

The appearance of John McCormack, greatest of all English speaking tenors and the greatest artist who has ever gone out from Ireland, at Convention Hall, Rochester, Tuesday evening, March 26th, will unquestionably be one of the greatest musical events that Rochester has ever heard. Mr. McCormack who is an honored member of DeSoto Council, Knights of Columbus of New York, returns to America from a



John McCormack

triumphant tour of Australia with the Melba Opera Company and the press of that country is emphatic in stating that he is the finest tenor of the present day. Mr. McCormack will be assisted by Marie Narelle, the Irish-Australian soprano. The artists are brought here by James E. Furlong. Seats will be on sale Saturday of next week at Gibbons and Stones, 172 Main St. East.

IRISHMAN TO DINE

Banquet in Honor of St. Patrick Will Be Held at Powers Hotel

Rochesterians of Irish birth or parentage will celebrate St. Patrick's Day at a dinner to be held at 8.30 o'clock Saturday night in the Powers Hotel. John Duffy, field secretary of the National Citizens League for the Promotion of a Sound Banking System, will speak on the topic, "Irishmen Triumphant." Another speaker will be Judge John M. Murphy, who has taken as his topic, "Ireland."



Jos. P. MacSweeney

Frank Fogarty, known to vaudeville lovers over this continent, is a third speaker, and some of his inimitable stories are expected from him. Bram's quartette, William F. Predmore, Richard J. Fennessy, Harry Crowley, Chas. E. Welch and others are on the musical programme. Wm. F. Love, Assistant District Attorney, will be toastmaster.

The committees for the banquet are: Arrangements, Wm. F. Love, chairman; Charles E. Callahan, Leo A. MacSweeney; entertainment, Francis P. O'Loughlin, chairman, Jos. P. MacSweeney, Wm. Murray; nominations, Jos. P. MacSweeney, Frank Quinn and Jos. P. Doyle.

There is a lively contest among the Knights of Columbus to see who can dispose of the most tickets for "The Castaways," the big original musical comedy which is to be presented at the Shubert Theater on May 6. At a meeting Monday Cyril J. Statt, chairman of the ticket committee divided his workers into two teams, one representing the East and one the West side. Whichever side disposes of the largest number of tickets will receive a handsome prize from Grand Knight Garvey.

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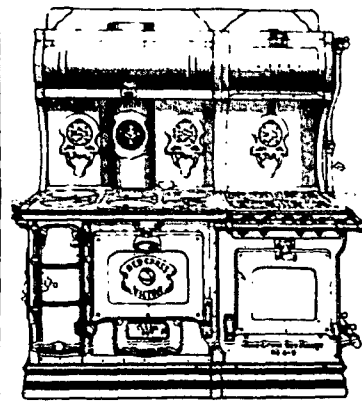
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