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Lent

Once more the holy season of Lent is with us. For forty days we are commanded, by Holy Mother Church, to refrain from worldly amusement and to pay attention to the welfare of our souls. Not that we should not always do that, but in the Lenten season we are supposed to do works of penance, to atone for the carelessness of the rest of the year.

The spiritual side put aside, Lent is a splendid thing for the material side of humanity. It is well to call a halt in our worldly activity, to take things a bit easier, to give our stomachs and our minds a rest. The Lenten season, if observed as the Church intends it, acts as a safety valve, as a sort of rejuvenation process for mind and body.

Hence, the fathers builded well when they instituted the Lenten season of prayer and penance, both in a spiritual and material sense.

Let us try to observe the Lenten season of 1913 in proper spirit.

Is There One Here?

It has been a matter of curiosity as to how many copies of the vile "Menace" are circulated in Rochester and how the names of Rochesterians are secured who never subscribed for the filthy sheet and who despise its motives. A Catholic contemporary tells us that behind this publication now stands a national organization of "Menace Clubs" organized all over the country to push the paper, to distribute extra copies and to aid in its war upon the Catholic Church.

It would be well to look into this matter here and run the mealy critters to their lair. Catholics who receive a copy of the vile sheet should constitute themselves a voluntary committee of inquiry and find out who is responsible for sending it. Then, if the offense is repeated legal steps should be taken. The law protects you from receipt of any paper to which you do not subscribe. Formal notification to the postal authorities stops delivery of mail matter you do not want.

If it be possible to run down any "Menace Clubs" in Rochester, the names of their promoters should be made public to the end that Catholics, at least, shall not contribute to their sustenance unwittingly.

No Sympathy Needed

There is no need for wasting any sympathy on old General Sickness. True, he may have been a great general in the Civil War, but even that is disputed by military authorities. It is true however, that he has been a persistent self-advertiser all his life and he has made people believe him a great man. Year after year he has made his appearance at Albany and made a speech before the Legislature which promptly appropriated state money to build War monuments under the direction of a commission of which Sickness was the presiding genius. It now develops

that the money or a part of it, has been misappropriated, stolen it would be styled were the offender not a big man. The state authorities have begun suit to recover the money misappropriated as a matter of fact, criminal prosecution is the proper course.

Instead of commendation and a vote of public confidence, the state authorities are greeted with a flood of criticism and abuse. Because this self-advertiser objects to making restitution in a defiant mood, people who ought to know better rush to the papers with maudlin defense of the old reprobate's course. Because he served in the war he should be treated tenderly! Forsooth! Then crime must be condoned because of service in the army? And this is not all. We read the other day of a speaker at a Catholic banquet who told that Sickness once struck a man who spoke harshly of a nun. This is to his credit, but why did he take a leading part in the organization of the "Guardians of Liberty" bigots?

In our judgment, public disapprobation should be manifest instead of sympathy extended to a man who expels his own wife from his home and installs another there and lives in defiance of the laws of God and man. Law should be upheld and justice prevail.

Should Be Amended

There is a bill before the Legislature which should be amended, if it is to be enacted into law at all. It purports to be a measure to protect the registered nurses of the State. In reality, in the form it is now before the Legislature, it would create a monopoly in the profession of nursing and would not permit any nurse who does not join a preferred class to engage in nursing. Moreover, no scale of prices is set in the bill for nurses' work. At present, the nurses are advocating, fixing their fee at \$35 per week. Most nurses now ask not less than \$20 per week.

We would like to ask this question:—If a man drawing a weekly salary or wage of \$15 a week has occasion to employ a nurse in his family, and the minimum weekly wage of \$20 is fixed to say nothing of the higher rate, where is he to find money to meet this expense? At present, he may employ an unregistered nurse at a lower wage. If the bill we are discussing becomes a law, then he is not permitted to employ anybody, not even a member of his family, as a nurse, except the registered nurse who may charge what she pleases. This is extortion, pure and simple and should not be enacted into statute law. Workers and others who work for wages have a hard struggle now for existence without penalizing possible illness in their families.

Writing on Lent, the Hearst Evening Journal says: "Who will deny that the American people need to stop and think once in a while, and that a fixed time for meditation on the vanities and futilities of our politics and our private lives might do us a world of good?"

It is not a fair observance of Lent to change the date for the card table and the French novel.

It is well to pause in our mad whirl and take mental inventory, as it were.

Decent newspapers do not flaunt scandal and crime in the largest type or display it ordinarily.

It is a good way to observe Lent by assisting at Mass each day if possible.

Bigotry should have no place in American institutions.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts.....	\$ 10,500,649 31
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	2,436 97
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	880,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits.....	75,000 00
Other Bonds to secure Postal Savings.....	40,305 99
Premiums on U. S. Bonds.....	21,000 00
Bonds, Securities, etc.....	1,829,230 00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	7,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....	233,419 12
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	418,843 08
Due from approved reserve agents.....	1,776,144 32
Checks and other cash items.....	2,121 00
Exchanges for Clearing House.....	112,299 00
Notes of other National Banks.....	300,250 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	9,121 11
Lawful money Reserve in Bank, viz.:	
Specie.....	\$648,183 50
Legal-tender Notes.....	270,180 00
	918,363 50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	41,500 00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent of redemption fund.....	7,000 00
Total.....	\$17,120,477.05

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in.....	1,000,000 00
Surplus Fund.....	1,000,000 00
Undivided Profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	79,854 45
National Bank Notes outstanding.....	850,000 00
Due to other National Banks.....	\$38,018 77
Due to State Banks and Bankers.....	335,418 96
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks.....	418,581 56
Due to approved Reserve Agents.....	333,869 31
Dividends unpaid.....	378 00
Individual Deposits subject to check.....	12,149,848 20
Demand Certificates of Deposit.....	159,031 89
Certified Checks.....	9,318 00
Cashier's Checks outstanding.....	1,327 75
United States Deposits.....	74,083 37
Postal Savings Deposits.....	20,792 32
	\$13,810,722.20

Liabilities other than those above stated..... None

Total..... \$17,120,477.05

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PETER A. VAY, Cashier.

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