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Kill the Bill!

Following Governor Sulzer's announcement that he favors a unique advertising campaign, free text books in the public blasphemous language. In the schools, comes another that he cal street cars among the advertisement has caused a bill to be drafted, tising cards is a striking one statewide in its application containing the following: (Profanity pelling all civil divisions, irre- spective of the wishes of loca "Under these lines is the an- authorities or citizenship, to pro- nouncement in small type that vide free text books to all pu- St. Mary's Holy Name Society pils. Such a measure is obnoxious is responsible for the card in several particulars.

1. It violates the "home rule are displayed in the street cars, principle" so vehemently "pro- similar signs are distributed in claimed as a cardinal tenet of the stores and public places of the democratic political creed.
2. It imposes double taxation. Rochester is coming into prom- upon a large class of citizens. inence the country over as an ad- that they would compelled to pay vertising center. Why should taxes to provide free text books Rochester's Holy Name societies, for their neighbor's children and wither individually or collectively, also to pay out of their own pock- follow the example set by Law- ets to purchase books for their rence? Possibly, a good plan to own children.
3. If public school pupils are society to contract for advertia- provided with free text books, ing in the cars on the lines run- then parochial schools soon must ning near the parish interested. follow suit and this, necessarily. In this way, each society could means additional double taxation be called attention to and much for the Catholics of New York good he done for the cause of anti-profanity.

Governor Sulzer seems to hold the idea that the children of poor persons should be educated at the expense of the wealthier classes. This may be good politics "to catch votes" but it is rank injustice. Moreover, it is false political economy because there are few children of poor persons who are able to go to high school, and it necessarily follows that the poor will be taxed to provide free high school text books for the children of the rich.

Viewed from any angle, the free text book proposition appears rank discrimination and class legislation, a mere clap trap to win cheap applause from unthinking, shallow-minded persons and to advance the interest of grasping corporations and insincere demagogues. It should not prevail in New York state.

Holy Week

We soon enter upon another Holy Week. Once more we shall tread the Way of the Cross with Him who came on earth that we might live eternally and be saved from our sins. Once more, Peter, we sweat in the Garden. We shall weep with Mary and the Disciples as our Lord is nailed to the Cross. We shall see Him laid in the tomb. We shall again be present when the tomb is opened and He has departed. We shall sing again the Easter anthem.

What a joy and privilege we Catholics are possessed of. Do we always fully appreciate our treasure?

The New Regime

Woodrow Wilson is now President of the United States and William Howard Taft is our second living ex-President. To the departing chief executive we extend our hearty congratulations. A game loser, he is, nevertheless, a splendid figure in our national life and the worth of his services will be rated higher each year of

our history. His achievements were many, and he had the courage to do what he thought right. Catholics, especially, found him broad-minded and never lacking in respect to those whose religious views differed from his own. President Wilson's inaugural rings well. It is free from bombast and it is couched in courtly, polished diction. His Cabinet looks well balanced and capable of fine team work. Whether he or Mr. Bryan will "sit at the head of the table" remains to be seen. Contrariwise views are expressed in this regard and the crucible of time only will determine which is right.

The Catholic Journal extends best wishes to the new national regime.

Do Thou Likewise?

From the Boston Pilot we take the following:—

"The Holy Name Society of St. Mary's parish, Lawrence, has been given a unique advertising campaign, free text books in the public blasphemous language. In the schools, comes another that he cal street cars among the advertisement has caused a bill to be drafted, tising cards is a striking one statewide in its application containing the following: (Profanity pelling all civil divisions, irre- spective of the wishes of loca "Under these lines is the an- authorities or citizenship, to pro- nouncement in small type that vide free text books to all pu- St. Mary's Holy Name Society pils. Such a measure is obnoxious is responsible for the card in several particulars.

"In addition to the signs that are displayed in the street cars, similar signs are distributed in stores and public places of the city."

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World Public Opinion

A few days ago a remarkable mass meeting and rally of the Societies in the Catholic Federation in and around Boston was held. Eloquent speakers gave vivid pictures of the achievements in recent years of Catholic hierarchy and laymen. From the forceful address of Charles T. Daly, secretary of the Archdiocesan Union, we quote the following paragraph:—

"Federation aims to build up and maintain a solid, united Catholic opinion whose influence will be a factor in the solution of the problems that involve the welfare, prosperity and even the life of the nation. It strives to educate American and Catholic thought to a better understanding of what Catholicity really is and for what it stands. It strives to bring out in the daily lives of the people the life giving principles of Christian civilization upon which alone society can firmly stand."

There is need of Catholic opinion. It must be firmly grounded, carefully developed and thoroughly established. It must come about as the result of a knowledge of the Catholic Church, its glorious past, its regain to the welfare of this country, try, its position with reference to the evils of the day and the lack of religion in our public schools and educational institutions.

"In order for the Catholic opinion to be effective, to move public opinion, a strong Catholic press is absolutely necessary." In all this we coincide, especially the last sentence. A strong Catholic press is an invaluable adjunct to the Church, the hierarchy, the pulpit, the priest and the Catholic laity. The heartier support we give our Catholic press, the more influence will we exert in the community and our non-Catholic neighbors will respect us accordingly.



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An old gentleman from the east was visiting his daughter in San Jose, Cal. Of course he pronounced the name according to the spelling until they impressed it upon him that in Spanish J has the sound of H.

By and by he started to see a son in Watsonville. This town is on a branch line a mile or so from the junction at Pajaro, and as the electric cars from Pajaro to Watsonville passed directly by the son's house, the old gentleman's railway ticket was for Pajaro. He looked at it in a puzzled way, then threw it down in great disgust, exclaiming:—

"Well, sir: They can tell me that 'J' spells 'Hozay,' but they needn't tell me that 'P' spells 'Watsonville'—Exchange

Steel Globes in Space.

If two solid balls of tempered steel, each the size of the earth and hard as the harveztized face of armor plate, were taken in two Jovian hands, placed gently together in space and released what would happen? They would behave exactly as if they were liquid, they would coalesce like two great drops of water, and the highest prominence or mountain on the new globe could not have a height of fifty miles, because anything so high as that would flatten out under its own weight. —Hudson Maxim in Youth's Companion

Diplomatic.

Mrs. Wombat proceeded to use some very plain language.
Mr. Wombat objected.
"Ain't what I said true?" demanded Mrs. Wombat.
"Yes, but, woman, be more diplomatic. You talk as if you were abrogating a treaty." —Louisville Courier Journal

Little Pitches.

"Ma, does he help to clean the streets?"
"What a question! Of course he doesn't!"
"But I heard him telling Mr. Jagg that he fell off the water wagon the other night." —Baltimore American.

Just the Other Way.

Little Dolly—I haven't had a speaking all-day Uncle Henry—Been a good girl, eh? Little Dolly—Oh, it isn't that! Mamma has been perfectly angelic.—Philadelphia Record.

Beauty is a short lived beauty—Socrates.

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