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Suffering

The whole world was shocked to hear of earthquakes in Italy during the past week which in loss of life far exceeded the San Francisco earthquake...

Probably, this disaster will serve to check the eager anxiety of the blood thirsty citizens who have been clamoring that Italy enter into the European war...

Meanwhile, our prayers should go up for those who are in dire distress. We have been generous in aid of the Belgians and others left destitute by the war.

Change Front. Selection of Henry M. Sage, of Albany, to be chairman of the Senate committee on Finance...

Those Anglo-French sympathizers who attack German violation of Belgian neutrality are reminded by a New York World correspondent that the United States violated just as solemn a treaty with Colombia when it seized the Panama canal zone...

The Catholic Journal has not and does not stand sponsor for or excuse Germany's violation of treaty rights in invading Belgium but it does submit that Americans should first try to compel our own country to recompense Colombia for damages sustained because this country violated treaty obligations to Colombia before they presume to criticize any other country for similar offenses.

There have been, are and will be vigorous argument in favor of and against public ownership of public utilities. The Rochester Chamber of Commerce has placed itself in opposition to public ownership. No doubt, public ownership and operation of certain utilities would be unpracticable.

Good Reading

What we read undoubtedly, has a great influence upon our daily life and conduct. A good book may exert great influence for better living, a bad book is likely to be of far greater effect for evil.

Parents should pay attention to what their boys and girls read as it is at the tender age that lasting impressions are made and good reading is likely to start the

boy or girl on a good course. Once a liking for good literature is acquired the taste for bad reading is not likely to break in upon one. In Catholic homes, especially should be found Catholic literature and Catholic magazine papers. They are sure to be clean and wholesome and, besides, the reader will not fail to absorb a wholesome knowledge of his faith, religion and Church history, and, in this day and age, such knowledge is indispensable and invaluable.

"Bigoted Measure."

The above caption is the characterization applied by the secular Buffalo Express to the immigration bill before Congress in which educational and other tests are required to be met by immigrants before they may be admitted to the United States.

A very narrow-minded amendment forbids the immigration of members of the black or African race. There has been no immigration from Africa since the slave trade was stopped, and there is not likely to be any.

The Grand Duchess Elizabeth Fedorovna, sister-in-law of the czar of Russia, has donated the white garb of a Sister of Mercy and goes into the parks and streets of Petrograd collecting money for wounded soldiers.

There is a general expectation that the President will veto this bill. He certainly should veto it, regardless of any threat of passing it over his head.

Tit for Tat

Why should a woman use a hammer to drive a tack if there is a hairbrush handy? There is nothing in which men more deceive themselves than in what they call real life.

Life to possess its full savor must of necessity consist largely of plans and ambitions. The pigeon is still the champion aviator, although it has too much sense to keep the loop.

It isn't only the people who have autos who are always running down their neighbors. A man must be well off who is irritated by trifles, for in misfortune trifles are not felt.

Henry Stenkiewicz, author of "Quo Vadis" and holder of the 1905 Nobel prize for literature, has just been elected honorary member of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The Poles are greatly gratified by the honor thus conferred on the writer, which is generally considered to be a unique one for a Pole.

William Maxwell, the author of business books, to say nothing of a play and numerous short stories, is, unlike most writers, a practical business man. He was born in Illinois and has been successively a canvasser, law student, clerk in a law office, credit and collection manager, sales manager and general manager. In 1911 he joined the executive force of Thomas A. Edison incorporated, of which he is now secretary and vice president.

There are some compensations for a city that does not have a subway. Baltimore American. There is not enough speculation in stocks going on just now to make Wall Street feel just as natural as it would like to Philadelphia Press.

Train and Track.

There are 1290 street and electric railways in the United States, capitalized at \$4,798,608,141. To enable a dispatcher unaided to control train movements electrical apparatus has been invented by which he can signal a train at any point to take a siding and which notifies him when his order has been obeyed.

The Royal Box.

King George V. has traveled about the world more than any other living monarch. Queen Wilhelmina is an expert on military matters and does not review a regiment as a matter of form, but is quick to notice any defects.

Recent Inventions.

Electrically driven, a newly invented machine pastes paper labels on bottles no matter what their shape. A camera small enough to be swallowed to photograph the interior of the stomach has been invented by a Danish surgeon.

Electrically operated machines for writing messages in cipher codes and for translating such messages have been invented by a Russian naval officer.

The best way to bluff is with the best hand. It's the fellow who keeps cool that collars the cash.

He is safe from danger who is on his guard even when safe.

The fellow who hasn't been in bed all night naturally lacks repose.

If you would escape the risk of shipwreck at sea, see America first.

When it comes to manna labor the average man is a tramp at heart.

"Cut out liquor tobacco and tonics" is the way many doctors now put it.

The one man who always goes where duty calls is the customs inspector.

Even when a man is a crank he may feel that he has a turning point in his life.

The body who minds his own business is always busy, but not a busy body.

Many a man puts whip and spurs to his brain who neglects to bridle his tongue.

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Current Comment.

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Nobody will need a passport, with the complications that the thing involves, when he goes west this year to attend the Big doings in California. Chicago News.

There is some curiosity among the great mass of men in this country as to how a New York actor-lawyer managed to maintain three homes, even with a double barreled income. Detroit News.

GERMAN CIVIL COURTS.

Made of Procedure Where Commercial Cases Are Tried. The "handelsgericht," or commercial court, is presided over by one judge and two laymen known as "handelsrichter"—commercial judges nominated by commercial bodies and appointed by the government.

Instead of submitting technical business questions to a jury, who in all probability never heard of the like before, and then offering the testimony of experts on each side of the case, which often has a tendency to confuse the jury rather than to enlighten them, the German commercial judges possess personal experience in business and skill in affairs of commerce of the greatest value in arriving at correct conclusions.

THE MAN WHO LAUGHS.

The Reason He Does So From the Physical Point of View. Laughter is an involuntary response of certain muscles to a communication from nerves controlling their action. We laugh because we receive an impression through our sensory nerves that causes a demonstration from the muscles which express mirth.

The nerves are like so many electric wires, and the sensory nerves act as a battery, by means of which the electric currents of life are transmitted. The muscles have the power to express the state of gladness, indicated by laughter, according to the positiveness of the impressions passed along the nerves which operate them.

A Book That Wasn't Published. A singular plan for honoring heroes was proposed in 1832, if we may credit the following footnote to "La Typographie," a poem by Le Poelleter, published in that year at Geneva.

The use and popularity of pearls date back to about 3000 B. C., but they were known to yet older peoples, and especially to those of the east. The Chinese records go still farther back, and other pearls were received as tribute in the twenty third century B. C.

From the tenth century to 1421 Namur was the capital of a dukedom, but was merged in the Netherlands in 1421. It was captured in 1692 by Marshal Vauban in the Netherlands war and three years later by William of Orange. Again in 1748 the French General Clermont took it, and it was taken from the French by Joseph II in 1794, but restored again later. In 1815 it was defended with great bravery in the Waterloo campaign. London Answers.

Interrogating a Reformer. "I shall leave politics a poorer man than when I first accepted office," said the patriot.

"Excuse me," responded the friend, who is a little hard of hearing, "did you say 'poorer' or 'purer'?" Washington Star.

Easy. "I wish I knew how to get rid of trouble."

"I'll help you out. I know a fellow who's always looking for it." Judge.

Alligators' Teeth. Ivory from alligators' teeth is as rich in bone as and has a brighter luster than the best tusks that ever came from an African elephant.

There is work on God's wide earth for all men that he has made with hands and hearts. Carlyle.

STATEMENT

MERCHANTS BANK OF ROCHESTER

Close of Business, Dec. 31, 1914

Resources

Table with Resources: Loans \$4,414,441.55, Bank Building 220,000.00, Cash on Hand \$261,113.50, Cash in Banks 642,299.53, R. R. and Other Bonds 297,814.42-1,101,227.45 (Market Value), Total \$5,735,669.00

Liabilities

Table with Liabilities: Capital \$300,000.00, Surplus and Undivided Profits 366,325.66, Dividend 7,500.00, Mortgage on Bank Building 25,000.00, Deposits 5,036,842.34, Total \$5,735,669.00

Officers

Officers: Percy R. McPhail President, Thomas J. Devine Vice-President, V. F. Whitmore Vice-President, John C. Rodenbeck Vice-President and Cashier, Albert S. Newell Assistant Cashier

Directors

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