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## Fine Community.

We have had occasion more than once to refer to places in New Jersey where local school boards refuse to employ teachers whose parents are Catholics. It would appear that that frame of mind is extending pretty nearly all over the State.

An instance has just come to light where the local school board has placed an embargo not only on Catholic teachers but also upon those who profess the Jewish Faith. This is in Medford Township, Burlington County, where the local board refused to employ Miss Lottie Berman because she is a Jewess.

We do not recall whether the Catholics of New Jersey as a whole have raised any row over their ostracism by rural New Jersey boards but we note with much satisfaction that the Jews have and so successfully that the State Department of Education has taken a hand in the fracas and promises interesting developments if the Medford Board does not reverse its action.

Secretary Garwood of the Medford Board, however, contends that in its action the board only reflected the prevailing sentiment in the township as "the residents" of our community are unanimously opposed to the employment of either Catholics or Jews in our public schools.

Medford must be a mighty fine community in which to reside! Is it possible that Catholics are excluded from residence in Medford? Is Catholic money refused in the stores of Medford?

Medford is a mighty fine community to keep away from we should say. It were well also if Catholics would list Medford in their memories and refuse to patronize anything which hails from Medford or anybody who gives Medford as his place of business.

## Liberty Bonds.

While we may think we cannot afford to purchase Liberty Bonds, either cash down or on installment plan, nevertheless as we look over the provisions of the new revenue bill passed by congress we realize that if we do not send our money to the Government in the shape of purchase of Bonds we shall be obliged to give our money to the Government in the shape of taxes and we never shall see a penny of it again.

If we ride on the train, in a Pullman berth or chair, we pay a tax of eight per cent on the railroad ticket and ten per cent on the Pullman seat. If we write a letter, either on personal matters or on business, we must pay three cents postage instead of two cents as at present. The more salaries are raised the higher is the rate of income tax and unless you are married you must pay income tax on all over \$1,000 and

only \$2,000 are exempt if you are married.

It is decreed that we must bear the largest proportion of the cost of the war until it is ended and so we might as well make up our minds now that we must suffer hardships in order that it may be won and that the world may be safe for the ordinary liberty-loving citizen to live in. To our friends who may fear we ourselves may come to emulate the autocracies we are warring against, we say: once the war is over we will kick out our autocrats or would-be autocrats. We have the power and they will find it out if they wax at all arrogant, be they Presidents or military officers.

## Peculiar.

Why is it that so many New Yorkers seem to think that outside New York manners are not known and that all the niceties of good breeding may be set aside with impunity?

Had Dudley Field Malone been scheduled to speak before the New York City Chamber of Commerce he never would have been guilty of the impropriety of insulting half of his hosts as he did at the Rochester Chamber of Commerce dinner this week. He would have found out his topic and adhered strictly to it. He never would have dared to intrude a suffrage speech into a purely patriotic dinner program. Had he so offended he would have known that he never would be invited again and also that his career of usefulness would have been curtailed greatly.

We recall that Mayor John Purroy Mitchell of New York was a guest at one of the correspondents' dinners where mirth and purely good fellowship are supposed to prevail. He was called upon as a matter of politeness to a distinguished guest and instead of falling in with the good nature of the evening he proceeded to insult and abuse the Legislators and state officials because of some fancied slight he had received at a hearing on a New York City bill. He acted and talked as if there were no legislation before the legislature except that affecting greater New York or if there were it should at once be sidetracked and forgotten. Needless to say the Mayor has not been invited to a similar function since.

The Chamber of Commerce of Rochester would be clearly within its rights, indeed it would be perfectly justified, if it erased Mr. Malone's name from its mailing list at least for all public functions.

## Oldest Priest.

As nearly as can be ascertained, the oldest Catholic priest in the world is Rev. Damase Dandurand, O. M. I., of St. Boniface, Manitoba. He is 98 years old and was born in LaPrairie, near Montreal, March 23d, 1819. He was ordained September 12, 1841, and was the first French-Canadian to enter the order of Oblates of Mary Immaculate. In spite of his 98 years, he still enjoys good health and celebrates mass every day.

For many years Father Dandurand conducted missions in Montreal and vicinity. Then he was sent as a missionary to Manitoba. Since 1900 he has been chaplain at the Tache Hospital, St. Boniface.

On Father Dandurand's 76th anniversary a few days ago Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal sent the following telegram:—"To the venerable oblate, a son of Montreal, the oldest priest in the world, cordial congratulations." And to this we all add "Ad Multos Annos."

The "Appeal to Reason" company has been denied a state charter by the Kansas authorities. One by one these rattlesnake sheets are being scotched.

The Knights of Columbus are making public their work at the army camps. Good!

## WHY

The Meadow Lark Has a Short Tail Instead of a Long One

Do you know why the meadow lark has a short tail?

Once he had a long tail. This is how he lost it, as told in a California legend recorded by Dr. S. A. Barrett in a paper on "Ceremonies of the Pomo Indians." Once upon a time there were no people, but all the birds and all the animals were human. In those days Hawk, who was the captain of a village, was killed by Vulture. For a long time after he was killed they saw no more of Hawk. Then one day Hawk came into the dance house and sat down at the foot of the cantor pole. People noticed nothing out of the ordinary about him and were perfectly willing to let him join in the dancing.

But Meadow Lark noticed a strange odor about Hawk. With characteristic garrulity, he declared that Hawk had just returned from the realm of the dead and that it was most improper for mortals to dance with dead people.

Hawk was much offended at these reflections upon him, for he was a chief and a member of a leading family, so he left at once and never again did he return to the village.

Meadow Lark's rude conduct so enraged the other members of the village that one of his neighbors seized a fire poker and struck him viciously. Meadow Lark dodged the blow, but whack! the poker clipped off most of his tail.

That is why the meadow lark has only a stub of a tail to this very day.

And that is why the Pomo Indians used to go out into the woods and dress themselves up as devil dancers, painted and beaked and horrifying to behold, return to the village to impersonate the spirits of the departed, thus to stone for the insult to Hawk, long ago by the karultos Meadow Lark.—State University of California.

How to Shoot a Rifle With Best Effect—To begin with, one must familiarize himself with the nomenclature and care of the rifle, says Major E. V. Bookbinder in the American Boy. Also the value of the various chills cannot be too strongly emphasized. By means of them the fundamental principles of shooting may be learned before a shot is fired. Bad shooting arises from not properly supporting and correctly aiming at the moment of discharge. The chief of these causes is the deflection given to the rifle when it is discharged. This means that the boy has caused the rifle to be swerved from its original position after aim.

Instead of squeezing the trigger the boy may jerk it while firing due to a cramped position of the body. The trigger should be squeezed, not pulled. The hand being closed upon itself as a sponge is squeezed, the forefinger should be placed as far around the trigger as to press it with the second joint. By practice one is able to judge what additional pressure is required for its discharge.

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