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Keep Eyes Open. No one wants to revive religious prejudices on our side of the house.

We believe that such is the attitude of the big broad-minded men and women of America. But there are some who are so narrow and sectarian that they cannot enter into this broadminded spirit.

Then there are the social placers, the religious parasites who make their living out of proselytizing. The war over their livelihood is gone. They do not care or do not know how to make a living in trade or profession.

The 1919 convention of the Eucharistic League is to be held at Notre Dame University from August 5-7.

There are signs of a possibly lively set of political primaries in and about Rochester.

Prince Edward Island in Canada never has had a divorce case. In Marion County Indiana 75 divorces were granted in the week ending July 5th!

The Great Danger.

While in no way committed to approval of all that Professor Irving Babbitt of Harvard has to say in his recent work on "Rousseau and Romanticism", the following paragraphs so well depict some dangerous modern tendencies that we reproduce them in full:

"With the progress of the new morality everyone has become familiar with the type of perfect idealist who is ready to pass laws, to regulate of everybody God-given freedom, and everything except himself, her from the galling yoke of slavery and who knows how to envelopery, political and economic, that in a mist of radiant words has lasted seven long centuries.

"The tendency to make of society the universal scapegoat is not, one scarcely needs add, to be ascribed entirely to the romantic moralist. It is only the aspect of the denial of the human law, of strations during Easter week, the assumption that because man is partly subject to the natural law he is entirely subject to it; monk, who administered the last and in this dehumanizing of man rites to Pearse, Connelly, Mac-

"These men did not put a new substitute for all the restraining virtues in sympathy, the ration-alist naturalist, who is as a rule utilitarian with a greater or smaller dash of pseudo-science, hopes to find a substitute for these same virtues in some form of machinery. The legislative miller to which our 'uplifters' are so ready to resort, is a familiar example. If our modern society continues to listen to those who are seeking to persuade it that it is possible to find mechanical or emotional equivalents for self-control, it is likely, as Rousseau said to himself, to show, a 'great tendency to degenerate.'"

"The transformation of the Arcadian dreamer into the Utopist is a veritable menace to civilization. The ends that the Utopist proposes are often in themselves desirable and the evils that he denounces are real. But when we come to scrutinize critically his means, what we find is, not a firm grip on the ascertained facts of human nature; but what Bagebot calls the feeble idealities of the romantic imagination. Moreover, various Utopists may come together as to what they wish to destroy, which is likely to include the whole existing social order; but what they wish to erect on the ruins of this order will be found to be not only in dreamland, but in different dreamlands. For with the elimination of the veto power from personality—the only power that can pull men back to some common center—the ideal will amount to little more than the projection of this or that man's temperament upon the void. In a purely temperamental world an affirmative reply may be given to the question of Euryalus in Virgil: 'Is each man's God but his own fell desire?'"—Professor Irving Babbitt of Harvard University, taken from his work Rousseau and Romanticism.

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Just how would Ireland present her case for self-determination to the League of Nations?

A Catholic colony has been established in Texas. The president of the association is Edmund F. Dunne, formerly chief justice of Arizona and ex-district judge of Nevada. One hundred thousand acres of land are to be sold at the lowest possible price.

Irish Freedom

That American sympathy with Irish self-determination is growing day by day is evident from the big mass meetings held all over the United States at the recent Hibernian convention held in San Francisco, our own Arch-bishop Hanna preached the sermon in which he said:—

"You are Americans banded together to aid Ireland's cause, familiar with the type of perfect idealist who is ready to pass laws, to regulate of everybody God-given freedom, and everything except himself, her from the galling yoke of slavery and who knows how to envelopery, political and economic, that in a mist of radiant words has lasted seven long centuries.

"The cry which goes up from you for justice will give heart in the valleys and on the mountain-sides of Ireland and will give to those who fight so valiantly at home."

Tribute to the men executed during Easter week, the assumption that because man is partly subject to the natural law he is entirely subject to it; monk, who administered the last and in this dehumanizing of man rites to Pearse, Connelly, Mac-

It looks as if the high cost of living is to have another boost if there are to be many of these farmers' unions, as detailed last week in the Lyons Republican as follows:

Sodus Centre farmers, as related in these columns last week, have concluded to organize to protect themselves. They have evolved an ingenious scheme of organization which is sure to attract wide attention.

All of us depend upon the farmer for he is the greatest manufacturer—the manufacturer of food, and those who could not pay his price would starve to death.

The forty-eighth convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America will assemble this year in Hartford, Conn., Aug. 5, 6 and 7. The convention meets in Hartford at the invitation of Bishop Nilan, who is greatly interested in the total abstinence cause.

Mrs. Anne Weightman Penfield, wife of the ambassador to Austria-Hungary, has given the magnificent house and grounds, known as "Raven Hill" in Germantown. It will be converted into an academy conducted by the Sisters of the Assumption, of France.

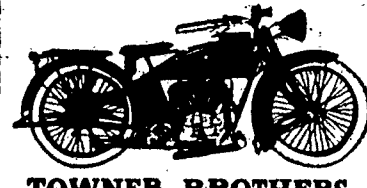
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