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"Single Force for Good"

Our old friend Windle's pen is still virile and facile as witness the concluding paragraph of a recent editorial in the "Iconoclast" as follows:—"People ask: Why does the Iconoclast editor interest himself in the fight against A. P. A. ism? The answer lies sleeping in premature graves in Birmingham and under the sunlit skies of California. Though not a Catholic, the editor cannot remain silent while the enemies of religious liberty attack the rights of Catholic citizens. He cannot remain silent while Knights of Bigotry hurl barbed lies at a great Church that is probably the greatest single force for good in the world. He cannot be true to his principles and not fight as heartily for the rights of his Catholic neighbors as he would for his own—ay, as he would for the Baptists, Methodists or Jews when unjustly attacked.

"The tragedies at Birmingham and Colma are fruits of bigotry. That is reason enough for one to sharpen the ax to cut down the infernal tree of bigotry itself. A dead tree cannot bear an evil fruit."

Real Reason

Says the Rochester "Herald"—A New York magistrate gave a subway guard a 30-day sentence for insulting a woman passenger. It is a trying position which these men occupy, though that is no excuse for sauciness or freshness. If conductors were not shifted so often from one line to another, they could become acquainted with street railway patrons and establish friendly relations that would be beneficial to the service.

If we read the account correctly in the New York papers, this guard was not on duty or in uniform. He was off duty and in citizens' clothes when he accosted a couple and insinuatingly asked the woman if he could not be her escort the next evening. When arrested and placed on trial he excused his conduct by telling the judge he often saw this woman on the subway when he was on duty as a guard and he understood she was unmarried. It happened she was married and was with her husband when accosted by the subway guard.

We think the New York judge acted just right. It is a pity the police do not arrest and jail a hundred or so imitators of the New York guard at the corners along Main street where they ogled and leered at every woman passing.

Buffalo and Pittsburgh last Friday suffered 60 miles an hour gales but Rochester escaped damage of that sort.

If you have not already contributed to St. Bernard's Seminary for 1921 you should do so.

Police Justice Kohlmetz is fast acquiring a statewide reputation for judicial common sense and keen insight into human nature.

Still At It!

Those who think it out of the question that tobacco might be barred by Federal Constitutional limitation should study up on the history and so on of the constitutional amendment that fastened prohibition on this country. Probably, the majority of the inhabitants of the United States had no interest in the preservation or abolition of the saloon. If the question of abolition or continuance of the saloon had been put to popular vote of the people of the United States there is no doubt that the large majority would have been recorded to put out the saloon. But it is exceedingly doubtful that anything like a majority would have voted in favor of a proposition to exclude from the home of him who desired it beverages he wished to have there for himself and his friends. The dangerous drunkards, the spenders of what be-longed to their family, the home or by the beverages consumed in the home.

But by securing the assent of state legislatures here and there and working it that way the Federal Constitution was amended in such a way that the home made wines and cider and other old time adjuncts to the household equipment were not only barred but their making at home were put in the list of criminal offenses. It will be as comparatively easy to slip into the Federal Constitution a clause making it illegal to grow, harvest, cure, manufacture or use tobacco in any form.

The next step will be the reading of the King James version of the Bible compulsory in all schools, public, private or parochial. The initial steps along this line are already in progress and the people will wake up to this latest sectarian invasion. Of course it is really a non-Catholic, rather an anti-Catholic drive, because at present the Catholic schools are instructing their pupils in the Bible and in the principles of their faith.

It behooves all liberty lovers to be on their guard as the bigots and meddlers have nothing else to do and their fulminations make good copy for the sensational press.

Just A Thought!

If Bishop Hickey were to make the plan of 1921—made necessary by the storm of last week Sunday—of holding memorial services in all the Catholic Churches on All Souls' Day instead of the open air ceremony of blessing the graves, might it not be a splendid arrangement!

Of late years the crowd of curious onlookers not of our faith and ever ready to poke fun have invaded Holy Sepulcher Cemetery and crowded out the relatives and friends of the departed who rest there and who came to pray. Will not these be better satisfied to participate in a purely religious service in the church where the curious and the censorious will not venture?

Possibly the florists and the street car company may lose some revenue but these have been so busy of late years that they will, undoubtedly, welcome any plan that will eliminate jams at unpropitious seasons and if it be desired to decorate the graves why may this not be done on Memorial Day, the national holiday set aside to honor the memory of those who gave their lives for their country?

Honest in advertising should be the prevailing policy.

A traffic officer is an absolute necessity at South Avenue and Court streets. That is a bad corner.

Oklahoma must be proud of Congressman Manuel Herrick. He surely is the prize idiot in legislative life today.

Rotary In Good Work

According to a recent editorial in a local contemporary the Rotary clubs have entered upon a new and commendable activity. They are now endeavoring to induce boys and girls to continue at school until graduation from high school and their efforts in the West, at least, have been crowned with large measure of success.

Statistics compiled by the United States Bureau of Education, it is declared, show that more girls and boys graduate annually from high schools, and that in the last twenty-six years the number of college women has increased 156 per cent, while the number of college men has increased only 143 per cent.

The expert of the Bureau of Education who prepared these statistics says: "Colleges and universities have not succeeded in drawing as large a proportion of high-school graduates as they formerly did. The multiplication of high schools, in the attempt to give every boy and girl the advantages of a high school education, has not resulted in a proportion of subsequent enrollment in collegiate and graduate courses."

"The time is approaching," the United States Bureau of Education announces, "when there will be as many women as men enrolled in universities and other higher institutions of learning."

There is nothing alarming about this situation, at least from one point of view. The more individuals the higher institutions of learning are able to reach, the better for the country. There would be something alarming about the situation, if the increase in the number of women in our colleges was to be accompanied by a corresponding falling off in the number of men. It would not be many years, under that condition of affairs, before the men would find themselves crowded out of the higher professions.

While it is an ambitious programme the National Catholic Welfare Council has outlined it can be accomplished if we all pull together.

Possibly Senator Newberry's friends voluntarily spent \$200,000 to elect him United States Senator without his knowledge but that is not the way they play politics in Michigan.

Disarmament and unemployment should prove fruitful topics for discussion. But let's hope the conferences will be longer on results than on conversation.

James F. Griffin, Supreme Dictator of the Loyal Order of Moose, was formerly a Boston newsboy. He never was afraid to practise his religion.

Archbishop Hanna received a splendid "welcome home" from his many friends in Rochester.

Guess the real labor leaders in Rochester were not so bitterly opposed to James P. Holland after all.

Archbishop Curley will be a splendid addition to the American Hierarchy and a fitting compliment to Cardinals Dougherty and O'Connell, Archbishops Hanna, Glennon, Mundelein, and Hayes.

How many of us know the type of man depicted in the following short story:—"Ladies and gentlemen," said the chairman of the evening, "in a few minutes I shall introduce the gentleman who is to address you. It is not my function to deliver a speech at this time, but I shall just use up five or ten minutes so that you may know how good a speech you would have had to listen to were I the speaker and him the chairman."

Building activity is reported in Rochester.

By the retirement of Senator John B. Mullan, Senator James L. Whitley becomes the senior senator from Monroe. But Majority Leader Simon L. Adler is still the dean of the corps with "Silent James" Harris a close second.

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