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Entered as second class mail matter. The Oregon Issue.

We are all interested in the Oregon issue because if the anti-parochial school law in that state is upheld by the United States Supreme Court...

Therefore, each and everyone of us should read and ponder the following statement, as to just what is involved in the Oregon issue...

At the election held in the State of Oregon on last November seventh, there was passed an initiative measure known as the Compulsory School Bill...

To keen observers the campaign from the very beginning had a national scope. There were nationwide forces at work behind the local proponents of the bill...

Though in the past opinions might differ concerning the extent of the influence of this measure, now that it has carried by the popular vote of the people of Oregon...

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to continue their campaign against the parochial schools. The steps which they are now taking to introduce the bill into other states would be in vain...

How can professed Christians deny the Virgin birth of the Savior?

Faith. Why is it that our opponents deride us Catholics for our credulity in accepting the doctrines of the Incarnation...

Every day we are confronted by some one who recites the performance of Coue, the exploits of a Dr. Lucas...

What is that, but faith? Then why criticize us because we accept what has been believed and handed down for centuries by the Apostles and the Fathers of the Church?

Why is it that Catholic faith is so reprehensible while faith in a Lucas is commendable and worthy of 100 per cent approval?

It is not true that the Catholic Church wishes to keep the Bible from her children. Were it not for the Catholic Church the Sacred Scriptures would have been lost to the world.

Not Exactly Right. Dr. Elmer E. Jones, director of the School of Education of Northwestern University, evidently is not 100 per cent in approval of some modern 'vocational guidance experts'.

Writing for a secular publication, Dr. Jones says:—That picking out a child as a likely candidate for a foundry job, or for an office job, or for any kind of job, then teaching him just what he needs to know to do the work ahead of him, all the time enforcing the notion that the boy is predestined for this particular work...

Dr. Jones does not like the vocational guidance expert. Here is what he says: "No sooner did the practical educator devise this system for the schools than the vocational guidance expert came into existence. He came forth with brazen front, advertising his prophetic acumen, and for a fee he pretends to tell what they (boys and girls) can best do in life by a few casual glances at their physiognomies and by a superficial interpretation of a single page of notes. He is a quack of the first rank, and a menace to society. It has been estimated that over \$1,000,000 was expended last year in Chicago alone for the services of such quacks. Not only was the money wasted but much harm was done by guiding youth and men and women into fields of work for which they were not fitted. Fully 70 per cent of the school graduates placed by this method have been found misplaced and are busy readjusting themselves to new employment."

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Why should the International Reform Bureau be surprised that Will Hays has not reformed the film drama. It would be a matter of greater surprise if he had.

Call To Arms!

Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty has sounded the tocsin and summoned the million members of the Knights of Columbus to stand shoulder to shoulder in defense of our religious and civil liberties. In the "New Year Call to Duty" published in a recent issue of "Columbia" Mr. Flaherty said to his fellow knights: I call upon the members of this Order everywhere to rally in defense of the Catholic schools which are the first object of attack under the blatant and foolish camouflage of a drive for the public schools and only the public schools financially to exactly the same extent as non-Catholic taxpayers support them; but if we deem it our duty to bring up our children in the Faith of their fathers what law of God that is expressed in the sense of that duty? How can vicious proscription, by whatever majority, of our religious freedom be tolerated under the American Constitution?

Why should not the implied restriction implied in "Hospital Zone, quiet" be made literal and enforced by the authorities?

Quite True. A fine example of telling the truth yet not speaking all of the truth was given in the Rochester "Herald" the other day when it spoke as follows of the late Chancellor James R. Day:—

Dr. Day's economic and philosophical theories are now pretty generally outworn and discarded. There be few who hold to them, and fewer still who frankly defend them. But there is this to be said of their distinguished champion who has now passed away and who was almost the last to occupy the printed page in their defense: He stood by his convictions with courage, earnestness and unflinching energy. He was indifferent to majorities and thoughtless of personal consequences. What he believed, he hesitated not to say. What he had professed, he lived up to.

His mind and spirit were out of harmony with his time. But he made his impress upon the thought of his contemporaries, if only by stimulating them to controversy and compelling them to refute his contentions. Besides, he left with them a profound respect for his intellectual honesty and resoluteness of purpose which many a professed liberal may well envy.

History repeats. That is evidenced by the appearance in "Twenty-five years ago, 1898" of an item that an appeal for prohibition was issued hearing among others the signatures of Rev. Dr. Clarence A. Barbour and Clinton N. Howard.

Friends of Dr. Leonard J. Solari know that they have lost a loyal associate while the city has lost a valued servant and Holy Mother Church a devoted son. May his soul rest in peace!

It does seem as though a searching scrutiny of the history of applicants before they are appointed would prevent unworthy and unfit police officers from investing with uniform, shield, billy and gun.

Don't begrudge an increase in salary to the firemen. The average fireman earns a year's salary in a response to 'duty's call in taking care of one big fire on a zero night.

There'll be echoes for years to come of the famous fistie murder induced by a few bottles of murderous booze.

Since the advent of a New York publisher in Rochester every paper has a "society page" where at they used to poke fun.

Judging from the noon lunch clubs all over the city every day, precious few business or professional men eat the noon day meal in the bosom of their families.

When Rochester operates a subway, we will be in the metropolitan class and Buffalo will not be in position to poke fun at us longer.

MAKING STUDY OF CHIMNEYS

Johns Hopkins University Professor Has Planned Careful Experiments Concerning Their Behavior.

Why are factory chimneys built the way they are? The answer to this question, according to Prof. A. G. Christie, of the department of mechanical engineering at Johns Hopkins University, is that the first smoke-stacks happened to be built "that way," and everybody else has followed the example. Little is really known, says Professor Christie, of the internal action of the gases in a chimney, and he is accordingly undertaking some investigations into the matter. He has constructed on the grounds of the university a chimney with two platforms, one 25 feet from the ground and the other 25 feet higher, both of them reached by an iron ladder. At each platform the masons have left openings, which will ordinarily be plugged up, but will be cleared whenever the observers are at work. Through each aperture it will be possible for the experimenter to project instruments for the study of the gas flow. Careful records will be kept as material for a more precise knowledge of the factors on which an effective draught depends.

An explanation will thus be found, it is hoped, of the difference in the behavior of chimneys—why, that is to say, one smoke-stack will draw like a vacuum cleaner, while another will choke like a "fliver" which has lost a cylinder or two.

WILTED BEFORE THE THREAT

Student Saw Awful Possibility in Two Words Addressed to Him by Prefect of Study.

Fifty-five years ago a certain Indianapolis man was a student or, as he always insists, a pupil, at Notre Dame university. At that time he was only a youngster and, he admits, "cut up a little."

One fatal day, he took with him to the study hall a copy of "Billy Bowlegs," which he hid in his geography and began to read avidly. In fact, he became so interested that he failed to hear the prefect of study when the latter called on him for a recitation. Finally the prefect called him to the desk in the front of the room. There was no opportunity to get rid of the book, so up to the desk he walked, book in hand.

The prefect unostentatiously took "Billy Bowlegs," handed over his geography and told him to return to his seat. Several days later, when the Indianapolis man of today began to whisper and to grow fractious, the prefect said to him just two words.

"Now, Billy." Instantly, the pupil became very quiet and always in the future was a model student, while in that class. "For he feared the prefect would disclose the dreadful truth and he would go through school, branded with the name, "Billy Bowlegs."—Indianapolis News.

Captain Also Had Grievance.

One of the petty grievances of private soldiers and non-commissioned officers at Camp Taylor during the late war was the ban on rolled leggings. But they were frequently smuggled in and worn on trips home. On such an occasion a private from Camp Taylor had reached Vincennes, Ind., in the full glory of borrowed and illegitimate leggings. However, his pride of possession was short-lived, for he soon saw a captain whom he had known slightly in civilian life. The captain, after looking at him intently for a while, strode up to him and our private had uncomfortable visions of a panorama from the guardhouse to the firing squad. "Do they allow you to wear rolled leggings at Camp Taylor?" the captain demanded with a flashing eye. "No, sir," the private stammered. "Humph," said the officer indignantly, "they don't at Camp Grant, either, and I think it's a good awful shame!"

Panel's Interesting History.

A gruesome story attaches to a Flemish glass panel of the fourteenth century, which was on exhibition in London, with other stained glass work centuries old. On the panel is represented the suicide of Judas Iscariot, with vividly circumstantial and morbid details. In old books of the period reference is made to a glass painter, known as Charles of Ypres, who is known to have executed a great part of the most remarkable work of the time, having hanged himself to a tree. This and other evidence makes it probable that the panel was the actual work of this very man. Another panel represents what is probably the only contemporary portrait on stained glass of Richard III. It recently came to light after being stored away in an Essex mansion for 118 years.

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The leper colony of Porto Rico on Cabras island, after years of dreary days and silent nights, can now listen to the voices of the world. A radio receiving set has just been installed there. Probably not since its invention has the setting up of a radio set been watched by a more interested group of spectators than that which followed the movements of the Rev. Charles B. Bare and two employees, as they installed the instrument. "When the loud speaker comes you will be able to hear concerts, music and singing in San Juan, in Havana and in the big cities of the United States," they were told. The radio concerts will be heard in the clubhouse of the Philanthropic society of Cabras island. The clubhouse is rather meagerly furnished—a broken victrola, a rather unsteady table, and some benches and chairs. Superintendent Rubin has promised to see that everyone has a seat—and so on nights when Pittsburgh and Havana "speak out clear and bold" the exiles of Cabras will be listening.

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