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Is This The Way? Perhaps the non-Catholic churches might be filled if the old time conditions described by the New York "Evening World" in the following article were restored:

While freedom of individual action on Sunday is still restricted in the United States, Canada and Great Britain and various statutes prescribe that what is lawful on other days of the week is illegal on the first day, only those who desire to do so of their own volition will be found within the churches on the Sabbath nowadays.

Compulsory attendance at religious services has not been enforced on this side of the Atlantic since the Colonial days when the "blue laws" and other rigorous enactments were in effect. In England, however, the freedom to remain away from church is comparatively recent, and it was not until the middle of the last century, when Queen Victoria was on the throne, that all penalties for non-attendance at church were abolished.

As late as 1830 there were ten persons in English prisons whose only crime was refusal to attend divine services. One of the ten was a young man who had been convicted at the instigation of his own mother, who appeared against him. In 1817, Sir Montague Burgoyne was haled into court to explain why he had neglected his religious duties.

Rigid Sunday observance in England began during the reign of Edgar in the tenth century, when the Sabbath day was ordained to be kept holy from 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon until sunrise on Monday. The most innocent actions were condemned, and death was the extreme penalty for continued violation of the law. About three centuries ago Parliament passed a law imposing a fine of one shilling for remaining away from church on Sunday, unless some good excuse were forthcoming. This act remained in effect until comparatively recent times, and inability or unwillingness to pay the fine resulted in a prison sentence.

A public library over the river would hide an unsightly spot and add to the city's beauty. Mayor Van Zandt appears to go the even tenor of his way and wins the people's liking much as did his lovable predecessor. Again we have an official "George W. Aldridge". Mr. Hearst is not certain yet that he would support Henry Ford for President, wonderful business man though he is. We fancy that is the attitude of many men.

Governor Allen's White House journey probably ended when his pet Industrial Court was sanctioned by the United States Supreme Court when it pulled the teeth from the law creating it.

Rainy Day.

There is so much of common sense in the following editorial by the Chicago "Tribune" that we reproduce it as follows:-

It is common sense for the individual to make personal preparation for any economic depression which may come. Each individual can do so by the exercise of a little self-denial for the moment. If each will put part of present day income into savings banks or government bonds, which are almost at par and still means that the county is to be pay more than 4 per cent., there will be much less misery when the tide of prosperity ebbs.

We do not oppose the purchase of silk shirts or fivers, or patronage of moving pictures and similar entertainment. We are for those things. The working man or woman has as much right to the luxuries he or she can buy as has any one, and more than some. In so far as they do buy these things they help maintain property. But common sense and the experience of very recent years should indicate to them that there is a path between extravagance and parsimony.

Governor Al. Smith is an outstanding figure naturally these days.

Should Not Be.

Says an exchange:- It is inconceivable why a father of a family should find it impossible to obtain employment. It should be the first care of every community to see that those who have children depending upon them are employed. Their families should be the supreme recommendation with employers.

Any employment manager can vouch for the truth of the above. And even worse is the apparent determination of the big employers not to hire men over 45 years old or to take on men who are at all handicapped physically or who have suffered accidents. Partially, this is so because of the Compensation laws and the fear that handicapped men might be injured and the consequent increase premiums for insurance due to greater accident record.

While the younger help may show greater "speed up" qualities, older men undoubtedly are more reliable and dependable. We must devise ways and means to make places for the men above forty who are physically and mentally fit.

Inspiration.

It is not often that we find ourselves in accord with Mr. Hearst or his papers but we cannot refrain from praising the spirit of the following editorial in the Rochester "Journal" and reproduce it as well:-

One of the most significant events of the week is the first annual alumni banquet of St. Mary's Boys' Orphan Asylum.

For decades this institution has been giving a home to young boys who were without homes, educating them and training them in the principles of manhood and citizenship and sending them out to take their places in the world.

Up to this time there has been no association to bind them to the institution which did so much for them. Now they are returning, - physicians and lawyers and prominent business men, - and returning with a loyalty in their hearts that is just as real as that which the alumni of Hill or St. Paul's or Groton has for his preparatory school.

These returning alumni will have as their guests the boys who are leaving the asylum this month for the battle with life. The presence of the older men back at the old asylum tables and the mute story which their accomplishments will tell - that success is not dependent on affluence in youth - should give real inspiration to the younger orphans.

Doubtful Value.

Whether fear of the recall or fear of a political boss is the worse position for a public officer is the keynote of the following editorial description of the new "County Commission form of government" to be inaugurated in Montana:-

Montana is preparing to inaugurate, in an experimental way, what it calls a Commission Man-System of local government. The term "local government" which are almost at par and still means that the county is to be pay more than 4 per cent., there will be much less misery when the tide of prosperity ebbs.

Under certain conditions the three may be joined in one geographical entity. The object, of course, is to secure honest and efficient government. The manner of reaching this end is not made perfectly plain to the sponsors of the scheme. The Legislature of the state has discovered constitutional objections to some features of the program. To meet these objections the Legislative Assembly has secured amendments to the Constitution which materially enlarge the legislative power. The Assembly may do many things of a radical nature, and no form of government is to be adopted or discounted until such action has been approved by the qualified voters of the territory affected.

The declared purpose is to substitute efficiency for "pull." The commissioners are the only officers for whom the people can vote. There are numerous other restrictions which cover all the details of local government. It is claimed that the system combines a democratic form of government with a concentration of authority and responsibility. Here is a contradiction of terms which will not be overlooked by the critical reader.

Other points, evidently regarded as vital, are as follows: Commissioners are elected on a ticket that permits no party designation, the purpose being to get away from political partisanship. Unfaithful or incompetent appointees can be removed at any time, as also can the manager, and any or all of the commissioners. It is asserted that under this form of government the county manager must make good; otherwise his tenure of office will be brief, and that the commissioners must keep in touch with the people or subject themselves to recall. From all this it is apparent that a person selected for public service must move about as if a ball and chain were attached to his leg, and must live in constant fear of being disciplined or "fired" in a humiliating manner.

President Harding has his troubles.

Charles E. Hughes has developed into what his best friends when he was Governor never thought he would - a diplomat. When in Albany Mr. Hughes was a fighter and talker and a stormy petrel.

Industrial Commissioner Shientag is one state officer who takes public office seriously and as a public trust. More power to him and may his tribe increase.

Peruvian Archbishop Arrives in New York

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, June 22.-Archbishop Emelio Lisson of Lima, head of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in Peru, arrived here on Monday, on the Grace liner Santa Teresa. He was greeted at the pier by representatives of Archbishop Hayes of New York and escorted to the Archbishop's home, where he will remain until he sails for Rome.

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Minister Praises Catholic Theory Of Parish Schools

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, June 25.-The Rev. Hamilton Schuyler, Rector of Trinity Church of Trenton, N. J., writing in the "American Church Monthly" on the subject "Other Sheep Not of This Fold-The Roman Catholics", has the following to say regarding the Catholic attitude on education: "Another point which it seems to me calls for our admiration is the supreme importance attributed by Roman Catholics to the religious education of their children. Viewing the matter from their standpoint, we must admit that they are justified in establishing their own schools where their children may be taught the religion which their parents profess. The wisdom of inculcating the truths of religion while the child is yet in its most impressionable stage is one which is generally recognized by all parties. Bodies other than Roman Catholics attempt to do this in Sunday Schools.

"Roman Catholics believe that such intermittent teaching of religion is not sufficient. They desire that religion shall enter into the daily life of the child and a knowledge of it shall go hand in hand with secular studies. Who shall say that they are wrong? Certainly the fact that they willingly bear the great expense of supporting their parochial schools, furnishes the best evidence that they are animated by purely conscientious motives."

St. Louis To Have New College For Catholic Girls

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) St. Louis, Mo., June 22.-Announcement was made by Archbishop Glennon, at the closing exercises of St. Joseph's Academy, that in September a college will be opened here by the Sisters of St. Joseph. It is to be known as "Font Bonne College", a title chosen to honor the memory of Mother St. John Font Bonne, who at the time the first six Sisters of the society came to America and to St. Louis in 1836 was the Superior General, the Motherhouse being at Lyons, France. The six sisters, among whom was a niece of Mother St. John, landed at New Orleans, then the see of Bishop Rosati, afterwards the first Bishop of St. Louis.

Mother St. John and five of her community were imprisoned during the French Revolution and were only liberated after the fall of Robespierre, thus escaping the guillotine. Mother St. John reconstructed her scattered and impoverished community and upon Bishop Rosati's request sent the six sisters to America.

Classes of Font Bonne College will be conducted at St. Joseph's Academy, until the completion of the new institution, for which 14 acres of ground have been acquired in the western portion of St. Louis, just beyond the grounds of University. Plans are ready to begin at once. Archbishop Glennon after addressing the 17 graduates of the Academy, congratulated the Sisters on their new College project and said he hoped a large class would feature its opening. More Catholic colleges are needed, he said, especially for girls, because there are few now, while non-Catholic colleges are numerous.

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Drop Plan To Drive Irish From Scotland

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, June - The Church of Scotland Assembly appears to be greatly perturbed by the invasion of that country by Irish Catholics. Prior to the meeting of the Assembly the expatriation of the Irish in Scotland had been suggested. When it was seen that this game could be played by two, the clamor was dropped.

In Ireland there are some thousands of Scotchmen engaged in carrying on successful trades and businesses without interference of any kind. It might not be to their advantage if any attempt were made to expel Irish Catholics from Scotland. A resolution was adopted by the Assembly urging the Government "to appoint a Commission to inquire into the situation with a view to the preservation and protection of Scottish nationality and civilization."

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Sunday, July 1.-St. Gal, Bishop, was born at Clermont in Auvergne about the year 489. He entered the monastery of Cournon where his virtues recommended him to Quintianus, Bishop of Auvergne, who promoted him to holy orders. When Quintianus died, the Saint was chosen to succeed him. St. Gal was favored with the gift of miracles. He died about the year 553.

Monday, July 2.-The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin. This feast recalls how the Blessed Virgin, through motives of Christian charity went to visit her cousin St. Elizabeth, who, recognizing Mary as the Mother of God, burst into raptures at the mystery of the Incarnation and pronounced Mary Blessed above all other women.

Tuesday, July 3.-St. Heliodorus, was born in Dalmatia. He sought out St. Jerome in order not only to follow the latter's advice in matters relating to Christian perfection but also to profit by his deep learning. He went to Italy where he was made Bishop of Altino. He died about the year 290.

Wednesday, July 4.-St. Bertha, Widow, Abbess, had five daughters, two of whom are numbered among the Saints. After the death of her husband she entered the nunnery which she had built at Blangy in Artois. After she had established a regular observance in the community, she shut herself up in a cell to pass the remainder of her life in prayer.

Thursday, July 5.-St. Peter of Luxemburg, was born in Lorraine in 1369. At the age of twelve he went to London as a hostage for his brother, the Count of St. Pol. The English were so impressed by his holiness that at the end of a year he was released with only his own word as ransom. When only fifteen years of age he was appointed Bishop of Metz. Later he became a Cardinal. He died at the age of eighteen in the year 1387.

Friday, July 6.-St. Goar, priest, was born of an illustrious family in Aquitaine. Wishing to serve God entirely unknown to the world, he went over into Germany and settling in the neighborhood of Trier, he shut himself up in a cell and arrived at such an eminent degree of sanctity as to be esteemed the oracle and miracle of the whole country. He died in 575.

Saturday, July 7.-St. Pantenus, Father of the Church, flourished in the second century. He was a Sicilian by birth and a Stoic philosopher by profession. Converted to the Faith he was placed at the head of a Christian school in Alexandria. Later he left his school and went to preach the Gospel to the Eastern nations. He died in 216.

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