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Oregon Law

Importance of the decision of the Federal Court of the Oregon district that the Oregon constitutional amendment designed to abolish Catholic schools contravenes the Constitution of the United States is stressed by "Columbia" in the following paragraphs:—

The decision by three federal judges, sitting en banc, that the Oregon compulsory public school law is unconstitutional, while anticipated, comes with refreshing force at this time.

The saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, the enlightening and strengthening power of divine grace, the inspiring example of the religious teacher, the clear presentation of God's standards for human life—these are means used by Catholic education in the making of men and women of intelligence, virtue and character.

Belief—Knowledge

One might not expect a Moderate Protestant to be refuted and rebuked as to his own alleged theological tenets by a Catholic Archbishop but the following incident related by a Catholic contemporary is proof to the contrary:—

A gentleman of the wild and woolly school of theology arose in Milwaukee recently and proclaimed that "it is not to be denied that according to the teaching of the orthodox and praiseworthy purpose of churches, Abraham Lincoln is in Hell."

Norman E. Mack thinks prohibition should be decided by the severest of rank blasphemy in the guise of states. On the other hand, Irvin of progress.

Apparently, Indiana is a great breeding spot for "the invisible empire."

Eating and Living

Dietitians are giving out statistics to prove that we are eating less in the United States—in one way cutting the cost of living—it is stated that the average paid for food in the United States is 46 cents per capita—man, woman and child.

That not all the saving made on food through better kitchen equipment and education is being devoted to the purchase of articles of comfort and luxury is shown by the statements of savings banks, proving an enormous increase in both the number of accounts and the sums deposited in the last six years in the United States.

The nation as a whole is eating less, but living better than it did a quarter of a century ago. It is buying good houses, good furniture, better fittings and many conveniences unknown except to the wealthy of a previous generation, and is putting money in the bank besides.

High School

Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, gave this strong indorsement to "Catholic High School Week":—

The Catholic high school is essential to the work of Catholic education. If Catholic education is to fulfill its sublime mission, the distinctive Catholic training of the individual must be continued during the entire period of intellectual and moral growth and development.

The need of these influences is imperative in the crucial years of adolescence. What guidance shall be given to the ardors and enthusiasms, the hopes and ambitions of restless, unsettled youth? The truths of God must enrich the unfolding mind. The law of God must become the norm of conscience.

The Catholic high school has been established to serve the most precious interests of Catholic youth. Its existence is inevitable in the light of the principles of Catholic education.

Brother Gannett now realizes that whereas it is a very sanitary proceeding to wrap garbage in paper in a city where the refuse is incinerated, it will not do in Rochester where the refuse is reduced and resultant residue is sold for the benefit of the city treasury.

Looks as if the Presbyterians were returning to the fundamental oldest principles. That is well. If is none of our funeral but certain Presbyterians preachers have offended the sensibilities of many of their followers by rank blasphemy in the guise of states.

Moral Tone

It is refreshing to read a communication in a secular contemporary in which the following comments on the screen version of "Three Weeks" shown in Rochester recently:—

It is also idealized that, as one sees the play, one forgets to analyze—to realize how insidious and appealing to moral strength, truth, purity it all is.

Our mothers—what would they have thought of a play like this? This queen is a Slav, hence her undisciplined passion and wrong love are made to seem in the film natural, forgivable.

What will be the effect on us as a nation, as individuals? Has the purity of the virgin died out of our ideas? Are we becoming so decadent that the Middle Ages, crude, superstitious, yet having their great crusades, their building of mighty cathedrals, their love of the Holy Mother, seem to overtop us spiritually, to be more God-reaching than we of this material age are?

If it is wrong to violate the prohibition law, why is it not wrong to violate the other "blue laws" of which there are plenty still on the statute books?

Rosster Johnson, 80, author takes to himself a bride. Result Columbia of first page stuff. Eighty year old horsehoer, not known to fame, done likewise. Possibly, his wedding goes by unnoticed.

Irrespective of politics, the hearts of the people go out to Governor Smith in the death of his beloved mother. There was a strong bond of union between mother and son.

Good wishes for a pleasant voyage from a host of Rochester friends go with Rev. C. A. Van DerMeulen on his first visit in over a decade to his native land of Belgium.

Discontinuance of the poor masses means that many Rochesterians will rise earlier than they have accustomed themselves of late.

Mayor Schwab, of Buffalo, is not afraid of the Klu Klux Klan.

President Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia, certainly has stirred up a hornet's nest and demonstrated that the prohibition question will not die until the Antislavery Leagues that prohibit it is a dead issue.

Record of Mass 309 Years Ago In Canada Believed Discovered

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).

Montreal, May 23.—A record which, believe, describes the first Mass ever celebrated on the island of Montreal has been discovered here. It was found by workmen engaged in pruning an elm tree on the grounds of the Sisters of Mercy at Sault-au-Rapide.

"In the presence of Father Jamay and of Champlain, a Mass of actions of grace at which were present seven Frenchmen, twelve Cri children, six Algonquins, chanted and said Father Le Caron, Recollect Father, Charles Lavoisier (or Lavoldin), Bodiaroka, Jean Lebeuf."

It is thought the record refers to the Mass mentioned in historical accounts as having been celebrated in this vicinity in June, 1615. The elm tree in which the document was found is estimated to be 340 years old.

Papal Medal Brought To Leader of K. of C.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

New York, May 19.—A papal medal, said to be the first of its kind struck off in honor of an American organization, has been brought back from Rome by Cardinal Hayes for presentation to James A. Flaherty, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

One side of the medal represents the Pope wearing the tiare, and the reverse side shows the Knights of Columbus buildings, in Rome with an inscription written by the Pope.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF FEAST DAYS

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Sunday, June 1.—St. Justin, Martyr, born in the first year of the second century, sought the true source of wisdom among the many diverse schools of philosophy.

Tuesday, June 3.—St. Clotilda, daily and devoutly recites her Queen, was the wife of Clovis, King of the Franks. By her virtue and coming forth, although doubtless the wisdom, she converted her husband and would apprehend in some fashion the Faith, and with him the entire nation.

Wednesday, June 4.—St. Francis, the Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Wisdom, born of a princely family, and because He overshadowed after being miraculously cured of Mary at the Annunciation, she is mystically left his home to study for a calling called "the Spouse of the Holy Priesthood. He founded an order of Clerks Regular which maintained the Incarnate Wisdom of God, one of its number always in perpetual adoration before the Blessed within and without.

Thursday, June 5.—St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr, was born in Devonshire in 680. Receiving authority from the Pope, he preached the Faith in Bavaria, Thuringia, Hesse, Frisia and Saxony.

Friday, June 6.—St. Norbert, Bishop, after leading a life of dissipation until the death of the Emperor Henry IV that was a scandal to his sacred calling, repented and established the Canons Regular, or Premonstratensians, who were to unite the active work of the country clergy with the obligations of the monastic life.

Saturday, June 7.—St. Robert, Newminster, while a monk at Whitby, heard that thirteen religious had been expelled from the Abbey of St. Mary in York for having proposed to restore the strict Benedictine rule.

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Catholic Customs And Symbols

(By Rt. Rev. H. T. Henry, Litt. D. "Seat of Wisdom")

In ecclesiastical seminaries it is customary to invoke the Spirit of Wisdom at the beginning of each class period, and this is done beautifully by reciting the prayer, "Come, O Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy disciples with His gifts."

Monday, June 2.—St. Pothinus, Bishop, governed the See of Lyons during the persecution that broke out in that city in 177, during which many were martyred.

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