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Reading

While it may be true that the
proposed "clean book bill" was so
drastically drawn as to be unwork-
able and hence was defeated in the
Legislature, nevertheless it cannot
be denied that there is need for
drastic enforcement of the laws
against obscene and filthy literature
and pictures, if it be contended that
present laws are sufficient to abate
such nuisances.

Inspection of any ordinary news-
stand will reveal the presence and
display and offer for sale of scores
of salacious magazines. Sometimes
the cover page constitutes the of-
fense to decency—vulgar, sugges-
tive, obscene, indecent, not even por-
trayed in chaste lines that might be
defended in the name of Art. In
other words, the cover is the invita-
tion to purchase; the contents in-
side the cover is just cheap camo-
flage. But there are magazines of-
fered for sale that are disgusting,
indecent, obscene from cover to
cover, contents and all.

Young people are caught by the
flashy cover and then their minds
are poisoned by the suggestive tales
and discussions. Race suicide is de-
fended, by indirect suggestion of the
pains of maternity, the sordid sur-
roundings induced by poverty and a
large family; even illicit love is
glorified and the reader learns how
to enjoy it and escape the conse-
quences.

All these and more can be found
on every newsstand. Policewomen are
detailed to supervise dances. Why
not police inspection of the filth of-
fered for sale in the name of liter-
ature?

It is easy to save one's conscience
by saying "I do not buy it. I do not
read it. I do not take it into my
home."

May be you do not. But how do
you know that your boy or your girl
is not buying on the sly?

Let us act. Let us put a stop to
this evil. If newsdealers are taught
that this sort of filth will not be
tolerated, they will not carry books
and magazines—and cheap maga-
zines constitute the worst phase—or
offer them for sale.

Future?

Just at present, certain Roches-
terians appear to be more concerned
about the future than the present
or past of Rochester city and com-
munity.

That is a fairly commendable
trait. It is well to consider poster-
ity. It is well to prepare a way to
make it easier and better for our
children and our children's children.
But it is just as well to take a
bit of interest in ourselves.

If we are to change our form of
government let us see to it that we,
now while we may enjoy it, make
things better for ourselves.

Let these things be considered: If
a change is to be made, will it per-
mit better street car service or will
it saddle upon us for all time the
present contract and absolutely for-
bid any competing corporation? Will
it permit betterment of telephone
service and reduction of rate? Will
our sanitary conditions be bettered?
Will our streets be cleaner? Will the
snow in winter be removed more
promptly?

It is easy to reduce expenditures
by omitting certain municipal activi-
ties and give a lower tax rate.

But the real test of efficiency is
increased activities, reduction in
cost, and increased value returned.

Rosary

Many of us could well afford to
follow the example laid down in the
following from an unnamed Ex-
change:—

A New York lawyer once told me
that a rosary a day has won for him
more cases than all the knowledge
gleaned from his library of law. "I
have a tiny Rosary," he said, "which
fits snugly in my hand and it is my
greatest help mid the hustle and
bustle of the business world. Every
morning on my way to the office to
court I say my Beads and among
the thousands that brush elbows
with me not one knows that I am
talking to the Mother of God."

The words of this man certainly
show us that success in life is not
entirely resting on our own should-
ers. If Marshal Foch, while holding
in his hand the destiny of nations,
whose every pain might mean the
doom or deliverance of myriads of
men, could find time to slip away
to say a Rosary, certainly no busi-
ness man of today can claim exemp-
tion from this holy practice. Life is
a strain if our wallets are bulging
with bills and our hearts void of
virtue. How much we owe to our
earthly mother! How much more to
our heavenly mother!

Real Head

"Worlds Work" points out that
the President of the United States
has great powers. It is doubtful that
the King of England has more or
greater. Of course, the King costs
the people more because his family
and near relatives are all on the
public pay roll.

Our contemporary says:—We
leave to the president, not merely
formally, but actually, the full pow-
ers of the chief executive. He is the
real head of the administrative
branch of the government. He sup-
ports the heads of the executive de-
partments and they are responsible
to him. He or his representatives
make all other appointments, sub-
ject only to the civil service laws
and to such influence as the Senate
had been able to seize by the threat
of refusing confirmation. He is
responsible for executive policies and
for efficiency of administration. He
determines the movements and dis-
position of the Army and Navy. He
receives or refuses to receive am-
bassadors, and thereby determines
the recognition of foreign govern-
ments. He negotiates treaties, sub-
ject only to subsequent approval by
the Senate. He appoints Federal
judges, and thereby establishes for
the lifetime of his appointees the
trend of our jurisprudence. He
makes the budget and, so takes the
initiative in deciding the direction
and proportion of development of all
other governmental activities.

Splitting Hairs

Here is the rather hazy defense
of evolution put forward by the
"Democrat & Chronicle":—

Tennessee appears to be the first
state in the Union to enact a law
approved by Bryan and sciolists of
his school of thought forbidding
teaching which questions the Biblic-
al narrative of the creation of man.
The obscurantist Governor—for that
is the mildest characterization he
can expect in scientific and educa-
tional circles—justified his signa-
ture which made the bill a law by
the argument that "the Holy Bible
teaches that man was created by
God in his own image." True, but
how does he resemble his maker?
Physically? And what was the crea-
tive process? May it not have been
evolution?

A controversy over a painting
somewhat discussed some years ago
is brought to mind. Criticized for not
having portrayed his angels life-
size, the artist disconcerted his
critics with the question, what size
a life-size angel was.

Could either the Darwinian or the
non-Darwinian take offense? Prob-
ably, the only one to feel chagrined
is the Governor of Tennessee to
whom our contemporary applies a
sort of cross-word puzzle epithet.

The Times-Union complains that
men should not be imprisoned for
membership in the I.W.W. Perhaps,
they were not sent away for that
but happened to belong.

Dodge automobile business sells
for \$150,000.00. Pretty fair! And
yet the opportunity has departed.

General Mitchell says supervising
aviation in Texas is a kindergarten
job.

The Anti Saloon League has apol-
ogized to a physician for calling him
a horse doctor. It is refreshing to
find that the libel law is still on the
statute books.

President Coolidge, over the radio,
talks to more persons than any for-
mer President ever did.

Begin There

Those who are advocating a cen-
tral library may have overlooked
that Reynolds Library is the place
to start. Already a splendid refer-
ence library, it could be added to
and expanded, as hinted in the fol-
lowing editorial from the Rochester
"Times-Union":—

In another column on this page
will be found a letter from Miss
Frances A. Baker, who has herself
given two large tracts of land for
park purposes, calling attention to
the value of the Reynolds Library.

No sensible advocate of a central
library would disregard this founda-
tion, one of the earliest gifts by
generous citizens for the benefit of
residents of Rochester. Nothing
could more advance plans for a cen-
tral reservoir of books adequate to
the needs of Rochester than co-
operation between the city and the
trustees of the Reynolds and Runder
foundations.

New York owes its splendid cen-
tral public library to merger of the
Astor, Lenox and Tilden foundations
and erection of a building upon a
site owned by the city.

Those who have urged making a
beginning of a central collection of
books in the remodeled Cluett-Pea-
body building, to which our corre-
spondents refers by its older name,
presumably have no intention of
slighting the service of the Reynolds
Library to Rochester. They merely
wish to emphasize the idea of a
central collection connected with the
existing city system of branch libra-
ries.

Arthur P. Kelly, Elliot Frost,
Harry C. Goodwin and Eugene
Chrystal on the City Manager
League should insure considerable
publicity.

Is election of Louis Foulkes as
chairman of the City Manager
League, a shrewd bid for the Welsh
support?

Congratulations to William S.
Riley on completion of 23 years in
the Park Department service.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook was not
satisfied with a North Pole fake but
went on to perpetrate oil fakes.
These have landed him in Leaven-
worth prison for 14 years.

Clement Lann's personal political
story is told in an interesting way
and adds to the local political archi-
ves and annals.

**Weekly Calendar
Of Feast Days**

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

Sunday, April 12.—St. Julius, be-
came Pope in 337 and reigned for
more than fifteen years. The greater
part of his pontificate was devoted
to efforts to put down the Arian
heresy. He finally triumphed at the
General Council of Sardica. St.
Athanasius and Marcellus of Ancyra
were declared orthodox by that
Council and held innocent of charges
preferred by the Arian Bishops. Sev-
eral of the latter were deposed. The
Council also framed twenty-one can-
ons of discipline.

Monday, April 13.—St. Hermene-
gild, martyr, was a victim of the
bitterness aroused over the Arian
heresy. He was a son of Leovigild,
King of the Visigoths. When he was
sixteen years old he was imprisoned
by his father because he refused to
accept Arianism and won his
martyr's crown in prison.

Tuesday, April 14.—St. Benezet, a
shepherd was inspired by God to
build a bridge across the Rhone at
Avignon where many people had
been drowned. He began the task
in 1177 after having proved his mis-
sion by miracles and obtained the
approval of the bishops. When the
difficult part of the undertaking
was over the Saint died, in 1184. His
body was entombed in a chapel built
upon the bridge itself. Five hundred
years after his death, the coffin was
opened and the body was found in-
corrupt.

Wednesday, April 15.—St. Pater-
nus was born near Pottiers about
the year 482 and went to Wales
where he founded a monastery. Later
he took up the life of an anchor-
ite in the forests of Seicy. Through
his efforts many were converted
from Druidism and he brought about
the destruction of one of the largest
of the pagan temples. He died in
France, in solitude, about the year
550.

Thursday, April 16.—St. Optatus
and seventeen other holy men re-
ceived the crown of martyrdom on
the same day at Saragossa during
the cruel regime of the Governor
Dacian in the reign of Diocletian.
Two others who were tortured at
the same time died later from their
injuries.

Friday, April 17.—St. Anicetus,
Pope and martyr, succeeded St.
Pius on the Papal throne and re-
igned about eight years, from 166 to
173. He was remarkable for his
extraordinary virtue and religious
fervor.

Saturday, April 18.—St. Appolon-
ius, martyr, was a Roman Senator.
When he was denounced as a Chris-
tian by one of his own slaves, he re-
fused to renounce the Faith and was
beheaded by decree of the Roman
Senate in the year 186.

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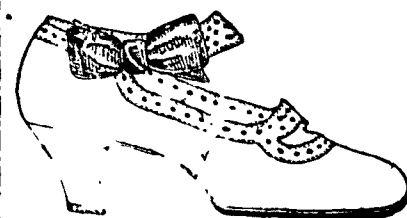
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