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Fight On Again

Governor Smith has resolved to give battle once more to his political opponents.

He has called the Legislature in special session on Monday night to consider again whether it will give the Governor the State Park bill he wants.

The Governor wants the State Park Commission to control the purchase of lands. The Legislature placed the power in the Land Board and the Attorney-General.

The Governor vetoed the Legislature's plan and now asks it to reverse itself and give the power to the State Park Commission made up of very influential men and women, several being editors and proprietors of newspapers.

The Governor is to appeal to the people by radio to bring pressure upon the Legislature.

Led by astute political opponents of the Governor the Legislature declares it will not yield to the Governor.

It is a pretty battle and the outcome is problematical.

Not Safe Guide

"America" observes that had the law of eugenics been followed Saint Teresa, "the Little Flower" would not have been, because her parents were delicate, several of her brothers and sisters died in infancy and her mother died of tuberculosis.

Commenting thereon, the "Union and Times" says:

"As America rightly states, 'In the talk of natural selection' . . . 'the methods of the farm cannot be applied to human beings, because men and women are not stock.'"

But the eugenicists would use these methods in the effort to IMPROVE the human race. They would mate man and woman, and breed offspring according to the standards of horse and dog owners. But the Supreme Master of the Universe never intended it so. The choice of a mate in life is a personal affair that cannot be decided by set rules or principles.

It is no more a matter of selection, determined by the laws of eugenics, than a problem in geometry is obtained by applying the rules of algebra. There are impediments to matrimony, leprosy for instance, that make it unlawful, but these impediments are rare, and where the Church has placed them she considers the SPIRITUAL as well as the PHYSICAL safety of parents and child.

Eugenics is supposed to be the instrument of science to preserve or to heighten the physical standards of the human race. It will do neither. It will sacrifice the morality of the many for the few by employing means such as birth control, segregation and sterilization that God has not, nor will He, sanction. Never has a more dangerous teaching been conceived, for "who shall take upon himself to order" Christian matrimony along the lines of animal eugenics, or to decree that little children "simply shall not be?" as AMERICA correctly observes.

"Progressives" are still to try to keep up a third party. Theodore Roosevelt never would recognize his creation in the 1925 dress.

If you have a dog and want to keep it, his down to the City Hall and purchase a license and tag. Otherwise the dog catchers will have to put on the "vivisectionists' coats" and crank him for experimentation.

W. P. Philps is qualified to be State Game Commissioner.

If They Would

The Rochester "Democrat and Chronicle" offers this efficacious recipe for reducing tax burdens if the municipal, state and national legislatures only would adopt it:—

The principle which ought to govern expenditures by taxing bodies is that projects which cannot be financed out of current revenues should wait until they can be. This wait, once, and would still be the rule, except for the device of issuing bonds, thus borrowing for the future to pay. Bonds have tided nations over crises, but they have swamped many more with debt. Suppose an individual had freely offered to him all the money he felt like spending and was assured that he would never have to pay it back. At what extravagance would he hesitate? Our spending public bodies are in that position. Lenders crowd loans upon them and urge them to issue bonds which generations to come after them will have to pay. Hence, in their craze to spend every dollar they can get hold of, legislators borrow what they would not dare to raise by tax.

But the people can bring this evil to a full and sudden stop. Let them tell their representatives that they propose henceforward to spend more of their own money on themselves. Let them angrily denounce, in private and through their press every legislator who spends an avoidable dollar. Let them quote Ephesians 4:12 "to candidates, as did the famous Martin Grover earlier in our state history, and tell them that they have no hope of election in the world unless they "cut their coat according to their cloth" and make their outfit fit their income. Taxing bodies can reduce taxes, instead of raising them by every conceivable device. They will never do that voluntarily, but will fall all over themselves in doing it when the people back their peremptory demands for economy with wrathful threats.

Editor—Bishop

The following despatch to the National Catholic News Service conveys the pleasing news that a Catholic editor has been elevated to the episcopal purple:—

Ft. Wayne, Ind.—The Rt. Rev. Magr. John F. Noll of Huntington, Ind., born at Ft. Wayne of a father who also was born here 83 years ago, is to return to his native city as its bishop. Word was received that the Holy See has named him Bishop of Ft. Wayne to succeed the Rt. Rev. Herman Joseph Alerding, the venerable prelate who died here recently.

Bishop Noll is a voluminous writer. He is known chiefly throughout the United States, however, as the editor of Our Sunday Visitor, which is distributed at Catholic Church doors in every state in the Union. Occupying a rural pastorate, he found his genius in the establishing and building up of this little weekly paper which today is read by more than 3,000,000 persons every Sunday. The vast success of this work has overshadowed other highly successful writings he has done.

He is 50 years old, the date of his birth being Jan. 25, 1875. While on the paternal side his ancestors were Americans for years before him, his mother was born near Cork, Ireland.

Unwise

One reason assigned for Henry Ford's great success is that he has hooked up all of his many enterprises to his automobile business.

Hugo Stinnes, who aimed to be the Colossus of German industry after the war, pursued an entirely different policy.

He cobbled up all sorts of enterprises—whether they were in any way related to others he controlled. As long as Stinnes lived, these enterprises paid largely.

When Stinnes died and the guiding genius was withdrawn, his heirs found themselves slipping. They have resolved to gradually dispose of the Stinnes enterprises except those in which his fortune was made originally—coal and iron.

"Put all your eggs into one basket and then watch the basket" is a pretty good policy for the average man.

Just why should any private corporation, no matter how high-sounding its title, or high-principled its membership, should have the power of the State to seize, enter upon and confiscate private property at will is a matter of concern to the entire State, not confined to the Governor, the Legislature and a few state party enthusiasts.

The ease with which matrimonial ties may be separated may be seen by a visit to the Supreme Court every day. Divorce actions constitute a substantial part of every calendar.

Law To Remain

According to the Elmira "Advertiser" the Volstead Law cannot be liberalized so long as thirteen states object. Here is the way our contemporary reasons it out:—

The plan of the administration, according to Senator Watson, is to "enforce prohibition to the limit," and then, if the people do not like it, "it will be up to them to have the law modified."

Senator Watson ought to be law-enough to know that the second half of this proposition does not follow. So long as thirteen states are satisfied with enforced prohibition, there is no way to "modify the law," no matter how dissatisfied the rest of the people might be.

There would still be only two things to do: keep on enforcing the law, or fall to enforce it. Realization of the absolute unbudgeability of the law itself is the first step toward clear thinking on this subject.

This does not mean that small changes, which interest nobody, could not be made. A \$300 fine could be changed to \$200 or \$400; a different bureau might be charged with the enforcement, or the alcoholic limit could be a half per cent. by weight instead of by volume.

Changes like this are within the competency of Congress. But not the changes that anybody cares about. Especially, not a "beer and wine" law.

If Congress were to pass such a law, the supreme court would throw it out. This is not guessing. It has already been decided.

The man in the street will tell you of a decision that Congress may "define" how much alcohol it takes to make a drink intoxicating or non-intoxicating, but your lawyer cannot find it in his books. There is no such decision. There is one to the exact contrary.

So the thing, in law, is simply finished. Strict or lax enforcement may make it harder or easier to get illegal liquor, but there can be no constitutional way to get legal liquor—including "beer and wine." The thing is done. You may enforce the law or not enforce it; obey or disobey it. You can not change it.

Evidently, there are many Rochesterians upon whom party ties rest lightly as the city manager league reports a membership of 18,000. Of course, to be of vital force and effect in a referendum election, all these must be qualified, legal voters. Minors and aliens, and resident voters in Greece, Irondequoit, East Rochester, Pittsford, Webster, Forest Lawn and New York city or transient dwellers in Rochester may join the league but do not count in a charter election.

In selecting your summer vacation spot, have you inquired whether a Catholic Church is conveniently located? Remember, that the obligation to hear Mass on Sundays and holy days applies to the vacation season.

There is one common ground upon which all men may meet and that is charity and helping one's fellow man.

If going on a vacation you need your Catholic paper along.

Michael J. Zimmerman was that queer compound—a real policeman with a heart.

Catholic Editor Wins A.O.H. Essay Prize

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Sterling, Ill., June 13.—The Sisters of Loreto of St. Mary-Sacred Heart High School received notification that Murray Francis Milne, president of the senior class and editor-in-chief of "The Marian," the school paper, won a signal honor in capturing the national prize of twenty-five dollars donated by the National Board of the A. O. H. in America, for writing the best essay on "The Part Played by Irishmen in American's Civil War."

Paul Allen, Marquette Crosby and Willard Long, members of the senior class received honorable mention for essays submitted, and were awarded beautifully engraved diplomas.

Changes In Marquette Biology Department.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 11.—Prof. John Giesen of the faculty of the biology department of Marquette university has resigned to accept the position of head of the department of biology at Holy Cross college, Worcester, Mass. He is succeeded by Prof. Arthur Bragg, an assistant in the zoological department at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. Prof. Bragg, a graduate of Bates, will take up his duties in Milwaukee in September.

10,000 Catholic Boys Parade

London, June 2.—Ten thousand Catholic boys, marching with twenty-seven bands, marching with twenty-procession in Glasgow on Sunday when the annual parade of the boys' Guild was observed.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

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

Sunday, June 21.—St. Aloysius Gonzaga was the eldest son and heir to the Marquis of Castiglione. Abandoning worldly honors he made a vow of perpetual virginity and by a special grace was ever afterwards exempted from temptations against purity. This was when he was only nine years old. Later he entered the Society of Jesus and was in his last year of theology when a pestilential fever broke out in Rome. He offered himself for service of the sick and contracted the disease and died after an illness of three months, at the age of 23 years.

Monday, June 22.—St. Paulinus of Nola was one of the most famous men of his time. Born to a distinguished and wealthy family he withdrew into Spain and distributed his worldly goods to the poor and then was ordained to the priesthood. He was Bishop of Nola when the Vandals invaded the country and the Saint devoted all his revenues to redeeming captives. When his funds were gone he offered himself in exchange for the son of a poor widow. The Vandal King heard of this offer and was so impressed that he set the Saint and his townspeople free. The Saint died in 431.

Tuesday, June 23.—St. Ethelreda, Abbess, was a member of a family of noted virtue. Her mother and three of her sisters are numbered among the Saints. Ethelreda was forced to marry Tomberht, a tributary to the King of the Mercians and she lived with him for three years as a virgin. Upon his death she was again compelled to marry, her second husband being Efrid, King of Northumbria. At his court she lived the life of an ascetic. Finally the King agreed to her retirement to Coldingham Abbey. Later, she founded an Abbey at Ely which she governed for several years. She died in 679.

Wednesday, June 24.—St. John the Baptist. It was the privilege of St. John to prepare the way for Christ. St. John's birth was foretold by an angel to his father, Zachary and before the Saint was born he began to live for the incarnate God. Christ began his penance for the sins of His people with His Baptism by St. John. On that occasion St. John saw the Holy Ghost descend in bodily form upon the Saviour. The Saint's work then was done. He had but to point his own disciples to the Saviour and to decrease as Christ increased.

Thursday, June 25.—St. Prosper of Aquitaine, was born in the year 403 and his works show that in his youth he studied all branches of secular and sacred learning. He was invited to Rome by St. Leo the Great who made Prosper his Secretary. The date of the Saint's death is uncertain but it has been established that he was still alive in 463.

Friday, June 26.—St. John and Paul, martyrs, both were officers in the army of the Emperor Julian, known to history as "Julian the Apostate." Their Christian faith brought them persecution and finally death. They were martyred in the year 362.

Saturday, June 27.—St. Ladislas, King, was the son of King Bela of Hungary. Although Ladislas had little inclination to seek royal power circumstances compelled him to ascend the throne. He restored the laws of St. Stephen, drove the Hungarians out of his territories, vanquished the Poles, Russians and Tartars, and was preparing a great expedition against the Saracens for the delivery of the Holy Land when death overtook him in 1095.

Passionists Elect Native Of Holland Superior-General

Des Moines, Iowa, June 6.—Word has been received here of the election of the Most Rev. Leo Kierkels, C. P., a native of Holland, as the new Superior-General of the Passionist Order. The announcement has caused particular satisfaction since Father Leo visited both of the American provinces within the last five years and is well remembered. An accomplished linguist, he speaks English fluently.

The new Superior-General took his university courses in Italy and France and before his ordination pursued Biblical studies and research for a year and a half in Palestine. Later he taught philosophy and theology for seven years in the Monastery of Sts. John and Paul in Rome, the motherhouse of the order.

He is a consultant of the Sacred Congregation of Bishops and Regulars, and held the office of Procurator-General before his elevation to Superior-General. Although not yet 45 years old, he has made a name for himself as a remarkable linguist and a canonist of note.

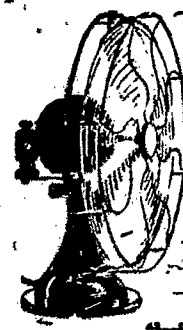
Many Boy and Girl Emigrants to Canada Adopt Religious Life

London, June 2.—Fourteen boys settled in Canada by the Catholic Emigration Association have become priests and fifty girls have become nuns, Magr. Hudson, secretary of the Association, stated this week when leaving for Canada with a party of thirty children.

More than 7,000 children have been sent out by the Association, he said, and 98 per cent of them have turned out well. This is Magr. Hudson's seventeenth trip to Canada.

He will celebrate nuptial Mass at the marriages of four girls who went out West under the Association's auspices, and will also assist at the ordination of two boys who have become priests and at the profession of two girls who have become nuns.

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Secretary To Head Of Dominicans In U. S. Dies Suddenly

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

New York, June 8.—Rev. Michael J. Kennedy, O. P., Secretary to Very Reverend Raymond Meagher, O. P., Provincial of the Dominican Order in the United States was found dead in bed in his room in St. Vincent Ferrer's Rectory, 65th Street and Lexington Avenue on Saturday morning.

Father Kennedy had been ailing for several weeks and only recently underwent a slight operation in St. Mary's Hospital, Orange, N. J.

He was born in this city on St. Patrick's Day, 1878. He attended St. Vincent Ferrer's parochial school and made his preliminary studies for the priesthood at St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., later entering the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C.

He was ordained to the priesthood in Washington, D. C. on June 20, 1906. During his priestly career Father Kennedy held clerical posts in the Dominican churches in Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., Denver, and Springfield, Ky. He has been Secretary to the Provincial of the Dominican Order for the last three years.

His nearest relative is his sister, Mrs. James D. McGovern, of 208 East 70th Street, this city.

Prayer An Aid To Clear Thinking Scientist Declares

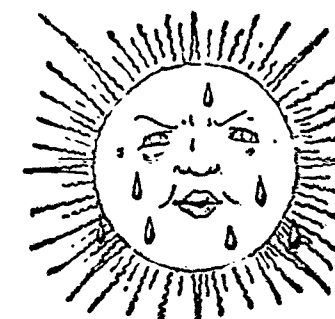
(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, June 2.—Prayer aids clear thinking, in the opinion of Wing-Commander H. E. Willingham, medical officer of the Royal Air Force, and a non-Catholic.

"I have never carried out a day's work without offering up prayer and asking for help in that direction," he told members of the Royal Society of Medicine this week when he was presented with a gold medal and an award of £1500 for his research work.

"Many people," he added, "have an idea that doctors are atheists, especially doctors who work on research. A Briton is rather loath to mention such things as prayers but on an occasion like this I think it is only fair to admit the help we have received."

On every occasion he had prayed for help, he declared, he had been able to think more clearly afterwards.



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