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Success

It is a pleasure to record that this year's record of the Rochester Exposition excelled all others.

This is fitting as Rochester ranks as a city of the first class and hence should lead.

Rochester's Exposition outranks all similar affairs in New York State not excepting the State Fair, which, while larger, has not attained any greater reputation either as a display of agricultural products, industrial development or supply as an attractive pageant.

And Rochester's Horse Show. It is par excellence—unsurpassed.

Those who planned and developed the Rochester Exposition are entitled to great credit, as well as to the citizens of Rochester whose cooperation has made the annual exhibit at Edgerton Park possible.

Holidays.

Our local contemporary, the "Times Union" contributes its bit to the perennial discussion over whether or not we should reduce the number of holidays rather than create new ones. It says:—

Labor Day, which always falls on a Monday, is widely observed throughout the country as a holiday. Every state and territory except Alabama, Wyoming and the Philippines has legalized it as a holiday. It is not now generally observed in character. That is, like all holidays, it has lost some of its significance. But it is a general holiday, and as is the case with nearly all holidays falling in the open months, it is given over to sporting events and motor trips, or "fixing up the place."

And yet on another page it announces that "in accordance with custom, no paper will be issued from this office on Labor Day."

Our contemporary goes on:—
Just now an effort is being made by the Sons of Italy to make October 12 a national holiday; but there is no idea that Congress will undertake to go for Columbus what it has not done for any holiday. Of all the varied holidays in the land, only one of them comes anywhere near being what may be called a national holiday. This is Thanksgiving, which is named from year to year by presidential proclamation, but which has never been set apart by Congress as a holiday.

While we would not detract from the credit of any other organization, it remains a fact that if October 12 ever is a national holiday it will be through the efforts of the Knights of Columbus who have made it a holiday in New York, Massachusetts and other states.

Elmer Fairchild makes a worthy successor to William W. Hibbard as President of the Industrial Exposition.

Let us hope September's weather events up the supply meted out in August.

Rochester's 1926 Directory will be out shortly which will prove whether we had gained in population. City and telephone directories are sure barometers of a city's progress.

Let us keep up the war on "gutter literature".

There should be no "protected zone". No special red light district. Every section of the city should be safe and clean.

It is quite apparent that a certain class of politicians think "wet" and "dry" should have no part or place in the campaign of 1926—or in any other campaign. Unfortunately for them, the people at large seem determined that this issue is to be a part of the campaign and when the people make up their minds to a certain course, it usually follows that they have their way.

School season is now upon us. Catholic boys and girls should be taught in Catholic schools—nowhere else.

Know All About It?

Perhaps, you will understand just how the "movie" grew after you peruse this editorial from a secular contemporary:—

It is just possible that the idea of moving pictures grew out of a trick question which a scientist tried to answer by spinning a coin on a table top.

From an article in the Christian Register we take the following facts:—

More than a century ago Sir John Herschel discovered that if one looked at a spinning coin on a table top from the level of the coin, both sides could be seen at once. Herschel had some sport with his friend, Charles Babbage, with this trick. Babbage explained the phenomenon to his friend, Dr. Flitton, who improved the trick by making a working model, a cardboard disc with a picture of a bird on one side and a cage on the other. When the card was spun on a silk thread, the bird appeared to be inside the cage.

This contraption was called a thaumatrope. Simple toy that it was, it proved that the eye retains the image of an object for an instant after the object has been removed.

The thaumatrope was succeeded by a zoetrope, called by some the wheel of life. This was a cylinder perforated with a series of slots, and a strip drawing of dancers placed inside it. When the cylinder was rotated, the figures appeared to be in motion.

From this invention to Muybridge's in 1872 and the modern movie in the early years of this century, there is discerned a steady improvement on the principle discovered in a spinning coin.

Motion pictures do not really move. The motion is an illusion whose cause is the faculty of the eye to retain the image of what it sees for a brief moment after the object is removed. Without this phenomenon of nature the most swiftly moving reel of celluloid film would still remain a disconcerting series of still pictures.

Cure?

Says a local contemporary:—

A sweeping denunciation of Federal paternalism comes from the American Bar Association, in a resolution which drastically criticizes the increasing tendency toward centralization in government.

The American citizen is bartering his individual liberties and rights for government bounties and bonuses. He demands government interference in everything and surrenders his individuality in return for it. The American citizen is being pauperized by government alms. If he supports the government, he asks the government, in return, to support him.

There is no denying the facts that call forth this expression nor that the trend is unwholesome.

But, in most instances, the extension of Federal activities has been the logical result of the inability or unwillingness of the states and their smaller political subdivisions to do their job. As the chairman of the criminal law section puts it, "The remedy lies more in administration than in statutes."

The cure for a growing paternalism is more efficiency and vision in local government—and no elements of our citizens are in better position to contribute to it than the nation's lawyers.

Perhaps, very likely, the "inability or unwillingness of the states" to widen the scope of paternalism within their confines was due to direct opposition of the citizens thereof who felt that their neighbors should toil for a living and save up for luxuries, paying their own way rather than being subsidized in part at the expense of their more thrifty and less improvident neighbors.

Propagandists, being unable to take the hard headed state's rights people off their feet, prevailed upon more susceptible and spineless Senators and Congressmen to declare their particular "ism" a Federal province and activity.

Of What Use?

A recent advance sheet of "canned publicity" conveys the information that a Department of the United States Government, operated at public expense, by means of an expensive questionnaire, extensively and exhaustively circulated, has discovered, computed and listed the ultimate destination and use found for the millions of "mental clips" manufactured in the United States.

Thousands of these are used as pipe cleaners; impromptu garters, harpins—though where and when we are not informed—automobile accessories, etc., etc., ad lib.

Now, of what earthly interest, except to the omnivorous and omnipresent statistician, is it as to what is the ultimate destination of a metal clip.

There are so many thousands of these little articles manufactured and sold what difference for what they are used.

And why should the time and energy of one of our expensive Governmental agencies be given up to such rubbish!

Parents should know where their children are at all times. If children are not guided aright they go astray. And parents are to blame. They cannot shift responsibility to teachers or tutors.

Like The Man.

Last spring, Rev. Simon FitzSimons, rector of St. Mary's Church, reached the fiftieth milestone of his ordination to holy priesthood.

It was an extraordinary occasion. Not to many is it vouchsafed to officiate at God's holy altar for half a century. The wearer of the honor might well feel proud and expect that his congregation would mark it fittingly—as indeed St. Mary's wished to do.

But Father FitzSimons would not permit it.

Instead, his parishioners were told by the assistant rector, that Father FitzSimons the week before had called for Europe to mark his golden jubilee by visiting the Holy Land, the Vatican, Lourdes and other places where the Savior walked and the Apostles and Saints served the Master. Wherever he went, he offered the Holy Sacrifice for his parishioners of whom he is so fond. Every family in the parish received a card from the pastor at some point in his pilgrimage.

A few weeks ago the beloved pastor of St. Mary's appeared at the rectory unheralded and unexpected—just as he slipped away.

In his absence, the parishioners had subscribed to a purse and arranged a welcome home. Their thoughtfulness touched the pastor but he courteously but firmly vetoed any celebration. The purse he would accept only on one condition—as the trustee of a gift to St. Mary's to be used in embellishment of the Church—such as an enlarged sanctuary!

Truly, all the big men of the world are not included in the roster of the self-advertisers. The greatest are those who seldom hold the center of the stage.

Genius Provides

Many persons who do not keep abreast of the times cannot understand how it is that a big building is razed and a bigger building takes its place almost in the twinkling of an eye. "It was not so in the olden days" they say. Quite true and there's scores of other accomplishments that were not so in the olden days.

This editorial in the Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle" may explain some of the reasons:—

An inconspicuous financial news story this week directed attention to the remarkable showing made by a company which manufactures power shovels. Recent improvements have enabled the company to produce a shovel that can be manipulated by gasoline power with as great ease as a driver can handle a tractor. The earnings of the company are increasing at a rapid rate, as the demand for its shovels seems just now to be insatiable.

There had been steam shovels in existence previous to the construction of the Panama canal, but the needs of that huge undertaking brought about the evolution of giant excavating machines such as the world never had seen previously. Demand for similar tools for use in the United States was fostered by two causes. One was the improvement in the machines themselves; the other, the shortage of pick and shovel men in the United States following the outbreak of the World war.

It has been noted from time to time that immense savings were being made in construction costs by the use of machines to do the work formerly performed by manual labor. Gangs of men with hand tools used to excavate for sewers, dig cellars and grade railroad and highway roadbeds. To day such drudgery is performed by machines that take the place of from fifty to three hundred men. More than that, the work is done more neatly and exactly than men could do it unaided, and the ever-present danger of injury or death through caving earth is largely eliminated. The cost of operation of such machines is but a small fraction of the total wages that would have to be paid a gang of laborers to do the same work. Thus hundreds of capable men are released from back-breaking work to turn their attention to a better sort of jobs.

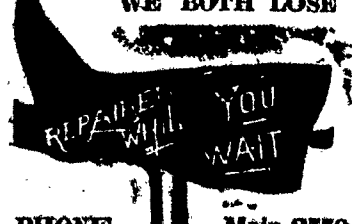
Demand for giant diggers indicates a new age in history, an age where power makes possible the moving of mountains and the remodeling of the earth at the command of puny humanity.

Let us hold up our Bishop's hands by generous and liberal support of Aquinas Institute. It merits our support as a splendid educational institution, a worthy addition to the already splendid list of educational institutions in Rochester.

It is a good sign when there are so many entries in the vocational courses in high schools and colleges. It proves that not all the youth of our country is enamored of the "white collar" jobs.

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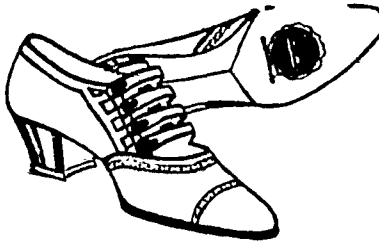
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