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Social Problems

Speakers before the state convention of Catholic societies at St. Andrew's church devoted most of their time Sunday to a discussion of social questions, advocating a number of principles that deserve attention. The effect of a conservative advocacy of sound principles before a group of men representing hundreds of congregations in Indiana will not be wasted or lost, but will manifest itself not only in a correct understanding of fundamentals but also in ability to discuss them intelligently.

One speaker, for instance, pointed out with emphasis that the heart and soul of the nation is the family, from whence emanate the influences that make or mar society. He showed how the divorce evil was gnawing at the very vitals of the home, destroying its stability, and consequently menacing the whole social state.

Every one will agree with the speaker. The number of divorces granted in our own circuit court and in the many courts of the state is an alarmingly large one. Their number is increasing annually, and every effort put forth to check a legal separation of marital ties has failed.

If men and women continue to look lightly upon marriage and fail to understand that the

very social state in which they are living is menaced by the ease with which they may obtain a divorce decree, there can be no hope of reform. They must learn to respect the sanctity of the home and to understand the fundamental position it holds in the social structure. A campaign of education along these lines is highly necessary.

Respect for property rights is another fundamental of our social existence. As soon as men and women lose respect for the rights of others to the property which they have acquired by hard work, thrift and self-denial, the perpetuity of the nation and the stability of civilization crumble. Common ownership of property has no place in a civilized community. If you do not believe it, look at Russia where the baneful effects of socialism and communism are to be seen in their true light.

What a man acquires by saving and thrift, belongs to him. The difference between what he earns and spends is an amount of money to which he has sole title, and upon which he must have the right to build his wealth, with all the proper legal safeguards the state can give. Men and women who believe they have a right to what others accumulate are deceiving themselves and spreading a false doctrine whose ultimate consequences are anarchy and chaos.

It is refreshing to note that the speakers at this convention are dealing with fundamentals of vital concern to the whole country. They are not trying to entertain the delegates with eloquent appeals and flowery language, but are giving them substantial and solid principles to think about, in language and figures which the layman can comprehend.

Answers to Questions

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Q. How long have free seeds been distributed by the government?—D. F. A. In 1839 Congress gave \$1,000 to the Patent Office for the purpose of procuring and distributing seeds of "rare and improved varieties," and for gathering agricultural statistics. This was the beginning of the great annual free distribution of seeds. In the last 45 years it is said to have cost the taxpayers nearly \$9,000,000. The expenditure for the present year was \$30,000.

Q. Which is the larger ship, the Bismarck or the Leviathan?—B. R. M. A. The Bismarck, now called the Majestic, is slightly larger than the Leviathan, which is to be known as the President Harding. The Majestic is 912 feet long, has a breadth of 100 feet, and gross tonnage of 56,000. The President Harding's length is 908 feet, breadth 100.3 feet, and gross tonnage 54,232. These ships were both constructed by German builders.

Q. Where do we get the expression, "A fly-up-the-creek"?—T. S.

A. Fly-up-the-creek is a local name for the little green heron, a bird common throughout eastern North America.

Q. Is there any especial significance attached to the number 407?—W. H.

A. Forty is a number that has been regarded as peculiarly significant. The idea may have originated with readers of the Bible, who notice that Moses was 40 days on the mount, Elijah was fed 40 days by the ravens, the rain of the flood fell 40 days, another 40 days elapsed before Noah opened the window of the ark, 40 days was the period of embalming, Jonah gave Nineveh 40 days to repent, the Lord fasted 40 days and he was seen 40 days after his resurrection. Old English law also featured many 40-day periods.

Q. Where is the most rhubarb grown?—H. H. F.

A. The San Gabriel Valley of California is the center of the organized industry of rhubarb cultivation in the United States. The crop often brings \$1,000 an acre in that valley.

Musings for the Evening

In Berlin a prominent physician, for regular fees, is permitting people to tell him their troubles, his theory being that those who are worried find relief in talking about it.

"No love-making in the world beyond," says Conan Doyle. That's good! He is making it more attractive all the time.

Scientists have discovered that Croesus didn't have so very much money after all, according to modern standards. In fact, he couldn't keep Peggy Hopkins Joyce in pearls for more than eight minutes.

For Sale—A Guernsey cow; gives good quality milk; also rope, pulleys, stoves and refrigerators.—Want ad. in an upstate paper.

Mrs. Marion Buckingham Ream Stephens Vonsiatsky-Vonsiatsky says she will stick to her recently wedded husband, Anatase Andreyevitch Vonsiatsky-Vonsiatsky, although an alleged former Mrs. Vonsiatsky-Vonsiatsky has bobbed up in Paris. We hope this will settle the entire Vonsiatsky-Vonsiatsky matter, as it is very difficult stuff to write about.

"Phone Company Silent."—Headline. A good many of its phones also refuse to be interviewed.

Every time a poor nut shoots himself on account of a woman, the woman begins thinking about going into the movies, which is the only reaction it has on her.

Peggy Hopkins Joyce says she is through with men. Let us hope the feeling is mutual.

Central American and Haitian presidents come in by ballot and go out by the bullet.

France has placed a tax on bachelors. Sort of single-tax, as it were.

At least the tariff is a painless extraction.

TODAY'S TALK

By George Matthew Adams, Author of "You Can," "Take It," "Up"

PERSONAL

A reader who has been kind enough to write us and to encourage us about these Talks, asks if we are really as serious and sad as our picture makes us out to be.

That is a fair question and one which has been asked so many times now that we feel it devolves upon us to set many of our unseen friends right.

No, we are not sad at all. Yes, we do look very serious at times for we have serious problems to face quite often. It is unfortunate but true that one of the most serious times of our lives is when we face a camera. The man says: "Look pleasant, please!" But the very words frighten us, for they seem to confer the impression that we are not doing our duty before this same camera man.

And so we keep as still as night. We do not wince. We even hold our breath, and count ten in our mind while the picture man holds the shutter open.

How could we help but look serious and sad after such an operation?

We wanted to smile—as is our wont—but he (this same camera man) said that it wouldn't look dignified. And it was our first thought to look dignified and wonderful, as well as beautiful.

And so it is that we have no smiling pictures, though we do smile a great deal and are known for our smile—a real boast!

We like to walk on the sunny side of life and to see the funny side to everything. We have a sense of humor, we think—which is often more valuable than rare rubies as a possession.

We like wholesome fun at every stage of the game. We don't like long faces and solemn processions.

We even try to smile—and often succeed—when we are not much in the mood. So as to put others in the mood, you see.

We are very fond of that line of Ella Wheeler Wilcox's: "Laugh, and the world laughs with you—weep, and you weep alone."

Who's Who in the Day's News

LORD INCHCAPE

LORD INCHCAPE, who recently arrived in New York on his way to India, where he is to take a leading part in the impending reorganization of the finances of that great Oriental empire, is particularly well qualified for the post, having spent many years there, first of all as senior partner of the great Calcutta mercantile house of McKinnon, Mackenzie and company, and then as financial member of the Council of the viceroy of India.

He was at the instance of the India government appointed the British plenipotentiary for the negotiations of the commercial treaty with China in 1902, and was one of the representatives nominated by the English treasury and by the great banking world of London to confer with the delegates of the United States and of the Mexican government on the question of introducing the gold standard into Mexico and China. Moreover, he is the principal British director of the Suez Canal company, president of the British National Institute of Bankers and head of the merger of two dozen of the great British steamship companies, including the Cunard, the Peninsular and Oriental, the Allan, the British India Line, etc., that is to say, the greatest steamship combination of the world.

On the occasion of her hundredth birthday the village centenarian called a visit from the vicar. Being anxious to hear from her own lips what she considered had been the source of her strength and sustenance he said: "My dear Mrs. Adams, pray tell me, in order that I may tell to others, what has been the secret of your longevity?" The vicar waited with unusual eagerness for the old lady's reply, but he was hardly prepared for it when it came.

"Victuals!" she answered.

Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

POP ANSON

The grand old man has gone to sleep, to rest his weary frame, and as our motto we should keep his watchword, "Play the game." A game's not finished till its done," Pop Anson used to say; and more than once the game was one that seemed all foiled away. I've read the works of many seers, of sages gray and wise, and in these works no rede appears more grateful to the eyes than Old Pop Anson's "Play the game," when things were all askew, and players, lacking lofty aim, were grouchy, sore and blue. Contentious sat upon a fence and reeled off sound advice, and ancient Greeks, possessed of sense, put up much useful ice; and Romans too, in olden times, made words of wisdom fly, in epigrams and sounding rhymes that were not meant to die. And those old patriarchs, indeed, piled up a deathless fame; but none gave forth a finer rede than Anson's "Play the game."

Lessons in Correct English
DON'T SAY:

The REGAL residence was destroyed by fire.

He assumed ROYAL magnificence. The grass was DESTITUTE of rain.

We can speak of the SPEECH of animals.

The English DIALECT is the language of the country.

SAV:

The ROYAL residence was destroyed by fire.

He assumed REGAL magnificence. The grass was IN NEED of rain.

We can speak of the LANGUAGE of animals.

The English TONGUE is the language of the country.

Stop Itching Eczema

Penetrating, Antiseptic Zemo Will Help You.

Never mind how often you have tried and failed, you can stop burning, itching Eczema quickly by applying Zemo furnished by any druggist for 35c. Extra large bottle, \$1.00. Healing begins the moment Zemo is applied. In a short time usually every trace of Eczema, Tetter, Pimples, Rash, Blackheads and similar skin diseases will be removed.

Dr. Leonhardt found the cause of Eczema to be internal. That's why salves and ointments fail to give lasting relief. His harmless prescription, HEMI-ROID, removes the cause. Money back if it fails. A. G. Luken Drug Co.—Advertisement.

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Cause of Piles

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When a Feller Needs a Friend



game!" Lets paste this motto in our hats as down this world we slide, and in our brieflives fewer bats will afterwards abide. And it will make our quarrels brief, we'll gain the world's regard, and we will dodge a lot of grief that makes the stedding hard. The winds will sigh, the rain will drop above his sleeping frame, but we'll remember good old Pop and try to play the game.

Safety First Maxims

In the wood

Birds are singing;

Forth their leaves

Trees are bringing

To hide the auto driver's view;

From the ground

Flowers are springing;

With children's shouts

Streets are ringing;

Drive careful now, what's ever you do.

One indoor sport that's become

mighty popular lately is the one of

telling the judge how you stopped,

looked, listened, sounded your horn,

and exploded a torpedo before you

drove on to the crossing and got all busted up!

A few weeks later she offered the kittens to the priest, saying that they were such nice Catholic kittens. He reminded her that she had offered them to the minister as Protestant kittens, to which she replied: "Sure, father, I know that—but they've had their eyes opened since then!"

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Girls—if you want plenty of thick

beautiful, glossy, silky hair, do by all

means get rid of dandruff, for it will

starve your hair and ruin it if you

don't.

It doesn't do much good to try to

brush or wash it out. The only sure

way to get rid of dandruff is to dis-

solve it, then