

FREE TEXT-BOOK AMENDMENT SCORED

Archbishop Glennon Urges Catholics to Vote Against Measure at Coming Election.

ISSUES LETTER TO PRIESTS.

Pastors Are Told That Justice Is Involved in the Issue—Politics and Religion Are Left Out.

ARCHBISHOP GLENNON ON FREE TEXT BOOKS. "A great many sins are committed in the name of patriotism. The sooner that a consistent and determined stand is taken against measures whose cloak of patriotism covers their real oppressive character, the better it will be for the taxpaying public. This is not a political issue, nor is it a religious question; it is simply one of justice."

The Most Reverend John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, has taken an active step against the free text-book system as proposed in the constitutional amendment. In a circular letter, issued yesterday, he urges the priests of the Archdiocese to do their utmost to defeat the measure.

This letter will be read in all Catholic pulpits next Sunday morning. Concerning the amendment, the Archbishop stated last night that hospitals and other charities nowadays receive but little attention compared with the paternalistic system being proposed in the constitutional amendment. In a circular letter, issued yesterday, he urges the priests of the Archdiocese to do their utmost to defeat the measure.

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"The sequel to this matter, should it pass, will be more and more into operation. There is to be submitted to the voters of this State at the November election an amendment to the Constitution, empowering the State to take into operation extra taxes for the purpose of supplying free text-books to the pupils of the public schools. Such an act, if put into operation, is extravagant, because all unnecessary taxation is extravagant. Neither is it based on equity, because it will not apply to all the children that are being educated, but only to those who attend certain schools. It is dangerous, because it is another step toward socialism, implying, as a logical sequence, the giving, later on, of free clothes and free food to those who are unable to support themselves. Now, I submit that such an order of things might be proper for a penitentiary, but not for a free people, especially all whose antecedents have made for the building up of a healthy individualism, and who are proud of their own achievements and without representation as unjustifiable and criminal. It will, furthermore, result in a loss of the initiative and referendum, which are so important in our social and political life. It is an opinion that for these and many other reasons this amendment ought to be rejected."

DICKENS—DELAFF. Centerville, Ill., Oct. 20.—Mr. Joseph Dickens, and Miss Della DeLaff were married here today.

WARRANT ISSUED AGAINST FORGER WHO ATTEMPTED TO SWINDLE BANK

Benjamin H. Brumby, Pool Expert and "Black Sheep" of Prominent Southern Family, Confesses His Guilt—Identified as Burglar Sentenced to Two Years for Stealing From Man Now Foreman of Grand Jury—Stole Blank Checks and Stamps—Eloped With Sixteen-Year-Old Girl of Birmingham, Ala., Promising to Marry Her When They Arrived in St. Louis.



Expert pool player, who is charged with forgery, and the girl who accompanied him to St. Louis.

A warrant was issued yesterday charging Benjamin H. Brumby, of Marietta, Ga., with forging the firm name of T. S. Henderson & Co. to a check for \$320. He tried to cash the check at the National Bank of Commerce Wednesday, and ran away when the check was found to be spurious.

Brumby confessed that he forged the check and acknowledged many other things when questioned by Chief of Detectives Desmond, and Assistant Chief Keely. Among his transgressions, he admits having eloped with Miss Josephine Hardy, a 16-year-old girl of Birmingham, Ala., who is now under the protection of the matron of the Four Courts.

Brumby was arrested Wednesday evening by Detectives O'Brien and Schenck as he was leaving the Broadway poolroom, where he was a contestant in the pool tournament for the world's championship. He played in the first game of the series and defeated DeOro, the present champion. He had been identified by a bank clerk, who had seen the attempt to swindle the bank, and who recognized the pool player as the man who presented the check.

Brumby was taken to the Four Courts, where Assistant Chief Keely recognized him as a man who had been sentenced to two years in the Penitentiary for stealing property valued at \$100 from Lewis Battelle's room in the Laclede Hotel. It is a peculiar coincidence that Mr. Battelle is foreman of the present Grand Jury, which may proceed against Brumby, which may proceed against Brumby.

In Brumby's pockets were found several checks signed by the DeForest Wireless Telegraph Company. He acknowledged that the checks were forged, and that he had stolen the blanks on which they were written.

When the room occupied by Brumby at No. 248 Pine street was searched, a dark lantern and several skeleton keys were found. Brumby acknowledged that he had committed the crimes alleged, and will likely plead guilty when brought to trial. He belongs to a prominent Southern family, and has been considered the "black sheep" for many years. He is 30 years old, and left home when he was 12. For many years no trace was had of him, and when he returned, his habits and practices were such that his family soon disowned him. His brothers are well-to-do and have spent much money in getting him out of trouble. Brumby thinks that they will make no effort to extradite him from his present difficulty.

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Philippine Inspector Here. Antonio R. Maximo, Subinspector of the Philippine Constabulary of Manila, P. I., arrived at the Philippine section yesterday afternoon, reporting to Major Haeckel. He has been detailed by the Philippine Government to fill the position of Subinspector, with the constabulary battalion until the close of the Fall. Inspector Maximo will assume his duties at once. He is probably the youngest noncommissioned officer in the constabulary forces of the islands and was appointed to his present position in recognition of valiant services rendered while serving as a private.

Charges Against Burlington. Washington, Oct. 20.—The St. Louis Hay and Grain Company to-day filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission a complaint against the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, alleging excessive re-shipment charges on carloads of hay.

Cotton Belt-Memphis Hearing. Washington, Oct. 20.—The Interstate Commerce Commission to-day heard arguments in the dispute between the Memphis Freight Bureau and the St. Louis and Northwestern Railroad as to rates from Memphis to points in Arkansas and to Memphis from Arkansas points to Memphis.

Port Arthur a Mass of Flames To-night. Pain, the pyrotechnic king, will reproduce his most wonderful success and will bring the World's Fair drawing card, the bombardment of Port Arthur, in the stadium to-night. The American Tobacco Company, in admission, with seat, 25c.

Papers Filed for Merger. American Tobacco Company to be Capitalized at \$180,000,000. Trenton, N. J., Oct. 20.—Papers were filed with the Secretary of State to-day providing for the carrying out of the plan of merger of the American Tobacco Company and the Continental Tobacco Company. The consolidated companies are to be known as the American Tobacco Company, with an authorized capitalization of \$180,000,000.

Jefferson County Teachers Meet. De Soto, Mo., Oct. 20.—The Jefferson County Teachers' Institute opened its session here to-day with an enrollment of 125 teachers. It is being conducted by Professor Clyde Harbison, Superintendent of the Public Schools of this county. The Cape Girardeau State Normal School, wrote an address.

HELEN KELLER RETURNS TO BOSTON

Derives More Pleasure From Her Trip Than Many Who Could See.

HER MESSAGE OF THANKS.

Omits Inspecting Nothing at the Fair Which Would Assist Her in Helping Others.

MISS KELLER'S FAREWELL MESSAGE. To The Republic: It is a proud privilege for anyone to see the Exposition and the great city of St. Louis, but to see it under the guidance of my kind hostess, Miss Perry, and my hosts, President Francis, the Directors of the Exposition and Mr. Pope of the Educational Department, has made my visit a glory and a delight. When my hands were not busy discovering new wonders they were in the grasp of kind friends in St. Louis, and I carry with me a heart full of precious memories. I wish St. Louis every possible success and hope that at no distant day she will have the honor of giving us a President. Good-by. HELEN KELLER.

Miss Helen Adams Keller last night ended what she terms as a most wonderful visit to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and in company with her companion, Miss Anne Sullivan, and J. A. Macarty, started on one of the express trains for Boston at 10:30 o'clock. The visit of the remarkable young woman was practically a continuous ovation, and from the moment of her arrival in St. Louis until she left the Vandevanter place residence of Miss Mary Perry, who has been her hostess, a constant stream of well-known men and women have taken the opportunity to express their admiration and well wishes for the continued success of the blind, deaf and dumb girl in her efforts to make something of life.

The features of the Exposition which most strongly appealed to Miss Keller were visited by the party, of which Miss Keller was always the leader and Francis, the Directors of the Exposition and Mr. Pope of the Educational Department, has made my visit a glory and a delight. When my hands were not busy discovering new wonders they were in the grasp of kind friends in St. Louis, and I carry with me a heart full of precious memories. I wish St. Louis every possible success and hope that at no distant day she will have the honor of giving us a President. Good-by. HELEN KELLER.

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PAPERS FILED FOR MERGER. American Tobacco Company to be Capitalized at \$180,000,000.

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