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FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL BILL.

Archbishop Shaw Warns Catholics Not to Sign Petition Urging Its Adoption.

In a strong letter which was published in the New Orleans newspapers a few days ago, Archbishop John W. Shaw warns Catholics against signing the petitions which are being circulated throughout the state, asking the Louisiana senators and congressmen to vote for the Sterling-Towner educational bill, which is pending before congress.

The letter is as follows: "My reason for presuming to trespass upon your valuable space is to advise you briefly upon a certain petition, which is being industriously circulated in our city in behalf of the Sterling-Towner bill, the latest attempt of some of our national solons to resurrect in a slightly emasculated form the now happily defunct Smith-Towner bill. My critique of the petition and its proponent will be merely an impartial statement of the Catholic position in reference to this latest embryo of federal paternalism.

The Catholics of this community cannot help being suspicious of the petition, so far as Catholic interests are in question, in view of the fact that the apparently official sponsors and promoters of this latest propaganda are known to be intensely hostile to the Catholic cause, their vehement protests to the contrary notwithstanding. Inspired according to their viewpoint of the unadulterated blessings of the secular state, with the noble motive to remove the strain of illiteracy from the escutcheon of the country; ambitious because of their conception to Americanize their fellowmen, whether native or foreign; and strong in the conviction that exclusive control of education will be the panacea of all the evils of our social life, our zealous propagandists are naturally most anxious to send an imposing list of names to our senators and representatives in the hope that such a pronounced expression of the wishes of their constituents may spur them on to work with might and main for the passage of the bill.

As our enthusiasts are out mostly for names they realized regardless of their suspicious and misgivings, that they could not without grave discouragement ignore our large Catholic population. We have been reliably informed that our people, our young people especially, have been approached suavely and have been assured in the most convincing tones that as there was absolutely nothing in the petition that could wound or compromise the most delicate religious susceptibilities, as true loyal Americans, should sign the same. Unfortunately, I regret to say, some of our people, whose knowledge and judgment of human nature are not sufficiently matured to take the elementary precaution of always reading a document before affixing one's signature, acquiesced, only to be mortified later on when they realized their egregious mistake. Others, who are happy to say, more discerning respectfully declined the proffered honor, and would not be coerced and dragged into following the crowd. We have also been told that refusal to sign has cost a young stenographer her position with a certain firm. To make the conscientious refusal to sign an unofficial or officious petition, an acid test of true Americanism and patriotism, must be stigmatized by all fair-minded men and women as an exhibition of unparalleled arrogance.

As Americans whose loyalty has never been found wanting in the crucible of patriotism, we object to the enactment of the federal educational bill as an unwarrantable and indefensible surrender of certain state's rights which the national constitution guarantees to the sovereign commonwealth of the Union. To sanction such a transfer of autonomy would be subversive of true democracy and a humiliating admission that the various state legislatures have become imbecile and unable to regulate and provide for matters of purely local concern. The present federal prohibition amendment is a striking and ignominious illustration of the folly of the surrender of state autonomy. Its dismal failure, as anticipated to legislate temperance morals of the nation has made America the laughing stock of the world, engendered a growing disrespect for law and order, aggravated the evil which it was heralded to be an infallible cure, and has raised up a brood of sanctimonious hypocrites who are nauseating to the senses of all true Americans. In defense of the Catholic church we wish to say officially that she has always condemned in unmeasured terms the abuse of the liquor traffic, has always reprobated the saloon as the curse of the country, and has strongly urged her people to earn their livelihood by other more honorable occupations. All right thinking men and women have realized in the light of experience that it is practically impossible to eradicate all of the evils of liquor, and that it was therefore the duty of legislatures to eradic other than worse demons. Finally, in the conduct of legislatures, under the heel of fanatics to surrender fundamental and inalienable rights, be not checked, the various commonwealths will eventually become the wards of the federal government and the helpless victims of an intolerable bureaucracy and socialism.

Again as Americans we protest against the superfluous luxury of a federal department of education, because such a bureau, besides being radically foreign to the constitution, would provide a safe berth for some political favorite with authority to surround himself with an army of henchmen a la prohibition regime. This autocrat would undoubtedly claim infallibility in his dogmatic utterances regarding the qualifications of the teachers of young America, the curriculum of studies, the

INTERSTATE FARM CONGRESS

New Orleans, SEP. 10 to 17. FARE AND ONE HALF ON ALL RAIL ROADS. HOTEL RATES - \$1.00 DAY.

PROGRAM of Farm Development with addresses by Governors Parker and Russell, A. F. Lever, Farm Loan Board, Canal, C. H. Tash, William Jennings Bryan, Harry D. Wilson, E. P. Miller, Harley Williams, Com. Kahn, Shreveport; H. F. Kapp, Little Rock; W. B. Thompson, New Orleans; E. O. Payne, Natchitoches; H. C. Lookabaugh, Oklahoma; J. C. Fridmore, Shreveport; Dr. W. R. Dodson; Dr. Tait Butler and others.

HAVE A GOOD TIME!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
Free Picnic, Spanish Fort

TUESDAY
Boat Ride Around Harbor

WEDNESDAY
Ringing Bros Circus

THURSDAY
Old Fashioned and New Dancing

FRIDAY
Old Fiddlers Contest

SATURDAY
Auto, Bicycle and Motorcycle Races

LET'S GO!

character of the text books and expediency of denominational schools. The prospect of such educational tyranny is positively appalling.

As Catholics we strenuously object to the Sterling-Towner bill, as we have reason to believe that such a measure would eventually mean the denial of the church's right to establish parochial schools on the specious pretext that they are inefficient, subversive of true Americanism and destructive of patriotism.

Of course, in dealing with the autocrats of national education, who will be invariably of another faith, or of no faith, who cannot or will not grasp Catholic educational ideas as the safeguards of society and the promoters of the purest patriotism, it will profit us little to point to the unsolicited and unimpeachable testimony of distinguished statesmen of other creeds as to the wisdom of a measure so prejudiced because of their faith, the glorious record of our soldier boys all through the nation's history and particularly in the late war will count for naught in proof of the church's claim to be a competent teacher of all that makes for true Americanism a genuine patriotism.

The irresponsible word of an autocrat may spell the ruin of our schools in secular education, of the heroic sacrifices of our people for their religious convictions whose slogan is: "Every Catholic Child in a Catholic School."

"J. W. SHAW,
"Archbishop of New Orleans."

FREIGHT RATES REDUCED.

Steamboat Captain Signs Contract With Merchants at Reduced Price.

According to reports from Monroe, Capt. L. V. Cooley of New Orleans, owner of the steamer America, has made a contract with the merchants of Lake Providence under the terms of which he will carry their freight from New Orleans at 50 per cent less than the railroad rates, or at a minimum of 20 cents per hundred pounds; the merchants having agreed to give him 75 per cent of their shipping business. As a result of the above agreement, agricultural agents of north Louisiana, are sounding out a proposition whereby they hope to ship cotton and other farm products to New Orleans. They say that it will be profitable for planters and farmers as far west as Morehouse and Ouachita parishes to send cotton and other products overland to Lake Providence for shipment by boat to New Orleans.

Opening Day of University.

Picture postcards are being sent out over the state by the President of the Louisiana State University announcing the opening date of the coming session of school, September 21, 1921. President Thos. D. Boyd wishes to impress upon the parents and prospective students that although L. S. U. will hold its classes on its present site that the standard of work will not be lowered through anticipation and planning for its more adequate facilities in the new college. The Constitutional Convention of 1921 made ample provision for developing the University into one of the greatest institutions of its kind in the United States. Now is a good time for students to enter who wish to be among the first graduates of the university in its new home on the beautiful site of the Greater Agricultural College in South Baton Rouge. A catalog in L. S. U. for the session of 1921-1922 may be secured by writing to the Registrar, University Station, Baton Rouge, La.

Winter will soon be here. Get your supply of coal now. Hard lump West Kentucky Coal for sale at the Consumers' Coal Yard, J. E. Duke, manager. Phone 41, or call at the Midway grocery store.

When a stranger calls and begins calling you "Brother," you had better keep your hand on your pocket-book.

NO FENCE LAW.

One of the Issues Which Loom Big in Louisiana Politics.

In a recent special from Baton Rouge to the Times-Picayune, it is pointed out that one of the biggest issues recently developed in Louisiana and one that promises to become embroiled in state politics is the passage of a law by the legislature compelling the fencing of livestock. It is commonly called a "no-fence" law, because it means that tracts of land with the exception of those for pasturing livestock, will have no fences, while fences or enclosures for live stock would be compulsory. Wide differences of opinion have developed. Citizens are lining up on the question in many parishes. Supporters of a "no-fence" law contend that it is the shortest and quickest way to get rid of the cattle tick. They also claim that the abolition of fences for everything except for enclosing live stock would be the cheapest and best policy for the state to adopt. The fence bill of the state, it is asserted, would be reduced millions of dollars.

Opponents of the "no-fence" law, on the other hand, contend that it would impose a burden and a hardship on the livestock raisers and deprive them of the use of the open range. They claim it would drive small farmers with small tracts of land out of the livestock raising business and work to the advantage of those who raise livestock on a large scale. Governor Parker is among the strong advocates of the "no-fence" law. He believes that it is absolutely essential to the welfare of the state. He clearly outlined his views on the subject in a speech delivered at a meeting of farmers in Alexandria recently.

Seventeen Americans and twenty-seven British officers and men lost their lives when the big ZR-2 dirigible balloon, built in England for the United States collapsed and fell in the Humber river last week. The big airship was being tried preparatory to its sailing across the ocean, when, due to some defects, the big gas envelop exploded and the ship dropped in flames, in the river. Several bodies have already been recovered from the wreck.

Keep Well and Be Happy.

If you would be happy you must keep your bowels regular. One or two of Chamberlain's Tablets taken immediately after supper will cause a gentle movement of the bowels on the following morning. Try it.

According to statistics compiled and presented to the Ecumenical Methodist Conference in London, next month, American Methodism has gained 1,255,091 members net during the past ten years.

RICE COMING TO ITS OWN.

Now Recognized as Best Substitute for Irish Potatoes.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington is advertising the fact that rice has been discovered to be the best substitute for Irish potatoes. The department says that the potato crop in many sections has failed and that as a result there will be a great increase in the demand for rice this winter.

Rice can be made to meet the potato shortage, says the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates. The prospective crop of 33,500,000 bushels of rough rice is equal to 931,000,000 pounds of cleaned rice and to this must be added comparatively large stocks derived from the extraordinarily large crop of 1920.

Cuba, also which usually receives large imports of rice from this and other countries, has stocks of this cereal that are greater than the ordinary ones. Consumption of foods was affected variously by the requirements of armies and navies during the war and by the course of prices since the war began and a per capita consumption of such foods in the near future can perhaps be better estimated if based on the more steady conditions that preceded the war than on the erratic ones that followed it. At the per capita consumption of seven pounds of rice in the United States in 1905-1914 for all purposes before the war, the population this year would require 760,000,000 or 171,000,000 pounds less than this year's crop alone to say nothing of unusual stocks. There are however ways of disposing of the surplus besides finding export markets or piling up domestic stocks.

The forecast of the potato crop of this year, made for August is only 31,000,000 bushels, while the consumption, at the per capita rate of 3.8 bushels for 1905-1914 for all purposes would be 412,500,000 bushels, so that the prospective deficiency apart from such imports as may be made, is 9,500,000 bushels. Rice may naturally help to fill this void of approximately 100,000,000 bushels of potatoes in the food supply. The elements of the situation invite a much larger rice consumption.

Mathias Erzberger, one of the leaders in the revolutionary movement in Germany which resulted in the overthrow of the Kaiser and the monarchy and the establishment of a republic, was assassinated last week. He was shot down by two youths, while walking about the grounds of his villa. The crime has caused a great stir throughout Germany. The assassins are under arrest.

Another objection to bootleggers is that they sell such mean liquor at such high prices.

NEXT WEEK'S BIG SPECIALS

SEPTEMBER 5 TO 10.

EXTRA VALUES!	EXTRA VALUES!
Extra Quality Fancy Gingham, 25c a yard value, special price.....	18c
Extra Heavy Blue and White Striped Ticking, worth 25c a yard, special price.....	19c
Good Quality Light and Dark Colored Flannelettes, special price, per yard.....	15c
Ladies' White Voile Waists, \$1.50 value, special price, each.....	95c
Fine Quality Torchon Lace, 8c value, special price, per yard.....	5c
Ladies' Brown and Black Kid Lace Shoes, high and low heels, worth \$6 per pair.....	4.48
Children's Vici Kid Button and Lace Shoes, worth \$2, sizes 5 to 8, per pair.....	1.39
Men's Suspender-back Blue Denim Overalls, \$1.75 value, special price.....	1.15
Men's Brown Calf English Flat Lace Shoes, \$6.50 a pair value, special price.....	4.98
Men's White and Colored Striped Soft Madras Shirts, special price, each.....	1.25

ANNOUNCEMENT—Don't forget, we are giving away FREE with each cash purchase of \$1. a ticket on a factory-new automobile to be given away at the South Louisiana Fair on October 2.

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THE STORE THAT SELLS FOR LESS
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THE BLUE LAW CONTEST.

Bryan Becomes Leader of Advocates in Southern Campaign.

Perhaps for want of some more legitimate means of earning a livelihood, or of keeping himself in the public eye, William J. Bryan, at one time the idol of the Democratic party of the country and thrice its nominee for president, but whose fanaticism has alienated the confidence and respect of a majority of the members of the party, has now come out in a new roll. He is to champion the cause of the Blue Law League of America in its campaign to inflict drastic Sunday laws in the southern states. The fight is to begin in Florida and then to be carried on in other states, the plan being to carry the south as the Anti-Saloon League did in the prohibition fight, then impose similar laws on the District of Columbia, army and navy reservations and other federal territory. Then the fanatics would ask congress to pass a national law which would affect the whole nation regardless of their wishes or sentiments in the premises, the same as was done with prohibition and the personal liberties of the great majority of the so-called free and independent American people would be further restricted by summary laws enacted at the instigation of a handful of irresponsible and irrepressible fanatics.

In the legislatures of four southern states—Florida, Alabama, Louisiana and Tennessee—rigid Sunday-closing bills await consideration when those bodies meet. The Florida bill, which will be supported by Mr. Bryan, is said to be very drastic. It goes so far as to prohibit the use of electricity and music on Sunday except for church and Sunday school services, the public home and the public street. It would close all amusement and soft drink places. Crawford H. Ellis of New Orleans is conducting a campaign of education in behalf of the Anti-Blue Law League, and will make a strong effort to save Louisiana from the calamity with which it is threatened in the proposed drastic legislation. In this work, Mr. Ellis and the Anti-Blue Law League should have the strong support and co-operation of every sane and freedom-loving man and woman and child in the United States.

BACK BAD TODAY?

Backache is usually kidney-ache and makes you dull, nervous and tired. Use Doan's Kidney Pills for weak kidneys—the remedy recommended by your friends and neighbors. Ask your neighbor!

Mrs. J. O'Keefe, 614 Houmas street, Donaldsonville, says: "My back caused me much distress. When I did any sweeping, my back hurt me so much that every time I moved a sharp pain went through me. My kidneys didn't act right and I felt miserable and run down. I began to use Doan's Kidney Pills and they brought me great relief and soon this particular attack had disappeared. Since then, whenever I have had the least sign of this complaint, a few of Doan's Kidney Pills have given the same fine results. This medicine is nothing short of remarkable."

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CATTLE EXHIBITS AT FAIR.

Indications Are That They Will Be Very Large.

"Buy a pure-bred bull at the fair." "Let's put one pound more of butter on the table of every home in the country." These are two of the slogans which are being used in interesting the farmers to attend the big dairy and beef cattle show which is to be put on at the South Louisiana Fair, Donaldsonville, Oct. 2-9.

"If all the dairy herds in America were headed by pure-bred bulls," said Secretary R. S. Vickers of the fair, "enough more milk would be produced to provide each person with an extra quart of milk each day for six years. Enough more butter would be obtained to furnish each home with sixty more pounds of butter a year. Almost unbelievable, isn't it?"

Leading breeders of cattle in the country are co-operating with the fair management in making the cattle show the largest one in the history of the fair. Herds are being put in shape for exhibition, and a big turn-out of animals is expected. There will be a lively tussle for ribbons and cash prizes.

Horses, sheep swine and poultry will be exhibited in large numbers. The fruit and vegetable exhibit will be large. The women and children are working hard on their exhibits. The entertainment program will be a success from start to finish, according to fair officials.

Nut-Bearing Trees Along Highways.

The Good Roads Association of Michigan held a conference and round up of good roads and forestry officials and others interested at Flint, Mich., August 30 to September 1. Most of the program was devoted to highway engineering matters, but the nut specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture led in a very important discussion about trees for roadside planting. Much interest is manifested in Michigan in planting trees along the highways, and nut-bearing trees are being advocated for this purpose. Last year 30 bushels of black walnuts were procured from Washington's old home at Mount Vernon and distributed for planting along the highways. Because of its very high value for timber and rapid growth in regions to which it is adapted, as well as the high quality of its nuts, the black walnut is advocated for this purpose.

A post of the American Legion was organized in Napoleonville a few days ago by the boys of Assumption parish who served in the world war. The post was named the Oncale-Solar, in honor of two boys from the battlefields of France. Chas. A. Landry, was elected commander; F. J. Montagna, vice commander; Chas. A. Dugas adjutant; J. Boyd Marks, financial secretary and Edmond Templet, sergeant-at-arms.

Lest Lou Forget.

Let us remind you that Chamberlain's Tablets not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion.

Of course you can't make folks highly moral by statutes, says the Columbia Record, but you can make them grumpy, which amounts to about the same thing.

And there are some people who seem to think the world owes them a high living.

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Our EXTRA FINE 4-X ROOT BEER represents a beverage that is made of the choicest materials, properly carbonated and the result is that it is a drink that repeats.

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