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NOT THE TIME FOR FREE TEXT BOOKS

In a discussion of the free text book question had at a meeting in the Eighth ward on Sunday evening the merits of the question were; it seems to us, fully and decisively expressed. Whether or not the city of St. Paul shall furnish text books direct to the pupils in its public schools need not now be decided. It certainly does not appear from the arguments on both sides of the question that, if any such change is ever to be made, this is not the time for it.

The so-called free text book is the last need of the public schools. All others should be satisfied first. It ought to be clear to any thoughtful person that the community makes a great and almost criminal mistake which invests a part of the fund available for public education in text books to be distributed without charge if that fund is not adequate to meet all the other needs of the system. Before we enter upon the free text book matter we should be sure that there are plenty of grade schools for the children, that every child will have ample accommodation and that sufficient teachers of first-class ability can be hired to do the work.

Now this is at the present time not the case. It is a shame to St. Paul that it has not enough schools for its children. In some districts the schools are desperately overcrowded, in others proper facilities are totally wanting. The board of education has found it necessary recently to make a change in the interest of economy that will certainly impair our educational work. It has increased the limit of pupils to be allotted to one room; thus relieving, by overcrowding in the respective school rooms, the pressure upon building space and slightly decreasing the teaching force by adding to each teacher more pupils than can be cared for with the highest degree of efficiency. With such a condition prevailing, and existing only because of the inadequacy of our school appropriation and the impossibility of raising it at the present time, the proposition to deplete that insufficient fund still further for a purpose certainly at this time unnecessary should not gain a hearing.

Other considerations that have been advanced have also their proper weight. It is true that those who send their children to parochial schools have some right to consideration. They need not do so, it is true. The public schools are open to them and all those who wish can take advantage of them. That they do not do so is a matter with them of conscience, which others who may not agree with them must at least respect. They now pay, properly, their share of the cost of maintaining the public schools, and also support their own schools out of their own resources. They do this willingly, and no one proposes to relieve them of any part of the burden. At the same time it is manifestly unjust to increase charges upon them without some actual necessity.

The sanitary argument is a very strong one. The health officer of the city has pointed out the dangers that lie in text books indiscriminately distributed, and passed from pupil to pupil and from family to family, and has mentioned that these dangers would be immensely multiplied were school supplies to be handled in the same manner. Now this would inevitably follow. The so-called free text book is but a preliminary. It is absurd to suppose that the public will assume the responsibility of furnishing the child with an arithmetic and refuse to furnish him slate and pencil to do the work that the possession of the arithmetic involves. It is absurd to suppose that the public will buy books containing exercises to be performed and not furnish scratch blocks and lead pencils for working out those exercises. The first step involves all the others, and the addition of every supply to free text books will greatly enhance at once the expense and the danger.

It seems that the attitude of the St. Paul public at this time toward the free text book proposition should be one of suspended judgment. The voters are not required to choose between extremes. If they vote affirmatively, indeed, their action will be final. The city, having once agreed to furnish text books, must go on doing it forever. If they vote negatively it is merely a postponement. It will be equivalent to saying that in the present condition of our finances, with the present tax rate and the additions that are sure to be made to it, with the present wants of our public schools which the funds available are not sufficient to supply, St. Paul has decided to wait before accepting this expensive innovation. It does not seem that there could be any question of the wisdom of this latter attitude. Should conditions change so that the city would be able to supply text books without injury to other interests or adding extra burdens to the taxpayer, we can reopen the question at any time. It is one for the future and not for the present.

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Contemporary Comment
Why the Heavens Rage
Judge Parker's emphatic speech in favor of Philippine independence has stirred the Republicans to unbounded "thunders of ignominious wrath." He advocates the policy of "neutrality"; he is a bad American and a poor-spirited creature. Why all this railing of the heathen? Mr. Parker has said the same thing before. Thousands of the most eminent men in this country petitioned both party conventions to promise the Philippines independence. These college presidents, bishops, judges, philanthropists, the Republican press merely panted, not reviled. Why, then, should it storm so violently at Parker now that the last of the best in the land? Such fury is not usually awakened in Republican hearts unless the pocket-nerve is touched.

Even the fact that the forests of Minnesota will be denuded in a few years is hardly warrant for forgiving Lieut. Gov. Ray Jones on the promise that he won't do it again.

REGISTER TODAY
It is a matter of the highest importance that every citizen of this city should qualify himself to vote at the coming election. The election booths will be open all day today for the purpose of registering voters, and this is the time to make sure of securing the right to vote.

The law makes it necessary that every person shall register himself in the precinct in which he lives. It is not enough that one registered and voted at the spring election. A new registration is required at every election, and unless the voter took part in the recent primary election, thereby registering, it is his duty to register today.

This duty should be urged particularly upon Democrats. A comparatively small part of the Democratic vote came out at the primary election. There were no contests worth while to bring the vote out. It follows that a very much larger proportion of the Republican vote is registered than of the Democratic. This condition must be overcome today.

The election involves issues which demand the consideration of every citizen. The sharp contest on the government, with the importance of the issues at stake, should be sufficient to inspire every citizen with the desire to exercise the franchise he enjoys. We have no doubt that every individual feels the importance of the campaign, and it should only be necessary to point the necessity for registering.

Let each Democrat consider himself a committee of one and take upon himself the duty of getting at least one other voter than himself registered. If the Democrats register today we will carry this county for the ticket from top to bottom.

The administration press admits the actual relations between the United States and Panama by declaring that the Panamanians are in revolt.

NOT SETTLED YET
The people of St. Paul will not be satisfied until the court of last resort has passed upon the merits of the case which was decided by Judge Lochren yesterday in favor of the city railway company.

The decision rendered by Judge Lochren carries with it extremely valuable rights which many excellent lawyers believe are vested in the people. We do not criticize the decision of the learned judge at all, but it is obvious that there is still room for contention and only the opinion of the supreme court of the United States will satisfy the people that the street railway company is entitled to the privileges now declared to be vested in it.

Corporation Attorney Michael has handled the case with great skill. It was put before the court in all its bearings and tried with much ability. We know just what the contentions of the parties are, and knowing this and appreciating the importance of the franchises now vested in the company, we shall expect that the city will immediately take steps to get a final decision. The expense must not be considered at all. We are assured that Mr. Michael will not relax his efforts until it has been demonstrated beyond question that the city has parted with its right to the privileges now claimed by the city railway company.

The cheerful vigor with which Mr. Carnegie clamors for peace shows that he has a scheme for escaping ultimate disgrace. He wants to put himself out of the armor plate business.

That St. Louis earthquake was but a feeble effort—so puny as to suggest the management of the world's first press bureau.

The thing for the young who is qualified to cast his first vote this fall to do it to start right. The way to start right is to register this morning.

Having sunk a fisherman, the Russian navy has demonstrated the fact that it can do something but get blown up by its own mines.

Mr. Cortelyou has one of the elements of a good business man. He knows it pays to advertise.

The Two War Lords
It is not a little remarkable that on the day President Roosevelt's letter of acceptance was published the German emperor made a sort of manifesto to the nation's duty to the navy in terms singularly suggestive of President Roosevelt's. Both regard the navy as the key to foreign politics; and if President Roosevelt rather spoke of it as the nation's key to the political situation, his meaning was that it enabled his government to exercise greater pressure on other governments than would otherwise be possible.

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What the Editors Say

The Crookston Press laments that whoever takes an active part in public affairs is subject to suspicion. A poor man who champions something in which there is manifestly no "boodle" is usually suspected of harboring envy of the "successful." A rich man who champions something in which there is no "boodle" is usually suspected of being a demagogue seeking popularity with the lower mob. Anybody who champions something in which "boodle" is probable or possible is likely to be suspected being a "boodler." Often times these suspicions are malicious. Yet any of them may in particular cases be well founded. Experience teaches that the man who is most likely to be the most reasonable in his nature, and oftentimes the best founded in fact.—Mankato Free Press.

C. B. Buckman has been nominated for congress by the Republicans of this district. The Democratic nominee is Cleve Van Dyke, of Alexandria. It is now for the people to choose between them. By the records in the state auditor's office Buckman is a timber trespasser, and has not settled, therefore, so far as the public is advised. His own party papers have made other and more serious allegations against him. Mr. Van Dyke, his opponent, is a gentleman of unblemished character and unimpaired reputation. Read what is said of him elsewhere by his home paper, and compare the two candidates and their claims for the support of citizens.—St. Cloud Times.

Hon. Frank Eddy started last week on a trip to Alaska. There is considerable speculation among his friends here as to what is the object or purpose of his visit there. It is thought by some that he goes there for the sole purpose of extending the political sagacity of his bosom friend, R. C. Dunn, with the view of securing for him, Eskimo vote, as the prospects are that he will be woefully short on any other party voters on Nov. 8.—Glenwood Herald.

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Those who surfeited with Sousa trivialities could not fail to accord such a band as the Grenadier Guards a cordial welcome. The organization observes the best band traditions. It is not unlikewise, indeed, concerning its age, as it is established some of these. At any rate, it is a delight in this period of two-steps and picturesque poses to listen to the Grenadier Guards playing in a manner that reveals its thorough musicianship. It is natural enough that a military precision in the matter of attack and the matter of tempo should characterize the music of this organization, but the remarkably effective tonal effects that the members obtain from their instruments, both in part and in ensemble playing, can be explained only by the fact that they are all of them musicians.

The "Tannhauser" overture, played in the afternoon, was as well as anything else, perhaps, the conductor's perfect understanding of tonal quantities and quality. It is a temptation to the bandmaster to make the tremendous climax "persistent percussion" merely, but the leader of the Grenadier Guards was too much of a musician to succumb. It was the music, not the noise, that dominated the audience. And in the "Il Trovatore" number, in the "Cavallera Rusticana," in the "Tschaikowsky overture"—in every number played, in fact, the conductor's conception that was kept prominent. W. Bullock, the piccolo soloist, and Corporal R. Gay, the cornetist, are both fine solo players and thorough musicians. Their solo work was delightful.

The leader of the Grenadier Guards has a style all his own of beating time with his baton, but not eccentric. His stick never robbed the band of the audience's attention yesterday; on the contrary, it was a musician's wand which evoked harmonies that held that audience enthralled.

The programme last evening was as follows:
March—"The Old Dessauer".....A. Williams
Grand Selection—"East of the Grand Piccolo Solo"....."The Wren".....Demare
Overture—Solonhe....."Tschaikowsky Reminiscences of Grieg".....Sullivan
Cornet Solo—"The Lost Chord".....Liszt
Second Hungarian Rhapsody.....Liszt
Benediction—"The Warblers".....Hutchins
Fantasia—Reminiscences of All Nations.....The British Grenadiers.
"The Star-Spangled Banner."
"God Save the King."

Rich & Harris comedians, headed by Blanche Ring at the Metropolitan, are presenting a lively entertainment in "Vivian's Pappas." Miss Ring is the most recent hit. She is now singing the ever-popular "Bedeia." Its success, "Kate Kearney," the Indian ballad, "Seminoles," "She Walks Like This" and "Claude." Harry Conner continues to invest the role of the Chicago Board of Trade man out for a lark with contagious jollity.

The production of "Who's Brown?" at the Metropolitan opera house on Saturday evening, brings before the public William Morris. In conjunction with John T. Hall, Mr. Morris will present what is reputed to be an exceptionally mirth-provoking farce.

There's an absolutely new character portrayed in "The Jewel of Asia," which is being given at the Metropolitan, disproving the assertion that there are no longer any original characters in musical comedy. Sergeant Laflite, the character in question, is a quaint, postical but simple one of their adventures which grow out of motives like those which animate human beings. The piece will be seen here at the Grand and the Studebaker theater in Chicago, where it ran for two months, and with the same principals and company. The cast contains many people of first-class reputation in the world of comic opera, among the principals being Harry Bulger, Stanley Ford, Frank Doane, Dale Davidson, Charles H. Bowens, Ida Brooks Hunt, Cheridiah Simpson, Margaret Sayre, Emma Carus, Helen Hale, Ida Mulle and others.

The first performance of "Woodland" Henry W. Savage's new comic opera, will be given in the Metropolitan on Thursday, Nov. 3. The book and lyrics of this musical fantasy are by Frank Pixley and the music by Gustav Luders, the two authors who have written the public "The Prince of King Dodo" and "The Burge of Pilsen." "Woodland" has for its characters the birds of the forest and the story is a quaint, postical but simple one of their adventures which grow out of motives like those which animate human beings. The piece will be seen here at the Grand and the Studebaker theater in Chicago, where it ran for two months, and with the same principals and company. The cast contains many people of first-class reputation in the world of comic opera, among the principals being Harry Bulger, Stanley Ford, Frank Doane, Dale Davidson, Charles H. Bowens, Ida Brooks Hunt, Cheridiah Simpson, Margaret Sayre, Emma Carus, Helen Hale, Ida Mulle and others.

Despite the inclemency of the weather last evening a large and fashionable audience was at the Grand to witness the performance of Rose Melville in her clever portrayal of next Sunday's country girl, "Sis Hopkins." The company supporting Miss Melville this season is the best that she has had, and the production is on a more elaborate scale.

In "Her First False Step," the new melodrama to be presented at the Grand, commencing next Sunday, scenes are shown a realistic bank robbery scene, a daring race for life in East River, and the sensational rescue of a child from a den of African lions.

The Rose Sydel company at the Star is furnishing an entertainment that is drawing big and well-qualified audiences. Both the vaudeville and burlesque features are attractive.

NEWS CONDENSED

Seattle, Wash.—The steamed Senator arrived here from Nome, bringing 439 passengers and 20,000 gold bars. The steamer made an average speed of 22.75 knots. Her highest speed was 23.50, and this rate was maintained for 200 miles.

Orange, Mass.—Spontaneous combustion is believed to have been the cause of the \$190,000 damage at the plant of the New Home Sewing Machine company. Ten thousand new machines were ruined.

Rock Island, Ill.—Two thousand and fifty miners in the Coal Valley Mining company's mines, at Seward's, struck on the question as to whether state or federal government should own the coal lands. The mine is closed.

Gomel, Russia.—Eighty defendants were arraigned today in connection with the Jewish disturbances in August, 1903. The trial promises to be exceedingly cumbersome. There are 1,084 witnesses, five civil complaints and three Christian and nine Jewish cases.

Port au Prince, Haiti.—Two Americans, Schiss and Tomkins, who represent an American cable company, have been expelled from the government for the expropriation of Haitian timber lands, which amount to 100,000 acres. The Haitian industry is thus ruined.

ATTEMPTS TO STOP PANAMA CANAL WORK

Mysterious Warren B. Wilson's Action Will Come Up in Court Today

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 24.—The mysterious attempt which was made last spring to prevent, by due process of law, the Panama canal will be renewed tomorrow in equity court No. 2 of the supreme court of the District of Columbia. The proceedings are mysterious, for the reason that the lawyer who is bringing the suit is a stranger to Washington, and the identity of the persons whom he represents and the moving cause of the action are matters of conjecture.

The lawyer who filed the action is Warren B. Wilson, and his residence is given as Hinsdale, Ill., but no one connected with the department of justice knows anything about him or his clients, if he has any. He is ostensibly acting in his own behalf as a citizen of the United States and he appears as his own counsel.

Last March Wilson made a motion in the supreme court of the District of Columbia for a temporary injunction restraining the secretary of the treasury from disbursing any moneys on account of the purchase of the canal right of way. The motion was denied, and the court declined to grant the motion on the ground that Wilson could not furnish the necessary heavy bond required in such cases. The proceeding was begun at the time Assistant Attorneys General Day and Russell were in Paris winding up matters preparatory to the transfer of the canal property from the new Panama Canal company to the government of the United States, and the French company was not a little alarmed at the proceeding.

The proceeding which is to be begun next Tuesday is an action for a permanent injunction restraining the secretary of the treasury from disbursing any money on issuing any bonds on account of the canal, and as the question is to be argued on its merits, no bond will be required. The petitioner has been regarded with some indulgence by the department of justice, and some surprise was caused when the brief of Lawyer-Citizen Wilson, in support of his petition, was read by the department attorneys. The brief is admitted to be a strong document, although not necessarily formidable, and is evidently the work of a lawyer of ability.

It was reported that the lawyer Wilson was acting on behalf of the Colombian government, but this report has never been confirmed. The general impression is that Wilson is that the Spooner law authorizing expenditures on the canal is unconstitutional, and that, moreover, the administration is not carrying out the precise provisions of the Spooner law. The Spooner law was framed when it was supposed that the treaty providing for the right of way would be ratified with the government of the United States, and the Panama republic, with which our treaty was finally negotiated, came into existence. The petitioner for a restraining order holds that the Spooner act was made to apply under the changed conditions.

Assistant Attorney General Charles W. Russell, who was concerned in the negotiations for the transfer of the canal property on the isthmus, will represent the government at the hearing tomorrow. —Walter E. Clark.

NORTH DAKOTA BISHOP COADJUTOR IS NAMED

House of Bishops Nominates Rev. Francis M. Taft, of Chester, Pa.
BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 24.—The house of deputies refused to substitute the minority report for the majority report of the committee on prayer book addresses. The house of deputies on the title page of the prayer book the words "Protestant Episcopal." The minority report, which favored the change, was rejected by the following vote: Clericals, ayes 23, noes 21; divided, 12; laymen, ayes 9, noes 32; divided, 3. The majority report was then accepted. The house of deputies on the title page of the amendments to the divorce canon as made by the house of bishops with no debate and with hardly a dissenting vote. The house of bishops has named Rev. Francis M. Taft, rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, Pa.

DECLARES PALM OIL AN ARTIFICIAL COLORATION

National Supreme Court Disposes of the Last Oleomargarine Case
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 24.—Justice Brewer, of the supreme court of