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BIRTHPLACE OF JESUITISM

Rev. M. J. O'Connor, S. J., Lectures at Creighton University Hall on the Order.

The lecture was a recital of the inception, history and transactions of the Order of Jesus. The order received its birth in the holy grotto of Marcella, near the Pyrenees in Spain, its author being Ignatius Loyola. After reviewing the incidents which lead up to Loyola's self-imposed confinement in the famous grotto, some of the suffering he underwent while so confined was mentioned, following which he was blessed with unspeakable ecstasies. Having thus been granted a glimpse of the heavenly portals he was able to give to the world an order which, it is claimed, had the divine favor and strength, as proven by the vicissitudes it has met and come off victor. The fact was also mentioned that the order has been severely criticized, that men have lost their lives because of their defense of it, but that through it all the order has gone ahead doing good and saving the souls of men. The lecture was given by the author at the time he first gave it to the world.

Estimate on Light Plant. YANKTON, S. D., Dec. 10 (Special).—The report of Expert John J. Fletcher was presented to the city council last night. Mr. Fletcher was called here to examine the electric lighting plant, which the city may buy. Mr. Fletcher reports that the value of the plant as it stands is \$14,750. The price of the present holder is \$16,000 without office fixtures. Mr. Fletcher puts but a small value on these and recommends the purchase of the plant without them. Repairs and changes in the plant which are necessary would cost the city \$4,500, but with the plant in good order fifty arc lights can be operated. Mr. Fletcher made an extended report on the cost and possibility of obtaining Missouri river water or water from a battery at the south of the city. For the protection Mr. Fletcher recommends a stand pipe of steel, sixty-five feet in height, with a capacity of 16,000 gallons. The electric plant can be used for a pumping station and the total cost of installing river water with a filtering system, including stand pipe and new mains to replace the present ones, would be \$71,000.

REPORT FROM CORTELYOU

Firs: Annual Communication from Department of Commerce and Labor.

CAPITAL AND LABOR ARE ON EQUALITY

Reports Regarding Condition of Labor and Unions in Other Countries Are Soon to Be Published in Bulletins.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The first annual report of the secretary of commerce and labor gives a full account of the progress made in the organization of the department, discusses at considerable length the work of the various bureaus and with the several provisions of law relating to statements of money received and disbursed and makes such comments and recommendations in regard to commercial and industrial affairs as appear to be warranted by existing conditions.

The following are extracts from Secretary Cortelyou's report: On July 1, last, the personnel of the department comprised 1,250 employees in Washington and 2,500 in the country at large. Making a total of 3,750. The appropriations to be expended under the provisions of this department amounted to \$10,936,340. The amount of the initial appropriations rendered it impracticable in the time between the creation of the department and the next session of congress to go more than a cursory systematic arrangement of the various bureaus and divisions. Branches brought together, it concluded, except in the most general way, the presentation of new bills of legislation and development of new plans of administration.

Civil Service Law Enforced. The civil service regulations have been observed in every detail from the establishment of the department. Appointments have been made only on merit, whether under the civil service requirements or in cases exempt from such requirements. It is the policy of the department to do away with confidential lists. There are of course a few such lists which are held confidential as the law requires or by the nature of the duties connected with the appointments, contracts or other subjects which they cover. Such lists are subject to inspection and should afford a full and satisfactory answer to every proper inquiry.

One of the most important branches of the department's work is that of statistics. By the organic act which established the establishment is made the statistical department of the government. The department furnish the business world with more prompt, more complete and more reliable statistical reports upon the various subjects of commercial and industrial interest.

Co-operate with Farmers. In planning measures for the development of agricultural commerce it is the purpose of the department to cooperate with the various interests concerned in that development. All possible means will be employed for our export trade in products of the farm as well as in manufactured articles. Wherever possible the cooperation of the farmer and agriculturist will be sought, in order that these two branches of the government service may work together for the benefit of the American farmer.

An effort is being made to secure a prompt revision of the department's publications without impairing their accuracy. The value of government publications depends essentially on their presentation of current conditions, rather than the reproduction of facts which are already acquired. From a preliminary study it became apparent that records of statistics and territories, the reports of special committees appointed under state or federal authority, the files of certain government offices, and various commercial and industrial publications contained a fund of valuable information which should be investigated. This information is being brought together, analyzed and properly indexed, in order that the statistics known may be utilized in planning more specific inquiries.

Results thus obtained show that much fuller information has been given in the past than is generally supposed. Labor and Capital on Equality. Capitalists and wage receivers are to be treated on an equal footing. Matters relating to labor and capital and to their respective representatives the department must maintain a neutral position. An educational office, collecting and publishing such information as will tend to enlighten and to understand the prevailing conditions.

The department has no executive functions relative to the settlement of labor disputes. It cannot interfere on behalf of either employer or employee in controversies between them. As the result of investigations in progress the department is preparing a report which will contain the following special articles: "Labor Unions and British Industry"; "Labor Conditions in the United States"; "Labor Conditions in the Philippine Islands"; "The Revival of Handicrafts in the United States"; "The Labor Movement Among the Coal Mine Workers of the United States."

Immigration and Naturalization. Immigration is one of the department's most important administrative problems. Of the numerous aliens coming annually to our shores many possess the elements of good citizenship, but others, by reason of physical or moral defects, are strongly advised to return to their native lands. National wellbeing should be refused admission. Progress has already been made in the enactment of laws on this subject and in their enforcement, but much by way of detail remains to be accomplished. The course to be pursued by the government in this respect should be so closely the people of the entire country that it should be approached in a reasonable and conservative spirit. Care should be taken not to draw hasty conclusions from unusual conditions or to advocate more radical measures than will be justified by the facts.

The report of the commissioner general regarding the fraudulent use of naturalization papers demands serious attention. The extent to which this practice has been successfully practiced in order to evade the immigration laws shows clearly the need for legislative and administrative changes through the method of obtaining citizenship and to prevent the fraudulent use of certificates of naturalization.

Future of the Department. In concluding his report, the secretary says: "The department deals with the great concerns of the nation and industry. To be of service to these interests it must have their hearty co-operation and support. It must be a department which is progressive, but at the same time conservative. It must not deviate in its course from the pathway of justice, strict and impartial. It must be non-partisan in the highest and broadest sense. It must recognize no distinction, as between large and small interests, as between the affluent and the poor. It must have the hopes of its present well-wishers. It must adhere rigidly to the lines marked out since the founding of the government for the federal agencies in executing the will of the people. If these general principles are maintained, the department will be able to do its duty to the nation and to the people. It must be a department which is progressive, but at the same time conservative. It must not deviate in its course from the pathway of justice, strict and impartial. It must be non-partisan in the highest and broadest sense. It must recognize no distinction, as between large and small interests, as between the affluent and the poor. It must have the hopes of its present well-wishers. It must adhere rigidly to the lines marked out since the founding of the government for the federal agencies in executing the will of the people. If these general principles are maintained, the department will be able to do its duty to the nation and to the people."

ASHBURNHAM, Ontario, Testifies to the Good Qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. ASHBURNHAM, Ont., April 18, 1903.—I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle, and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter Day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a God-send remedy. Respectfully yours, E. A. LANGFELDT, M. A., Rector of St. Luke's Church.

NOTES ON OMAHA SOCIETY.

About sixty members and friends of Metropolitan club enjoyed a whist party last evening, the third of the series of affairs announced by the club for the winter. Ten tables were arranged upstairs in the ball room, and after the game, which resulted in favor of Miss Hattie Preffus, Mrs. Isaac Meyer, Miss Hattie Heibel and Mrs. Laev, the floor was cleared and the time given over to dancing until midnight, when supper was served.

Mrs. A. W. Bowman entertained at luncheon yesterday at her home, 1009 Park avenue.

Charles K. Urquhart will give a luncheon Wednesday in honor of her guest, Miss Blanche Davis of Milwaukee and Mrs. Snyder of Louisville, Ky., who is visiting Mrs. W. P. Mikesell.

The members of the N. I. T. Whist club will be the guests of Mrs. Louis Reichenberger, Tuesday.

Miss Tukey was guest of honor at an afternoon card party Tuesday, of which Miss Gertrude Moorehead was hostess.

The Krug Wednesday afternoon for Miss Margaret Preston, who is entertaining at cards this afternoon, and Mrs. Oscar Williams, who is entertaining this afternoon.

Miss Minnie Meyer gave a box party at the Krug Wednesday afternoon for Miss Levenson, Mrs. Rehfeld's guest. A luncheon at Baldwin's followed.

Invitations for the luncheon announced by Mrs. Allen B. Smith for Friday, for Miss Cady, Miss Coffman and Mrs. Clarence Richmond Day, have been recalled, owing to a death in the family of Mrs. Smith's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gates will give a large dinner, followed by cards, Monday evening, in celebration of their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Von Troit have issued invitations for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Nettie von Troit, and Mr. Charles A. Muler, which will be solemnized at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, December 23, at their residence, 403 Erskine street.

The senior class of the High school is making elaborate preparation for the "Senior Prom" to be given at Metropolitan club Saturday evening. The committee in charge of arrangements includes Messrs. Fred Thomas, Ben Cherrington and Junius Brown.

The engagement is announced of Mr. D. P. Mann and Miss Wilhelmina A. Berlinghoff.

Judge and Mrs. Benjamin F. Baker have returned to their home in Albuquerque, N. M., after a visit of several weeks with friends in Omaha.

Miss Lizzie Levenson of Sioux Falls, S. D., is the guest of Miss Lena Rothchild. Mrs. Harry Hirsch of Des Moines is visiting her mother, Mrs. Louis Rothchild.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Kirkendall are expected home Friday from a visit with Miss Kirkendall in New York. Miss Kirkendall expects to spend the holidays with friends in Savannah, Ga.

Mr. S. E. Olson of Minneapolis is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Brinstad. Miss Ella Clarke has come to Chicago, where she will enter the Chicago Conservatory of Music.

Mrs. C. E. Ford of Chicago is the guest this week of Mrs. J. J. McMullen.

Miss Nellie Givens of Seward will come the latter part of the week to be the guest of Mrs. Ed P. Smith.

Mrs. Joseph Mandelberg and daughter have returned from St. Louis City. Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Brinstad entertained at dinner last evening in honor of General S. C. Olson of Minneapolis.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Live Stock Exchange Meets Tomorrow to Nominate New List of Officers.

ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY

So Far There is Little Talk of Independent Ticket and Little Interest Attached to Any but Leading Positions.

Tomorrow afternoon a meeting of the South Omaha Live Stock exchange will be held for the purpose of nominating officers and directors for the year 1904. This meeting will be held in the exchange hall at 3 p. m. A president, vice president, three members of the board of directors for the full term of three years and committees on arbitration and appeals are to be chosen.

The retiring officers and directors are: D. S. Parkhurst, president; R. Gilchrist, vice president; E. S. Harrell, W. I. Stephen, Jay Laverty and P. A. Sanders, directors. These directors hold over: Al Powell, W. H. Dunlop, W. E. Reed, Samuel Ford and Sol Degan.

Five members of the committee on arbitration will be nominated and five members of the committee on appeals.

The exchange will nominate a regular ticket and post the names on the exchange bulletin board. The election will be held at the first regular meeting in January.

So far there has been no talk of an independent ticket. An independent ticket, should there be one, would not be considered until after the regular nominations of the exchange had been made. In case there is only the regular ticket in the field the election will be merely an endorsement of the nominations made by the exchange.

Considerable interest is being manifested by members of the exchange in the selection of a president, vice president and the three long-term directors. Little attention is being paid to the nomination of men for the board of arbitration and the committee on appeals.

Want Better Tracks. The improvement clubs in the east, southeast and south sections of the city propose urging upon the officers of the street railway company the necessity for better tracks and better service. It is stated that the car tracks on West Q street are in very bad condition and that the service on this extension has not come up to expectations. A rumor is afloat that in the spring the street car company intends laying a double track from Q street south to the present end of the line in Albright and also on the Missouri avenue line.

Company Accepts Warrants. Representatives of the Omaha Water company called at the office of City Treasurer Howe yesterday and accepted the warrant for \$517 due from the city for hydrant rental, also the receipt of the treasurer for the company's 1903 taxes. Immediately after accepting the warrants and the receipt the water company filed a protest with City Clerk Shirley against the payment of the 1902 tax. This remonstrance alleges that the tax is illegal, but no reasons are given for the protest. The books of the city now show that the company has paid its taxes for 1902 and that the city has paid its hydrant rental.

Firemen's Net Profit. A little over \$500 was cleared by the city firemen by the dance given at the Exchange building on the evening of December 4. This money will be placed in the bank for a firemen's relief fund. Since the fund has a good start the firemen are in favor of raising the monthly assessment to \$2. The city has eleven paid firemen.

Representations Prove False. A warrant was issued yesterday by Police Judge King for the arrest of Morris Degan, Thirty-third and Q streets. In the complaint filed by Herman A. Lempe, it is charged that Degan secured blankets to the value of \$8.50 by representing that the goods were for one Jay Murphy. Lempe declares under oath that the representations of Degan were false and he not only wants the blankets back but wants Degan punished.

Magic City Gossip. Low prices on useful holiday presents. Home Furniture company. Next Monday evening the cavalry troop will give a dance at the armory.

The Lotz club has another dancing party at Masonic hall last evening. Special low prices on watches and rings for Christmas. 264 N street. Miss May Carlin has resigned her position as stenographer at the city offices.

A business meeting of the South Omaha cavalry troop will be held at the armory tonight.

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Another club woman, Mrs. Haule, of Edgerton, Wis., tells how she was cured of irregularities and uterine trouble, terrible pains and backache, by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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also was discussed, but no definite proposition regarding this matter was submitted or considered.

GOSSIP ON COMMISSION ROW Japanese Permissoms Get in and Cut a Wide Swath at First.

The drawn and folded work worn by certain classes of Japanese, making their feature-holders resemble the opening of a closed laundry bag, is in no way attributable to the Japanese permissom. A consignment of these surprisingly beautiful permissoms has been received in Omaha and any unbiased person who looks at them will admit that there can be no hint of a stringency as plaster of paris models and are fully three inches through. A few small shrimps visited this market last winter, but there are not enough southerners and Japanese here to create any inducements to wealthy permissoms to locate in Omaha.

MOSELY IS FOUND GUILTY Convicted of Daylight Breaking and Stealing Coat and Vest of Dr. Powell.

The jury in the case of J. B. Mosely, who was charged with breaking and entering, returned a verdict of guilty last night after being out but a short time. Mosely was charged with entering Dr. Powell's office and purloining a suit of clothes.

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