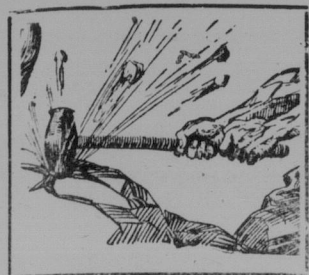


ihre Seele, und sie vergaß, daß er Priester war. Sie sah in ihm nur den Sohn, der ihrem Herzen nahe stand, und still lächelnd, erfüllt von Seligkeit, legte sie ihre Hände in die seinen. „Mein Sohn! Mein lieber, lieber Junge!“

Und Hand in Hand überschritten sie die Schwelle des Hauses, dem Heil widerfahren war.

Fortsetzung folgt



Sprüch-Funkeln

— Bist du glücklich, so prelie nicht damit; andere beneiden dich und suchen vielleicht an deinem Glück zu rütteln; hast du Kummer und Sorgen, klage außer deinem Haus niemand darüber; Mühseligkeiten freuen sich darüber, Klagen veranlassen erzählen ringsum von deinem Kummer und machen noch dazu, was ihnen beliebt, woraus dir kein Nutzen entsteht.

Wer sich an andere hält,
Dem wankt die Welt.
Wer auf sich selber ruht,
Steht gut.

Sieh, die Pflicht, die treu erfüllst,
Die die Menge nimmer preist,
Gibt an deinem Sterbelager
Sicht sie, als ein guter Geist.

— Ein Krugzich sollte in keinem Wohnzimmer fehlen, entweder oberhalb des Kamin oder über dem Esstisch. Dieses und die religiösen Bilder im Wohnzimmer gewähren den Eltern manchen Trost und Erhebung in schweren und trüben Stunden, und machen dauernden Eindruck in den Seelen der Kinder, die sich dabei gedulden, frühe mit Dank und Bitte zum Heiland und den heiligen Fürsprechern aufzublicken.

— Ein Epheu, den man um das Krugzich ziehen kann, ist ein ebenso schöner als billiger und dauernder Schmuck. Bei ein wenig Sorgfalt kann ihn jede Frau aus ein paar Stedlingen, (Ablegern) des großblättrigen, sogenannten englischen Epheus selbst ziehen; er liebt leichte, schwache, mit etwas Sand vermischte Erde, mäßige Feuchtigkeit. Man gibt ihm die gewünschte Form, indem man die wachsenden Ranken mit Bast oder schmalen Bändchen an in die Wand geschlagene Nägel bindet; zu gutem Gedeihen müssen die Blätter etwa alle drei Monate mit einem feuchten Schwämmchen vom Staub gereinigt werden.

— Einige wohlgepflegte Blumenstöcke vor dem Fenster oder im Winter auf einem Tischchen, sollten eigentlich in keinem Wohnzimmer fehlen, denn kein künstlicher Schmuck des Zimmers ist so lieblich und schön, als solch eine Gabe der Natur.

Wer all Tag Holz und d' Sonne
Und täglich's Brot mag bekommen,
Der soll weiters nicht klagen,
Sondern Gott Dank drum sagen!

Rede wenig, rede wahr!
Brauche wenig, zahle bar!

Wer nicht die Kinder und ihr Wesen liebt,
In dessen Herzen wohnt die Eifersucht nicht.
Die Freude nicht; für ihn verhallt umsonst
Das Lebens schönster Laut; — nie tönt ihm —

Er hofft es nicht — der Sphären Harmonie.

— Laßt die Kleinen zu mir kommen,
denn ihrer ist das Himmelreich.

— Es gibt einen gewissen Moment,
wo allein das Eisen zu schmieden.

— Bei Streitigkeiten haben beide unrecht.

— Sei stets um das Wohl deiner Leute besorgt, nie um ihren Beifall.

— Der Langsame, der sein Ziel nur nicht aus den Augen verliert, geht noch immer geschwinde, als der ohne Ziel herumtollt.

— An reinen Mund mit guten Zähnen
Muß jedes Kind sich früh gewöhnen;
Denn frische Zähne und frischer Mund
Sind häßlich und — höchst ungesund.

— An sich selbst hat so mancher erfahren:
Heimat ist Heimat! Die Heimat ist die Wiege, in die der Herrgott uns gelegt.

THE OREGON ELECTION.

By Rev. D. J. O'Sullivan.

(Continued).

If therefore the Civil Authorities have the right to annul as they do in this Oregon bill, the religious educational Rights of the parents and thus prevent them from conscientiously practicing their religion, what can prevent the State of Oregon from enacting a Law commanding the children of the State and in fact all the people of Oregon to follow a certain form of Protestant worship? After all, the principle is the same in both cases; the only difference being that, in the forbidding of the Catholic School, we have a negative view of the principle, in commanding people to worship, let us say, the Grand Goblin of the Ku Klux Klan, somewhat after the style of the Roman Emperors, we have a positive aspect of the same principle. Now let us view a few of the results that will follow from the crass stupidity and bigotry of our twentieth-Century pagans. In the first place, this New Bill will warn off thousands of intending settlers, Catholics, Lutherans and others. It will also very materially prevent co-operative enterprise in developing the resources of the State, as has recently been shown in the cancellation of projects in this nature. Another truly very desirable result for the over-burdened, over-taxed and exploited taxpayer will be the providing of sufficient funds to defray the enormous increase of School expenditure necessary to meet the new requirements. It is estimated that there are 14,000 children in the elementary private schools who will be compelled to attend the public schools. Allotting 35 children for each class-room, there will be required 400 new class-rooms at an estimated cost of over \$6,000,000. Besides this, the average cost and maintenance of each pupil in Oregon is over \$70; so that taking into account the interest on the capital outlay for providing new school accommodation, the average yearly cost for 14,000 new pupils and other necessary expenses, it follows that the Oregon taxpayer will have to meet an annual increased expenditure of over \$2,500,000, a truly gigantic bill to humor the whims of ignorant and intolerant Bigotry.

Another subject for serious reflection on the part of Catholics concerns the probable fate of their Colleges. If it be allowed that a majority of voters, vast numbers of whom are violently prejudiced through their unreasonable hate and bigotry, can by process of law deprive Catholic ratepayers of one of their most important Religious Rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the American Union, what protection then can any religious body have, Catholic or Protestant, that this unlawful and tyrannical invasion, under the specious plea of 100 per cent Americanism, may not be extended in the near future to all their institutions of higher education, to their High Schools and Colleges? None whatever. But bigots and the foes of religious freedom move warily and with caution. One step at a time. No truer words ever fell from the lips of Our Divine Master when He warned us in advance that "the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of Light." When the time is opportune, those masquerading enemies of the Cross of Christ will extend their activities in the direction of our Catholic Colleges. They will endeavor to supervise our whole educational system. They will have no difficulty in finding special and plausible pleas. That old "chestnut" about Americanism can be worked up again. They can, under its aegis regulate our courses of study, introduce their wishy-washy and emasculated text-books, prescribe the reading and study of works seemingly innocent enough, but

reeking with foul, unscientific, and atheistic ideas; they can practically destroy the whole religious and moral atmosphere of our institutions, so essentially necessary for the cultivation of cultural and religious training. All these, and a thousand evil things, our enemies can do, taking from us the grain and leaving us the husk.

What a pitiful contrast between the fair play shown by the Catholic Province of Quebec towards its Protestant minority and the niggardly measure of justice meted out by most Protestant countries to Catholics in the question of education. Quebec is Catholic, more so than Oregon is Protestant. There is no attempt in Quebec to deal harshly with its Protestant minority. Protestants have their elementary schools, their High Schools and their University, receiving grants from a Catholic State. Protestants have their own inspectors, their own Normal Schools, likewise assisted by Government grants. All business Corporations having Protestant shareholders are directed by Law to divert the school taxes paid by Protestants to the support of Protestant schools. When the Quebec Government has on hand any surplus of money to be devoted to educational purposes, the Protestant educational establishments receive their proportionate quota with the Catholic institutions. This happened only a few months ago when a Protestant College received \$10,000 as its share.

A short time since, when the bigots of Ontario tried to raise, as they are very fond of doing, the cry of religious intolerance in Quebec, they wrote to the leading representative Protestant educationalists of the Province for information on the treatment of the Protestant minority by the Catholic French. They received some very enlightening though scathing replies. They were told that the Protestant Minority in Quebec had no grievances in the matter of education; on the contrary, they were treated with openhanded generosity. The Ontario bigots then dropped the matter. All Catholics should be aware of such facts. Unfortunately but few ever are, because they don't find such matter interesting enough.

The fight in Oregon is not over. If the Parochial Schools go down there, they will go down in many other States of the Union. There is no efficient organization, no solidarity among Catholics. Each Catholic is fighting from his own hat and for his own hand, and "the devil take the hindmost."

But there is another question. The lesson of the Oregon Election is a bitter one for the Catholics in the United States, but it ought to be an "eye-opener" for us in Canada. This lesson can be expressed in a few words. Organise, and stand shoulder to shoulder, and be loyal, one to another. Keep every inch of ground, surrender nothing and pray; but in our prayers let us remember Wellington's advice to his army in Spain: "Put your trust in God, but keep your powder dry."

Transfer of Natural Resources Hoped For.

Growing realization by the people of Eastern Canada that the administration of the natural resources by the Federal Government is resulting in an increasing burden of taxation to the people of Canada, is looked upon by Premier Chas. Dunning, as an important factor in hastening the day when this province may secure her resources under an agreement satisfactory to the people of this province.

Upon his return from Ottawa, where in conjunction with the premiers of Manitoba and Alberta, Mr. Dunning discussed the question of the province securing the natural resources with Premier W. L. MacKenzie King, the Saskatchewan premier made the following statement:

BETTER UNDERSTANDING.

"While no settlement of the Saskatchewan natural resources question was reached at the conference with the Federal Government and while the offer made by the Federal Government could not be entertained by the Government of Saskatchewan, nevertheless, the result of the conference was undoubtedly to bring about a better understanding of the nature of the problem as affecting this province."

"Gradually the people of the eastern provinces are beginning to see that continued administration of the natural resources by the federal authorities means an annual deficit to be paid by the Dominion which will increase every year in the future. In addition to meeting this deficit, the Dominion must continue to pay to the province the annual subsidy in lieu of lands — at present amounting to \$562,500 per annum. Under the terms of the Auto-ammy Act of 1905 this subsidy rises with the population of the province to a maximum of \$1,125,000 annually which will then be payable by the Dominion to the province in perpetuity."

To accept the remaining resources and the administration deficit which must continue to accrue from their operation, and also to agree that the subsidy should cease three years from now, would mean that the people of Saskatchewan could look forward to materially increased taxation as a result of the bargain. The Government of the province cannot see its way clear to recommend to the legislature the acceptance of this proposition.

"The people of the province undoubtedly desire to secure control of the remaining resources, not with the expectation of securing larger revenues for Government but with the hope of promoting industrial development of resources which are now dormant under federal administration."

"I feel sure that the time is not far distant when Eastern Canada will realize that the administration of the resources of this province is a heavy financial burden to the Dominion and will, therefore, no longer object to the transfer of the resources and the continuance of the present subsidy as payment for those resources which have already been alienated. These terms are the best from the Dominion point of view the province can possibly consider at the present time. They are, of course, not necessarily final because further alienations are taking place continuously and, as a consequence, the deficit as between the cost of administration and the revenue from the public domain of this province will continue to grow; so that while the province is at present

prepared to accept the resources not prepared to say what the and a continuance of the Auto-situation may be in this regard nomy Act subsidy terms, I am to the future."

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