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I LOVE THEE, LORD!
"O, Deus, ego amo Te!"
I love Thee, love Thee, Lord! But not
Because for loving Thee my lot
Is endless bliss;
Nor yet, that who love not Thy name
Live, burn—sle, burn—in deathless flame:
Lord, not for this!

LOADED FOR BEAR.
It was a state election in Ala-
bama, and among the crowd filling
the little town where I happened to
be stopping were some characters.
Among the queerest were an old
man and his son—the father about
sixty years old, the son about to
cast his first vote. The boy had
primed up pretty well, and by ten
o'clock in the forenoon he was say-
ing:

"Father, get ten men to hold me,
for if I turn loose this town won't
be nowhar!"
"Be calm, Jonas, be calm," ad-
vised the old man, as he patted him
on the shoulder.
"Whoop! y! hi! What's the crit-
ter as says he will challenge my
fust vote!"

"Thar's no critter sayin' any-
thing of the sort, Jonas. Jist be
quiet. Don't be raisin' your voice
too much."
Jonas circulated around for a
while, took another drink, and then
came back to the tavern steps and
said:

"Father, I've got to turn loose."
"Shool Jonas!"
"But I hev. I'm a-goin' to cut
loose and go for the hull crowd,
for I can't hold myself no longer."
At that moment a Turk or Bo-
hemian or foreigner of some sort,
came up with a hand-organ and a
dancing bear, and I saw a new idea
strike Jonas like a land-slide. The
father saw it, too, and he protested.

"Now Jonas, doan make no crit-
ter o' yo'self. You jist let that
b'ar alone."
"Pop, I'm gwine ter clitch him.
He's altogether too funny fur this
yere locality."
"You'll git busted Jonas. B'ars
is onery varmint."
"Got to do it, pap. I'm bubblin'
up like bil'in' soap-suds and sump-
thing has got ter be done or the
bile will give way. Stand back!
whoop!"

Every citizen of the town heard
his yell. The bear was about five
rods away, going through a waltz,
and he stopped his movements to
see what was going to happen.
Jonas made a bee line for him, and
as he came within six feet he rose
in the air and came down astride of
Bruin and grabbed him by the ears
and yelled:

"America agin the hull airth!
Whoop!"
It was in the middle of the street,
and the street were dusty. There-
fore I can't swear as to what took
place during the next two minutes.
When the foreigner pulled his bear
off there was a bundle of something
lying in the dust. It looked like
old clothes, but it turned out to be
Jonas. He wasn't saying a word.
He didn't know it when the father
and two others lifted him over
against the fence and got water
from the town well to pour over him.
It was a full quarter of an hour be-
fore he opened his eyes and faintly
asked:

FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
June 26, 1889.
John Wanamaker is treading on
dangerous ground. He wants to
abolish Sunday work in the post
offices, and in order to get some
foundation to work on he has sent
a circular letter to the post-masters
of one hundred of the largest cities
asking for suggestions as to how
Sunday work may be stopped, etc.

Of course all good men believe
that the Sabbath should be ob-
served in as general a manner as
possible, but at the same time all
sensible men know that a certain
amount of work must be performed
by somebody even on that day, and
the carrying and rapid handling of
the mails is a work to important to
be stopped at any time, for any
cause.

In fact the efficiency of the Post
Office department is more in need
of being increased than decreased
in this very matter of Sunday hand-
ling of mails and if Wanamaker
isn't very careful he will raise a
tempest in the business world that
will be strong enough to sweep him
out of the office that cost him so
much money. And there is an-
other view of the subject that should
not be lost sight of.

In the more than one hundred
years of its existence no attempt
has ever been made to have this
Government officially recognize any
religious denomination or sect, and
the precedent would be a danger-
ous one to establish. Suppose for
instance that Wanamaker, who is
a Presbyterian, should succeed in
having all work stopped in our
post offices on Sundays during his
administration of the post office de-
partment.

So far all right, but now suppose
that in the unexpected upheaval of
politics he should be succeeded by
a Hebrew, or a Seven day Advent-
ist, both of which sects regard Sat-
urday as the Sabbath day, and
that he should insist on having all
post office work stopped on his Sab-
bath. Then what a row we should
have.

Church and State both have im-
portant functions to perform in this
as well as every other country, but
let us keep them separate and dis-
tinct, for if history teaches any-
thing it is the utter futility of suc-
cessfully uniting the two.

Politics have this week been
pushed to the wall by that "one
touch of nature that makes the
whole world kin." Democrats and
Republicans have vied with each
other to provide succor for the
thousands of people made homeless
by the great flood in Pennsylvania.
Washington has shown the world
that however heartless she seems to
be in her dealings with political
and social doing, she in reality has
a great big human heart, throbbing
just now in sympathetic accord
with her suffering brothers and sis-
ters of the Conemaugh valley, upon
whom such a terrible calamity has
fallen.

A public meeting was held to pro-
vide organized methods of collect-
ing money and clothing; it was at-
tended by an immense crowd and
was presided over by the President
who made an appeal for subscrip-
tions. About \$50,000 in cash has
been raised besides an enormous
quantity of blankets, clothing and
disinfectants etc.

Everybody seemed disposed to give
something; poor people who were
unable to give money gave a blanket
or a cast off garment; boot-blacks
and news-boys handed in their
nickles alongside the millionaires
thousand dollar checks, and the
children emptied the pennies out
of their little banks in order to turn
them over to the committee. For
the first half of the week nothing
was talked about or seemingly
thought about but the awful news
from Johnstown.

Washington's flood had done a
damage to property public and pri-
vate of several millions of dollars
but that was entirely forgotten in
the face of the great loss of life by
the Pennsylvania horror.

Already the republican acting
Commissioner of the General Land
Office has begun to undo the work
of the democratic administration.

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