

# Silverton Journal

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## Wonderful Demand.

Last week's issue of The Silverton Journal aroused more interest than any other issue ever published. Long after our thirty or forty extra copies were sold a steady stream of anxious would-be purchasers called at the office, hailed us on the streets, and wrote to us from distant places. Some wanted one copy, but many wanted a half dozen copies or more to send to their friends. The story of the blind pig raid had something to do with it, but the account of the escape of the nun from Mt. Angel was the greater cause of the wonderful demand.

Now why is this? What is there about a woman running away from this nunnery so interesting to Protestants and Catholics alike? Perhaps it can be explained by the attitude of a number of those who have discussed the question in our presence during the week. These parties claim that the great closing drama of this competitive epoch of our history, which is the finale before we enter the promised land of a co-operative commonwealth, is a fight between the Roman Catholic church and Socialism.

For a number of years we have been watching, perhaps somewhat unconsciously, the two great armies maneuvering for position. The Roman Catholic church is conservative in the extreme. Its boast is that it never changes. It is opposed, therefore, to all progressive movements. To this mighty church the Protestants are lunatics. The Masonic lodge is of the devil. The prohibition of the liquor traffic is as far from its idea as Mt. Angel is from being dry. It is powerful because of its highly concentrated form of government. The head of the church, without argument, commands, and all obey without question, as though it were, as many of them believe, a command from their God.

Opposed to this great power is the scattered yet mighty forces of democracy. When these forces become amalgamated, either through being forced to it by the enemy, or by the slower process of evolutionary thought, then the war will soon be over and the millennium will have begun; for as cruel and as tricky and as powerful and as corrupt as the Roman Catholic church is, it can not last an hour against the combined forces of its enemies.

Nor will the battle be one of extermination, as was the Inquisition. It will be one in which the whole army of the conservative and cruel masters will flee, as did the poor nun, to the opposite camp for protection. Socialism, and we mean by this the coming publicly owned and democratically managed system, will be the common ground on which all progressives will finally camp and to which all thinking people will flock and enroll against the mighty foe, the crouching menace, the black and blighting conservator of corruption and superstition—the Roman Catholic church.

Friends of law and order, friends of progress, do not interest yourselves in one issue only of The Silverton Journal, and of other papers that are willing to stand up to the rack. Subscribe for a year now, if you haven't already. Speak to your neighbor about it. Write to your friends about it. We need every ounce of help we can get in these, our days of struggle against our foes, and against those who do not yet know that we are their friends.

## Unchangeableness vs. Progress.

There is a young man in Silverton who, when a mere child, came to America and settled in a village of Canada. These people and nearly all those of the village were Catholics, but not many attended the church, for they did not like the conduct of the priest nor the way the church was conducted. After awhile, however, a new priest from their own native land came and took up the work. His popularity soon became so great, his sermons were so good and progressive, and his manifest love for his people was so strong that every member of the village, including even the non-church members, attended every Sunday, and a new, beautiful church was erected and more interest and progress in mental, moral and even temporal things was aroused than had ever been known there before.

One Sunday, while most earnestly preaching to his beloved parishioners, this good priest said that no one positively knew about the divinity of Jesus Christ. He said that it might be possible that Jesus was an extraordinary smart man for his time, and understood things clearer than any other human being in his own and in the surrounding country, but that he might not have been a son of God more than all men who do good. And this was his last sermon, for, against the forceable objections and pleadings of the whole village, he was removed, his place taken by a more conservative priest and the church, though much reduced in attendance, placed in line with the unchangeable.

He that hath ears to hear, let him stop 'em up quickly, or he may become progressive.

## Wholesale and Retail Reform.

A wholesale business is usually much more profitable than a retail business, and so it is with the world's great work of "lifting up the fallen and saving others from falling." It is a great thing to save an individual from business ruin, place him on his feet, and start him off on the road to prosperity and happiness. It is a great thing to save a brother from becoming a drunken wreck or a sister from the bottomless pit of wantonness; but it is a much greater thing to understand and put in motion great wholesale enterprises of righteousness founded on the revolutionary principles that finally turn whole nations and the whole world from the darkness of error to the light of truth.

Let those engaged in the retail business of doing good think not, that in this age of great and rapid changes, this is sufficient. To feed a tramp or give a poor child an old dress, or to smilingly assist a sick neighbor with his or her work is great, but if we wish to measure up with the requirements of this age, we must know about the great questions of our day and assist in settling them. We must be active members of the greatest trust on earth—the wholesale house of Fundamental Principles & Co.

## Praise Where Praise is Due.

If there ever was a governor in any state in this Union who has done more than Oswald West toward keeping his oath of office and executing the laws faithfully, we have never heard of him. Every true man and woman in this state, for once in their lives, should drop their prejudices and say that Governor West is true to his trust. When a man tries to do his duty in an office, when he will sacrifice time, money and the applause and blood money of the vicious, and come right out boldly for law and justice, he ought to be appreciated by all decent people so that others may be tempted to follow suit.

Haven't we had enough of this other kind of official dope, this weakness, this shoestring back-bone business? Where is our country going to with the increasing methods of rapid communication and travel? With the demand for real men we have hoped that the supply would come, and if Mr. West is not it, where on earth will you find it?

# THE HOME DEPARTMENT

## Perseverance, The Friend of Man.

There is to whom all things are easy: his mind as a master key, Can open, with intuitive address, the treasures of art and science. There is to whom all things are hard, but industry giveth him a crowbar To force with groaning labor The stubborn lock of learning. —Tupper.

The accomplishment of aims, the successes in life are due to concentration of effort, to energy and perseverance. We see persons plodding along day after day, not showing much for their work at first, but finally astonishing every one by their acquirements and prosperity. "They have genius!" it is said. But what is genius? Buffon said "genius is only patience."

It is work. It is the power to start at work with an object in view, to never let that object out of sight, to keep straight on, no matter what stumbling blocks are in the path.

It is the keeping steady at one employment till the work is complete.

It is the not being discouraged. Success does not come by accident. It comes by utilization of time, by thought, by reason, by work. "Such an one is lucky," you say. But is there any such thing as luck? "Luck!" said the Duke of Wellington, "I made luck." Instead of luck the force that wins is application. Kepler was a lifetime working out his three laws of the universe.

A busy lawyer mastered the French language by employing just fifteen minutes after dinner every day to its study. Elihu Burritt, called "the learned black smith," attributed his success to the persevering habit of utilizing "odd moments." He earned his daily bread at the blacksmith's forge, and at the same time, learned eighteen ancient and modern languages and twenty-two European dialects. He said, "All that I have accomplished, or expect, or hope to accomplish, has been and will be, by that plodding, patient persevering process of accretion which builds the ant-heap, particle by particle, thought by thought, fact by fact. And if ever I was actuated by ambition, its highest and warmest aspiration reached no further than the hope to set before the young men of the country an example in employing those valuable fragments of time called 'odd moments.'"

He did make an example for you and for me, and for all.

He taught us a lesson of perseverance—how to keep right on in our work and not falter or faint.

If we sink under discouragement, or adverse circumstances, we are lost.

The thing to do is to sink discouragement, not ourselves.

It is to plunge into labor, if we mean to achieve an end.

To aim toward a high mark, and resolve by all fair means to reach it, is wisdom. To do a little at this, and a little at that, is scattering energies, wasting time. Darwin was a man, as all admit, of great worth to the world. How did he become so? By perseverance, by putting all his force and energy into his work, and employing every moment of time, in spite of a poor state of health and many drawbacks.

"Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well." And, in whatever we undertake, we need to put health, strength, power, energy. For that purpose we should see that we live truly and morally, because right methods of living give us power, energy, force, pluck, perseverance.

The men and women most needy in the world, which is a great industrial and moral school, a college to teach people how to live, are the men and women of energy and perseverance. Without such, the business of living would totter and reel backward.

## Perseverance.

Much rain wears the marble. —Shakespeare.

Whoever perseveres will be crowned. —Herder.

Every noble work is at first impossible. —Carlyle.

Victory belongs to the most persevering. —Napoleon.

Nothing is so hard, but search will find it out. —Herrick.

Perseverance and audacity generally win. —Mad. Deluzy.

The falling drops at last will wear the stone. —Lucretius.

By gnawing through a dyke, even a rat may drown a nation. —Burke.

Persistent people begin their success where others end in failure. —Edward Eggleston.

An enterprise, when fairly once begun, should not be left till all that ought is won. —Shakespeare.

Hasten slowly, and without losing heart, put your work twenty times upon the anvil. —Boileau.

Every man who observes vigilantly, and resolves steadfastly, grows unconsciously into genius. —Bulwer.

Great effects come of industry and perseverance; for audacity doth almost bind and mate the weaker sort of minds. —Bacon.

The nerve that never relaxes, the eye that never blenches, the thought that never wanders—these are the masters of victory. —Burke.

Perpetual pushing and assurance put a difficulty out of countenance, and make a seeming impossibility give way. —Jeremy Collier.

If a man has any brains at all, let him hold on to his calling, and, in the grand sweep of things, his turn will come at last. —W. McCune.

I'm proof against that word failure. I've seen behind it. The only failure a man ought to fear is failure in cleaving to the purpose he sees to be best. —Geo. Eliot.

See first that the design is wise and just; that ascertained, pursue it resolutely; do not for one repulse forego the purpose that you resolved to effect. —Shakespeare.

The divine insanity of noble minds, that never falters nor abates, but labors, endures, and waits, till all that it foresees it finds, or what it cannot find, creates. —Longfellow.

Great works are performed, not by strength, but by perseverance. He that shall walk, with vigor, three hours a day, will pass, in seven years, a space equal to the circumference of the globe. —Johnson.

All the performance of human art, at which we look with praise or wonder, are instances of the resistless force of perseverance: it is by this that the quarry becomes a pyramid, and that distant countries are united with canals. If a man was to compare a single stroke of the pick-axe, or of one impression of the spade with the general design and last result, he would be overwhelmed by the sense of their disproportion; yet those petty operations, incessantly continued, in time surmount the greatest difficulties, and mountains are levelled, and oceans bounded by the slender force of human beings. —Johnson.

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