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## ELOPED WITH GRASS WIDOW

Former Abbott of Mt. Angel Takes Part in Escapade With Pretty Divorced Woman. Woodburn Priest Escaped Punishment.

Editor Journal, Silvertion, Ore. Dear Sir:

I read in the Journal, yesterday, about your indictment and would suggest that you publish an explanation in that newspaper for the purpose of disarming the great prejudice thereby created against you. Publish a review of the elopement of Abbot Thomas of the Mt. Angel Monastery with the grass widow, Mrs. Dalton whom he afterwards married in Chicago and has been living with her in the Ansonia Hotel, New York City. You will find the details of this escapade as published in the Journal and several of the New York papers about two years ago. This man, Abbot Thomas, when a young man eloped with the wife of a butcher in Switzerland and after deserting her was received by the Benedictines at Mt. Angel through the present prior Adlheim. Corrupt indeed must have been the policy pursued in the Monastery of Mt. Angel when a man of this kind succeeded in being elected Abbot.

Although all the priests and brothers and sisters at Mt. Angel had full knowledge of the weekly visits for years of Mrs. Dalton to the room of Abbot Thomas, they continued to cover this evident concubinage and seemed happy under the government of the hypocritical and immoral Abbot. But could they themselves be considered virtuous when hiding such infamous conduct? This is an important point for you to make and develop in your expected explanation in the papers.

The Mount Angel priests and Archbishop Christie were duly and reliably informed by the leading Catholics of Woodburn about the sodomy of Rev. Father Le Vesque when parish priest at Woodburn. Still with this knowledge they supported this wicked priest notwithstanding the constant protest to the Ashland parish where he continued in the practice of sodomy and with the same young man from Woodburn. It was only an indictment by the Grand Jury against this sodomite priest that the Archbishop was compelled to yield to the urgent demands of the Woodburn Catholics that this wicked priest should be exposed and punished. You may find this indictment in the Court records in Salem. Through the efforts of the Archbishop this sodomite fled and escaped the penitentiary.

If you publish an explanation, you will be afterwards furnished with important facts.

### AN INSIDER.

Editors note:—The great daily newspapers do not dare to publish these things and so our only hope is to build up the circulation of the Silvertion Journal and such other papers as dare tell the truth.

Let us labor for the security of free thought, free speech, pure morals, unfettered religious sentiments, and equal rights and privileges for all men, irrespective of nationality, color, or religion.—U. S. Grant.

## THE DANGER SIGNALS

The Catholic Church Would Like to Gain Control of the United States And Are Working to That End

There are those who will scoff at our war against Catholicism, as others have done when we have gone out to do battle against other evils. But, let them scoff. It is nothing new. We know that the Roman Catholic church stands for principles which spell ruin to America and her institutions. We wish to be of service to humanity while we have a chance, and believe that the present conditions presents us with an opportunity which we dare not lose. In trying to bring out the truth, the awful truth concerning the danger of this powerful, secret, political, social, financial and religious enemy of mankind, we need help. That there is danger, any one possessed of average intelligence and a little knowledge of the history of the papacy and of current events, can not help knowing—can not help seeing the danger signals in every direction. Here is one of thousands:

Mr. Thomas J. Carey, of Palestine, Tex., wrote on June 10, 1912, to Archbishop Bonzano, of Washington, who is known as the "papal delegate" asking him: "Must I, as a Catholic, surrender my political freedom to the church? By this I mean the right to vote for the Democratic, Socialist, or Republican party when and where I please." The reply of the "papal delegate" was: You should submit to the church even at the cost of sacrificing political principles; which means "yes" in answer to the inquiry of Mr. Carey. Romanish publications and prelates, including Cardinal Gibbons, frequently deny that the church attempts to control the politics of its subjects and thus control the politics of the state. Here we have a very high authority, the political representatives of the Pope in Washington, who, without intending it for the public, resounds the notes of his master's voice so all may hear.

### The Parable of the Raisin.

(From the Chronicons of Uasebyus.)

And it came to pass in those days that the papacy and her cohorts did make great boasts that they would silence the press and stifle free speech and Romanize America, to which boasts one certain scribe, Belatum Hosmerum by name, took exceptions to said plan and did most vehemently blaze abroad the matter on a new kind of parchment called in the Greek language, Silver tonartus Journalistus. Whereupon the people did write to him from all parts of the inhabited world saying, "verily, verily can these things be true?" Now one certain publican, a man of spirit who had been left bruised and bleeding by the soldiers of the great ruler knows as the Popus, and whose home was in a far country, called by the natives of that land of corn and swine, Iowasken, sent an epistle to the governor of the realm where dwelt the scribe, diligently enquiring as to who this Belatum Hosmerum was and how came it about that he dare defy the Popus and his mighty host and tell the truth about the doings of the officers and their white slaves. And all the Angels and the cherubim and cerebrum and the mighty ones in heaven and on earth and in purgatory under the earth answered, "he is a fool and a heretic—Raus mit em."

## EDITOR OF JOURNAL INDICTED

Grand Jury Brings in a "True Bill" on the Charge of Criminal Libel, Filed by Catholics Against the Editor of The Silvertion Journal. Will Plead Not Guilty. Sensational Evidence Will be Introduced.

The criminal libel charge of the editor of this paper was believed by some people to be a huge joke. Many said that it was too foolish a thing for the Grand Jury to do, to bring in a true bill, but those who know the conditions best, thought it very probable. The editor's first impression was that the Grand Jury would hardly dare do otherwise. But when it was rumored about that several of the jury thought the Catholic church should not be allowed to have the criminal libel case, which substantially rests on the same base as the \$50,000 case, put onto the state, thus making the state pay the costs of testing the matter, then, nearly everybody decided that it would never go to trial. However a true bill was

found and the charge was read to the blatant heretic Monday, October 6th, in the year of our Lord 913 (1913).

But things are not exactly what they seem. The extra work and worry, loss of business opportunities and patronage all prove to the defendant that "life is real, life is earnest," but after all J. E. Hosmer is not on trial as much as in the Catholic church; and whether he is convicted or not, the inner circle of the church will be proven to be one of the most wonderful and holy and progressive institutions in the world, or one of the most vile and corrupt, poverty producing and stultifying band of white slavers and kidnappers this side of Jerico. "And so mote it be."

## SABOTAGE

Sabotage had its inception way back when the human race first emerged from savagery, becoming more used as competition became more keen. It has quickened monopoly more than any other factor, and is most extensively used by the survival of the fittest.

Those controlling the industries and greatest wealth, developed supreme in economic power. And all those with the same aspirations, follow in procession, worshiping wealth and benefiting by it, which accounts for them aligning themselves with the leaders. Those successful in the struggle for wealth have used all tricks of the trade, illegitimate, criminal in conspiracy and in secret. That is, they have practiced sabotage all the time, but they did not want a name for it.

But when the proletarians begin to use it, as a last method of redress, they should use it openly and above board, if they

wish to win. This is diametrically a reverse to the methods of the exploiters of labor. But as the proletarians proceed they are much maligned by all the opposing, illiterate forces, which is responsible for it all.

These illiterate, mental lepers cause our march toward the co-operative commonwealth to be very slow. They are unclean and infect everybody else with their uncleanness. They cry anarchy whenever a worker expresses an idea of helping bring a condition in which the producers can get the full product of their toil and keep everybody blind to the fact that every kind of sabotage, including that most powerful one "social ostracism," has been practiced against the proletariat from the earliest days of slavery to the twentieth century wage slavery of our so-called free American citizens.

Yours for the Glorious Revolution.

AN ENLIGHTENED SLAVE.

## PAPAL INFALLIBILITY

CHURCH AND STATE

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As a Christian, as a theologian, as one acquainted with history, and as a citizen, I can not accept this doctrine. Not as a Christian, because it is incompatible with the spirit of the Gospel, and the plain words of Christ and the apostles; its aim is precisely to erect the kingdom of this world, which Christ declined—seeks the dominion over the congregations which Peter prohibited to all and to himself. Not as a theologian, because the entire tradition of the church is irreconcilably opposed to it. Nor as a student of history can I accept this doctrine, because as such, I know that the unceasing efforts to realize this theory of universal dominion has cost Europe torrents of blood, has distracted and ruined entire countries, has destroyed the beautiful organic constitution of the ancient church, and generated, nourished, and maintained in the church the most abominable abuses. In fine, as a citizen, I spurn this doctrine, because with its claims for subjection of sovereigns and states, and the whole political system under papal rule, and by the immunities it claims for the clergy, it lays the foundation for endless and ruinous strife between church and state, between the clergy and the laymen. For this fact I can not conceal from myself, that this doctrine, by the consequences of which the old German Empire perished, would also forthwith implant the seed of decay in the just erected new Empire.

IGNATIUS VON DOLLINGER.

FROM HARPER'S WEEKLY.

## FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Powerful Religious Organizations Trying to Silence Voices of Those Antagonistic to Their Faith.

Religious organizations in the United States, with a membership of hundreds of thousands, have officially declared their determination that every voice protesting against what they term "our holy religion" shall be silenced. These organizations have the right to silence voices antagonistic to what they candidly believe to be the only true religion, but they must adopt proper methods. Argument must be met by counter-argument, and if false statements are made the truth must be made known. Argument, persuasion, entreaty, truth,—these and these only,—are the Christian weapons of defense, and when used in the fear of God and in the spirit of Jesus Christ, will convince the gainsayer and lead men to the true church, in which there is present peace and everlasting salvation.

However, methods other than these are proposed, chief among them being the boycott and an appeal to civil authority. The boycott is contrary to the teaching of Christ, who instructed his disciples to feed their enemies, and thus heap coals of fire on their heads, burning away prejudice and bigotry.

Civil authority can never justly be used in a religious controversy, as religion is entirely outside the realm of civil government. Each person has a right freely to express his conviction concerning any religion, whether it is true or false, and no law of any government should in any way interfere to silence the voice whether it is on the platform, in the pulpit, or the press. So long as personalities are avoided, and nothing libelous about the character of the individual professing religion is stated, no interference by the state is to be brooked.

Religion, whether it is true or false, may be freely proclaimed by its adherents, and the province of the state is to protect each person in his right to advocate that which he believes to be the truth.

A religion which would use the sword of steel to silence the voice of an antagonist, cannot be the religion of Him who told Peter to put up the sword of steel lest he perish with it. True religion like pure gold, will shine with added luster as it is rubbed by honest investigation or caustic criticism. Truth silenced is like water dammed by rubbish; it gathers force by opposition, and eventually sweeps away the rubbish, and makes fertile and fragrant the life into which it is permitted to flow. Christianity asks no favors from the state, and protests against all interference, no matter what the source.—JOHN N. QUINN.

### Bethany News.

A large number of people from Bethany were in Salem Thursday.

Mrs. Charlie Morley has been on the sick list the past few days.

Miss Elsie Solberg will attend high school in Silvertion this year.

Miss Elsie Solberg visited at the home of Miss Fay Lavery Sunday.

Bethany School started Sept. 20. There is a larger attendance than in former years.

Harve Bowen, Chauncey Bowen, and Charlie Morley are spending a few days at the coast fishing.

## A BIG BLACK HAND SCARE

Wife of a Well Known Man Receives an Anonymous Letter Warning Her of Alleged Threat Against Her Life by Black Hand.

In a last week's article, under the heading "Adventists Have Squabble" an outsider almost got the Journal into trouble. The party hardest hit was our friend and fellow citizen, George W. Hubbs, an officer of the state and withal a sober, kindly, progressive gentleman.

Some of the Adventist people were somewhat excited over the article and probably, through a misunderstanding, they were somewhat justified.

The Journal has no desire to uselessly hurt any one, nor does it wish to loan its columns to falsehoods or misrepresentations. The kidnaping scrape, the black hand letter without signature, the accusation of two Silvertion ladies being members of the society and the ill feelings caused by the last week's article seems to be the whole story.

We have endeavored to get at the truth of the affair so as to make as near right as we can any wrong our paper or the outsider may have done, but conflicting stories make it impossible for us to get at all the truth.

"The Outsider" makes the following statement:

Editor of Journal, Silvertion, Oregon.

In last week's issue was published an article, written by me, in regard to an accusation against two members of the Adventist church, in which article I stated that one of the accused was informed by the church committee that Mr. George Hubbs had consented to a half-church trial being held at his residence. During a conversation with Mr. Hubbs, after the Journal was published, he stated that he did not give his consent to any religionists, Protestants, Catholics, Mohammedans, Holy Rollers or Buddhists, congregating at his home, and transforming it into a tribunal of justice, and knew nothing of the proposed preliminary hearing, and thought I had been misinformed. But such is not the case. I gained my information from a most reliable source, and can vouch for its truthfulness. But it may be possible that a member of the committee, during their excitement, used Mr. Hubbs' name without authority, in connection with their mission of investigation.

But if such a thing is possible that I and my informant were misinformed, I wish the committee would show me, because I am from Missouri. City of Joplin.

AN OUTSIDER.

The committee deny making any arrangements whatever with Mr. Hubbs to hold a church trial at his house and the parties accused of belonging to the black hand society claim that the party who wrote the letter is crazy on the subject and imagines that there are black hand murderers everywhere. We sum the whole thing up as follows:

Judge Hubbs is innocent of having anything to do with the affair. The Adventist church have in no way done anything wrong. The committee appointed are good people and were misunderstood. The black hand letter is an outcome of a desire to have a little sport or the effect of an imaginative brain. Both parties were friends of the alleged kidnaped girl, but each misunderstood the motives of the other.