# CHRISTIAN CHURCH PACKED TO OVERFLOWING

One of the Greatest Christian Sermons Ever Preached in Silverton Was Delivered Last Sunday Night by the Rev. Leon L. Myers

over the civilized world about the peo-ple not attending religious services, "I understand there has been a this time, Mr. Myers could not give the names and places as fully as some expected, but there was certainly though a fool, need not have erred therein. The best part of any religion and the part which in time is bound to become the whole of the true religion, is the part which is practical form. man beings here on earth. The fight against that which makes men and cause of the people, establish in fact women unfit for any kind of a heaven, and the upbuilding of justice, equity and liberty, right here on earth, is certainly the largest part of "Thy the largest part of "Thy the largest part of the people, establish in fact as well as in name the apostolic church, in devotion, practice, the 'Do unto other' rule of conduct in their daily lives, and a change in the attikingdom come" here and elsewhere.

Mr. Myers has been very aggressive in his work against wrong of all kinds, and there had been an underground rumbling among some of the weaker of his congregation, headed and abetted by those who had been hit by his sharp arrows of truth. But when this earnest worker for righteousness called for volunteers who approved his work, and who would help him, first from the members of his own church and then from the whole congregation, there was no doubt left in the minds of any as to the esteem in which he is held by the people of this city. The congregation stood almost as one man for the enthusiastic preacher and for the clean-up which he represents.

Some of the most prominent and pointed thoughts brought out in the sermon were as follows:

"The average preacher is tied soul and body to the feet of his unspiritual, unscrupulous master with a chain of

"He knows that his God wants him to speak out against the Roman hierarchy, but has master says no, my business success depends on my Catholic He folds his hands and w'th a sanctimonious sigh says this is tions of trust and power in the comnone of my fight.

He knows that his Lord never allowed sin to pass him unchallenged, ity. but his master on earth says the success of our card parties and other so-cial enterprises depends upon this par-must be elevated. The lord bless him ticular pharisee's good standing who helps to do this, and be merciful among us, so again he sighs, "Let him on those who think to stand in the

sincere repentance. "He preaches for spiritual things and crawls like a snail, snivels like a mongrel pup, when he is whipped, at His ever-destructive and all-powerful the feet of the one who holds the sack as well as righteous indignation. I from which his salary is to come. He say, let us clean up. Stone me if you eases his aching conscience by saying Blessed are the meek.

'He knows that his Lord took a whip of cords and drove the moneychangers forth in righteous indignahis eyes raised to heaven, says, 'It is my salary, I am satisfied,' he

'He knows that the environment of people of the community is such that they are compelled to work and worry and struggle to eke out a vain subsistence which takes away their appetites for spiritual things. Then he preaches to them, 'Take no thought for the morrow.' A good admonition under right circumstances, but an empty platitude to the man who has only a \$2 a day job between himself and starvation. What is the result:

"The average man looks upon the average pulpiteer as a coward, a halffeminine article fit only to squeeze the hands of his feminine parishioners and kiss the toe of the fat man who controls the money and also about half of the souls of the people of his community, and who incidentally helps to pay the minister's salary.
"Under these conditions the average

man stays at home with his family and reads, or goes to the theatre, his children run the streets at night, and the community has no religion.

"The average young person, seeing sin go unchallenged, and realizing the hypocritical tendency of those who should guide him in spiritual directions, falls into error as naturally as

water flows down hill. "The average man judges the church first of all by the minister, then

by the members of the cnurch. 'He notices that when sin is challenged many of the church members will rise in defense of the sin itself. and will assist in the stoning of the one who dares to say 'Halt!'

"He naturally concludes that these people are equally guilty of the same sin and refuses to consort with such a bunch.

'He notices that the Christians who make little effort from one year's end to the other to save a soul from death, will if they get a scent of a scandal, make a house to house canvass to circulate it for an evil purpose, then turn then use the best war weapons you about and make another canvass to can get.

There has been great complaint all | get a company to stone the preacher

but the reason for it is manifest in the house to house canvass in this town to fact that more than every seat was stone me because I announced that I taken last Sunday night at the Christian church. The main floor was crowded, the gallery was full and people were standing in the hall when the pastor, Leon L. Myers, opened one of the epoch-making meetings in Silverton's rapid transit toward higher and better things. On account of the suits against certain "blind piggers," which had not yet been tried as expected at this time. Mr. Myers could not give taken last Sunday night at the Chris- was going to fight sin, and because I person who is guilty of sin will in due time make himself known, or herself, as the case may be.

"Let the church really take up the tude of the people toward the church will only be the natural result. Reform must begin with the house of

This community has fallen into the

hands of a gang of outlaws, who must be brought to justice.

"A most systematic effort and well-laid plan is fully developed in this c mmunity to defy the law, and to de-file the community. Some of our profile the community. Some of our peo-ple have become victims of this organzed plan.

"Since the defeat of our marshal, who sought to arrest what he considered a law-breaker, they have become emboldened. Our city streets are frequently used for stages on which are performed scenes that make all decent people blush for shame.
"I will challenge this conduct. I will

not shrink from this my clear duty. I will consider every person opposed to clean-up as guilty of sin, and afraid of being caught.

"I will ever stand ready to help those who may be injured, I will readily retract any proven wrong, for I expect to make mistakes. But I will not hesitate to denounce sin even though it may discommode some in high posimunity.

I shall not try to avoid responsibiltrust without fear. I take it that the that is without guilt cast the first stone," for fear of losing a part of his salary he allows himself to forget that the one of whom this was spoken had churches clean up. I think there is about as much devil in all the churches of this city as they can hold without the Lord coming to destroy them with will, but clean up this city we must. And as Martin Luther said, 'If I perish, I perish.

If every city in the United States had such workers as Mr. Myers is, tion, but the average preacher with against the evils that can only bring heartache, failure, degradation, crime, not the gaining nor the possession of and death, many a place would become a large fortune that condemns, but the a clean and wholesome home like Siluse made of it. The love of money is verton is, and is to be. Citizens, let the root of all kinds of evil, but so long us drop all controversy over our as a portion of the fortune is used to creeds and theoretical differences far enough at least to work together for sighs again, that holy, sanctified sigh. this practical and most elevating part of all religions, which will surely be the majority of his people and of the the means of saving us all to the ut-

# STICKERS.

From year marked one, with Rome and Rum

Have human hopes been blighted, And now 'tis time, with vote or gun, These wrongs should all be righted.

From time marked now, let's make a That honest folks, united,

Will never rest till all such junk

What in the world has the old baldheaded pope done for the world that we should give him such power? His mighty. power and our taxes go up together; lets bring 'em down.

Some people would kiss any dirty old toe if they thought it would give them a stand-in with a big band of Ascension Thursday. robbers. No principle!

Isn't it strange that the most holy humans in the world are the pot-bellied priests who get drunk and seduce innocent girls?

The richest skin game the devil was ever able to hatch up is the purgatory

Wouldn't it be a huge joke on the northern Democrats if Woodrow Woodrow proves to be a Roman soldier?

The great money masters and the Roman hierarchy make a fine team, but don't stand with your mouth open. Do something! Do it now!

Meet your oppenent with reason, not with noise nor with sabatage, unless actual war has been declared-

## THE CATHOLIC DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE



At certain times in nearly everybody's life there is an overwhelming remorse for what their conscience declares to be wrong, then there are times when one feels a strong impulse to confide and seek protection from some one-some real friend who can understand and sympathize with the victim of a crushed and bleeding better self. Women, and especially young women, are often in this state of mental hunger for the food of sympathy and instruction. The priests understand this very well indeed, and are not slow to take advantage of it. The confessional box keeps them in touch with all their members all the time and with solemn words they use the spooks of superstition, the persuasions of a supposed, unselfish, fatherly love, the power of knowledge and experience until they appear to the victim what they claim to be, the agent of Christ himself. They thus get absolute control and then the scene changes.

This is no picture of the imagination. Everywhere this game is actually being played and the writer could give the real names of priests, not many miles from Silverton, who have acted and are still acting their part in this beastly Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde tragedy. Priests of Marion county have become fathers and still gone on in their wicked part of forcing honest fathers and mothers to give up their hard-earned money and their pure, sweet daughters as a contribution to their beastly, priestly pleasures.

### THE CATECHISM.

By keeping the victim razell-dazelled with myths and mysteries and their eyes fastened on a home above the clouds, the Roman hierarchy can easily rob them of everything that's pro-fitable for it to take. Their positive stories and hypocritical claim of a divine nature puts the priest in a posi-tion to have everything his own way his best members. Poor victims! Read the mental poison that allows no freedom of thought on the part of the victim, neither as to the wording or interpretation of the Scriptures, and think how you can best help break th ir chains. Here is the fifth and sixth articles of the creed as given in the Catholic Catechism:

Fifth Article of the Creed. day He rose again from the dead."
What is meant by the words "He descended into hell?"

That the soul of Jesus Christ, after What I do will be openly and I His death, descended into "Limbo," to console and set free the souls of the just .- 1 St. Peter iii. 19.

Limbo was the place of rest wherein the souls of the just who died before Christ were detained waiting for the time of the redemption. Why were the souls of the just who died before Christ detained in Limbo?

in, and was first to be opened through What is meant by the words: "The third day He rose again from the

Because heaven was closed through

They mean that the soul of Christ remained in Limbo until the third day, when it was, by His own power, reunited to His body, and He rose gloriously from the tomb. Easter Sunday. Was Christ seen after His resurrec

After His resurrection Christ was repeatedly seen by His apostles and disciples, who touched him, ate and ta'ked with Him.

How long did Christ remain on earth after His resurrection ?

Christ remained forty days on earth, conferring various powers upon in return excepting their false teach-His disciples, especially upon Peter, and leaving instructions for the good of His church. What does the resurrection of Christ

(1) That He is true God; (2) that we also shall rise again; (3) that we the chances are ten to one, that you

new and holy life. from the dead, shall also quicken your mortal bodies."—Rom. viii. 11.

Application.—Rejoice at the thought our wholesale lack of brain and physi-

new and holy life for a glorious resur-Sixth Article of the Creed.

"He ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Al-

What do these words, "He ascended into heaven" teach us? They teach us that Christ, by His

own power, with His humanity as well Did Christ ascend alone neaven?

No; He took with Him into heaven the souls of the just, whom he had freed from Limbo.—Eph. iv. 8. From what place did Christ ascend into heaven?

From Mount Olivet, in the presence of His disciples. Why did Christ ascend into heaven? To take possession of His glory;

(2) to be our advocate with His Fath- tion? How? er; (3) to prepare a place for us.
"We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ."-1 St. John ii.

What is meant by the words "sitteth at the right hand of God?"

and heart to heaven, your true home. great problem, which is still with us By the grace of Jesus and by your unsolved. Let us use this free press this paper will make a special effort at earnest co-operation, you, too, will for all it is worth. It is your move. once, to spread its usefulness as rap-break our government.

reach it. Let no difficulty deter you; heaven is well worth all the pains you can take.

This old exploded idea of raising our minds to heaven, when not staring with frightened, wild, wide-eyed won der into hell, drinking booze and shell-ing out the cash to old daddy priest, is fast being replaced by the more practical one of fixing things here on earth so people can be half-way white and fit for any emergency. Hell can easily be put out of existence by teaching righteousness instead of this limbo and tin-heaven rot. Christians should take Jesus, the carpenter's son, for their example, and teach His social and economic principles that will make better men and women of us and establish the brotherhood of man so we can be fit for any kind of heaven and "He descended into hell, the third knock the devil out of limbo, purgatory, hell, and all such silliness.

People who are willing to work ought to get an abundance of this world's goods and have plenty of time for self-improvement and the culture that alone can come from innocent pleasure. Why cannot children have an equal chance for education? cannot men who labor have more wealth, and why can't we as a city have more improvements? The usual answer is that it is our own fault, but in the way the answer is intended, this is not true. Conditions make men and not men conditions. The conditions of the labor market, the schools and the classes of society were all here when we got here, and they made us what we are. Even what we inherited was made for us by the conditions in which our parents and grandparents found themselves when they got here. And what are the conditions as to our obtaining through our labor the good things of life? Why, every man, woman and child in civilized countries pays something (about four-fifths, on an average, of what he or she earns) to a class of men who give us nothing ings through their subsidized press, and miserable laws through their hirelings in the halls of legislation. Whole industries are now owned by individu- in your lodge to become a regular subal men, and when you buy anything which you must have in order to live, should rise from the death of sin to a are paying five times more for the this great battle. Only 25 cents per thing than what it costs to produce it year for single subscription or 20 cents "He that raised up Jesus Christ and get it to you. This is a horrible mortal bodies."—Rom. viii. 11.

Application.—Rejoice at the thought of your Blessed Savior's triumph over cal and financial power. And the low. If you believe in Odd Fellowship death and hell. Prepare yourself by a worst of it is, the power that is taking the wealth of the world from those who produce it, is continually gaining and the producers and helpless poor are becoming weaker and weaker. There is no one in the world, unless

he is a fool, who does not recognize you. Let's put Odd Fellowship back that things cannot continue as they are. Why, at the present rate of increase of wealth in the hands of a few, new and forever, never to let another they will own the whole earth, and the Roman Catholic or Roman sympathizstruggle will be awful. Some think it is awfu' now, but ten years more of exploitation and this free America of ours will be worse than any slave pen Odd Fellowship back onto the princior lunatic asylum we ever dreamed about. There must be some change, ed to travel. Brother, you can help do and dear reader, it matters not what our theories are, it is certainly for our mutual interests to think and study ment as advocated by the Sovereign every side of this great live twentieth Odd Fellow. I am proud of the record century problem. How can we adjust made by this fearless little paper beour industrial machinery so as to meet cause it means so much to the future the demands of our growing civiliza-

The above is copied from the "Sil-They mean that Christ even as Man partakes of the power and glory of the Divine Majesty.—Eph. i. 20-22.

Application.—Often raise your mind have used to be a sufficient of the wall and the hard times of this winter, especially among the poor in the cold, frozen states of our Union, is awful to contemplate. Let us do all we can to settle this winter, especially among our fellowmen and finally receive our reward from Him in whom we live, move and have our being.

They mean that Christ even as Man times of this winter, especially among the cach us that, step by step we may excepting enough to keep them going among our fellowmen and finally receive our reward from Him in whom we live, move and have our being.

# WHAT ARE THE PRIESTS DOING IN OREGON?

## Read This and Ask Yourself if All These O. S. B's Haven't the Same Opportunities and If Any Are Apt to Be Angels Under the Circumstances

Editor Silverton Journal:

gave me a story of a very recent Catholic priest and church scandal. Some few months ago the young couple were married. The groom's family was Protestant, the bride's, Irish-American Catholic. The most of the bride's family had given up the church but she was remaining quite devout and worshipful. All went well for a soon and take his wife to another loca-few weeks, then the bride made the tion—start all over again, she to forexcuse to go and stay over night with get the priest and church. a lady friend, who was to be alone. This only occurred every ten days or two weeks at first, then this lady(?) friend was alone quite regular.

The husband became suspicious and talked to the brother about it, and they both decided something was wrong. So the next evening the young wife made it known that her young lady(?) friend was to be alone again. They were going down town also to take in the theatre and made it a point to take the same car with the sister and wife.

When the wife got off, they noticed was near the priest's house and Catholic church, over in that northeast section of the city. They rode to the next corner and both got off. The hus-band back-trailed his wife, the brother going down the parallel street to be sure she didn't pass the priest's house, as they suspected this was what was wrong. The wife was trailed into this

residence, and the brother guarded the back door, while the husband went to the front entrance. The lights were seen to go out in the basement and turned on up stairs. Soon after the woman entered, the husband knocked stoutly and the priest's head stuck out of the front upstairs window and asked "who is there; what is wanted?" The husband replied, "I am Mr. and have come for my wife." I'he priest answered, "Your wife isn't here, and hasn't been here." The husband informed his highness' holiness that he had seen her enter, just a moment before, and while these

two argued, the wife was beating it While in Portland last week a friend down the back way, ran out the back we me a story of a very recent Cath-door into the arms of the brother, who led her around in front.

The priest was anxious to have no trouble and not have any publicity. This was all agreed to, if the conduct was not carried further. The husband was willing to forgive and forget and agreed to arrange to leave Portland

The next afternoon, the wife made it known that she was going down town and acted suspicious, so the husband was notified and went direct to this priest's house and found his wife, who refused to return home with him. The priest would not consent to her leaving just then, but finally, the priest was willing for the wife to go, providing the husband would promise to let her return the next day at a certain time for spiritual confessions, etc., etc. The husband agreed to this to get his wife loosened from the priest at that time, and on going home he endeavored to reason with the woman and to persuade her never to return to the church or have anything more to do with the holy father.

The wife would not say whether she would or would not keep the appointment, but the day came, and as the appointed hour drew near, the young wife hurried down town. The husband has not seen his wife since. She nor the priest can be found. The earth has swallowed the pair. Both families are all broken up over the affair and of course are desirous of keeping it from the public. My friend didn't want to give the names, etc. I left another friend to work on this to get it for you and the Menace and perhaps we can get the inside facts as they really are. I am certain that the full story and all parties concerned can be learned within a short time. Let me know your pleasure.

r pleasure. Yours respectfully,

Woodland, Wash., Feb. 18, 1914.

# RULE OR RUIN-WHICH?

If there ever was a time in the history of American Odd Fellowship when each individual member should know what is going on in official cir-cles, it is right now. The future life of Odd Fellowship is now held in the balance in this country. If Romanized principles win, the grind will be steady but sure until the very life will be crushed out of the oreer in America. We call it the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. I don't believe that Thomas Wildey ever dreamed that his fondest hopes in organizing this great order would ever be crystallized into dictatorship and receive its orders

Brethren, your lodge has received or will receive an official mandate from the Grand Sire condemning the Sovereign Odd Fellow, telling you that you shall not subscribe for it or even discuss or mention the name of the Sovereign Odd Fellow in your lodge. Because the Sovereign Odd Fellow has dared to be "Independent." It has dared to tell the truth and stand firm for the true principles of Odd Fellowship against the dictations of a foreign hierarchy whose sole purpose is to suppress everything and everybody it cannot control. That is the whole thing in a "nutshell" and every reader of the Sovereign Odd Fellow knows it.

Now, brethren, if you want to see the true principles of Odd Fellowship win in this country, get every member scrib r to the Sovereign Odd Fellow. The price is so low you can't afford not to drop in your mite and help win per year in clubs of ten or more. If you believe in being ruled and governas laid down by its noble founders, Thomas Wildey and others, and carried out, until the present Dictator became Grand Sire, subscribe for the Sovereign Odd Fellow and get every member in your lodge to join in with where it belongs and let every lodge in these great United States resolve er cross the threshold of our sacred lodge halls. We have got to have a "house-cleaning" before we can get ples where it was founded and intendthis, and I believe you are in hearty accord with the movement and sentiof our beloved order. I love Odd Fellowship. There is nothing grander or nobler than the principles upon which this great order was founded. It is the verton Semaphore" of December 26, Golden Rule welded by the links of That was six years ago, and fraternal love and made to fit the since that time many a poor soul has frailties of the human family and take all they earn as far as is politic,

idly as possible and make it as farreaching as possible by getting every member in your lodge to become a reader. Send for a sample copy and subscription blank now, before you forget it. Don't delay. It is important that you act promptly. Get a postal card and write on one side. "Sample S. O. F.," and sign your name plainly so I will make no mistake and address it to A. C. Veach, Gravette, Arkansas, and I will take pleasure in doing the rest. Prother will you help?-Sovereign Odd Fellow.

# EXPLANATIONS.

We wish we could talk with each individual subscriber and tell him or her all about the trial that has not come off yet, and answer all the questions that are bobbing up in every direction. But we can only answer through the paper as a rule, for there is so much work to do that we are just swamped all the time. We cannot yet afford to hire a stenographer, a bookkeeper, a proof-reader, nor even a so-licitor and collector. All this work and other side issues, absolutely necessary in order to turn an honest penny to help out the ever-occurring deficiencies, together with the worry of it all, is about all one little editor can stand. So let us answer your questions in a wholesale manner in this

1. The \$50,000 lawsuit has not yet come off, because the Catholics have failed to set the time of trial. not know why they are doing this unless they are afraid of the result. 2. No, there is not one bit of fraud

about this affair. We were sued for \$50,000, and are ready for the suit. 3. Miss Lasenan escaped from the Mt. Angel convent and was helped to get away to friends in Portland by Leon L. Myers, pastor of the Christian church.

4. We spent all the money we could get in preparing our defense and in keeping The Silverton Journal afloat. We are ready for the trial.

5. We cannot tell all that they have done in this fight because of our lack of absolute proof of some of the important parts of it.

6. The Romans are playing a deep game. No, the fight is not over-it has just begun. 7. We need some one at once in every community to tell people about our

work and to distribute sample copies and subscription blanks. The Beast will get us sure unless we have help. Yes, Miss Lasenan was married to a Portland man. We do not know

where she is at this writing.

9. There are some things about this affair that we can not publish because of its effect in case of a suit, but all points to the treachery and absolute lack of principle in the Roman hier-

The priests want their people to be good and true to the church while they themselves are as false as hell itself to the people. They look upon them, as a rule, like a lot of cattle. They