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HUMBUGS IN PLENTY.

WHILE CHARLES DARWIN the great naturalist was alive, and at his home in England, some smart English lads caught a beetle, glued various parts of other insects upon its head and body, placed it in a little box, and humbly knocked at Darwin's door, seeking to know what the great scientist would call this wonderful bug.

He looked it over very critically and asked them very seriously, "Did this bug hum when you caught it?" "Yes, sir, it hummed a great deal," replied the boys with sly winks at each other. "Then this must be a humbug," said Darwin.

Unnatural things, things patched up of parts of natural things are humbugs. This holds true in social, moral, political and religious life. A man or a woman who tries to be made up of different social elements will be condemned, by wise people, as a humbug. We must be heart and soul with the workers of the world or with the other species. If we try to ape the one in part while performing the functions of the other, we will miserably fail. Morally one must want to do exactly right, or be on the criminal side. One may stick a few truths and a few lies together and make some people believe he has a genuine character, but the humbug will fall apart some day, and all will understand the deception. Political humbugs are very common. Take a republican back bone and, in a state that's sure to go dry, stick a prohibition leg on one side, a woman suffrage one on the other, stick a socialist scale or two on and a democratic fin, tune the voice to some real, popular cry for help, such as lowering taxes and the pretty bug is apt to fool even some expert political economists.

But what about the religious humbugs? We hardly dare say what we think about some of them, but let's take this large specimen we know as Roman Catholicism as an example. The early religious-economic reform, known as Christianity, had a hard time in getting started because its enemies were many and powerful, but it grew and was becoming too numerous to suit certain wicked people. One day some cruel boys, called Romans, played a humbug stunt on the world, which, sad to say, has caused much mental poison to generate, from which, with another kind of "bug juice," has come more crime and misery than almost any other humbugs that ever hummed. At that time Rome was pagan. She was rich in plunder and riotous in habits, and, just like some of the big moguls of Silverton and other parts of the United States, she did not like the rebellious, free thought and free speech talk of the agitator calling themselves Christians. So the emperor and a few other of his little playmates fixed up the humbug. The head was of the priest craft bug; the legs were of the king craft species, the body was of a "lust'y" "beat"le and they stole the name Christianity. It is now known as Roman Catholicism although some get it still mixed with the former name. It is a true humbug however and "those who are deceived thereby are not wise."

LIVES, VIRTUE AND PROSPERITY IN PRIESTS' HANDS.

THE CHURCH OF ROME has put her priests in such a position that they have an awful advantage over the lives, the virtue and the property of their people. They can scarcely help using the lives of those who confess their crimes to them, and they do use them, and make them do any old thing for the upbuilding of the church and its "inner circle." These God-men can scarcely help robbing the most beautiful and most promising girls, whom they can so easily get into their power. They can scarcely help taking all the wealth they desire from their poor victims who work day in and day out for years to get the money to satisfy this greedy gang of hold ups.

There are so many ways for this systematic bunco game to be worked "the which if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written." But publicity is scaring them stiff, for those who have had eyes and seen not are beginning to understand that we should all do something to liberate our country from this thieving system, mis-called a church.

Here is one of the ways the priests have in the old country, the account being of what took place only last month. These monks were caught; how many are as bad or worse and not caught?

"Thieving Monks Are Expelled From Church"

Odessa, Feb. 15—An extraordinary scene was witnessed today in the Roman Catholic church at Petrikoff, Poland, when three monks who were sentenced two years ago to terms of imprisonment for stealing the priceless jewels from the image of the Virgin in the monastery of Gazna Gora, were formally excommunicated.

"The altar was draped in black and lighted with black candles. At the conclusion of the brief liturgy the anathema was pronounced upon the three monks, who stood under police guard, clad in long white penitential cloaks. At the end of the service these cloaks were roughly removed, revealing the men in the garb of convicts and heavily chained. They were then taken away to complete their terms.

"The chief culprit, Damazy Mocoeh, who alone of the three showed any signs of remorse, piteously besought the prayers of the congregation."

How foolish it is to give a clique like this priesthood, control over us. And yet, right here in this county, men and women are pouring in their wealth, and their most precious jewels, to satisfy the demands of an organization that is no more the agent of God than a kennel of yellow dogs.

"GO!"

TO HEAR SOME PEOPLE HOWL about the lazy unemployed, one would almost think that it's a crime not to work for nothing and board yourself, if somebody should ask you to do so. Why, some fellow says that he once worked for 50 cents a day, and talks as though he thought that was smart, but if the government would fix the scale of wages at a living rate, not let anyone work for less, and give all men work at this minimum rate, there would be no army of the unemployed excepting the lazy rich who refuse to work at any rate of wages, and who like their hobo brothers have learned that there's a way to make a living without work. They are both parasites, but of these two bugs the hobo has the best excuse for living off his fellows. Many of them were born of over worked mothers and are constitutionally and mentally unfit to work. Many have worked their minds and muscles to the limit, and just can't force themselves to go through the motions any longer. Many of these hobos are superior in intellect and often in education to their millionaire brothers, but like them they will not labor—they don't have to; they can live without work.

There is a remedy for this sick condition of our beloved country in which the workers are burdened with supporting this great army of the unemployed and other things too numerous to mention. It is to alter or abolish a government in which the supreme court has usurped the rights belonging to the people and have set themselves up as absolute monarchs, interpreting our constitution in any old way they see fit—it is to alter or abolish a government

now based on the exploitation of the producers by a handful of gluttons unemployed—it is to alter or abolish a government for revenue only and to institute a new one, laying its foundations on the safe and sane principles of union, justice, tranquility, the defense of all, the general welfare and liberty.

The poor we may have with us always, but the whole devilish army of the unemployed will be, and by right ought to be, happily forced like the herd of swine down a steep place into the sea, and perish in the waters.

These devils themselves are crying out and beseeching the American voter, to let them go into the swine, and surely, the savior of our free government will soon say to these unfortunate demons of our system: "Go!"

A BIG BAND OF TRAITORS

CAN A LOYAL ROMAN CATHOLIC be a loyal citizen of the United States?

Read what Pope Leo XIII wrote to American Catholics in 1885: "We exhort all Catholics who would devote careful attention to public matters to take an active part in all municipal affairs and elections, and to favor the principles of the church in all public services, meetings and gatherings. All Catholics must make themselves felt as active elements in daily political life in the countries where they live. They must penetrate, wherever possible, in the administration of civil affairs; must constantly exert the most vigilance and energy to prevent the usage of liberty from going beyond the limits of God's fixed laws. All Catholics should do all in their power to cause the constitutions of states and legislation to be modeled in the principles of the true church. All Catholic writers and journalists should never lose for an instant from view the above prescription.

It is not lawful to follow one rule in private conduct and another in the government of the state, to-wit: That the authority of the church should be observed in private life, but rejected in state matters. The Roman church has a right to exercise its authority without any limit set to it by the civil powers. The pope and the priests ought to have dominion over temporal affairs, the Roman church and her ecclesiastics have a right to immunity from civil law; in case of conflict between ecclesiastical and civil power the ecclesiastical power ought to prevail."—Pope Leo XIII.

Now it might happen, and it seems that the Pope anticipates it, that a conflict will arise between the government and the church. In such a case every loyal Catholic would go against the government. He would be obliged to be a traitor, and if he is a loyal Catholic to day, and not as ignorant as a jack, he is a traitor now. And right here, we wish to state that the government is in danger of utter ruin, as have been other attempts at "governments for and by the people." Look at the very large per cent of Romans holding office every where! They are working, conniving, scheming for the good of their church, first, last and all the time. They are traitors, and unless we wake up now our republic is lost. The head of this gang of traitors does not believe in the principle of democracy at all, and his loyal Catholics will do his bidding and to do so they will violate every obligation to the people and break every oath of office we may require of them. Wake Up!

BEWARE OF THE BEAST!

THE BEAST IS FIRMLY SET against a pure democracy. She stands for the anarchy of individualism as to social and productive life and for an absolute monarchy as to religion and politics.

Pope Pius IX once said: "We have lately been informed here that an attempt has been made to change the order of things in that Republic (Mexico) by publishing programs in which are enumerated freedom of education and worship. Both of these principles are contrary to the laws of God and the church. To repair the evils occasioned by the revolution, and to bring back as soon as possible happy days for the church, the Roman Catholic Religion must, above all things, continue to the exclusion of every other dissenting worship."

Do you suppose that the pope thinks differently to day? Do you suppose that he loves the freedom of education and worship in the United States? Do you think for a minute that he will not do everything in his power to root out of this country every ounce of democracy and every ounce of religious liberty, and bring us under the iron heel of the glutton exploiters and of his beastly hierarchy?

Be not deceived; if we sow indifference now, we will reap what poor Mexico is reaping, and perhaps never again in a thousand years rise to see the glorious sunshine of religious, political and economic liberty. Beware of the Beast!

HELP US BOOST.

COUNT UP THE PUBLIC FIGHTS we have had in Silverton during the last few years and ask yourself if the Silverton Journal man was ever afraid to take one side or the other.

This paper is no coward. Notice how many victories have been won and ask yourself if the Silverton Journal has not been a good sized factor in every victory worth winning. This paper has influence because it has character.

Notice the things that have proven against the public good were fiercely combated by the Journal. This paper is careful to look at the right and wrong of a matter, rather than to act on policy. Doesn't this show good judgement? Notice that the Journal is true to its principles rather than to any political affiliations. This paper is not a hypocrite. The sore heads may croak but we will give anyone our fine new printing outfit worth about six thousand dollars if they can point out one single instance where we purposely misrepresented anything. The Silverton Journal is honest.

Notice that we continually invite criticism. Our columns are always open to everyone. This paper tries to be fair.

Notice that the Journal has faith in Silverton, that it boosts for Silverton, that it has faith in humanity and boosts for a higher civilization.

This paper is loyal. Help us boost! Some may think that this is just idle boasting, but it is not; we want to succeed in doing good and we think it nothing wrong to blow our own horn a little and to ask you to blow it a lot, if you think it honestly deserves it. Help us boost!

MOVE IN RIGHT DIRECTION.

THE SOCIALISTS of Salem seem to have struck the key note and we hope that every Protestant church and every fraternal society will catch the idea and that everyone who believes that something ought to be done to check up the abominable slavery that exists in the Roman institutions will push the good work along until none of our tax money is squandered by fake parochial schools, untill slavery, white slavery and even murder is not committed under the cover of religion and when American girls for slight offenses will not be committed to Catholic or any other private institutions by our magistrates.

The Salem Socialist Local has instructed their delegate to introduce the following resolution in the State Convention of the Socialist Party of Oregon:

"No public funds secured by taxation or otherwise should be appropriated to private institutions.

"We favor the public inspection and supervision of all institutions, both public and private, in which people are detained or cared for.

"We would forbid the commitment of offenders by any magistrate or court to any private institution."

Every anti-Catholic should not only say amen but should roll up his or her sleeves and go to work until Oregon is free from the tyranny of the under ground criminal institution brazenly claiming to be the original and only true church.

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