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## RESTRICTION OF IMMIGRATION

A further restriction of immigration is imperatively necessary because it is impossible to assimilate foreign populations in unlimited quantities, and is becoming increasingly so, as each new layer of immigration comes in contact with American ideals at a constantly greater remove from the original.

The illiteracy test is the best method of restriction that has been suggested. A head tax has the disadvantage of partly impoverishing the immigrant. To wholly exclude any European race would be a poor method because there is no European race of which the best are not desirable. The commonest argument against the illiteracy test, is that it lets in some undesirable—that some bad men can read and write. But if the illiteracy test is in other respects a good thing, it is not an argument against it that there are some evils which it does not prevent.

It is argued that the illiteracy test will keep out some good people. So undoubtedly would any test. Upon the whole the illiteracy test does exclude the less desirable and admit the more desirable.

Illiteracy itself is an evil in a democracy. I suppose that is why we teach our own children to read and write. The illiteracy test excludes, upon the whole, those elements of Old World society that are the more backward and the less favorable material for democracy. Education and democracy have always gone hand in hand.

The illiteracy test in Italy will exclude only 5.6 per cent of the north Italians, the race that produced Columbus, Dante, Michael Angelo, Garibaldi, Mazzini and Cavour. It will, on the other hand, exclude about 42.8 per cent of the very different race of southern Italy, whose most notable political and social institution of the present day is the Camorra. The illiteracy test, will exclude only from 1 to 2 per cent of the Germans, the Scandinavians, and the inhabitants of the British Isles; while on the other hand it will exclude some 32 per cent of the people of southern and eastern Europe whose most stable and characteristic political achievement has been the Russian Empire. Which of these two classes would the reader choose if he were starting out to select material for a democracy—the people of Florence, Genoa and Lombardy, or those of Sicily and Naples; the German burgher or the Russian peasant?—Keystone American.

### FROM A CATHOLIC TOWN

McHenry, Ill., March 25th, 1914.  
The Silvertown Journal,  
Silvertown, Ore.

Dear Mr. Hosmer:

Please find enclosed \$2.00 which is to pay for two Subs. Here are the names and addresses of those to whom you are to send the Journal.

Mr. Hosmer, I am afraid you have taken on too much by bucking both the Saloon and Catholics at the same time, as these are the two largest bodies in the world. When you buck the saloon, you are also bucking all those that favor the saloon, this is bound to drive away advertisers. It seems to me, to fight either one of the two at one time would be hard enough. After drowning one, the rest of the time could be consumed in drowning the other. I don't think there is a paper on earth that can successfully fight both these bodies at one time and stand the strain. I hope however that I am wrong, and that you will succeed with your good work. I think the time is near when the saloons will fade away. No doubt the voters will take care of them sooner or later, but the Catholics are the boys that must be exposed through fearless papers to wake up the people.

McHenry is two-thirds Catholic, I wish it had such a paper as the Silvertown Journal. If the Journal must go to the wall (which I hope will never be the case) I will always think kindly of it.

Wishing you the best outcome, I am yours,

### Reward Enough

LaCrosse, Wis.  
March 25, 1914.

J. E. Hosmer,  
Editor Silvertown Journal.

Dear Sir:

We are reading your paper and enjoy every article, especially the editorials.

Wish more editors had your courage to stand for the right.

Respy.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. Shaw.

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Article II of the constitution of Oregon shall be, and hereby is amended by inserting therein after Section 16 and before Section 17, the following section, which shall be designated in the constitution as Section 16a of Article II:

### ARTICLE II

Section 16a. Every legal voter may vote for any one candidate in the State for representative in the Legislative Assembly and no more. The voter may write or stick on ballot the name of the candidate he or she votes for when it is printed on the ballot. The sixty candidates who receive the highest number of votes throughout the State shall be thereby elected.

A candidate's name shall be printed on the official ballot only in the district in which he or she resides. Every candidate nominated for representative may have not more than twenty words printed with his or her name on the official ballot giving the name of the industrial, commercial or political organization or party by which the candidate is nominated, and his or her pledges to the people.

The votes for the election of representative in the Legislative Assembly shall be counted, canvassed and returned, and certificates of election issued, in like manner as heretofore in the election of joint representatives from districts of two or more counties. All provisions of the constitution and laws of Oregon in conflict herewith are hereby abrogated and repealed in so far as they conflict with this section. This section is in all respects self-executing.

### Twelve Reasons for Adopting Proportional Representation.

To give an effective ballot, legislative and honest legislation.

To emancipate districts that now divide the working people into "slave pens" of hills and valleys of isolation.

To give sectional representation whenever and wherever sectional issues overshadow other issues.

To give minorities their just voice and majorities their just power in government.

To relieve unnecessary referendum and initiative measures being forced on the ballot, because of just legislation honored and trusted by the people and which honors and trusts the people.

To give a shorter ballot, cheaper elections and less costly sessions of the legislature.

To give us representative statesmen and patriots to make laws, where now schemers and rogues make money for their kind.

To give every citizen a real choice, and not a "choice between evils," to represent them.

To give every man and woman a ballot to cast for a candidate known to represent their personal interests.

To give the people, instead of preying interests, representation.

To give us candidates throughout the state known for their integrity and devotion to principles a certainty of a seat in the legislature, if they are secure in the devotion of one-sixtieth of the votes cast throughout the state, regardless of the location of their homes, the precincts of the voters or the opposition of privileges.

To give a simple form of an effective proportional system of representation, easy to cast—by an X mark before the name of the one candidate considered by each voter to be the ablest, best and most desirable of all the candidates from over the entire state.

This measure is endorsed by the Oregon State Federation of Labor, the People's Power League, the Farmers' Society of Equity, the officials of the State Grange and the Farmers' Union, and is managed by the Bureau of Proportional Representation, under the direction of Miss Nettie Mae Rankin, whose address is 1030 East Main Street, Portland, Ore. to whom all communications should be addressed.

Governor West will soon issue a proclamation setting apart April 25th, as "Good Roads Day". It is proposed to have every one in the state, that can do so to get out and do at least one good day's work on the roads. Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill is preparing a plan under which the school children will take part in the work. One of the things proposed by the Mr. Churchill is that the children will take part in dragging the main roads leading to the school houses.

## THE CATHOLIC SLAVES ARE EVERYWHERE

In Every State in the Union, in Every Country in the World, Are Girl Slaves Working For the Tyrannical Hierarchy Whose Headquarters Are in Old, World-Conquering Rome and Whose Secret Agents Are Everywhere.

A few weeks ago we mentioned that an American girl is held, against her will, in a Catholic institution not far from Silvertown. This is no figurative language. It is a fact, and, although we know her name, the history of her false imprisonment, and, although some of her relatives are almost heart broken because she is in bondage, yet a judge of this state has the power and has used that power to turn over this helpless, unchampioned young woman to a private prison-pen, whose greedy tyrant keepers compel her to labor day after day for their profit. And if she should blossom out into a beautiful womanhood, then she will be a worse slave—a white slave without hope!

The young lady spoken of is now sixteen years old. She is held against her will. Her nearest and dearest relative informs us that she is a good girl, intelligent and a worker. Now, by the great eternal, what are we going to do about it? Hasn't this damnable business of enslaving our American girls for the use of the low down priests of Rome gone far enough? Has the blood frozen in our veins that we should work for the almighty dollar and let liberty and justice perish from the earth?

No matter where you look you find evidence of the priesthood's perfidy. Dig into any priest's history in this state and you will be astonished at the corruption unearthed. We know just what we are talking about and it makes us almost wild to think that we are tied hand and foot through the in-

### KEEP A-GOIN'!

"If you strike a thorn or rose,  
Keep a-go'in'!  
If it hails or if it snows,  
Keep a-go'in'!  
Taint no use to sit and whine,  
When the fish ain't on your line;  
Bait your hook and keep on tryin'—  
Keep a-go'in'!  
"When the weather kills your crop,  
Keep a-go'in'!  
When you tumble from the top,  
Keep a-go'in'!  
S'pose you're out o' every dime?  
Gettin' broke ain't any crime;  
Tell the world you're feelin' prime!  
Keep a-go'in'!  
"When it looks like all is up,  
Keep a-go'in'!  
Drain the sweetness from the cup,  
Keep a-go'in'!  
See the wild birds on the wing!  
Hear the bells that sweetly ring!  
When you feel like sighin'—Sing!  
Keep a-go'in'!"

### CLIPPINGS

It will be a dark day for American liberty when our national government yields up her function in matters of civility, to serve a religion whose history proves it intolerant and tyrannical in the extreme.

The history of Maria Monk has sold to the extent of over five million copies and is selling today faster than ever before. Get a copy Judge and read it before sending another American girl into one of Rome's slave pens.

In 1912, when Cardinal O'Connell was in Rome for the purpose of securing his red hat, he wired his Boston parishioners as follows:

"I rejoice with you all that Boston has been singled out to go down in history as one of the proudest principalities of the greatest, oldest and most Holy Monarchy on Earth."

The system that starves the class that feeds and supports it has got to die.

White slavery is an essential part of capitalism. It will not be stamped out, not until the monstrous system which gave it birth and which yearly crushes and breaks the lives of its multiplied thousands is destroyed root and branch and supplanted by a system in which human happiness shall be counted of more value to society than bloody dollars coined out of the living death of young womanhood.

Over a million children will not go to school this fall because they are at work in some out of two hundred occupations. Owen R. Lovejoy, the secretary of the National Child Labor committee, is authority for this state-

ment. Statistics indicate that all the girls and at least nine-tenths of the boys who leave school under 16 years enter low-wage industries and remain unskilled workers throughout their lives.—The Living Church.

Every four years the government pays the railroad postal car rent enough to pay for all the cars used in the mail service and to own the entire equipment. The government virtually presents the railroads with a new set of mail cars every four years. What a cinch—for the railroads!

Dispatches from St. Petersburg state that it has been decided to abolish the time-honored custom of army commanders "raising a cup" to the health of the Czar and the imperial family in front of their troops at the conclusion of parades and maneuvers. They add that the campaign recently initiated against the drink habit, of which the new order is a part, does not come a moment too soon, for if the ravages caused by excessive drinking among the masses of the Russian people are frightful enough, they are doubly dangerous in the case of the army.

Trenton, N. J., March 2.—Alcoholism is the greatest single cause of crime and insanity, according to a report submitted today to Governor Fielder by a commission named last year to study the cause of dependence and the case of dependents in New Jersey.

The report unreservedly condemns society drinking; and moderate drinking, so-called, is blamed for a great majority of the epileptic, feeble-minded and subnormal children in the state. The habit of moderate drinking, the report says, is in a great degree responsible for inebriacy and insanity.

These conclusions are reached by the investigating commission after careful research in the state and county institutions for the insane.—The Vindicator.

### Good Help, Kind Words.

Rockford, Iowa

Mr. J. E. Hosmer,

Dear Sir:

I am sending you \$1.00 for a year's subscription to your valuable paper. I have had three off your papers sent me by my daughter-in-law who lives in Silvertown, and I have been very much interested in it because of the fact that you have the manhood and courage to tell the truth, and I for one would like to pat you on the back. I hope you will win out in this fight for right. I have tried to get others to take your paper, but, as you say, there are no many tender feet.

Very resp't yours,

Mrs. ...

## THE CRITICS CRITICISED

After reading the Rev. D.'s criticisms of your free press which appeared several weeks ago in the Silvertown Journal, my mind reverted to the story of the old gentleman who intended to build a barn, but called in some of his friends to help him decide on a site on which to build. After all had decided that this or that place was the most suitable, the old gentleman, gave them to understand that he was building the barn and was able to select his own building site. It was just so with you, after the critics have said their say, you come in and give them to understand, you have your say, and that this is yet a free country—free speech and free press. You are not following in the old muddy ruts of the old exploded doctrines and notions of men, and you are only using the God,—given right to think for yourself, to act for yourself, and from your self.

I thank God, we have a few men who are not afraid to speak their own minds on questions so great and so important which now confronts the American people. But what is wrong with those ministers? They claim to stand for the same principles you are contending for, and yet they call a halt when you take the liberty to use these principles to get your ideas before the people. O, yes, free speech is a nice thing when it is one sided, when the other fellow who differs from us must keep quiet. Is this not manifesting the same spirit that pervades the Catholic institution? Is it not the same old spirit of Rome that dictates for me and prescribes my religion? Now the bible is all right. I believe the bible to be all it claims to be. But I don't believe everything that men say and teach for bible doctrine. It is wonderful how the bible is misrepresented and distorted. Some professed Christians will not believe that a part of their faith is of Catholic origin, but it is true and this is one reason at least that the Catholics and some professed Christian's faith reads the same.

Now as to Mr. Linscott's idea that the Catholic church is an organization of Christ, perhaps he has never read the history of that awful delusion and deception called the Catholic church. Yes, by all means work against it; talk against it; write against it, and if possible get it out of the way, and then we will easily solve the labor question, the whiskey question and the white slave question.

J. C. Brinkley.

### MORTENSON NEWS

The Misses Nellie and Marjorie Hastie and Master William spent Sunday with Perry Moser.

Last Thursday a farewell party was given at Jacob Van Arnuns for Mr. and Mrs. Posy Lacy. They departed Friday for Francis, Washington.

Miss Gladys Burr finished a very successful term of school Friday.

E. T. Smith called on F. A. Ausmus Sunday evening.

The Misses Gladys and Barbary Burr and Mary Peters visited at Zack Davenports last Sunday.

There was quite an excitement here Monday afternoon when the old horse house on the Silvertown Lumber Company's place burned down.

Although it was a rainy and disagreeable evening there was a very large crowd at the drama held at the large red barn on the Silvertown Lumber Company's ranch.

Joe Kaser's mother and sister visited him last Sunday.

Preaching services will be held here next Sunday at 2:30 P. M.

The Silvertown Journal has no fine rosaries, scapular medals, sacred hearts, rolled gold crosses, medallions, plaques, holy water fonts, stand crucifixes, Roman gold busts, portable viaticum cabinet altars, pocket statues, Father Faber's works, lives of the saints, keys to heaven, candelabras, stations of the cross, vestments, chalices, ostensoriums, pyxes or oil stocks, for sale but we would like to have those who are not crazy for such toys subscribe for our paper and help us get out the ideas of liberty, justice and truth. Do it now!

Isn't it too bad that the unemployed millionaires and billionaires won't work when they have a chance? Some of them would refuse even a chance to earn twenty cents an hour. And it is all their own fault too darn 'em.

## PUBLIC LAND TO BE OPENED FOR ENTRY

Between the dates of May 9th. and June 7th. intending settlers will have the right to make selections of homesteads in tracts to be set aside from the Deschutes and Paulina forest reserves. Of this land 20,000 acres is located in the upper Deschutes Valley, being for the most part covered with jackpine. From the Paulina reserve approximately 200,000 acres will be open for entry, most of it in the Fremont and Fort Rock valleys. This is chiefly sagebrush and rough land.

Of the Deschutes Valley land, about 10,000 acres is said to be good land, that is, land suited to agricultural purposes. It is estimated that it will cost \$25 to \$50 per acre to clear the jackpine land, and from \$5 to \$10 to clear the sagebrush land. Water in this tract can be had at a depth of about 20 feet, while in the Fort Rock section it is reached at an average of 150 feet. Formal filings on these lands will be allowed on and after June 7.

### Advantage to Farmers

Under a recent ruling of the postal authorities, farm and garden produce may be shipped direct from producer to consumer when properly packed for shipment. This provision also includes farm and garden implements, castings, parts of machinery, etc. This should be of immense benefit to farmers within easy reach of towns or cities, as offering an outlet for fruit, vegetables, eggs, poultry and butter which have heretofore been of little value on account of excessive transportation rates.

Farmers in the vicinity of West Stayton will plant 35 acres of Refuge wax beans this season for delivery to the Salem cannery. The crop is expected to be highly profitable.

Oregon granges will meet for the annual three days business session at Monmouth May 19-21. Complete arrangements are being made for entertainment and accommodation of visitors.

Klamath County farmers and dairymen have organized the Klamath Co-operative Produce Company which is expected to establish and maintain grain elevators, flour and feed mills, creameries, cold storage plants, meat packing plant and a mercantile establishment. The company plans to start work at once on the creamery which will be located between Klamath Falls and Merrill.

### BIG BARNES CIRCUS COMING.

400 Educated Animals—Program of Instructive, Laughing, Amazing, Thrilling Acts, All Done By Animals.

Wednesday, April 15th. is Circus Day in Silvertown. Instead of the usual, one sees the very unusual in the Barnes program. The principle acts are done by educated wild and domestic animals in two rings and a big steel-barred arena. These animal actors number 400 and are trained to an amazing degree of proficiency. Such vim and dash do they put into their work that not a dull moment is experienced from the grand cavalcade entry until the final group of man-eating lions are driven to their cages.

There are acrobats, jugglers, aerial performers, high divers, bare-back riders and all other forms of circus entertainment, but instead of people appearing in the acts, wild and domestic animals take their places. Lions, leopards, pumas and bars ride galloping horses; sea lions juggle balls and other articles; dogs and monkeys jump from the top of the tent into nets; elephants act as clowns and do many other comical things; high school horses and beautiful ponies appear in brilliant dances and military drills, in fact almost every species of animal is shown as an actor.

Twenty-four, man-eating African lions are introduced in one act, the most sensational wild animal act ever shown. Sixty tigers, leopards, pumas, jaguars and bears are presented by a coterie of young women trainers.

A great array of clean, clever comedy permeates the entire program, provided by a dozen really funny clowns and fifty comedy elephants, dogs, goats, monkeys, ponies, zebras and Danger, Dynamite-mules.

A glittering, mile-long street parade in which four bands take part is presented to the public at 10:30.

How would the priest who said, "to hell with the United States" like it to wake up some morning and find his soft job gone in that direction?