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## ROME AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The Roman criminals, backed by a big office seeker in the United States want to draw us into war to protect the Roman criminals in Mexico. — All in the name of "religious liberty." Examination Day coming.

For years there has been an "unpleasantness" in Mexico. Up to say, 60 years ago, the Romanist priests had everything their own way, every other form of worship was, and had ever been rigidly excluded. When Revolution opened the country for Christian work, the Methodist missionaries bought a part of the block of confiscated church property, buildings that had been used by priests only. In making changes to adapt the rooms to their use, the Methodists dug out part of an old wall, and found in it the remains of three or four human beings who had—ALIVE—been built into that wall! You see that the priests love "religious liberty."

Well, native Mexicans have not quite measured up to the desires of their "holinesses," the bishops; the natives have had some love for their country. So foreign priests: Spanish, Italian and some others were imported to fill the highest seats in the synagogues, to get first pick at graft and to lord it over the native priests. Naturally these foreigners have cared little or nothing for anything in Mexico, except their graft, their lusts and their power. Their piety has been of the usual brand and they have done plenty of solid work for the census taker. And, naturally, Mr. Villa, whose sister, it is reported, was bitterly wronged, did not love such gentry; and when he got a whack at them, he seriously interfered with their "religious liberty!" Some ran away, it is said there are hundreds in Cuba now. Some tried to fight the Constitutionalists and when caught, were not treated to kisses.

O yes, the Constitutionalists have seriously interfered with the "religious liberty" of a herd of these foreigner Mexican "fathers;" and now a job lot of like "fathers" on this side the line, are using their "religious liberty" trying to compel President Wilson to intervene, or something, to restore the runaway and "persecuted fathers" to their graft and their "religious liberty" in Mexico. Wilson has given the petticoated "fathers" for their friends, three fourths of all the appointive offices controlled by his administration, but because he has not made war on Mexico to restore those priests, driven out because of their crimes, the whole papal crowd in our country are slapping his jaws, and yelling: "If you don't do as we want, we'll get an administration that will."

## HOSMER IS AT LAST FREE BIG \$50,000 SUIT WITHDRAWN

The Priesthood Got Cold Feet and Have Withdrawn the Big Case---What Do You Think of That? They're on the Run! Keep 'em Going---The Journal will Print the Truth---Send us Affidavits of Escaped Nuns! Don't be Asleep, or the "Beast" will Devour all of Uncle Sam's Children.

The Roman Catholic priesthood dare not fight in the open. Their method is to work a Jesuitical spy into their enemies' ranks and have him knife them just at the right time; but when it comes to a fair fight, they slink away like cowardly, skulking hyenas. And why is this? There is a good reason. An open fight means publicity and no priest wants his moral (?) character aired or does he want the methods of the church (the "inner circle") made public.

When Mary Lasanen escaped, the authorities at the convent immediately notified their friend William Esch, the sheriff of Marion County. This they swore to in court and yet they claim that she did not escape. Emperor William could not find her because she had found friends who secrete her and helped her to get to Portland. But what would have happened if he had caught her? Would he have taken her, against her will, and forced her to return to her prison? Would she be there today, standing the insults and abuse of priests and other superiors (?) if it had not been for real friends? Hosmer went to jail, but Mary Lasanen and the editor are now free, and, if all signs do not fail, there will be many more victims set

at liberty before this fight is ended. In fact there will be no let up, no showing the white feather, until the hierarchy is put out of business in these United States of America. Every officer, every court, every politician — from the Governor's office down to the sheriff, are afraid of the Beast. We do not blame them so very much for we realize that the careful ones are those who get into office. They are of that careful and manipulating character, or they would never be elected under this deceitful and intriguing system. They are otherwise very good men. They have to be good in a way or they would lose votes. The Governor, for example, is a real good man but he did not dare pardon Hosmer, nor commute his fine, nor take any positive, definite steps to set him free. He had told Hosmer's friend, R. R. Ryan, that the best way to get the victim out was to pay the balance of the fine. This was after Hosmer had been in the steel cage for seventy long nights (14 1/2 hours each). Therefore the money was raised and tendered to the court. But, the court refusing, Mr. Ryan again appealed to the Governor and received the following in reply:

November 24, 1914.  
Mr. R. R. Ryan,  
Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir:  
This is to acknowledge receipt of the 23rd instant, advising me that you had paid the fine of J. E. Hosmer and that you desire his release, and to say that no action upon the part of this office is necessary to secure his release. He is entitled to his freedom without further action.  
Very truly yours,  
OSWALD WEST.

Other letters were written by the Governor, even to friends of the jailbird, way back east, and these letters show, without a doubt, that the good Governor of this great, progressive state is afraid to pardon or help release one little anti-Catholic prisoner, even though there were thousands of the best citizens of Oregon petitioning him, the Governor, to act at once. And this is in face of the fact that Mr. West has pardoned and paroled a very large number of real criminals from the penitentiary. But none of these real criminals were active enemies of the so-called church to which George Chamberlain is said to affiliate. Hosmer told the truth, but he

paid the same penalty (in a felon's cell), that now befalls the worst murderer in the state of Oregon. The Governor, the court, the supreme court and all the governmental forces of the state acted in unison with the hierarchy, and with their traitorous hirelings, to do this damnable injustice. But this is only one of millions. All over the world the Roman Catholic church is leaving a trail of misery. Human beings are about the same every where. Victims have not alone suffered in Oregon. In Spain, in Italy, in Mexico, in Servia, in Austria, in Russia — all over this beautiful earth, those who dare to oppose the onward march of this freedom-destroying paganism, are basely boycotted, enslaved, imprisoned, and slaughtered. Patriots arise!

Is America dead? Is the old spirit of 1776 frozen in your veins, that you crouch and cower like belabored hounds beneath the lash of Rome? O comrades! Patriots! Americans! if we must be destroyed as other nations have been by this Roman beast, let it not be with our consent nor through our cowardice. If we must die, let it be with a clear conscience in a honorable battle for our beloved and blood-bought principles.

## PAPAL NOTES

By L. D. Ratliff

Thomas Brown, member of the legislature, is a Roman Catholic and Knight of Columbus. As a loyal Catholic, he is bound to use his opportunity for the glory and benefit of the Holy Church. Keep an eye on his Papistic Patriotism.

The non-Catholic mother who places her daughter, at the impressive period of youth, under Catholic influences to be educated, may expect in due time to give her up to her images and the infatuations of a sensual Confessional.

In Haverhill, Mass., the Romanized school board closed the public schools on "Good Friday" in respect to the great superstition. Isn't that Romanizing the public schools?

The British government went a long way toward the Pope in granting "home rule" (Pope Rule) in Ireland; but now Ireland is a hot bed of treason. Four papers have just been suppressed, and a number of men arrested for aiding the Germans to plant mines along the coast. It don't pay to pander to Rome.

At Heverstraw, N. Y., a Protestant youth eloped with a Catholic girl named Cleary and the two were married by a Protestant minister. This to the loyal Catholic is not marriage, but concubinage. Later when Nev nan appeared at Cleary's office, Cleary shot him dead. The Romanized jury acquitted the murderer.

Pat Riordan, who went to purgatory recently from San Francisco, was one of the sharpers who pushed Uncle Sam into referring and financing a Jesuit quarrel with Mexico to the Hague, and into a yearly collection of money, called the "Pious Fund," from that country for the Jesuits.

The Menace insists it is not fighting the Roman Catholic religion, but Roman Catholic politics. Bosh! How can you separate a thing from itself?

Sacred Heart Review: "Colombia is the one in which the Catholic religion enjoys the greatest liberty. Her Parliament recently made a law prohibiting the existence of Freemasonry in the country."

## STICKERS

IN A NUTSHELL

Bad Johnny hit the priesthood hard, And Daddy Moore, he hollers, And holy church saloonatics, Want Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Then Josie had a catnip fit And Johnny was arrested And, through a Jesuistic court, With jail clothes was invested.

Good Oswald, he could pardon John — "By George" he didn't dare to. Then Ryan went to pay the fine, But Kelley didn't care to.

King William censured Johnny's dope And fed him rotten liver, And Johnny surely would have died But for the "cheerful giver."

The good folks brought him books and food, To keep his system level, And now the rascal's out again A fightin' like the Devil.

By order of the highest court, those holding the title of D. G. S. are given power on earth to forgive sins. Send a letter of confession to the Right, Reverend archbishop of the Silverton See, Father Hosmer, and he will fix things up for your poor soul. Do it now and don't forget postage. This is meant as a joke.

The criminal priests drink "bug juice," but they are not forced to eat bugs in their soup nor do they eat rotten liver.

If a priest of Mt. Angel would say that some other priest made affidavit that a Methodist sister said that she was abused by one of her Sunday school teachers, from time to time, would he (the priest) go to jail 100 days for criminal libel? No! Why?

Are Mount Angels really angels?  
Hosmer fell heir to \$50,000 last week, but he has to take it in masses.

Oregon does not need criminal priests. Their old shell game is out of date and their political and moral rottenness is out of place in the Oregon system.

The Roman superstitions are crowding out free speech and "one man rule" is taking the place of democracy.

## THE MT. ANGEL SCHOOL AFFAIR

A Roman Trick to destroy the free school idea and secure public money for the already Romanized district has been defeated. Hurrah!

Some time ago the Catholic tricksters at Mt. Angel made an attempt to take in the adjoining school districts and thus receive the public school money from all of them and then make the whole business Roman Catholic. But the surrounding districts objected and fought like tigers, with the result that the Mt. Angel Daddies were sorely beaten. This defeat of the Angels was not enough, however, and last Friday was appointed for another "try out" in the Circuit Court room at Salem. The reporter of The Silverton Journal was on hand promptly, and quite a little army of rural folks, who love the "little red school house" more than they do the parochial farce, were up in arms and right to the front. And what do you suppose happened? Just exactly what always happens when people face a cowardly enemy. The "Angels" never showed up. They simply withdrew their case, and it is thereby proven, what we have so often contended, that the priesthood dare not face a fair fight. They hate publicity. They do not want people to know the truth. Intrigue, deceit, fraud, illegal boycott and fear are the weapons they use, but when patriotic people unite and face them, they slink away into their underground dens of infamy, and like a huge spider again watch for their careless prey.

It would be interesting to know how much of the principal's salary in Catholic towns like Mt. Angel goes to the priests and how much the other teachers pay the priests in order to get and hold their jobs. The principal at Mt. Angel gets \$125 per month and has eleven students in his room, while the Catholic parochial schools are boomed, boosted and increased. Why should our public schools be ruined and these special, stultifying, Romanizing institutions be supported by money drawn for public school purposes? There are some things besides the saloons in Mt. Angel which should be prohibited, and a few more attempts like the one that failed last Friday with a free press to make it public will certainly do the business. Hurrah for the bold yeomen whose bravery won a great victory last Friday without striking a blow. Hurrah for our public schools and the principles of democracy which are at last making it possible through free and liberal education to build us a world without a slave, a knave or a priest-ridden fool.

## CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

In The Silverton Journal of January 1st, Mr. Van Trump has this challenge: "I will give Mr. Phelps \$100.00 to prove before a Christian jury that Lincoln ever acknowledged Christ as Savior, or joined any church. Now we will see who is the bluffer."

Taking it for granted that Mr. Van Trump is not bluffing in this matter, I will prove to a Christian jury in Philomath, Oregon, consisting of six or twelve persons, that Mr. Lincoln was:

- First: A man of prayer.
- Second: That he believed the Bible as the inspired word of God.
- Third: That he believed Christ was Divine in the fullest sense of the word.
- Fourth: That he acknowledged Christ as the Savior of all men.
- Fifth: That he claimed to be converted.
- Sixth: That he stood upon the Bible as his foundation of morality.
- Seventh: That he acknowledged Christ as his own Savior as well as the Savior of the world.

Here is a fair chance to settle this point, at least locally. What I have stated in the above propositions I will undertake to prove, as soon as Mr. Van Trump informs me that he has deposited the hundred dollars. I will take any bank he may name just so I have it in writing from the one holding the forfeit that the hundred dollars have been deposited for and in harmony with, the challenge of Mr. Van Trump. Mr. Van Trump may be present, if he so desires, and present his side of the case with equal time as myself. Now we will see by what hole he will get out of this. Like Cantrell, he may have to go east.

Respectfully submitted,  
GUY FITCH PHELPS.

Berwick, Pa.

Mr. J. E. HOSMER,  
Silverton, Oregon.

Dear Sir:  
You have my sincere sympathy in having suffered the degradation of serving a jail sentence through the treachery of counsel and the machinations of a Romanized court of justice (?). You also have my hearty congratulations on your courage and utter defiance of the afore mentioned court by republishing the same affidavit for which you have undergone the previous indignity.

While I am not able financially to be of any great assistance to you in your fight you will never be without my subscription, so long as you continue to publish your very interesting and enlightening paper.

I also enclose ten cents for one booklet "The Escaped Nun." Closing with my heartiest wishes for a more prosperous New Year in your efforts than ever before, I remain  
Yours truly,

Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Mr. Hosmer:  
The Journal comes every week now. We are anxious to help you and will when we get able to do a little for you. I belong to the mightiest patriotic organization on this continent and doing all I can to kill the operations of the Beast in this fair land. My own pastor was slapped in the face and vilified on the main street of this city last year by a Knight of mob and murder.

I give my copies of The Journal to friends and hope you will have some assistance from here soon. I would like to have a couple or more of old copies of The Journal to show my friends, how your advertisers have left you. Thanks to you if you can send them to me now. May God bless you, your wife and little ones and open the way for your material prosperity. Again, God bless you.

Canby, Oregon.

Mr. J. E. HOSMER,  
Dear Friend:

I enclose 50 cents for the renewal of my subscription. I like The Journal very much and only wish I could send in more subscriptions. I am very thankful to know you are at home again and hope the coming year will bring nothing but good luck and prosperity to you. Will close with best wishes. Yours truly,