

## PAPAL NOTES

### What We Propose.

"What are you driving at?" writes a friend. This: Let the old Church revise her system so it will fit into our Americanism, or, failing in that, get out of the country.

Bachelor priests domiciled with unmarried young ladies is un-American. Such conduct would not be tolerated in anybody else.

Convents and Houses of Good Shepherd — girl houses — "slave pens and brothels," say those who escape, are un-American, are contrary to the letter and spirit of our constitution and laws and would not be tolerated from anybody else.

The secret Confessional, in which the bachelor priest meets and converses with women of all ages and classes, married and single, and budding girls, upon matters of personal passion and private conduct, — this is un-American. It violates and puts down self-restraint, the most cherished elements of all our social relations. The Confessional originated in the Dark Ages, has debauched every people where it has dominated, is immoral to the limit, say the ex-priests. It should be prohibited by law.

The Catholic school system is un-American. It segregates as many of the young as it can get, teaches them supreme reverence and obedience to a foreign pretender, who claims divine right to rule the world's political and religious conduct, and denies the right of freedom of conscience, of thought and of action.

Let the old church give up her slavery, her debasing systems, bow to the tenets of civilization, and respect the laws of the land—do this or move out.

"Oh, but, The Catholic Church holds up Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world," says the Protestant apologist for Romanism. Does she? Let us see: Mary is the mistress of Purgatory; the dead Saints do the miracle stunts; the priest turns the wafer into Jesus Christ and swallows him without his consent; the priest hears confessions and absolves from sin. Where does Jesus come in?

### Foreknowledge

By a press report, January 10, of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus appropriated \$50,000 to investigate the "anti-Catholic movement" in this country. "Criminal prosecution," the report said, "has already been ordered by the Department of Justice against one widely-circulated anti-Catholic publication." A week later the Menace editors were arrested. Now, the question arises, how did the Knights of Columbus know a week ahead that a prosecution by the Department of Justice had been ordered? But what is Tumulty assistant President for if not to know things?

Evangelist Ostron preached three weeks in Salem, but he did not have the courage to tackle the "Harlot of the Seven Hills."

The trouble is, the so-called Religion of the Roman Catholic Church is a mixture of Popery, politics, Paganism, priestism, puerility, poppy-cock, superstition, humbug and fraud, and there seems to be no way to separate it so that any part can safely be tolerated, and as a whole it is degrading and demoralizing to the limit.

Court Logic: — "The Confessional Unmasked." This is the name of a book forbidden by the highest court in England on the ground that to publish the questions put to females in Confession would have the same effect upon the public that they have upon the minds of the females confessing. Now that is to say, if these questions are put by priests to women in the confessional, they suggest practices that are of the "most filthy, disgusting and unnatural description;" but whoever exposes the priest, injures the public in the same way. This is the logic of the court. But Watson rises to remark, "The logic relied on by the priests to conceal their own sins leads to the absurd and monstrous conclusion that THE WORSE THE VICE THE SAFER FROM EXPOSURE. Let the priests establish a practice, or adopt a language that is so utterly vile that the coarsest men are ashamed to repeat it to one another, and the priests will be protected in using it to refined ladies, BECAUSE IT IS A CRIME TO EXPOSE THEM."

## VICTORY TURNING TO DEFEAT WILL THE SILVERTON JOURNAL SUSPEND?

### Judge Kelly sustains the demurrer, but editor's victory turned to defeat by court allowing district attorney's motion to put the matter again before the Grand Jury

Last Tuesday the editor of this paper was again before the court and listened to the decision of the judge regarding the demurrer of the accused. Judge Kelly ably reviewed the matter and rendered a decision in our favor, but, on motion of the district attorney, the case was again referred to the grand jury, and we all know what the probable outcome will be. It undoubtedly means another long, drawn-out trial for criminal libel and this The Silvertion Journal cannot survive. We woefully lack money for the trial expense itself, let alone for our running expenses and for the debts that have piled up on us because of boycott, trials and imprisonments. We can't stand it! We are "goners"! Good bye—but we still have white paper enough to run four or five issues and will hold out if possible till this is gone. If we are then obliged to retreat let it be understood by friends and foes that it is an orderly retreat but no surrender.

We believe in telling the truth about our work as well as about other things and the truth is that we are "flat" and worse than "flat." We owe for the white paper this issue is printed on and we see no way of getting more paper until this is paid for and no way to pay for this unless we suspend, stop paying out for expenses and go to work at other things that may possibly take us off

the toboggan-slide to ruin. We can't put out a paper and do it right with the help we now have, and, in being forced to such extreme economy, we are ruining our health and rapidly approaching the point where we will lack the necessary physical and mental power to edit anything. The editor and his good wife has been up nights working, working, working, till long past midnight, and all day the next day, and the next, and the next, until it has finally reached the climax and the word we hate must be said—suspend!

We owe for gasoline; we owe for paper; we owe for other material; we owe for groceries; we owe on our expense of litigation; we owe for taxes; we owe interest money; we owe for money borrowed for street improvements, past our home and our office; we owe for other borrowed money; we owe on our machinery—we are working up fool selves to death, and with no money for our defense, we are again on our road to prison.

What little we have been able to get from subscriptions at 50 cents per year and from friends of our work on the defense fund, together with other sources of small income, has all gone to pay expenses, and when we suspend it will not be for any selfish motive but just because we are forced to quit because we have no paper to print on, no way to

get any and no money to pay the man who sets the type. We should have suspended several months ago, but it is hard work for a fighter to run, and we preferred to die in the ditch.

There is a great work to be done, and we are going to do all in our power to help do this great work. A free press is absolutely necessary to accomplish anything worth while, and yet we think that perhaps in some way we may be able to save The Silvertion Journal, but how? We can't see how the Roman Hierarchy can be must be dealt with or our civilization will also have to suspend. We Americans must force this wealthy, monarchical without a free press and it surely must be dealt with or our civilization will also have to be suspended. We Americans must force this wealthy, moneyed, political power to do as George D. Beason, editor of The Peril says:

"(1.) She must cut wholly loose from the temporal sovereignty of Italian Popery.

(2.) She must champion sincerely the doctrine of complete separation of church and state.

(3.) She must champion our civil laws as being above the laws of the Vatican.

(4.) She must get out of and stay out of American Politics.

(5.) She must champion the American School System.

(6.) She must throw open the doors of her convents, nunneries, monasteries and Houses of the Good Shepherd to official inspection.

(7.) She must occupy the same position in this country as do the Protestant, Jewish, and all other churches.

If the Roman Catholic church will do these things in the United States, she will enjoy full and untrampled religious liberty under our constitution. If she does not do these things, she will be fought to the last ditch by liberty-loving American citizens and will be finally forced to Americanize herself."

The Silvertion Journal wants to continue its good work along this and other reform lines, and it will continue as long as possible, but HOW LONG depends on our readers.

Alone we are weak, but when our fighting force realizes the exact conditions we may, by a united effort, save the day. It will take but a little effort on the part of all. Will we all act? Can the Silvertion Journal survive? Will we be able to defend ourself in the coming suit? Will we again go to jail? Will the Roman Beast crush out every opposition and finally reign supreme in the United States of America—to the utter ruin of Liberty, Justice and Truth?

## :-STICKERS:-

I'd rather be most anything,  
That lives its own free life—  
A worker, not a shirker,  
With an honest, faithful wife—  
A little country printer,  
Who shoots his little wad,  
Than to be a priest of Roman rot,  
And live a life of fraud.

Lots of people do not yet know that the Catholic "inner circle" killed Abraham Lincoln. The story by an expert is one that arouses an American as nothing else could do.

The Catholic priests in Chicago get drunk, ruin girls and commit every crime known to the officers of that great city. And these same criminals get big pay to get dead people out of an imaginary purgatory and by performing other holy stunts. It is the same as in Marion County and state of Oregon.

A holy teacher should be a good example, to say the least. Where can you find a good example for a father among the priesthood?

Talk about gall! How about the priest, not far from Silvertion, who told the newly married girl-wife about how to make the marriage sacrament most holy? Spain! Mexico! Philippines! Marion County!!!!

Some Protestant preachers would be in the Catholic priesthood if they had the ability or the pull. They do not protest against anything excepting what might rob them of their job. Thank the Lord there are others.

A Christian who would boycott and persecute a freethinker is just as bad as a Catholic priest as far as he goes.

Write for the free press and don't expect that you can have everything your own way in everything. There are other people in the world besides you, and you may be wrong in some things of which you feel very positive. Give the other fellow the same chance you want for yourself. Jesus taught this doctrine—it is the "whatsoever" idea. See the point?

The editor of this paper never took a drink of alcoholic liquor in his life. He is a total abstainer and is proud of the fact. Is there a Catholic priest who can say as much?

Not many girls in red-light districts say anything against their procurers or against their destroyers, and the white slavery of the nunneries are no exception.

Jail? Who went to jail? Was it a priest for lying to a little girl and destroying her? Was it a Jesuit who lied, got into a secret society and destroyed it? Was it a fat old ignoramus who got his living by fraud? No, no, it was Hosmer who told the truth about these rascals. He went to jail for 100 long days and has his nose pointed in that direction again. And this is America and the twentieth century.

At Salem the House and Senate met in joint session, February 12, to hear eulogies upon Lincoln. Addresses were given by legislators, one of whom was a Catholic. But they all forgot to mention one very important fact related to Lincoln's career, to-wit: It was just about two months after Lincoln ordered Napoleon to take his army out of Mexico that he was assassinated; assassinated through a conspiracy of Roman Catholics. Napoleon's army was in Mexico to set up and sustain, under the blessing of the Pope, a Roman Catholic monarchy under Maximilian. Lincoln had previously refused to receive a representative from Maximilian's government. Gen. L. C. Baker, in his book, "History of the Secret Service," page 479, says, "It is a significant fact that every person implicated in the assassination was a Roman Catholic."

Pope Leo XIII said, "It would be very erroneous to draw the conclusion that in America it is to be sought the type of the most desirable status of the Church.... She would bring forth more abundant fruit if, in addition to liberty, she enjoyed the favor of the laws, and the patronage of the public authority." "The favor of the laws," — why, of course — "and the patronage of the public money for Church schools; public money for Catholic Indian schools; public money for Catholic slave pens; Military Mass by order of the government; Pan-American Mass as a national function; suppression of free thought, free speech, free press, the establishment of the Catholic Church as the national religion, etc., etc. This is Romanism.

### Rome in the Legislature.

The Pope has six representatives in the legislature, as follows: Thomas Brown (Marion), Frank Davey (Harney and Malheur), A. C. Smith (Multnomah), O. W. Horne (Multnomah), Plowden Stott (Multnomah), F. L. Michelbook (Yamhill).

Congressman James A. Galvin, of Massachusetts, has introduced into the House of Representatives a bill "To amend the postal laws" which if placed upon the statutes will bar from the mails such papers as "The Menace". The bill reads as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever it shall be established to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General that any person is engaged in the business of publishing any scandalous, scurrilous, indecent or immoral books, pamphlets, pictures, prints, engravings, lithographs, photographs or other publications which are or are represented to be a reflection on any form of religious worship practiced or held sacred by any citizens of the United States, it is hereby declared that the Postmaster-General shall make the necessary rules and regulations to exclude such matter from the mails."

A few generations ago it was a capital offense to criticize the Catholic Church. Now they propose to have the government protect her from criticism. Well we will see how far they have succeeded in Romanizing Congress.

Henry Ford, of automobile fame, declares that he'll take any man out of Sing Sing and make a man of him. Mr. Ford, the Socialists will save you that trouble by keeping men out of Sing Sing in the first place. Get it? No? Poor fellow.

"Will the Catholics of this country place America before Rome? If they do they are not good Catholics; if they do not they are not good Americans." — M. M. Mangasarian.

C. W. Bibb of Minneapolis, Minn. will come West in the early spring if a series of lectures are arranged for him in various places. He can give eight weeks to the work on the Coast if the patriots will arrange for him.

How would it do to elect Tumulty president of the United States next time. Politicians, there's a good job waiting for you if you are good. See?

### ANSWER TO GUY PHELPS

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Comrade J. E. HOSMER.

In the Journal of January 15th Mr. G. F. Phelps in his controversy with Olin J. Ross lauds Isaiah as a great scholar in Astronomy and Meteorology, etc., but as he uses no capitals, I believe he is bluffing. I offer some evidence on Isaiah (book of).

Robert M. Meney, Prof. of history in Ann Arbor University, in his "Modern Thought and the Crisis in Belief," has this to say of Isaiah on page 116: "Strange irony of fate, not to say strange oversight of an omnipotent God respecting His own special revelation that the officials seal affixed to letters by the bureaucracy of Sargon of Agade should have come down to us while documentary evidence of, say the prophecies of Isaiah is "no earlier than the ninth century after Christ." This Sargon of Agade was a great ruler of the early Summerians at Eridu on the Persian gulf 6500 years before Christ." As Prof. A. H. Sacyce, the discoverer of Eridu city and Prof. Robert M. Meney are Christians, they may know as much as Prof. Guy Fitch Phelps of the capitals.

Yours for Olin J. Ross,  
F. B. HALL.

### RURAL SOCIAL CENTERS

We need social centers where our young people can be entertained, amused and instructed under the direction of cultured, clean and competent leadership, where aesthetic surroundings stir the love for the beautiful, where art charges the atmosphere with inspiration and power, and innocent amusements instruct and brighten their lives.

To hold our young people on the farm we must make farm life more attractive as well as the business of farming more remunerative. The school house should be the social unit, properly equipped for nourishing and building character, so that the lives of our people can properly function around it and become supplied with the necessary elements of human thought and activity.

Education is a developing of the mind, not a stuffing of the memory. Digest what you read.

Old men have visions, young men have dreams. Successful farmers plow deep while sluggards sleep.

The growing of legumes will retard soil depletion and greatly add to its power to produce.

## OUR HOLY LORD GOD THE POPE

### II.

The Goodness and the Badness in the character of a man are strictly personal in some respects; but in other respects, that goodness or badness affects every other person within the sphere of his influence. While it is conceded by all that a person may have "good streaks" and "bad streaks" in his character, common sense people do not believe that in the ordinary affairs of life, a man can be thoroughly bad on any one line of moral conduct—and a whore-monger may be honest in trade; but the bad streak prevents the man from being rated as a person of general worth, by any whose opinions are of value.

The Pope of Rome, like any other man, must ever be considered in two aspects: First, As an individual man; Second: As an official. Then too, the pope as an official, must be considered in two aspects: In his claim to be a secular ruler, and in his claim of supreme authority as a teacher of religion. That is, in estimating the character of a pope, we must consider the three things: First, His conduct and character as an individual man, his conduct in his strictly personal life. Second, his conduct of public affairs as a secular ruler. Third, his work and his general attitude and conduct as an alleged teacher of religion.

Notice how this complication embarrasses the student. A popular proverb tells us "The king can do no wrong." Many, many kings have taken advantage of this proverb and have been most flagrant in their personal lives. And, most painful of all, the word has generally excused these flagrances in the conduct of their rulers. The pope is a human being, he is a man, and he does some things on the basis of his humanity, he does some things on that line, and in that capacity. By management, the world can be led to excuse any villainies the man may commit, and enormities the civil ruler may perpetrate, just as it excuses like things in other men and rulers. But, when a bad man, who is at the same time a bad civil ruler, assumes to be SUPREME TEACHER OF RELIGION, can you guess who has crowded the devil out of his legitimate place?

The pope is the highest official in the Roman church, he claims to be "Head" of the "Church of God." What kind of "church" can that be, whose "head" is personally a rotten man, and a wicked civil ruler? Taking the analogy of the human body, if the analogy of the human body, if the "head" has a virulent cancer on the cheek, or in the bones of the jaw, the undertaker must be within call.

Romanists say that Peter, "Blessed Peter," they call him, was their first pope. Well, Peter had faults as a man, and as an official in the church. He denied his Master, and did a job lot of cussin about it. That was a man. As an Apostle, he dissembled, and kicked up such a row at Antioch, that St. Paul had to castigate him for it. (Gal. 2, 11-14) Certainly plenty of the popes have followed him in the lying and cussin.

Rome is very averse to any examination of the moral character of the pope in either aspect, as a man, as a civil ruler, or as a religious teacher. When misconduct is charged, they usually yell a denial and howl about the "persecution" they suffer and the "bigotry" and "intolerance" of any who would even name such things.

Leo XIII did a thing that might gain him a little credit from right minded people. Dr. Ludwig Pastor dug up from the Vatican Library and other papal libraries the original records of the papal history and copied therefrom accounts of some of the villainies and enormities of some of the popes. We all knew the general facts, but heretofore Rome had vehemently denied all of them. Leo did not see any way to explain the matter away, so he approved Pastor's writing of papal villainies, saying in substance: "It is too late in the day for any one longer to deny that many of the popes have been men whose character and conduct have been phenomenally evil."

And capable men in the Roman organization know these things, but many of them join with the whippersnappers in yelling denials and in setting the "Nits" of Columbus dogs on you, if you mention them. "L"