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RELIGION AND CHILDREN

The following, clipped from a Romanized paper, shows a wonderful bigotry:

"Members of the Catholic Church can be relied upon to bring more children into the world than Protestants. This is true in Ireland, in backward villages in England and in Canada. There is no place in the world where it is not true. Protestants are everywhere for some occult reason producing fewer children year by year, while members of the older church keep up to their primitive standards with very little change. The facts seem to indicate that Protestants take it the world over, are not bringing forth children enough to keep up their relative numbers, so that both in the United States and in other countries they are falling behind. Naturally the most prolific portion of the population has the best chance of occupying the whole country in the long run. If the Protestants do not produce children enough to hold their own the Catholics must possess the land in the course of time. This is as certain as arithmetic."

There are different reasons advanced for this prolificness of the Catholic people and for the increasing barrenness of Protestant and Free-thinking folks, but as we have never seen in print what we believe to be the real cause, we wish to express it here.

Under the right conditions of health, fitness etc. of parents a large family is an honor, but, where without any thought of consequences or any reason, whatever, people breed like rabbits, the reason is very clear. They are a low order and breed like the lower orders. The Catholic people in these highly prolific communities are as a rule priest-ridden and ignorant. They live more of an animal life than people of higher civilized communities, communities where the parents think and where they teach their children to think for themselves. It is much better to have fewer children unless they can be of the best quality. It is quality and not quantity that counts in the propagation of our race. Sometime, we hope, the evils of ignorance, caused by priest-made and king-made poverty, will vanish from the earth and that an age of reason, knowledge, refinement and plenty will reign so that the preservation of our race will not be left to the over-worked underfed and priest-befuddled rabbits of the human race.

HOW TO PRESERVE AMERICA'S LIBERTY (NIT!)

Elect here and there a few influential Catholics to office. Don't kick; you might lose trade. Let the Catholic officials appoint and help elect other Catholics to under office, and if you are good (?) they may give you something along the office graft business. Let the Catholic officials hire Catholic help and you help them do it when you think it might help in getting Catholic favors, and you may be sure that it always will help some or at least it always pays to be on the safe side and the Protestants are easy when it comes to politics. Now the thing is started you are safe, for, with the aid of the most powerful organization in the world and with the host of priests and holy sisters who will do anything for the good of THE church the whole country will soon be governed by the Catholics anyway. So what's the use trying to be conscientious? An honest thinker will soon be a "down and outer", a heretic worthy of death and eternal hell. Then of course a business man will not dare say anything about anything the priesthood does. They will not dare advertise in an anticatholic paper and the big newspapers will not dare be anything like free to express an honest opinion as to the doings of any of the fathers who are fathers in name only of course, and always will be no matter what happens. Ladies and gentlemen of the American Republic, our boasted liberties are going, going—gone! And the way to preserve our freedom is to think of nothing except the Almighty Dollar or how to secure an honorable (?) office—NIT!

AN AMERICAN IDEA

Let everyone say what he thinks. Speak right out, without fear or compulsion from anybody. This is liberty. But the big daily papers dare not, or think they dare not do this. They whittle around the edges, let a few letters from the people go in to make a showing, but when it comes to being free, they are far from it. They are Romanized for one thing and dare not whimper even if the priests commit all kinds of crime. They know they do. They know that their old purgatory and holy water graft games are humbugs. They know that Rome is trying to get control of America, but they dare not investigate and speak out or let anyone else use their columns for that purpose. They are also completely commercialized and dare not go against their own interests by pointing out or allowing others to point out the rottenness of present business methods. They dare not because they would lose advertising and other patronage. We have tried it and know. But there is a greater reward to win than mere business or dollars and cents; therefore we are out for a free press, and our experiment of saying just what we think and of inviting everybody to use the columns of The Silvertown Journal for the same purpose, has become eminently successful. To be sure our work is not complete. We have only just started. There is a gigantic work to do, but we have succeeded in proving that thinking people believe in our American idea and that there are those who will patronize and help the good work along. This idea of freedom of speech and of the press is accountable for all the progress our beloved country has made. Men who are willing to stand up and even die for these principles of liberty, have brought and are bringing about great changes. The writer, when a mere boy, fought with tongue, pen and even with physical force for the destruction of the saloon; he fought for woman suffrage; he fought for direct legislation (the initiative and referendum); he fought for the abolition of capital punishment and now he receives a reward that is a million times worth more than money. These measures have all been adopted in Oregon and in many other states, and even the great glorious American nation is seriously thinking of these things. We are still working along these lines and using their adoption in this state to gain other still greater victories. The greatest enemies man ever had are such false religious and political powers as the Roman Hierarchy. This enemy dams up the river of progress in such a way as to prevent any advance. It believes in a highly concentrated form of government which is contrary to our constitution and contrary to any better, more democratic one which might be adopted by a progressive people.

This beast, as it is appropriately called, is one of our worst enemies and one which will take the united efforts of our thinking and truly patriotic citizens to defeat.

The Silvertown Journal is a free press, however, and we are not afraid to let all sides express an opinion. We are perfectly sure that truth will conquer, when people dare think for themselves and when they are given a chance to express their thoughts. We hope our readers will appreciate our efforts and help us firmly establish our heart's desire—a paper that is built on the solid rock of true democracy—a FREE PRESS.

A BIG BAND OF CRIMINALS.

The idea that the editor of The Silvertown Journal libeled Josephine Hess, a woman of whom he had never heard, is absurd in the extreme. That we did it by publishing a sworn statement of a Christian minister is absurd to the limit of foolishness, and that the story is undoubtedly true in all the essential features as was told by Miss Lasanen makes our long term of imprisonment doubly absurd.

How many Catholic priests are in Oregon prisons? Are they free because they are so thoughtful? There is no more dangerous set of liars on the face of the earth than these same Catholic priests. Everybody of sense knows that the fake, money-getting purgatory-mass story is a great big lie; and there are all the others, and the very life of nearly all these traitorous blood suckers is nothing but a lie. But they don't go to jail for criminal libel. But for the sake of argument, suppose that the affidavit of the escaped nun was all false and that it was just a put up job to get the Christian minister or someone else into trouble, and suppose that Hosmer was altogether mistaken as to thinking that Miss Lasanen's story was true, and suppose that the trial was a fair one and that the fine was a reasonable one. Does all this altar the case? Hosmer was not the one who told the story nor the one who had it published. Listen! It was the newspaper known as The Silvertown Journal that the priests wanted to get out of the way. The fellows who are really committing crime—they are

the boys who don't want a free press in this country. Josephine Hess was not hurt, it was the big boobies who have always hid under the petticoats of a woman—these were the fellows who felt sore and wanted Hosmer's paper put out of commission. The fellow who caused the delinquency of a young girl here in Marion County don't like The Journal because it is a free press. We are not fighting any individual but the ruinous ideas of a tyrant power that is robbing "we the people" of our liberties. This we are doing on the high plane of service to humanity, Jew as well as Gentile, Catholic as well as Protestant, Free-thinker as well as the mentally enslaved. We do not want to see any one in the penitentiary. We hold no enmity whatever, but we love liberty and we are willing to sacrifice our own personal pleasures and even our own financial and social standing if necessary to preserve that priceless thing for which the best men and women worked for and fought for in the heroic days of this great country of ours. If we show that the priests are given to drunkenness, rape, sodomy, and of getting money under false pretense, it is not because we delight in this filthiness nor that we rejoice in their corruption. No, no, we hate it, but we know full well that this work must be done or the noble work for our higher civilization that those of the boundless past have done will be lost. Too long have men of ability and means been indifferent to the fact that American girls by the thousands are held in slavery of the most degrading kind while millions of dollars have been sent away to a foreign country to convert the heathen. We want to save America from a heathen so-called religion. The very first thing we Americans should do is to convert the heathen in this country to our saving American principles.

Everything is lost unless we learn to live and breathe the air of freedom. Some cannot understand what we mean by this because this is a salvation that one must live in order to understand. We must be willing to work and even fight for a Roman Catholic's liberty as well as for our own, but this does not mean that we should allow them to usurp our government and thus rob us and their own people of those very principles which go to make a free country—freedom of thought, a free press and free, public schools. They with us must have the right to debate and advocate any religious ideas they may choose to advocate but they must not rob us of the same privilege. American principles stand for the idea of debate and then vote and then abiding by the decision of the majority. But they do not stand for the minority, by force and fraud, dominating the majority and finally governing them like a lot of fool slaves. We will not stand for this kind of business and this is just what the Roman Hierarchy is doing every where it can all over the world. Their success means "one man rule", but we want and we will have liberty or die in trying to secure and maintain it.

Through illegal boycotts, fear, superstition and chicanery, of the priesthood has muzzled the great daily press of our country. Thus we do not even now have a free press. Our attempt to allow people to express their honest thought through The Journal was met by a fake damage suit of \$50,000. Then by a criminal libel suit and a false imprisonment of one-hundred days, and then by another criminal libel suit and the latest news is that, since our demurrer was sustained last Tuesday, there will probably be another criminal libel indictment filed against us by the grand jury very soon. Thus we are kept on the road to ruin all the time for expressing what every one with a knowledge of the facts knows to be true.

Business men are afraid to advertise with a paper that displeases the self-appointed agents of God and no business is free from danger that dreads to oppose them. Say, is this a government of "we the people" or is it already Romanized? The Roman Catholic priesthood is believed by those who ought to know to be the worst band of criminals in the world, and if this is so every priest of Rome should be run out of the state of Oregon as quickly as possible or put somewhere where they cannot entirely ruin our great, progressive state. The Catholic people are good and we are not working against their interests but want to defend them against their greatest enemies.

This great work of saving our country from one of its most deadly foes would have been done long ago but most everybody is afraid to offend the rascals. But we are not afraid and we will continue to plead with the patriots the world over for help in this most important work, and we will use every ounce of physical, mental and financial power at our command to get the truth to the public; we will investigate specific cases and set the law into action where possible, and where not, we will appeal to the American people for justice. We have been unjustly punished and we are now imprisoned in a debt that is apt to swamp us and that

we cannot see our way out of, but this will only spur us on to greater effort until we fall in the battle.

Dear reader, this is your fight as well as ours. For the love of Liberty do something and keep doing until we make Uncle Sam's land, really and truly, "a land of the free and a home of the brave".

MARKETING WORLD'S GREATEST PROBLEM

WE ARE LONG ON PRODUCTION, SHORT ON DISTRIBUTION.

By Peter Radford
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The economic distribution of farm products is today the world's greatest problem and the war, while it has brought its hardships, has clearly emphasized the importance of distribution as a factor in American agriculture and promises to give the farmers the co-operation of the government and the business men the solution of their marketing problem. This result will, in a measure, compensate us for our war losses, for the business interests and government have been in the main assisting almost exclusively on the production side of agriculture. While the department of agriculture has been dumping tons of literature on the farmer telling him how to produce, the farmer has been dumping tons of products in the nation's garbage can for want of a market.

The World Will Never Starve.

At no time since Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of Eden have the inhabitants of this world suffered from lack of production, but some people have gone hungry from the day of creation to this good hour for the lack of proper distribution. Slight variations in production have forced a change in diet and one locality has felt the pinch of want, while another surfeited, but the world as a whole has ever been a land of plenty. We now have less than one-tenth of the tillable land of the earth's surface under cultivation, and we not only have this surplus area to draw on but it is safe to estimate that in case of dire necessity one-half the earth's population could at the present time knock their living out of the trees of the forest, gather it from wild vines and draw it from streams. No one should become alarmed; the world will never starve.

The consumer has always feared that the producer would not supply him and his fright has found expression on the statute books of our states and nations and the farmer has been urged to produce recklessly and without reference to the market, and regardless of the demands of the consumer.

Back to the Soil.

The city people have been urging each other to move back to the farm, but very few of them have moved. We welcome our city cousins back to the soil and this earth's surface contains 16,992,160,000 idle acres of tillable land where they can make a living by tilling the earth with a forked stick, but we do not need them so far as increasing production is concerned; we now have all the producers we can use. The city man has very erroneous ideas of agricultural conditions. The commonly accepted theory that we are short on production is all wrong. Our annual increase in production far exceeds that of our increase in population.

The World as a Farm.

Taking the world as one big farm, we find two billion acres of land in cultivation. Of this amount there is approximately 750,000,000 acres on the western and 1,260,000,000 acres on the eastern hemisphere, in cultivation. This estimate, of course, does not include grazing lands, forests, etc., where large quantities of meat are produced.

The world's annual crop approximates fifteen billion bushels of cereals, thirteen billion pounds of fibre and sixty-five million tons of meat.

The average annual world crop for the past five years, compared with the previous five years, is as follows:

	Past Half Decade.	Previous Half Decade.
Corn (Bu.)	3,934,174,000	3,403,655,000
Wheat (Bu.)	3,522,769,000	3,257,526,000
Oats (Bu.)	4,120,017,000	3,508,315,000
Cotton (Bales)	19,863,800	17,541,200

The world shows an average increase in cereal production of 13 per cent during the past decade, compared with the previous five years, while the world's population shows an increase of only three per cent.

The gain in production far exceeds that of our increase in population, and it is safe to estimate that the farmer can easily increase production 25 per cent if a remunerative market can be found for the products. In textile fibres the world shows an increase during the past half decade in production of 15 per cent against a population increase of three per cent.

The people of this nation should address themselves to the subject of improved facilities for distribution.

Over-production and crop mortgage force the farmers into ruinous competition with each other. The remedy lies in organization and in co-operation in marketing.

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