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## BOILED-DOWN BIGOTRY

For many, many years the Roman priests have been considered superior to men in other occupations. The best historians, the most profound scientists, the greatest of teachers are not looked upon with such holy awe and adoration as the ignorant, impractical, cunning priesthood. These years of public holy halos have bred into the priest, and their many offspring priests, a bigotry that is hard for us common people to understand. But these poor, deformed, unnatural priestly beings continually accuse normal people, and especially those who are progressive and wish to make the world better by destroying slavery in its every form, of being bigoted. But George P. Rutledge, in "The Christian Standard" clearly shows that no one can match the priest in this painful emotion unless it is the Protestant who foolishly puffs himself up, refuses to protest against Roman principles and plays "dog in the manger" endeavoring to keep other Protestants from living up to the light of the "new commandment." Mr. Rutledge calls attention to a sermon delivered by Father D. S. Phelan in which this holy Father shows a bigotry almost beyond belief. He says: "The people of the United States are benighted. They are good people, they mean well, but they are benighted. They do not know God, do not know the church of God; and one thing above all they settle in their minds: they won't be Catholics. They are religious good-for-nothings. Men can believe in God, but unless they believe in the true God they are good for nothing; men can believe in Jesus Christ, but unless they follow him they are good for nothing; men may believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ, but unless they are Catholics they are good for nothing."

Now what would you think of a Methodist preacher, or a Congregationalist preacher, an Adventist preacher or a Unitarian preacher saying, that unless you belonged to his church you are good for nothing? Wouldn't you think him a bigot? He certainly would be one, and that is just what Father Phelan shows himself to be.

Then our champion protester gives another quotation from a Roman paper called the "True Voice." What do you think of it? Here it is:

"The Arkansas State Senate passed a bill on Wednesday which already had passed the House, providing that all convents, hospitals, houses of detention and schools shall at all times be open to inspection by the sheriff, grand jury, or upon the petition of twenty citizens.

Convent inspection bills have been introduced in the Legislatures of about twenty States during the past few weeks. The purpose of such bills is plain. It is to insult directly the Catholics in those States by the insinuation that such inspection is necessary.

"The men who are lending their influence to these infamous bills are not so ignorant as they are evil-minded. They know well enough that there is no more reason for a convent inspection bill than there is for a bill providing for inspection of the private home of every citizen in the land. But they see a chance to insult the religion of their fellow-citizens, and they are cowardly and ill-mannered enough to take advantage of it.

"If it were proposed to search the private residences of a certain number of citizens, the proposal would be received as an insult. Now, convents are the private residences of ladies who have chosen to dedicate their lives to the service of God. There is much less reason for subjecting them to the inquisitorial nosings of busybodies than any private family in the land. Arkansas legislators have gone on record as thinking otherwise. In doing so they have characterized themselves. It is about what could be expected of the Arkansas intelligence."

These statements are so full of mistakes that none but Romanized minds can be deceived thereby. But look at this one: "If it were pro-

posed to search the private residences of a certain number of citizens, the proposal would be received as an insult." How silly! Every private residence can be searched now and every honest man invites the authorities to search his premises. People are gladly shown through all public schools and public institutions of all kinds, also through all private anti-Catholic schools and legitimate business institutions; and this "True Voice" rot should be received by every good citizen of the United States as an insult that will be met by the tune of the Arkansas travelers on the road to a higher freedom.

## THE UNEQUAL FIGHT

Taking advantage of business cowardice, using foul, unfair means as quickly as any other, holding their dupes in absolute obedience to the church commands, the Roman church has a tremendous advantage over the individual who dares to oppose her. This is not very well understood, excepting by those who have gone through the fire of the "beast's" holy displeasure. The Silverton Journal has been swept by the events of the past few months into a "life and death" struggle. There are those who would not rest an hour without coming to our aid if they understood the real conditions; and now we can plainly see how papers are usually crushed out by Rome's evil power, and we propose to put up the fight of our lives to save our paper and ourselves from total financial ruin, so as to become a power for good. As fast as we can, we are making arrangements to visit in person the friends of American principles all over the country. Sometimes it may not be best to say too much about our lecture work, but it seems to be the only way to save ourselves and we enter the work believing that every patriot who reads these lines will do something to help us save ourselves from an awful punishment for trying to serve our fellow men. The office will be left in charge of Mrs. Hosmer and she will need all the help our readers can give her. But, with a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together, we hope that The Silverton Journal will be an exception to the many papers which have been murdered for telling the truth.

## UNITED ACTION NECESSARY

Experience shows us that there are two main factors in the ruin of the opponents of Romanism, and in the progress of the papacy. These two factors are the unity of action on the part of the Romans and the neglect of the friends of Liberty after the beast has rough-handled the victim. In the case of The Silverton Journal we do not want history to repeat itself. That is, we do not want to die just as we have become acquainted enough with the work of publicity to do something worth while. Therefore let it be known that every subscription to The Journal we have put out at fifty cents per year has cost us over one dollar, that the litigation and imprisonment has put us way in debt, that we are doing all we can to survive and do good work for our great cause, that although we realize that our work is faulty in many respects yet we are very anxious to bring it up to what the dignity of the great work demands and that we have faith that honest-truth patriots will help us in this struggle if they are brought to see our dangerous situation and the importance of our going on to other victories. Our circulation has grown. It is growing. We have twice as many subscribers as any other paper in this neck of the woods, but this is the most dangerous period of our battle for truth and right. The prosecutors have plunged us into debt, and, for fear of revelation regarding their priestly rottenness, have let go. They don't want any more litigation and, knowing the facts, we do not blame them. But is this to be the end? Are the criminal priests and their prison institutions to go on again unmolested? We hope not, and, if every one of our readers will do for us just what they can easily do, we will be rewarded for our efforts by being able to pay up our debts and by being able to make our free press a still greater power in promoting truth and righteousness, and in destroying the evils of Roman usurpation and slavery. We now need your help as never before. It is your fight. Do something. Do it now!

## FOSSILS

"Paleontology is that branch of Science which deals with the remains of plants and animals that lived on earth in by-gone ages. These remains are known as fossils. Formerly the term 'fossil' was applied to anything that was 'dug up' from the ground; now it applies only to organic remains found embedded in the strata of the outer shell of our planet. 'The

term fossil, moreover, suffers no restriction as to the condition or state of preservation of any organism. In some rare instances, the very flesh, skin and hair of a mammal have been preserved for thousands of years, as in the case of mammoth carcasses entombed in the frozen mud-cliffs of Siberia. Generally, all or most of the original animal matter has disappeared, and the organism has been more or less completely mineralized or petrified. It often happens that the whole organism has decayed, and a mere cast in amorphous mineral matter, as sand, clay, ironstone, silica or limestone remains; yet all these variations must be comprised in the comprehensive term fossil." (Sir A. Geikie.)

The presence of fossils in stratified rocks puzzled many of the wise men of ancient times. Some said they were merely freaks of nature, others thought they were the remains of organic beings which had been washed up from the sea at the time of the great Biblical flood. But it was reserved to the searching spirits of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries to discover their real nature. Then the fabulous speculations of the monks of the middle ages were discarded altogether and nothing was accepted unless it could be demonstrated.

Thus when the modern geologist discovers marine fossils on top of a mountain he naturally infers that the strata inclosing them must have been at the bottom of the sea when formed. Furthermore when he discovers fragments of coral in the central States, he feels sure that, when it lived, the climate of that locality was similar to that which favors the Hawaiian Islands today.

Fossils also tell the story of our planet. Thus in the Pre-Cambrian rocks very few are the organic remains found so far, and those that have been discovered belong to the lower forms of life only. The first vertebrates, in the form of fishes, appeared during the Paleozoic time. The lowest forms of mammals appeared on earth toward the end of the Mesozoic, and man came to be on our planet either toward the end of the Tertiary or at the beginning of the Quaternary.

As I follow the evolution of life throughout the immensely long time which elapsed since the Pre-Cambrian, my mind's eye sees not the dry, petrified fossils, but the ever ascending life which brought the crowning appearance of the great master: Man. A. VERCELLOTTI, Joliet, Ill.

## WHY ALL THIS?

After the Declaration of Independence had been signed, Franklin said: "Gentlemen, now we will all have to hang together, or we will all hang separately."

"Come, let us reason together." The cause is a common cause.

Why rear up on our haunches and try to claw each other's eyes out?

Life is too short for bickerings. Truth is too valuable to be wasted. Justice is too seldom met to be ignored. True religion, pure and undefiled, is too sacred to be scorned.

What could be better than the "Golden Rule?"

"As you would that men do to you, do you even so to them." Matt. 7, 12.

Again, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matt. 22, 39.

If you love your neighbor as you love yourself, and possess two houses and your neighbor has no house, you will give one of yours to your neighbor. And another, "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 13, 37. Still another, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, James 1, 27.

Please read James 5, 1-6. Then read Matt. 25, 31-40, James 2, 15-16.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: Against such there is no law." Gal. 5, 22-23.

No, Materialists have nothing better to offer a commercialized and sin-cursed world than the doctrines and examples of Jesus. He did no injury to any and always helped the needy who came to Him for assistance.

There are people who profess to be Christians, who persecute in some way all other people who do not believe just as they do.

But mark you, such is not the teachings of the New Testament nor the example of the greatest of teachers, Jesus, the Nazarene.

We have one common enemy who presents a united front and every time we "scrap" between ourselves, we assist that enemy and hurt our cause.

The motto of every man and woman should be: Truth, justice, tempered with mercy, the doctrine and the slogan should be: Onward and upward. N.....

## HOW ELLA ESCAPED THE PRIEST

BY L. D. RATLIFF

I.

One evening when the shadows were falling, three young ladies walking arm in arm were seized from behind by three men who thrust gags into their mouths, and made off with them to a waiting jitney across the street. Quickly loosing her wrap, one of the girls bounded forward leaving her robe in the grasp of her assailant, and escaped. He pursued. At the instant a shot rang out of the shadows, which brought him to the ground; but quickly regaining his feet, he succeeded in reaching the machine, and was carried away.

Bright recognized the three men, gave the facts, with the names and addresses of the kidnapers, to the police department. But in due time he learned that these crimes which have a religious backing, and are supported by a strong political pull, cannot be punished in our police courts. This determined him, in any coming emergency, to administer such punishment at the time as the case demanded, and opportunity offered.

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A broken heart and despair! David King could not get away from the effect of the days of love. Love had been his life. Without it he was only a shell. Now never a loving word, nor act from his once-loving wife! In all possible ways he had sought to retake her, to gain, at least, a small affectionate recognition. One day meeting her in the hall, his love-impulse defied restraint; he caught her in his arms, pressed her to himself, close, then closer, and as she looked up in sheer astonishment, his lips met hers with a full, strong, manly kiss. Instantly she was transformed. The old fire of love was burning again. It beamed from her eyes with all the brightness and beauty of other days. She was her real, beautiful, loving, tender self again, the same "My Dear" of other days, glorious in her womanliness, — for one minute; then her face darkened, she pushed him from her with vehement imprecations, and crossing herself vigorously, rushed from the hall. It was David's last effort, his great heart was crushed.

Letters from Ella came, so full of love, so cheering, yet so piercing to a dying hope! Ella was now his one bright star in all his black night. At length he gave up business, and retired to the seclusion of his own house. A few friends who understood, visited him, but uncheered he rapidly declined. One morning he did not rise. A neighbor found him delirious. His broken speech was of the days of love, of Alice and Ella, the two most glorious beings of all his world. Then a look of horror would spread over his face and he would manifest the most intense agony. A doctor was called. "Nothing the matter — nothing physical — but he will die very soon!"

After a time he became quiet and rested. Then in clear accent, calmly and collectively he gave some dictation for his daughter; made a few requests of his friends in her behalf; had his Will read; then his face flushed, and he lapsed into semi-conscious delirium, — "My Lovely Daughter! My own Little Lady, so much like, — so much like, — like — Alice — used — to — be — be, before — she — met — the — priest —" then turned his face to the wall, and lay very still.

II.

At Madam King's home the holy priest was a frequent visitor. Lunches, dinners, banquets, dances, parties, cards, anything, everything in his honor and for his pleasure. His visits were often prolonged late into the night, — a scandal had been other than a holy "Substitute-for-Christ." The hilarity of this home was unaffected by the death of Mr. King.

Ella came to see her father, but reached St. Louis just too late, — he had been dead some hours. She went unannounced to her mother's home. Finding the outer door ajar she entered the hall. Low voices in the library claimed her attention, and awoke her curiosity. She put her eye to the keyhole; a priest was sitting close beside her Mother, his hand resting on her lap, and the two were talking in a most confidential way with their heads close together. Ella put her ear to the keyhole and was shocked beyond measure at what she heard. She turned away and stood for a long time, as it seemed to her, trying to decide what to do. Then she listened again. This time the talk was about herself: "We will conceal her in the convent," the priest was saying; "then putting a hat or coat on the river bank, we can have a suicide theory; then by securing two or three witnesses to say they saw her going toward the river, the suicide theory will be established. Thus her interest will drop out of this case.

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"She will be put in the secret cells, and clistered ever after. She escaped us once, the little sauce-box, but that only makes her case all the more interesting. Did you ever see the cat let the frightened mouse get away, then catch it again? It is great sport. As for the administrator, we will dispose of him later."

(To be continued)

A recent Catholic writer says the sacrifice for sin by the Jews had to be repeated over and over because they were "symbols of the one true sacrifice", etc., etc. Then why is it the one true sacrifice has to be repeated over and over in the "Mass"?