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PAPAL NOTES

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It is blasphemy, and punishable with imprisonment to speak against a priest in Catholic Austria, says a student of Oberlin College just returned from that country.

By official figures for Great Britain (March 28, 1906) the Salvation Army furnished two convicts to each 100,000 of its people. The Catholic Church furnished 247 for an equal number of her people.

"With bars they blur the gracious moon,
And blind the goodly sun;
And they do well to hide their hell,
For in it things are done
That son of God nor son of man
Ever should look upon."

It is most deplorable and awful, say the holy dads, the way we Americans are divorcing each other. Well, take your choice:—In Catholic countries the masses do not need to divorce for they do not marry, and from one-fourth to three-fourths of the children are born out of marriage, while the priests seem to be about as active as the rest in increasing the work of the census taker.

The Hierarchs of Germany have issued a Pastoral in which they say, "Christ has opened the fountains of mercy, and they have united into a mighty stream of love and beneficence that flows side by side with the war's river of blood, etc., etc." "A unity of all in Jesus Christ our Lord which is unconquerable, and gives the assurance of victory." Then these holy dads reflect upon the unwisdom of the Protestant clergy for trying to "make a case for Germany."

Recently ex-priest Joseph Slattery answered a speech of governor Walsh of Massachusetts, and pointed out that in Boston out of 4,740 persons in city pay, 4,290 were Catholics, while the non-Catholics pay 85 per cent of the taxes. In the Charlestown prison are 752 inmates, 740 of whom are Catholics.

W. A. Munly, of Portland, brother of Judge Munly, and former editor of the Catholic Sentinel, has been appointed assistant U. S. Attorney for Valdez, Alaska. Score an other for Tumulty.

The young priest at Salem was too drunk to walk, so he fell over. He was taken to police headquarters before it was discovered that he was one of the "Christ-Substitutes" in the work of salvation. But our police chief thinks a drunk is a drunk, so this "H. r-than-the-angels" had to put up a ten dollar bail, — which he forfeited. But what's the odd about a priest, — he can turn wine to divine blood, and bread to the body and soul of Jesus Christ, between drinks, and absolve the sinner while drunk. Oh, it is a mighty accommodating religion, that is!

Says a Catholic protest against criticism of the Church:—"The constitution of the U. S. guarantees liberty of conscience." Does it? Well, with limitations. Some years ago a colony was planted in New York state called the "Oacida Community." It was founded upon the Sacred word of the Christ that "The children of the kingdom neither marry nor are given in marriage." It was a "trietly religious society, whose members lived together, and begat children as their conscience dictated. But the law broke up the colony.

Some years ago another church sprang into being whose Pope had a revelation direct from God to the effect that a man who was worthy might take to himself a plurality of wives. This was a part of their religion, confirmed by revelation, and most decidedly a matter of conscience. But the federal laws broke it up.

A few years ago a new discovery was made in Chicago. It was found that by certain mental and spiritual processes the old methods could be so etherialized as to insure "immaculate conceptions," etc., etc., — perhaps somewhat after the arguments of the priests upon their desirable and fair penitents. It was strictly a religious cult, and conscience was its stronghold. But the law broke it up, and sent the leader to prison. "Freedom of conscience," yes; but it must be in accord with the general good of the social order.

THE ANTI-CATHOLIC AMENDMENT IN GOOD HANDS WORK ALL ALONG FIRING LINE STRENGTHENED

The War against the Big Roman Humbug is receiving a great impetus. The proposed Amendment to our Constitution is considered just the thing by all true patriots, and experts who are true to the cause are getting it ready. The editor's work in the lecture field has been tested and will help us win.
Onward to Victory!

It is due the public to know what our growing army of patriots are doing to crush out the greatest enemy America has and to establish and forever maintain our American principles on which our government was founded. All over these United States the work is rapidly growing. The thinking people propose to have their liberty. A free press must be established and protected; the good work of our free schools must not be destroyed by the narrow stultifying doctrines of the Roman old maids and bachelors (?); our business men must be freed from the beastly boycott of the Hierarchy, and our government itself must get rid of the cancerous, foreign plague that is poisoning its blood in every department.

In Oregon we have backed up to a Constitutional Amendment. The proposed Initiative measure will be gotten ready early. It will be submitted to the Secretary of State so as to be sure of its legality. Petitions will be in the field in plenty of time and the public will be well posted as to its meaning and importance. It will forever make it impossible for our legislature to appropriate large sums of the people's money to build up slave pens for the beastly uses of bachelor profligates and financial plunder of a traitorous, un-American band of grafters. It might be urged that the legislature of the state should do this work, but they have been tried. The majority of poli-

iticians who get office are not real men with back bones. They don't know how to stand up, firm and strong against money and controllers of votes. Therefore, "we the people" must take this in hand or be ruined by high taxes, rotten morals, boycott, crime, and, finally, by a government by a "divinely appointed" absolute monarch called a pope. Every true American will help what he or she can in this work. Many hands make light work, and, with this help and with the experience and wisdom gathered from past failures like the A. P. A. Sell-out, we will crush the "beast" this time in spite of its Goliath size, and its preposterous claims of divinity and its idiotic boasts.

Our friends all over the world will rejoice that the editor's lecture work is proving a success and is sure to be one of the great factors in saving our "free press" from financial ruin. To be sure this work has only just begun. On account of the many other duties, all that could be done at first was to run out into near by parts of the big field and after the lecture to run back again, but now good help in the office work has come, regular routes will be established in different directions and most everybody will have a chance to shake hands with, and hear the story of the radical "Anti" who went to jail for telling the truth. At Salem last Monday night we had an excellent

meeting. Outside the hall door "papist guards" walked up and down and of course many business people and others were afraid to be seen taking part in a heretic demonstration for fear of boycott, but there are people who are not afraid and so we had a fair sized audience for a priest ridden community. The speaker held his audience in close attention for about two hours and received many congratulations, words of praise, sympathy, promises of activity in the cause and a bunch of money that will help mightily in keeping the wheels moving. Now we hope every community will get busy and make arrangements for a lecture. It puts our work before the people in a way that nothing else can do. It will take patience and perseverance to do it in many cases, but the price of liberty must be paid by some one or it will perish from the earth.

Now we are out of jail, free to work, the danger of failure practically passed and more good help in our office been secured, let us all do something worthy of our great cause. Some of us know what the result would be if the Catholics get control of this country, as they certainly have already to a very dangerous degree. Look at Boston:

The Protestants of the city paid 85 per cent of the taxes.

There were 890 Catholic teachers in the public schools, thirty of whom each received a salary ranging from

\$2,000 to \$4,000. One Catholic janitor received a salary of \$4,200; his daughter was a teacher in the school and he derived a huge income from a school restaurant. Two other janitors received \$3,500 and three others from \$2,700 to \$2,900. In the mayor's office there were seven Catholics and one Protestant. In the park department there were 263 Catholics and 17 Protestants. In the printing department there were 104 Catholics and 17 Protestants. In the public grounds department there were 121 Catholics and 15 Protestants. In the registry department there were 20 Catholics and 5 Protestants. In the street department there were 3,176 Catholics and 320 Protestants. In the water department there were 559 Catholics and 75 Protestants.

And when these Roman tyrants get full control — then what? Take your mental telescope and look across the narrow, selfish line and see the naked, hungry, weeping subjects of the modern Roman empires of the world!

This is no child's play, patriots. There can be no compromise and we must all remember the words of Mr. Pope, who was far from being a pope. He said:

"Honor and shame from no condition rise;
Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

Rome's Entering Wedge in Oregon

The big fight in Jackson County shows with what subtle deception the Romans work. If we turn over the care of bad girls and our orphans and dependents to these priest-governed institutions, why wouldn't it be just as reasonable to turn over all the state institutions and finally the whole government? Do you see the point?

Strange as it may seem, the Medford Sun, and other public forces in Jackson County are favoring the attempt to turn over the work of taking care of the County's poor to a Roman Catholic Church institution. The Ministerial Association of the County is bitterly opposing it but it will take the united effort on the part of every patriot of Oregon to stop the powerful and forever aggressive endeavors of the priestly, would-be rulers and exploiters of the world from capturing our state. See what false logic the Romanized "Medford Sun" uses:

"RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE"

On Monday the local Ministerial Association protested to the county court against the Sisters of the Sacred Heart hospital taking care of the county poor.

Members of the association raised their hands in holy horror that the representatives of the Catholic church should dare minister to the needs of the indigent and infirm at a saving of \$1776 a year to the taxpayers of the county.

Their protest was so vigorous that a majority of the court agreed to take no action in the matter for the present.

Why in the name of common sense shouldn't any religious organization equipped with the proper facilities take care of the county poor, provided such an arrangement would not only benefit the county, but improve the conditions under which the county dependents have to live?

The Sacred Heart hospital is an institution of which the people of the city have every reason to be proud. Far in advance of the district in its facilities, ministering to the sick and infirm, regardless of their religious affiliations or ability to pay, this institution deserves the support of the community in every way, and any public arrangement aiding the hospital in a legitimate manner should receive, and we believe, does receive the support of fair minded citizens throughout southern Oregon.

If the Sacred Heart hospital hadn't the facilities, if the care of the poor would not be as efficient, if the arrangement would involve greater expense to the county, objections on such grounds would, of course, be valid and proper.

But to base a protest solely on the ground that one church instead of another is in control is not only narrow minded and uncharitable, but is in ef-

fect a disavowal of the spirit of the very religion which the "Protestants" themselves are supposed to embrace.

Now the Silvertown Journal wants to ask, who is basing their protest solely on the ground that one church instead of another is in control? The editor of the "Sun" (or son) looks to us rather narrow minded and uncharitable as well as bigoted and ignorant. How does it happen that Jackson County has so many poor? The Sacred Heart business in our estimation manufactures more poor than any other cause in the county. And therefore the best way to aid the county would be to take over the Sacred Heart business which has been built up by robbing the people and thus reduce the expense by reducing the number of poor. Then the people can take care of their own business. The Sacred(?) Heart people make the poor by the hundreds and thousands through their many confidence games and then make more money by securing fat contracts to take care of them, using slaves to do all their dirty work. The "Mail Tribune" protests most vigorously and the whole Protestant fraternity of Southern Oregon are up in arms, and well they may be. The Roman, bachelor manipulators, who are looked upon by their dupes with open-mouthed awe as something very holy, are really nothing but sharp, shrewd, unscrupulous agents of a wicked, powerful, "divine-right", international, political and business organization. Of course, this big tyrant trust can handle the poor of Jackson County cheaply. They have millions of slaves working for nothing and boarding themselves or being boarded by the taxpayers. Like other great "trusts" they can afford to give away their services for a time if necessary, un-

til they have entirely crushed out all opposition—but then what? Another thing, if they get this contract, when and where will this kind of good business methods end? And how long will it be before the Roman Catholic Hierarchy will have full control of all our public affairs. This big monarchical monopoly will certainly take America if we let them and just such things as the Jackson County affair are the entering wedges with which they expect to split us wide open. Through such agents as a certain judge, who is taking a great interest in the affair and the higher up agents like priest Tumulty at the white house, it looks as though the little bunch of Romans in Uncle Sam's Land is the head of the body politic already.

Radical action, a Constitutional Amendment, prohibiting state aid to private and sectarian institutions, An Inspection Law, and the strict enforcement of the criminal laws we already have, especially against those who are hiding their guilt under the cloak of religion, and finally, a government for and by the people, with Liberty and Justice for all, are what true patriots will labor for without ceasing.

YOUR PART

PUBLICITY IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR THE ROMAN BLACK PLAGUE; THEREFORE GET A SUBSCRIBER FOR THE SILVERTOWN JOURNAL AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EDITOR HOSGERS TO LECTURE IN YOUR TOWN.

A Great Organization. None but members know the name of a strong secret order whose growth promises to exceed that of all other patriotic bodies. It is under the leadership of some of the best known and most influential men of the country.

A WOMAN POPE

Who has not heard that once, during the Dark Ages, a woman held the office of Pope of Rome? Of course Romanists of to-day are greatly scandalized by the story; and they outdo themselves in the violence of their invidious against those who tell such facts to the discredit of "Holy" church. Probably not even the most violent suffragist would have a woman to be Pope—if she could; she could not possibly wish it—if she knew what has been the moral atmosphere of the papal court during the last twelve hundred years. But the story is a matter of record, and we have the right to ask "What are the facts in this case?" We want to know them in their connection and their true light.

The date assigned to the woman pope is the middle of the ninth century—about the year 855. During the 450 years following, to the birth of Wickliffe, the church of Rome had, as shown by the Migne Library, about one hundred writers whose productions are known. These men wrote on all sorts of subjects, not many of them on history. And, take notice, all of these writers, historians and others, were censored by the prelates in charge; so that while the truth of the statements made is not proved, it is proved that the censors thought the writings they passed, would not wrong the church of Rome. Now it is from writings so censored that we learn of the woman pope. In time the story was disputed. Several Protestant writers of eminence, all of them since the time of Luther, of course, have thought that possibly the story of a woman pope is a fable; and Romanists of today and of the more recent past, are vehement in their denunciation of the story as a falsehood, and wicked slander on "holy church". Of course, since the original authorities for the story were faithful and subservient Romanists, the question is somewhat complicated. The efforts to disprove or to discard the story, are peculiar to say the least. The Jesuit Labbe, vociferates that Wickliffe who died in 1384, and John Huss and Jerome, who were murdered by the Council of Constance in 1415, and Luther who died about 1546, and Calvin who died later, are responsible for the story. How strange! As a Jesuit Labbe may have argued that he spoke the truth, as a man he spoke falsely.

Cardinal Baronius, official historian of Rome, in crazy wrath, admits the existence and work of the popess—even while denying it. He declares she was a monster whom atheists and heretics called out of hell by witchcraft and spells; and Florimond says she was sent to curse the church of Rome for its abominations. But a writer in the Catholic World takes the lead in evasion, and denial that confesses. He proves anew that once in a while, a Roman prelate or controversialist may inadvertently tell a part of the truth. He guardedly suggests that since there were, in those times, in Roman politics, a herd of monstrous women, Theodora, Marozia, and others, some one may have said in jest, maybe, that a woman was pope, rather than say that the man pope was ruled by a woman. But what does this imply? He does not tell us that one of the women he names, Marozia, was mistress of three popes, one of whom was her own son. Sergius III was first, and their son was made pope, as John XI, and she became mistress of this pope. She was also mistress of another of her own sons, Alberick, and their son became pope John XII.

Yes, some women ruled some popes in ways that were very dark. That which the writer in the "World" suggests so guardedly, is really more to the discredit of Rome than the story that a woman held the office of pope. For, as the story of the woman pope goes, she ruled wisely and justly, and might have held the office long, but that she was betrayed and became a mother.

If Rome would concede that her popes and prelates were human beings, no worse than others of their times, even if no better, they might put up a better case. But that would be death to the notion of infallibility; and to give up this, would concede to the laity that the priesthood does not stand in the place of God, who is the only Infallible One. The case is before you. Some Romanist writers say that there was never a woman pope, others, as truthful, so far as we know, say there was such a pope. And there you are! Decide for your self.

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