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OUR EDITORIAL POLICY: 1. To advocate, aid and support any measures that will bring the most good to the most people

OUR EDITORIAL POLICY (continued): 2. To encourage industries to establish in Tillamook county. 3. To urge the improvement of a port for Tillamook City.

OUR BANKRUPT COUNTY

All this wideeyed publicity about Tillamook county being in a bad financial condition seemed to have a very indifferent effect on the people who are the most interested—the taxpayers of Tillamook.

A subscriber called us up the other day and asked us the name of the vice-president of Taft's administration. He said that the question had come up at a party at which twenty-five people were present, and that one of them knew the answer.

Soon as a fellow gets it into his head that you can't get along without him, it's about time that you got on without him.

The worst part about these fellows who chew tobacco is that they always have a lot of their pleasure for some else to clean up.

APPRECIATES SUPPORT

To the Editor: I sincerely thank you for the continued support that I have received at your hands and especially for your editorial in your valuable paper under date of January 11.

PHELPS REPLIES TO DAVEY

To the Editor: I am asking your opinion for reply to an article appearing in a recent issue of your paper signed, 'Frank Davey', Portland, in which I am accused of having made false statements about the Roman Catholic Church in a lecture delivered in your city now a few days since.

which so clearly sets forth the universal attitude of the 'Church of Rome' as this very clear statement from the 'Pacific.'

Mr. Davey denies that a member of the church of Rome must have 'permission' from high church authority before he can read the Bible, and indicates that the Bible is held in very high esteem by the Roman Catholic church.

On this subject the Council of Trent said: "Inasmuch as it is manifest from experience, that if the HOLY BIBLE, translated into the vulgar tongue, be indiscriminately allowed to every one, the temerity of men will cause more EVIL than good to rise from it, it is, on this point, referred to the JUDGEMENT of the bishops or 'inquisitors', who MAY, by the advice of the 'priest' or confessor, PERMIT the reading of the BIBLE translated into the vulgar tongue by CATHOLIC AUTHORS, to those persons whose faith and piety they apprehend will be augmented, and not injured by it; and this PERMISSION they MUST have in WRITING."

"But if any shall have the presumption to read or POSSESS it without any such written PERMISSION, he shall not receive absolution until he have first delivered up such BIBLE to the ordinary."

"Booksellers, however, who shall sell, or otherwise dispose of Bibles in the vulgar tongue, to any person not having such PERMISSION shall forfeit the value of the books, to be applied by the Bishop to some pious use, and be subjected by the Bishop to such other penalties as the Bishop shall judge proper, according to the quality of the offense."

This, Mr. Davey no doubt knows to be the 'infallible' law of the Church. By it we see very clearly that in order for any member of the Church of Rome to read, possess, or sell a BIBLE he must first have PERMISSION and that PERMISSION must be in writing. We will allow Mr. Davey to explain what he means by saying the statement that Catholics read the Bible 'by permission' only is "the sillies kind of untruth".

There is no one thing against which the Church of Rome has directed a more bitter attack than the reading of the BIBLE by the people. One historian says: "As early as 860, Pope Nicholas I put BIBLE READING under the ban. Gregory VII, known in history as Hildebrand, in 1073 continued the ban, and Innocent III, in 1198, issued a decree that all who read the Bible should be PUT TO DEATH. The Council of Toulouse passed a decree forbidding 'either the possession or reading' of the Bible. In the reign of Bloody Mary tons of Bibles were used for fuel to burn the martyrs. Pius VII, in 1816 denounced Bibles as 'pestiferous'; and Leo XII, in 1825 as 'traps and pitfalls'. Pius VIII in 1830 declared printing presses from which Bibles were struck as 'centers of pestiferous infection'; Gregory XVI in 1844 condemned Bible SOCIETIES and ordered the priest to TEAR UP ALL that they could get their hands on."

In remains for BISHOP EDGAR BLAKE in the YEAR OF OUR LORD '1923' to send out over his name this statement: "It was ONLY TWO MONTHS AGO that Protestant BIBLES were publicly BURNED in ROME as IMMORAL literature. The ceremony was BLESSED by a Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church and eulogized by a deputy who had previously attacked the Methodists in the Italian Parliament and called for their EXPULSION from Rome. So far as I know, no such edifying spectacle has yet occurred in MOSCOW. There is undoubtedly a larger measure of RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE in 'Russia' than in any country in Europe or America that is DOMINATED by the 'Roman Catholic Church.'"

It will not avail Mr. Davey or any of his followers to cry, "Yes! but these were Protestant Bibles!" For it is well known by Bible readers that there is not enough difference between the Vulgate version and the King James to contend for to the serious point of BIBLE BURNING. J. Wesley Mell of the American Bible Society says, that the Bible Society offered the Catholic Church three million copies of the Vulgate New Testaments with the Catholic FOOT NOTES free of all cost if they would distribute them in South America, and that the offer was refused. Mr. Davey indicates that the Bible

is the foundation for every teaching of the Catholic Church.

We would like to ask: Can you find there "prayers to Mary," to Joseph, or any other 'Saint'? Can you find 'forgiveness of sin by water'? Can you find a 'secret confessional'? Can you find a 'purgatory'? Can you find authority for giving ALL the WINE to the priest and withholding it from the laymen? Can you find a "laundry sweatshop" called the 'Convent of the Good Shepherd,' in which girlhood is ground into profit for an organization which calls itself Christian? Can you find where God is said to be glorified by a woman drawing away into an 'image haunted' seclusion and there living a life with down-cast eyes? Can you find any justification for the infliction of physical pain in order to obtain from God forgiveness for ANY kind of sin? Can you find anything about the sale of 'indulgences'? Can you find about a string of beads for prayer-saying? Any Catholic who will read the Bible, THINK FOR HIMSELF, and be morally honest, will not be a Roman Catholic long. This is the reason that the 'hierarchy' has so bitterly fought such reading throughout its history.

Mr. Davey says: "The images and pictures of Christ, of his blessed Mother and of the saints which are found in our homes are not worshiped."

Let a witness answer who was taken at the early age of seventeen years from a CATHOLIC HOME, from a youth of Roman Catholic INSTRUCTION and placed in a CONVENT where she remained for THIRTY years shut away from EVERYTHING except her sisterhood and the INSTRUCTION from the priest. Surely if the Roman Catholic does not worship images this woman should have been divorced from it in thirty years of constant instruction, plus that of her childhood. Indeed I am unable to see how she could have known ANYTHING about praying to images. But at the end of THIRTY years within Convent walls what does she say? This:

"In the meantime, I continued my novenas to the Blessed Mary (Idolatory No. 1), St. Anthony (No. 2), and St. Joseph (No. 3), in heartbreaking sorrow and tears \* \* \* In all earnestness and sincerity I was bowing, scraping, kneeling, pleading to the IMAGES (No. 4), the STATUES (No. 5), and the 14 stations of the cross (No. 6). \* \* \* At last it came to me as if a THUNDERBOLT had come from heaven, that these STATUES and IMAGES and RELICS could do me no good they were all clay and material. I fell upon my knees and prayed AS I HAD NEVER PRAYED BEFORE \* \* \* not to St. Anthony, not to St. Joseph, not to St. Vincent De Paul, not even to the blessed Virgin Mary or any other saint, but to God."

Thirty years under the instruction of Rome before she prayed a prayer to GOD, and that prayer TOOK HER OUT OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. I offer a challenge to Mr. Davey or any other Roman Catholic to bring a 'living witness' (like the above) who has been THIRTY years in a PROTESTANT school, or a protestant institution of any kind who will testify that in all 'sincerity' she was for thirty years' PRAYING TO IMAGES.

I did not say that the Roman Catholic church was in politics. What I did say was: "The Catholic Church IS political in INTENT and claims for itself BOTH spiritual and TEMPORAL power."

Certainly Mr. Davey's denial of the 'political' machinations of the Church of Rome comes under his own terms—"False and Foolish CLAP-TRAP." I am wondering if Mr. Davey thinks we do not know who is fighting the EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT? The political character of this 'hierarchy' is proved by Boniface VIII, declaring illegal the acts of laymen who endeavored to collect TAXES from the clergy.

By Pope Gregory IX denouncing from his throne (assumed), that "You must FIRMLY believe and in no wise doubt that all 'heretics' (Protestants) \* \* \* even if they should shed their blood for Christ, will partake with the devil and his angels of the eternal fire," and his calling upon the SECULAR POWERS to "exterminate in their domains \* \* \* all HERETICS" under penalty of being reported to the Pope who would absolve all of the vassals of the man so reported from their oath of allegiance, and hand the lands of the accused over to Catholics (This Pope feels justified in absolving men from their oath of allegiance. Another Pope did the same thing in the time of Queen Elizabeth. If the Roman Catholic Church is what the priesthood claims for it "AN UNCHANGING CHURCH" may not some Pope feel

justified in absolving ALL Catholics from their OATH OF ALLEGIANCE to the AMERICAN GOVERNMENT? It is proved by the Bull which excommunicated Queen Elizabeth, in which the following language is used: "Him (the Pope) he (God) has established as a prince over ALL NATIONS and KINGDOMS that he may PLUCK OUT, DESTROY, scatter and disperse." He then proceeds to speak of Queen Elizabeth as "that SLAVE OF VICE, Elizabeth," and calls "BLOODY MARY," "Mary of Blessed memory." Bloody Mary caused to be burned one person for every six days of her reign.

It is proved by Pope Innocent hurling his anathemas at the MAGNA CHARTA. In this Bull we have the most overwhelming proof of Roman Catholic opposition to any law, Government, or statement of 'human liberty' which does not recognize the Pope as the supreme ruler and judge OVER ALL. By an extract from the Canon Law of the church, in which Boniface VIII declares "the MATERIAL as well as the SPIRITUAL SWORD IS WITHIN the POWER of the CHURCH, the latter is wielded for the Church and the former BY the CHURCH, one by the hand of the PRIEST the other by the hand of KINGS and SOLDIERS."

After reading this from the lips of one of the Popes speaking in the realm of 'faith and morals' and therefore WITHOUT error (according to Rome's claim), we are no longer in doubt as to what a Roman Catholic Priest means when he talks glibly of 'church and state.' One writer pertinently remarks: "This infallible (?) Bull, which makes Democracy IMPOSSIBLE anywhere papal power reaches the saddle, brands as deliberate falsehood every Roman Catholic denial that his institution is not seeking to bring America under the CONTROL of the Pope."

Now, either the Roman Catholic hierarchy I political and desires 'temporal' domination OVER ALL PEOPLE, or the Popes have lied. Mr. Davey can stay on either side he desires. The blood of more than "sixty million" proves the INTENT of the Popes. (I am convinced that the average Roman Catholic layman does not understand clearly that absolute temporal rulership is the intent of the hierarchy, and that is the desire of those in authority to keep him from knowing).

I wonder if Mr. Davey realizes that to prove that the Roman Catholic Church does not claim, not intend, temporal power for the Pope, and that it is not working as a political machine to attain these ends in

America, is perhaps the most difficult task he has ever set for himself. To begin with he might prove that the Church or Rome had nothing to do with Jack Walton's anti-Klan crimes; or Al Smith's 'boss-party' movement for the presidency.

I heard Priest, Doran say that two of our governors were Roman Catholics. I wrote to the Catholic Truth Society and asked which ones they were—No ANSWER YET and that Society is afraid of the TRUTH after all.

Were any of the presidents KILLED by Roman Catholics? One writer says: "Wilkes Booth Mrs. Suratt, her daughter Anna, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Miss Hollahan, and Mrs. Powell, arrested for the killing of Lincoln were each of them Roman Catholics. Booth fled, but on the eastern shores of the Potomac he was CONCEALED in a ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH for nearly a week."

Was not the man who killed Garfield a Roman Catholic? Was not the man who killed McKinley a Roman Catholic? Was not the man who shot Roosevelt a Roman Catholic? This looks strange for the reason that EACH of these men were outstanding defenders of Protestantism.

Was not Lincoln a friend and defender of a certain 'ex-priest' of his day? and is there not some good evidence to show that the sympathy of the Vatican was with the South? Was not McKinley the 'iron-willed' president who handed to the Senate a report of the machinations of the Roman Catholic Church in the Philippines? And is not this report one of the OUTSTANDING 'indictments' of this century, of the Roman Catholic Church? Was it not Mr. Roosevelt who REFUSED to bow his AMERICANISM to the 'holy father' while in Rome?

Priest Doran says that this is no more of an indictment of the 'Church of Rome' than it would be an indictment of the Republicans because the men were of that party. I wonder! If every time a president was killed it was a Republican president by the hand of Democrat, and Democrats had declared their intention throughout more than twelve hundred years to 'exterminate' the Republicans from the earth, and had proved their intention by the butchering of more than sixty million Democrats at times when they had the power, I am of the opinion that a Democrat or two would wake up.

That "affidavit" seems to worry Mr. Davey. I assure the public that the paper is now before me. It contains 15 lines and is SIGNED by an American who can write the English language and does not need to 'make

his mark,' and still lives in Oregon. Before the public believes too readily what Mr. Davey infers that Roman Catholics 'never' work their ends through MASONRY, I invite them to write to C. E. Gates (Pop Gates) Med-

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