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THE POPE AND SECRET CONFRATERNITIES.

In its earliest aspect the Christian Church was a secret order. During the reign of Augustus private assembly was denied except for funeral purposes.

The old Roman prejudice against the right of private assembly still exists in the Catholic Church as a rudiment.

That the anathema of the church against membership of private orders is wholly unreasonable goes without saying to the minds of members of these private orders.

In the Protestant Church the observance is the same. Affairs of the church are considered with closed doors and it is perfectly right that they should be.

There is no such thing as confining truth in its abstract sense within the council chambers of a secret order.

It is just as absurd to suppose that religion has something to lose by the membership of its votaries in a secret order as to suppose that a Catholic cannot be a member of the United States Senate, because it holds secret sessions.

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himself fraternally related to almost every respectable man whom he meets. Membership in these orders is so nearly universal as to have ceased to be special, and therefore the special relation which a man assumes toward the brothers of a confraternity loses its meaning by reason of the fact that he has assumed fraternal obligations to toward the membership of dozens of these orders.

The membership of a private confraternity knows nothing whatever beyond what is known by the world at large except the secret of the order, and the secret is merely the secret. The ancient idea that there was a Masonic word with which conjurations might be performed is the veriest nonsense.

A CALIFORNIA SEMI-CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION.

Several months ago the Stockton "Mail" proposed that California celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of gold in California, and that it should be on such a scale as to take on an international character.

The suggestion was generally approved, but, as the "Mail" puts it, "it was like discharging a brilliant sky rocket in a foggy atmosphere—it just shot up and fizzled."

The city of Dallas has taken the initiative. On the 25th of February a convention of 600 delegates, representing all parts of the State, was held.

The convention ordered a corporation to be formed, to be known as the Texas Semi-Centennial Exposition Association, with a capital of \$2,000,000 in \$100 shares.

As an exchange puts it, "the people of Texas are now tumbling over each other to make up their quota."

The acquisition of California, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and part of Colorado hinged upon the convention of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and the relation of this event to the annexation of Texas is a matter familiar to all who have read the history of the United States and its war with Mexico.

The question is, what part should California play in that affair? It would not at all militate against the Texas enterprise if this State should take up the scheme proposed by the "Mail" and also hold a semi-centennial in commemoration of the discovery of gold, of the acquisition of California and the ratification of the treaty.

January, 1848, gold was discovered at Coloma; February 2, 1848, the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was dated at that city; it was ratified at Washington by the President March 16, 1848; it was exchanged at Queretaro May 30, 1848; it was proclaimed by the President July 4, 1848.

It is such a celebration is held, then this city should be the heart of it all. Here, by historical fitness, the exposition should have its chief interest, though the celebration should be marked by appropriate ceremonies in every city, town and hamlet in the State.

However, if there is to be a semi-centennial exposition or jubilee in California, it should not be limited to locality, nor made merely the special means of gain for any particular city.

While it should center at Sutter's Fort, the chief point of historic interest in California, it should, with broad conservatism, engage the activity of every community in the State.

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to the spot where Marshall found the first gold, should have a jubilee on its own account, and there is no reason whatever why she should not now declare to that effect. Let it be understood that Sacramento is in favor of a semi-centennial jubilee for the whole State, so arranged as to date that it may co-operate with that of Texas.

But if in a few weeks there is shown no disposition on the part of the people generally to favor the idea, then let Sacramento resolve to celebrate as the Capital City anyhow. To that end it would be entirely proper for this city to broach the idea in formal manner at once, and give it to be understood that in one way or another it is to go through.

WHAT HAVE THEY TO SAY?

A few years ago in this city a drunken rowdy, a Russian of low instincts, was thrown out of a public place and beaten for his insolence and offenses.

The next day, when he had plenty of time to cool, the fellow armed himself and appeared on the streets and with settled purpose to kill the man who had whipped him.

The rascal at once fled along the street pursued by police officers and the cry "Stop murderer!" Citizens joined in the chase; the fellow turned down an alley, the officers and crowd still in pursuit.

When the murderer was captured he fought desperately, and such was the indignation of the people over the murder that the military had to be called out to prevent the mobbing of the prison.

Prior to the trial, at the trial, and subsequently, a strange, unaccountable and wholly indefensible sentiment developed in favor of the murderer.

The "Record-Union" protested against

this sentiment, pointed out that it was unreasonable and mawkish, and that its natural logic would throw down the barrier of the law that guarantees men their lives; that the man intended to kill someone; that because he did not have intent to kill the particular man he did slaughter, made no sort of difference; that he was a murderer at heart and had shown it when he shot the first man on the street and before he was pursued; that the pursuers were officers as well as citizens; that his pursuit was right and praiseworthy; that he had been called upon to halt and had refused.

But all in vain; a petition was gotten up and the Governor pardoned the assassin by commuting his life sentence to a short term and this presently set him free to prey upon society.

The "Record-Union" during all this time did not fail to express itself freely concerning the outrage on justice, common-sense and human safety, that the petition, the sickly sentiment, the false conception of the law, the ill-bestowed mercy and the unfortunate pardon constituted.

Tuesday last two unoffending Japanese were "stood up" on the highway in this county and robbed by a Russian desperado.

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and traveled with them on the railroad to near Arno, where the robbery and murder took place. The fellow told the Japs that he had come from the mines. On this clew a man was found and arrested, and he turns out to be Simon Raten, the murderer of James Lansing. He was found at a farm ten miles from the place of the murder on the same line of road. He arrived at that place on Wednesday. His clothing and appearance answer to the description given by the Japanese. On the way to prison he spoke of the killing of the Jap, though that subject had not been mentioned to him. He was first to name it, saying he knew nothing of it. He added a significant fact corresponding to the story of the Jap, namely, that he had been at work among the mines near Angel's Camp.

In prison he admits that he was on the very road on the line of which the Japanese were killed. On his person are found two watches, and he tells a story as to his whereabouts that is now proved to be false, for yesterday there came the four section men, and, being taken into the jail yard where a score of prisoners were moving about, they at once picked out Raten as the fellow they saw with the Japanese on the day and on the road of the double murder.

It will be difficult to convict Raten, unless other facts develop; still the identification of the watches that may come about, may serve to fix the crime upon him. The moral conviction will remain that he is the murderer. Now what have the people to say who aided by their false sentiment and unhappy petitioning to set the murderer of James Lansing free?

Wanted in Stockton. James Darwin has been arrested by Officer Higgins for felony embezzlement committed in San Joaquin County. He admitted that he is the person wanted by the authorities over there.

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