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I desire to thank the friends who have honored me by declaring that I was their choice for vice president; but while conscious of the honor, I am not unconscious of the fact that I am ineligible to the high office. I am not a native born citizen. Please change you votes to some other candidate.

Sincerely your friend in this contest for your liberties and your homes, W. C. KELLEY.

We have plenty of the issue of January 28, containing the exposure of Rome's plot to take this country by the sword. Ten for 30 cents; fifty for $1.25; 100 for $2. ; 500 for $7.50; 1,000 for $10. Have you sent any of that number to your friends? You should! They should not sleep longer.

Why wouldn't it be an excellent idea for fifty or more of our loyal friends to "get together"—in each of those cities where a patriotic paper is published—and agree to patronize any merchant who advertises in a paper printed in the interest of pure Americanism? It is absolutely necessary that The American and all journals of like character shall each have an equitable share of the advertising patronage of those engaged in business in the city in which the paper is printed.

We believe there are lay Catholics who are entitled to our commiseration and our kindness, but we are firmly convinced that commiseration and kindness are generally wasted on the priests of Rome. It is one thing to treat with charity and forbearance the ignorant and unfortunate dupes of a pernicious politico-religioun system, and another matter to treat with charity and forbearance an alien priesthood who are the cunning and designing upholders of such system.

There has been brought forward a proposition to fix the standard of money value by making a composite dollar—containing one-half of a mass of metal combining 24¾ grains of pure gold and 371¼ grains of pure silver. If the double standard could be maintained in this way, there woud then be nothing in the monetary situation to forestall the actual return of that prosperity for which we are all longing. The feasibility of the composite-dollar scheme should be promptly inquired into at Washington.

SALINE CLEWETT CASE.

Last month we stated that in the issue of March 4, we would publish the sworn testimony in the celebrated case of Salina Clewett against the House of the Good Shepherd of St. Paul, and today we desire to say that the evidence will be in our hands in sufficient time to keep that promise, although the case is now, and will be probably for several days, the absorbing topic of conversation in business, legal, political and christian circles in the city where it is being tried.

Not since Abraham Lincoln defended Rev. Chiniquy against the perjured testimony manufactured by Rome to ruin and disgrace him has Rome gone to such lengths to win a case, and to prevent the true character of one of her institutions from becoming known to the public.

Our friends who are pushing the case write us that they have to contend against lying, intimidation and perjury, and that Rome is now trying to bribe certain jurors. Those are always Rome's weapons. She always has men and women who will go on the witness stand and swear falsely. She always has men and women who will lie in her behalf. She always has men and women who will try to scare, to intimidate, the weak, and she always has the men and the money ready to attempt to corrupt both the court and the jury when she has a case in court.

In proof of these charges we refer you to the published and uncontradicted statement in "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome," that, in order to convict Mr. Chiniquy of a foul crime, a priest of Rome offered his sister a fine farm if she would swear that Chiniquy did that which he never thought of doing. That offer was overheard by another woman who travelled all night to take the witness stand the next morning to save the defendant's fair name. In proof of the second charge we refer you to any Roman Catholic, man or woman, who says their church does not teach that marriages not performed by a priest are not marriages, but are filthy concubinages. In proof of the third we cite you to Rome's constant "clacking" against out-spoken anti-Romanists, for the purpose of injuring them and curtailing their influence, which scares less courageous people into either keeping still or siding with them. And in substantiation of the last charge we refer you to attorney John J. O'Connor of this city who attempted to bribe Judge Scott, and was disbarred last December because of such attempt.

But, while we and while the friends in St. Paul know these are Rome's tactics, it is often impossible to keep her from putting them into successful operation, and if the case at St. Paul results in a victory for Rome, it will, in all probability, be the result of some such influence as that which our friends assert they are compelled to combat.

The Roman church never trusts to law or fact; she trusts implicitly in corruption. If she cannot win a public official by flattery and a promise of future political preferment, she catches him by the use of money. Few men have the moral stamina to resist the charm and glitter of her gold; and yet, if she cannot corrupt a man with offers of either position or gold, Rome sits a woman on his trail, who never tires in her efforts to win him from the path of duty to a life of profligacy that leads down to ruin.

If the church is resorting to bribery, lying, perjury and intimidation to defeat Salina Clewett it knows the judge and the jury it is dealing with and there is but little hope of Miss Clewett securing a verdict against the unholy institution. However, win or lose, the revolting, cruel, inhuman, unchristian and damnable treatment accorded the inmates of those papal prison pens known as houses of the Good Shepherd, will be fully exposed in our issue of March 4; and every American woman should read the sworn testimony and then solemnly vow that not another cent will she ever contribute to upbuilding and maintaining such sinks of iniquity on the free soil of the United States.

We want the help of all the patriotic mothers and of all their loyal daughters in this effort to drive out of this grand country those miserable slave pens where American girls are reduced to a condition worse than that of the beasts of the fields.

There are thousands of bleeding hearts in those black enclosures today, yet no effort is made to give them relief or secure them their liberties. When the black man's bondage became unbearable much of the best womanhood of the nation rose up and sacrificed all they held dear for the sake of humanity. Now that the burdens of these "White Girl Slaves" have become intolerable, will not all the best womanhood of the nation again sacrifice that suffering women may enjoy equal rights and full freedom?

Protestants should patronize their own kind of people. They ought especially to be particular to patronize those merchants who advertise in patriotic papers, and to inform such business-men that they deal with them because of the advertising patronage that is bestowed upon journals which are sound on the American question. Our friends cannot afford to spend one cent of their money in Roman Catholic stores so long as there is a single loyal Protestant carrying the same line of goods in the town or city in which they reside.

The Chicago Daily News of Monday said the Rev. W. W. Whitney of Joliet addressed the Baptist ministers of Chicago on "The Sublime Egotism of Christ." It is safe to say that the reverend gentleman's subject was really Christ's egoism—not his egotism for he had none. An egotist could not be a man of sublime egoism, or one who possessed a striking and captivating personality. Louis XIV. of France was an egotist; Jesus Christ was an egoist. One of Louis' characteristic declarations was: "The State, it is I." How different was the attitude of the immoral Galilean, who was always declaring: "Of mine own self I can do nothing; it is the Father that worketh in me." The Savior had none of that arrogance and haughtiness which characterizes the pompous prelates of the papal church. The natural home of ecclesiastical egotists is within the pale of that church whose pope arrogates to himself the legitimate right to rule both this world and the world to come. The Pope of Rome and the Archbishop Irelands are indeed sublime egotists, and therefore unfit to be exemplars of egoism.

The patriotic movement has enlisted the sympathy and support of many earnest men and women; but there are thousands of Protestant people in whose hearts the sacred fire of self-abnegating patriotism has not yet been kindled. We must not rest till we enlist all loyal men and women under our banners. If the patriotic women of the nation shall become a unit in demanding the abolishment of the so-called Houses of the Good Shepherd, they will have brought to their attention the manifold evils of the entire private prison system of the Roman Catholic Church, and will most assuredly join hands with the patriotic men to secure the effectual eradication of those evils.

Any order or society on the American continent whose demonstrated purpose is to inculcate patriotic principles, to raise the standard of citizenship, to safeguard our common school system, and to prevent improper persons from settling in this country, ought to receive the active co-operation of every friend of liberty and of every well-wisher of the Republic. No species of jealousy must be permitted to disturb the amicable and fraternal relations that should subsist between the members of the various patriotic organizations which are honestly endeavoring to thwart the purposes and plans of those who would destroy our liberties and subvert the American Republic.

The poet Whittier was dear to the heart of the American people. He was pre-eminently the poet of freedom. He was a man of exalted patriotism. But the Romans—those of them who are conversant with American literature—do not like Whittier. No wonder. He wrote a poem in which he speaks of Pope Pius IX. as "sitting upon a throne of lies"—a fact tersely and accurately stated. The Romans fear facts that collide with the institutions of their own alleged religious system.

Rev. Frank M. Bristol, of Evanston (Chicago's classic suburb) will in April become the pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church at Washington, D. C. President McKinley will have the opportunity of listening every Sunday for three years to a very eloquent and patriotic divine. Mr. Bristol is a brilliant Shakesperian scholar and an earnest student of the moral, intellectual and patriotic questions of the day. He is short in stature, but not short on brains.

The victory won by Mr. Jos. Bradfield over the Roman Catholic church in his suit to restrain the treasurer of the United States from paying to the agents of that alien corporation any public moneys is far-reaching, and marks the beginning of the end so far as appropriating public mony for sectarian institutions is concerned. Mr. Bradfield has rendered the American people a signal service, and we hope he will follow the case to its conclusion, which Rome must realize is much more distant than a decision in the present suit.

A Papal Ban.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The Propaganda Fide, on behalf of the Vatican, has just sent to this country a circular letter warning the Catholic prelates and people against accepting as authentic the statements appearing in a new publication, now issued at Rome, called the "Little Monitor of Rome."

The publication is edited by Countess Caroline Arnaud, said to be the daughter of the Duke of Modena and a near relative to the present Emperor of Austria. She is well known in every court of Europe and her intrigues have often gotten her in trouble. She has just been released from a two years' imprisonment in France, having been convicted of the crime of obtaining money under false pretences.

In taking this step the Vatican has determined that what promises to be a second Diana Vaughn affair shall be nipped in the bud. The Countess claims, and is backing her assertion with an array of the most extraordinary documents, that the present occupant of the Papal throne is not Leo XIII. She asserts that the present holder of the throne of Peter is a Dominican monk, elaborately made up to resemble the rightful Pope.

Abolitionism and Abolitionists.

I have often wondered if we are to have the experience of the "Old Abolition Times" over again; those days when it could be proved at the point of a pistol that the Constitution of the United States supported and sanctioned slavery! Slavery might have remained much longer than it did, had not a judge of the supreme court decided—to use a popular phrase—"That a nigger had no rights a white man was bound to respect." That decision was not intended to perpetuate Black Slavery, but was to pave the way for enslaving the poor white trash. This alarmed the North. This stuck in the crop of the "greasy mechanic." That decision was the death knell of slavery.

I was an abolitionist. I was also the first soldier to enlist in and for the war, west of the Mississippi. I enlisted April 10, 1861. I had no hostility to the Southerner. I was opposed to slavery because slavery was opposed to me. I noticed that the emigration didn't go South, it stayed North. The Southerners have been called "cavaliers" and the northerners "Puritans." I think the terms might be reversed. There was more of the Puritan element oiginally in the South than in the North. Washington and Jefferson were southerners. The intelligent emigrant settling in the North was an over match to the old negro without education, in the South, and it was a crime to educate a colored man in the South. Here was presented the problem expressed. "This country must be all slave or all free," or, all ignorant or all intelligent; all do their own thinking or none. It was the European aristocratic problem—master and servant—asserting itself in America in antagonism to the spirit of the Declaration of Independence.

No doubt thousands who were living at the time of the war, and even those in the war, never really knew the issue at stake, except the supposed one, "that we were fighting to free the nigger." That was not the main question. The main question was the Property Question—that the man who has no property shall have no vote. I see that certain parties affiliate now; I think this affiliation is on the basis of similar views. They all believe in a property qualification for citizenship. This is the old story of slavery—to make slaves of all who do not own property. But these would be now as then, physically assertive. American citizens are not familiar with the most ordinary laws of property and population. I will state them:

1.—Population makes value.
2.—Intelligence makes wealth.
3.—Invention makes progress.

Notice that the position taken by the South under slavery was antagonistic to all of these foundation laws of property. This is what destroyed slavery. Now, wherever you find one of these property aristocrats you will find he is opposed to all these foundations on which property is built.

I remember in 1857; I was riding in company with Judge Isbell, a former judge of the supreme court of Iowa, who had been instrumental in forming the "Incorporation Act" in the statutes of Iowa. He said he was always oppressed with the fear that the corporation would become so omnipotent that it would destroy individual liberty. So ,to obviate this, in some degree, it was fixed that the life of the corporation should not exceed twenty years, but subject to renewal. While I believe, at present, a home corporation, limited as to time, is a necessary evil, I do not believe a foreign perpetual corporation can exist here by virtue of our laws, and cetainly should not. The "Edmunds Law" abolished polygamy and I am told it equally abolished the foreign perpetual corporations doing business here under one individual or a society, or a state. Self preservation is the first law of nature. I am in favor of applying all the Monroe Doctrine to all foreign corporations of whatever name or character. No person to be permitted to do business only under the laws of this country. Political nepotism is bad enough, but property nepotism is damnation.

I talk now about this revival of propertyism just as I observe men talk in the old abolition days, prior to the late "unpleasantness," about slavery. The proslavery journals in those days were conducted like the Omaha Bee is today. Of course, Mr. Edward Rosewater was in the rebel service for a year or two (as I heard him state) at Huntsville, Alabama, and I think he is still in the same cause, or rather, that he has never been out of the old cause.

GEO. W. BETTSWORTH.

From Bradford.

BRADFORD, Pa., Feb. 13.—Dear American:—Yours of the 9th inst. at hand. This is what I think of your issue of Jan. 28: It is the best paper in both a missionary and educational sense I ever looked into, and I wish my means would allow me to keep your press running on that issue until a copy of it was in the hands of every right blooded American in the Republic. This is the wish of my heart, that you may long be spared in prosperity and health to breathe the sweet air of our most glorious country after it is cleansed and purified of the vile stench of Romanism. May your shadow never grow less! May you never feel th want of a friend, but if you ever should need one, may you find them about you plenty as forest leaves.

You have had a hard fight, but I believe God has endowed you with a proper nerve to stand by your colors and guns until the battle merges into victory and peace. Loyally in F. P. and P. J. F. C.

"Mother of Harlots"—Rev. 17: 1-18.

"With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been drunk with the wine of her fornication." That is, intoxicated with the false and idolatrous doctrines and corrupt worship and morals of Rome, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with this harlot by making Romanism the religion of the state or conniving at her abominations or joining her political intrigue and share the spoils. And the question may be properly asked, is not the United States committing fornication with Rome today, through officers and office-seekers, from the president down? Every corporation, society, man and woman, whether in official place or not, that aids in any way to advance the interests and the power of popery commit fornification with the "scarlet" woman. "He that is not for me, is against me." There is no neutral ground in this case. Silence is sin, when it is our duty to protest. Popery is the greatest foe of human liberty and it is a crime not to oppose her. An observer cannot fail to see how shy, reticent and careful, the press, the politicians and officials, are on all questions that affect popery. We must keep quiet and not tell the truth about "holy mother," no matter how abominable her career. In defiance of law and humanity, she must be permitted to build nunneries, houses of the Good Shepherd, kept as prisons, where deluded girls, betrayed and seduced by "the mother of harlots," are imprisoned, and subject to damnable tyranny, half clad and half starved and that without remedy, for there is no law to open these dens of corruption and oppression. The government in silence looks on while these deluded victims suffer. It is a shame that such things should exist in this land of freedom! An iron despotism within a republic! How can it be? It could not be if every American was a patriot and did his duty. Every despotism would be swept away and every tyrant hurled from his place of power if the world was rightly educated. That would disarm tyrants and deceivers. There would be no nunneries nor popish prison pens. It would not then be a crime to read the Bible and profess the Protestant religion. When the people are taught the truth and the right to think for themselves popes and tyrants are disarmed. A proper education would make the decrees of Trent a dead letter.

CALVIN.

Romanism vs. Christianity.

Why do Americans, Protestants and true patriots oppose the Roman Catholic church? Because, she is not strictly speaking, a Christian church at all, but a politico-religious corporation, claiming not only supremacy in religious affairs, but absolute jurisdiction in civil affairs, ascribing to one man, the pope, the honor of being the Vicar of Christ, "the Prince of the kings of the earth." Who made the bishop of Rome, the "Vicar of Christ?" Who gave him supremacy over the civil power, the kings of the earth? Not the Lord Jesus Christ, for he is still "head over all things to the church" and "all authority in heaven and earth" is in his hands as mediator and he is "King of kings and Lord of Lords." The highest authority in the church is the word of Christ. "Thus saith the Lord," is final and settles all matters of doctrine and worship. How then did a succession of men at Rome get to be head over all things to both church and state? It is simply an act of usurpation, the work of "the mystery of iniquity," the blasphemous claim of "the man of sin," "who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." 2 Thess. 2:4. This is the usurpation, prophecy foretold and this is the blasphemous claim of the pope today and of his predecessors. What right have the popes to such authority? None at all. How did they come into such power as to become the dictators of princes and people? By usurpation, by ignorance of the people, deceiving them through false miracles and lying wonders, aided by human depravity and the artifice and help of Satan. "And the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority." "And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast." Backed by all the subtlety of Satan, by all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish," they have built that monstrous system of iniquity called popery, or "Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth". Such a system of iniquity could not be formed and maintained, except by the artifice and agency of the devil and wicked and designing men. Its fruit, doctrines and worship, show that it was designed to destroy the church and overthrow Christianity. The whole history of the Roman church is proof of this. No means have been untried to exterminate the true followers of Christ. It is said in Dan. 7:25, that the "little horn," the symbol of the pope, that "he shall wear out the saints of the Most High." This is still Rome's intention to exterminate Protestants, this is her doctrine and her practice to the extent of her power. But she would be left powerless if the people were permitted to search the Scriptures and were properly instructed as to their rights and duties. The "lying wonders" of Rome would then lose their effect on the people. But how Rome has fooled the world so long is a mystery, yet a greater mystery is that she deceives so many Protestants in the nineteenth century. Her diabolical character, idolatrous worship and bloody career is spread over the pages of history for a thousand years and so minutely described in prophecy, that it is marvelous that the nations are still deceived by the sorceries of this Babylonian harlot! We are opposed to Rome because she is not satisfied with liberty and equal rights but claims supreme power to dictate to both church and state and all law is null and void unless in harmony with the edicts of the Vatican. Rome is anti-Christian and her principles and claims are utterly incompatible with Christianity, and our free institutions.

CALVIN.

Catholicism and Crime.

It has been repeatedly stated that the criminal classes was largely recruited from the ranks of Catholicism, but I think few fully appreciate to what an extent. Yet when we consider that a few shillings given to a priest absolves the guilty from the most heinous crime, and that the priests are eager to share with the thief and ruffian it is not strange that criminals should gather to the church that offers them a premium. The statistics culled from the last annual reports of a few leading penitentiaries furnish an object lesson that will carry with it the weight of conviction.

The Western penitentiary at Allegheny, N. Y. has 408 prisoners, 146 of whom are Catholics or about three-eighths of the whole number. The Illinois State Reformatory has 1,370 inmates, 488 of whom are Catholics or about one-third of the whole number.

Of insane criminals in the Illinois Asylum, of 123 prisoners 30 are Catholics. In the Michigan State Reformatory of 749 prisoners, 129 are Catholics. In the Branch at Marquette of 132 inmates, 60 are Catholic. In the state prison of North Dakota of 118 prisoners 41 are Catholic. In the Elmira state prison of 7,708 prisoners 3,577 are Catholic, or one-half. In the Wyoming State Charities, 154 prisoners are reported 52 of whom are Catholic. At the state prison of Iowa are 631 prisoners 108 of whom are Catholic. At the Iowa penitentiary are 640 prisoners 183 of whom are Catholic. The whole number of prisoners in the above named prisons is 12,033, of whom 4,813 are Catholics, or more than one-third.

The Catholic population of the United States, according to Saddler's Catholic Directory, (official authority) is about 10,000,000 or one-seventh the entire population. We then have the alarming fact that one-seventh the population furnishes over one-third of the inmates to our criminal institutions. And yet the Catholic church after burdening the nation with criminals and paupers has the brazen audacity to protest against restictive immigation laws, by which the tide of ignorance and superstition may be partially staid! Petitions from every society of Jesuits are presented to congress, and it will be seen that if this urgent measure will not be killed, by the bluster of the priests and the cowardice of members of congress.

The interests of the Catholic church now demand recruits from the lowest and most ignorant classes of southern Europe It can depend on these slaves to the priests under any emergency. They will do their bidding. Any legislature which prevents these zealous cut-throats, brigands and beggars from coming to our shores strikes directly at the cherished scheme of the wily power which is grasping for dominion.

HUDSON TUTTLE.

A. P. A. Progress.

'Tis no secret, will you listen?
I have heard it going round;
And 'tis said sometimes aboveboard,
The A. P. A's. are gaining ground.
True there's many who oppose them,
But for right, they'll stand or die;
And our God will surely help them,
If on Him they but rely.

O, my brothers, in the battle,
You and I can make it go;
If we do not fail nor falter,
But our colors bravely show.
Let us stand by truth eternal,
We were certainly free-born;
And we have the right of freemen,
Which shall ne'er from us be torn.

Those who wish to hush our voices,
Wish it, for the nation's harm;
Therefore, let us scream the louder,
Quickly sounding the alarm;
Let us cry, our cris though feeble,
When united into one;
Reach and rule this mighty nation,
Let us shout the victory won.

They who would prohibit knowledge,
Do so for a wicked end;
And in ignorance there's danger,
Let us then our schools defend.
He whose heart and life are noble,
Has no wish the light to shun;
Then why hides the priestcraft "holy"
Or the "saintly" little nun?

Let us fling our colors breezeward,
Flaunt them in the face of Rome;
True America has children,
For our country freedom's home.
Let our stars and stripes wave o'er us,
Wave, or let us shed our blood;
Hallelujah, death or victory,
Courage, brother, trust in God.

—Mrs. Matilda Allis.

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