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Have you noticed our Most Wonderful Combination Offer for next year on subscription?

THE Philadelphia Bulletin says the people interested in the death of Priest McPake want the matter hushed up. Who, the nuns? or the other priests who were there with him?

THE Roman Catholics are always loud in their claims of virtue for the priests' nuns. Will they please tell us why Priest McPake was found murdered in a convent ground which was surrounded by a ten foot fence, and what he was doing at the convent after dark the evening he was murdered?

AN Irish Roman Catholic bishop is referred to by both the religious and the secular newspapers in the south of Ireland as "lord bishop." We presume the bishops get this appellation from the fact that they lord it over the minds and consciences of those who have the misfortune to be committed to their "spiritual" care.

DEATH claimed another good American Thanksgiving day. S. L. Boyd, city milk inspector, after nearly a week of suffering, died at the Presbyterian hospital. Mr. Boyd was one of the first men to enlist in the movement for Americanism in this city, and has been faithful to the cause at all times. His death will be deplored by all who knew him.

TWENTY ONE candidates were initiated by Chicago Council No. 1, A. P. A., Monday evening of last week. Ye gods! if this thing keeps up, not only will the pope of Rome be made to tremble on his throne of lies, but even Chief Kiple, of the Chicago police, will shiver as he hears the ominous rumblings of the approaching political earthquake.

COMPANIES E, F, G and I, formerly the Hibernian Rifles were mustered out of the Illinois National Guard by Governor Tanner. Governor Joe. Fifer, during the four years of his incumbency, steadily refused to incorporate the Rifles into the National Guard, and it was reserved for the demagogic Altgeld to do so. Now the Irish lads have been relegated to private life, where they belong.

It is reported from Washington that President McKinley is working very hard just now. We think he will have hard work to convince the patriotic people of this country that he is not an easy mark for Roman Catholic place-hunters. He is even said to be seriously thinking of elevating Attorney General McKenna to the Supreme Bench. Major McKinley seems to ignore the plain fact that the Romans already have a representative in the Supreme Court, and that that one is all the representation to which they are entitled.

WITH the consent of numerous commanding officers in the Chicago police department, a great number of men on the force have this week been engaged in attempting to secure for James M. Markham, private secretary to Chief of Police Kiple, a diamond star. Markham was one of the principals in a voting contest at a fair in progress in the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, popularly known as Father O'Brien's church, Wellington and Bissell streets, Lake view. The other contestant was Joseph Schwab, a Lake View politician. On Monday evening a score of uniformed policemen were present at the church, and with influence and money sought to "land their man a winner." Fancy a contest of this kind taking place in any Protestant church! It is only in a Roman mass house, mis-called a church, that such unlawful and immoral contests are possible. Voting contests of this kind belong in the category of gambling devices, and no Christian, no loyal citizen, no honest man can afford to give a moment of his time or a cent of his money toward rendering such events a success.

SHALL WE HAVE THIS LAW?

God placed in every Roman Catholic nun passions like those He placed in each of their mothers, and when we hear a Roman Catholic, or a milk and water Protestant, praising the virtue of the nuns we wonder if they have as much sense as God gave genee.

We do not believe nuns are all virtuous. Where you could find one who would dare submit to a physical examination by a competent committee of medical experts, you would find a thousand who had lost that priceless gem—their virtue—if one dares believe one-half he hears, sees or reads.

For that reason is it not about time that the American people began to regard priests and nuns as human; to realize that they have their good qualities and their faults; their love affairs and their disappointments; their joys and their sorrows, their calms and their passions; that they are faithful or treacherous?

These are all human attributes—but one Divine, and that debased to human, because they hate, despise and persecute all those who bow to Rome.

Let us have a law compelling communities of unmarried women, who admit to their sleeping apartments none but unmarried men, to submit monthly to a physical examination by a board of expert physicians who shall report their findings to the chief magistrate under oath, and that in every case where evidence of moral delinquency can be established, the woman shall be fined for prostitution and the woman at the head of the community shall be fined for conducting a house of ill-fame, and the man who is a party to the iniquity shall be arrested and fined as in such cases made and provided.

Such a law might not have the effect we would wish, but it would make it impossible for any one to question the virtue of a Roman Catholic nun, which is often done today.

MACAULAY, the great English writer, used to declare that the English people were subject to periodical spasms of civic virtue. For years, said he, they would tolerate the grossest vicious practices by public men and political leaders. But once in a great while the case of some offender, not worse than thousands of others, would excite particular reprobation, and the press and the public would howl him down with shrieks of pious condemnation and holy roars of obloquy. After this eruption they would go to sleep again for six or seven years, till the time for a new outbreak arrived. Nothing, Macaulay said, could be more ridiculous. Many Americans appear to be equally fickle. A large section of the American people are so thoroughly engrossed in money-making and in seeking the attainment of high social position that they are apparently proof against the influences of any patriotic movement that may originate among those "plain people" who were such a source of inspiration and encouragement to Mr. Lincoln. It is an amazing fact that there are so many thousands of the higher classes in America who are almost totally ignorant of the wicked designs and pernicious principles and practices of the Roman papacy. We must bring to their attention such facts as will open their eyes.

IF THE AMERICAN were published for no other general object than to effect the abolishment of Roman Catholic Houses of the Good Shepherd, it would abundantly justify its existence and its continuation. This newspaper will never cease to wage a righteous warfare on those private prisons which the papal government maintains, contrary to law, justice and humanity, on this American continent. We need the substantial assistance of every patriotic American in the great work to which we have dedicated our life. We are working hard to completely free this land and nation from papal domination, and we therefore call upon all friends of liberty, upon all friends of civilization, to subscribe for THE AMERICAN, through whose columns the damnable doings of the papal hierarchy are fearlessly exploited.

How many of you will send us one new subscriber as a Christmas offering, or as a New Year gift?

OUR Chicago friends evidently purpose to turn the great metropolis upside down. It is high time. The city is reported to be suffering from a surfeit of political corruption. Carter H. Harrison makes an ideal mayor—for the pope's Irish. The "ruling race" predominates in every department of the government. But we confidently look forward to the day when the Protestants of our large cities will all regard it as a national disgrace to have even a solitary Roman Irishman on any police force in the land. No Roman Catholic, whatever be his race or his birth-place, or whatever be his physical powers, is fit to be entrusted with police powers in America. We should appoint none but true, loyal Protestants. Romanists, whether they be of European or of American birth or antecedents, generally have exaggerated notions as to the powers and prerogatives that may rightfully be exercised by police officers. The very term "police," having in many of our large cities a strictly foreign signification

has become hateful to a large and respectable element of the American public. We are too largely governed by police law, whose administration is in the hands of ignorant and bigoted aliens.

THE Philadelphia board of education attempted to keep copies of Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables" out of the list of books of the high-school libraries of the Quaker City. This is the first time we ever heard of an attempt being made to force the ban on the immortal work of the great Frenchman. The fine Italian band of some ghostly "father" probably appears in this action. For Victor Hugo was one of those great thinkers who had no use for the priestly promoters of terrestrial misery.

Not Popular With Corrigan.

A special dispatch from New York to the Chicago Record dated Nov. 22 says: For a long time it has been known in catholic church circles that Archbishop Corrigan and his advisers were growing somewhat anxious over the utterances from the pulpit and otherwise of the Rev. Father Ducey, pastor of St. Leo's church. In the reports brought to them from persons who had listened to Father Ducey his language was said to be socialistic in the extreme and far beyond that of the Rev. Dr. McGlynn, which led to the troubles of eleven years ago. As the archbishop is known to be conservative, there was a general belief that such utterances would lead to a clash. The indications are that it will come in the near future.

The Rev. Father Ducey did not properly begin the so-called socialistic sermons until the closing days of the last campaign. On Oct. 28 he became bitter, when, having hired and paid for Cooper Institute himself, he urged the election of Henry George. In the reports of that address Father Ducey is quoted as saying that he was speaking while the ecclesiastical sword was hanging over his head. He intimated that he was under suspicion and that he might be disciplined at any moment. Every Sunday since then he has preached sermons on the evils of corporate wealth.

Some clergymen are said to be in hearty accord with the views of Father Ducey, while others bitterly oppose them. Now the council will examine for itself, and whatever action, if any, it may take will be known in a few days. It is expected that the council will meet on Wednesday.

Ex-Romanist Preacher and Evangelist Kestele Here in Omaha.

He lectures in Washington Hall Sunday December 5th. Afternoon for ladies only and evening at 7:45 o'clock to men only. Subject evening lecture—"Confession Box Exposed." The practice of Secret Confession; showing the great danger of this cesspool of iniquity, and its influences. Hearts broken and homes wrecked by this institution; showing why the Roman Catholic priesthood condemns Protestantism and public schools. Illustrated by miraculous medals and wafers, scapulars, rosaries, etc.; showing how Romanists are cruelly deceived. A lecture when once heard will it is said never be forgotten. He will tell the iniquity of this Santanic invention for the destruction of virtue. Don't miss this opportunity to hear him. The truth will never be given to the public except by those who can speak as he can, from personal experience and positive knowledge. This lecture has been heard by many; and many Romanists have been led by it to forsake the superstitions of the Pope. Boys under 16 not to be admitted.

Mixed the Music.

On the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of the Roman Catholic cathedral at Westminster, it was extensively advertised that the band of the "Coldstream Guards" would be present and supply the music. The government authorities, however, felt unable to allow this, which would have been parallel to the case of the "Marine Band" at Washington being permitted to head a St. Patrick's Day procession, or a brass band for a camp-meet. A french band, nevertheless, was secured, but it would appear that a little too much liberty of choice was left to the bandmaster, who had no more than the average appreciation of the fitness of things. The result was that the band burst forth in the inspiring strains of Meyerbeer's music for "Ein Feste Burg," the great Lutheran hymn, the watchword of Protestants.

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And Is Still Grabbing for More, and Have Only Stopped Temporarily Because of A. P. P. Action.

The following is an extract from a Presbyterian paper and we are glad to see the denominations doing their part of the work toward suppressing an organization which does not simply ask toleration but asks for all and nothing else:

Hon. William S. Linton, of Michigan, in a speech in the House of Representatives, Thursday, June 7, 1894, said among other things:

Our public school system, "the bulwark of this country," non-sectarian and non-partisan, and the embodiment of the best educational thought of this enlightened century, should be the boon of the nation's wards that compose the remnant of the unfortunate Indian race and they should not be forced hereafter to attend, as they have been for centuries, without material advancement, that class of schools where Indians always remain Indians, and which today keeps the great bulk of the population in poverty-stricken Italy (where it is said 63 per cent of the people cannot even read and write), Mexico, and similar countries from rising up out of the slough of ignorance and superstition in which they are engulfed.

I do not intend to attack any religious denomination as such, but the subjoined table showing one church alone to have received during the past eight years \$2,366,416, while all others combined, fifteen in number, received during the same period only about one-half that amount, proves conclusively that it pays to maintain here, on a prominent street, at the nation's capital, a bureau of Indian missions that has all the appearance of a huge lobby for advancing their interests.

As stated by a Senator from New England, they have been on the ground here for years pushing Catholic schools upon the government as earnestly as was in their power, and largely to that influence is attributed their great increase, which has come to be for their church three fifths of all the appropriations. They are active still, foisting upon the people of this country schools that do not belong to the civilization of today.

For more than a century the Mission Indians have been under Jesuit control, education and influence, and today are as incapable of self-support as citizens of our country as babes. They are reliant more than ever upon those from whom they receive their instructions. They go in temporal matters as they do in their spiritual, where they are advised to go by their superiors. They plant where they tell them to plant and sow where they tell them to sow.

The founders of the Republic builded better than they knew when they demanded the separation of church and state, and little did they imagine that appropriations would ever be made as shown by this table:

Amounts set apart for religious bodies for Indian education for each fiscal year, 1886 to 1893:

Table with columns for years (1886-1893) and rows for various religious groups (Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, etc.) and a Total column.

The sentiment of the American people is aroused against this unholy and unconstitutional union of church and state shown by these figures. A.

Such was the condition at our national capital when William S. Linton entered his protest against the pernicious practice of voting the people's money to support private and sectarian schools in which the wards of the Nation—the Indians—were being educated.

Mr. Linton's speech caused a great sensation, not only at Washington, but throughout the country, but in spite of his opposition the appropriations were made.

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See that your part is attended to immediately. Send in any amount from 5 cents up. Every cent will help to agitate this cause and put an end to those sectarian hell-holes of iniquity, known as Houses of the Good Shepherd.

A year later the government had been robbed of an additional half million dollars for Indian schools.

The table which follows shows the amount appropriated for the support of sectarian schools up to and including the year when Mr. Linton made his famous speech against the long and continued abuse:

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In 1896 Congress adopted a resolution declaring it the settled policy of the government that no more money would be voted toward the maintenance or the support of Indian schools in whole or in part under sectarian control, after a certain date. This year the same resolution was passed and is to take effect and be in force from and after June 30, 1898.

Since that was passed the Romans have been trying to secure part of \$30,000 which Congress appropriated to pay for building two emergency hospitals on ground already used for hospital purposes. They got the government commissioners to agree to erect one of the buildings on their property, but owing to the prompt and timely action of Attorneys Roys and Bradfield the government has not yet built that hospital on Roman Catholic ground, and what is better, never will build it there unless the constitution is violated.

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Changed Front.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 24.—Inmates of the St. Paul house of the good shepherd now leave the place at will. The sisters have allowed one to leave already. Just why they became so liberal is an easy pun. A few more Salina Clewets and a few more damage suits would have a good effect all over the country. When this affair has "blown over" will these sisters still be good? Let us wait and see. This house case was defended by Moses Clapp a prominent Republican politician. Father Connolly was defended by a Protestant. What's the matter with you, Mr. Ireland. Can't you folks get lawyers of your own faith to defend your people? Or do you hire Protestants for effect? ZAMBOT.

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The Greatest Enemy.

If Protestants would cease their gifts to Roman Catholic churches, a large proportion of their income would be cut off and the greatest enemy to civil and religious liberty in the country would have its power and influence curtailed to that extent. Men of means liberally inclined should give to those religious and charitable societies which most nearly represents their conscientious convictions.—Herald and Presbyterian.

A Strange State.

It is a strange state of the case to find the Roman Catholic press in this country in sympathy with Spain, and criticizing our government because it does not play more completely into the hands of the Cuban oppressors. In the event of war between this country and Spain we would find a Spanish army inside our walls, led by Roman Catholic priests.—Baptist Flag.

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