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Hypocrisy—Popery. Treason—Romanism.

Is John Ireland dead? He is so still.

What is a Spanish spy? Always a Roman Catholic.

God is never on the same side with the pope of Rome.

The Irish—but what's the use, they are but spawn and are brought into the world for no other purpose than to do the bidding of the priests.

Austria has now asked the pope to mediate between Spain and the United States.

We are anxious about Dewey and his fleet. Can it be that Spain has sent out false reports.

A dispatch to a daily paper says the "clerks" in the City of Mexico who had arranged to hold a meeting for the purpose of raising money and working up sympathy for Spain, were denied the right to assemble.

That excellent poem which Eliza A. Pittsinger wrote especially for THE AMERICAN and which appears in this issue, gives one an idea of the style of poetry that goes to make up the contents of "Bugle Peals," which she has published and which we are selling for 25 cents.

This paper has, from what we consider an absolutely reliable source, information that goes to prove that the Roman Catholic church in this country is an ally of Spain.

With ninety per cent of the Irish Roman Catholics of Ireland in sympathy with Spain at the present time it shows that Roman Catholics are ever ready to oppose a Protestant nation when it is at war with a Roman Catholic power, no matter how much they owe the Protestant nation for assistance when they were starving and dying.

One of our friends in Chicago writes us that he witnessed a scene on the Forty-eighth street branch of the Metropolitan West Side Elevated Railway, Monday evening, May 2nd, at 6 p. m. which shows which way the wind was blowing.

The prevailing sentiment that anything gotten from the public, no matter how it comes, is honest, should be condemned.

I believe that the best service a partisan officeholder can render his party is to faithfully serve the interests of the people.

The leaders of a great party have forced the issue along the lines of common honesty. The responsibility is upon them.

The party powers have passed into the hands of party bosses, who lacked either the discretion or the courage to do their duty.

There should be the widest publicity

RIGHT WILL PREVAIL.

The findings of Referee Clements in the Broatch-Moore case fully justifies the position taken by THE AMERICAN during the city and county campaigns of 1897. The approval of the referee's findings, which will no doubt be made at the next sitting of the court, May 17, and the writ of ouster that will follow and thus dispossess Frank E. Moore of an office to which he should never have been elected will, we trust, be the beginning of a new regime in local municipal government.

While Mr. Broatch deserves a great deal of credit for refusing to surrender the high office of mayor to a man who has now been adjudged a criminal, there is another man who is deserving of even a greater meed of praise. That man is M. H. Redfield. He was the pioneer of the opposition. At the risk of being politically ostracized he charged Mr. Moore, both before and subsequent to his nomination to the office of mayor, with being a defaulter, and warned all against investing Moore with official authority through which he could organize a reign of official corruption never dreamed of even by Boss Tweed.

It is a known fact that I supported the Republican party in the last presidential campaign. The platform was pledged to international bimetallicism. I do not approve the construction that was given to the platform by some parties after election, for I do not believe there can be permanent prosperity with gold as the only primary money.

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I was aware that when I refused to withdraw the charges of rascality and defalcation against a protege of Mr. Rosewater's that I took my reputation in my hands, and that I would be met with opposition from Rosewater in every possible form, and it illustrates what I have contended that it is absolutely necessary to divorce Mr. Rosewater's nefarious influence from public affairs, for the reason that he uses the columns of his paper to intimidate public officials from doing their duty, when in so doing it conflicts with his wishes or his interests.

My fellow citizens, I ask you for the time being to forget that you are partisans, and when you have dismissed that idea from your minds to ask yourselves whether the narrative I have given does not suggest that there is something radically wrong in the political affairs of our county. Thirty-six of our counties have been plundered. Over a million and a half of the people's money has been stolen, and yet a metropolitan newspaper, supported by the people of the state defends a man who is silent with such grave charges hanging over his head.

One hundred years ago, and until the last quarter of a century, the spirit which animated the people was one of honor, glory, chivalry and patriotism. This has been supplanted by the greed of gain; that argument is strongest which appeals to cupidity, at the same time industrial and economic conditions have broadened the gap between the rich and the poor.

It seems necessary that the inexorable law of force must rule, and yet the history of our country in every crisis is the story of supreme self-sacrifice, so that in what I am about to say I shall be accused of invading the realms of fancy there is ample justification for the motive which prompts it.

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in public affairs. There is danger in secrecy. It is the insidious influence of the caucus and the secret chamber which costs the people money.

If there is a doubter in this room let him go to the court house and satisfy himself by an inspection of those public records. And for rebelling against this condition I am made the target for criticism, ridicule and abuse.

The regret I have in this whole matter is that circumstances placed me where I had a very unpleasant duty to perform. I repeat now what I said at the time the controversy arose, that my political future must take care of itself. No party machine can sway me.

If strong men and honest men who would take the people into their confidence, could be brought to the front and kept there—men who would demand fair dealing and the crushing out of chicanery and crookedness and ring rule, the cause of complaint would be removed.

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Optimistic and conservative by nature I prefer to think that the government of our fathers will go on—a blessing to our people and a beacon light to the oppressed of all lands, guiding them in their struggles for liberty and happiness. And yet, as we have seen, there are flashes on the horizon which portend an approaching storm. Efficient law with stringent penalties, fitted to our conditions, will go a long way to correct existing evils; but an awakened interest among the people; a manhood that will be honest, just and generous; an industrial system that will embody the spirit of the Declaration of Independence "that all men are by nature free and equal," a patriotism that will disdain to bribe or evade the tax-gatherer; that will be active in political affairs, stern in the treatment of dishonest public officials and courageous in every civic duty, will be more potent than marshalling troops and the dread havoc of war.

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AMERICA'S BATTLE CRY.

BY ELIZA A. PITTSINGER.

From ocean to ocean the tocsin is heard! And the valiant hearts of our people are stirred As never before. The grand crisis has come! And our slogan is "LIBERTY BATTLING WITH ROME!"

The bugles are pealing! With helmet and shield, Brave sons of America, speed to the field! Press on to the battle! Your foe is the land Whose pope is supreme and is ever at hand— And through the dark seasons of warfare and woe His priest is a general guiding the blow!

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Thou land of assassins, whose pope is their god, Come forth to the battle, and reap thy reward!!!

O, Cuba, thou grief-stricken, desolate I-land! Thou art stung to thy death by the serpents of guile! And the laws of the land are not able to stay The hand of a fiend who has made thee his prey!

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