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Our high school cadets are the future hope and anchor of this country. Poison has always been a favorite weapon of the Roman Catholic church.

Oh, yes; the Romans are all loyal! Then why don't they answer the call for volunteers?

What Roman Catholic heiress has equalled Miss Gould's patriotism and her liberality?

Some people are now talking of running Judge Scott for Congress. How the fur will fly if they do!

Why should the public be regaled with every blasphemous expression uttered by "Fighting Bob" Evans?

The President should remember the fate of our beloved Lincoln—and that it followed a victory. He should know his guards.

Don't forget the fact that the Church of Rome regards this as a religious war—a war against heretics, commonly called Protestants.

We are again reliably informed that this is a religious war, and that it will be fought out on American soil when the proper signal is given.

Will some one who knows inform the reader of THE AMERICAN what Commodore Winfield Scott Schley is? Is he a Protestant or a Roman?

Can any reader give us the name of one Clan-na-Gael, one Hibernian Rifleman and one Mollie Maguire who enlisted from Omaha as a private to fight Spain.

Out of the city Americans who are coming to Omaha to see the exposition can find comfortable rooms, with or without board, by applying at this office. Rates reasonable.

Congressman Mercer was renominated last Saturday—but there was not a particle of enthusiasm. The boys evidently missed something. Probably it was Dave's glad hand.

It looks pretty "rocky" for the Roman church in this war. She has furnished 100 per cent of the traitors who have been arrested and executed and not two per cent of the volunteer army.

An Exchange says "a report from Alabama states that two attempts have been made to poison the water supply of the troops in camp at Mobile. Neither of these plots proved successful."

Both Admiral Dewey and Acting Rear Admiral Sampson are Protestants. Dewey is an Episcopalian and Sampson is a Presbyterian. We rejoice that there are at least two high naval officers who are not Romans.

It is now stated that the reason that portion of the Roman church which is openly at war with the United States does not read the Bible is because it is afraid to meet Sampson, for fear that he will Schley it.

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for the greatly improved service it has commenced to put in operation throughout the city. The new lamps which it is substituting for the old ones now in use are the finest we have ever seen put up for the public.

"The conflict between the United States and Spain is a conflict between modern ideas and medievalism," affirms the Chicago Chronicle. In other words, the war between the two countries is a conflict between a civilized nation and a Rome-cursed nation.

That will be a glorious day for the United States of America when the Roman Catholic citizens of this Republic shall have been emancipated from the despotic rule of their priests and shall elect to take their places beside the freest of the free sons of America. God haste the day!

The German philosopher Nietzsche, who is now in an insane asylum, never was noted for his modesty. In one of his books he wrote: "I am that predestined man who stamps the value of things for thousands of years." Sounds like an extract from one of the encyclicals of that colossal egotist and pious fraud, Pop Plus IX.

The Democrats of this Congressional district can be trusted to blunder. A Roman Catholic named Dunn wants that party to nominate him for Congress and it will accede to the demands of the church, never realizing that this is a year when the American people do not have any too much confidence in Romanism or Romanists.

Tim Mahoney, a Roman Catholic attorney, orated at Hanscom park Decoration Day. What he don't know about war would fill a mighty big book, still he can reduce it by answering Uncle Sam's call for volunteers. He is big and husky enough to carry a gun. Will his priest let him fight Spain with anything but his mouth?

The people of the United States have paid John Rush thousands of dollars in salaries for holding civil offices, yet he is still with us, although the President has twice called for volunteers. No doubt John continues to endorse the sentiment he gave expression to ten years ago, namely: "We are Roman Catholics FIRST and citizens afterward."

According to the brilliant Lowell, the Italians have a proverb that says an Englishman Italianized is the very devil incarnate. The terrible truth that a Romanized American citizen is the incarnation of devilish, malignant hatred for those institutions which are the noble expression of free thought and enlightened liberty, ought to be indelibly impressed upon the great heart of the American people.

The first public Protestant religious service in Madrid, Spain, was held on January 21, 1890. The Spanish constitution, adopted in 1876, made Romanism the religion of the state and declared that all except Roman Catholic services must be conducted in private houses. Of late, however, most Protestant denominations have gained a foothold in Spain, and missionaries and colporteurs have been laboring there with some success.

A council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. was instituted May 10, 1898, at Savannah, Mo., by Deputy State Organizer A. N. Payne and Rev. Slaughter of St. Joe. There were 27 charter members initiated at the first meeting and five the week following. The council was named Victory of Manila, Council No. 37. C. W. Gencheer was elected councilor. The meetings are held every Thursday evening in G. A. R. hall.

Elder Stebbins has commenced a series of lectures in the Advent church on 26th between Cuming and Indiana Sts. He will discuss the prophecies of Daniel and John and the signs of the times as pointed out in the 24th chapter of Matthew. The ministers and members of that church are uncompromisingly anti-Roman, even refusing to observe Sunday, which Constantine the Roman Emperor set up in the Fourth century, as the Lord's Sabbath. It will well repay you to spend several evenings with the Adventists. Admission is free.

Senator Allen of Nebraska, on being informed by Governor Holcomb that he desired to commission the former's son

a lieutenant colonel, declared: "No! There are others who have earned and are entitled to the honor through actual service. If my boy shows himself capable he can rise from the ranks by merit." That is the kind of talk we like to hear in these days of self-seeking and at a time when ignoble nepotism seems to have taken a firm hold of "the powers that be." Senator Allen's stand is wise, sensible and patriotic. The sons of prominent men who enter the volunteer army should all be compelled to earn promotion through actual service and honest merit.

General Greeley has notified the censor of press dispatches that he must not permit the transmission of news regarding the movements of the army and navy until four days have elapsed. General Greeley's attention is invited to the fact that this gives the priests and the Church of Rome an undue advantage over loyal, patriotic Americans. Who acts as censor of messages sent to the archbishops, the cardinals and the pope's ablegate? Mr. Greeley should ascertain if it is not a fact that those enemies of the government do not know before the moves are made just what is to be done next. When you take a Roman Catholic into your councils you take in a foreign spy, who has no regard for his oath of fealty after the pope, through his emissaries, tells him he is absolved.

When you are startled, surprised or enthused by a telegram in the daily papers get down your gun and look it over. It may be the signal for a Roman Catholic uprising. When the telegraphers struck several years ago it was instantaneous and the signal, if we are not muddled, was "Gen. Grant is dead." A like message from Europe stating that "Bismarck is dead" might be a signal for the foes of the church, and its militia to be exterminated. It has come to us, direct from a Roman Catholic, that such a plan has been agreed upon. If it does not occur you can understand the church has seen fit to countermand the order now in effect. Rome is as blood-thirsty, as cruel and as unchristian as she was the day she ordered a medal struck to commemorate the Massacre of St. Bartholomew. Be on your guard. That is all we desire to say to awakened Americans.

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The Commodore Superseded by His Superior Officer.

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Fifteen War Vessels Ready to Be Used. Against Cervera's Six Ships—No Risks To be Run if Injury to The American Warships.

New York June 3.—A dispatch to the New York Herald says: Rear Admiral Sampson has arrived off Santiago, and according to his instructions he at once superseded Commodore Schley in command of the entire force of vessels operating at Santiago de Cuba and the Spanish fleet, assigning that officer to the command of a division comprising the ships formerly attached to the flying squadron.

Fifteen warships are at Admiral Sampson's disposal to pit against the six men-of-war flying the Spanish flag. They include the first class battle ships Iowa, Oregon and Massachusetts, second class battle ship Texas, armored cruisers New York and Brooklyn, protected cruisers New Orleans, Marblehead and Minneapolis, gunboat Nashville, torpedo boat destroyer Scorpion, dynamite cruiser Vesuvius, torpedo boat Porter, auxiliary cruisers Harvard and Yale and auxiliary gunboat Eagle.

With such a force blockading Santiago de Cuba naval experts who have heretofore contended that Admiral Cervera had a fighting chance to escape, now concede that his position is absolutely hopeless.

Concentration of such a formidable force at Santiago is regarded in some circles as naturally presaging important and immediate action by the American fleet. Careful inquiry, however, developed the fact that Rear Admiral Sampson before he left Key West was notified of the program adopted by the government to send troops to assist the naval vessels in the capture or destruction of the fleet, and confident that the army will arrive at its destination in due season, there is no reason to believe that the officials have given Rear Admiral Sampson any further discretion than was accorded to Commodore Schley.

It is frankly admitted by naval officials that the object of the collecting of such a formidable force off Santiago and of the advice given to the naval commanders is their desire to prevent any of our ships from receiving irreparable injury.

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The Senate Votes a Levy on the Gross Receipts of Great Corporations. WASHINGTON, June 3.—Marked progress was made by the Senate yesterday toward the final disposition of the war revenue measure. The committee amendments on nearly sixty pages of the bill were passed upon. The interest of the session centered in the action taken on the amendment of Mr. Gorman, Democrat of Maryland, levying a tax of one-quarter of 1 per cent on the gross receipts of all corporations doing a business exceeding \$250,000 a year. By a direct vote upon it, the amendment was rejected—27 to 34.

Mr. Pettigrew, Populist, of South Dakota, offered the Gorman amendment with the clause containing the \$250,000 exemption stricken out, but it was defeated—25 to 37. Mr. White, Democrat of California, then proposed the Gorman amendment so modified that it levied a tax of one-quarter of 1 per cent upon all corporations engaged in the refining of sugar or petroleum. The California Senator explained that he desired to see a tax levied on the American sugar trust and the Standard Oil company. The amendment prevailed by a vote of 33 to 26. It was supported by twenty-two Democrats, four Republicans, five Populists and two silver Republicans and opposed by twenty-four Republicans and two Democrats.

ARGONAUTS PERISH.

Thirty-four Goldseekers Go Down With a Schooner. SEATTLE, Wash., June 3.—Schooner Jane Gray, which sailed from Seattle for Kotzebue sound on the 19th of May, with sixty-one people on board, foundered Sunday, May 23, about ninety miles west of Cape Flattery, at 2 o'clock in the morning, while lying in a moderate gale under foresail. Ten minutes after the alarm was given she lay at the bottom of the ocean with thirty-four of her passengers. The remainder succeeded in embarking in a launch and reached this city yesterday afternoon.

The Jane Gray's passenger's were prospectors, with the exception of Rev. V. C. Cambel, a missionary, who, with his wife and child, was on his way to St. Lawrence island in the Behring sea. He refused to place his wife and child on board the launch, saying: "The vessel is doomed and we will die together."

SPEAKER REED YIELDS.

Agrees to the Speedy Consideration of Hawaiian Annexation in the House. WASHINGTON, June 3.—An understanding was reached to-day whereby the Hawaiian resolutions will be considered in the House next week. They are to be taken up under a special rule that will be reported so soon as the revenue bill has passed the Senate or has reached a point where the passage of the resolutions of annexation in the House cannot possibly delay the disposal of the revenue measure.

THOMAS W. KEENE IS DEAD.

Succumbs to an Operation Performed for Appendicitis. NEW YORK, June 3.—Thomas W. Keene, the tragedian, who on Saturday underwent an operation for appendicitis, died at the hospital early last night. Mr. Keene was 58 years old and leaves a widow, son and daughter, the latter being the wife of Edward Arden, an actor at present in Paris.

LIVES LOST IN A TORNADO.

DeKalb County, Missouri, Storm Swept With Disastrous Results. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., June 3.—Mrs. Colvin Smith and three children were killed and Isaac Henry and family of four, who lived near Maysville, were injured by the terrific cyclone that swept through DeKalb county Tuesday afternoon.

Fred Grant a Brigadier. CHICKAMAUGA NATIONAL PARK, Ga., June 3.—General Fred D. Grant yesterday took the oath as brigadier general and the ceremony was one of intense interest. The oath was administered by Judge George A. H. Harris of Rome, Ga., an ex-Confederate, and the ceremony was witnessed by a large concourse of people, in which were ex-Confederate and ex-Federal soldiers.

Monitor Monadnock Going to Manila. VALLEJO, Cal., June 3.—It seems to be well understood at the Mare island navy yard that the Monitor Monadnock has been ordered to go to Manila, and that the government has purchased the British ship Whitgift to accompany her. The Monadnock is now on her way here from Puget sound to be docked.

Bryan Will Be a Colonel. OMAHA, Neb., June 3.—Governor Holcomb was notified by the war department yesterday that it would accept one additional regiment of volunteers from Nebraska. The governor announced that he would appoint Mr. Bryan as colonel.

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SUICIDE AND CAUSES.

LOVE, HEREDITY AND POVERTY CONTRIBUTE LARGELY.

Savages Rarely Kill Themselves—Self-Destruction is Frequent Only Among Civilized People Where Nervous Tension is Pronounced.



HE general opinion of intelligent people upon the much-discussed subject of suicide is rather sweeping, says the Washington Post. Ask the average man why his neighbor destroyed himself and, in all probability, he will

tell you that everybody who commits suicide is insane. Now this is true only to the extent that the brain that evolves the impulse of subjective destruction is not in a normal state, and abnormal minds are, in a way, insane minds. But this last postulate brings us around with a whirl to the important question, When is the brain in a normal state? Certainly not when under the influence of excitement, of anger, grief, or of any of the passions. Therefore, as man is not a vegetable, but lives out a good part of his existence under a certain amount of nervous strain, it becomes evident that the frog matter in his head undergoes constant fluctuation from so-called normal to so-called abnormal conditions.

Consequently it does not seem too much to assert that the standard is an assumed one and that the man who dies by his own hand may be not more out of order mentally than the man who criticizes him, the only difference lying in the fact that the former has demonstrated his eccentricity and the latter has kept his to himself.

As civilization advances and the nervous tension of the individual waxes higher, suicidal statistics show a steady increase. Savage races are comparatively exempt from the tendency to self-destruction and the more advanced the nation the more fatal becomes the impulse. However, this last statement must be modified by such considerations as population, national prosperity and several other factors that unite to render reliable statistics on this subject very hard to obtain.

The suicidal ratio between the sexes is estimated at a minimum 15 per cent for women to 85 for men; maximum, 30 to 70.

The general causes of suicide are the impulsive passions—love, jealousy, shame, religious or political fanaticism. But in almost every case more remote and disguised causes have been at work, such as education, imitation, influence of the physical and moral environment, etc. The effect of these is so insidious that the suicide himself is unconscious of their presence. Then, again, there is the man who is impelled to self-destruction by heredity.

Taking the first in the list of causes—love—the percentage of self-inflicted deaths therefrom is not large in either sex. Women suicide directly from the influence of disappointed affection; but men often poison themselves by "taking to drink," and it is the effect of the alcohol that impresses the mind with the impulse of subjective destruction, like Byron's— "Lord Mont-Coffee-House, the Irish peer,

Who killed himself for love—with wine—last year."

There have been, of course, a number of men driven to the rash act by no other intoxicant than the original one—love; but they are in the minority. Neither do all men under these painful circumstances take to drink; some because, like Mr. Swivellet, they had taken to that long before, and some for better reasons. Mr. Swivellet took to playing the flute; but all are not so desperate, and, as the range is practically unlimited, various are the consolers "taken to."

The effect of imitation is generally underrated. A very remarkable suicide from this cause took place in London almost a century ago. Fashionable society at the time professed great admiration for Addison's "Cato." Upon seeing a stage representation of this piece a certain Mr. Budgell was so impressed with the suicidal death of the hero in the closing scene that upon leaving the theater he went at once to the Thames and, plunging therein, put an end to his existence. When his body was recovered this couplet was found upon him: "What Cato did And Addison approved Must needs be right."

A man predisposed by heredity to self-destruction must find it almost impossible to pass through the trials and, above all, the weariness of this life of ours without giving way to the natural bent of his mind. Many instances of such deaths are on record. One Parisian suicide, by name Jules Delmas, is a striking example. Both of his parents had died by their own hand, and, though happily married and prosperous, the natural attitude of his mind was so antagonistic to life that he was incapable of maintaining existence. One evening, as he was returning from the opera with his wife, he seemed unusually preoccupied. Arriving at the corner of the square upon which his house stood, he turned to her and said: "I have just recollectied an engagement that I must fulfill. Where I am going it is impossible that you should accompany me, so return home."

She heard no more from him until the next day, when she was informed of his voluntary death and received his last message.

"Forgive me, Margaret, I am going to rejoin my parents."