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An entertainment for the benefit of Rescue Home will be given the evening of August 3rd in Y. M. C. A. Auditorium.

It matters not how good you have been in this life, if you die outside of the "true" church—the Roman Catholic—you will, according to its catechism, go to hell.

We are indebted to Friends Hart, of Arkansas, England, of Illinois, Lloyd, of Iowa, and Armstrong, of Nebraska, for \$3 to help wipe out the debt of THE AMERICAN.

Our friends, Alexander, Turney, Porter and Hamilton have our thanks for \$19.25 contributed to help wipe out the indebtedness of THE AMERICAN. Who will be next?

Your storekeeper should have the new revenue or tax bill where he could put his hand on it when needed. Have each man in your town send to us for a copy of THE AMERICAN containing that law. Price 5 cents.

The National Republican League has concluded a very successful meeting in this city. Its platform is simply a present-day Republican platform, with out any of the dust or cobwebs of early Republicanism.

It is simply pleasant, not courageous, because it neither condemns papal interference in our affairs of state, nor deploras the widespread epidemic of official corruption both inside and outside of the Republican party.

It would have recalled thousands of true, honest and sincere men to the party in this state alone had it taken advanced ground against these twin evils, for the American people are today fully aware of the danger that besets them and their free institutions.

We have hesitated often to pay a deserved tribute to a staunch patriot because of the knowledge that Rome would drive him from his position or do all in her power to ruin his business if she knew he dared oppose her political schemes or expose the immoral and blighting effect of her unholy confessional.

There are some men who have worked so openly and so persistently to forward the principles which have been advocated by this paper that a word of commendation from us would in no way redound to their injury.

For that reason we shall, occasionally, honor our other friends by introducing to them a man or a woman who has done much to kindle and keep alive the fires of patriotism in their respective communities.

The first man of this character, living outside of Omaha, whose acquaintance we formed was Mr. Towner Smith of Fremont. He was born an American and early realized that the dangerous character of Romanism was unknown to a large majority of his fellow-citizens.

As opportunity offered he pointed out to his immediate friends the breakers upon which the ship of state was drifting, but it is doubtful if he succeeded in arousing many of them to a full realization of the actual dangers which were besetting the nation and more especially the free public school system of the country.

A Chicago paper, the Progressive Thinker, published an account of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, which plainly laid the crime at the door of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Smith realized the importance of getting that account into the hands of the common people.

He bought thousands of copies of that issue and distributed them broadcast, and people flocked to the A. P. A., which was then in its infancy. Other papers sprang into existence for the purpose of opposing and exposing Romanism, books were printed with the same end in view, all of which Mr. Smith placed where they would do the most good.

WOULD SADDLE THE DEBT ON THE UNITED STATES.

It is now stated that Spain is ready to turn Cuba over to the United States provided this country will assume and pay the pope's claim of many millions of dollars.

This proposition is preposterous. Who ever heard of a victor paying the debts of his enemy? The American people will not endorse nor will they accept such a dishonorable arrangement for peace.

Spain was given ample opportunity to release Cuba and arrange terms of peace with the Cuban insurgents months and years before this country, out of human love and horror, went forth to stay the Spanish hand of death.

But she did not treat with them. Instead, she herded the defenseless men, women and children within her picket lines and slowly starved and neglected them to death.

No doubt there was method in her barbarity. She owed the pope, the pope owned her. Under his adroit manipulation, and in obedience to his jesuitical instruction, Spain so shaped her programme that this country was compelled to demand that the Spanish evacuate Cuba because she was violating the Monroe doctrine.

As a natural consequence Spain refused to step out. Spanish honor—the order of the pope, to tell the whole truth—prevented her retiring from the island, instead of waiting and being driven forth by overwhelming odds and after great loss.

The pope pulled every string he could to prevent this country from putting in its declaration of war that the people of Cuba are free. But those words were put in and the Cuban debt, so far as this country was concerned, became but an entry of \$250,000,000 to loss and gain on the pope's ledger.

Yet, in spite of this fact the agents of the pope are busily engaged, through the press, from the altars and through their politicians, in arranging a peace—not one that will redound to the credit of Spain or the glory of the United States, but a peace that will profit the pope.

Any further talk of putting the pope's hand into Uncle Sam's pocket should be frowned upon. The people will not tolerate a Roman Catholic raid on the United States treasury. Spain must pay the pope if he is ever paid.

This country owes him nothing but its everlasting contempt. That he will commence to receive before this war comes to an end, for the American people see plainly the hand of the jesuit in Spanish affairs. With jesuitism they will not treat. They remember the papal rallying cry "death to heretics," and will, ere long, shout, "down with the papacy."

THE AMERICAN has been pleased to note the success which has attended Charles E. Winter in his political ambitions. He has the gift of language that makes an orator, and he was signally honored in being called upon to deliver the address of welcome to the National League of Republican Clubs in Omaha Thursday afternoon.

But we fear our young friend is drifting upon the shoals with respect to the paramount question of official corruption which confronts the people of the entire country and of Nebraska in particular. Why will Mr. Winter abuse the high honor entrusted to him by alluding in his annual report to a convicted embezzler as "our honorable mayor?"

Why did Mr. Winter say that Bartley and Moore are dead issues without disposing, as he evidently desired to do, of Acting Mayor Frank E. Moores who, in another position wronged the people of Douglas county as they have been wronged by no other public official? THE AMERICAN would like to think that Bartley and Eugene Moore and Frank E. Moores are dead issue in Nebraska politics but the yawning gap in the state and county treasuries caused by the wrongs of these men cannot be closed up with a sweep of the hand, nor can the outraged sentiment of the people of the state be appeased by mere assertion so long as Frank Moores is permitted to hold the office of mayor of Omaha.

THE AMERICAN would like to see Mr. Winter occupying the high position he does in the state league align himself on the right side of this paramount question of common honesty in public office. Because Winter championed Moores for mayor, innocently we are quite willing to admit, is no reason why he should try to commit the Republican state league to his support now that he stands convicted in the

records of the highest court of the state.

If Republicanism means correct ideas of tariff and finance, it also means purity in public office and decency in private life, and until party leaders come to acknowledge these facts, they will not be true to their party principles, and the opposition will be justified in making issues against them along these lines.

Bartley is in the penitentiary, but Frank Moores is Acting Mayor of Omaha. If Bartley is a dead issue that very fact makes the record of Frank E. Moores a more lively issue than it otherwise would be because Republican leaders are using Bartley's conviction to shield him.

The papers at Atchison, Kas., of a recent date contained an account of an assault on Under-Sheriff Anderson by negro criminals who had planned a jail delivery. While he was beaten in a most brutal manner his plucky resistance prevented a single prisoner making his escape.

We have known Mr. Anderson for a number of years, and while he is not a very large man he is made of the stuff of which reliable and competent sheriffs are made. He has demonstrated that he can be trusted.

Our thanks are due the American Citizen of Boston for the article which appears on the first page, and which shows to a considerable extent the interest the Society of Jesus—the jesuits—had in the war. The Citizen is always in the front rank. It knows a piece of news when it sees it.

If the Trans-Atlantic Steamship Company, which is owned by the Jesuits, gets the contract for taking Toral and his 10,000 Spanish troops back to Spain, at half its contract price with Spain, it will pull nearly \$600,000 out of Uncle Sam's pocket.

The internal revenue bill is printed in full on page 6 of this issue. Santiago has fallen.

Facts About Father William's Case. In your article referring to the possible shortage of the Rev. John Williams in his settlement of the affairs of the Goble heirs you leave the reader to draw his own conclusions without giving any facts, which are briefly these: Mr. Williams was appointed guardian of Allen E. and Gertrude Goble by the county court in 1891.

Since then the heirs have attained their majority and some time ago appeared in court with their guardian and submitted what was supposed to be an accounting of his stewardship, and the same was allowed by the county court, and the guardian discharged. Several months elapsed when the Goble heirs discovered what they believed were some irregularities in the accounts of their Reverend guardian and submitted the matter to their attorneys, Crane & Crane, and Holmes & Morgan, with the result that a petition was filed praying for a reopening of the case, alleging fraud in settlement, etc., and that the guardian be cited to pay over some \$2,800 in cash, and the assignment of a certain judgment obtained against certain creditors of the estate which was taken in the name of the guardian.

The case came on for trial some days ago and the court decided in favor of the heirs as to the items amounting to \$2,800 and Mr. Williams was ordered to pay this sum into court. In deciding the case Judge Baxter gave Mr. Williams the benefit of the doubt saying that "it was perhaps an error in book-keeping, but the court is not inclined to think that Mr. Williams committed an intentional fraud." As to the matter of the judgment (which amounts to about \$4,000 now) the court believed it had no authority to reopen inasmuch as it had heretofore passed upon it. Action on this item has been commenced in the district court and they are confident of success in that tribunal.

The foregoing are the facts in the case and I understand matters are progressing toward settlement with the heirs in the first items involved.

Do you know that Sawyer's Soap is the very best in the market? Ask your grocer for it. Insist on having it and no other.

Ask the newsdealers in your town for this paper. Have your friends also enquire. Help spread the truth.

When Rome gives money she always puts a chain of power on it.

American Bible Study

BY JOHN C. THOMPSON. The idea that I would be able to find in the Bible new passages or unheard of sayings was not what prompted me to give up a portion of the space of this paper, and a part of my time, so as to be able to lay before you certain words from the Old and the New Testaments.

I believe with the writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes, that there "is no new thing under the sun." (Chap. I, v. 9.) It was the belief that professed Christians were being drawn after the "man of sin," the "beast," and away from Christ that induced me to become, for the time, a student and a teacher of the truths of the Bible.

If I turn one soul back into the right path I shall feel that I have been well paid for the work I have done. If I do not cause one man to see the Word as I believe God has shown it to me, but cause many to dispute so that the truth may be easily learned, then shall I also know that I have been rewarded. But, whatever the result, I will be content, for, as Paul said, "I have delivered unto you first of all that which I also received," and claim only as he claimed that "I am what I am." (First Cor., Chap. 15, v. 10.)

My first effort, friends, will be to connect the "beast," which is described in the thirteenth chapter of Revelations, with the papal church and the pope of Rome.

John says: "And I stood upon the sands of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns and upon HIS HEAD the name of blasphemy."

I do not know how many times I have read, not only that passage but the whole Book of Revelations, without understanding a word of what was there written. I know that when I was in the habit of going to church and to Sunday school, that I have heard Revelations spoken of as a sealed book, yet there is no book in all the Bible so open as is the Book of Revelations.

The title of the Book itself tells us that it is not sealed or shut, but open and revealed. The only difficulty to understanding it is in being able to get hold of the key, the combination, the interpretation. It is my intention and purpose to make Revelations and such other parts of the Bible as I shall use in this series of articles as plain to you as the same have been made to me through belief in Jesus Christ.

John also more fully describes that beast in the second verse of the thirteenth chapter. He says: "And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion; and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority."

The last clause in that sentence tells us plainly that there is some power set up and at work before the "beast" is brought upon the scene, and that it gives the beast "HIS power, and his throne, and great authority." Let us see what it was. The twelfth chapter of Revelations shows what it was. That chapter reads as follows:

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; and she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth; and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God and the power of his Christ; for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman; and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Such is the twelfth chapter of Revelations. It would be impossible to explain this entire chapter in one article but we can go into it deep enough to lay the foundation for future articles.

From that chapter we learn the kind of power that would be ruling the earth at the time the beast of the seven heads and ten horns, which John saw come up out of the sea, was set upon an un-Christian and corrupt power, for the "old serpent, called the Devil and Satan" would not be connected with anything that was not corrupt, nor would he assist any other kind of a power to obtain great authority or a throne, or power.

Before we look for further proof of this feature of the prophecy, let us learn what and who the woman was that was delivered of the child which the dragon wanted to devour. Let John give you the answer which he received from the angel and which he sets out in the eighteenth verse of the seventeenth chapter. It was: "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."

What city do you think was reigning over the kings of the earth? The angel tells John plainly in the sixth verse of the seventeenth chapter. "The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth."

Now, let us put the two verses together. "The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth; and the woman which thou sawest is the great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." Have you ever heard of more than one city that ruled the kings of the earth that was built upon seven mountains or hills, or that was not the home of the pope, the city of Rome?

Rev. Samuel W. Barnum in his book, "Romanism As It Is," at page 51 says: "The seven hills (some of which are called mounts) of ancient Rome, the Aventine, Palatine, Caelian, Esquiline, Capitol or Capitoline, Viminal and Quirinal are all on the east of the Tiber."

Now, let us turn to the fifth verse of the twelfth chapter. "And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne." You will see by that verse that her child was caught up unto God. In the twenty-fourth chapter of St. Luke, and the 51 verse, it is stated that Christ was parted from his disciples, and carried up into heaven.

Christ was, during his life, what we would today call a Roman citizen, because he would, had he been a common mortal like you and I, have been subject to all the civil laws of the Roman empire, for the town in which he was born and all Judea was subject to Rome for more than 100 years before John recorded his vision. Therefore, Christ was a son of the city that "sitteth on seven mountains, exactly as I am today a son of America, though born in the Territory of Nebraska.

But two more thoughts will be treated at this time, although the subject is only touched. We have learned what the woman stands for, what the dragon is and what the seven heads represented. Now let us find out what the angel told John was the meaning of the ten horns.

Read the twelfth verse of the seventeenth chapter of Revelations. "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings which have not received kingdoms as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast."

If kings are to arise then kingdoms must be created and as the ten horns come up out of the head of the beast it is but fair to believe that the ten kingdoms must be made up out of the possessions ruled over by the dragon which gives the beast "his power, and his throne and great authority."

We have already seen that the pagan or un-Christian empire of Rome is represented by the red dragon, which had ten horns, the same number as the beast.

Let us go to history and learn the fate of the Roman Empire. Machiavel says it was divided into ten kingdoms—the Huns, Ostrogoths, Visigoths, Franks, Vandals, Suevi, Burgundians, Heruli, Anglo-Saxons and Lombards. It seems from Rev. Barnum's history of "Romanism As It Is," that the last of these powers were overthrown in 553, although D'Aubigne says Theodosius II and Valentinian III proclaimed the Roman Bishop "rector of the whole church," and that Justinian published a similar decree. Justinian's decree was dated in 533 and Uriah Smith's "Thoughts on the Book of Daniel and Revelations," says the Justinian decree or edict did not go into effect until 538 from which time the claim to headship by the Roman Catholic church dates.

The other thought is this: John says he saw the name of blasphemy on the beast's head, not on those ten horns that came up out of the dragon's head but on the head of the beast. A traveler who visited not only Rome, but the Vatican and the pope (and by the way we are told he was a Baptist) is quoted in "Marvel of the Nations" as saying that he read this inscription on the tiara which the pope wears: "Vicarius Filii Dei." The author of "Marvel of the Nations," Mr. Smith, has added the numerals together and gets this result:

V equals..... 5
I "..... 1
C "..... 100
A no value..... 0
R no value..... 0
I equals..... 1
U same value as V (see Web. Dic.) 5
S no value..... 0
N no value..... 0
I equals..... 1
L "..... 50
I "..... 1
D "..... 1
E no value..... 0
I equals..... 1

John says, in the eighteenth verse of the thirteenth chapter of Revelations: "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six."

The inscription on the pope's crown and that on the head of the beast which John saw come up out of the sea are both 666, plainly showing that the pope of Rome is the Man of Sin.

Pope Grows Feeble. Rome, July 9.—Most of the European governments have been confidentially advised that the pope's health is now so serious that a fatal termination may come at any moment, despite the fact that he continues to transact business and receive important visitors. His recent trouble has been weakness of the heart and poor circulation. This is now complicated by a peculiar obstinate intestinal catarrh, which is extremely difficult to deal with.

The pope's physician, Signor Lapponi, has thought it advisable to call to his assistance the famous Dr. Marchiafava and two other experts, who have unanimously warned the pontiff that he must implicitly follow their directions if he wants to live to see peace declared between the United States and Spain. As that happens to be the pope's most ardent wish, their warning has had some effect.

The pope's latest move in behalf of peace was made at the beginning of the present week, when he instructed the papal nuncio at Madrid to urge certain fiery Spanish prelates to refrain from advocating a continuance of the war.

Holding on to pagan superstition gives Rome a mortgage on your faith.