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A Few Thoughts Gleaned From Her Lectures in Washington Hall, Omaha--- A Scathing Arraignment of Romanism, Politically, Morally and Socially.

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this week hirs. Margaret L. Shephord the mannion cont of Joses Christi two delivered a course of lectures on per-heads of John the Haptist, enough litical Romanism, and gave expression spituters from the cross on which the to the following sentiments:

questions it would be against the corrupting power of money and of

I am neither a republican, a demoerat nor a populiat; my politics are gin; the gales of Moses when anti-Pope, and I favor driving the cor- pulie says that Moses died in rupting influence of Romanism from the balls of state.

There is no such thing in the legisnative halls of America as honesty or patriotism. Men are controlled by gelf aggrandisement, political ambition, and the love of gold.

The Rominh church looks upon women the same as the devil did in the Garden of Eden. By controlling the mothers they control the offspring who make the voters. I am opposed to all denominational

schools. To allow one sect to have them is to furnish argument for Roman Catholics to keep up arochial school-which breeds disloyalty and treason.

I personally sat in the gallery of the Senate at Washington when the Linton bill probibiting further sectarian appropriations was under consideration, and saw with my own eyes messenger boys carrying messages to from the priests of the Romish church.

Of all the dangerous traitors to American liberty Archbishop Ireland is the worst. With his suave manner, his pleasant face, his graceful oratory, he charms the hearer, while in his heart he seeks the supremacy of Romanism with all its demoraliz-

ing and retrograding influences. do not favor condemning the Cathohe laity of America. They deserve the sympathy and encouragement of enlightened people. They are the resuit of pre-natai and educational conthe creatures of environment. But while I would not persecute them, I would use every power to drive popery out of politics.

Thirty years ago there was no such thing as a distinctively Catholic vote in America. Today Romanism holds the balance of power in American politics, as the result of the influence of the priests exerted according to a definite policy to control this country, and all the political parties of to-day are truckling for its support.

Republicans dislike to hear me say that McKinley is influenced by Arch-bishop Ireland. The fact is Mr. Mc Kinley has done very well in the conduct of the Spanish-American war. I hope he will be equally strong hereafter in combatting the power of Rome at the national capital. I don't eare whether you like to hear me criticise McKinley or not. What I say

You ask me what is the remedy for political and official corruption. I do not know. The whole body politic is affected. But I believe there is a patriotism, a love of home and of country, in the breasts of the industrial classes of this country, and that some day a great leader will rise up and lead the people to that higher plane, where corruption will be de-

The text books in the parochial schools assail Martin Luther and John Calvin in a shameless manner and there is not enough courage among the Protestant people of America to protest against it. If there was the slightest reflection on a Roman priest in any book used in the public schools, it would make Rome howl, and the newspapers of the country would soon demand the expulsion of the book from

I attended the last national republican convention at St. Louis in the eapacity of a reporter. The request of the patriotic societies for a plank against sectarian appropriations was to have been adopted and incorporated in the platform, when a telegram came from Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul saying: "If you adopt the plank against sectarian appropriations the party will be accused of being under the influence of the A. P. A., and you will lose the Catholic vote of the country." Archbishop Ireland was more powerful in that convention than the millions of patriots throughout the country who demanded that the party pledge itself against further use of public money for church purposes.

The law should prohibit a Roman Catholic from holding the office of president just as the law of England prohibits a momber of that sect from occupying the throne of the British Empire. The reason is obvious. Romanism is the foe of civil and religious liberty, and it is only senti-ment, not law, which has thus far kept a Roman from being president of this country. If the political power of Rome continues to increase for a few years as it has during the last 30, they will succeed in making a Roman

president and then woe to our boasted liberties and form of government. The Catholic church claims to have 14,000,000 adherents in this country. Ten years ago she claimed only 8,000,-600. There are today at least 6,000,000 practical Catholics in the United States who purchase and use emblems of va-rious kinds which are manufactured in the Catholic nunneries. I have been

On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of clinicial; the last breath of St. Joseph navior was crucified if they were prop-All pricets are constitutional liars, criv put together to suitd a village it is bred into them and they can't betp that would hold a population of 10,000 If the women could vote on all pings from the vest of the Virgin to build a circus tent; five buttles Januaria-whon one buttle was all they had five years ago some milk from the breast of the Vir- son Tuesday? posic says that Moses died in the mount and that God bursed him and man knows where his grave is yet the Roman church has discovered the secret and has his ashes! about faxes and fakirs, why the pope of Rome is the greatest fakir of the

nineteenth century! in a small town not far from Toronto, canada, a church was built, dodicated to St. Ann. The priests decided to get u p a pligrimage of members of the church from the New England states and surrounding country, and the word was sent out that the pope had sent to the church a piece of skin that had come from the arm of the Virgin Mary. Great spiritual blessings were offered to all who would visit the church of St. Ann and bow down before this piece of skin from the arm of the virgin, Each person deposited aum of money upon entering church, and none of them less than I made careful investigations and ascertained that within thirty 130,000 poor, ignorant and superatitious human beings went upon that pilgrimage and gave the church not less than \$130,000 of money be-

side their traveling expenses. The success of this pilgrimage inspired the priests of a certain New York church with a desire to have piece of skin from the arm of the The pope was accordingly appealed to, and while he could not furnish a piece of the Virgin's skin, he sent a bone which was said to have been taken from the left elbow of St. Anthony's arm. A gorgeous parade took place through the streets of New York, and the "bone of St. Anthony" enclosed in a neat case, was taken into the church, where the Roman Catholies went in to pay their devotions and receive the spiritual blessing. Each one deposited some money as they entered the sacred place. "I wrote to a friend of mine," said Mrs. Shepherd, asking him to visit the church and examine that bone. In a short time he wrote me that he had vis.

church and knelt down with others while the priest passed the relic along He examined it as closely as he could tell, it was a piece of as he could and wrote me that as near drum stick from a chicken's leg." But the church raised a fund of about \$25, 000 by this fraud upon the people.

One reason why politics are corrupt is because of the indifference of many respectable people to the duties of cit-izenship. The first thing an Irishman does when he comes to this country is to go to the city hall and get a job to work for the city, even if it's only a job of shoveling. His next step is to start a saloon. He then becomes a political boss, runs for alderman and often for mayor, and later turns up in the state legislature as a senator. The anti-British sentiment in this country is stirred up by the pope's Irish, who are constantly talking about home rule for Ireland, The people of the north of Ireland—those sturdy, loyal Presbyterians, intelligent and progressive-are as good people as the world affords, but in the south of Ireland the ignorance, superstition, and crimes are deplorable. Talk about home rule for Ireland; the Irish officeholders in America are not willing to give us decent home rule in the United States. All they want is a shilla-lah in one hand and a bottle of whisky in the other and when you want a favor you must bow down before church they have to go to confession only once a year, to entitle them to burial in consecrated ground, and they can spend the rest of the year lying to the people. I wouldn't believe any Roman politician that lives.

The moral theology of the Roman Catholic church upholds lying, stealing, murder, adultery, incest, perjury, bigamy and treason. I have been on the lecture platform for about twelve years and have never made a statement which I could not prove, and I challenge any priest or bishop of the Roman church to meet me on the platform and refute what I charge. I propose to substantiate my charge by ref-erence to the work of Father Gury, which is the recognized authority of the Roman clergy; is kept in their li-braries, and is used by students for the

Mrs. Shepherd took the ten commandments in their order, and showed that the Roman church broke them all. She proved that the Roman system is essentially an idolatrous religion.
"Thou shalt have no other Gods before me," was violated by the doctrine
of trans-substantiation, which allows a batter of flour and water moulded into a wafer to constitute the body and blood and divinity of Jesus Christ.

The church was full of graven images in the form of saints before whom the devotees bowed down, thus transgressing the second and third com-mandments. She cited Gury to prove that the church upholds murder in the business of selling these emblems myself and can state that the church receives a revenue of from \$18,000,000 to \$20,000,000 annually from this source, and these goods are manufactured in institutions which are free from taxation, being classed under the head of religious organizations.

The Roman Catholic church is certainly a great institution. It has a feather from the wing of the Angel

There are aftern reasons for which the whereh may reparate husband and wite. Marvings according to the church to a sacroment over which the civil porcepament has no control I campen, discuss a much of the grounds for which the charch allows divorce, but the mability of the wife to perform the conjugal act is decimed andrews, and then the fact is an about the conjugal. movernment has no control when this fact is recultished the press. in untilly the marriage; the wife in trown out upon the world, and the national is authorized to commit the outto critica of bigams and adoltics. against the civil law by taking unio himself another woman whom the church recognizes as his wife. "Thou shall not steel."

A servant girl applies for employservices, but is informed that also can centy get \$3 tot. One accepts the felt and ness to work. According to the moral needings of the keeman church if she editeres that her services are worth then she core no wrong and does not have to confess if she appropriates \$2

a week more than the contract price As so mental sworvation. Catmolie is arrested, charged with musier. He takes the witness stand, The question is asked: "Did you kill Peter According to the moral theology of the church he commits no wrong oy saying. I solemnly awear before Aimighty God that I did not Then mentally to himon Wednesday. he adds:

Purgatory is a place which has never been located exactly, but it is said to e suspended somewhere between earth and hell. When a Roman Catholic dies the soul goes to purgatory and remains in pawn until it is prayed out by the priest at so much per prayer. call purgatory the head pawnshop of Pope Leo XIII. Let us suppose that a man dies who has been a saloon-keeper; whose life has been devoted to destroying men's souls by selling them strong drink; who has been a scourge to his neighborhood; who has guitty of robbing young girls of their virtue, and of living a shameless life, but who, withal, has accumulated a large sum of money, which he leaves for masses. When he dies his body is taken to the church and buried with all the pomp and ceremony which wealth can command. The priests at once commence saying high mass and the soul of the vile though opnient satoonkeeper is carried on a lightning train to the realms of bliss. Take another case. A husband and father d.es. leaving no means to support his widow and orphan children. The good mother goes into the wash-tub to support the children she loves. Day after day she scrubs and washes, and on Saturday comes back to the hut where her half-clothed children are kept, with perhaps \$6 in her pocket. She looks at one child and says it ought to have some shoes; another, and says it needs some clothes. The surrounding squal-or and wretchedness admonish her that the money she has earned should go to relieve the suffering of her family, but she thinks of her husband that is dead. His soul is in purgatory, and according to her religious training it will stay there and burn, and burn, and burn until the priest shall have been paid to pray it out. Then, closing her heart to the necessities of her ragged and hungry children, she goes to the priest, reminds him of her husband, and offers him \$2 of the six to pray for the repose of his soul. The priest, with a heart of stone, takes the money, makes the sign of the cross, tells her he will deliver the prayer, which he never does, and the mother returns to her wretched abode to pinch and starve with the pittance that remains

Her lectures last Sunday night, Monwere certainly a success—the hall being filled, and the audiences applauding her arraignment of the vile and corrupting tendency of the questions propounded by unmarried men to girls, young women and even to married women in the confessional of the

Roman Catholic church. The subjects she discussed were of such a character that, because of the stringent rules governing the transmission of printed matter through the mails, we cannot report the extracts she quoted from standard theological works of the Roman Catholic church and be certain of the paper ever reaching the subscribers; although Mrs. Shepherd, let it be understood, used exceedingly chaste language to convey the ideas that were laid down in Rome's text books in the grossest, most immoral, indecent and licentious words and sentences.

She began her lecture to men only by characterizing the Roman Catholic priest as the scavenger of satan. She said that when a politician desired some dirty work done he always looked around among his friends to find whom he had least regard for and then sent for that one and paid him to do the work-(A voice:"By gosh, you're right;" laughter.)-"You've done that, have you?" (Applause.)-well, the devil, when he wanted a dirty institution like the confessional of the Roman Outholic church established, looked among his friends and concluded that the priest of that church was the fellow he had least respect for, so he had him do the work and put him in

Oh, you men; you fathers, and husbands, and brothers, how long shall this blot on social purity, this stain on morality, be permitted to exist on American soil?

I dislike to talk of the vileness, the immorality, the soul-damning influence that wraps the confessional box about, but it is a duty that I owe you, it is a duty I owe Christianity, to lay bare, to unmask, the terrible things that are done in the name of religion and in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in the secrecy of the confes-

sional. In the name of Jesus a little girl of seven is induced to make her first confession to an unmarried man. goes into the confessional—that dark spot into which not one ray of God's birth, or during pregnancy, the priest sunlight ever enters—kneels down, says the prescribed formula, and then ber, the clothing is raised, an incision is questioned by one of those sleek, fat priests, whose passions and whose de-sires are no different from the desires ried man holds the embryo in the light and passions of any other of God's creatures. She kneels there! The priest asks her if she has lied, if she has been disobedient and many other questions which her pure little mind, into which sin has not effected an entrance, readily forms an answer. He then asks her—I shall not give the priest's words; I will use my own lan-

guage to convey the idea contained in his gossion. he asks her if she says her pearers before she goes to bed? Then, gentiemen, this man, oh, an, this heast, who vixims to be the represents. tive of Christ, this privat make they like the aint, that pure, innovent third. ahe, upon retiring ever dues cought to horself that would cause improduct amaghts or immoral passense. You know a child of that ago naturally knows notating about that which the prical questions her. He true to make I goals to bey, but she does not under

stand. Growing impatient, he tells he to leave for compartment in the contreatment and to come in to him #b know what on is good into the her with the priest; and then, gonilemen. what a crime is committed in the name of seligion and in the name of Jeans Christ: That press sives that chird a remon to how she can be sinful bow

Will am tell the that is relieba? Will you tell me that is Christianity That child has been taught a leason she never will forget, and Jesus is made the covering. Oh, blosphemy!

Then the prical goes on questioning

He asks her who are her play mates - whether they are little girls or intle boys. If they are little boys, do they ever undress before her, or does she ever undress before them. whether they ever do anything they should not do. Think of a man, an enmarried man, asking a seven-year old girl such revolting questions, and then if her little mind is too pure to catch what he means, she must taught, so that she may in the future be able to guard her soul against that And that man claims to be a representative of Christ! Did Christ ever lead a child's mind into channels Did he not take a child and all it in the midst of his disciples and say: suffer little children to come unto and, "Except ye become as little children ye can in no wise enter the kingdom of heaven?" What a sacrilege then, for this priest to claim to represent Carist! He is the representative of the devil.

That is Mrs. Shepherd's statement, in our words, of the first confession a Roman Catholic child. She stands ready to prove that that is the practice said down by Roman Catholic the ologians, and followed by Roman Cathone priests. The charge is so serious that we cannot allow it to pass without offering space in these columns to Bishop Richard Scannell, the head of the Roman Cathone church in this part of Nebraska, to explain to the people that the church neither nor practices such revolting Will Bishop Scannell say the Roman Catholic church theologies do not teach, or that Roman Catholic priests do not propound such revoltng questions to little girls? If they do, thould they not be arrested for

running schools of immorality? Mrs. Shepherd then took up the case of a young woman who is about to be married. The young lady goes into the confessional. That same fat, sieck priest is there. He is unmarried. He has passions like other men. Yet he asks her questions that none but a man of stone could ask a young, prepossessing, virtuous woman and not cause passion to consume him. She kneels before him. She confesses all her sins except a secret sin.

But he is not satisfied. He must know the secret recesses of her heart -her very thoughts-so he asks if her betrothed ever attempted to take un-due liberties with her? If he had at-tempted to kins her? If he had kissed

He asks her when? How often? Whether it was with a married or a single man; whether it was with her intend ed husband. She tells him the story.

they are both wrought up over the dis-closures and the recital, what do you

should first go to the confessional, that the confessor might the more easily induce her to, and the betrothed wife be the more ready to confess her secret sins knowing that her betrothed husband had already confessed the sin in which they had been partners. If, however, the betrothed husband was not guiltty of sinning with her; if it was some other man, then the priest pronounces absolution and sends her to the arms of her betrothed husband as pure as she was the day she was born. Such is popery. To such depths it drags woman.

But you can readily understand the regard, the estimation, which the Roman Catholic church places on woman by the following instruction to the priesthood: "Should a monstrosity, born of a beast and a human, be bap-tized?" is a question propounded by tized?" is a question propounded by the theologians. The answer is "If the monstrosity be born of a man and a beast, yes, because man is a lineal descendant of Adam, who was made a living soul, and because man is capable of reproducing a soul. If the monstrosity be born of a woman and a beast, no." There you get the estimation of woman from the standpoint of the priesthood!

Mrs. Shepherd then went into pre-natal baptism, but we do not think we can explain it fully and keep clear of the postal regulations, so we will make the statement short and as plain as the English language will permit

If it is found that the child of a Roman Catholic mother cannot be born alive, then the infant must be baptized before its birth and before its soul takes its flight into eternity. This is done by aid of a syringe filled with water, and by making the sign of the cross on any part of the infant which the priest can reach and by saying: "I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." If the mother dies in childried man holds the embryo in the light and decides by its color whether it is dead or alive. If it is dead it is not baptized, it is not returned to the coffin with its mother, it is denied bur-

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restinct as it relates to married we-It is been tibe, too conveyble, type to gaze admission to the mails. This we can say. The priest providious the wife and mother as to her most averet acts, words, thoughts. The peartings reruthfeedy bayaded. scription of the intercourse of bushand and wife is dimanded. It must be descethed in streat. Certain rules. down by these unmarried priests must be observed. Not to conform to those priestly rules lays them Hable to mor tol ain and cirrual damnationmany of you fathers, you brothern, you young men who are going with Roman Catholic girls and expect to make them your partners for tife, how would run like these bechweren, priests to ask your dear ones such awful, such insulting questions?

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For years the warning has been they armed? sounded from the pulpit and from the you will get the answer to these ques lecture platform. For years the col- tions if you do not awake.

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the rears now would go up above the tions of barrots of water, and would come back to meaning, you sought to move out this valley storme day it will give want them the whole sits will be stroyed the 11 went on your after and remple togate to laugh at these who would bring lack the reports and call them atarmiats. One day, hereeatt them ninemists. One day, heard coming down the valley. A hatless and almost breathfree through the streets of Johnstons "The dam has given bills." So it is teday shouting. The dam has given the to the bills. So it is today, people hear these things against Roman Catholic church and they taugh to custing when the stread will be so it was given on the night of St. Bartholomow, for the Catholica in go forth and slay their Protestant neigh-You say this will not happen Then you do not know Romaniam as I know it. What do they mean by keeping an armed and drilled body would close my month, and Bates men if it is not to subdue us with the only to the vail of daty. I am but the bayoner? When there was supposed plouser the Argonaut in this work. In to be a chance to embroil the United States in a war with Great Britain, the women warning the public as I am Catholic Union, which was in session, warning you tonight. The evil of im telegraphed President Cleveland that morality is a national evil—it is our in case of wat with England they had natitonal crime and disgrace and you 100,000 armed and drilled men ready men who wield the ballot will nave to take the field. Where did they get to meet it some day. The day is coming when

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