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A Merry Christmas to you and yours.

The Indian appropriation bill passed the house. Did it carry a rider for sectarion uses?

Owing to the fact that Mrs. Shepherd's manuscript failed to arrive, we are obliged to disappoint our readers this week. We are in hopes that it will arrive in time for the next issue.

No wonder men, women and children go in rags, live on charity and freeze, when the government that should protect them, opens its arms and takes to its breast millions of unskilled, unlettered, undesirable people.

Each man, woman and child in the United States will have to pay tribute to Rome from this time forward, or be a traitor to the government. We have an established religion now; we have a union of church and state.

Those encyclopaedias advertised by the Cut Price Book Store are the greatest bargain ever offered bookbuyers. Those who have bought a the stock is almost exhausted before a new consignment arrives.

McKinley has asked the pope to appaoint John Ireland as the papal delegate to the Philippines. This is clearly asked it unofficially! That is Jesiutism. The president of this country is not a dual personage. He is president. for four years, and his acts are the acts of a president during that four уеатв.

We sincerely thank those friends who are renewing their subscriptions without waiting for a bill. We hope to be able to say the fast day of January that enough of the true-blue patriots have responded to our call to clear The American of all indebtedness, and to enable us to also say that the future of The American is not in the hands of any man, but its editor. But we cannot say this without your help. We could get along without the other fellow, but not without you. Again, may we hear from you?

A fee of a hundred thousand dollars each to Reid and Day for securing the signing of a treaty that allows us to pay the church of Rome \$20,000,000, to assume and pay \$26,000,000 claims against Spain, and for the privilege of governing about 7,000,000 ignorant, superstitions Roman Catholics, may be considered by the government at Washington as a fair compensation for the work done, but the fellows who pay the taxes and work from 10 to 18 hours a day for the princely salary of \$1, \$2 or \$3 per day will think it larceny from their persons.

Douglas county's commissioners are push forward. That resolution to employ special counsel to fight the alleged thousands of dollars due the county. is the proper thing at this time, But they should not employ some shyster attorney who is under obligations to the man who has been adjudged an embezzler, to prosecute the "gang" that has robbed clients for years, and sold out the public at every opportunity, should be placed in charge potent before. of so important a case. The commisstoners will be held responsible for the selection.

OUR ALLY.

J. Sterling Morton's paper, "The Conservative, ' December 15th, says:

from among whom the next pope will Mr. ber be chosen, and any ecold care to place his interests, trenperal or spiritual, in the hands of any of them in preference to the Englishman, Vanghan?

\$0.00 This is equal to any thrust made by any A. P. A. paper, and Mr. Morion; shurch won't stand it. Mr. Morton will have to explain this scarcely covcountry now. That should be rememhered.

AS TO CAPTAIN COX.

time deppner and Von Haller were to the again. be arrested he consented to go with thieves escaped, and are still at large. The Roman Catholic chief of police board of fire and police commissioners heard the evidence and found Cox guilty and discharged him, and suspended the Roman detectives for 60 or 90 days. The four Romans swore that Cox offered to buy or suborn a witness to commit perjury. This charge would seem to have been manufactured for the occasion. Common sense ought to convince any person that Captain Cox would not go to a Roman, let alone to four Romans, with so foolish a proposition. He has been a leader in the American movement for years and to charge him with putting his neck in so distinct a halter is to charge him with rank imbecility. We can hardly believe that part of the evidence. Rome teaches her children that they can lie, and if necessary confirm it with an oath. May this not have been resorted to in this case? single set, have returned for more, and Rome would stoop to anything to rain a stanch anti-Romanist.

WILL THE NEGROES RULE?

Shepherd in the firse series of lectures an acknowledgment of the temporal failed to receive notice at the time in that country; the soldiers of Spain siderable success.

> The negro population of the United poses. States at the time of the outbreak of the civil war was about 4,000,000, which had increased, Mrs. Shepherd stated, look upon the history of battlefields to about 12,000,000 in 1898. This means and accept the judgment of the God that in a third of a century the negro of battles as it is meted out to the nacreased at least 200 per cent. If it ment of the sword. increases at the same ratio in the fuin 1997, of 972,000,000 in 2021 and of made manifest among men. 2,916,600,000 in 2064. Mrs. Shepherd further stated that the birth rate bilities for America, and new responsiamong the negro population of this bilities for Cuba. country had been computed, by careful daily.

> tendency among the Protestant peo- they fall, the fault is theirs. Religious ple of the north was to small families, liberty will be theirs, let them show or no families at all, and advised her authemselves worthy of their Catholic dience to have a care lest God, because traditions. Let Catholic faith and of the national evil of immorality, Castilian blood renew their best traraise up the colored people to punish ditions. this people for their ains.

It has long been an open secret that the Roman Catholic priests have advised their women communicants to raise large families, and as the laity of that church is in more servile siavery than the blacks were before the late war, that advice has and is being followed whenever it is possible. on the right track, if they will only Take the increase of these mental slaves and add it to the natural increase of the colored people, and bring claims of Moores against the county, the colored people under the baneful and to prosecute him for withholding influence of the Roman priesthood, and you see a force that Protestantism would be unable to resist in the very near future. Add to this the millions of subjects of the pope which have been secured to this country by the aid of shot and shell, and you can see case. No drunkard, no member of the a power which the Deweys, the Sampsons and the Hobsons; the Miles, the Shafters and the Lees would be im-

> You say the negreos will never unite with the Roman Catholic church. If you do, that simply shows you do not and Humor, for which find postoffice appreciate negro character. He is as order for \$2.25 enclosed, and oblige. ambitious as he is ignorant. Yet it Yours, etc., must be admitted, he is not dull. He can see a point when it is properly pre-

December Manney's of the cardinals it not of negro supressary, is painted state that P. C. Vd. S. is my son, and dres. in sufficiently glowing outers to excite I have sent him the firt of names as him to rise against the "tyrante who you requested. I notice you have tak- stat support of himself and his folopprove him." the moment the pricets on out the "Cason laws." Can't son lowers depends upon a change of atconsider opportune, and the mo- not them in, say once a mouth of so? situde by the government toward the ment will be opportune when incur. I hope Mrs. Shephord will come here phurch rections are rife in our new posses. some time and give a few inchares. We atoms, when the Indians, who are unhad as well got ready to ment a howest dur Junuit control, rise instantaneous. fluid point is a good one. It's hard or execute a diplomatic retreat. The ly, and when some Roman Catholic to wake the people up. It was ever power or powers have sought a quar- thus. Of old time the people saw the rel with this government. Until that animals go in the ark, and laughed, ered insult away, or see his new party day comes, agitators, emissaries from but the rain came and the flood swept die "aborin." Rome is boss in this the priesthook will go through the negro districts and dilate on the outrages perpetrated by the whites upon their race and open their kindred. The next year's subscription (for 1899), but whole wouth will become a timber-box. It seems, to all thinking persons, and a single spark a Macco-would that Captain Cox is the center of a Ro. set it afire, and the flame it would kin- send all my papers to some one to read man Catholic conspiracy. Although die would encircle the world, and lib- and to give to some one size, etc. How not on duty as a police officer at the city would go down in rain, never to is Indiana on this subject? I send a

Detective Sullivan (Romantst). De- to incite the ignorant and vicious of and a Happy New Year, I remain ever tective Keysor (Romanis,), Detective our population to rebellion? The yours for the good cause. Very res-Dempsey (Romaniel), and Detective knowledge that the influence of this Savage (Romanist), when they went to government upon the governments of capture the two thieves at their home. the world lessers the influence of the The five went to the house, knocked, Roman Catholic church in the affairs and afterward broke down the door of of those same governments, and will, the house, and went in with drawn re- unless checked, ultimately cause them volvers. A moment later they all came to ignore the counsel of the pope and out and the thieves made for Cox his advisors. America stands for libswearing they would get the - of a crty in the broadest sense. Popery -, and that they would make him stands for slavery in the fullest meanrun, the while shooting at the captain ing of the word, fullowing the soul of and ignoring the presence of the Ro- its devotee beyond the border of death man detectives, only firing one or two and denying it bliss and consigning it shots at random in their direction. The to eternal torment just as seems bes: to suit the purpose of the papacy. Two such opposite systems cannot exist in filed charges against Cox and the four the same country at the same time for Roman detectives, charging cowardice any considerable period; and that and conduct unbecoming officers. The fact is recognized by the papacy. It should also be recognized by the Amerthe Protestant colored people go among fully, their people and advise them to beware of Jesuitism, which would inveigle them into the Roman Catholic church for an ulterior purpose, and make them slaves mentally and physically, there will be danger from the rapidly increasing population of the negro race of the south. There are good negroes; there are educated negroes, but unless they go about the work systematically and point out the dangers that Romanism will surround their race with in order that the papacy may flourish-flourish at the expense of those who honestly help itthey can expect to see their brothers lead into paths that will be hedged in with dangers from which the bravest would shrink.

> JESUITISM BETWEEN THE LINES In preaching a sermon over the remains of Gen. Garcia, who was a pervent to Protestantism, from the Roman

There was one point, made by Mrs. | Catholic church, John Ireland said: "The sodliers of Cuba FOUGHT FOR which she delivered in this city, that A PRINCIPLE, for the betterment of Catholic church was making a tre- and FOR LOYALTY to that govern mendous effort to proselyte the negro ment ; the soldiers of America race, and that it was meeting with con- OBEYED DUTY in obeying their country and following out its high pur-

"It is with such spirit as this at such a solemn time as this that we must population of the United States in- tions who have referred to the arbitra-

"Now war is closed, let peace and ture as it did during the third of a friendship enter into our souls and century just closed, we would have a reign between America and Cuba, benegro population of 36,000,000 in 1931, tween America, Cuba and Spain. Let of 108,000,000 in 1964. of 324,000,000 there be upon us the peace of God

"There arise before us new responsi-

"For the latter there opens the vista and eminent statisticians, to be 365 of liberty to the Cubans to show that they are to develop their own talents Mrs. Shepherd then stated that the and resources of their country. If

"United, they have had in the past a glorious history. Today with the blessing of civil and religious liberty, and the aid and the institutions of America are pledged to Cuba, and she must prosper, if she profits by all her opportunities."

OUR FRIENDS ARE ANSWERING. Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 16, 1898,-Editor American, Dear Sir: As it is about time for me to renew my subscription to The American, I send you enclosed postoffice order for \$2.60, and would like to get a set of Charles Dickens' books. Hoping the subscribers to the American will help push the good work along, I remain yours truly, C. B.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 17, 1898. American Publishing Co.: Please continue The American for the coming year, and send me The Mammoth Book of Wit W. H.

Let anyone complet the faces, in the that a picture of negro independence, tast came duly to hand in reply will remarkable, coming from the man it churches open and their primare from need them very much. The Johnstown them away because they would not listen to the word of God. I regret to say that fost now I can't send you my will do so quite soon. Keep this thing hot, and don't let the fires go out. I good many papers there, also to Mich-But what will induce the hierarchy man. Wishing you a Merry Christman D. P. F. V. postfully.

> Paileyville, Kan., Dec. 17, 1898 .-American: 1 herein send nostoffice order for \$2.00 for subscription to The American for one year and for book Americanism or Romanism, Which, by John T. Christian, as per offer in American of December 9, 1898. W. J. O.

Huron, Kan., Dec. 17, 1898,-Mr. Thompson: You will please give me proper credit for this order. Yours H. H. F.

Independence, Kas., Dec. 17, 1898.-John C. Thompson, Dear Sir: Enclosed please find express order for one dollar for your paper. Will send lean people. Unless it is, and unless another in February. Yours respect-

> Eureka, Mo., Dec. 15, 1898.-American Publishing Co.: Find enclosed Pacific Express money order for \$2.00 to advance my subscription up to the 20th century. Sorry I cannot get others to subscribe, but many, like myself, have other papers to assist in other good causes. My efforts are enlisted in temperance and religious causes, so it is easy to see why editors and publishers are seemingly neglected. Hope your subscriptions will far exceed former subscriptions for commencing the year 1899. Respectfully A. B. M.

Keokuk, Ia., Dec. 14, 1898.-American Publishing Co.: You will find enclosed a money order for (2) two dollars to renew my subscription for The American for 1899. Wishing you the greatest success, I am yours, D. L.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 14, 1898.-Gentlemen: Enclosed find a check for \$2.40, cents for exchange on check. ing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain yours truly,

GENERAL WEYLER TELLS.

As to what the Catholic church has done for Cuba, and what she would do for the United States, may well be understood by what she has done for Spain, as told by General Weyler. And this he has done, according to press dispatches, in a letter to the Queen Regent. Our authority is the St. Louis Christian Advocate, which says: With a force of logic impossible to answer, he (Weyler) tells the Queen that Spain's lamentable condition at present is due to the ciericals;" that "while Spain is poor, the church is richer than in any country in Europe; not even in priest-ridden Italy does the church posses so much;" that "many of the richest corporations in the kingdom belong to the church, notably the Trans-Atlantic Espanado, the leading steamship company. The clericals also have large landed estates both in the pentusula, and in they should not be unworthy of their the colonies. Nearly all the land in feats in other ages. The friendship the Philippines belongs to the religious orders and is rented to the islanders by them."

Mr. Weyler then asks: What the church has done for the country, in return for all these benefits, and answers his own question by saying that the church has not only done nothing, but that in crisis like the present its influence has always been against the court and the government, and while the priests, whose power among the common people is unlimited, they have invariably opposed the few measures the courage to suggest. And this is the way, says the Advocate, the church has returned thanks for the benefits conferred upon it, for the privileges enjoyed by its clergy, for the immense wealth it has wheedled and cajoled from the government and people of

"Worker states plainly that the cor-

And these words, coming from the assures they do, by far outweigh all that can be said by any Protestant in all the world, as to the dangers that threaten any civil government on earth through the machinations of the Church of Home. And they do speak volumes against, and emphasise the danger in the present attitude of this government toward the church of Rome in the taland of Cuba, as outlined by the correspondent of the l'altimore American.

The following is a portion of the orrespondence referred to. It is from the Baltimore Dally American, of Oct. 15, 1898, and reveals a scheme which to nothing if it is not downright lawlearness so far as the rights of the people and the principles of the government are concerned. And this inwiessness is being carried on by the Catho-He church and the government of the United States. The correspondent MAYN:

"Archbishop Chappelle, who is to go serious problem. The Catholic church church, is supported almost entirely and the support of the Cathelic surrender of its authority to collect all support from the Catholic churches and priests on the island.

"The question of providing for the priests thus deprived of their sustenance is one of no little difficulty, and President McKinley has held numerous conferences with Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Ireland on the subject. The people of Cuba have never been taught to support their church and clergy by direct, voluntary contribution. Indeed, so dire is the poverty on the island at present that it is doubtful if the Cubans could by any possitheir churches open and their priests from starving. On the other hand it is manifestly impossible that the government of the United States can undertake to support the Catholic church | the city. Her lectures on "My Convent in Cuba.

"It is true that General Wood bas ordered all the schools in Santiago reopened, and as the school teachers are two dollars for The American for one presumably the local priests, the situayear; 25 cents for the book, "Two tion in that city, at least, has been power of the papacy. But he has these columns. It was that the Roman FOUGHT FROM DEVOTION to Spain Hundred Complete Stories," and 15 met by paying the priests who are empedient will serve only in a small number of cases, and would not, of course, apply to the vast number of priests and bondsi

"It is the determination of President McKinley that the Catholic churches shall be kept open, and that public worship shall be amply provided for, To this end sufficient money will be advanced by this government to support the Catholic church. But this will only be a temporary loan, and when law and order shall be fully established on the distracted island, the

Now it must be very evident that this letter is a plea for sympathy and support for these very "priests and high church dignitaries" who have for four hundred years, robbed and peeled the people of Cuba and have never even taught "the people of Cuba to support their church and clergy by direct contribution," these very "priests and high church dignitaries," whose power among the common people is unlimited, (Weyler), are now to be supported by money raised by taxation of the people of the United States of America!!!

This correspondent acknowledges that Rome has had the teaching of the common people in Cuba for the last four hundred years. And notwithstanding, there are 'a vast number of priests and high church dignitaries' in the island, who have had the common people under "unlimited power," and who ought and might have taught the people, yet "the people of Cuba have never been taught to support their church and clergy by direct contribution." And yet, this same "Catholic the bishops have ostensibly favored church and clergy in Cuba....is (has been) supported almost entirely by the government, and the revenues for this purpose are raised by taxation." And of reform that the government has had notice still further; under this same same "priests and high church dignitaries," and by this same system of taxation of the common people by the government to support these same priests in not doing what they should have done. "So dire is the poverty on Spain. The letter is the most fright- the island at present that it is doubtful Chicago, Dec. 17, 1898.—Friend ful arraignment ever made of a relig- if the Cubans could by any possibility closed in all parts of our land.—Box Race is a final and irreducable fact. sented; and the priesthood will see Thompson: Your favor of the 13th lous denomination, and is all the more raise sufficient money to keep their Citizen.

clarration.

And now, although the Catholic church has had the sole teaching asthursty for four hundred years, and has never taught the people to support their own churches by direct contribution; and yet this same people have all this time been compelled to submit to this everlasting taxation for the support of the "pricate and high church lighttaries," and through this taxation and its direct results the people have been brought to this dire state of things, Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Ireland in behalf of these same 'priests and high church dignitaries," with President McKinley on the part of the United States enter into a compact by which there same "vast number of private and high church dignitaries" are to be supported from the public erib of the government, and people of the United States, until such time when the people of Cuba can be taught to support their church and corgy through direct contribution. But is it likely that it will take less than unother four hundred years under the "unlimited" authority of these same priests to bring that people to support their own churches and clergy, while all the time they are being supported by the government of the United to Cuba as the legate of the church, States? Nevertheless, "it is the dewill find himself confronted with a termination of President McKinley that the Catholic churches shall be and its clergy in Cuba, as in every kept open, and that public worship state where the church of Rome is shall be amply provided for;" even if officially acknowledged as the state it takes four hundred years more. But where and when has such power ever by the government. The annual been delegated to the president of the budget of Spain includes appropria- United States? Those who made this tions for the pay of the Catholic elergy government said that to compel a person "to furnish contributions of money churches in the Spanish dominions, for the propagations of opinions which and the revenues for this purpose are he disbelieved is sinful and tyrannical." raised by taxation. Hence, with the It was for this very reason that they separated the government of the United taxes in Cuba, the Spanish government | States from all connection with reis necessarily compelled to withdraw ligion, or any recognition of religion. Will the American people acquiesce in this perversion of the principles upon which this government was founded? Will they do so without a protest? H F PHELPS.

St. Paul, Minn.

ONE OF THE MOST.

A correspondent of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, writing from Rt.

Joseph, Mo., says: "One of the most striking sensations for some time was caused by the visit of Mrs. Margaret L. Shepherd, as menbility raise sufficient money to keep tioned last week. She was billed for four lectures, but the enthusiasm was so high she gave six. Besides speaking to a crowded house each .ime, nundreds of her books were sold through Life," "The Confessional," "The Parochial School an Enemy to American Freedom," Purgatory and i's dear ses" and "Celibacy of the Priesthood were certainly eye-openers, and portrayed in the most vivid language, the the "Hold Church of Rome" St. Ice. eph has never heard such a fearless arraignment of Catholicism. The silence of our daily press on her work high church dignituries on the entire here shows the zubile influence of that gigantic organization. It is true, polities, business and press cower pefore the anathemas of Rome. However, the silence of the press, the protest of the resident bishop and priests could not stop the influence of the truth. Mrs. Shepherd returns from kansas City tomorrow for two more lectures."

HOUSES OF BAD REPUTE.

The result of the good work in the Catholic church will be expected to Selina Clewett case against the House maintain itself like every other of the Good Shepherd at St. Paul, is shown in the following appeal sent out by the Northwestern Catholic;

"For many years the House of the Good Shepherd has been one of the most beneficent influences operation among us. Its mission was not confined to the people confessing our faith. Women and girls of all, and, indeed, of no religion, sought its refuge from the hardship and wickedness of their misdirected lives, the Bisters of the Good Shepherd had performed that work, with intelligent public cooperation.

"But the day came when religious bigotry found it possible to retard, if not wholly to prevent, the progress of the good work. Fittingly enough, religious rancor directed itself against the one undertaking of the Catholic community which should commend ttself by its magnificent work in the cause of humanity to every class of our citizenship. Since that day the burdens borne by these devoted women have become more and more exhausting until at last they have become unbearable. Months of expensive litigation borne substantially in the defense of the civil rights of the Catholic people, have left the sisters in the saddest need of the sustainment of all charitable persons. Non-Catholics have shown their deep interest in the satisfactory solution of the problem before "unlimited power," exercised by these the sisters, and will continue to do so; but it is to the Catholic community they must look for the best way out of their difficult and embarrassing situation. By their patronage of the ap-proaching bazaar an opportunity is offered to every class of our people to prove their fidelity to the principles of Catholic charity and humanity,

These wretched resorts should be