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### "AMERICA FOR AMERICANS"

We hold all Americans who swear allegiance to the United States without a mental reservation in favor of the pope.

MAKE your motto, "no seat, no fare."

PATTI will soon be here on another farewell tour.

ERNEST STUHT would make a good state senator.

ALL mail orders for the works of Father Chiniquy must be accompanied by the cash.

THE republican party is fast drifting into the control of Rome. The democratic party is already in the matstrom.

PROBABLY that priest will be re-appointed chaplain of the penitentiary now that Mr. Boyd is really and truly governor.

WE hope to see honest merchants and wage-earners elected to the legislature next fall—not political barnacles and legal shysters.

IN Chicago they have an ordinance which makes it obligatory upon the street car companies to furnish passengers with seats before collecting fares. Do likewise.

CITIZENS should insist on better street car accommodations. They should insist on better protection. They should insist on a seat. No seat, no fare.

CHILE has recanted. The president will not have to excommunicate her. She can enjoy all the benefits of reciprocity, providing she will do a penance—allow Pat Egan to remain.

BEN BUTLER has vindicated himself—he has published a book. His revenge will not be complete, however, until he mails to each of his traducers a volume, and compels them to carefully peruse its contents.

THE jesuitical scheme in relation to the consolidation of offices was made more apparent by the opposition of Tom Lowry at the time of the passage of the ordinance. Yet the Americans fell into the trap.

THE newly elected county commissioner is the right kind of a reformer. He believes in the right kind of retrenchment. He refused to accept \$30 which he had not earned during the month of January.

IT IS said County Treasurer Irely refused to appoint an American to a position in his office because certain members of the board of county commissioners who retain such men as John J. Mahoney and Mike Lahey in office objected to the applicant. This man Irely together with the sheriff of Douglas county would not today be holding the offices they are but for the support of

Americans. They should not forget this fact. As we said to Mayor Bemis—"it is a wise man who remembers his friends."

### Rome in The United States.

The Roman Catholic bishop of Colorado recently delivered a speech in Denver in which he made use of this language, according to the Republican of that city:

There can be no progress where infidelity and apostasy prevail. There is no country under the sun where liberalism, which is but another name for infidelity, has had such a field as in our own America. The government itself claims to be liberal in the strictest sense of the word. It acknowledges God in the constitution, true, but its profession of religion goes no further. In a country like ours where the population is composed of the various nationalities found on this globe, embracing every shade of religious convictions, it would be simply preposterous for the government to favor any particular sect. Moreover it is not the duty of the state to teach religion, but to protect the citizen in the enjoyment of all his rights whether religious or political, nevertheless it should stand at least by the indisputable principles of morality and justice, if the government should not teach religion, and therefore not favor any sect; least of all should it favor infidelity, for of all sects this is the worst, since it carries with it the destruction of all virtue and morality. Its triumph would be the death of the nation. But this is precisely what our government is doing.

It is openly favoring infidelity, by imposing upon the nation a system of education which banishes christianity from the schools. Year after year our public schools are sending forth hundreds of thousands of children totally devoid of moral training because devoid of faith. Thus we are unconsciously recruiting the ranks of infidelity. Man is the creature of education, his worth to the commonwealth stands in proportion to his education. The government therefore should not be indifferent when the education of its citizens is at stake. On the contrary, as a measure of self protection, the plain duty of the government is to secure for its citizens the best possible education. But it cannot be denied that virtue and morality are the main stay of the nation. But neither virtue nor morality can stand without religion, their only basis. Therefore, as a means of self protection the government ought to favor moral and religious education instead of hampering as it now does by imposing a double tax upon either Catholics or Protestants who consider themselves conscientiously bound to give a religious training to their children. The result is that since comparatively very few parents possess either the moral courage or financial ability to stand this double taxation, young America is growing up infidel. For half a century this false and imperfect school system has been in vogue and today fraud, corruption and immorality stalk abroad in midday.

Another favorite principle of liberalism is state absolutism. It makes no difference whether the state is republican or democratic, the principle remains the same. In an absolute monarchy it is the tyrant who absorbs all power; in the republic it is the majority that fills the tyrant's place. In both, the state is everything, religion, conscience—in a word, everything must yield to its absolute sway. In Italy it confiscates the property of the church.

In Germany it expels the religious orders and sends bishops to prison or fines them for disregarding its tyrannical mandates. In France it drives the sisters of charity from the hospitals, the christian brothers out of their schools. In the United States it compels Catholics to submit to double taxation in order to maintain their own schools and satisfy their consciences. In a word, the individual has no rights; he is a puppet, a pitiful thing at the mercy of the state. This state absolutism is old; christianity crushed it in pagan Rome; but modern paganism or liberalism has spared no pains to restore it again.

Liberalism, like the serpent concealed beneath a flower-bed watching its victim to dart its deadly sting with a fatal aim, is ever decorating itself

Masonic sect which forms for all a common center, whence all proceed and to which all return.

Now the rule laid down by the council of Baltimore, to find out whether a society is condemned, is as follows: If any society enjoins that its secret cannot even be manifested to the authorities of the church, or exacts an oath of absolute and blind obedience, that society is condemned, and any Catholic belonging to it will be denied sacramental absolution until he withdraws from the society. Now the priest in the confessional, the bishop in his diocese, has not only the right but the duty to demand this revelation of the secret and the oath; and a refusal to comply with the request makes it evident that they are condemned. To them must then be applied the words of the



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with christian ideas that it may the more easily beguile our generation and impregnate it with its deadly venom. Therefore, my friends, beware of infidelity, beware of liberalism. There is the enemy that will inevitably plunge you into socialism and nihilism.

At the close of his lecture the bishop said: I was asked to give my opinion on forbidden societies. The opinion or idea seems to have gone out that only the Masons, the Carbonari and the Fenians are now under the ban. This is a mistake. The holy father in his encyclical "Humanum Genus," says that these condemnations of the holy see must be understood as applying also, to other societies which, though different in name are yet substantially the same, both in principle and aim, and therefore agree perfectly with the

Saviour: "They have loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds are evil." Hence, Pope Leo XII has declared, "that nefarious oath, which we have spoken of, is enough by itself to show that it is criminal to belong to them, even to the lowest grades thereof." For those who are admitted into the society must promise and engage themselves to blind obedience and absolute fidelity in carrying out the dictates of their leaders, under penalty of the most dire consequences, yea, even death, should they resist the commands or betray the secret. There is no need of going into any further detail on this point; any Catholic, on application of these rules, may easily know how he stands.

But let me ask: Why should you Catholics be running after these for-