

bidden societies? Have you not within the bosom of the church Catholic societies that offer you the same, yea, even greater advantages than those proffered by these secret organizations? We have here in Denver many societies, Catholic societies, offering to their members the same help, the same mutual encouragements and support held out by these secret societies. The honest benefits arising from membership in the Catholic Mutual Benefit association, of which there are now five branches in Denver; the Catholic Knights of America are surely not inferior to those coming from any secret society. Indeed, the insurance benefits are far greater in these Catholic societies. The dishonest benefits, the assistance to one's fellow members in good or evil, the screening of the evil doer, which are popularly supposed to come

debates on various topics of interest, and are therefore an incentive to self-development. Finally, these societies tend to maintain a better Catholic spirit by the union they foster between their Catholic fellow-citizens, thus forming an esprit de corps thoroughly Catholic. This is very important in a country like ours where the public play such a prominent part in all our affairs. To illustrate my meaning: Suppose that out of a Catholic population of 20,000 souls Denver could count 4,000 or 5,000 members belonging to the various Catholic societies enumerated above, who does not see what a power for good they would constitute, whose influence would be felt throughout the length and breadth of Colorado?

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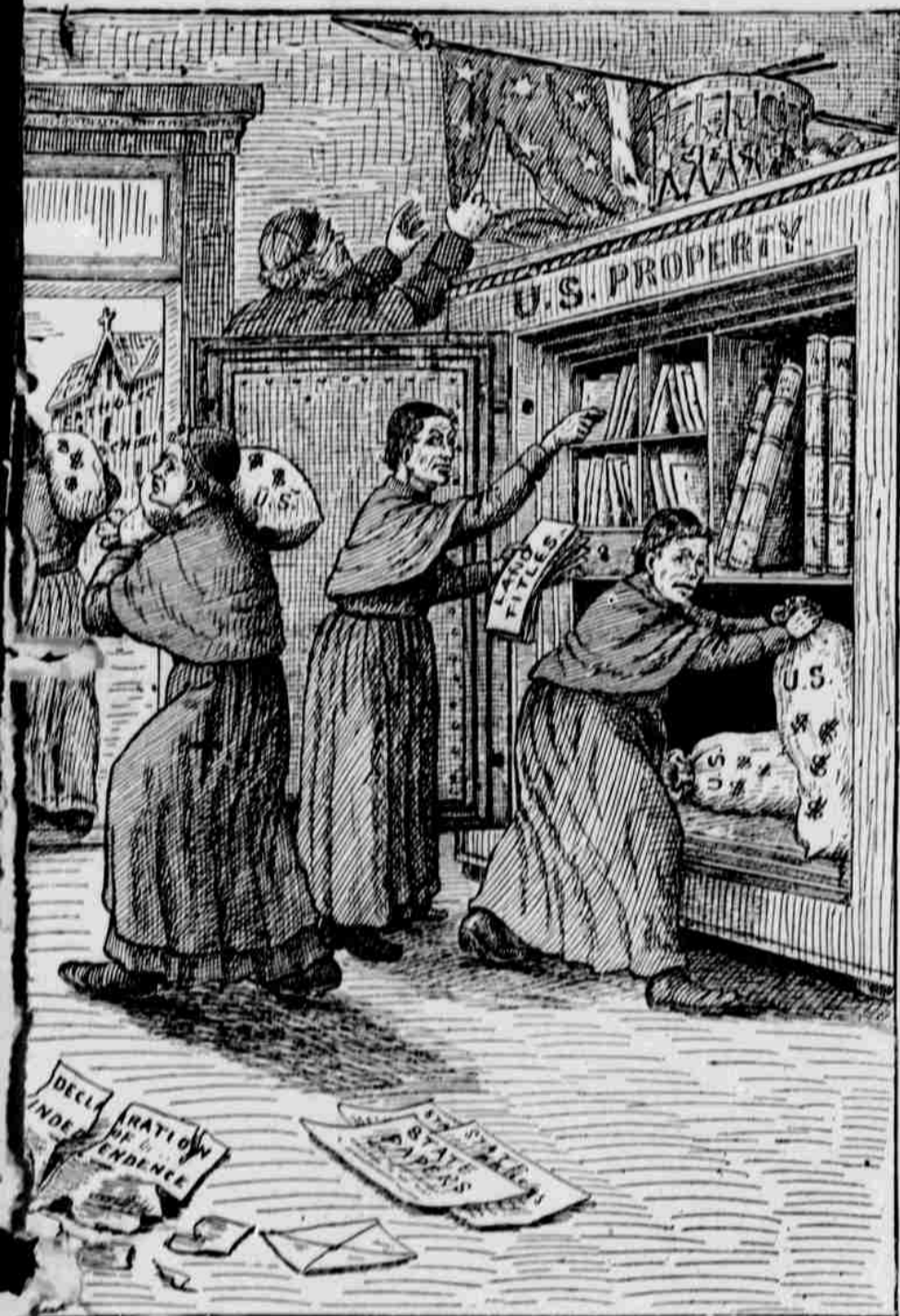
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All of these societies have, moreover, another feature connected with them which gives them an educational character. I refer to the discussions and

of a certain bishop who went to Rome without asking the permission of the government. For that "terrible crime" he was mulcted in the sum of 3,000 or 4,000 francs. Now, I must confess that it required some courage for a judge in France, a Catholic country, to fine a bishop for such an offense. But for 30,000,000 Catholics to stand there and submit to any such outrage, is an act so contemptible, so dastardly mean and cowardly that I can find no name to stigmatize and brand it becomingly. I ask you, as Americans, if such a thing had been done anywhere on this continent, what would you have done? I can tell you what a score or two of brave Irishmen would have done. They would have tarred and feathered both judge and jury; and in that condition driven them through the length and breadth