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A MERRY Christmas to you.

WE want to bear from every one of our subscribers before January first. Have we heard from you?

READ Kostelo's book. It gives the questions asked females in confessional. Awful depths of Roman theology exposed. Price 50 cents

IT IS said that Judge Stenberg was the only county commissioner who did not lay his bondsmen liable for \$2,600 taxes which the board voted to car el on St. Joseph Hospital. The Judge voted no.

A THUG of the name of Michael Hicks was shot to death by a policeman at Chicago on Friday night of last week. As is usual in such cases, the dead thug had the nark of the Beast in his forehead.

HAVE you read Rev. Kostelo's great exposure of the Roman Confessional. We sell it. Price 50 cents. Most sensational book ever published. Translations from Den, Ligouri, Kenrick and St. Thomas. On ly 50 cents

THE book, "Angels of the Battlefield," is a eulogy of the work done in the late war by the Roman Catholic sisters of charity. Under the law we have to advertise arything that is offered, which will account for the appearance of that advertisement in our columns.

IT MUST have been gall and wormword to the pope to make an apology to the German government for having en disrespectfully of Martin Luther in Osservatore Romano, the official organ of the papacy. The question now arises was the pope infallible when his paper assailed the great reformer or when it printed his apology?

A LETTER from Rev. J. A. Lansing says he has a few thousand of the excellent pamphlets issued under the derection of the Press and Literature committee of the Committee of One Hundred of Boston, which he will se ll at the rate of 400 for \$1.00. The pamph'ets will be assorted numbers, and each one will contain about 32 pages. If you want something good address him at Boston.

CLEMENT SCOTT, the dean of the London, England, dramatic critics, has stirred up a storm by declaring that women can hardly remain pure on the stage. Womanly purity is much more easily maintained on the stage than within the "sacred" and "consecrated" apartments of convents and numeries. The women of the stage are free-some thing that cannot truthfully be said of the women of the cloister.

THE County Commissioners of Douglas county have remitted all the taxes assessed against St. Josephs hospital, a Roman Catholic institution, from 1889 to 1897, because of its religious character. That adds something to the burden of each tax-payer in the county. How do Protestants like to be forced to contribute to the support of Romanism. The board of commissioners that made this order is composed of E. M. Stenberg, chairman; H. E. Ostrom, W. I. Kiersted, Thomas Hoctor and Peter Hofeldt.

THE Botson Citizen publishes a letter from Rev. Joseph Slattery, the ex- United States than to be "a citizen of priest, who is now in England, which the world." There are too many cosstates that he was shut out of the Y. mopolites in the midst of us; they M. C. A. hall in Manchester. Mrs. are not and cannot be potent factors Slattery spoke to ladies only in the in the progress of American patriotafternoon, but before the hour for Rev. Slattery's lecture in the evening, some one had informed the secretary of the the inhabitants of the outside world Y. M. C. A. that if the lecture was de- as unworthy of being called civilized Dens, Ligouri, and others of their livered there would be a riot and that beings. We are not the only people worthy locked the hall door and posted who have attained unto an advanced a notice to the effect that there would state of civilization. But the inhabbe no lecture. The Y. M. C. A. is rapilitants of the United States, if they idly getting over on the side of Rom- would constitute a permanently

tion passed by the board of fire and po- whose hearts were enshrined the prin- holders never do willingly pay taxes to for your success in the great cause with it as long as I live, and die with lice commissioners, yet these are two ciples for which an Oliver Cromwell any government under which they op- you are engaged in, so vital to the my armour on. I nailed my fing to questions which have agitated this and a John Hampden valiantly con- erate. And the Roman Catholic corcommunity for ten days.

finished his argument in the case out of which the attempted injunction grew Oliver Cromwell to action. Be that he asked permission to write the opin ion of the court. That request was granted and late in the afternoon Simeral presented his decision for the signature of the judge, and that decision at one fell swoop attempted to wipe out two of the cardinal principles of our form of government—the right to a free press and of free speech.

We do not known whether it is customary for the courts to allow the attorney for a corporation that is politically friendly to the court to write an opinion favorable to their side of the case and such opinion is signed by the court, but if such is the custom, justice is indeed blind. When we first heard this charge against Judge Kaysor we were shocked at the ecormity of what in any one else we would consider a crime. It seemed impossible that this judge, whom we all more or less respected, should abdicate in favor of one of the litigants as against the other yet if our information is correct, and it comes from men who claim to have

ard the remarks, the judge has been guilty of an act which the public cannot too strongly condemn.

We care nothing about the question that brought out this infamous attempt to abridge the freedom of the press and the right to free speech, but we do care and the public cares if their rights are to be taken from them in this highhand manner. We thought the courts exceeded their authority and strained the law when they enjoined men from walking upon the highways in the coal districts of the east, but if Keysor can successfully maintain the position he has assumed the death-knell of liberty in this country has sounded.

Judge Keysor can afford to say that he made a mistake, that he was imposed upon, when he directed an in junction to issue that would annul the cardinal guarantees of our national constitution, but he cannot afford to let it be understood that he would attempt to do that which is stric ly unlawful and which will be denounced and almost as universally condemned as was the Dred Scott decision by Taney.

There must be no tampering, by courts or elsewhere, with the right to a free press or with the right of free speech. He who does so tamper is the arch-enemy of our country.

This declaration is not born of malice or batred, of contempt or disrepect, but of a firm and steadfast determination to resist to the end any attempt to deprive us of those great boons for which our forefathers fought, bled and died, and in the contention, all the best part of our citizenship will be on the side of right.

### IF AMERICA WOULD BE POW-ERFUL.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes was a classmate of the Rev. Dr. Samuel F. Smith, author of "America." In a conversation with a friend on the relative chances of his productions and the productions of his brother bards remaining enduring classics, Dr. Holmes generally avowed: "Now there's Smith; he has written something that will be a universal favorite when all that I have written will have been long since forgotten. Smith did not begin his hymn, 'Our country, 'tis of thee,' but 'My country, 'tis of thee." That 'My' was a master stroke. 'Our country' would have been too impersonal; 'My country' appeals to each individual patriotic heart in the land. His song will be sung by future gen-

erations of American patriots." Dr. Holmes spoke felicitously. There s no genuine patriot in this broad land who does not feel, in each fiber of his being, that this republic is "my country." But there are many American citizens who seem not to realize that the land in which they live and labor is peculiarly their own, that it is a greater honor and a greater satisfaction to be a loyal citizen of the ism. We should not regard, as the old Greeks seem to have regarded, all

We do not know what particular in each American man and each Ameri- poration becomes eccentric in this par- I am a strong believer in the prin- try 'Tis one thing we need to help fluence the Bee and its Roman Catholic can woman must be able to sing with ticular marner. The ecclesiastical ciples of that great aspostle of free-save us from the encroachments of attorney exert over Judge Keysor, nor the spirit and with the understanding authorities of the church of Rome own dom, Thomas Paine, who said he bedo we know what particular reason the also, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet millions of dol'a-s' worth of property lieved in one God and no more, and he the mark in calling that gigantic pojudge can advance for outraging all land of liberty." A survey of the his- in New York, Chicago, Baltimore, San believed that religious duties consisted litical machine a church. I have the established and hereditary privil tory of the Old World will convince Francisco, and other large American in doing justice, loving mercy, and worked and talked along that line for eges of the press by attempting to en- us that the liberties which we enjoy cities on which not one cent of taxes endeavoring to make our fellow creat- years. Am getting now well along join the publication of a certain resolu- were largely achieved by men in has ever been paid. Alien property ures happy. I will close with a wish in years (over 62) but mean to stay It isour opinion, however, that, while breach that had bee created by King foreign property holders represented the judge will have to bear the odium Charles I. and the Parliament, un- on the American continent. It is bigh that attaches to this attempt to abridge sheathed his sword, and, relying on time that the secular authorities of all the freedom of the press, he is not, in the God of his fathers, lead his psalmreality, the real offender, if we have singing hosts to victory. Oliver Roman archbishops and bishops of ings in 54 and I at that time learned been correctly apprised of the facts in Cromwell's patriotism was no indifthe case. The real culprit, according to ferent evanescent, transient fancy, but the cest information we have been able a living, throbbing, potent principle. to obtain, is Simeral. When he had There are those who claim that it was religious fanaticism that fired as it may, when we consider the seething corruption of the royal government of England at that time, we are constrained to thank God that there were religious zealots of the type of Oliver Cromwell to uplift high the standard of civil liberty and political purity.

Among the striking examples of triotism may be mentioned Aeschylus, and General Warren, the American known them to refuse their communirevolutionary hero, who fought in the ranks at the battle of Bunker Hill animated by the same exalted patriotism and by the same ardent love ed to receive than to give." of liberty which ever mark the lives of those who possess proper civic spirit and real force of character.

The spirit that made the illustrious William of Orange the invincible foe of King Philip II. and the Duke of should animate and inspire American this last decade of the nineteenth cen-Count Horn and their fellow patriots women and children of the Netherrebellion of his heretical subjects. Had of veneration and adoration. the King of Spain been able, through the murderous offices of Alva, to depopulate Holland, the country would were obedient slaves of the Pone of

dom who could say from the heart: minded patriotic Americans must now what does it show? believe, that the United States should be one and indivisible; that the Stars and Stripes should float over a united country; that we should be a nation having one language, one constitution Fort Sheridan by Capt. Lovering. and one destiny.

Of Gustavus Adolphus, of Charles XII. of Sweden, of Henry of Navarre, of Garibaldi of Italy, of our own Washington, Franklin, Robert Morris, Jefferson, Adams, Jackson, Lincoln, Sumner, Greeley, Garrison and Grant, we would fain speak in detail did space permit. Suffice it to say that have felt the inspiration and the power born of personal patriotism, that thy were among those of whom it can be justly said, "They did what they to drawing on their purse, they do not could."

"THERE is a good deal of common ense in the recommendation of the convention of penitentiary superintendents that in the public schools greater stre-s are anti-Catholic; but as long as you should be placed on moral lessons," says the Galesburg, Iil., Republican-Register. Such a recommendation could not emanate from a convention But I loan my paper to anyone that of the superintendents of the papal penitentiaries which are located in the midst of us; for neither the officers nor concede that the state has the right to teach morals, but claim that that foreign political organization which they call "the church" has alone the divine and the legitimate right to engage in such teaching. But there is no sound or constitutional reason why morals should not be taught in the public schools of the Republic, providing of course that the teachers themselves have not gained their ideas of moral obligation and ethical principles from those who inculcate the doctrines of

An exchange characterizes the repowerful and formidable nation, must Kansen eccentricity." It will be a long wrangling among themselves, freedom your valuable paper. Wish we had

tended. Cromwell, leaping into the poration is the most alien of all the the states of this union compelled the father was a leader of the Knownothtaxes on the property which they cou-

You can always expect to see the Roman Catholic priests and bishops appear and offer to help in the cause of enarity when there is any hope of being able to handle Protestant money. When some one suggested that a relief fund be raised for the Cubans certain Roman prelates came forward and volunteered to see to its distribution. We would pity the sufferers if Roman Catholic priests ever got their hands on the relief fund. That gentry has not, durself-sacrificing, self-abnegating pa- ing our seventeen years' residence in Omaha, to our knowledge, contributed the Greek tragic poet, who fought as a dollar for the relief of the destitute in a private at the battle of Marathon, this or any other city. We have cants the absolute necessaries of life and leave them for Protestants to care tore than seventeen centuries separat- for. This is true every winter, and it ed these two worthies, yet were they leads us to believe that Rome proceeds upon the theory that "it is more bless-

THE rumor that Sir Wilfrid Laurier. the premier of Canada, had asked the Vatican to establish a nunciature in Canada is confirmed by a dispatch from Rome which says that Lord Chief Jus-Alva is the identical spirit which tice Russell of England came to Rome about the end of last month to repeat patriots in the warfare which they are the request. So it appears that there waging against the corrupt power and are political policies of the church of authority of the Church of Rome in Rome against which Sir Wilfrid not only enters no protest, but which he tury. What might have happened to aids and abets to the best of his ability. the inhabitants of the Netherlands if We did not think this of Sir Wilfrid. the Prince of Orange, Count Egmont, His bold stand on the Manitoba school question gained for him millions of had failed to break the power and Protestant admirers both in Canada prestige of Spain? The Spanish king and in the United States. When Ephhad sentenced to death all the men, raim is joined to his idols it is indeed almost impossible to sunder the ties lands, in order to utterly crush the that bind the worshiper to the object

CERTAIN Omaha papers have been loud in their condemnation of Tom have been repeopled with those who Dennison because he runs a policy shop but they never say a word against the policy shops run by the church of Rome That gallant and true-hearted in every city in the country. A disknight-errant of modern militant pa- patch from Rome says that "notwithtriotism, General John A. Logan, re- standing the pope's sympathy for signed his seat in congress and went Spain, the representations of Mgr. to the front and fought for his coun- Martinelli have left a deep impression try. He was one of the soldiers of free- on his mind. In a recent letter the ostolic delegate declared Cuba los "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land to Spain, and that great losses are imof liberty." He could not endure the minent to the church in America UNdismemberment of the Union. He LESS the power and influence of the fought for an enduring peace. He American bishops shall be thrown upon showed by his conduct on the field of the POPULAR SIDE" If that don't battle that he believed, as all broad- show Romanism is a nuge policy shop

> THE alleged discipline in the fire department is on a par with the treatment accorded a private in the army at

## WHAT OUR FRIENDS SAY.

CENTERVILLE, Alameda County, Cal., Dec. 10, 1897., American Publishing Company: Gentlemen-Have received your circular in regard to rehave tried hard to get subscribers to against Romans. your paper here. There appear to be many patriots here, but when it comes appear to be in it. As long as it costs nothing, it's a good thing. But Catholics predominate here three to one, and people are afraid to take your paper for fear it will be found out that send the paper in a wrapper there need be little fear of prying eyesif one feels disposed to have it secret. cares to read it.

You must excuse me if I send you \$1 for each of us. My means are limthe advocates of those penitentiaries ited, for, even at the lowest rate, it costs me quite a considerable sum supplying me with papers and books for the year. I take one San Francisco daily, two weeklies, one Free Thought magazine, the Boston Investigator, and also a number of Free Thought works each year, to keep me in reading matter. Besides, my wife takes some magazines. All this piles up to a considerable sum.

To all the questions you put forth in your circular asking if I wish to uphold them. I answer that I most assuredly do. I want no Romanism in mine, nor much orthodoxy either. All

be a thoroughly homogeneous people; time before the Roman Catholic cor- will not die out in our government. hundreds scattered all over our coun American people.

> Respectfully Yours, JOHN J. RIJER

JUNCTION CITY., Kas., Dec. 21.-My America to pay their fair share of the to think of them-the Romanists-as enemies of all Free Masons, and as soon as I could I went in and have been president of No. 71 in this town. The republicans in this place are our worst enemies, and are doing all they can to injure us. We went in last fall to defeat their best man and got him by ninety-five votes. They traded the republican nominees off and elected Catholics. If the republicans had stuck to their party we would have skinned the whole gang. I am in the fight till I am called before the last judge. I put in the best part of young manhood for my country. No more McKinley for us. I claim that Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, the Good Shepherd in South Omaha California, and Oregon elected him and without them he could not be in the hands of Ireland or Gibbons. The trouble with us is we took in too many members here who never respect their promise. We have reorganized and who comes in now must run the scrutiny of every member. I believe that was our great trouble. Why can't we have an insurance in it? I think that would stimulate. It seems that we are all joining "Insurance socities" for the mony that is in them. If many had money to send out or spread our literature among the blind we would be better off. I hope the blind will soon see. Yours, F. P. P. READING, Pa., Dec. 20.-Dear

Friends: I wish your paper God speed through the nations and reach at once all these dough headed and saw dust brained Protestants that give our political offices to Romanists and sell out our declaration of independence to the bloody bands of Rome. Grover was bad; McKinley is worse; what will the next president of our nation do? Yours truly against Romanism. E. H.

HANNIBAL, Mo., Dec. 20.-Enclosed please find money order for \$4, two renewals and two new subscribersname and address sent you. I was trying to get some subscribers, but it is up-hill business. One is afraid'it will hurt his business if it is known that he s taking such a paper; others want to know whether clubs would I could not get along without it. I not be reduced, so I will send you wish I were able to send you more these as my part of support.

to all and special privileges to none, all that owe their first allegiance to some foreigner are placed in the scale tution. I am in favor of stopping im- am your friend, migration for ten years and if necessary longer. I believe the farmer and laborer and mechanic, shall be protected, as well as the manufacturer and merchant and importer. I am opposed to all trusts and combines, and I believe that true Americans should have preference of employment to those that owe their allegiance to some foreign pope or potentate and newing my subscription to the Ameri- that our officials should be true can. This I will do and send you one Americans. I hope we may be able they were each and all representative more subscription for the American to find a Lincoln or a Grant to lead of that great host of patriots who from one of my friends living here. I the hosts to victory. Yours sincerely the cause.

> GRAND ISLAND, Dec. 18, 1897 .- Inclosed you will find money order for my subscription, and I am sorry it is not more. I have been sick for over two years-not able to do any work, and I thought I would have to quit taking the paper, but I hated to. I quit taking every other paper over two years ago. I have tried to get subscribers for your paper, but have not been able to get any. Those who would like to read it are afraid to for fear it would injure their business, I men. Enclosed please find express orwant to see the convents open to the der for \$2.00. Please renew my subpublic and every other Roman institution. I am not a good writer, but coming year and send the paper to if I could have a talk with you I my friend, whose address is enclosed. could tell you some good stories about Wishing you all the compliments of how the Romans treated my forefathers; how they shut them up in a house and set fire to the house, thinking they were going to burn up the heretics. My grandfather was born in Ireland, from Scotch parents. I know how the Romans treated and add to your list the three new heretics. If you need a dollar let me names enclosed. I hope your other know and I will scratch one up for you. Yours for America. R. M. M.

SAN PEDRO, Cal, Dec. 13, 1897 .these different creeds want is power Yours of the 1st came to hand on time. I desire to take advantage of your ported anxiety of the farmers of Kan- to bend people's minds to their will. Thanks for notifying me in that way. combination offer, and want 50 cents sas to pay their taxes this year as "a But, so long as they keep split and Would hate to miss a single copy of worth of sample copies of your paper.

the mast head years ago and it shall stay. All honor to those who are in the fight to win. Keep it up and pour in hot shot every chance you can get. But really I tremble for your safety sometimes, the enemy are so crafty and treacherous. Yours truly, against Romanism in all its Hydra-headed H. M. D.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 20.-Enclosed please find \$1.50, for which send me the American and Atlas of the World. I am going to give the book to a little school boy who usually gets a very high mark in all of his studies, and who takes a great interest looking at the pictures and reading the American. He comes to my place of work quite often and asks for, or hunts up my paper and sits down in a corner to look at the pictures and read the news. After he read the item about the girls escaping from the House of he asked many questions. I explained to him, so far as I knew, the actual facts in the case and he appeared to not be satisfied and read it over a second time

I am a poor man and get but small wages, but I believe this is the best investment I can make with so small an amount of money, and as long as I live and the paper is published I hope to be a subscriber. I am a junior and will soon be a K. of P. Re-P. D. spectfully yours.

TIOGA, Pa., Dec. 20.-Please find encolsed \$2 on W. F. & Co Express Co. for continuance of subscription to the American for 1898, one for a friend and one for myself. We are sorry we cannot send you some new subscribers from here. If we could induce them to take it for one year they would never be without it, as long as it is published, if they were true Americans and stood up for the American principles.

The A. P. A. is the best movement that has been organized in the United States. We wish it much success and that it may go on to victory and elect Hon. W. S. Linton for president in 1900.

Yours in the fight against Rome. M. E. D.

PRESHO, N. Y., Dec. 18, 1897 .-Please find enclosed money for renewing my subscription for another year. subscribers, but my time is occupied You ask if my flag is stil nailed to so I don't have any chance. I feel the mast of anti-Romanism. Yes, my that I am helping the cause in sending my papers around after reading them. canism, to anti-Romanism, and shall We have a nice little lodge at Cornremain there till justice is meeted out ing, where I belong, and another near by, in Painted Post. And God knows and those young girls liberated from there is need of them as there are lots imprisonment, body and soul, and of the hated Roman Catholics in this place. Yes, sir; my flag is still nailed to the mast head, and will always be. and weighed according to the consti- Hoping the good cause will prevail, I C. B. L.

> CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 20.-Enclosed please find money order for \$1.50, for which please continue American for another year and send a copy for six months to a friend in Bradford, Pa. Keep up those cartoons-they enable one to read with a glance what it would take columns to describe. Histon and The American are to the Romish corporation what Nast and Harper's Weekly were to Tammany hall in the days of Tweed. Yours in

WAUKEGAN, III., Dec. 22.-Enclosed find \$2 to renew my subscription to The American for another year. There have been a number of changes since you left Chicago, but the A. P. A. is not dead, for our members, and there are 365 of us, have all got the true spirit in them. We made a mistakle when we took politicians into the order, but we are on the boom again. I am as ever, a friend to the cause and to you. J. S. K.

OSAGE CITY, Mo., Dec. 20.-Gentlescription to you valuable paper for the the year, I remain, Fraternally yours,

PEORIA, III., Dec., 16,-Gentlemen: Enclosed you will find express order for \$4.00 Please renew my subscription subscribers will do as well.

W. H. H.

POCATELLO, Idaho, Dec. 9 .- Enclosed please find express order for \$3. MRS. W. J. B.