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A MERRY Christmas to you.

We want to hear from every one of our subscribers before January first.

READ Kostelo's book. It gives the questions asked females in confessional.

IT IS said that Judge Stenberg was the only county commissioner who did not lay his hands on \$2,600 taxes.

A THUG of the name of Michael Hicks was shot to death by a policeman at Chicago on Friday night of last week.

HAVE you read Rev. Kostelo's great exposure of the Roman Confessional. We sell it. Price 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.

IT MUST have been gall and wormwood to the pope to make an apology to the German government for having spoken disrespectfully of Martin Luther in Osservatore Romano.

A LETTER from Rev. J. A. Lansing says he has a few thousand of the excellent pamphlets issued under the direction of the Press and Literature committee of the Committee of One Hundred of 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.

THE County Commissioners of Douglas county have remitted all the taxes assessed against St. Joseph's hospital.

THE Boston Citizen publishes a letter from Rev. Joseph Slatery, the ex-priest, who is now in England, which states that he was shut out of the Y. M. C. A. hall in Manchester.

LIBERTY IN DANGER.

We do not know what particular influence the Bee and its Roman Catholic attorney exert over Judge Keyser, nor do we know what particular reason the judge can advance for outraging all the established and hereditary privileges of the press by attempting to enjoin the publication of a certain resolution passed by the board of fire and police commissioners.

It is our opinion, however, that, while the judge will have to bear the odium that attaches to this attempt to abridge the freedom of the press, he is not, in reality, the real offender.

We do not know 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.

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.

Judge Keyser can afford to say that he made a mistake, that he was imposed upon, when he directed an injunction to issue that would annul the cardinal guarantees of our national constitution.

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

IF AMERICA WOULD BE POWERFUL.

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 spoke felicitously. There is no genuine patriot in this broad land who does not feel, in each fiber of his being, that this republic is "my country."

AN exchange characterizes the reported anxiety of the farmers of Kansas to pay their taxes this year as "a Kansas eccentricity."

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will not die out in our government. I am a strong believer in the principles of that great apostle of freedom, Thomas Paine, who said he believed in one God and no more, and he believed that religious duties consisted in doing justice, loving mercy, and endeavoring to make our fellow creatures happy.

Respectfully Yours, JOHN J. RIGBY.

JUNCTION CITY, Kas., Dec. 21.—My father was a leader of the Know-nothings in 54 and I at that time learned 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.

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hundreds scattered all over our country. 'Tis one thing we need to help save us from the encroachments of the Roman Catholic church. God save the mark in calling that gigantic political machine a church.

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