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IT must be gratifying indeed to the public to be able to point to a judge of the character and ability of Cunningham R. Scott.

PERU is going to try to pass a law legalizing all marriages. If it is passed it will be gall and worm-wood for the priests of Rome.

NEITHER the World-Herald nor the Bee have explained why they did not take editorial notice of O'Connor's attempt to bribe Judge Scott in Count Creighton's behalf. Why?

THAT was a stinging rebuke Judge Scott administered to a fellow judge when, in answer to the question of an attorney if he would make a certain order, he said, "yes, but I will write it myself." Good for Scott.

CERTAIN Roman Catholics have told us that they endorse our exposure of the methods of O'Connor in Creighton's behalf, but they object to our holding the church up as a party to the dirty deal. Their objection would have weight with us were we not reasonably certain that the church expects to come in for the bulk of Creighton's wealth when he goes to meet the last, Supreme Judge

A LARGE majority of the people who read the account of the attempt of Count Creighton's attorney to bribe Judge Scott are of the opinion that Mrs. Shelby must have established her claim beyond any reasonable doubt, otherwise the count's hiring would not have run the risk of being sent to the pen. Mrs. Shelby deserves relief, and she is in the right court to receive it if she has established her right to have the transfers made by her father to the count set aside.

THE Italian government is carrying the war into Africa, so to speak, against the pope and his pretensions. A recent dispatch from Rome says, "The Italian government has resolved to found at Florence at public expense a library of all the books which have incurred the censure of the Sacred Congregation of the Index. The Vatican has protested against the measure on the ground that the majority of the books in question are improper to the last degree, and that the establishment of a collection of such a nature is an affront rather against public morality than against the discipline of the church."

IT IS a source of amusement rather than of instruction to the patriot, unbiased onlooker to contemplate some of the screeds that appear in partisan daily press on the virtue and the merit which are involved in being a loyal Republican or a loyal Democrat. The time is coming in the history of this country—and there are portentous signs of its near approach—when the term Republican or the term Democrat will not necessarily mean anything, but when the designation American, if rightfully bestowed, will mean everything that is good, true and noble in the arena of politics and in the forum of morals. To be a true and loyal American should be the principal aim and chief ambition of every American citizen, whether he be Republican or Democrat, whether he be Populist or Prohibitionist.

A CANDID ADMISSION. Spain is the most bigoted, most ignorant, most poverty-stricken, and most cruel of European nations. Spain was the first to open and is the most unwilling to close the infamous slave trade. In Spain religious tolerance, even in the closing years of the nineteenth century, is a name rather than a fact. In Spain the oxen plow and the asses carry water, even as in Palestine in the time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In Spain the hands of time's clock have stood still while centuries were passing in silence.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

dallies ever steadily maintain a significant silence as to the underlying causes of the decay of papal nations. Great editors should study the nature, elements and principles of the papacy. Spain, once ruled by the proudest monarch of Europe, has gradually sunk to the rank and condition of a third-rate power, and has reached the lowest depths of decay among the civilized nations of the earth—through the operation of besotted bigotry, fierce fanaticism and simoniacal sacerdotalism. Spain, prior to the melancholy and unhappy period at which the papacy acquired the ascendancy over the Iberian Peninsula, was inhabited by a truly noble and chivalric race. The pre-papal Spaniards were a tolerant people. But in the process of the centuries the miasma of Romanism has poisoned the very well-springs of the social and religious life of the Spaniards, so that today Spain is not only the most illiterate nation in Europe but the most hopelessly superstitious. The backwardness of Spain in all those elements that relate to a truly enlightened and progressive civilization, is directly traceable to the teachings of that church whose priesthood have ever striven to repress the noblest aspirations of the human mind. Spain, if it shall ever partially emerge from the moral darkness which enshrouds it, will progress but slowly toward the life and light of liberty.

FRIENDS, BROTHERS, PATRIOTS.

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

As if to emphasize the truthfulness of this sentiment we have this week, just before going to press, come into possession of the details of the most damnable conspiracy that has ever been hatched in this country, and after careful inquiry, and earnest and thoughtful consideration of each section of the plot we are firmly convinced that our information is reliable, that the liberties enjoyed by Protestants in this country today are tottering, and that before the country is placed beyond the reach of those who are at the bottom of the conspiracy to wreck the government, there will be hundreds of thousands of lives sacrificed, of homes made desolate and of treasure spent.

Today there is but one living man who keeps the plot from being in full operation. His death may occur at any moment; it will occur when the Jesuits are ready to strike.

To the end that the country may be duly warned of the impending calamity, which we shall make so plain that he who runs may read and understand, we will publish the week ending January 22, a large extra edition with an exposure of the plot to overthrow this government and subvert our liberties by the sword.

We have started detectives on the scent and have written to different points for additional information, and shall have everything ready for a most startling but reliable article by the end of next week, but too late for publication in the issue of the 14th inst.

That edition of the 21st will be sent to any address in bundles containing from 10 to 100 papers or mailed direct from this office to addresses that may be furnished.

We expect to distribute a large number at our own expense, but the question is of such vital importance to each citizen that we urge upon you the need of freely circulating that issue in your immediate neighborhood.

At least one million men should read the issue of January 21st.

If you desire to help arouse the sleeping Americans send in your order for as many copies as you can use to good advantage. Order early so we may know how many to print.

We have lead in this fight in the time of peace in the hope of bringing about a pacific settlement of the questions involved, but the men in charge of the affairs of state have continued to get farther and farther from the truly loyal American people, and nearer and nearer to the standards of Rome, until the hierarchy make bold to plot and plan the overthrow of the government by force of arms. When she strikes some one will have to lead. We propose to be that one. Now who will dare to follow.

But it is not enough to be willing to follow; your friends and neighbors must be apprised of the danger. That special edition will point it out.

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IS THE ITALIAN RIGHT?

Professor Lombroso, the Italian criminologist, has been endeavoring to discover why the crime of murder is increasing in the United States, and reaches the conclusion that it is largely due to our lax immigration laws, which admit the lowest class of criminals from Europe. The explanation does not agree with the facts—in this vicinity, at least. In Chicago it is a notorious—and somewhat humiliating—fact that the most desperate criminals and murderers were born right in this city. The Market-street gang, the Mortell-McGrath gang and the other bands of desperadoes with whom the police once waged a continual warfare were all Chicago products. The same is true of the thugs of the present day. The men who, like Merry, kill out of pure wantonness are usually Americans. Their disregard of human life is due to the knowledge that their chances of hanging are not one in fifty, and until we have reform in our criminal judicature murder will increase, though we shut out immigration altogether. Mr. Lombroso, like most theorists, has undertaken to twist facts to his theory instead of fitting his theory to facts.—Chicago Chronicle.

We candidly think that Professor Lombroso is nearer right than is the Chicago Chronicle. While it may be true that the majority of Chicago's desperadoes, thugs, plug-uglies and murderers were born in the city in which they have been operating, careful investigation into their antecedents would probably reveal the fact that nearly every soul of them was of Roman Catholic parentage. What does the mere fact of a man being born in this country signify if he have the pernicious principles and damnable doctrines of Rome indelibly impressed upon his mind and conscience? Why, in the city of Baltimore and throughout the State of Maryland there are thousands of Roman Catholics who can trace their American ancestry back to the year 1640. Yet the families to which they belong have not been in America long enough to become so thoroughly imbued with the spirit of democracy and of freedom as to constitute them serious protestors against any of the policies which the papacy is endeavoring to carry out on this American continent.

Practically the members of the notorious Market street and Mortell-McGrath gangs at Chicago are Roman Catholics, of either Irish birth or Irish descent—a fact which the Chronicle was careful to conceal. If the majority of the criminals of our large cities are men of Roman Catholic parentage, tuition and training, and if they were born in America, then it is the province of pure patriotism and of enlightened statesmanship to see that in the future the progenitors of such as they are rigidly excluded from these shores. There are large classes of Roman Catholics in Ireland, in Italy, in Belgium and other European countries who, if they contemplate emigrating to the United States, should be compelled to undergo a thorough examination at the hands of some competent specialist in criminology before they are permitted to journey westward with a view of taking up their permanent residence in the land of liberty.

DODGES THE POINT.

In a three-column editorial article that appeared in the Louisville Courier-Journal on Christmas morning we noticed this sentence: "It was the irreligion of the church militant that Luther fought." In other words, it was the impious murders, the unspeakable wickedness and malignity of the leaders, doctors and advocates of the Church of Rome that Luther fought! Was "the church militant" of Luther's day an institution that persecuted, tortured, maltreated and murdered heretics? And when Luther fought "the irreligion of the church militant" did he not protest and contend against the Church of Rome? Did he not withstand the powers of aggressive tyranny, cruelty, malignity, fanaticism, hatred and malice clothed in the purple of religion? If so, why did the Louisville Courier-Journal not say that it was the damnable doctrines, sanguinary methods and diabolical deeds of the Church of Rome which Luther condemned and fought? Listen to the declaration which the Courier-Journal makes in another part of its elaborate Christmas article: "The spirit of God, working through Christ, and Him crucified, never made a war nor killed a man; never burned a heretic; never tortured either sinner or saint; never damned a soul. The gibbet and the stake are hell's inventions." From which we deduce the logical conclusion that the spirit which impelled the Romish church to persecute, torture, maltreat and burn heretics was not the spirit of God or of His Christ, and hence that the church which did these things was not a Christian church. If the Church of Rome, as it was constituted in Luther's time, was not a Christian church, at about what time did it become such? What fundamental or pivotal doctrine of the Church of Rome has undergone material change since the time of Luther? When did the church of Hildebrand and Torquemada abrogate or annul a single tenet of its ancient faith? By what process of reasoning can "the church militant" of Luther's time be made to appear essentially different from the Roman Catholic church of today? True it is that the Roman Catholic church does not in our day actually put heretics to death, and in most lands does not now resort to torture; but nevertheless all the decrees of the Council of Trent stand sure and steadfast as integral parts of the faith of Rome; and it was largely through the power and authority which those decrees conferred that the priestly inquisitors were enabled to visit impious and merciless punishment upon those who had the moral courage to indulge in freedom of thought and action.

Rome has been shorn of much of her power, albeit Rome is the same yesterday, today and forever. Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? No more can the Beast of prophecy change its nature. The papacy has ever exalted the right arm of its power at the cost of the sacrifice of the most precious human interests and the destruction of the inalienable rights of dissenting mortals. Every churchly denomination in Christendom, unless it have a Roman Catholic taint, unless it be fashioned somewhat after the model which the "fathers" of the Council of Trent designed and established, has taught toleration and charity to dissident religionists and sought to usher in the era of brotherly love among the various nations of earth, has tuned its bells to "ring in the thousand years of peace."

Pope Won't Have It.

The official journal of the Vatican announces that the Laurier-Greenway compromise on the Manitoba school question, will not be accepted by the Pope. The Pope will hereafter participate in the future elections in France, and in furtherance of this purpose has dispatched two special agents to convey instructions to the French electors. The latter is not only true of France, but of every nation of the world, and he now has a hand in the politics of the world, down to the mayor of a city in the United States. The end justifies the means and when prayers are offered in the Roman Catholic churches previous to election day for the success at the polls of a thirty-third degree Mason (!) The Tyler is led to question as to whether the church or the thirty-third degree man is most the Jesuit. Both, eh?—American Tyler.

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Must Pay Taxes.

The supreme court has ruled that the parochial schools of Pennsylvania are subject to taxation. In Franklin, which is under Bishop Mullen's jurisdiction, as well as Erie they compel them to pay the tax. In Erie the assessors return them as taxable, and the board of revision exempts them. The taxpayers of Detroit, who have been "touched" to the amount of about \$4,000 annually on a Masonic temple, devoted exclusively to the uses of Masonry, should present the parochial schools and the buildings used by the Knights of St. John, o that valiant Sir Knight, P. E. C., of Detroit Commandery, and Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Michigan Sovereign Consistory, the Hon. W. C. Maybury, mayor of the city, for his immediate consideration.—Tyler.

Lives in a Convent—Sleeps at Home.

Mrs. Cragie John Oliver Hobbes—the novelist has taken apartments at the Convent of the Assumption, Kensington Square, in which to pass a considerable part of her time while in London. She does not sleep at the convent, but returns to her own house at Lancaster Gate, Hyde Park, about a mile away. She is devoting herself to reading and religious exercises. In reply to an inquiry she denied any intention of entering the sisterhood, but finds the quiet and calm of the convent life agreeable and beneficial.

Mary Anderson Navarro's sister is a nun in the same convent under the name of Mother Dominica. She is one of the teachers in a high class and is very successful in the convent school.—Dispatch from London.

They Got One—We the Other.

Society was in somewhat of a flutter over the reception into the Catholic church of Viscount Encombe, the son and heir to the Earl of Eldon, and the great-grandson of the famous Lord Chancellor Eldon, who was a most inveterate and bigoted opponent of Catholic emancipation. Lord Encombe's conversion is announced simultaneously with his engagement to Hon. Miss Margaret Fraser, sister of Lord Lovat, one of the oldest Catholic families in Scotland.

Protestants are gratified by the announcement that Miss Darcy, only child of the greatest Australian multimillionaire, of Irish descent, has joined their church on her marriage with a captain in the life guards.—London Dispatch.

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PROSPECTS LOOK GLOOMY

To Our Good but Venerable Correspondent, J. G. P.

From an American outlook I cast my eye in thought over the country and see the great democratic and republican parties contending with each other for supremacy, laying their plans for the next congressional elections and especially for 1900, but they are both black with villalay without moral principle, love of country or the fear of God, fast damning the country and leading it to national revolution.

I look at Romanism and see it on top today as to wealth, compact organization, political power and influence over men in halls of legislation, in municipal governments, in the daily press, in the city public schools and in presidential appointments.

I look in thought again and see the great Protestant family of the nation comparatively asleep as to any proper sense of the real political designs and purposes of the papacy to destroy our public school system, our free institutions and our civil government; and when informed of these facts will not believe them and so sleep on. The wily Romanists, seeing the insensible condition of the Protestants, improve well their opportunity and often succeed in obtaining subscriptions to their pretended causes of benevolence, thereby securing their good will and thus disarm them of any opposition. The great body of Protestant ministers, too, from ignorance, politics or fear, are dumb in the pulpit on Romanism as to its political encroachments on our civil government. Protestant ministers have also permitted the great New York Methodist Book Concern to become badly smirched with Rome in its manufacturing departments and refuse to have an investigation of the alleged facts, neither will the religious press of the denomination allow any reference to the reported painful facts, but sometimes refer to the Roman Catholics as "our brethren." And as I look I see almost the entire Protestant voters of the nation casting their ballots with corrupt political parties which stand on the license principle, sustaining more than two hundred thousand licensed saloons, costing the taxpayers, directly and indirectly, two billions of dollars annually and causing the death every year of one hundred thousand of human lives, besides untold poverty, tears and agony which can neither be measured nor estimated. And, more than this, these corrupt parties are stretching every nerve to secure the votes of Romanists, not knowing nor caring if the country is captured by Rome if their respective parties can only win.

I take a look in thought at patriotic Americans in politics, but I must confess that I am all at sea as to the knowledge of any combined action contemplated in the future or even of any plan now in operation to weaken the political power of Rome and to strengthen the patriotic cause. But after all, I believe that this apparent dearth of patriotic news is but the lull of the elements before the gathering storm, that the true American orders know what they are about, and that they will arise in their strength in due time in some political form stronger than ever. But to succeed well it is highly important that we sustain our patriotic papers better and also to greatly multiply their number all over the country. And if all the American patriots of the different orders and their friends were true to their principles and as energetic as they should be in the American cause, we might have half a score of well-sustained dailies in this country, combating the political power of Rome. Shall we have them? J. G. P.

IT IS EASY TO TELL.

People who fail to look after their health are like the carpenter who neglects to sharpen his tools. People are not apt to get anxious about their health soon enough. If you are "not quite well" or "half sick" have you ever thought that your kidneys may be the cause of your sickness?

It is easy to tell by setting aside your urine for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate, scanty supply, pain or dull ache in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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All Protestants Are Damned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Father Henderson's letter in last Monday's Sun explaining the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church that Protestants are damned is not complete. Here is what the church teaches its own children:

In Father Miller's "Familiar Exposition of Catholic Doctrine," approved by Cardinal Gibbons and praised by him for plainness, one chapter is headed, "Reasons why no salvation is possible outside of the Roman Catholic church." (Notice that "Roman.") Here is part of the catechism.

Q.—Must, then, all who wish to be saved die united to the Catholic Church? A.—All those who wish to be saved must die united to the Catholic church, for out of here there is no salvation.

Q.—Have Protestants any faith in Christ? A.—They never had.

Q.—What will Christ say to them on the day of judgment? A.—I know you not because you never knew me.

Q.—Are Protestants willing to confess their sins to a Catholic bishop or priest, who alone has power from Christ to forgive sins? "Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven them." A.—No; for they generally have an utter aversion to confession, and therefore their sins will not be forgiven throughout all eternity.

Q.—What will follow from this? A.—They die in their sins and are damned.

Q.—Will those heretics be saved who are not guilty of the sin of heresy and are faithful in living up to the dictates of their conscience? A.—Invincible ignorance or culpable ignorance of the true religion excuses a heathen and Protestant from the sin of heresy, but such ignorance has never been the means of salvation. From the fact that a person lives up to the dictates of his conscience and who cannot sin against the true religion on account of being invincibly ignorant of it, many have drawn the false conclusion that such a person is saved, or is in a state of sanctifying grace, making this invincible ignorance a means of salvation or justification.

Q.—But is it not a very uncharitable doctrine to say that no one can be saved out of the church? A.—On the contrary, it is a very great act of charity to assert most emphatically that for no one out of the Catholic Church is salvation possible, for Jesus Christ and his apostles have taught this doctrine in very plain language. He who sincerely seeks the truth is glad to embrace it, in order to be saved.

Without admitting that Christ and his apostles taught anything of the sort, two things appear to me clear; first, that the Church of Rome does teach the damnation of Protestants; second, that if it modifies what it teaches, as Father Henderson claims, it does so in defiance of the alleged teachings of Christ, requiring it to teach such damnation.—R. N. T., in New York Sun, reprinted in Chicago Tribune.

Bell is Right.

President Bell of the Central Labor union, takes the ground that the question of foreign immigration is the most serious one now confronting the American workingman. He believes the capitalistic press, factory and mine owners are opposed to restricting immigration because capital uses the foreigner as his weapon in fighting American workingmen.—Labor Bulletin.

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