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## PINGREE'S PLAN IS PLAUSIBLE.

Would Unite All Reformers In One Grand Union Party.

And Would Combat Rum, Romanism and Saloon Politics With the Allied Forces Now Divided Into Many Small Parties.

### PAPAL POLICY.

The pope of Rome is longheaded, has wonderful political sagacity and well understands his political and ecclesiastical relations in this country, and is fully prepared to adapt his policy to existing circumstances. He has been many years in securing this influence and power in politics which he now holds in this country, and amidst all his reverses he has had a single eye to his one purpose and work of ultimately bringing this land of promise under the papal yoke; but still he is in no haste but adopts the very best policy to that end. And he knows very well that bold and defiant measures will not do here, and now, consequently, he professes great attachment to American institutions and government.

The papal policy first of all is to keep itself hid as much as possible from the active work of the licensed saloons of this country, and to disclaim all political responsibility in the matter and try to make the Protestants of the old parties responsible for the whole thing. It is true that the Protestants are responsible for their own sins in voting with political parties which stand on the license principle, but who is back of all this? I answer the papal hierarchy. And who runs the principal part of the liquor business? Roman Catholics. Hence the master stroke of papal policy is in being chief instigator and most effective promoter of the licensed saloon system for political ends without being noticed by the Protestants as such.

The policy of the pope is to keep both the Democratic and Republican parties alive, giving political direction to each, so that on general election day he may direct through his archbishops, it may be to swing over to the support of either party, as will be for the interest of "the holy Catholic church." And this papal political influence is exerted so quietly in the regular voting way as to create little or no suspicion of its despotic power in politics. The object of advancing the papal interests in this quiet way is to keep, if possible, the four millions of the Protestant church and ministry asleep as to any proper sense of danger from Rome, so as not to arouse any general antagonism against it, and to keep them all absorbed in the political interests of their own respective parties, giving no time for consideration of other issues. And this sleepy attitude of Protestants as to the existing danger from Romanism makes the church press generally silent on this great and momentous subject, when it should flame out everywhere against the terrible curse of popery in any department of this government.

The present papal policy is to profess through the archbishops great political patriotism, love of temperance and temperance institutions, thereby blinding the eyes more or less of temperance reformers, by hypocritical pretensions of reform, while at the same time he gives the papal screw in politics another turn, being careful to do it quietly so as not to arouse the sleepy Protestants before the proper time, for on this depends his future political triumph.

This master stroke of policy is having its designed effect all over the country, giving the impression to the great mass of Protestants that the Romanists are being persecuted for their religion, thereby securing the sympathy and often their votes which enables the papal hierarchy by its double dealing and wily maneuvering to give the papal screw still another turn in politics, secretly working with the Jesuits in Romanizing this government in its different branches without successful opposition from the sleepy Protestants. And while all things from the papal stand-point seem to be moving on nicely the pope can well

## WHY THIS COVERED THREAT?

If Roman Catholics Are Loyal, as They Profess, What Did Archbishop Ireland's Words Mean?

Washington, Feb. 23 ---Times Special.---One of President McKinley's distinguished callers today was Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul. The noted prelate is earnestly working to prevent any conflict between Spain and the United States. He made a strong plea to the president against any action which might lead to hostilities and declared that while a most liberal Catholic he considered IT IMPOLITIC FOR THIS COUNTRY TO ENGAGE IN A CONFLICT WITH A NATION to which this country owed so much and WHOSE DOMINANT RELIGION HAD SO MANY ADHERENTS IN THIS COUNTRY. It is believed that Archbishop Ireland's arguments will have some influence in determining the president's future action.---Minneapolis Times.

afford to work and wait for the right time to come to strike a blow in order to add this great country to the number of papal states and perhaps make it the seat of the vatican.

### PAPAL SUPREMACY.

Papal supremacy is an unwelcome phrase to use in reference to the political affairs of this country and yet, I firmly believe that papal supremacy will as surely take place as the sun will rise tomorrow unless the Protestants of the land, the great American church and ministry, together with their friends awake to a proper sense of papal danger, and to arouse themselves to united action at the polls to turn the tide of political affairs before it is too late. This and this alone can possibly avert the terrible disaster which now threatens to destroy our liberties and even the Republic itself.

Just consider the controlling power in politics now exerted by the Roman Catholics over almost every large city of the nation, some of which I will name: New York, Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Chicago, St. Paul, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, St. Louis, Boston, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Albany, Troy. Now all these and others are under the papal power, and it is said that the cities rule the country and from the stand-point of these cities where is our country today? It seems apparent from the official appointments of President McKinley that he must be very much under the papal influence. And what do we find in congress, in the government building, in the army and navy? All controlled to a great extent, if not entirely by the papal power. We take a glance at the state legislatures, the municipal elections and the great dailies and there we see the corrupting hand of Rome. The Protestant ministry, the church, press and business men seem to be ignorant of papal danger or they are muzzled in their utterances and dare not speak out against political Rome for fear of losing ministerial prestige, of being boycotted in their business, and in fact the pope has even now stretched forth his polluted hands to grasp and hold most everything that we hold dear,—home, free institutions and country—and we are deeply pained in heart to see all being gradually swept away from us by the great hypocritical usurper or the prerogatives of God and of the rights of humanity. But strange as it is, the great body of Protestants, both of the church and ministry, continue to sleep on, apparently as unconcerned as though no papal danger was near, and what shall the end be? If this deep sleep continues much longer to paralyze the political sensibilities of the millions of Protestant voters the pope will soon have everything in his own way. What then? Balloting will be at an end, and civil institutions destroyed, our government broken up and a papal despotism established upon its ruins. Even today

our politics, our managers of laws and our law-makers are largely under the papal power. Therefore if politics go on in the nation in this way it will be but a few years before the pope will give the papal screw one long turn in politics and the work will be accomplished, the papal victory achieved and the pope of Rome will be the supreme ruler of the country. And what then? Let a few papal authorities answer this question.

"We can have the United States in ten years, and I want to give you three points, the Indians, the Negroes and the Public Schools."—Archbishop Ireland in a speech at Rome, 1892.

"The church holds it unlawful that various sorts of divine worship should be on a par with the true religion before the law."—Pope Leo XIII.

"If Catholics ever gain sufficient majority in this country religious freedom will be at an end."—Shepherd of the Valley, Official Organ of the Bishop of St. Louis, 1851.

"The day will come when the Roman Catholics will take this country and build their institutions over the grave of protestantism and then religious freedom is at an end."—Bishop O'Connor, Pittsburg.

I might extend these papal authorities to any length but the foregoing are sufficient for my purpose. Hence it is evident that our national government is fast passing into the hands of the papal power and its utter overthrow will positively take place in the near future unless the Protestants of this country awake from their long political slumber and unite at the polls to prevent it, which they can now do if they will. But will they do it? Will they?

### NATIONAL UNION PARTY.

At the present day there are three, at least, national sources of evil, in this country destructive to the well being of the nation, the licensed liquor traffic, the papal power in politics and monopoly, the last of which space will not permit me to discuss in this article. These sources of evil have a large following and are united in the main in politics against all national reforms and reformers. Many thousands of our best citizens are perfectly aware of this and have instituted equally as many branches of national reform to counteract, if possible, those sources of evil, hoping soon to triumph. But the failure of these reformers has been the want of a united ballot and efforts in their cause. Now so long as the supporters of those sources of evil remain united and the reformers divided at the polls, just so long the obstructive forces of the nation will triumph, growing worse and worse until the government is overthrown and passes into the hands of its enemies.

Now right here will not the political reformers pause and reflect upon the utter futility of the suicidal policy of continuing divided at the polls in their national reform work? Are they not heartily sick of spending their strength

in this way, and will they not be willing to make almost any sacrifice of natural preference and feeling to duty and principle for the sake of the right and for national triumph? For it is undoubtedly certain that if these reformers will unite in their political work and at the ballot box during the present year 1898 national victory in 1900 will be assured. But who are the reformers? First: The anti-licensed saloon voters who are willing to vote for the national suppression by law of the licensed drink traffic in the nation. Second: All anti-papists, all voters who are opposed to having this country come under the dominion of the papal power. Now unless these different classes of reformers will soon unite on some satisfactory basis of union in politics, will work and vote on the same line, no victory in any national reform is in sight.

But all reformers should understand that it is the definite policy of the pope to keep these classes of reformers from uniting in politics, and to keep them morally insensible to papal danger in order to carry on his work more effectually in destroying the government as we shall see further on. And hence all reformers should realize that if politics go on in this way much longer in this country the pope will surely wake up these good but sleepy Protestants who have been declaring no danger, no danger from Rome, and he may do it in a way quite unexpected by them when it will be too late to use the ballot in the struggle. The pope is even now almost ready to make a strike for papal triumph in this country: and we may be sure that when he gives the word to strike he will mean business, and when that time comes it will doubtless be found that the pope has everything to his hand to execute his orders to overthrow this government by force of arms if necessary.

But my Protestant fellow citizens, let me remind you of what you already know and believe, that this country is worth saving from Rome, but how shall it be done? We should be willing and anxious to know the truth of our national danger from Romanism, and to this end we should study popery in all its departments, should take American periodicals, should attend patriotic conventions and vote according to our convictions of right irrespective of circumstances. We should, as I see it, cease at once and forever to cast our ballots in favor of licensed saloon parties, and vote for men of clear American principles at every time and place. And just as soon as all classes of reformers will consent to this let them come together in convention and organize a great national political party on purely American and anti-saloon principles to grapple with the papacy and with papal saloon politics before the pope makes his bloody strike, with the assurance that this speedy union movement will put an end to the licensed

saloon curse and the political papal power in this country.

And here I inquire who is the man and where is the "Moses" called in the providence of God, and chosen by the American anti-saloon patriots to unify freedom's hosts and to lead them on to glorious national victory? As I see it, God is now ready to work with the friends of the government to save it from licensed saloon drunkenness and papal despotism; and it remains to be seen whether or not this great people will be equal to its glorious opportunity and work in harmony with Providence to that end. I have no doubt but God has the great patriotic leader now in training, who will, like Moses, come forth from his comparative obscurity as soon as the way is prepared for him to lead the united American hosts to national triumph over the allied forces of the licensed saloon and papal power in politics.

There can be no doubt, I think, but the great union party, if formed, will be under the necessity of destroying in a legal way the papal licensed saloon system in this country for the two weighty reasons: First: to save the life of the nation which will be just as necessary as it was for Lincoln to destroy slavery to save the Union, looking at it only from a financial and political standpoint. Second: Destroying the papal saloon system will make it comparatively easy to utterly overthrow the papal political power of the nation.

It should be well understood that the licensed saloon system of this country is principally a papal institution, for more than three-fourths of the liquor dealers are Roman Catholics, and the pope could destroy the whole licensed saloon business if he would; for one word from him, forbidding the traffic upon the peril of their souls would be sufficient to close up every papal saloon in the land. But be it known to all that the pope regards the licensed saloon system as one of the most powerful means that can be devised to hasten the full fruition of his brightest hopes and fondest expectations of overthrowing the government and establishing popery in the nation. And he is doing his best to give it that turn in politics by making the licensed saloon a necessity in the old parties, and by keeping Protestants voting with them, thus contributing the weight of their influence to corrupt and debauch the government and to place it, unconsciously it may be, into the hands of the Roman Jesuits. Therefore all who support papal saloons in this way should realize that in doing this they are in fact supporting the papal power.

Therefore it would seem that the great union party, if one should be formed, cannot consistently leave the 240,000 papal saloons in full blast and expect to triumph, well knowing that what Rome wants in politics the Protestants do not want and will not have at any cost. And thus voting and working on true patriotic lines the

united and well organized union party which I hope will be formed will triumph in the near future, will long live and be a worthy example to all nations and the political glory of the world.

### NECESSITY OF A UNION REFORM PARTY.

The necessity of a union reform party in politics is essential in order to grapple successfully with the three great national forces of evil, the papal power in politics, the licensed saloon system and oppressive monopoly. Just consider the utter impossibility of the non-partisan and anti-Romanist organization of itself alone destroying the papal power in politics. It would first be obliged to form itself into a political party, and even then under existing circumstances what would be the prospect of national success? And even admitting that the anti-Romanists did succeed in this, it would not by any means secure true national reform, leaving the licensed saloon power and monopoly untouched. In like manner how are the anti-saloon reformers of themselves alone going to destroy the licensed system of the nation, judging from the past and prospects of the future? And if they should destroy it and that evil alone the nation would still be on the very verge of ruin from the papal power and monopoly. So also respecting monopoly or the money question which is a great national evil; but how is it possible that the reformers on the money question alone can win the day in politics, and if they did win in that one reform the political sword of corruption, death and damnation would be still pointing at the very heart of the nation.

Hence, if the foregoing principles are correct our reformers must change their line of work or they will fail to secure true national reform. It is a most remarkable fact that our reformers do not seem to take any interest in national reforms only the one in which they are especially engaged. Do illustrate: The prohibition papers do not seem to know or have much concern about the papal power in politics nor of oppressive monopoly which are so destructive to the best interests of the country. It seems also that the patriotic American Periodicals have little to say in opposition to the licensed liquor traffic which in connection with the papal power, now rule the politics of the country, causing great political corruption, poverty, suffering and death in every nook and corner of the land. And the periodicals which especially oppose monopoly make no mention so far as I know of any national evil outside of its particular issue with the exception of the New Era of Springfield, Ohio, the organ of the Liberty party which does combine opposition to two great national evils, the licensed saloon and oppressive monopoly, leaving untouched, however, the papal power in politics with all that it means to our civil institutions and to the national government. But after all, I do not blame the managers of these periodicals, for they are all right and are doing the best they can under the circumstances, but I say this only to show the stern necessity of the immediate organization of the great union party of national reform, for the consummation of which all political reformers should unite to make such a party possible and successful in overcoming the three great national evils, the papal power in politics, the licensed saloon and oppressive monopoly. The times now indicate that if a national union party of reformers is not organized and that soon, the allied forces of national evils will in some way destroy our free institutions, break up our civil government and establish a political despotism in all the land.

### WHICH REFORM ORGANIZATION WILL BE FIRST.

I will now make the inquiry, what national reform organization will be first to declare its willingness to endorse this or some better plan for a great union party for the purpose of controlling the politics in the country in the interest of good government against papal rule, the licensed saloon system and business monopoly? Shall it be the great, the noble and patriotic American Protective Association, now generally known as the patriotic American organization, and its scores of kindred organizations and their friends who agree with them in all the essential principles of true Americanism? Shall it be the anti-saloon reformers, including the anti-saloon leagues, the prohibition and liberty parties? or shall it be the cheaply-monopolist reformers? These questions are (Continued on Page 5.)