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An entertainment for the benefit of Rescue Home will be given the evening of August 3rd in Y. M. C. A. Auditorium.

It matters not how good you have been in this life, if you die outside of the "true" church—the Roman Catholic—you will, according to its catechism, go to hell.

We are indebted to Friends Hart, of Arkansas, England, of Illinois, Lloyd, of Iowa, and Armstrong, of Nebraska, for \$3 to help wipe out the debt of THE AMERICAN.

Your storekeeper should have the new revenue or tax bill where he could put his hand on it when needed. Have each man in your town send to us for a copy of THE AMERICAN containing that law. Price 5 cents.

The National Republican League has concluded a very successful meeting in this city. Its platform is simply a present-day Republican platform, with out any of the dust or cobwebs of early Republicanism.

We have hesitated often to pay a deserved tribute to a staunch patriot because of the knowledge that Rome would drive him from his position or do all in her power to ruin his business if she knew he dared oppose her political schemes or expose the immoral and blighting effect of her unholy confession.

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WOULD SADDLE THE DEBT ON THE UNITED STATES.

It is now stated that Spain is ready to turn Cuba over to the United States provided this country will assume and pay the pope's claim of many millions of dollars. This proposition is preposterous. Who ever heard of a victor paying the debts of his enemy?

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records of the highest court of the state. If Republicanism means correct ideas of tariff and finance, it also means purity in public office and decency in private life, and until party leaders come to acknowledge these facts, they will not be true to their party principles, and the opposition will be justified in making issues against them along these lines.

The papers at Atchison, Kas., of a recent date contained an account of an assault on Under-Sheriff Anderson by negro criminals who had planned a jail delivery. While he was beaten in a most brutal manner his plucky resistance prevented a single prisoner making his escape.

Our thanks are due the American Citizen of Boston for the article which appears on the first page, and which shows to a considerable extent the interest the Society of Jesus—the jesuits—had in the war. The Citizen is always in the front rank. It knows a piece of news when it sees it.

If the Trans-Atlantic Steamship Company, which is owned by the Jesuits, gets the contract for taking Toral and his 10,000 Spanish troops back to Spain, at half its contract price with Spain, it will pull nearly \$600,000 out of Uncle Sam's pocket.

The internal revenue bill is printed in full on page 6 of this issue.

Santiago has fallen.

Facts About Father William's Case.

In your article referring to the possible shortage of the Rev. John Williams in his settlement of the affairs of the Goble heirs you leave the reader to draw his own conclusions without giving any facts, which are briefly these: Mr. Williams was appointed guardian of Allen E. and Gertrude Goble by the county court in 1891. Since then the heirs have attained their majority and some time ago appeared in court with their guardian and submitted what was supposed to be an accounting of his stewardship, and the same was allowed by the county court, and the guardian discharged.

Do you know that Sawyer's Soap is the very best in the market? Ask your grocer for it. Insist on having it and no other.

Ask the newsdealers in your town for this paper. Have your friends also enquire. Help spread the truth.

When Rome gives money she always puts a chain of power on it.

American Bible Study

BY JOHN C. THOMPSON.

The idea that I would be able to find in the Bible new passages or unheard of sayings was not what prompted me to give up a portion of the space of this paper, and a part of my time, so as to be able to lay before you certain words from the Old and the New Testaments. I believe with the writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes, that there "is no new thing under the sun." (Chap. I, v. 9.)

My first effort, friends, will be to connect the "beast," which is described in the thirteenth chapter of Revelations, with the papal church and the pope of Rome.

John says: "And I stood upon the sands of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns and upon HIS HEAD the name of blasphemy."

I do not know how many times I have read, not only that passage but the whole Book of Revelations, without understanding a word of what was there written. I know that when I was in the habit of going to church and to Sunday school, that I have heard Revelations spoken of as a sealed book, yet there is no book in all the Bible so open as is the Book of Revelations.

John also more fully describes that beast in the second verse of the thirteenth chapter. He says: "And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion; and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority."

The last clause in that sentence tells us plainly that there is some power set up and at work before the "beast" is brought upon the scene, and that it gives the beast "HIS power, and his throne, and great authority." Let us see what it was. The twelfth chapter of Revelations shows what it was. That chapter reads as follows:

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; and she being with child cried, travelling in birth, and pained to be delivered."

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth; and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God and the power of his Christ; for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman; and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Such is the twelfth chapter of Revelations. It would be impossible to explain this entire chapter in one article but we can go into it deep enough to lay the foundation for future articles.

From that chapter we learn the kind of power that would be ruling the earth at the time the beast of the seven heads and ten horns, which John saw come up out of the sea, was set up—an un-Christian and corrupt power, for the "old serpent, called the Devil and Satan" would not be connected with anything that was not corrupt, nor would he assist any other kind of a power to obtain great authority or a throne, or power.

Before we look for further proof of this feature of the prophecy, let us learn what and who the woman was that was delivered of the child which the dragon wanted to devour. Let John give you the answer which he received from the angel and which he sets out in the eighteenth verse of the seventeenth chapter. It was: "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." What city do you think was reigning over the kings of the earth? The angel tells John plainly in the sixth verse of the seventeenth chapter. "The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth." Now, let us put the two verses together. "The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth; and the woman which thou sawest is the great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." Have you ever heard of more than one city that ruled the kings of the earth that was built upon seven mountains or hills, or that was not the home of the pope, the city of Rome?

Rev. Samuel W. Barnum in his book, "Romanism As It Is," at page 51 says: "The seven hills (some of which are called mounts) of ancient Rome, the Aventine, Palatine, Caelian, Esquiline, Capitol or Capitoline, Viminal and Quirinal are all on the east of the Tiber."

Now, let us turn to the fifth verse of the twelfth chapter. "And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne." You will see by that verse that her child was caught up unto God. In the twenty-fourth chapter of St. Luke, and the 51 verse, it is stated that Christ was parted from his disciples, and carried up into heaven. Christ was, during his life, what we would today call a Roman citizen, because he would, had he been a common mortal like you and I, have been subject to all the civil laws of the Roman empire, for the town in which he was born for more than 100 years before John recorded his vision. Therefore, Christ was a son of the city that "sitteth on seven mountains, exactly as I am today a son of America, though born in the Territory of Nebraska.

But two more thoughts will be treated at this time, although the subject is only touched.

We have learned what the woman stands for, what the dragon is and what the seven heads represented. Now let us find out what the angel told John was the meaning of the ten horns.

Read the twelfth verse of the seventeenth chapter of Revelations. "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings which have not received kingdoms as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast." If kings are to arise then kingdoms must be created and as the ten horns come up out of the head of the beast it is but fair to believe that the ten kingdoms must be made up out of the possessions ruled over by the dragon which gives the beast "his power, and his throne and great authority." We have already seen that the pagan or un-Christian empire of Rome is represented by the red dragon, which had ten horns, the same number as the beast.

Let us go to history and learn the fate of the Roman Empire. Machiavel says it was divided into ten kingdoms—the Huns, Ostrogoths, Visigoths, Franks, Vandals, Suevi, Burgundians, Heruli, Anglo-Saxons and Lombards. It seems from Rev. Barnum's history of "Romanism As It Is," that the last of these powers were overthrown in 553, although D'Aubigne says Theodosius II and Valentinian III proclaimed the Roman Bishop "rector of the whole church," and that Justinian published a similar decree. Justinian's decree was dated in 533 and Uriah Smith's "Thoughts on the Book of Daniel and Revelations," says the Justinian decree or edict did not go into effect until 538 from which time the claim to headship by the Roman Catholic church dates.

The other thought is this: John says he saw the name of blasphemy on the beast's head, not on those ten horns that came up out of the dragon's head but on the head of the beast. A traveler who visited not only Rome, but the Vatican and the pope (and by the way we are told he was a Baptist) is quoted in "Marvel of the Nations" as saying that he read this inscription on the tiara which the pope wears: "Vicarius Filii Dei." The author of "Marvel of the Nations," Mr. Smith, has added the numerals together and gets this result:

Table with 2 columns: Letter and Value. V equals 5, I equals 1, C equals 100, A no value, R no value, E equals 1, U same value as V (see Web. Dic.), S no value, F no value, L equals 50, M equals 1, D equals 500, E no value, I equals 1.

John says, in the eighteenth verse of the thirteenth chapter of Revelations: "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six."

The inscription on the pope's crown and that on the head of the beast which John saw come up out of the sea are both 666, plainly showing that the pope of Rome is the Man of Sin.

Pope Grows Feeble.

Rome, July 9.—Most of the European governments have been confidentially advised that the pope's health is now so serious that a fatal termination may come at any moment, despite the fact that he continues to transact business and receive important visitors. His recent trouble has been weakness of the heart and poor circulation. This is now complicated by a peculiar obstinate intestinal catarrh, which is extremely difficult to deal with.

The pope's physician, Signor Lapponi, has thought it advisable to call to his assistance the famous Dr. Marchiafava and two other experts, who have unanimously warned the pontiff that he must implicitly follow their directions if he wants to live to see peace declared between the United States and Spain. As that happens to be the pope's most ardent wish, their warning has had some effect.

The pope's latest move in behalf of peace was made at the beginning of the present week, when he instructed the papal nuncio at Madrid to urge certain fiery Spanish prelates to refrain from advocating a continuance of the war. Holding on to pagan superstition gives Rome a mortgage on your faith.