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CATHOLICS AND POLITICS.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is not the only religious organization in this country that is publicly and persistently accused of mixing religion and politics. The Catholic church is similarly arraigned by its assailants, and has been, ever since "liberty, equality, and fraternity" became the ideal of reformers.

We have before us a magazine article on "The Catholic Hierarchy and Politics," published in the December number of Watson's Jeffersonian Magazine. We cannot resist the temptation to make a few extracts from this article, not in a spirit of hostility to the church concerned, but to illustrate the charges directed against two churches, one the opposite of the other.

To begin with the author says that "the wily politicians of the Vatican" wanted to throw the public opinion of the United States in the scales against the French government. "Wily politicians of the Vatican!" Does not that expression bear a strange resemblance to the savoring terms of local mud slingers?

The writer asserts that Cardinal Gibbons has been suspected of making political deals first with one of the old parties and then with the other; that the Catholic church draws money out of the national treasury for the support of its Indian schools; and that other Catholic institutions are supported by public funds. The specific charge is made that appropriations were obtained at one time by Catholics in Washington upon the distinct promise that in thirty doubtful congressional districts the Catholics should be ordered to vote a certain ticket.

It is charged that when Burchard made the assertion in the presence of Mr. Blaine that the three evils from which this country had suffered most were "rum, Romanism and rebellion," every Catholic voter in New York received his orders from the hierarchy to vote against Blaine. Does not that sound familiar here in Utah? There is a well known turn to the phrase: "Received his orders from the hierarchy."

Tammany itself, the article informs us, "is nothing but the Catholic hierarchy allied to the bar-room interests, thus controlling the city." "This great metropolis of America," it goes on to say, "is but a huge carcass, upon which Tammany and the Catholic hierarchy feed." Again, how strangely familiar that sounds!

We read, further, that only a few weeks ago Anthony Comstock, acting at the instigation of the Catholic priests, arrested a vendor of newspapers, upon the ground that the papers which he was selling were abusive of the pope. But we must quote a few paragraphs verbatim:

"No other church openly takes part in political affairs. (Ask the Tribune.) No other church sends and receives ambassadors. No other church holds a court, at which royal ceremonial is observed, embassies from foreign governments received, and far reaching questions of international policy debated and decided."

"That the secret influence of the Roman hierarchy controls Congress is shown by facts which cannot be disputed, and which cannot otherwise be explained."

The author of this article ought to come to Utah and learn from the anti-Mormons that it is the "Mormon" hierarchy that controls Congress, and how many states besides?

Even the "secret oath" business is summoned to do service in the article quoted. This is the alleged oath of the Jesuits:

"I, A. B., now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed Michael the arch-angel, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the holy apostles St. Peter and St. Paul and the saints and saved host of heaven, and to you, my Ghostly father, I do declare from my heart, without mental reservation, that the pope is Christ's vicar general and the true and only head of the universal church throughout the earth, and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his holiness by Jesus Christ, in his power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths and governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and that they may be safely destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his holiness's rights and customs against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatsoever, especially against the now pretended authority and church in England and all adherents in regard that they be usurpers and heretical, opposing the sacred mother church of Rome. I do renounce and disown any alliance, alliance or state, name, Protestant, or obedience to any of their inferior magistrates or officers."

"I do further declare the doctrines of the Church of England, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and other Protestants, to be damnable, and those to be damned who will not forsake the same. I do further declare that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his holiness's agents, in any place where I shall see, and to do my utmost to expiate the heretical Protestant heresy, and to destroy all their pretended power, regal or otherwise. I do further promise and declare, that notwithstanding I am dispensing with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the mother church's interest, to keep secret and private all her agents' counsels as they interest me, and not divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing or circumstance whatsoever, but to execute all which shall be protected, given in charge or discovered unto me, by you, my ghostly father, or by any of his agents."

Such is the nature of the charges brought against the Catholic church.

The Tribune seems to have stolen the thunder of the enemies of that church and is trying it against the church in Utah. But as it has no fear of a Roman hierarchy its assumed fear of a Utah priesthood is the rankest hypocrisy.

Bishop Kiely of the diocese of Savannah, Ga., is quoted to the effect that if the state of Georgia should pass a law interfering with the church duties of a Catholic, "I would be the first to announce that I expected the people in my diocese to break the law. The pope is supreme and has authority from God, and no true believer would hesitate whether to obey the law of God or man. It would not be necessary for me to make any announcement, however; for, if the United States should attempt anything like France is doing, the Catholics would rise of their own accord and remove the blots from power. The Catholic church needs no secular arm to protect it." We know not whether the Bishop is quoted correctly, but we do know that if any bishop in the Church here should make a similar statement, he would be put in the stocks and beaten to a jelly, figuratively speaking, by the anti-Mormon hypocrites who laud the Roman prelate to the skies. Why this discrimination?

As already stated, we have not reprinted these charges against the Catholic church in the spirit of hostility. We recognize the right of all to believe whatever they please and to worship in accordance with their belief, and to further the interests of their faith by all lawful and honorable means, that do not infringe upon the rights of others. But it has been said that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the only church in America that is suspicious to American citizens, and the conclusion is drawn from this that there must be something wrong about it. But other churches are assailed in the same way as the "Mormon" Church. You cannot conclude that because a church is assailed and brought to the necessity of defending itself against falsehood and hatred, therefore it is wrong. You must rather remember the words of the Master: "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

GUNNISON TUNNEL.

On the 23rd of September President Taft will visit the Uncompaghe valley and personally open the gates of the Gunnison tunnel, turning the Gunnison river into the bore and the distributing canals. And thus an immense project will be completed by which it is calculated that 150,000 acres of choice land will be redeemed for home-makers.

The following interesting data concerning this vast enterprise are supplied by the D. & R. G. passenger department:

The Gunnison tunnel is located in Montrose county, in the Uncompaghe valley, in Colorado. The two gangs of men boring the tunnel met at 5:45 p. m., July 6th, 1909, at a point 10,812 feet from the intake on the Gunnison River.

The tunnel is 20,000 feet (six miles) long, 11x15 feet inside measurement, and lined throughout with cement. The main canal is 30 feet wide at the bottom, 3 feet wide at the top, and the average depth of water is 10 feet. The capacity is 1,800 cubic feet of water per second.

The cost of the tunnel and distributing canals when completed will be over \$5,000,000, and perpetual water rights will be sold to actual settlers at approximately \$35 per acre, being based upon the actual cost of the tunnel. Ten years' time will be allowed for payment, without interest.

The lands to be irrigated are suitable for fruit-growing and the raising of all kinds of farm crops. The water after it leaves the tunnel, will have 372 feet fall, which can be used to generate electric power sufficient to light every town and every farmhouse in the Uncompaghe valley and provide power for all kinds of commercial and industrial purposes.

The lands under this project will afford homes for all time to come for a population of at least 25,000 American citizens. Already there are three towns, viz., Montrose, Olathe and Delta—located in the valley, and with the development of this vast area other towns will undoubtedly come into existence to meet the requirements of the rapidly-growing population.

STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE.

The imperial statistical office of Germany has just published some figures which show the struggle under which the laboring classes of the empire maintain their existence. Almost a year ago the office caused 800 families in different parts of the empire to begin keeping a systematic account of their incomes and disbursements. Every family received an account-book in which it was requested to keep an itemized record of money spent on food, clothing, fuel, medical attention, presents, education, amusements, etc.

A teacher and his wife, without children, whose income was \$145 (\$725) contrived to save \$6. Another teacher and his wife, also childless, earned \$190 and spent \$171. Their deficit caused by their spending \$25 more for food and \$8 more for entertainment than the other teacher.

A cabinetmaker and his wife, with one child nine years of age, earned \$268 and lived on \$24. A painter's apprentice and his wife, also with a child of nine, earned \$76 and spent \$89. A married policeman with two children of ten and sixteen had an income of \$118 and saved \$19; while a married clerk with two children, aged four and five, earned \$86 and ended the year with a deficit of \$11.05. A widow with two children and one servant-girl earned \$160 and spent \$62 more than his income. This family spent over \$30 on sports, amusements and entertainments. A married couple with three children, the father being a brewery workman, earned \$88 and saved \$1.05. The family spent only \$33.10 on food.

The account-books sent in by the

various families, says the Berlin correspondent of the London Mail, revealed that in order to accomplish the above results the most Spartan economy was required. In most cases not a single farthing was spent unnecessarily.

Germany maintains an army the total war strength of which is 1,840,000 men and a large navy; its military expenditures amount to over \$200,000,000 a year and \$65,000,000 in addition for the navy. The German empire and states have an indebtedness of \$3,313,322,300, upon which they pay an annual interest of \$156,895,460.

Here we have an annual expenditure of \$15,895,000 principally for war purposes, past and future. The entire population of Germany is perhaps 17,000,000, but the tax burdens are borne chiefly by a small part of the population, whether they be direct or indirect taxes. It can be seen by a comparison of these figures that the laborer who earns but a few dollars a year can not afford to support an army and navy and pay interest on an enormous national indebtedness. Even a yearly tax of \$10 a head is an intolerable burden where the income is but \$500 or \$600, and the living expenses equal the income. How much better off the nations would be if they would abolish armies and navies and invest money in productive enterprises! If they would do that, they would make it possible for the laborers to sit each under his own vine without fear for the future. The turning of swords into plowshares, or the substitution of food providing labor for war exploits would mean the solution of every social problem.

The true joy-rider is a boy on a stick horse.

To avoid the parting of the ways, use a hyphen.

No creditor will run after you if you don't run in debt.

When lovely woman stoops to folly other women soon follow.

The chaperone of a mountain resort party does not wear chaps.

A little knowledge of a dangerous thing is a very dangerous thing.

Can it truly be said of a man, absent-minded but not forgotten?

So soon as the price is satisfactorily advanced, the ice famine will be over.

In mimic-war there is always one pleasant thought—it is never to the knife.

Anyone in need of a few words of encouragement can find them in the dictionary.

In the consignment of trophies from British East Africa are no Teddy bears.

It is the middleman who catches the farmer and the consumer both coming and going.

This year's wheat crop will be bigger than the crop of lies, a most unusual thing.

When a woman says that she knows her husband like a book, she doesn't mean the Bible.

The Washington Herald discusses "Football as a preparation for war." Football is war.

Some folks think they are getting understanding when in fact they are only getting the big head.

"All men are born equal," declares the Declaration, but the same cannot be said of freight rates.

In the great war game now going on around Boston both the Red and the Blue army are game.

Walter Wellman is waiting for propitious weather, singing, in the meanwhile, "Wait till the clouds roll by."

A railroad never finds it advantageous to take the tide of travel at the flood. To do so is to lead not to fortune and to fame but to disaster and delay.

The United States court of appeals at St. Louis has decided that where a surgeon sews up instruments in a patient, that he is liable for damages. The court didn't so decide, but the patient is liable to damages.

Sometimes it is necessary to burn down a whole town to get a roast pig. Such was the case at Canaan where the international squadron landed parties of bluejackets that shot down the flagstaff from which floated the Greek flag.

The public verdict on the verdict of the naval court of inquiry that investigated the cause of the death of Lieutenant Sutton is very apt to be, "uncertain and unsatisfactory." But perhaps it is all that can be expected in the circumstances.

PRACTICAL PHILANTHROPY.

Kansas City Times.
Mrs. Russell Sage has set aside a large sum of money for the construction of homes for workmen which are to be let at the smallest possible rental. Of all the big American philanthropists Russell Sage made the least pretensions to philanthropy. Nevertheless his great fortune is being expended in a way to do more good than all of the free libraries and colleges that the trust barons can build.

NEW CENT A MEDAL.

Philadelphia Inquirer.
It is difficult to understand why the change in the design of the 1-cent piece was ordered. The head of the American Indian really meant something. It had the prestige of age. It carried the story of the early days of the country, when settlers had to fight for their homes. There was no demand for a change. As a matter of fact, there is no sense in the change. It is utterly without excuse. The nation venerates Lincoln, but it will strike most persons, we should think, as a pretty poor tribute to him that out of all our coins we have selected the playmate cent-piece to carry his head. The coin, as it has made its appearance from the mint, does not look like a coin at all. It resembles a medal, and a measly-looking little medal at that—the cheap little medal that used to be given away with bags of popcorn.

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DIFFERENT RULES OF MARKING

Pittsburg Dispatch.
A monument has been erected on the spot where Count Zeppein landed. Earlier aeronauts, and those who come later, will have to be contented with the dent in the ground where they struck.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

By George F. Butler, A.M., M.D.
It is better to go to sleep on the right side, for then the stomach is very much in the position of a bottle turned upside down, and the contents aided in passing out by gravitation. If one goes to sleep on the left side the operation of emptying the stomach of its contents is more like drawing water from a well. After going to sleep let the body take its own position. If you sleep on your back, especially soon after a heavy meal, the weight of the digestive organs and that of the food, resting on the great vein of the body near the backbone, compresses it and arrests the flow of blood more or less. If the arrest is partial, the sleep is disturbed and there are unpleasant dreams. If the meal has been recent or hearty, the arrest is more decided and the various sensations such as falling over a precipice, or the pursuit of a wild beast, or other impending danger, and the desperate effort to get rid of it, arouses us; that sends on the stagnated blood and we awake in a fright, or trembling, or there is sweating or feelings of exhaustion according to the degree of stagnation and the length or strength of the effort made to escape the danger. Eating a large "hearty" meal just before going to bed should always be avoided.

JUST FOR FUN.

"Did Jones lose control of his auto?" "Completely; the cook uses it all the time."—Puck.

Tender foot—"It's my intention to be a cowboy." Cow-puncher—"Come out ter be a cowboy, hey? Well, I reckon you'd make a better milk-maid."—Judge.

"Your hair wants cutting badly, sir," said a barber insinuatingly to a customer. "No, it doesn't," replied the man in the chair. "It wants cutting nicely. You cut it badly last time!"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Bride—Oh, darling, our honeymoon was just the loveliest ever." The Groom—"It certainly was, dearest." The Bride—"And I have only one regret. I may never have the pleasure of going through another."—Chicago Daily News.

"Did you find yourself embarrassed while in Europe by your lack of acquaintance with the French language?" "No," answered Mr. Cumrox. "I think I suffered less embarrassment than the other folks. I couldn't tell the time what they were blushing about."—Washington Star.

"I understand that Bilgins and his wife have very little to say to each other." "Have they quarreled?" "No. They think so much of each other that he doesn't like to bore her with baseless talk and she won't avoid worrying him about hats."—Washington Star.

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