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AN INFIDEL ORBISTIAN.

The New York papers are battling over the paradox hinted at in the caption of our article. A few days ago Dr. Lyman Abbott, the well-known Congregationalist divine, practically declared that the Biblical story of Jonah and the whale was fable. Immediately there was a great outery and Dr. Abbott's "orthodoxy' was questioned. We must really confess that we cannot see on what grounds, because it is a cardina principle of Protestantism that one can believe what he chooses of Holy Writ, at least, that he can interpret it according to his private judgment, which really amounts to the same thing. Dr. Abbott's "private judgment" forbade his belief in the miracle of Jonah and the whale, so he disbelieved it. Where was the unpardonable sin, judging from a strict Protestant point of view?

Still there are laughable points in the controversy. The New York "Sun," which writes equally entertainingly on theology or politics, proclaimed Dr. Abbott an infidel. Whereupon a number of aggrieved correspondents protested vigorously. One of them took the peculiar position that "belief in Christ does not require faith in His supernatural origin, or His divinity; but may consist simply in the acceptance of His doctrines. As a matter of fact, there is no reason why Dr. Abbott or any one else may not reject the supernatural, reject the idea of the infallibility of the Bible, and still be a Christian."

This elastic test of faith could easily be stretched far enough to make a Mohammedan a first Congregationalist, although, perhaps, the Mussulman would resent the transformation.

Unfortunately for the 'Sun's' correspondent, the Congregationalists faith:

"We confess our faith in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Chost, Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, who is exalted to be our Redeemer and King; and in the Holy Comforter, who is present in the church to regenerate and sanctify the soul."

This may be a trifle hazy and ambiguous, but if it still stands as the Congregationalist "creed" we cannot see how Dr. Abbott could reject as much of Christian articles of faith as the "Sun" correspondent would have him and still remain a Christian even from the standpoint of a Congrega-

It all demonstrates what a building on the sands the whole structure of Protestantism is.

The Post-Express made a gallant fight against the nomination of a selfconfessed lobbyist to the head of the state insurance department. It is a pity there are not more journals possessing the same sturdy independence.

One change that will necessarily come when Major McKinley assumes fice will be regretted by all Irish-Americans—the retirement of Patrick A. Collins as consul-general to London. REV MR KIRKPATRICK

board into the arrest of "Rev." David M Kirkpatrick by Lieutenant Zimmerman and Officer Shayne did not reflect any great credit upon the fact the Police commissioners were forced to completely exonerate the officer and, in fact, compliment them or doing what was their bounden

The JOURNAL has never taken any stock in "Rev." Kirkpatrick as a eformer and has not hesitated to say so in its columns. The Police board the secrets of the confessional. investigation has but proven the truth of our conclusions

the "star reformer" that "Rev" lacks Parkhurst's shrewdness and also strong hold in Boston. Parkhurst's financial backing.

IT SHOULD PASS

Congressman Sherman, of this state, has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives which has been favorably reported by the intervent what is known as "ticket scalping," a practice connived at by by the leading railroads, and justly, to them: Go you also into my vine-

"Ticket scalping" is intended primarily to "skin" the railroads by the And again he went out about the sixth scalper and dishonest passengers, but it practically works an injustice to hour he went out and found others fellow who "knows the ropes" and is also into my vineyard. And when on his knees and clasped the hand of willing to take chances, to purchase evening was come the lord of the the nuncio, kissing it several times, the same amount of transportation for vineyard saith to his steward: Call "Oh," said he, "Rome has saved a less sum. "Scalpers" get many of the laborers and pay them their hire, my country. America will never for the tickets they sell at reduced rates beginning from the last even to the get it for Rome. The Catholics shall from dishonest conductors who neglect come that came about the eleventh have all the rights that Protestants come that came about the eleventh to turn in all their fares or tickets. hour they received every man a Pope, my thanks for all the American The scalper sells such a ticket, which penny. But when the first also came, people. We shall never, no never, they belongs to the person who they thought they should receive forget it for Rome!" really belongs to the person who originally bought and paid for it, to man a penny. And receiving it they you must thank Father Carroll murmured against the master of the Bishop Carroll, for it was he who

Again: A person may buy a "mileage book" at a reduced rate. He does not intend to use it at all. He sells what he has not used to a scalper for a price that enables him to take his trip for half the regular fare. The scalper sells it to another man who uses what he wants and again sells it back to the scalper, and so on until the book is used up. The net result is that a dozen men who had no right to ride on the book did so and all committed forgery in signing a name other than their own, and the railroad company was cheated out of a considerable sum of money.

Enough has been said, however, to show conclusively that the bill ought prayer. This day thou shalt be with Me in

NO CAUSE FOR JUY

There is no particular need for Catholics to feel jubilant over the prospective appointment of ex-Governor John D. Long of Massachusetts in 1865 adopted this declaration of as secretary of the navy in Presidentelect McKinley's cabinet. The Boston "Republic" says of him: "In the past he broke down the barriers the only living and true God; in of decency and dragged religion into politics. In 1891 he went on the stump for candidate Allen, and he solemnly warned church societies, religious associations and bigots of all stripes against the assaults of the Roman Catholics upon the public schools. We exposed his dishonesty and disingenuousness then and held him up to public contempt as an apostle of religious hate and and an apolo- ache. 25 cents. gist for Knownothingism.

An exchange truly says: "There And lasts longest is the cheapest and lence. short mass, where they dash in one fills that bill; 20 bags to the ton, the was led by a Catholic priest with a Tel. 1366. door and out the other, and imagine they have done their duty to their C. S. Kellogg, manager. God. They would put the mass on the same level as a railway eating bouse, where travelers are given ten minutes for meals. It is a deadly sin, of course, to remain away from mass on Sundays without good reason, but somehow or other we would have reasonable price. better hope for a man who absents himself altogether than for the man who tries to escape sin by giving short measure. God is generous, but it is said that the devil himself dislikes a der. Main street office, Triangle skinflint.''

Some esteemed friends have criti The investigation of the Police cised the JOURNAL because it said nothing in reply to Colonel "Bob" Ingersoll's lecture delivered recently. There is really no use of giving the arch-infidel free advertising in a Cath-'Rev' gentleman. As a matter of olic paper. His arguments fail of themselves, and the denunciation is what he craves For that reason he should not get it.

> The American public will need more than the lying assertions of the New York "Journal" to convince them that a Catholic priest violated

There were rival revivalists in Bos-"Rev." Kirkpatrick will never be ton a few days ago, but they did not detract from Colonel "Bob" Inger-Charles H. Parkhurst was and is. He soll's lecture. Satan has a pretty

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Matthew, xx, 1-16.— At that time Jesus said to His disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like to a householder, who went early in the mornstate commerce committee, that should ing to hire laborers into his vineyard. become a law. It is designed to pre- And having agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing weaker railroads but frowned down in the market place idle, and he said yard, and I will give you what shall be just. And they went their way. and the ninth hour, and did in like manner. But about the eleventh every person who buys a railroad standing, and he saith to them: Why said. "I have just got consent of the ticket at full fare, pays for it and stand you here all the day idle? They king to send over a French army and rides on it, because it enables another say to him. Because no man hath navy to aid your countrymen.

duced rate, and divides his profit with house, saying. These has have induced the Pope of Rome to send me worked but one hour, and thou hast here in the interest of the American made them equal to us, that have borne the burden of the day and the cause were laid by me before the heats. But he answering said to one French king and cabinet, and success of them; Friend, I do thee no wrong; has crowned his efforts. didst thou not agree with me for a many are called, but few chosen "

serving faithfully if life be prolonged, will beaccepted by a merciful God as service

Weekly Church Calendar. Sunday, Feb. 14—Septuagesima Sunday—

Epist. 1 Cor. ix 24; x, v; Gosp. Matt. Monday, 15-SS. Faustinius and Jovita,

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ome Important Historical Facts Which are Not Generally Known.

In an address by John Pope Hodnett, brother of Rev. T. P. Hodnett, of Chicago, these historical facts were To Close Its Doors. cited to show the part the Catholic church took in establishing the repub-

Archbishop Carroll, of Baltimore, was the next man to George Washington in securing the freedom of the American colonies. It was he who got the Pope of Rome to send the papal nuncio to the King of France to get him to send the French army and navy to aid the Americans. It was he who got the Catholic generals, Barons Steuben and DeKalb, and the Catholic Polish generals, Kosciusko and Pulaski, to join the revolution.

Benjamin Franklin was sent by

ongress to France to intercede with he king in behalf of the colonies. He was not successful. One bright morning he was sitting in the waiting room of the king's palace for an audience, looking downhearted and forsaken, for he had received a letter from Washngton, saying. "If France did not send over her army the cause must fail, for his troops were commencing to mutiny and he could not raise funds to pay them, they had no rations, their feet were on the ground, and cut and bleeding from the cold." Franklin, looking downcast and woebegone, as he was revolving Washington's letter in his philosophical mind, was aroused from his melancholy stupor by a voice calling.

"Mr. Franklin!" Oh, Mr. Frank-

Franklin jumped up and rubbed his yes. It was the Pope's nuncio.

"I have good news for you," he

Franklin, astonished, threw himself

penny? Take what is thine, and go So, readers, if you want to learn thy way: I will also give to this last something of the man who, next to even as to thee. Or, is it not lawful Almighty God and Washington, gave for me to do what I will? Is thy eve you a flag and a country, turn to the evil because I am good? So shall the Catholic cathedral in Baltimore and last be first, and the first last; for see his tomb. Washington himself said: "Of all the men whose influence was most potent in securing the success of the revolution, Bishop Carroll of Baltimore was the man." The English king called him "the rebel charity, a lively desire, a firm purpose of bishop, Washington's Richelieu, the prime minister and adviser of consufficient to merit eternal reward in the gress, the man who got the Pope of land of the living. It was in this way that Rome to use his influence at the the penitent thief heard the answer to his French court for the Americans,"

"No. wo, sir." said he, turning to Mr. Pitt, the prime minister of England, "I shall never sign a bill granting Catholic emancipation after the action taken by the rebel Catholic bishop of Baltimore. He had America detached from my dominions by the aid of the French army and navy Wednesday, 17—Feria. and by the force of Irish Catholics.
Thursday, 18—St. Simeon, Bishop and No, no, Mr. Pitt, you need stop to argue the question with me; my mind is made up on that question!"

"Then," said Mr. Pitt, "if that is your majesty's determination, I cannot remain in office, for I am pledged it is poor, thin and impure you must emancipation. It is necessary to save must resign.'

"Then," said the obstinate king, 'do so; do so.'

So Pitt resigned like a man, and Catholic emancipation was not granted for twenty-eight years after this. This shows what Ireland suffered for American independence. It also shows that Bishop Carroll's influence was mainly instrumental in securing our independ-The people of Boston turned weight of the bags not counted. Mills- crucifix in his hand through the streets of Boston. All the ancient burgesses of Boston turned out and went to the Catholic church in compliment to the French, and all the old English statutes against the Catholics were reput on the table at any time, go to pealed on the spot. This is the record the Culross Bakery, No. 30 State of the day. The 10,000,000 Catholics in America can point to it with

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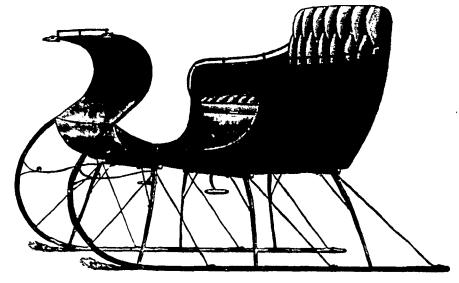
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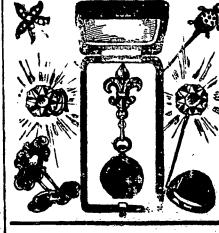
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