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THE AMERICAN IS THE CHAMPION OF ALL PARTISAN ORDERS—THE ORGAN OF NONE

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THERE is many a Jesuit who has never put on the outward garb of the order. They are to be found in every walk in life.

IT was our intention to go into detail and show up the destitution of the Pullman strikers, but the charitably inclined of Chicago have alleviated their sufferings to a certain extent, and before this issue is out, we hope hunger will be unknown among the workmen and their families.

THE Rev. Mr. Dunn's article on the A. P. A. which appears in this week's paper, is brim full of information, and as he is one of those writers who is very particular as to the correctness of his information, and the source from whence it comes, it makes the article a most valuable one. It is an article containing solid facts, not hearsay.

THE announcement that Prof. Frank A. Fitzpatrick superintendent of the public schools of Omaha will resign his position next Monday night at the meeting of the school board, will come as a great surprise to many people.

IN our issue of the 17th inst. we reprinted an article from the Boston Citizen, in which it was stated that Gustavus Vasa, king of Sweden, was assassinated by Jesuits in 1560. We have since been informed by a clergyman in Alton, Ill., that Gustavus Vasa died a natural death, and on looking the matter up we find the reverend gentleman is evidently right.

THERE are some Poles who would not make good Independent Catholics. They are the fellows who tramp, beg and steal from choice and not from necessity. One has only to compare the hard-working, frugal, honest Poles living in Omaha with the band of law defiers who were arrested in Buffalo, N. Y., last week, to appreciate the difference between an Independent Catholic and a Roman Catholic.

IN commenting on the pope's action on making Satolli's authority in this country absolute, the New York Tribune says: "The pope is old, and in no long time he must hand the keys over to his successor. So that the decree making independent and somewhat pontifical in character the authority of Satolli in this country may only last out the term of the present incumbent of the papal chair. It is not likely to survive it, as he is a protege of the present pope, who has heaped upon him powers and authorities thought here by some to be exorbitant and superfluous. A new pope will be likely to revoke his commission at once, and perhaps annul his legation altogether."

THE Omaha Bee cries aloud "the republican state convention was dominated by the railroads." This is the same old falsehood—the one it has uttered every year for twenty years, except when its editor succeeded in putting his collar on the nominees, then the people have been wise in their selections. Because the republicans have grown weary of Rosewater's dictatorship and have nominated a man he has pursued and vilified for years it does not follow that they are controlled by "corporation cappers." It does indicate however that the republican party has ceased to be a one-man party. But, as a matter of fact would be less blameable if it were a Rosewater collar than if it were one of the railroad patterns?

WHAT TO DO ON ELECTION DAY.

We are on the eve of many important state and municipal elections, and perhaps may be in doubt as to what course is best to pursue.

Some of us are life-long republicans and have implicit faith in the doctrines of the republican party. We believe in the much-talked-of protection to American labor. Some of us for many years have voted the straight republican ticket, and have sworn by all that was good and great that we would continue to do so.

Others have been good staunch democrats all their lives, and have argued for free trade and tariff reform. Many of us are still heart and soul with the democratic party. Many of us agree with the free silver men, and some of us are in sympathy with the populists.

To each and all of these we say, "Stick to your party as long as your party is American."

When your party, or any other party, nominates a man who is not in sympathy with Americanism, turn him down. Look over your ticket carefully and see who the doubtful ones are. We want no doubtful ones; we want men who are on one side of the fence, or the other. We have no use for men who are on the fence waiting to see which way the wind blows before they jump. Take all the doubtful candidates and all the un-American candidates and put your ballot in against them. No matter what your party may be, VOTE FOR AMERICANS ONLY.

WHY THE POPULISTS DO NOT WIN.

The populists met in state convention in Grand Island last Friday and chose the men whom they will vote for in November. Taken as a whole the ticket is about as weak a one as they could have nominated. Silas A. Holcomb, their nominee for governor, goes into the race carrying a great load—namely, his defeat of last year for supreme judge by an unknown man. Aside from this he is conceded to be handicapped by falling heir to the support of the Omaha Bee. The nominee for lieutenant-governor, J. N. Gaffin, is probably the best and wisest selection made. He is known to be right on the American question, a thing that will get him a large number of votes. H. W. McFadden, for secretary of state, will find he will have to pay the Piper by suffering defeat. John H. Powers is weak. He has been a standing candidate, and that great populist paper, the World-Herald, says his nomination was "the only black spot on the ticket." J. Johnson Wilson, for auditor, has the advantage of not being known outside of a few personal friends, while D. B. Carey, for attorney-general, will find A. S. Churchhill, whom the editor of the Bee says "is strong with the A. P. A.," a hard man to cope with. S. G. Kent, for commissioner of public lands and buildings, and W. A. Jones, for superintendent of public instruction, may both be excellent men, but they are at a disadvantage—they are unknown. The platform they adopted is the one we commended so highly during a former campaign, and is one all Americans can stand upon. But we have learned that platforms are built for effect, not for observance—to catch the voter, not to give him relief. Were this not so there would be a good many more populists in Nebraska than there are. As it is, honest men in the republican party are forcing their conventions to take more advanced positions on many vital issues, and honest democrats are uniting with them because they believe they can expect reform only through that party. Did the populists live up to their doctrines and not tie up or fuse with the democratic party—which in the larger cities is the Roman Catholic party—for the sole purpose of defeating republicans, many of the men whom they have converted would be active in their support of populist doctrines, who are today republicans solely because they object to becoming cats-paws to pull democratic chestnuts out of the fire. This is said with the kindest feelings and with the hope that populist leaders will recognize the fact that they weaken their influence every time they fuse for the purpose of defeating the republican ticket that is running upon a platform which is as much in harmony with theirs as is that of the party which today does the bidding—not in the country, but in the large cities—of the church of Rome. The populists are, in the main, Americans, native born, who have nothing in common with ecclesiastical politicians, and if they will stand for principle and not for pelf, the people will soon appreciate the fact that they are reformers and not office-seekers. Today they do not have the confidence of the people, and it is simply because they have not been independent, because they have been, in a measure, actors in a side-show to the democratic circus.

THE PLATFORM OF THE INDEPENDENT CATHOLIC CHURCH.

In former issues we called attention to the revolt in the Roman Catholic church, which ended in the withdrawal of thousands of the best educated and most liberal members of the Polish wing of that denomination. The liberals have been making arrangements for some time for the holding of

a convention in Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of organizing an independent Catholic church. Last Monday the convention was held, and a new denomination was given birth, with a membership of more than 20,000, and with Rev. Anthony Francis Kolaszewski as its official head.

The constitution adopted by our Polish friends is thoroughly American, and places the Poles well up in the front rank of patriotic citizens of foreign birth.

They declare in Section III of their articles of incorporation, that "all secular education is to be, principally, conducted in the English language in accordance with the plan adopted in the public schools of Ohio."

This signifies a long step in the right direction. In laying down the rule for the management of a parish Article IV of the constitution declares: "To all the spiritual, purely religious affairs the parish priest is the sole authority. In all the business affairs of the congregation, however, the management rests with the trustees elected by the whole congregation at the public meeting. As soon as elected, trustees shall select from among themselves a president, secretary and cashier. These men will constitute a committee who will take care of all the receipts and disbursements of the congregation.

The cashier keeps the money and account book of the parish. An account book is also kept by the parish priest and if necessary he may write orders for money to the cashier.

On the first Monday of every month the books will be balanced, the cashier will give a complete account of all the disbursements as well as receipts to the trustees of the congregation. On the succeeding Sunday, the priest will read the account from the pulpit to the congregation.

But the powers of the trustees are limited, in Article V, as follows: Trustees of the church committee have full power over the church property. With this limitation, however, that they have no right to buy or sell or mortgage in any way the church property without the consent of the whole congregation. Such a transaction must be decided upon at a mass meeting where three-fourths of all being present will constitute a quorum.

Article XVIII pledges the Independent Catholics to "always sustain the perfect freedom of the press, and strictly forbid any interference with the choice of literature, which ought to be exercised by the members of the parishes. For the purpose, however, of carrying on the propaganda of religious freedom and the advocacy of independent Catholicism, all the parishes must agree upon one paper which will be their official organ, which will represent and work for their interest, and to support which they must contribute voluntarily a certain amount agreed upon."

The public schools of America are endorsed in Article XIX. It declares: As those who have formed the first Independent Polish Catholic church of America, known as the Congregation of "The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary," found what a curse to the enlightenment of their children the present parochial schools are; therefore, they resolve upon a complete change of the system of education. The members of the congregation are free to send their children to such schools as they think would be the best. The congregation will, however, conducted in accordance with the plan of instructions upheld in the public schools, with American text books and under American methods. It must have an American graduated teacher with a diploma, and a Pole who will teach the Polish language and history.

Article XX denies human infallibility: As we who have adopted the above articles do not believe any human being can be infallible, even if he call himself a pope of Rome, so we do not think that the above paragraphs are masterpieces in every way, but they will answer the purpose of the moral and intellectual elevation of the Polish people, which is our main and only object. Any change which may be for the better advancement of these principles is desirable. It must be made, however, by a majority of the representatives of all the parishes or by a majority of the members of the congregation. In all and everything as the above charter signifies, we want to be governed by the spirit and the letter of the great and glorious constitution of the United States. So help us God, Amen.

This constitution was sent to Omaha and placed in the hands of the people who have found good cause for rebelling against ecclesiastical authority in this city, and Wednesday evening of this week they held a meeting in a public hall in the Seventh ward and discussed the question of organizing an Independent Polish Catholic church. About seventy-five gentlemen were present, and after the articles of incorporation and the constitution of the Independent Polish Catholic church were read and discussed, a motion was made that they be adopted by the Poles there assembled, which was carried without a dissenting vote—every man present rising to his feet when the chairman stated the question and asked that as many as favored the adoption of the articles of incorporation and the constitution of the Independent Polish Catholic church stand up.

Wednesday will be a day long to be remembered by liberty-loving Poles in Omaha. It is the date when they began to enjoy liberty; when they began to be free men, and when they declared themselves truly patriotic citizens, willing to abide by our laws, accept our customs and uphold our free institutions.

DOUGLAS COUNTY AMERICANS.

The most important office outside of the governorship and the board of education, which the Americans of Omaha will be called upon to help fill will be that of United States Senator. The man who is elevated to this position should be an American in every sense of the word. He should be a man of brains, of good common sense and of sober habits. Besides being possessed of these qualifications he should be an orator—a man among men—capable of adapting himself to the spirit of the age; ready and willing to take up the fight against any measure which does not meet the approval of any great number of his constituents. Such men are rare, yet Omaha possesses two who would be a credit to any state in the union and who would be an honor to this commonwealth. They are both republicans, both believe in American principles and both are orators of great ability. One is John M. Thurston, the other is John L. Webster, and the delegation which goes to the legislature from Douglas county should understand that the people who elect them, are in favor of one or the other of these gentlemen being made United States senator. They feel by them as they did by Tom Majors and Jack McColl. It makes no difference which, just so it is one of them.

A DISPATCH dated Washington, August 25, reads:

Mr. Pendleton, of West Virginia, who declined to accept a renomination, made the round of the newspaper offices tonight to contradict a report that he had declined because the antagonism of the A. P. A. made success impossible. As a matter of fact he is a strong Protestant and the nominee of the convention said to have been controlled by the A. P. A. is an Irish Catholic.

It is the most peculiar thing in the world that the politicians hasten either to affirm or deny that they do this or that against the A. P. A. Some of them deny that the association cuts any figure in the political world. Our readers should ponder over this subject for a time. It is a splendid argument in very few words. Kansas City, Mo., and Troy N. Y., can say that they took the helm and have started a revolution in politics which nothing on earth can stop.

THE Kansas City Star makes a great howl about the A. P. A. trying to capture the Third Regiment. This is all stuff drawn from the imaginative mind of the windy Star. If the A. P. A. had wanted the regiment, which they did not, they would have had every crevice filled long ago. The association has its hands in politics, and is not like the Star, dabbling in every piece of child's play in and around this vicinity. If the time should ever come that the members of the A. P. A. should desire to wear uniforms, there is no doubt but what they would succeed in doing so. One thing may be remembered, and that is if the government or state should need troops the association stands ready to enlist and uphold the law, otherwise they are not in the military business.

IT is a well-known fact that the political parties cater to the Irish, German and Italian votes; but who ever heard of them running after the American vote in Kansas City before the year 1894? Americans, you are coming out on top in America at last. By Americans we mean those who have espoused the constitution and laws of the United States without a mental reservation in favor of some foreign power, prince or potentate. Are you, as a foreign born citizen, of this class? If not, do you desire to retain the liberties bequeathed to all loyal citizens by the founders of these United States? Fall into line and study that which will be of importance to future generations, purity at the ballot, freedom of thought, speech and press.

KANSAS CITY has a new Roman Catholic in the form of a weekly paper known as the Columbian Banner. It prints an alleged partial list of the members of the A. P. A. in Kansas City, Kansas. This is one of the best moves that has been made to build up the A. P. A., and THE AMERICAN hopes that they will stay in the field. If the list is authentic, the very best citizens across the "Kaw" are A. P. As. This is a decided honor to the A. P. A. We would be pleased to have the few prominent persons who now remain without the pale come into the association and be sociable.

SOME people claim that the A. P. A. figured largely in the election of delegates to the Kansas City, Kas., Argentine and Armourdale conventions, Thursday, August 16. If the order is as successful in electing men to office as it is in naming a ticket, Kansas is liable to go straight A. P. A.

F. A. SNOW, of David City, Neb., has just issued a campaign song book that is filled with amusing selections. Any of our friends who appreciate a good thing and who desire to organize a glee club should write Mr. Snow, enclosing \$1.00, and secure four numbers of his book.

THE United States is not the only country in which the Roman Catholic church manages to dip its hands deep into the public funds for the support of

its institutions, as will be seen from the following, which we quote from the Missionary Review:

"It is the fashion in France for the government to parcel out the public funds for the support of public worship. From \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 are annually given the Catholics; the Protestants receive about \$350,000, the Jews about \$40,000 and the Mohammedans about \$50,000.

THE Roman Catholics declare that certain parties are fighting their religion. Certain parties care nothing for their worship of the Virgin or any other ceremony in their services. What the Americans want is an aristocracy of priests shorn of their power by permitting no Roman Catholic to hold office. The priests assume as an excuse for the existence of this aristocracy that their virtues are greater than any other class, while it is a well known fact that but few others but Roman Catholics ever reach the gallows, and that these poor deluded creatures are the denomination that fill our jails, make our rioters and assassins. Who ever hears of a Jew to be hanged or sent to prison?—Denver Bee.

THE Call, as is well known, did not urge the nomination of Thomas J. Majors for governor; but we see nothing in the malignant vindictiveness of Rosewaterism to prevent us from giving, conscientiously, the most hearty support to Mr. Majors and all the other nominees on the republican ticket. The fact that the malicious journalistic quip doesn't like Majors isn't necessarily in his disfavor. Indeed there is a growing feeling in this state that some explanation is necessary from the man whom Rosewater favors.—Lincoln Daily Call.

CHASE ROYS, of Washington, D. C., whose name is well known to the readers of patriotic papers, says in one of his recent communications:

"I learn from seemingly good authority that among all the numerous discharges of clerks from the pension office here since Cleveland's entrance into the White House, there has not been found one Roman Catholic! It is probably a wonderful coincidence, but nevertheless, the name of the man whose influence in discharging clerks is all powerful is Dominic Murphy! And so goes on the reformation."

JOHN J. HENNESSY, Roman Catholic bishop of Wichita, Kans., when questioned about Satolli's decision regarding the liquor business, said:

"As Kansas is a Prohibition state we are supposed to have no persons engaged in the liquor trade, and no reason, therefore, for any special legislation in our diocese for that class of merchants. Our people are sadly in need of water, and any movement tending to supply this kind of liquor will receive our hearty indorsement."

SPEAKING of the Polish movement in seceding from Rome, Archbishop Vilatte said: "We all hope that this movement will have the largest measure of success, but I notice that the newspapers in this city have spoken of us as a part of the Armenian or Coptic church. We are not. We are distinctively an American church. We swear allegiance to no potentate, but seek only to obey and uphold the constitution of our country."

IT would be advisable for Mayor Davis to devote a little more of his time to Kansas City affairs, and not so much to the towns out of Jackson county. He should also check his appointees when they stray from the path which subserves the welfare of the public. His honor may sneer at this hint, but if he wishes people to respect him, he must respect their wishes.

IT is alleged that Justice Latshaw has been found short \$9,066 in his accounts with the county, he is charged with withholding fines collected from dissolute women. This Latshaw is the Roman Catholic justice who endeavored to railroad Bishop McNamara into prison last spring.

THE town of Jackson, Ia., and its affairs must evidently be entirely in the hands of Rome, the latest news from there being that by an overwhelming vote the school board has been requested to employ only dominican nuns in the public schools.

STEPHEN COLLINS, who for several years has so ably filled the position of national organizer to the Jr. O. U. A. M., has assumed the editorship of the Pittsburg American, the official organ of the Junior Order in Pennsylvania.

THE A. P. A. should push men to the front in politics who have been tested in their American qualities.

Convent Closed. MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Aug. 22.—The college of Ursuline nuns in Granada has been closed by order of the government, and the nuns exiled. Nuns in this city have been warned that the same fate awaits them.

Don't Like It. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 24.—The Roman Catholic Polish Union yesterday adopted resolutions strongly condemning the new Polish Independent church.

Leo and France. ROME, Aug. 25.—The pope has written a letter to M. Turquet, formerly under secretary of state, confirming the papal adhesion to the French republic.

DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY.

Annual Session of the National Council and Election of Officers.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., August 24.—The Seventeenth annual session of the National Council Daughters of Liberty convened here Tuesday. Every national officer was present at the opening of the session.

The following interesting information is taken from the report of the national secretary, W. O. Staples: Number of councils to date, 298; 85 having been instituted and 21 dissolved during the year.

Total membership at this date, 19,224, comprising 13,951 sisters and 5,273 brothers, which shows a net increase of 3,511 during the year. Of the male members, 2,582 belong to the O. U. A. M. and 2,690 to the Jr. O. U. A. M.

The 298 councils are distributed through 22 states, Pennsylvania leading with 119, Connecticut being next with 30, Ohio 28, Massachusetts 22, New York 20, New Jersey 18, New Hampshire 17, Rhode Island 12; the balance scattered.

The election of officers created a surprise. G. H. Burton, of New York, who has held the office of national treasurer for years, was defeated by W. V. Edkins, of Pennsylvania. For the second time in the history of the order a woman was elected a national officer. Sadie Gribben, of Pennsylvania, was elected national vice councillor. The remainder of the election resulted as follows:

N. C., J. H. Focht, of Ohio. N. A. C., Eva B. Bush, of New York; N. A. V. C., Clara Heller, of Philadelphia; N. A. S., Belle Flocker, Allegheny; N. A. T., Esther Smith, New York; N. Guide, Lizzie M. Stevens, New Hampshire; N. I. G., Josephine Glass, Allegheny; N. O. G., F. H. Palmer, Massachusetts; Representatives to the National Council, O. U. A. M., G. B. Ludlam, New Jersey; G. H. Burton, New York; W. N. Simmons, Connecticut. Place of next meeting, Washington, D. C.

The Reason Why.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20, 1894.—Editor THE AMERICAN: In your issue of the 18th inst. you ask, "What caused the New York Times to so suddenly cease its attacks on the A. P. A.?" I think I can answer your question in a very few words. It was a matter of dollars and cents. The writer was informed by an authority that the receipts from subscriptions to the Times dropped off \$1,800 the very first week that it began its attacks on the A. P. A. and that the paper continued to lose many subscribers as long as it printed its alleged expose of that "infamous" organization of "bigots." They soon learned that they were playing a losing game and they dropped it like a hot brick.

I anticipate a hot fight during the fall campaign in the state of New York in-as-much as there will be a number of proposed amendments to the state constitution put before the people to be voted upon, and among them is one in particular over which there will be a stubborn fight, and that is the one which prohibits the appropriation of public money for sectarian purposes.

The A. P. A. is gaining a great many members in this state, and I am of the opinion that they will prove to be quite a factor in the coming elections.

Watch the returns from the empire state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

A NEW YORKER.

Why? We have an institution located in South Evanston known as the Industrial School for Girls, maintained and supported by appropriations by the county commissioners. This institution maintains as janitor and all-round man a bigoted Roman Catholic, and who is not an American citizen, either by birth or naturalization. Every Sunday this man hitches up the rig belonging to the institution and takes his wife and such children as are Irish to their place of conference with the priest, leaving the Protestant teachers and children to either walk to church or stay at home. The query arises, why should this be allowed, when American men and women are idle and are worthy the support of the people? It is such things as this that makes the American veins boil at the indignation, and a feeling of resentment arises that is hard to control. We hope it will not be necessary to call the attention of the authorities to this again, and that, at least, an honest American and his family be given the place. SASSICUS.

Will be Buried Out of Sight.

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 28.—C. Poirier presents his name before the American public as a candidate for county commissioner "at the request of many (Duluth) voters." On November 4 your correspondent will report this Roman Catholic buried under an avalanche of American votes. Mark that. Z.

The Usual Result.

The Omaha Bee did all in its power to defert Dave Mercer two years ago but failed. The unanimity with which Mercer was re-nominated Monday has a wonderfully soothing effect on the stinging insect, and it now falls into line and will move in the procession.—Sutton News.