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COLORADO has placed herself in line by electing a majority of Americans to office.

KANSAS CITY, Kas., has broken the record and placed none but Americans on guard.

MISSOURI, as a state, has broken every previous record by placing three-fourths of all the important offices on an American base. Hurrah for old Missouri!

LETTERS have been received from dozens of towns in Missouri, saying: "We've got them," and stating that many members of the A. P. A. have been placed in office.

THE *Journal* says that "the people of Missouri are through with voting their prejudices. Hereafter they will vote in the interests of their business and for sound American principles."

OUR Friend Holden has removed his family and his plant from Duluth to Galesburg, Ill., from which point he sends out his vigorous exponent of Americanism—*Liberty*—to his patrons and friends. May it live long to work for the right.

FOR the second time in fifteen months Judge E. R. Duffie has been appointed to the district bench by Gov. Crounse. Judge Duffie is an able lawyer, a thorough American and a faithful friend. He merits the honor, and will be a credit to the bench.

THE Cairo, Ill., *Daily Bulletin* says, "the A. P. A. did it; the niggers went back on us; New York has gone to the devil; Connecticut right after; Minnesota not far behind; Wisconsin in the rear; others following; Alexander county busted; Pat Mahoney defeated; Sidney B. Miller (Protestant) elected. Its awful!" And then it continues its sad refrain.

ONE of our friends down in New York says: "We (the A. P. A.) arranged yesterday for the absolute prohibition of the appropriation of public money for sectarian schools. We defeated Tammany, the most iniquitious political organization that ever disgraced American politics; we defeated Hill, who stood for un-American sentiments. What more do you want?"

SOME of our Irish Catholic friends in Omaha threaten to go straightway into the Republican party, because the Democrats have failed to provide office for them. Archbishop Ireland advised them to divide up long ago. It is doubtful if this change of front will be effective. The Protestant people have found out that Roman Catholics will vote only for Roman Catholics or their tools, no matter what party they are in. Besides, under the primary election rules in Omaha there are some conditions precedent to becoming a voter in the councils of the Republican party.

LAST week we were away from the city when the account of the election was written up and published in THE AMERICAN. By an oversight no mention was made of Beecher Higby's merited victory over Jack Evans for the city clerkship. But Beech knows how pleased we were, and his many friends already know he got more votes than all the other candidates together, so it is not necessary for us to say very much, except that his election was a distinctively A. P. A. victory, for his opponent denied being a member of the order and he admitted his connection with it.

ONE thing must be said of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. It is a business institution, and it's agents are captains in the art of getting together the sinews of political warfare. Truckling non-Catholic politicians who instinctively detest the history of Romanism, who know that it is hostile to liberty and a menace to the institutions of America, know on which side their bread is buttered. This is why there is a junta of schemers in Douglas county, recreant to their natural allegiance, and venally false to the principles of free government. Fortunately their number is limited and their power feeble.

## MAJORS WAS ELECTED.

Nearly every paper in the state of Nebraska conceded, last week, the election of Silas A. Holcomb, as governor.

Among the few which did not, THE AMERICAN may be numbered. This week it not only claims that Majors was honestly and fairly elected; that he had votes enough; but that a gigantic scheme was put in operation by his personal enemies to steal the state and deprive him of the honor the people had so gladly bestowed upon him.

From every section of the state comes proof of irregularities, and downright violations of the Australian ballot law. Votes cast for Thomas J. Majors have not been counted, and votes cast for him have been counted for the other fellow. Election boards have been packed with the tools of his enemies, and in some cases they have utterly failed to comply with the letter or the spirit of the election law. Ballots have been taken from the ballot boxes and placed in a judges pocket, and afterwards brought out and counted, while in one or more precincts ballots which should have been counted for Majors have been torn up—destroyed—so that no trace of them can be found. Besides these instances of lawlessness and attempts at fraud, there are numerous instances where the spirit of the election law has been violated by the use of money, and the coercion of voters through fear of loss of official positions.

But these are not all the grounds on which we have to base a claim that Thomas J. Majors was lawfully and legally elected governor of Nebraska. Every elector who knows anything at all about the state knows that thousands of voters have left the "sand hills," yet the returns from that section, on their face, indicate as many votes in that section this year as there were one year ago. This is either an error or a gigantic attempt to steal the state from the Republicans. If it is a mistake Mr. Holcomb and his friends should be willing and anxious to have it rectified, but if it is a trick of unprincipled and unscrupulous political mountebanks, every individual connected with it should be prosecuted and punished to the full extent of the law.

And Mr. Majors has a duty to perform. It is not to allow this election to go uncontested. He owes it to his friends and to the Republican party to demand his rights. He owes it to his political enemies to show them that an honest expression of public opinion at the ballot box is sacred, but that a dishonest or a fraudulent expression will be opposed and unmasked regardless of time, cost or convenience. This is what his friends expect of him. This is what the 97,000 voters of Nebraska—the second largest vote that was ever cast for a single candidate for governor—who said by their votes that he was their choice, this is what they expect him to do, and unless we are mistaken in him that is what he will do.

Majors was elected. He was elected in spite of the damnable warfare of the Omaha *Bee*, in spite of fusion, in spite of the solid Roman Catholic vote, and in spite of glaring frauds and unnecessary if not intentional mistakes, and every one of his friends who knows of any irregularity being practiced in any precinct should forward information of the same to this office wi hout delay. If Thos. J. Majors will stand for his rights and the rights of the Republican party and the Protestant wing of the Democratic party, we shall lend him all the help we can, and we expect Americans everywhere to back up this attempt to secure a fair count of the vote cast at the last election. What do you know about your precinct?

## THE LABOR QUESTION AND THE A. P. A.

The last lecture delivered by Prof. David Swing, of Chicago, was on the subject of the great railway strikes of the past summer. He was regarded by many as one of the most conservative and at the same time one of the wisest and most penetrating of men. He spoke from the scene of the terrible conflict where men were maimed and killed and where millions upon millions of dollars worth of property were destroyed. During the course of his remarks he said: "Not since 1860 has the sky been so dark as it is today. What saved the country from a great calamity last July was the fact that the school house, the church and the press of the last fifty years, had quietly created an intelligence large enough to stand between the people and their ruin."

Prof. Swing is dead, and his memory, because of his works, is entitled to all charity. He will be remembered for his tenderness of feeling and his broad humanity. These characteristics overpowered his judgment and led him to wrong conclusions. The lecture from which we quote took no account of the element of Romanism in the great strikes. He sought to solve the strained condition of affairs by dwelling upon the relations of capital and labor and was apparently oblivious to the fact that in the great social commotion about which he was discoursing, the chief element of deviltry was the Roman Catholic church, with its emissaries. THE AMERICAN does not claim that all who participated in that strike were Roman Catholics, but we assert that the leaders, from President Eugene V. Debs down were the tools of the Roman machine. The presidents of nearly all the subordinate lodges were Romans, and the powers that manipulated the strike were controlled by them—just as has been the case with most if not all the strikes in America for many years past.

The American Protective Association, with its 4,000,000 sympathetic voters would never have been possible if there had not existed grave and threatening evils from a violation of one of the principles on which our government is founded, namely, the complete separation of church and state. Roman Catholic priests and editors have sought by getting up feuds between capital and labor, to hold the Protestant element of the working people in line with the plans of their church, when another policy is not thought more advantageous, and the A. P. A. has even been accused by them of being an instrument in the hands of capital to discriminate against the toilers of America. But this charge is impotent. The laboring men of this country have learned in countless strikes that they cannot depend upon the Roman Catholics to hold out. They have been betrayed so often that they have found the reason, and that is why the ranks of the A. P. A. are made up of the hard working sons of America—who believe that no solution to the questions arising between capital and labor can be effected so long as priests can barter and sell and compromise, with both sides to a controversy. They are men who love their country and whose lives are ready to preserve it, and they have united themselves together in a patriotic organization which seeks to perpetuate American institutions and ultimately effect the assimilation of all elements of our people. The A. P. A. loves justice and would promote prosperity. It favors economic progress and industrial reform. It hopes that the day may come when every American home will again resound with the mirth and music of plenty, and when good order and peace shall abide in every neighborhood. The sooner the Roman Catholics of America realize that they must take their church out of politics, and like the patriotic and courageous Catholic Polanders, renounce the church government where ever it conflicts with American interests, the sooner will there be a united public sentiment to correct the admitted evils of legislation. So long as Roman Catholic leaders like Debs entrap people into rebellion against the federal government, and bluntly advise their subordinates to pay no attention to the injunctions of our courts; so long as the enemies of all government take advantage of labor troubles to destroy property to the value of millions of dollars, the cause of industrial progress is hampered.

It was the principles for which the A. P. A. stands that prevented a great revolution in 1894. Those principles were endorsed by the voters of this country on November 6th, partly because of the great railroad strikes of the summer.

## NUNS CAN TEACH.

The supreme court of Pennsylvania handed down a decision in the case of John Hyson et al. vs. School District of Gallitzin borough et al. November 12. The opinion was delivered by Justice Dean, part of which was as follows:

The bill was filed to restrain the school directors of Gallitzin borough from permitting sectarian teaching in the common schools of the borough, and from employing as teachers, sisters or members of the order of St. Joseph, a religious societ of the Catholic church. As to the fact admitted that of teachers six of them were sisters of a religious order of the Catholic church, and while teaching, wore the habit of their order, the learned judge of the court below says: "We conclude, as to this branch of the case, that in the absence of proof that religious sectarian instruction was imparted by them during school hours, or religious sectarian exercises engaged in, we cannot restrain by injunction members of the order of Sisters of St. Joseph from teaching in the public schools in the garb of that order, nor the school directors from employing or permitting them to act in that capacity." This legal conclusion is reached after a very able and impartial opinion, in which the facts are reviewed and the law bearing on the question very fully cited The opinion is so convincing that it seems to us it must compel the assent of the unprejudiced mind, whether of layman or lawyer. In thus expressing our full accord with the learned president, judge of the court below, we intimate no opinion as to the wisdom or unwisdom of the action of the school board in selecting six Catholic school teachers, members of an exclusively religious order.

In the sixty years of existence of our present school system, this is the first time this court has been asked to decide, as a matter of law, that it is sectarian teaching for a devout woman to appear in a school room in a new dress peculiar to a religious organization of a christian church. We decline to do so; the law does not say so. After the most careful consideration we see nothing of merit in any of the assignments of error which have been so earnestly pressed in the argument. The decree is affirmed and appeal dismissed at costs of appellants.

Justice Williams handed down the minority dissenting opinion.

## NULLIFYING THE LAW.

During the last election, hundreds of these cards were used in the city of Omaha:

DISABLED VOTER'S CARD.

I am a disabled Democratic voter, I can neither read nor write English, I desire Mr....., one of the members of the Election Board, to make out my ticket; and I want to vote for following candidates:
For Governor: Silas A. Holcomb,
For Lieut. Gov.: James N. Gaffin,
For Sec'y of State: Francis I. Ellick,
For Auditor: Jno. W. Wilson,
For Treasurer: G. A. Luikart,
For Supt. Pub. Ins: Wm. A. Jones,
For Att'y Gen'l.: Daniel B. Carey,
For Com. Pub. Lands: Sidney J. Kent,
and the Democratic Congressional, Senatorial, County, City and School Board ticket.

This suggests the necessity of a change in the Australian ballot law. It shows that no man should be allowed to vote who cannot read and write the English language. Such a law is in force in California. It would work here. Besides, the perpetuity of our government depends upon the education of its citizens. An ignorant voter is a constant menace to our form of government, and the sooner this is realized the better off will the country be.

## DOUBTLESS AN ERROR.

Mrs. Waite, the wife of Colorado's eccentric governor, in an interview last Tuesday, abused most shamefully the good women who went to the polls and voted against the Populist party. She wound up her talk with a bit of information which is certainly an error, as the Republican ticket was the A. P. A. ticket. But this is what she said:

"Then I was disappointed in the Catholic vote, for that went right against us. I know it to be a fact that only two or three days before the election Bishop Matz received a check for $50,000 from Archbishops Ireland and Corrigan, with secret instructions to influence the Catholic vote for the Republicans. They don't care anything about what is going on here for they live east and are controlled by Wall street and the gold bugs."

## COMMENDS OUR JOB DEPARTMENT.

HARTINGTON, Neb., October 30, 1894.—AMERICAN PUBLISHING CO., Omaha, Neb.—Gentlemen: The tickets were received last night all O. K. I must say that you have done me a good job, and that, too, with a promptness that I had not looked for. Accept my thanks and assurance that should I have occasion to again call on you, I shall be only too happy to do so. Please return copy of both the county and precinct tickets, and also the state ticket which I forwarded you yesterday. Yours respectfully, E. BORDWELL.

IT IS currently reported that Priest John Jeannette has discontinued teaching the catechism in his church. It is also currently reported that Hugh Murphy sent one of his little children to the priest to ask how children attending the public schools were to receive religious instruction. The priest is said to have patted the child on the head as he told it he did not know. Mr. Murphy sends his children to the public schools, and he believes this move is made to force him to take them out and send them to the sectarian school, but he proposes to retaliate by withdrawing his support from the church, until such time as the priest concludes to teach the catechism to children attending the public schools. If this is true he deserves no little praise. His stand is not alone for the benefit of his own children, but of those also of other Roman Catholics, who cannot afford to patronize a private school. It is more, it is for the benefit of the country, for it teaches his children that they are independent of the priesthood. Mr. Murphy is considered rich and quite influential, and it may be the priest will hasten to remove the restrictions so far as they relate to Murphy's children.

HENRY ROHLFF'S friends in the Second ward are well satisfied with their work in defeating Thomas Flynn for the city council. So long as Roman Catholic politicians of the Jacob Burkhard and Gus. Louks stripe manipulate German Catholic benevolent societies against Protestant German citizens and in favor of Irish Romanists, there will be need of a retaliatory spirit such as Rohlff showed. The work of the Catholic societies against Rohlff is now well known.

THE pope has confided to Satolli that Peter's pence is falling off, and suggests that he devise some scheme to increase the generosity of the faithful. Come, now, you slaves, put up your hard-earned dollars; the pope is starving to death. He only has an income of a little more than $5,000,000 a year, while you—well, you probably have $500 in good times, or $350 such times as these. By all means, be more liberal. Don't starve the "old bag of bones" to death.

THE American Protective Association stands for good government. It will assist any movement that honestly looks to an improvement in any department.

## WENT ONE WAY.

### And That Way Was as the A. P. A. Willed.

NASHUA, N. H.—The A. P. A. largely entered into the contest and probably defeated D. F. Healy, Republican candidate for sheriff. The struggle for his election was a bitter one.

MILFORD, N. H.—D. F. Healy, candidate for sheriff, was defeated by over 300. The A. P. A., which is strong, did it.

CAMBRIDGE.—We have gained a complete victory—having carried our men in every ward in the city—redeeming Ward 2 and defeating two of the recognized opponents of the A. P. A. Dallinger, Fillmore, Higging, Spaulding, Durant, etc. etc., elected. G. W. C.

CANTON.—Our victory is complete in this Democratic town. Republican for the first time in many years. Congressman Morse away ahead of his previous record. Hallelujah! R. J. M.

BROOKLINE.—The contest in this town centered in the election of our representative. The friends of true patriotism, with entire unanimity of action, rallied to the support of the present incumbent—the Republican nominee—a clean, honorable, straightforward American. One year ago, after a sharp battle, we elected him by one vote; this year we return him with a majority of 497. COREY HILL.

CAMBRIDGE.—Our victory in Cambridge needs no explaining. If that *Post* reporter (?) who visited the A. P. A. is snowed in this morning, some of the home council have kindly volunteered to help dig him out. C.

NEWBURYPORT.—We have elected two friends as representatives by about 400. M.

KEENE, N. H.—We have elected Republican representatives in every ward but Ward 5—that has always been strongly Roman Catholic; but by the effort made by one of our number, it has been so close this year that there was no choice yesterday. Those elected were not all friends, but, as we believe, good patriotic men. We clain a share of the victory. B.

DENVER, Colo.—Colorado Republican state and county ticket elected by large majorities. Every A. P. A. candidate in Arapahoe county and on state ticket elected. Organization successful in every locality in which it has a council. *Denver American.*

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Wherever issue made, Americans won throughout Wisconsin. Straight ticket in Milwaukee. Carried county by about 8,000 plurality. Friends elected congressman and full county ticket. Here, also, in Winnebago county, anti-A. P. A. Peck for governor defeated by about 56,000. A. C. MACRORIE.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Victory crowns the banner of the A. P. A. Congressman Montgomery voted for $400,000 Roman Catholic appropriation. He is defeated. Following men, the choice of the A. P. A., are elected: Col. Walter Evans for congress, over McDermott (Romanist) 4,336; Richie for county judge, over Judge Hoke, who denounced the A. P. A., 1,930; J. C. Hood, coroner (O. K.); H. H. McCulloch for tax receiver, over Shelly (Romanist), 2,127; Merriweather for assessor, over Burke (Romanist), 3,140. Rascality and fraud practiced in interest of Romanists in vain. For facts and figures see next issue of *Freedom's Banner.* JAMES W. GIVAN, G. M.

NEW YORK.—Hillism crushed beneath the heel of an enraged populace. It is a revolution by the people. It is not a Republican party triumph. The best of the Democrats helped, and by their votes and their best papers did noble work. The A. P. A. did their duty. The Republican press and politicians should be just and truthful, giving credit to all who helped them. W. S. TISDALE.

CINCINNATI, O.—All right. Everything gone our way. GEO. W. BATEMAN.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Went A. P. A. Elected every man where we had a choice on either old party ticket. H. G. BEEDLE.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—We are victorious. No Romanists elected to state offices. City and county same. Very few Romish legislators. One Romish alderman. Wild enthusiasm. "Shake." —*Loyal American.*

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis.—Great victories all along the line, in spite of a most bitter and malignant fight by the opposition. D. B. CHENEY.

### What Minnesota Friends Did.

DULUTH, MINN., Nov. 10, 1894:—

It is so soon that I am done for,
I wonder what I was begun for.

While the results of the recent election were not entirely satisfactory to the A. P. A., yet they are satisfied with the strength shown by them. Out of the whole ticket elected in St. Louis county but one Romanist was elected. On the state ticket, headed by Hon. Knute Nelson, NOT ONE Romanist was to be found. To save space, the story will be told as briefly as possible:

The Democratic candidates stood upon a platform denouncing the A. P. A., while the Republicans and Populists said nothing that was unfriendly to the order, either in their platform or on the stump. The A. P. A., therefore, did nothing more than work for the defeat of the Democratic ticket. This they did. The Republicans came in first, Populists second, and Democrats a miserable third. O, what a defeat it was! This poor Rome-ridden political machine did not receive half the votes polled by the Populists.

The total vote cast in St. Louis county for congressman was 13,000; Towne (Rep.) got about 7,500; Holverson (Pop.) 3,500 and Baldwin (Dem.) 1,500.

Judge Lewis, who sentenced Fr. Jim Connelly to twenty years in the penitentiary, received more votes than his competitors put together.

The same figures will apply to the vote for governor, Nelson receiving from 40,000 to 50,000 plurality in the state. Becker (Dem.) ran way behind his ticket.

The returns show that the A. P. A. acted non-partisan throughout the campaign. Further than laboring for the defeat of the Rome-ridden Democratic party, their votes went, as a whole, to no party.

Bishop McGolerick did not come home from his eastern trip to work and vote for the party clamoring for the holy Roman vote. It was a mean trick indeed, and may be resented in some future caucus.

To make a long story short, Rome's servants are now all out of office, and we look for more patriotic legislation in the near future. ZENITH.

### Holy Water, Confessional Boxes, and Images at Doncaster.

The *Doncaster Chronicle*, of Saturday last, says:—

"Further innovations in the direction of Romanism have been introduced into this church (Christ Church, Doncaster). Recenty a shrine with a painting of the Madonna and child and lights was placed on the south-side of the chancel entrance, and within the last week an image of the virgin and child has been substituted for the picture, which has been hung against one of the pillars on the north side. As if this were not enough the vicar has introduced a couple of confessional boxes, one on the north and the other on the south side, and near the west entrance there are two vats for so-called holy water. The harvest festival was held on Thursday night, when there was evensong with procession and solemn Te Deum, The preacher was the Rev. Battersby Prestwich, of Whitakerlane. The decorations were chaste and beautiful, but not extensive. The collection amounting to over £4 was on behalf of the steeple and boiler fund. On Sunday the preachers invariably spoke of holy communion as 'holy mass,' and the reformation was described as the one 'black spot' in the history of the church."

### The A Pay Azes.

"Now, Paddy, have ye som desease,
That makes ye frit and snivel?"
"No, Biddy, shure it is bekase
We're wourstid by the divil!"
"Shame on ye, Pat' for sayin' so!
Sich gab mesilf displases."
"Ah, Biddy, shure ye dusn't know
Thim bloody A Pay Azes."
"Ol dusn't? Faith, Ol dus indade!
D'ye think Ol disremember
Dear Father Corcoran's tirade
Agin thim lasht Noyimber?
He sod to b'ycott ivery one,
An' curs'd thim all to blazes;"
"But, Biddy, shure they hazn't gone,
Thim haythin A Pay Azes!"
"Me, Mickey, Deragisch an' Burke,
McCarthy and O'Brien,
An' ha'f the 'foorce' bees kipto work
A countin' an' a sphyin'!
An' though we know they're iverywhere,
They baffles us, 'the dasis;
They're worse an' masles, so they are,
Thim slippery A Pay Azes.
"We think they isn't, when they is,
An' whin they is, they isn't;
We thinks they're that way whin they're this,
An' absint whin they're prisint;
They're like that kalyidoschope,
So ticklesome they're ways is;
Begob, they'd thrick the howly pope,
Thim chatin' A Pay Azes!
"They runs to Yankees, Swades an' Dutch,
Begob, they may have naygurs!
Ol niver thought to scrap with such
A power o' schamin' plagers.
St. Patrick hunt thim from their howls;
An' kill thim wid disases—
Wid divil a mass to rist their sowls,
Thim pagin A Pay Azes.
"Ah, Biddy! falx Ol can't relate
The strength of me dijiction!
It comes o' seein' how we're bate
At ivery new eliction;
The praste is loike to loose his howld
On all the payin' places!
They lave the b'yes out in the cowld,
Thim wotin' A Pay Azes."

—*Uncle Sam.*

### Columbia's "Tree of Liberty."

(By Rev. Charles R. Currey.)

Columbia is a glorious land, it towers in massive strength,
Among the nations of the earth, its power, its sure defence,
Against all foreign power combined, or home-bred treachery,
In contest for the truth and right, shall gain the victory.

Columbia welcomes 'neath her flag, from every foreign land,
Those seeking homes of peace and rest, from every hostile hand,
Who here would work and manly strive, with spirit strong and bold,
The constitution and its laws, as patriots to uphold.

But traitors vile, of every hue, with covert base design,
Their machinations to defeat, all loyal men combine;
To guard, defend, and firm maintain, our nation's liberty,
And thus fulfil with one accord, our cherished destiny.

The politician's rabid zeal, which cloaks a mean ambition,
The truckling, cringing, maudlin crew, deserving of perdition,
The church, which perverts sacred truths, and calls it pure religion,
We all consign with hearty vote, to sure and deep damnation.

The sacred "Tree of Liberty," its roots both firm and good,
Our "Pilgrim Fathers" planted deep, and nourished with their blood;
No traitor's axe shall mutilate, nor foreign power destroy,
It stood, shall stand, 'gainst every foe, Columbia's pride and joy.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 17, 1894.