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

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THE AMERICAN has been the direct cause of the organization of over 200 A. P. A. councils within the last six months.

A KANSAS TOWN has the honor of having a presidential postmaster whose correspondence reads as follows: "No such person as yet by that name."

SEND for sample copies of THE AMERICAN, and then have your friends subscribe.

WHEN you have read your paper send it to some friend in some remote corner in some county in the state, and ask him to pass it around among his neighbors.

THE management of THE AMERICAN is spending annually about \$8,000.00 for upholding the principles of Americans who have gone to sleep.

THE KANSAS CITY TIMES uses a column or more frequently stating "how the committee first aroused public sentiment," and "Gotham's police worse than St. Petersburg's ever was."

THE members of the patriotic orders in this city deserve more credit than words can express for the great enthusiasm now being displayed.

THE church of Rome is just like a sponge. Everything must come in, nothing must go out.

I have received several letters from influential Protestant ministers expressing the hope of a reunion and inquiring as to the probable basis of a reconciliation.

"The conditions of reunion are easier than are generally imagined. Of course there can be no compromise on faith or morals.

THE DESERTING OPINION.

We have received from a friend in Falls City, a copy of the Johnstown, Pa., Daily Tribune, with the full text of Justice Williams dissenting opinion in the Gallitzin school case.

I can go with my brethren on all the questions save one. I cordially assent to the proposition that teachers should be selected for the common school because of their fitness, and not because of their religious belief or their church affiliations.

It is a school with eight apartments, and a separate teacher for each. The eight teachers are members of the same church and sect. This is unusual, but not unlawful.

The question presented on this state of facts is whether a school that is filled with religious, ecclesiastical persons as teachers who come in the discharge of their daily duties wearing the religious garb, and hung about with the rosaries and other devices peculiar to their order, are not necessarily dominated by sectarian influences and obnoxious to the spirit of the constitutional provisions and the school laws.

Clergymen sometimes wear on the street a coat or hat that affords some evidence of their profession, but they do not appear in churchly robes when about their daily work, or in any garb that points out the church to which they belong.

The common schools are supported by general taxation. The Catholic and the Protestant, the Jew and the infidel, help support them and have an equal right to their benefits.

Is the public school of Gallitzin such a one? The learned judge below did not think so, for he enjoined against the teaching of the catechism and all sectarian instruction.

same pursuit, if in some other borough school Episcopalian clergymen should appear in their robes, and if Catholic priests should appeal to the courts, I should no more doubt their right to relief than I doubt the rights of the plaintiffs in this case.

THE STATE COUNCIL.

The next duty the members of the A. P. A. are called upon to perform is to send delegates to the state council. The men who attend that meeting should be the ablest in the order.

But the thing to be guarded against is the selection of men as officers who are partisans instead of patriots. We have many able men in our ranks who belong, nominally, to some one of the old parties, but who are loyal to the A. P. A. before they are loyal to their party.

ASK FOR HELP.

All our readers are conversant with the steps taken by the Polish Roman Catholic church, and their organization of an Independent Polish American Catholic church.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 22, 1894.—I Sir:—To propagate the grand ideas of American liberty and American principles in religious affairs, to free our poor people from the despotic, tyrannical treatment of the Roman bishops in temporal affairs, and to free them from this slavery, to raise our children as American citizens and to educate them under the American school system, is the aim of the movement recently started in your midst.

Owing to the stringency of the money market and the lack of employment of some of our members, we most respectfully ask your assistance financially, in our struggle for independence in the temporal affairs of our church. Most respectfully yours, L. GROSZKIEWICZ, 1044 North Hoyne Ave., Chicago, Ill.

SOME QUESTIONS.

How deep does your patriotism go? Have you done anything to spread the cause? Have you sent out any American literature? Have you subscribed for THE AMERICAN? Have you joined a patriotic order? Do you desire to support American institutions? Do you wish to place Americans on guard? Do you know that some people are afraid to say that they are Americans? If there is no cause for alarm, why are they afraid? If you know these facts, why do you not go to work and work harder?

THE Kansas City Times states editorially that, "another Republican victory has been reported from West Virginia, where several hundred Italian laborers, penniless and unable to secure the pay owing to them for several months work, have torn up the railroad tracks and caused every farmer in the neighborhood to stand guard over his barn and other property."

AN exchange speaking of the A. P. A. in a distant city, well represents the past action in this city when it states that, "the principles of the order are clearly American, anti-monarchic and anti-hierarchic. There may be sneaks in the order, cowards, and those who think it can be used for personal advantages, but they are few and will slough off like diseased parts of the animal body."

ONE of the members of the Municipal League says the late election would indicate that the endorsement of the league was to a candidate what the breeze from the Upas tree was to the traveler—certain death—and asks who did we elect? Hicks had a good show until we endorsed him, and even the Republicans admitted Mrs. Peattie and Rev. Mackey would be elected.

OUR friend, Rev. H. D. Brown, writes as follows: "You fellows who do not study the Bible much, get things mixed a little. Now that head on the second page, 'The Character, Mission and Teachings of St. John the Baptist, is wrong. St. John was one man and John the Baptist was another."

Our Duty to Our Country.

Society in the west—perhaps in the whole country, cannot be said to be settled. There is too much material in most communities that have received little or no education in nationality. It is possible the "level" to settle upon has not yet been laid down.

IT IS A VIRTUE. To give that which is really due to the enemy and the foe and manners; but on the other hand, to defend good men and manners; to esteem those highly, to wish them well; in friendship with them; or the interests of one's country first; of parents; interest in the third and last place."

Intelligence is the object of life, pleasure and profit means thereto; virtue united with knowledge is wisdom. Justice is that which the Creator sets forth to all as uniform and six of the who is ignorant of the law of the universe must also be ignorant of justice, for on these laws "hang a law and the prophets;" as the workman speaks the workman so these laws speak the Creator. Failure to continue in well doing is the crime of nations.

as well as individuals. The process of virtue is the process of law; law is a rule of right. The greatest labor is necessary for the attainment of the greatest good. Thought saves labor. If we make a bad use of our affections they become vices, if we use them well they become virtues. The ornamental may please, but it is the useful that preserves.

The laws of heredity are always true to the original—cause and effect; we can observe these in ourselves. It requires no statute law to establish the primogeniture of intelligence and virtue.

We are all equal in this order of law. Nature's laws are uniform and independent, none slighted or none preferred. The way of truth and wisdom, virtue and justice, all emanate from one source or fountain, "in whom we live and move and have our being."

To serve our country and our Creator is to maintain justice by good works, deeds and thoughts. If the soul is intelligence, and wisdom is reason, and the object of these the highest good, then these are the same as religion. Religion is the embodiment of wisdom, reason and intelligence.

Intelligence is the store-house of wisdom, the inventor of progress and the support of nations. God makes all men equal in that He gives wisdom to all alike. Education is the key to His presence. Every man should place confidence in himself, and use his own judgment and individual capacity for the investigation and weighing of the truth, rather than through confidence in others to be deceived of their errors, as though he himself was without understanding. None can save us but ourself. "In the image of God created He man," and He holds us personally accountable to Him and accepts neither attorney or priest to appear or plead in our behalf. N. A. LIST.

Time For Americans to Organize.

When an ecclesiastical hierarchy, or a sacerdotal, fanatical and despotic monarchy, soaked in bigotry, claiming absolute and unlimited authority, political, financial and military, temporal and spiritual, to rule and domineer over the whole earth, cautiously and clandestinely pushes its way into the politics of a free and prosperous nation like ours, it is time for patriots to awaken from their lethargic slumbers, and when we consider that the said unlimited monarchy and absolute despotism, in its dark and bloody history, covering a period of more than fifteen hundred years, has always been shrewd, watchful, alert, unscrupulous, selfish, greedy and revengeful, ever ready to sacrifice the lives and fortunes of its own adherents, and always anxious to destroy the lives and seize the property of all those who are not its slaves, it is time for the lovers of liberty and fair play to begin preparations for their own safety; and especially when we consider that the said unscrupulous, selfish, greedy and all-devouring oligarchy, with unlimited finances, plundered from the ruined peoples of the old world, and by all manner of frauds and false pretenses, with its sixty secret, oath-bound political orders, and with its always obedient and well-paid lieutenants, has already obtained a partial or complete control of all our great political parties, and a score of our great cities, by stealthily placing its artful and cunning minions on the managing committees, and in nearly all of the high and responsible positions of executive control, with the avowed object of capturing this nation, and asserting its temporal supremacy over the same, under the blasphemous pretense of divine right, and thus establishing a MONARCHY, autocratic and unlimited, upon the ruins of this sacred republic, it is time to sound the alarm, and assemble for self-protection; and still more, when we remember that this same secular, political and military hierarchy, during the fifteen centuries of its terrible history of conquests, for money and for power, ordered its fanatical armies into more than a thousand terrible battles, engaged in more than four thousand skirmishes and remorseless butcheries, and condemned hundreds of thousands to dungeons and to torture, in its so-called "religious" and so-called "holy wars," against the so-called "heretics, infidels and heathens," most of whom were far better people than their conquerors, destroyed many great cities and many hundreds of villages, laid waste many lands, caused the destruction of more than sixty millions of human lives, confiscated the property of the living and the dead, shed human blood enough to float a fleet of ships upon, burned and destroyed thousands of libraries and millions of good books, crushed the truth, imprisoned progress, slaughtered science and murdered reform, and now brazenly proclaims, from Baltimore and from our own capital, that it has never changed or revised its objects or its aims of subduing the world, and holding its countless millions forever bound and chained, never revised or repealed its canon laws or its heartless decrees, but with the icy statement that it is (semper eadem) always the same, it impudently announces from Baltimore, Washington, New York and Chicago that what it has done for other coun-

tries and other governments in all the ages of the past, it will surely do for this country, our own beloved land of liberty and glory, our native and adopted homes, surely it is high time to consider the measures that are necessary for self-defense and for the safety of the republic.

A CO-INCIDENCE.

To Edward D. Ekenson, General Manager Union Pacific Railway.

How strange it should be that just at the critical moment, for the supremacy of the Pacific Ocean as an independent field for commercial activity, vital to the land on the eastern border of the ocean, a war breaks out on the western border of the ocean, between the peoples whose commerce is the bone of contention or competition between European manufactures vs. Pacific States manufactures. How strange it is that at the very critical moment of the commencement of this war between the Japanese—the Yankees of the West Pacific—and the Chinese—the feudals of the Eastern Atlantic—that every railroad of the United States leading from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic should be incapacitated for travel, rather blocked? And yet a British railroad on British soil runs untroubled from ocean to ocean!

Who is the traitor to American commerce? What enemy did this gigantic act of treason? Did Romanized traitors do this? Remember at the same time all the large cities in the west were in "privy conspiracy, sedition and rebellion," shown by mobs and flames? that this was so, is attested by the Patriot of the White House. Suppose he had been a Buchanan instead of a Douglas? ? ?

An efficient, striking employee of the Union Pacific railway in Utah stepped up to the United States soldier guarding the company's property and asked: "Would you fire on the strikers?" The answer of duty came prompt, "Yes." It was the loyal, brave soldier's last word. The "efficient," striking employee of the Union Pacific stabbed him—the noble and true soldier clad in the United States uniform, while on duty—to death. I saw a notice of \$500 reward offered by the local superintendent of the Union Pacific railway for the arrest of this assassin posted in one of the offices of its headquarters for a short time. The assassin has not been arrested, but the notice is taken down I think. How is that, Gen'l. M. Dickenson? You could plead in most manly and eloquent terms for these "oath bound societies" on your road, which was a guarantee of their loyalty. Loyalty to whom? Is this great "world's highway" honey-combed with treason, the harbinger of the criminal and assassin or not? Private report, that is loyal, says it is, and has been. We ask again, Was this blockade, "this privy conspiracy and rebellion" on this United States railway called the Union Pacific—comes pretty near being the discipline leading to the Pacific Ocean, at this the most critical period (and put with this) and an—intended—array of 70,000 Stars Couletries in the city of Washington at the same critical moment, was this "a co-incidence?" I ask you, Judge Caldwell? you, Judge Dundy? Judge Riner? Did you see this "co-incidence" from your "watch-tower of justice?"

Is the Union Pacific "the world's highway," or only a little "truck road?" I suppose the A. P. A. acts on the maxim "When bad men unite good men must combine." N. A. LIST.

E. P. Dillenback was happier than anybody Tuesday, owing to the arrival at his home of a thoroughly American girl. She wasn't very old when she appeared, but she weighed ten pounds.

Be True to Your Colors.

Come all you true Americans "Tis time to take a stand; We must no longer falter If we would save our land; Though we have gained a victory For America, so great, We must stand by our colors In County, Town and State. True to our dear old banner With blood so dearly bought—Blood of our brave fore-fathers: On many a field they fought, And while it waves above us, Our freedom is secure, Then let us save our colors What'er we must endure. Our liberties so dear to us We surely must defend, While for free speech and public schools We'll to our death contend. We'll keep our banner flying And defend it 'til we die. "True to our nation's colors" Shall ever be our cry. We know the foe is lurking In every shape they can; They are seeking to defeat us By many a secret plan; They hate us for our freedom; They hate the Bible too; They hate our loyal stars and stripes Our dear red, white and blue. The enemy is striving To gain our glorious land; Our great free institutions Would they no longer stand. If Rome should ever rule us Our rights would all be lost, Then let us hold up our colors What ever be the cost. The God of love and justice, In whom our trust is placed, Will keep and save his people They need not be afraid, We'll arm ourselves for battle And for our rights will stand; Our colors are the ensign In this, our native land. Mrs. K. E. BRIGHT SWEET SPRINGS, Mo.