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OPEN the convents and nunneries.
THIS is a pretty good month in which to pay your subscription.
THINK of a Romanized Bohemian dictating to American citizens!
WATCH these columns for a Roman convent sensation in the near future.

DON'T miss the June Nation. It is on sale at all first-class news-stands. Price, 10 cents.
THE Americans who failed to remember and to revere the memory of our dead heroes Thursday were not of the A. P. A. stamp.

By all means, appoint Andy Rosewater to a position on the board of public works! The Rosewater family has never had its hands in the public treasury.

EVERY member of the Russian Imperial Guard is a Russian of pure blood. The Thurston Rifles (every member of which is a full-blooded Protestant) are Omaha's Imperial guard.

IT matters not how corrupt a man is while in or out of office, so long as he does Rosewater's bidding the Bee never says a word against him. Only the men who will not bend the pregnant hinges of the knee to the dictator are assailed.

"THROTTLE the A. P. A. conspiracy," yells the Catholic News. By all means, throttle it; yet, if you want it throttled, don't get a mortgage on the daily paper in your community and then compel the editor to oppose openly what he privately indorses.

It is certainly strange that a man who exercises ordinary caution in his business affairs will pay a priest money to pray the soul of a deceased relative out of purgatory, when the priest can never prove that his part of the contract has been fulfilled.

EXCREMENT W. SIMWATER finds it hard sledding to get up a citizens' ticket in Omaha. Until the fumigator is applied and the putrescent carcass sloughs off the filth and stench of the Douglas addition affair, people will fight shy of a political alliance of that kind.

The mandate has gone forth from the headquarters of the Roman party in the editorial rooms of the Bee that no one can expect to be elected to office who does not pay tribute to Rosewater. And, bless his little soul, Rosewater thinks he can sustain that position before the people!

TALK about tax-eaters; show us some larger than the Rosewaters. They've got their hands in the county, city, and national treasuries, yet, El, howls about men who draw forty and fifty dollars a month being tax eaters. Probably his contempt for such low-priced men makes him do so.

THAT "birds of a feather flock together" was never better illustrated than at that Wednesday night's meeting of the E. R. C., when "Honest" Dick O'Keefe, Rosewater, Simeral, Shoemaker, Roggen, Helsey, and that class of mountebanks and political shysters met in the Paxton Hotel to arrange the preliminary steps for a citizens' ticket.

ROSEY rails against as good, clean, upright citizens as Churchill, Senator Smith, Representative Allan, Judge Covell, Judge Scott, and other men accused of being prominent members of the A. P. A., while his own boon companions are the ilk of Seth Cole, Denny Lane, "Honest" Dick O'Keefe, Simeral, Roggen, Jim Casey, and the entire huddle element from the Third and Fifth wards.

THE patrons of the Walnut Hill School were given a real, genuine treat last Wednesday morning and afternoon. It came in the shape of a half-hour recitation by Miss Susie Comstock. She had learned a soul-stirring poem, at the request of the teacher, which she recited publicly for the first time Wednesday morning. She acquitted herself so creditably that the teacher had her repeat her part of the programme in the afternoon.

THE pope's latest encyclical rather overlaps the business prospects of his successor, since he promises to grant to each one who publicly or privately recites some special prayers to the Holy Spirit for nine days before Pentecost, an indulgence of seven years for each day—or sixty-three years in all. It might be well to dispense with the expense of running a popery for sixty-three years, as all sins will be forgiven in advance.

THEY CANNOT SHIFT THE RESPONSIBILITY.

Mr. Simwater's editorial in the Tuesday evening Inset is the latest excuse for a defense and apology we have ever read even in the columns of that untruthful and unreliable sheet.

The barefaced assertion that the records in the court house flatly contradict every allegation we have made about the Douglas addition blunder is the most brazen and impudent attempt to mislead the people by telling a deliberate and premeditated lie we have ever seen.

The fact is the records show very little, but what little they do show not only proves Simwater's editorial a lie, but proves our charges to be the absolute truth.

While "Honest" Dick O'Keefe, Rosewater, Simeral et al, ran Douglas county and the city of Omaha the affairs of this county and of this city were in the hands of incompetent if not dishonest men.

Because a few men were elected who were not Romanists—secured their election through the Rosewater-Roman influence at a time when the Democratic party was completely dominated in this city and county by the Romans—does not afford sufficient grounds for shifting the blunder onto their shoulders, for it is a well known fact that the man who would not do their bidding after being elected, was unmercifully assailed and vilified. We need cite but one instance to substantiate this charge. L. M. Anderson was elected on the Democratic ticket. Rosewater had been getting the county tax list to print, through O'Keefe's influence on the board. Anderson moved to secure an advertisement for bids. Bids were called for, submitted, opened and that of the Democrat accepted. Its bid was for a little more than \$700, or about one-third what O'Keefe had been paying Rosewater. The work was done. The contract price was paid. Then the Democrat sued for about \$1,400 additional, but was defeated in the courts.

From the day Anderson showed his independence the Inset began a systematic assault on him, and we do not wonder that the dastardly coward allowed his tool to drag Mr. Anderson into this question, even when it is a well known fact that Anderson was not elected until after the lots were sold.

Everybody who knows how the affairs of Douglas county were conducted under the regime of the Simwater gang, knows that there were but two ways to conduct the county business while O'Keefe and the Simwaters were allowing the treasuries to be looted to enrich a lot of rascally Romanists. Those ways were a right way and a wrong way, and according to the Simwater aggregation O'Keefe's way was always right.

We challenge the Simwater organ to point to a single instance where the Inset stung "Honest Dick O'Keefe during his incumbency of the commissioner's office.

We challenge the Simwater combination to point to a single instance where the Inset censured the participants in the Douglas addition blunder, even after the blunder was known to have been committed. Why does it not tell the people that its man Friday, ed simeral, was the county attorney in 1887, when those lots were sold? Why does it attempt to smirch the reputation of as clean and able a man as John C. Cowin by insinuating—not charging openly and in a manly manner—that the blunder was made in 1886, when he was county attorney? Why does it not tell the truth? Why does it not state that the proposition was voted on November 2, 1886, and that there were cast for the proposition 2,930 and against it 761 votes? Why does it not state that ed simeral was elected county attorney November 2, 1886? Why does it not state that he was asked for an opinion before the lots were offered for sale the following year, and months after Gen. Cowin had relinquished the office? Why does it not say that he said the proposition had been carried?

The Douglas Addition blunder is chargeable to "Honest" Dick O'Keefe and Rosewater's county attorney, ed simeral, and the Messrs. Simwater cannot shift the blame.

We have understood that Mr. Cowin, as early as 1888—a year after the lots were sold—advised Mr. Abrams, of the Omaha Furniture Company, that the sale of the lots was illegal and contrary to law. We say we have understood this opinion was given by Mr. Cowin, and, if we are not mistaken, it goes a long way toward convicting the Simwater aggregation of trying to blacken Cowin's reputation in order to keep their own unsullied.

Messrs. Simwater says in their editorial in the Inset that "there could have been no gain for anybody in issuing proclamations. It must have been made in the sale of the lands. What do the records show on that score? The sale did not take place until 1887. In 1887 Corliss was succeeded by W. J. Mount and Timme became chairman of the board, and in 1888 L. M. Anderson came into the board. So the Romans were still in the minority and the conspiracy must therefore have been perpetrated by a different set." How do the friends of Mr. Mount, of the dead Mr. Timme, and of L. M. Anderson relish this attempt of the Inset to blacken

their reputations in order to hide the Romans who profited by the Rosewater-O'Keefe-Simeral combination?

Now, let us see where the gain came in and who got it. What do you think of the county hospital steal?

Who did the work? Were they not Romans?

Look at the retaining wall job! Who did the work there? Were they not Romans?

Look at the Thirteenth street grading contract!

Was it not let to Romanists?

Oh, you miserable apologues for men! You liars, dissemblers and hypocrites; you cannot deceive the people now; you cannot twist the truth or shift the blame so as to escape the responsibility in the Douglas addition blunder! The man who foisted "Honest" Dick O'Keefe and his lick-spittle, Simeral, onto the people will have to bear with them the odium of the Douglas addition affair.

And the odium will not be slight, when the taxes begin to pile up.

WHICH DO YOU PREFER?

Col. McConlogue says THE AMERICAN is "un-American, unchristian and unpatriotic." The colonel, as a loyal subject of the Pope of Rome, is bound to believe this, for the priests and bishops of his church have so declared, and there is nothing left for him to do but accept their decision as the truth. Liberty in the Roman church is as foreign as anarchy in a true republic—a fact so patent that even Col. McConlogue will not have the hardihood to deny it—and he who asserts his independence forfeits his right to membership in the church unless he retracts or recants. We have no fight with Col. McConlogue or any other Roman Catholic, when it comes to the manner in which he worships God, but we shall oppugn Col. McConlogue and all other Roman Catholics who allow an alien priest-hood to dictate the time, the place or the kind of allegiance they owe to the government of the United States, or any one of its free institutions. We shall condemn them whenever and as often as their priests, who have sworn "true obedience to our said lord [the pope] and his successors," attempt to influence the laity in the exercise of the electoral franchise, and when they attempt to shape legislation in favor of the Roman Catholic church. We condemn and repudiate Romanists who allow their priests and bishops to insult the Stars and Stripes; and, by the eternal God, we shall continue to wage war against them until they cease to be the abject slaves—until they become the masters of the priests, bishops, archbishops and all the hierarchy of the Church of Rome. And, if this is un-American, if this is unchristian, if this is unpatriotic, write us down as such; but, if it is not, you sleeping Protestants should rally to the support of the patriotic press and the organizations which are battling against the hydra-headed monster that has insinuated itself, under the cloak of religion, into our affairs of state. Unless you do this, your liberties will soon be gone, and you will have an ecclesiastical despotism, with its attendant evils—intolerance, ignorance, crime, pauperism, and superstition—in place of a republic, with its free institutions and its civil and religious liberty.

Which do you prefer?

WHY ROSEWATER FIGHTS.

If Rosewater would behave himself, he could get anything he wants from the people of Omaha and the State of Nebraska, but the fact is, he is hard up and under heavy obligations to John Creighton, and he is compelled to fight the A. P. A. Creighton makes him do it.

The above remark was made by a reporter of the Omaha Bee the present week. An ex-employee of the paper made a similar remark some time ago, and a man who is at present connected with the Bee Company stated recently that Rosewater would like to take the American side of the question, but that he could not afford to do it.

In publishing these statements THE AMERICAN does not seek to prejudice the minds of its readers in the least. We are confronted with a condition of affairs in Douglas county that calls for accurate information and cool judgment. This paper stated as a fact some time ago that Count John A. Creighton had told a prominent citizen of Omaha that between \$7,000 and \$10,000 of Roman Catholic money had been wasted by the lobbyists who were under Rosewater's direction in fighting the reform fire and police bill at Lincoln last winter. The Omaha Bee has not denied it, and the sober judgment of the fair-minded people of Omaha is that in this matter Rosewater stands convicted of boodling, of directing the use of money to bribe members of the legislature.

It is known to everybody that Rosewater is a trimmer, without consistency or principle. From the time of the Hitchcock campaign, when he tried to sell the stock of the Omaha Bee to the B. & M. Railroad, offering in return to make that paper the organ of the B. & M. company, to the present day, Rosewater has been known as a policy man, always looking out for No. 1, sacrificing friends, riding rough-shod over everybody and everything to the goal where greed and love of power lead. False to man and God, he is incapable of appreciating the grandeur of the great and

eternal principles in whose defense millions of patriotic citizens have banded themselves together throughout this land. With the sneer of the cynic, he has brutally outraged all sense of decency by trying to hold these same principles up to the scorn and contempt of the world, and has impugned the motives of all who profess them. He is doing it now. And for what price? What do the people think of having the propaganda of the Roman hierarchy preached to them through a paper that has been supported and built up by them? What do they think of having a titled member of that political organization—a man who, by the grace of the pope, can go to Europe today and be received in the ranks of the nobility as a count—buying the power of a daily newspaper that it may assail and slander and vilify American citizens whose offense is that they insist upon the enforcement of the principles of the American Constitution?

Rosewater fights because Count Creighton tells him to. Count Creighton, who never draws a sober breath, can with his inherited millions buy the power which the people have given to Rosewater, to be used to help to crush and destroy the manhood and womanhood of this community. What will the verdict of the people be?

BUSINESS METHODS.

One has only to go to the records in the county court-house and turn back to the time when O'Keefe was running the board of county commissioners, using the county warrant-book as a drunken business-man uses his check-book, to find the business methods advocated by the Inset at Seventeenth and Farnam, and before this campaign is over we will uncover some of the "business methods" which that double-faced outfit wants to foist upon the people for a second time. We will cite one instance now, so you may know how complete the records of the O'Keefe regime are.

On page 527 Commissioners' Record "F," under date of Oct. 2, 1886, we find this footnote, written in red ink:

"Proclamation of Sale of Poor Farm Lots, should have been entered on this date, but was omitted, it can be found on Pages 402 to 405 both inclusive of Record H Sept 25th 1889."

This is verbatim et literatim.

By this we find there was no record kept of even so important a matter as a proclamation offering for sale hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property. This, surely, must be Mr. Rosewater's peculiar brand of "business methods." It is the kind he desires to foist upon the people of this county, by and with the aid of Simwater and "Honest" Dick O'Keefe. Will the people return to the reckless and extravagant business methods advocated by the Simwater outfit, or will they rebuke the combined forces of craft and ignorance?

REV. O. E. MURRAY has sent us a prospectus of the third edition of his book, "The Black Pope," from which we glean the following: "The story of this book, 'The Black Pope,' is full of romantic adventure. No thought was entertained, at first, of printing these lectures. They were taken in shorthand by Harry L. Edwards, at the expense of the patriotic host that planned for and attended them. This was done anticipating replies. But Rome's only answer was the torch. Father Tom Sherman was brought to the Chicago Music Hall to answer these lectures, but beyond holding one in his hand he made no answer. His advice to shoot ex-priests and such lecturers is far from a reasonable reply. In preparing for this third edition a blow from the hand of an enemy spoiled a number of the plates. We know where that hand came from, and hope to live long enough to smash it. The same old enemy that burned up 2,000 copies of the first edition attempted to destroy the plates of the third."

W. S. SHOEMAKER is one of "the citizens who pay the taxes and the citizens who want good government," who has linked his political fortunes with Excrement W. Simwater in the so-called citizens' movement. Shoemaker's price for selling out Tracy's election contest was just \$50, and by stating that his client had authorized him to drop the case upon payment of the expenses that had been incurred he received a check for the amount. This is the same individual against whom impeachment charges were preferred by the city council for crookedness in the office of city prosecutor, which he is still permitted to disgrace through the favor of Rosewater's mayor. Of course Shoemaker would help trade off the Democratic party.

EX POLICE JUDGE HELSLEY, with his celebrated decision "that it is necessary for a man to strike back in order to establish a case of assault and battery"; Ed. Simeral, the adviser of the county commissioners during the years that the treasury of this county was being looted by his co-religionists; "Honest" Dick O'Keefe, the county commissioner who is responsible for the Douglas addition blunder, and Rosewater, the champion, adviser and defender of this interesting trio, who are now masquerading in the role of reformers, is enough to make the metal Justice which surmounts the court-

house turn a real Hibernian color from envy.

THE graduating exercises of the class of '95 of the Omaha High School were held in Boyd's New Theatre, Wednesday evening. There were eighty-seven graduates on the stage, a number of whom participated in a lengthy and interesting program. Probably the best-executed and most interesting and instructive number was the essay on "The Modern Joan of Arc," by Miss Nellie Gamble. Miss Katie B. Swartzlander and Miss Ella Phelps deserve special mention also for the pleasing manner in which they rendered their numbers—a recitation, "Echo and the Ferry," which called forth an encore, and an essay, "The Modern Oracle." The Banjo Club played the Franklin March and were encored. The diploma were presented by Colonel H. C. Akin, president of the board of education.

ANDREW J. HANSCOM recently met John B. Furry on the street, when Furry said: "I am opposed to these star-chamber proceedings in politics. They are all wrong, and un-American." "So am I," said Hanscom; "I am dead opposed to them. I am opposed to the priests telling their communicants to advocate Tom Majors but to vote against him. Every American is opposed to such methods. Now, the fact is, I'm too old to join the A. P. A., but these star-chamber proceedings of the priests have forced me to vote with them every time." And Furry made no reply.

CHARLES METZ is a Democrat, and as an American citizen he has the right and it is his duty to participate in political affairs. But why should Mr. Metz, Democrat, gravitate to Mr. Rosewater's camp every time there is a question of political interest to the people to be settled? Does Mr. Metz think that he is best serving his country's interests by trading with a political marplot or mountebank, or is he controlled by motives that are purely selfish? Mr. Metz is on trial. He will be measured by the standard he himself raises.

A GOOD many years ago, when Major St. A. D. Balcombe was a candidate for United States marshal, Rosewater wrote to Senator Saunders that he should not be appointed for the reason that he wanted a man who could and would expend the income of the office to keep up "our faction of the party." Rosewater was always a boodler, and he never needed money worse than at present.

First Annual Convention.

On next Tuesday, June 4th, at the First Presbyterian Church in this city, will be held the first annual convention of the Nebraska Children's Home Society. This society is a branch of the national organization, which has headquarters in Chicago, Ill. Eighteen of the states and territories have separate organizations, and all of these will be represented in the next national convention at Chicago about the 19th of June.

The Nebraska Children's Home Society has shown a wonderful growth during about twenty months of its existence, having during that time received and placed in christian homes 116 children. The object of this society is to seek out and obtain possession and control of homeless children, and to seek out and find for them permanent homes in approved christian families, and secure their adoption, when possible, into such families.

An elaborate program has been prepared for these meetings, and in the evening a great mass-meeting will be held, at which the Hon. John M. Thurston will preside and address the audience. A cordial invitation is extended to all good people to be present.

Had a Spite Against It.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—EDITOR AMERICAN: I am in receipt of yours of 2: inst. Wish to state that I have never received the dozen papers of 23d issue. They never reached here, no more than twenty, which I should have regularly received. I see you have charged them on your bill. I already have sent in your account, and hope ere this you have received same. It seems very strange to me that out of the whole month this very issue should have disappeared entirely from view.

The Roman Micks must have had a special hatred for that lone 23d issue. I have more trouble with these Micks than I have time to tell. I even had a wrangle with the clerk at the delivery window at Station B yesterday. The very cut of his "gib" showed the map of Mickydom all over his Irish mug. When I was mailing a letter I had to get a post-office order, and after I had handed it to him he pretended to be unable to read it, and he asked me, in an insulting manner, something about the name. I responded: "You can read that. I write plain enough for anyone." He replied: "Oh, you write such a beautiful hand; that is why I asked." I rejoined: "Well, you mind your own business. I will write to suit myself and as I please." He shut up like a clam. There were many people in the office at the time, mostly Romans.

This is a horribly Romanized city. We hope to make a good showing in '96, and oust these Micks from our public offices. We must disfranchise every Mick and disqualify him from

holding any public office or clerical position. Yours for absolute freedom from Roman Catholic tyranny and misrule.
H. FRANKLIN.

Not Black Enough.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 25.—You have not published this Roman church half black enough. They have in every society, household, restaurant, hotel, church and business secret agents who administer slow poisons in drinking-water, liquors and food, and on knives and forks for those people whom they believe are a menace to their evil teachings and practices. They administer the poisons in such small quantities as to be hardly detectable by a chemist's test, but they administer them frequently. They use all kinds of phosphates, opiates, arsenics, leads, cantharides and other mercurial forms and many other drugs which overpower the mind and make people semi-insane.

You can publish this letter if you so desire. You can give it to the A. P. A. or do whatever you think proper with it. This church—or, rather, serpent and red dragon—has been after me for years, but I fear them not, as I trust in the divine power which has kept me from their grasp these many years. So, if you desire to publish this letter, but have fears of them harming me, dispel those fears and publish it.

While I was in Italy, from November, 1894, to March, 1895, they tried to get rid of me, and laid plans to kidnap me, and if they had done so they intended to mutilate me, but God and Jesus Christ being my protectors frustrated their attempt. The above may sound incredible to you, but it is the truth pure and simple.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter as I know they (this church or satan) have many agents in the Post-office who may intercept it.

Yours Respectfully, W. G. HILL.
Room 6, 235 State st., Chicago.

As to New Mexico.

The Topeka (Kan.) Daily Commonwealth of Aug. 1, 1871, contained the following:

"Commerce civilizes more rapidly than christianity. In 1540 the Catholic clergy accompanied Coronado into New Mexico, and not many years later had brought about the conversion of multitudes of the nation. And now for three hundred years Te Deums have been sung among the valleys and mountains of that historic country. Still the primitive wooden plow of primeval agriculture is the tool with which the descendant of the Aztec prepares the ground for his crop of wheat and barley."

"Henry Worrall, returning from his recent sketching trip to New Mexico, brought with him and deposited with the State Historical Society a model of one of these plows. It is precisely like the plow used by the sons of Jacob in the valley of the Jordan 3,600 years ago. It is wholly of wood, cut out of a tree having the regular crooked turns of trunk and branch for share and handle."

A Real Hibernian Policeman.

St. Louis has the prize Dogberry of the nineteenth century. This blue-coated and brass-buttoned custodian of the law overhauled a sleep-walker the other night who was promenading the sidewalk in a uniform not altogether appropriate to this season of the year—he was dressed in his night-robe only. The officer arrested him, aroused him from his slumber, escorted him to his home, made him dress and then took him down to the station-house to lock him up.

"Surely, you are not going to lock me up?" exclaimed the sleep-walker.

"Av course I am," said the officer.

"Why, I cannot be held responsible for the predicament you found me in; I am a somnambulist."

"I don't give a d—n what church you belong to," said the officer. "You can't walk the streets of St. Louis in your night-shirt if you belong to all the A. P. A. churches in the city."

No State Support for Sectarian Schools.

Hon. J. M. Carlisle, state superintendent of public instruction of Texas, has rendered a decision denying the right of sectarian schools to receive any portion of the state public-school fund toward paying the teachers of such schools when children in them are embraced as free-school pupils and taught by sectarian teachers.

The issue is with reference to nuns and teachers of the Catholic and Lutheran schools. The action is based upon a ruling defining sectarian schools to be schools in any way affected or controlled by sectarian ceremonies, garb or other church instrumentality tending to sectarian bias or prejudice.—True American.

Good Lord, Good Devil.

Rev. Father Fitzgerald, who has been pastor of the Catholic Church of this city for some years, has been notified by the powers that outrank him that his services are no longer needed. Mr. Fitzgerald is highly esteemed by both members of that church and others who have formed his acquaintance; but, as we learn, he took sides with Corbet in the Bonacum-Corbet unpleasantness, hence must go. We do not add: "Such is Catholicism," but, "Such are the evils which may flourish under a system embracing a belief in inalienability, apostolic succession, divine or semi-divine humans, church supremacy," etc.—Auburn (Neb.) Granger.