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If Rome succeeds in getting back into power through Rosewater's efforts, will he get the printing of the tax-list at three prices?

THREE Romanist devotees were recently arrested in Chicago for stealing a priest's valise containing prayer-books and old clothes.

It is said that Sarah Bernhart, at the age of 14, was undecided whether to become a nun or an actress. She chose the better part.

THE board of supervisors of McLean county, Illinois, have recently ordered that all parsonsages shall be assessed and taxed hereafter.

OPONENTS of the ascendancy of true blue Protestants are always against good government and against the exaltation of Americanism.

THOSE who support only true and capable Protestants for public places stand on the very vantage ground of political truth and righteousness.

CONVENTS and nunneries are relics of the Dark Ages, and their existence in the United States constitutes a foul blot on the escutcheon of the nation.

EVERY Roman Catholic aspirant for public office is disloyal and unfaithful to the government under which he lives, and hence incapable of faithfully fulfilling official functions.

ROSEWATER'S citizens' movement might find some favor in the court of public opinion if it were not for the fact that Rosewater and his coadjutors are persona non grata with the citizens of Omaha.

THE rank and file of the A. P. A. will combat the ulterior designs of assistant Roman Catholics with the same ardor, zeal, vigor and constancy with which they oppose the political ambitions of Romanist clerics and laymen.

IN what manner are the constitutional rights of Roman Catholics violated by Protestants who oppose the election of Roman Catholics to public office? Have Romanist candidates a constitutional claim to the suffrages of Protestants?

THERE was a slight mistake in the heading over Rev. Henry's sermon last week. It should have been, "in the First M. E. church," instead of "in his church." However, that did not detract from its value, and probably enabled a larger number of new people to hear our gifted friend.

A YOUNG American saw a foreign flag flying the Fourth, and he got a rope and threw it over the flag and pulled it down. Our informant says he does not know what foreign flag it was, but that he brought it down just the same. There were a great many foreign flags flying the Fourth, but not near as many as usual.

THE recently promulgated papal decree against the Odd Fellows, Sons of Temperance and Knights of Pythias declares that all Catholics connected with any orders under the ban of the pope must withdraw at once or suffer the penalty of the church—excommunication. It now remains to be seen how many of the Romanist members of these orders will obey the mandate of a foreign potentate.

MOST of those who take part in and profit by election frauds are Irish Roman Catholic traitor knaves. Irish Roman Catholics are in politics for what there is in it. They seek political preferment solely for purposes of personal aggrandizement. Dishonesty, treachery and incapacity characterize their course. Their tuition and training render them unfit for the proper discharge of public trusts.

NEED OF THE A. P. A.

Patience has ceased to be a virtue. The unjust and un-American treatment accorded to the Protestants on the police force calls for immediate censure. Their dismissal has become a matter of public concern, and is being discussed on every street corner by earnest yet excited men, who have never believed that the Roman contingent would permit the removal of all the best men on the police force, or the retention of some vile and incompetent men that have been retained. Nor is this indignation confined to the men who were members of the force. It extends to a large number of men who have heretofore been the warmest supporters of everything put in operation by Rosewater; yet they now realize just how dangerous a position this community has been placed in by this intolerant spirit which has sanctioned the removal, without trial, of the best and most trustworthy men ever clothed with police powers, and the substitution of men who know nothing of the duties or the responsibilities of an officer. They have realized that this reorganization of the police force is being done for a questionable purpose, and with a sinister motive underlying the act. They realize that the way is being paved for retaining control of the fire and police board by force, should Rosewater imagine his position in politics would be strengthened by having strings on the tough element during the pending campaign. They realize that Mr. Rosewater and his organ are in desperate financial straits; that the fiend who would harass as good a man as George A. Bennett into his grave, because he saw fit to patronize a paper other than that presided over by the ghoul who feasts on the tears of widows; who gloats over the heartaches of mothers, and who turns a deaf ear to all entreaties for mercy, until virtue is exchanged for immunity from the vile attacks of his dirty and detestable sheet, would not hesitate to resort to any overt act to retain his position in politics in this country.

That the promoters of the citizens' movement desire to precipitate a riot, in order to throw the blame on the A. P. A., will hardly be doubted by any sane man. For that reason, we advise the A. P. A. to proceed with the utmost caution, as they cannot afford to be placed before the public in any other than a favorable light. We, as a body, advocate law and order, and as a body practice what we preach; but if Rosewater could inveigle them into his citizens' meetings, have his thugs begin a disturbance, and kill several men, A. P. A.'s would get the blame. For that reason, it is a good idea to steer clear of any movement which he has anything to do with.

However, this desire to obey the law does not require that any man should tamely submit to any indignity in order to avoid a conflict with any man, when his liberties or his rights as an American citizen are being trampled upon or impaired.

We say the time has come when patience has ceased to be a virtue. It has reached that point where the liberties of Americans are endangered. The Romanization of the police force is intended to inspire confidence in the Roman thugs, and to give them assurance that overt acts committed by them will be excused, if not endorsed.

The day has come, for the second time in our nation's history, when we need men of courage, who are devoted to the principles of government, to step forward and reaffirm those principles and declare publicly that this Union cannot endure half slave and half free; he must declare that religious liberty does not consist in electing papists to office when they are known to be traitors to our country.

We need men who do not fear the Roman assassin, the poisoner's cup, the stiletto or the fire-bug, and who will never compromise with the Roman hierarchy, so long as it wages a war against our public school system, or refuses to admit the American flag into any Roman church in the country. When we have such men for American citizens—when they are in the majority—there will be no need of the A. P. A.

But just now, when Rome is manifesting her intolerance by a wholesale discharge of Protestant police officers, and substituting in their places papists, there is need of the A. P. A. and of aggressive members of that order who have the confidence of the community; and those members should not hesitate to place the blame for the disorganization of the police force where it rightfully belongs—on the shoulders of Ed. Rosewater, libeler and jail-bird.

THE ILLINOIS TANGLE.

There is a movement on foot, headed by State President Johnson on one side and W. C. Kelly and other members of the A. P. A. on the other side, to straighten out the tangle which designing and disreputable men involved the American movement in in Illinois last fall. This is indeed a laudable undertaking, and if successful will prove of lasting benefit to the order in the state.

We were present at an informal meeting Tuesday afternoon and believe, from the evidence adduced, that there has been a great amount of misrepresentation, and malicious tale bearing by men who professed to be friends of the gentlemen principally interested in the

cause of true Americanism, and who hoped to profit by engendering unfriendliness and animosities between the leaders in the association. There is no doubt in our mind today that false-hearted friends found a molehill in the conduct of the state officers conduct and carried it to us in the shape of a mountain, nor is there any doubt in our mind as to the maliciously concocted stories circulated to the detriment of the men who took issue with the advisory board and later with the state officers.

But, happily, after the parties most interested have come together and explained certain points, there was a universal expression that henceforth the order in Cook county and Illinois should be united, working for the overthrow of the common enemy, instead of expending their energies opposing each other.

This will be pleasant news to our thousands of readers not only in Illinois but throughout the country, and to none more than to the friends of the state officers and Mr. Kelley.

We believe that, had it not been for Walter Sims and Theodore Gestefeld, there never would have been any trouble in the State of Illinois. Each sought to be a leader, if not a dictator, of a particular faction, at a time when there should have been no factions in the order.

If this trouble is finally adjusted, and the indications are that it will, there will be a revival in American circles; for we shall all take off our coats and go to work with a vim which cannot be compared to any past effort.

MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

The Roman Catholic legislators of Canada have been forced to recede from their position, temporarily at least, on the Manitoba school question. Sir Adolphe Caron, postmaster general and Outimet, minister of public works have both withdrawn their resignations, which were handed in over a week ago, and have again taken their seats in the house of commons. The backdown of these two French Roman Catholic members has created considerable excitement among their compatriots, and they regard it as a victory for Orange influence.

During the past week the conservative Protestants and Orangemen have been thoroughly organizing to oppose the government's declaration pledging the administration to remedial legislation.

From present indications the friends of Manitoba seem to be in the ascendancy and it is barely possible that the government will suffer an overwhelming defeat before parliament is dissolved. Protestants generally will watch the outcome with considerable interest.

At the recent meeting of the National Educational Association held in Denver, the following ringing resolution was unanimously adopted: "That recognizing the growing greatness and grandeur of our country, conscious of a closer union among all our people, the association heartily indorses the general movement throughout the country in the direction of education for American citizens. In the firm belief that our schools must make our citizens, we commend the spirit which finds expression in placing the national flag upon our schoolhouses, in the increased attention to school exercises which tend to a greater love and veneration for the flag and from the observance of national holidays in our schools. We regard this movement as not inculcating an education or preparation for war, but as inspiring a deeper love of country, a readier obedience to established law and order, a firmer respect for our institutions. As the interests of the whole nation are more carefully regarded as sectional feeling dies away, we recognize the great opportunity afforded to and obligation resting upon our schools to place a higher value upon patriotic citizenship, and we recommend a systematic course of instruction which shall give a broader view to patriotism and morality, a higher regard for the rights of citizenship, of society, of property, of the security and sacredness of human life. In this connection we commend the great work which has been accompanied by the various organizations throughout our country, which, while having their foundations in patriotic purposes, exert their efforts for the maintenance of peace and for the settlement of international disputes through arbitration. We commend to our historians the importance of placing before the people of our country fuller history of what has been accomplished by arbitration to secure peace throughout the world."

DR. HENRY M. WHARTON, the evangelist, addressed 6,000 members of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Baltimore, on the subject of the "Aggressions of the Roman Catholic Church." In the course of his remarks the doctor said: "America has borne the encroachments on her rights long enough. There is hope in the organization of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. It stands for the separation of church and state and a government of Americans by Americans. It stands for the schoolhouse, saying to the ecclesiastical power that attempts to interfere: 'We will fight to the last to protect it.' And

once in a while there ought to be a few Americans in office."

NO ONE knows better than the editors and proprietors of the World-Herald that the A. P. A. does not make a religious test for office. Religion has nothing to do with it. It is simply, Will we elect open and avowed traitors to our free institutions, or American citizens who give hearty support to the public schools, and believe that no law of any corporation, civil or ecclesiastical, is to be obeyed when it conflicts with the laws of our country. If the World-Herald will remember that, and treat the A. P. A. fairly, it will have no occasion to complain of the treatment it is accorded by the members of that order; but, if it continues to abuse and misrepresent them and their order, it need not be surprised if it feels the weight of their disapproval.

ROSEWATER publishes a number of interviews from his hired men to show that he has nothing whatever to do with the action taken by them which resulted in the discharge of at least twenty of the very best men on the police force. If he had nothing to do with the action of the board, how does it come that he was closeted for nearly an hour with D. Clem Deaver, Charles H. Brown and John D. Howe, in the office of the latter gentleman, the morning of the day the fifteen men were discharged?

ROSEWATER knows the county and city treasuries were looted by Roman contractors while the city and county were under the control of the Roman contingents in the Democratic and Republican parties; yet he wants that gang returned to power. What is there in it for him?

WHAT does that "honorable" body, the Chicago city council, think about the work of the grand jury, anyway? Isn't this a good time to reform?—Chicago Record.

Well, yes. This seems to be the idea of Mayor Swift's friends and many other good citizens of Chicago.

In the recounting of the ballots in the McGann-Belknap contest, in the third congressional district of Illinois, the former seems to be losing at every turn. From present indications Mr. Belknap will secure the congressional plumb.

NEVER make fun of a man with worn-out shoes and battered hat. He may be the editor of your paper, while the man with yellow shoes, Charley boy hat, and gaudy attire may be one of his delinquent subscribers.

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THERE are too many political agnostics among Protestants.

Antichrist.

Who or what shall we understand by Antichrist, as it is spoken of in the Scriptures?

In consequence of much controversy among sects and parties, the opinions of men have become somewhat confused and indefinite as to what is meant by Antichrist.

But it is evident from Scripture that Antichrist in general is the ruling spirit of error, the enemy of the truth—any kind of false teaching by which Christ and his gospel are opposed. Hence the apostle John says: "Little children, it is the last time, and as ye have heard that Antichrist shall come, even now there are many Antichrists, whereby we know it is the last time." I. John 2:18. Every deceiver and opposer of the true gospel is an Antichrist. Yet it is evident from Scripture that a formidable power would arise in the form of a great apostasy, a "falling away" from the truth, headed by an usurper or a succession of men who might well be called Antichrist. The early Christians seem to have all been warned of this apostasy. Paul seems to refer to this in his first epistle to Timothy, 4:1-3. "Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils," etc. Also Tim. II. 3:1-5, and more fully in II. Thess. 2:3-10. "Let no man deceive you by any means, for that day (the 2d advent) shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped, so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God (the church), showing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that when I was yet with you, I told you these things," etc. The apostle had previously explained these things to them and now repeats them in his epistle. At an early day the church had been warned against this great anti-Christian movement. We need not go into an extensive argument to prove that popery is a subject of prophecy, for the Scripture referred to contains a full-length portrait of the Romish apostasy. The picture is complete in every feature, though drawn five or six centuries before the appearance of the papal Antichrist.

We need not wonder at the perfect delineation of every feature of the Romish apostasy, for the picture is sketched by the pencil of Omniscience itself. And there is nothing in history, nothing in the world, no wicked cor-

poration, that answers to the prophetic description but the Romish apostasy. The description corresponds to that of a religious power, in the assumption of divine authority, divine honors and divine worship—a power which should arrogate the prerogatives of the Most High, having its seat in the temple or house of God, and which should be carried on by satan's influence, with all deceit, hypocrisy, and tyranny. This corresponds to the figurative representation of the same power in Rev., 13th chapter, and to the facts in papal history from the days of Boniface III. down to this year 1895. There has been much absurd reasoning about Antichrist that we have not space to notice, but the conclusion after investigation, is that the Scriptures do not teach that Antichrist is some prominent individual, a personal Antichrist that was to come, but rather the spirit of error, any deceiver and opposer of Christ and his religion; and hence John says many Antichrists had already gone out into the world. Yet the prophecies of Daniel, John and Paul clearly point to one great departure from the faith—a formidable apostasy that would be persistent and arrogant foe of Christ and his religion, a veritable Antichrist, personified in the great Roman or papal apostasy, headed by "the man of sin," not a single individual, but a succession of men, tyrannical usurpers, "exalting themselves above all that is called God or that is worshiped." Now let us examine II. Thess. 2:3,10. Our object is to show the American people the character of this dangerous foe that confronts them, "the man of sin," and threatens the overthrow of their liberties. We do not write to entertain, but to warn and instruct, and to apprise them that a "beast" exceeding "dreadful and terrible" has set his cloven foot on the American shore.

To save labor, we present here the view of an able expositor of prophecy. He says, on II. Thess. 2:3-10: "The apostle again most earnestly exhorted them to 'let no man deceive them by any artful device or pretense whatever,' into so injurious expectation that Christ was about to come to judgment, but notwithstanding his warning against such an erroneous opinion, many early Christians expected the day of judgment would speedily come. But Paul, by the Spirit of prophecy, assured them that Christ would not come to judgment till a 'falling away,' or the apostasy of a great body of professed Christians from the true gospel of Christ had previously taken place. Doubtless many apostasies occurred in the primitive ages, under different heresiarchs, but all the circumstances of this prediction were never verified, except in that departure from the faith, and that usurpation and spiritual tyranny connected with it, which took place by means of the Church of Rome, and the manifest absurdity of all other interpretations, as clearly shown in the controversies of those who contend for one or another of them against their opponents, abundantly prove this.

No apostasy of equal magnitude and duration, no delusion equally pernicious and abominable, has taken place since the days of the apostle. The imposture of Mohammed alone can at all be compared with it, and this could not be here intended, for that impostor and successors were not placed in the 'temple of God,' the visible church, but without it, and in direct opposition to the very name of Christianity. They propagated their delusions mainly by the sword and not by 'lying miracles.' Indeed, the impieties of Mohammed never equalled the blasphemies here predicted. In connection with this apostasy, 'the man of sin would be revealed.' In the language of prophecy, a king generally signifies a succession of monarchs, of the same family or dynasty, carrying on the same design. Thus, 'the man of sin' does not mean a single person, but a succession of men, impious in themselves and conducting the same wicked design of corrupting Christianity, in doctrine, worship and practice, establishing an intolerable tyranny on religious pretense and using all kinds of seduction, iniquity and cruel persecution to induce men to adopt the Anti-Christian system. This 'man of sin' would be 'the son of perdition,' a genuine descendant of Judas, the apostle and traitor, who sold his Lord for money and betrayed him with a kiss—a peculiar factor and agent of satan in destroying the souls of men and finally sinking himself into perdition as his inheritance. Rev. 17:14. It is manifest that no succession of men have yet appeared on earth to whom this description fully accords, except that of the Roman pontiffs, as in succession the visible head of the popish church. This deceiver would 'oppose and exalt himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped,' either by pagans or Christians. Thus the Roman pontiffs have opposed the truths, commandments and disciples of Christ, in every age and by every means. They have opposed the prophetic office of Christ by teaching human inventions, his priestly office by the doctrine of human merits and created intercessors, and his kingly office by changing and dispensing with his laws. I. Tim. 4:1-5. Dan. 7:25. They have 'exalted themselves above all that is called God and is worshiped' by claiming authority to forgive sins, even in those who manifestly continue impen-

itent, by granting indulgences to men to break the commandments of God, by dispensing with his laws and placing their own decrees above them, as if of superior validity, and by presuming to give meaning and authority to the Scriptures themselves, which must not be understood in any other sense than what they impose upon them. Moreover, 'the man of sin' sits as God in the temple of God,' and we must therefore look for him in the visible church. There he blasphemously worships the throne of God, showing himself to be God. Many Roman emperors affected divine honors and demanded adoration, but there was no antecedent apostasy from Christianity or the worship of Jehovah, and they might rather be said to sit in the temple of Jupiter or Mars than in that of God; whose temple must be considered to be among his professed worshippers and not among avowed heathen. But the Roman pontiff, claiming to be the universal head of the whole church of God, called by his tatterers "Vice-God," a "God upon earth," arrogating the title of "his holiness," boasting of "infallibility," claiming a right to depose kings and bestow kingdoms on whom he pleases, with those impious claims before mentioned, answers so exactly to the description here given, that we cannot reasonably doubt for whom it was designed. So God's witnesses have believed. While the Roman pontiff opposes the worship of God by enjoining the worship of images, and of saints and angels, and the authority of his laws, to enforce subjection to his own edicts, he himself may be called the great idol as well as the great tyrant of the Romish church, and as he demands the most abject submission and prostration from all men, both in body and soul, and pours contempt on all authority, human and divine, Rev., 13:13-17. But particulars cannot here be more fully insisted on. It suffices to show that the Roman pontiffs answered, and still do answer, to this description, as the person intended is the archetype of an excellent portrait, and we may venture to assert that no other succession of men ever did thus accord to it, perhaps no single individual within the visible church." So says the learned expositor, Dr. Thomas Scott. Other prophetic Scriptures which have foretold the great "falling away" from the faith, compared with the history of the papacy, clearly prove that the Romish church is the "mother of harlots." God's faithful witnesses recognized "the man of sin" on his first appearance in A. D. 606, when Boniface III. obtained the title of universal bishop through the aid of the Emperor Phocas, an usurper and murderer.

Papists themselves admit that the "man of sin" agrees to the wicked and great Antichrist." Notes on Dan., 7:8, of the Douay Bible, say, that the "little horn" is "commonly understood of Antichrist." So plain is it that a papal commentator has to admit that the "man of sin" is Antichrist. Of course they do not say that he succession of Roman pontiffs is the "man of sin." Loyal Americans, this is the Antichrist that now threatens the demolition of all that is dear to American freemen. This foe with all his deluded followers is at your door, drunken with the wine of her fornication; they are ready to render blind obedience to any command that comes from the Vatican.

After so many centuries, after so many cruel persecutions by Rome, after history has put on record that Rome papal has slaughtered more, than fifty millions of the best men in the world, the saints and martyrs of Jesus, and for no other crime than that they would not subscribe to her idolatrous worship—after inspiration has written on her forehead, "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots," etc., is it possible that many professed Christians do not know that this Antichrist has come and has set foot on American shores, and is undermining our free institutions, corrupting our politics and by her Jesuitism and boldness has intimidated and gagged the press and pulpit in this once land of liberty! Fellow citizens, prepare to meet this overshadowing power that corrupted all nations with her sorceries. Teach, preach, vote and pray for its overthrow. We ask, is it possible that any rational being, much less an intelligent Christian, can believe that the great and glorious God, infinitely good, merciful and gracious, giving his own Son to redeem sinners, ever made the bishop of Rome "supreme pontiff," set him above the kings of the earth, made him the head of all churches, clothed him with authority to torture, burn at the stake and kill all saints and sinners who refuse to acknowledge the supremacy of Rome and worship according to her idolatrous system? Is it any wonder that France became infidel? How can the pope and bishops of Rome, with unblushing countenance face the dark history that confronts them? Daniel says of the "little horn," "His look was more stout than his fellows." Paul helps explain the mystery, II. Thess., 2:10-12. Read it. We apologize for the length of this article, but such are needed to instruct the people.

We have no controversy with Rome as to religion, if she does not use her religion to rob us of both religion and liberty. She must not deny us our freedom, free school, free speech, free press, free pulpit!

CALVIN.