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WE expect Paul Van Dervoort to prove himself the Theodore Roosevelt of Omaha.

BISHOP ROSEWATER and his sectaries have thus far failed to foment sectarian strife.

IT will pay Rosewater to procure a primer on civics and devote his leisure time to studying it.

THE people of Omaha are slowly but surely recovering from the deleterious effects of Roman rule.

OUR Falstaff's diurnal dissertations on law, government and duty are not taken seriously by thoughtful people.

ROSEWATER has been in Omaha a long time, but not long enough to have habituated himself to the manners, customs and usages of civil society.

THE cormorant of the *Daily Fol-de-Rol* is a fussy fighter, but no one has ever yet caught him in the act of contending for principle, truth or justice.

ANY American plow-boy has a far better conception of the genius of our institutions and of the qualities of our civilization than has the Jack Falstaff of the Omaha *Bee*.

THE reputable Republicans and constant citizens of Nebraska who are non-supporters of Rosewater's alleged metropolitan journal would alone sustain a decent daily newspaper.

EXCESSIVE prudence is not one of the attributes of the Falstaffian editor of the *Bee*. His attacks upon men of character and conscience constitute the very quintessence of imprudence and impolicy.

THE New York *Mail and Express* casually remarks that Grover Cleveland, professed disciple of Isaak Walton, is "fishing for mummychogs with hellgrammite bait." That will probably be Rosewater's occupation next summer.

GEORGE PEARSON, the well-to-do bachelor who died a few days ago in Adams township, Seneca county, Ohio, in his will bequeathed his estate to the A. P. A. organization of Clyde, after his debts were paid.

WE have received a very neatly printed wedding invitation, which announces that Miss Katie Carberry will be married to Mr. Bert E. Gantz, Thursday evening, Aug. 22, 1895, at the home of the bride's parents, 2116 South Fortieth street, Omaha.

YOU can talk to us about Roman Catholic loyalty, but how much do they have when they will curse and damn a paper because it runs the American flag at the top of its editorial columns and says "the flag is always right"? We know this happened several times in this city during the last forty-eight hours. Romanists all over the city have been damning the *World-Herald* for that very act. Americans should not hesitate to sustain that paper.

THE members of the firm of Meyer & Harmon, who have the contract for slating the roof, putting on the cornice and finishing the inside of the new post-office building, are aliens, never having taken out their papers. Is it possible that we have not enough citizens in this country to build our public buildings? How is this, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Thurston? Is there not a law that all labor on public buildings shall be done by citizens of this country?

BY the omission of two words from an editorial in last week's issue we were made to say that Rosewater had gone "so far as to incite riots and cause bloodshed" by his course in fighting the new police board. We stopped the press and rectified the error as soon as we discovered it. If any of those papers crept into the mail and reached our subscribers, they must remember that there have been no riots and no bloodshed in Omaha, in spite of the fact that Rosewater desired to have it otherwise. That sentence should have read: "Even going so far as to try to incite riots and cause bloodshed."

Booming in Kentucky.

PADUCAH, Ky., Aug. 14.—Americanism is flourishing here. There are three patriotic councils—about 1,800 strong, and growing fast. The Junior O. U. A. M. is also taking in members at every meeting. The city officials are Americans, excepting three or four After the next election every office will be filled by a loyal citizen.

AS TO FRANK E. MOORES.

Last week Messrs. Fred J. Sackett, J. H. Winspear and E. P. Davis filed charges with the county commissioners against Frank E. Moores, and praying for his removal from the office of clerk of the district court.

For several years there have been rumors about Frank E. Moores collecting illegal fees and over-charging litigants who have had cases in the district court. Prior to the time that Messrs. Davis, Winspear and Sackett signed those charges, the public was unable to learn whether there was any truth in the rumors that were being indiscriminately circulated. Now, however, the truth will be known.

We have a great deal of confidence in the judgment of Mr. Winspear, in the integrity of Mr. Davis and in the fairness of Mr. Sackett. They are men who are conservative, and who weigh well every move, never taking a position which is not tenable; for that reason we shall insist, as voters and as taxpayers, that the charges which they have filed against Mr. Moores be tried speedily. He should be given the fullest possible hearing, and if it develops that he is not guilty, he should be promptly exonerated, but if, on the other hand, it should be proved that he is guilty as charged, the full force of the law should lie against him. We do not know to what point the jurisdiction of the commissioners extends. It may be that through a technicality Mr. Moores could escape responsibility to the commissioners, as most of the cases are civil cases. If there were over-charges he might argue that the parties overcharged could sue and recover as individuals, and that the county could not take cognizance of the excessive charges.

But Mr. Moores cannot afford to hide behind so flimsy an excuse. He is either guilty or he is innocent, and he owes it to himself to demand the most searching investigation. Abuse of his accusers will not disprove their charges. Besides, the public has a right to know whether he has been a faithful servant. Let the investigation commence. Let it be pushed, and let us have an end of this talk of malfeasance and misfeasance in office.

THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Last Saturday afternoon Judge Hopewell decided that an injunction would not lie against the newly appointed fire and police commissioners, and since that time they have been receiving applications for positions in both the fire and police departments, and have accepted the reports of a majority of the firemen and policemen now employed by the city who are ready to recognize the authority of the new board. They are holding meetings every night in the city hall, in order to pass upon the applications.

So far, Anarchist Rosewater has not succeeded in precipitating a riot upon this community, and it does look as though he would be left to fight the battle alone, or with the help of the other two Eds, for both the old and the new boards have consented to submit an agreed case to the supreme court for adjudication. Briefs will be filed before the 22d inst. and a decision rendered as soon thereafter as convenient—probably not later than the 27th.

The 34,000 friends of the A. P. A. and of the new board throughout the state need have no fear as to the final outcome of this controversy. The law is constitutional, and the judges of the supreme court will not allow themselves to be used as cat's-paws to pull Mr. Rosewater's chestnuts out of the fire.

CONSISTENCY!

The attitude of the Omaha *Bee* at the time Judge Eller was being persecuted, at the time Jeff Megeath was under fire, and at the time Henry Bolin was assailed, and its attitude toward Frank E. Moores since charges were filed against him, gives our citizens a fair example of Rosewater's consistency. When Eller, Megeath and Bolin were accused of misappropriating funds which passed through their hands, the *Bee* was loud in its denunciations; but now that Moores is under fire, what does the *Bee* do? It assails his accusers; impugns their motives, and deliberately lies about the A. P. A. When Bolin was accused, the *Bee* yelled for his immediate dismissal—without a trial; but when Moores is accused it demands for him a full, fair and complete investigation. Why dismiss Bolin without a hearing and retain Moores pending an investigation? What is there in it for the *Bee*?

USE THE SAME MEASURE.

Those people who inveigh against the A. P. A. because it is a secret organization have looked at but one side of the question. They have not discovered, or have forgotten, that the force which the A. P. A. is organized to combat is the most secret organization the world has ever known. The Roman Catholic church has a multitude of secret societies. Into them no Protestant is ever inducted. In fact, they are organized to hinder, retard and break down Protestantism and to injure Protestants in business, or those holding situations.

We hold that if the Roman Catholics have a right to organize associations composed EXCLUSIVELY of Romanists, Protestants have a right to organize associations composed exclusively of Protestants. If it is right for Romanists to have their Society of Jesus, it is right for Protestants to have their Orange lodges; if Romanists have a right to band together in the Hibernian Rifles, American Protestants have a right to band themselves together in A. P. A. councils, and if Romanists have a right to associate, vote for and trade only with Roman Catholics, Protestants have the same right to patronize, vote for and associate with non-Catholics. The constitution that guarantees to them that right, guarantees it equally to the Protestants. If this is not so, we have been misled.

Freedom, toleration or bigotry should not have one meaning when applied to Protestantism and another when associated with Romanism.

A RAILROAD AGAINST THE A. P. A.

We have received the following letter from a friend in Chicago:

CHICAGO, Ill., August 15, 1895.—Editor THE AMERICAN: While passing down Madison street I overheard a conversation between Riley and a "cop" who claims to have a brother in Omaha; and, by the way, the policeman is a great friend of White. Riley let his sympathies out, and the "cop" told him in my hearing (and I was not an eavesdropper, either) that he (the copper) had a personal friend in President Miller, of the Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad company, and that Miller says to me (the copper), "the fight in Omaha is an A. P. A. fight, and that he (Miller) would not have one on the road, and he (Miller) would back White to the extent of the road's finances in order to crush out the A. P. A. Get one of your men introduced to Riley. He dare not deny it. Yours truly,

PATRICK MCCANN.

President Miller may have been misrepresented by that Chicago policeman, but if he was not, it would not be a bad idea for members of the A. P. A. and their friends to consult the Burlington, the Northwestern, the Rock Island, the Union Pacific, and other roads whose advertisements appear in the columns of patriotic papers, when getting ready to ship any freight or to travel. If the Milwaukee Road can afford to fight the A. P. A. the A. P. A. should not hesitate to fight it. Stand by your friends. Oppose your enemies.

The Trouble.

The Omaha fire and police muddle is still very badly muddled. A controversy arising in Omaha cannot well be otherwise. Seems to be too much Rum, Rosewater and Romanism for clear heads.—*Western Wave.*

WHAT DAVIS SAYS HE DID.

From Kansas City American.

The party of Kansas Cityans just returned from the trip through New England, headed by Mayor Davis and Witten McDonald, and projected to advertise Kansas City, held a levee at the Coates House last evening.

The speech by Mayor Davis was in part an excoriation of those persons said to have adversely criticised his absence from Kansas City.

"The excursion was to advertise Kansas City," said the Mayor. I accompanied it to talk for Kansas City, and every speech I made was about and to the honor and glory of Kansas City. In all my trips outside I have been a constant boomer for Kansas City. I venture to say, without egotism, that I have done more for Kansas City by my absence from the mayor's chair than these men who crap at me have done in their whole lives."

The mayor praised President P. H. Tierman warmly and declared that in Mr. Tierman and Speaker D. E. Stoner the city had been provided acting mayors more capable than himself. Continuing, he exclaimed: "I have been attacked and decried by little fellows who try to be politicians. These little kickers, whose brains would rattle around in a grain of mustard-seed and leave room for a cotton plantation, can only sit down and whine!"

Says the *Star*: This is a dose similar to but smaller than the Fourth of July oration by Mayor Davis at the A. P. A. picnic at Merriam Park.

Some young men do a great amount of talking, and seem to think that their personality would so abash the general public that the "brainless mustard-seed dupes" who elected them would fall back in horror when these mighty "I am's" throw back their heads and in gutteral tones proclaim: "How do you like that!" Adding to the knock-out exclamation a facial expression with a turned-up nose to represent disgust, and mouth drawn down to impersonate the thug element.

It takes great brains to carry a calm head, but any common creature can snarl, snap and bite. The man in office who deems himself so majestic, infallible and great that the people who elected him have no right to criticize his actions, will soon find that those who have been his warmest friends and supporters will leave him and travel another road. An ounce of first-quality brains will be of more practical use to a public official than the stumping of the whole United States for notoriety's sake.

Not long since the Mayor of Kansas City was reported as having said: "I have been attacked and derided by little fellows who try to be politicians. These little kickers, whose brains would rattle around in a grain of mustard-seed and leave them room for a cotton plantation, can only whine!" This "whine," which his honor has turned into a nightmare for himself, may become a volcano of unusual activity, and, if we mistake not, it has already begun to smoke and rumble. If the mayor who made such assertions had remained at home and attended to his official duties more, traversed the state less, made fewer reckless speeches, the outlook for future office-holding would be much better. Officials who desire to please the people, and who draw the moderate salary of ten dollars or so a day from the people's city treasury, should be able to be in their office more than two hours a day. The poor, insignificant laboring man has to toil for eight or more hours per day; yet, if he should try to apply for work from the mayor, and not succeed in even seeing his honor, because his honor is out of town and out of his office so much of the time, then it becomes his honor's duty to make speeches on the Fourth of July, and at other times, calling this character of man bad names.

This may be politics which these "little fellows who try to be politicians" have not yet learned, but they can speak louder than any clap of thunder his honor has ever heard when certain men bob up for an office. It will only be caused by these brainless fellows, who would rattle in a mustard-seed, voting for the other man.

BUNKER HILL COUNCIL

Sends Patriotic Greetings to Friends in East Boston.

Bunker Hill Council, No. 27, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of Worcester, Mass., adopted the following resolutions:

"To the Friends and Brother Patriots of East Boston:

WHEREAS, On the 4th day of July, the natal day of the nation, while attempting to parade in the streets of Boston with the "Little Red School-House," which is the palladium of liberty, from which sprang the matchless splendors of the greatest republic on earth—the American Union—with its scintillations of science and its unparalleled achievements of art; the little log-cabin and the school-house in the pioneer days of American patriotism were humble and unpretentious in appearance, but we revere with profound sacredness the very footprints of our forefathers, in their hazardous march from tyranny and despotism through hunger and flood, in their courageous conflict for our blood-bought freedom; and pledge our lives, our fortunes, to maintain the fair freedom and immortal fame thus transmitted unto us; exact and equal justice of the humblest to the highest; not a throne and not a slave in the land of the free; one country, one flag, and one inseparable American brotherhood, with a non-sectarian school system, is the mission of all true Americans; and,

WHEREAS, We think it augurs well for the free institutions and reflects credit upon the patriotic citizens and the brave Loyal Women of American Liberty and W. A. P. A. ladies, who also marched in the parade, that they had the courage to measure out to the Irish Roman Catholic mob of hoodlums the repulse which it so richly deserved; and let us not forget this insult to the flag and to the public-school system, and that in this instance the unpatriotic and intolerant course of the Roman Catholic board of aldermen of the city of Boston was signally rebuked by the highest authority in the common wealth, and by the loyal and patriotic people of East Boston; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Bunker Hill Council, No. 27, Junior O. U. A. M. of Massachusetts, in regular session assembled, commend our compatriots for their heroism and bravery in that now memorable parade, and especially Albert E. Andrews, of the Roxbury Horse Guards, who so gallantly rushed to the rescue of American women and aged men, and with his saber, wielded in defense of home and country, successfully held at bay the vile crew of drunken Irish papists who attempted to prevent Americans in an American city from doing honor to the day which gave birth to our republic; and,

Resolved, That we, as Americans, pledge ourselves anew to the defense of those principles of American freedom and the glorious cause in whose behalf those patriots so bravely contended in Boston July 4, 1895.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to various patriotic papers and a like copy to Albert E. Andrews and to the national president of the Loyal Women of American Liberty.

L. S. GILLIAM,
H. P. DALTON, JR. P. C.,
S. JEAN BUCHER, Special Organizer,
Committee.

The Mariaberg Asylum Scandal.

Terrible abuses have come to light in the Roman Catholic convent Mariaberg, near Aix-la-Chapelle—a home for invalid priests and asylum for lunatics, epileptics and dipsomaniacs, conducted and managed by lay brothers. Some time ago a pamphlet was published by a certain Herr Mellage, accusing the lay brothers of gross cruelties to their patients and the inmates of their home, asserting that the medical treatment and supervision in the asylum was practically nil. Father Forbes, a priest, had been sent to Mariaberg by his bishop ostensibly for his health, but in reality because his strongly democratic views had made him obnoxious to his superiors. Forbes (the pamphlet said) had entered Mariaberg as a voluntary inmate at the bishop's wish, but soon—on a hint from the bishop—he was declared insane, deprived of his freedom, and shockingly ill treated by the brothers. The bishop, it was further said, had charged himself with the yearly sum for Forbes' maintenance.

The pamphlet caused a great stir, and an action for libel was brought against Mellage, the author, which has just now ended in a full acquittal, Mellage's charges having been found true in every particular.

Many witnesses were examined in the course of the law suit, and the horrors brought to light were such that—in the words of Prof. Finkelburg, of Bonn, one of the experts called by the court—words can hardly be found to qualify such a state of things, such a state of things that would have been thought impossible in Germany or any other civilized country.

A few facts will suffice. The asylum contains 660 patients; its medical staff consists of two doctors, who do not live in the convent, who have their own private practice, and give an hour and a half each daily to their work in Mariaberg. The lay brothers who manage the establishment are by no means educated men. In their previous state of existence they were shoemakers, tailors, bakers, etc. They treat their patients with the most disgusting cruelty; kicking them down-stairs or stunning them by blows on the head with a heavy bunch of keys, are common occurrences; but they have a few modes of punishment for them that can be compared only to mediæval tortures. One of these is called "the douche," a strong jet of cold water from a hose, that causes the poor fellow to whom it is applied to dance about in agony. Another is "the tub" (bottich), a large bath of cold water, into which the "patient"—his arms and legs tied—is plunged headforemost and held down, his feet only projecting, until close upon suffocation, when he is dragged out by the heels, allowed to breathe a few times, and is then replunged, this hideous proceeding being repeated ten or twelve times. One of the wards of the asylum goes by the name of "Schmutzige Station" (dirty ward); its horrors and the helpless lunatics who people it may be imagined. A favorite treat and punishment of the brothers is transference to this ward. The strait waistcoat is also in common use as a punishment.

It seems almost incredible that these atrocities should have been discovered at the periodical examinations by government medical officers. Yet so it is. Several witnesses declared that the brothers had ways and means of knowing beforehand the day on which the inspection would take place, and that they cleaned and washed their wretched charges and got everything smooth and tidy ready to time; that, further, the inspection was a mere farce, as in every case the brothers' account was believed. The truth of these allegations will be tested at the approaching government inquiry, but it cannot be disguised that culpable negligence has been proved already. Geheimrath Kribben, one of the examining physicians, acknowledged in court that he had certified Forbes' insanity, and when asked his reasons for so doing could only say that he had seen Forbes drunk and very excited, and that Forbes' bishop had declared him to be a dipsomaniac and his condition to be hereditary. When asked how he had been informed of the bishop's opinion, his answer was that "Brother Henrich (one of the Mariaberg lay brothers) had told him so."—*British Medical Journal.*

Simply a Lie.

What canards these newspapers tell! An account was wired all over the country a day or two after the Fourth, about a riot at a picnic at Siberia, Ill. (some papers had it Siberia, Ind.), which was being held by German Catholics and was invaded by a gang of toughs. We noted that the report was denied, but it was again reaffirmed, and an interview was reported with some one who described the whole affair vividly as he saw it. We referred to it in these columns, but our suspicions being again aroused, we did a little investigating. There is no Siberia in Illinois, though there used to be a number of years ago. The name has since been changed. There is a Siberia in Indiana, and inquiry of the postmaster elicited the following reply:

Dear Sir: I will let you know that there was no picnic at Siberia, Ind., and it was all made up. There was a farmer living about a quarter of a mile from here, and some few boys went and got them a half-barrel of beer and had a little dance, and two of them got in a little racket, and that was the whole thing. Yours truly,

JOSEPH HUNT, P. M.

Siberia, Ind., July 26.

So far this is all the basis we have been able to find for that harrowing story that had a number of people killed and about 100 injured.—*New York Voice.*

More Americans in Office.

The use of base-ball bats and lead pipe to subdue the insane patients at Dunning must be the American (?) idea of reform. I had got the idea somehow, that brick-bats, clubs, etc., were some of the best arguments that Rome ever made use of; but as some people are under the impression that the politics of Cook county has been Americanized, since the advent of the new administration, it was a surprise to learn that the attendants played ball with the patients. As the umpire was not present, it will be a hard matter to discover whether "three strikes" or a "lead-pipe cinch" constituted a "put-out." Of course it was only one of those unavoidable accidents that so many of the O'Brine family got mixed up in the inquest. As the O'Brine family take to politics "like a duck to water," and as they increase and multiply and help one another, it is no surprise that there should be so many of them at the insane asylum. If they keep getting as numerous under the civil service "fake" as they have under the "ward-heelers" rule, it will only be a question of time when we will have to commence renumbering them, as there will not be sufficient names to go around, by which to distinguish them.

Commissioner No. 2 accuses commissioner No. 1 with putting friends, relatives, nephews, etc., in office, and No. 1 is reported as saying that he would not believe No. 2 under oath. According to the Roman canon law, when an oath is obnoxious or would in any manner injure the church (Roman) it is not to be considered an oath, but a perjury.

I happened to drop in when a ward meeting was being held, the other evening, and overheard from a little side room how a certain Twenty-seventh ward politician had dictated any number of appointments under the G. Baldy Swift administration, and that it would be a good thing to keep on the friendly side of this same politician if you were looking for a city job. Of course some of the public were under the impression that this politician was down at Springfield looking after the interests of the people, and taking all precautions to prevent burglars from stealing any of the people's money from the state treasury. I merely mention this to show how the minority can rule the majority, and how easy it is to hoodwink the public under the partizan politics of both parties as now conducted. If I remember rightly, this is the same politician who, according to one of our partizan organs, "became an American and remained a good German." I suppose that means a kind of 'alf and 'alf.

There are any number of the half and half politicians in Chicago and Cook county.

Once in a great while you find one straight, like G. Baldy Swift, who says: "Before I am a Methodist, I am a citizen," but as the applause commenced just then, it was impossible to hear whether he finished or not with "but before I am a citizen I am a Republican."

And now comes the latest from "the bog beyant the say": Ex-Mayor Hopkins has experienced a change of heart and has joined the gold-bugs. There may be some mistake about this, and it may be that he has only changed his liver-pad.

AJAX.

Demand the Truth.

DETROIT, Mich., August 12.—Editor THE AMERICAN: Please publish the following:

WHEREAS, Hon. A. F. Martin, on the floor of the Manitoba legislature, stated that there were things being taught in the public schools of the United States, and especially of Boston, that were unfit to be repeated or published; and,

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the American people to oppose all teaching detrimental to the youth of the nation, we, as women of Council No. 5, W. A. P. A., of Detroit, Mich., do protest and offer the following:

Resolved, That, as patriotic women loyal to our American institutions, and especially our public schools, we do hereby demand of Hon. A. F. Martin proof of the assertion herein made, or a reiteration of the same through the press.

MARIA PEEL,
Chairman of Committee

Some Presidential Timber and the A. P. A.

McKinley, through his secretary, denies that he is a member of the A. P. A. Elkins says he is not a Roman Catholic, and does not belong to any church. Is this not the same Elkins of Star Route fame?

Harrison used a government gunboat to escort Satolli into New York; Stevenson occupies a seat on the platform in a Catholic church, while the Hibernians stack their guns inside the door; and Cleveland in writing to the pope of Rome signs himself, "your obedient servant."

Will Vote Right.

We see some of the newspapers estimate the A. P. A. as numbering about 20,000 in Kentucky. The election returns this fall will indicate that there are two or three times that many in Kentucky. There are thousands of voters in the state that are not talking politics but will vote right, all the same. The A. P. A.'s certainly propose to help the party that is the most favorable to their principles and will steer clear of any party that will pass resolutions against them.—*Ashland Sun.*