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TIME FOR ACTION.

The time has now arrived when every American citizen in the City of Omaha and County of Douglas should choose whom he will support at the coming election.

Those citizens who believe in purity in politics, who are opposed to Rosewater dictation, to bribery and corruption in the conduct of the affairs of the city and the county, will not hesitate to place their seal of disapproval upon the ticket which that corrupt Republican political manipulator has saddled on the Democratic party this year. The record of Coburn, of Campbell, of Wood, of Helseley, and of nearly every other nominee of the "Reform" outfit, is as black and as damning as is the record of Rosewater himself. They were chosen for the sole reason that their careers had been bad, so that if they succeeded in an election they could be more easily whipped into line to do the bidding of the Roman conspirator and political trickster who is said to have contracted to defeat the Republican party for a consideration of \$20,000.

The good citizens of this city and county can, we believe, be relied upon to defeat the objects of that alleged bargain and sale.

The good name of the city and county depends on their action.

If they allow Rosewater and his noisy running mates to win, it means a return to the methods employed in county and city affairs prior to January, 1892, when the county and city treasuries were looted of hundreds of thousands of dollars by the men who are now among the leading lights in the "Reform" movement.

Do you want to return to a regime that is loaded down with rotten-bloc pavements, a county hospital deal, a Thirteenth street grading job, and a Douglas addition blunder which has cost the tax-payers of this city and county a half-million dollars, and will cost them a half-million more before they are through with them?

Do you want to go back to those days? Answer with your votes.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

In all probability the recent meeting at St. Louis of the Supreme Advisory Board of the A. P. A. will prove to be the most important that has ever been held by any official body of the order. The public has for a long time waited for some expression from an authentic source concerning the purposes of the order. The action of this board has presented to the people at large a compact set of resolutions, which are meeting with plaudits from every honest American. Those who are not connected with any patriotic society, who have the advancement of good government and pure politics at heart, speak of the platform as one which has been needed for years.

It takes a wise man to build up fame and fortune, but any fool may inherit that which his father hath built, and the American people are too often willing to be gulled by a name, no matter by whom it is borne. This applies to many who seek fortune and political offices. Take the man who is capable by virtue of his own deeds, (for they must needs be honest), and judge him according to the good or bad these deeds have recorded. By doing this you will lead great aid to the poor boys who must rely on their brains and honesty for promotion, and you will make education a laurel wreath well worth winning. Honor will then be that which is gained by honest exertion, and will fill your country with men of the greatest integrity. It is the duty of every nation to cultivate this mode of winning honor and not to perpetuate honor inherited. The bulwark of every nation is honesty, and honesty should be the goal of honor, which is commonly called fame.

ONE of Rosewater's alleged versatile young men declares that Judge Scott's judicial conduct is proof of the scriptural assertion: "All men are liars." Better read up on biblical lore. David did say: "I said in my haste, All men are liars." The Chatter-Box of the Omaha Bee says a great many things in haste, especially about American citizens who refuse to make haste to fall down and worship Vice-Pope Rosewater.

THE AMERICAN thanks the stranger friend who each week sends a list of the names of persons to whom he desires sample copies sent. The money for the papers always accompanies the order. This is one way to help the cause, and is successful in securing new members and new councils. Emulate the friend's example.

GOVERNMENT by Rosewater is an anachorism—"Something foreign to a country or unsuited to local conditions."

In an editorial the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* says: "The A. P. A. has carried Nashville. Is the true nationalist party going to be as strong in the south as its great progenitor of forty years ago was? The Know-Nothing or American party carried one state in 1856, and that was Maryland. The Constitutional Union party, which consisted of the remains of the Know-Nothing and Whig parties, though without the former's proscriptions creed, carried Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee in 1860. The Republicans would be glad to see the A. P. A. give a good deal of attention to southern politics."

We are pleased to inform the *Globe-Democrat* that the A. P. A. will not fail to give due attention to the south. Besides this, the order will not let a corner of any state pass its observation. We would not have anyone consider by this that the order will be turned to any party. The A. P. A. is non-partisan in formation, and we hope it will always remain in that condition.

A DECISION recently filed by the Supreme Court of Illinois will be of great interest to all religious, charitable, educational and benevolent societies which have erected business buildings and are depending in whole or in part upon the revenues received from renting stores and office rooms. The court holds that such buildings are not exempt from taxation. The case upon which the decision is rendered was certified to the court by Auditor Gore, who reversed the action of the supervisors of Peoria county exempting from assessment the office building of the Peoria Young Men's Christian Association. The auditor's decision was affirmed by the court. This will virtually compel all church organizations owning similar property to pay their share of taxes.

ONE of the most laughable pieces of boom political write-ups appeared in the *Kansas City Times* of last Friday. The heading read: "Cleveland is unharmed. Report that he has been assassinated pronounced false. Sensational rumors by wire. Grover Cleveland said to have been killed this morning. The whole country telegraphing Buzzard's Bay for news. That honest town asleep." This seems to be the only way in the world left for the supporters of Grover to conjure up sympathy. There is not a boom on the face of the earth which can resurrect his political carcass. As the poor *Times* is about as bad a cripple politically and financially, we have much sympathy for the pair.

PRIEST FLAHERTY, of Mount Morris, N. Y., has been convicted of raping Mary Sweeney, a sixteen-year-old girl, who was a member of his congregation. He will serve seven and a half years in Auburn prison for his dastardly crime. It almost impossible to read a paper without finding a crime of this character laid at the door of some Roman priest. The interests of society demand the abolishment of the celibate priesthood. If the Roman church had the interests of social purity really at heart, she would discipline her priests.

SATOLLI has no legitimate business in this country. He has come here to spy out the goodly land and to foreignize and poison the very atmosphere of the Republic. He came not to teach us "sweeter manners, purer laws," or to reveal to the people higher and nobler forms of life. He was sent here to do political work for his master. He has earned his passports.

In another column we publish Mrs. Ella W. Peattie's statement of her position. She is laboring under a misapprehension: This paper does not attack Romanism as a religious organization, but as a political body which would prostitute American liberty to its own selfish ends.

THE Council Bluffs *Nompareil* is sending out a very creditable daily newspaper—especially the Omaha edition—and deserves a full measure of success.

A Correction.

OMAHA, NEB., October 16th, 1895.—Dear Sir:—You will favor me by correcting an erroneous statement made in your paper—erroneous in the sense it was used. You set me apart among the list of candidates for state offices, as a "Romanist sympathizer." Had you chosen to class me as you did one other person, as "an anti-A. P. A.," I would not have objected. I do not deny that I sympathize with honest religious belief, but I am further from Rome than many of those who protest much. I am not by conviction even a Christian in the sense of accepting the story of the miraculous birth of Christ or his resurrection. I suppose I would be called a Unitarian. I am opposed to all religious interference in government, believing it dangerous to universal liberty. I am, therefore, opposed to every form of religious persecution, and when the rights of Catholics are infringed upon I resent it, not because they are Catholics, but because they are American citizens, and entitled to believe as they choose without suffering abuse, persecution or injustice for such belief. I do not sympathize with their Catholicism, but I maintain their right to liberty of thought and action. If it were the blue Presbyterians who were being discriminated against, then my sympathy would be for them. I stand, sir, for liberty of thought, not for Catholicism.

Respectfully,
 ELIA W. PEATTIE.

IN SECRET MEETING.

Advisory Board of the A. P. A. Mapping Out a Plan of Campaign.

Mayer Walbridge Welcomes the Members to St. Louis as American Citizens.

The Advisory Board of the American Protective Association convened in Druids' Hall, Ninth and Market streets, yesterday morning, says the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* of Oct. 15, but transacted very little business. An organization was effected and subcommittees appointed, after which an adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock a. m. to-day. The real business of the convention is yet to be done. The sessions are held in secret, and only such matter given out for publication as is deemed advisable by the press committee. Supreme President Traynor, who was not expected, agreeably surprised the members by appearing just before time for calling the meeting to order. He occupied the chair. Before the board, which consists of two members from each state, went into session, the hall was filled with members of the order and others, drawn there by a desire to hear the speech-making which was down on the program as a preliminary to the real business of the day. A few were no doubt attracted by curiosity, but the majority wore the badge of the order and manifested real interest in the proceedings. An address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Walbridge. Among other things he said: "I welcome you to St. Louis, not because you are A. P. A.'s, but because you are American citizens, and the genius of our government demands that your voices shall be heard in this great composite whole."

Henry F. Bowers, of Clinton, Iowa, founder of the order and its first president, responded very briefly to the mayor, expressing thanks for the welcome. He was followed by Mrs. Allen, president of the Woman's American Protective Association, who made an appeal on behalf of woman suffrage. The association will not have accomplished its purpose, she said, until a free ballot was guaranteed to every American citizen, regardless of sex or creed. She was heartily cheered by the ladies present, some of the men joining in the demonstration of approval.

Judge John B. Stone, of Kansas City, one of the leading Missouri members, also spoke. He referred to the growth of the order in his town and denied that it was the creature of any political party. He is himself a Democrat, but will work, he says, with any organization to defeat a candidate who acknowledges a divided temporal allegiance.

After the orations had been delivered and a brief season of handshaking and introductions had been indulged in, the hall was cleared of all persons not entitled to sit in the board. The mayor bade good-by to his new-made friends, the ladies were courteously escorted to the street, and other non-members of the board were politely requested to withdraw.

The A. P. A. was never more secret in any work undertaken by it than in that now in hand. The chairman of the press committee, himself a newspaper man of long experience, positively refused to say who the members of the subcommittee chosen are, and further, refused to give the name of the presiding officer of the board. It is pretty well understood, however, that the national president will be made ex-officio chairman.

The advisory board is by no means a new idea. One has existed in each state ever since before the Milwaukee convention, and, according to the press committee chairman, the results have been so satisfactory that it was determined to create a central body of national character.

A visitor from Kansas City said to a reporter of the *Globe-Democrat*:

"Our position may be defined almost in a nut-hell. If one of the great parties ignores and the other recognizes us, we will without doubt throw our influence to the one that takes us into consideration when drafting its platform and nominating its men and the other recognizes us, we will 'straddle' the issue, we will find whether either candidate is directly or remotely under Roman Catholic influence. We will defeat any man whose Americanism is thus tainted in the slightest degree. If the records of both candidates are clear, we will as individuals vote our regular party tickets."

"But suppose the records of both men are 'tainted,' as you call it?"

"That is a contingency that will not arise."

There are a large number of visiting members of the order who are here in no official capacity. They are drawn by the meeting of the advisory board, and by the fact that yesterday was A. P. A. day at the exposition. Nearly all wear the button of the order, and most of them have a miniature American flag attached. The local councils have a number of committees whose duty it is to look after the comfort of visitors.

"It is a mistake," declared the secre-

tary, Rev. Dr. Donn, of Boston, "to suppose that we are making a war on individual Catholics, or that we assume that all Catholics are bigots. Some of the staunchest supporters of our splendid system of public schools in New England are Roman Catholics; some of my best friends acknowledge the same creed. An intelligent Catholic is just like any other intelligent man. He thinks for himself and his conscience is in his own keeping. The object of this order is to foster pure Americanism, to resent attacks on our public schools, to make country and the love of country the first consideration in all political affairs, and we believe our platform is broad enough for any citizen to stand on who acknowledges no other political allegiance than that he owes to the state."

The ritual of the order has undergone so many changes recently that it is wholly unlike what it used to be. These changes were made necessary by the publication of all the secret work a few months ago.

A pleasant incident of yesterday was a presentation to Vice-President Jackson of the Supreme Council from the resident members. They gave him a handsome gold-headed cane as a token of their regard.

Members of the board attended the exposition last night in a body.

It is understood that one of the subcommittees appointed yesterday will have in charge the selection of a national headquarters for the next campaign. A strong effort will be made by local members to establish such headquarters in this city.

Notwithstanding Mrs. Allen's impassioned appeal for the rights of her sex, there is an evident reluctance on the part of the male members to admit women into full "fellowship." They are not permitted to join the regular councils, but have separate councils of their own with a different ritual. There is no woman member of the advisory board.

October 16th the reporter reported the next days proceedings as follows:

"Everything that was done by the board during its entire session is contained in this document," said Rev. Dr. J. B. Dunn, secretary of the Supreme Advisory Board of the American Protective Association, when seen last night after the adjournment of that body. The document which he handed to the reporter reads as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the National Advisory Board of the American Protective Association: Your committee on plan of work and resolutions beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend that an executive committee be created, composed of 13 members of this board, the chairman, secretary, treasurer and vice-president to be officers and nine members to be appointed by the chairman.

We recommend that the advisory board, through the executive committee, collect all possible reliable information concerning the views, affiliations and record of all presidential and vice-presidential candidates, and "possibilities" in the political parties, and after collecting and formulating same, to furnish the information to the executive boards of the states, to be by them disseminated among the subordinate councils and advisory boards of their jurisdiction and to the councils of the order where superior councils are not organized.

Resolved, That the board advise the members of this order to vote for the nomination to office on party tickets of the party they affiliate with, and to vote for the election of candidates only who are in thorough accord with and will, if elected, support the following principles:

Reduction of immigration, to debar all undesirable persons, extension of time for naturalization, and educational qualification for suffrage, the maintenance of one general nonsectarian public school system, no public funds or public property for sectarian purposes, taxation of all property not owned and controlled by the public, the opening to public official inspection of all private schools, convents, monasteries, hospitals and all institutions of an educational and reformatory character; no support given for any public position to any person who recognizes primal allegiance in civil affairs to any foreign or ecclesiastical power; public lands for actual settlement by American citizens only.

Resolved, That this order demands the thorough enforcement of all existing laws by legally constituted authorities. The only true American remedy for existing evils is to be sought in the courts or at the ballot-box.

The doctor said that nearly all of yesterday's session was devoted to a discussion of the committee's report, which was finally adopted. He was not authorized to say who constituted the executive committee. Some time was taken up in the selection of the nine members who were appointed by the chairman, the aim being to secure such a geographical distribution as would give a representative to each section of the country. No other standing committees were appointed, the doctor said. There was some talk about creating a finance committee, but it was finally agreed to vest its functions in the executive committee, which

is given such powers as may be needful for the accomplishment of the purposes in view. According to all accounts, perfect harmony prevailed during the meeting of the board. No time or place is fixed for another meeting, but the secretary will call the members together if necessary.

From the rumor of the committee's report, and from statements made by members, it appears that the mission of the advisory board was to devise means to make the organization a potent factor in the next presidential election. It is understood that no independent or distinctive A. P. A. ticket is to be placed in the field, but that the votes of the order will be turned, so far as possible, in favor of candidates selected by the leaders of the order.

In the address made upon the floor, the growth and present strength of the order was a topic to which reference was frequently made. It is claimed by the speakers that several states can now be swayed from one of the great political parties to the other through the weight of the A. P. A., which holds the balance of power and is able to dictate policies. Rev. Dr. J. B. Dunn of Boston, secretary of the advisory board, tells with much satisfaction that the state Republican organization of Massachusetts has adopted a platform embodying nearly all of the A. P. A. principles.

It is announced that the order has been planted in Denmark and Sweden.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The men nominated by the Republicans last Saturday for city officers are all men of undoubted integrity and business qualifications, and they deserve success.

Our old friend Jesse White made some very pointed remarks when he told the "citizens' convention" that he did not ask for nor would he receive a nomination at their hands. Mr. White was nominated by the Populist convention for councilman-at-large.

The action of a judge on the bench in refusing to allow an attorney who stands among the best of Nebraska's bar from appearing as prosecutor in a criminal case in which the peace and good order of a whole county is to be protected, will hardly be commended by honest people.

The Republican Judicial Committee have adopted a clean, straight forward plan of campaign for their candidates, and they deserve the support of all honest citizens. Every candidate for judicial honors has the respect of his fellow-men and they are men of undoubted integrity as lawyers at the bar.

The voters of Douglas county do not believe that self-confessed boodlers are capable of reforming politics. The recent Simroggenwater conventions have to some extent brought to light just who these boodlers are, and on election day the people will most emphatically register their disapproval of such campaign methods.

One Simeral has been canvassing among the business men of Omaha in the interest of the "Rosewater-Citizen Reform Ticket," but these same business men have not forgotten the treatment this city received by the scandalous dispatches sent by men of the ilk of the Simroggenwaters during the police commission bill fight a short time ago.

Judge Jacob Fawcett, one of the Republican candidates for district judge, is one of the foremost lawyers of the Nebraska bar, and his ability is beyond question. His services for his country during the last war entitle him the honor and respect of the comrades in the G. A. R. He is a Methodist in religious belief, and has been one of the foremost members in the work of that church at Kountze Place in this city.

Judge Ambrose's letter to Judge Dickinson as published in the *Inscel* will no doubt make some people smile. We do not believe Judge Dickinson or any other nominee had anything to do with Judge Ambrose's defeat for re-nomination. That convention was not made up of the kind of men who could be bartered away by any one or two men. It was at the so-called "citizens' reform" convention that votes were bought and sold like cattle at the stock yards.

The people through their representatives in the legislature make the laws, and it is the duty of any executive to enforce them. Should any law prove unsatisfactory to a majority, the people will lose no time in demanding—and enforcing the demand for—its repeal. Should any executive officer fall or refuse to obey or enforce any law upon the statute books, he is not true to his oath, and the people by their votes will demand his removal.

There is no man who is held in greater esteem by the people of Omaha and Douglas county than John MacDonald, the Republican candidate for sheriff, and even though some may oppose him for political reasons they at the same time recognize him as a man of sterling qualities, and if elected will fill the sheriff's office with credit to himself and the community at large. He has been a resident of this city since 1869, and has held during that time various positions of trust. During the last year or two he has been at the head of the firm of MacDonald Bros., brass-founders, of this city. The people of Douglas county will make no mistake by electing him.