

THE REAL ISSUE.

Rosewater and His Henchmen Have Driven Politics From This Contest and

Injected Into it the Issue of Romanism Against Protestantism, in Compliance With the Edict of Jesuit Sherman.

There will not be a Roman Catholic vote cast for a man nominated by the Republican party.

Every Roman vote will be cast for the men whom Rosewater supports.

The backbone of the Citizens' movement is the Roman Catholic Church. All her dishonorable sons are shouting lustily for reform. They all do it because they have been ordered to do so by the representatives of the Roman hierarchy in this community.

The money which was used to buy votes in the Democratic convention, and which is now being used, and which will be spent next Tuesday, comes from the coffers of the church.

The *World-Herald* charges that money has been contributed to the Citizens' movement by persons living in Lincoln, Kansas City and Baltimore.

Who in those cities would be interested in having the reformers win in this city?

Who in Lincoln but the followers of Bishop Bonacum?

Who in Kansas City but the Romanists?

And who in Baltimore but Jim Gibbons, cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church, and the highest dignitary in this country, barring Frank Satolli?

No one else is interested.

No one else is contributing money and no one else would contribute money to place such corrupt men in office as were nominated by the Reformers, and who disgrace the Democratic party by appearing on the official ballots as nominees of said party.

Already this city has been canvassed by a number of priests, who have instructed the laity to vote the Reform ticket, and the laity will vote as they have been instructed, under fear of eternal damnation.

There is no act which a priest cannot compel a member of that church to perform, none that a bishop cannot exact of a priest, none that an archbishop cannot demand of a bishop, and none that a cardinal cannot exact of an archbishop.

This is susceptible of proof.

The *World-Herald*, June 5, 1893, published an address delivered by James F. K. Hofer, a teacher in Creighton College, and a member of the Society of Jesus, in which he admits that his superior can command him even unto death. His exact words were, "unless forced by my obedience to him who can command me under pain of death."

Tom Sherman, another member of the Society of Jesus, in his speech in Exposition Hall in this city, in May, 1893, declared: "By a strange dispensation of Providence it happens that a soldier's son is also a priest, and, thank God, not a fallen priest. He stands before you not because he chooses, but because he is sent."

Could anything prove more completely the abject slavery of the Romanist? His superior has but to say go, and he goes; has but to say do, and he performs. Think of it! They do not act on their own responsibility, but according to the will of their superiors. The negroes were never in more complete bondage.

Jesuit Sherman, in that same speech, said: "And I speak deliberately, and speak in caution, you will drive the Roman Catholics to unite and form a political party of their own." In answer to that threat we said June 2, 1893: "You have simply made it necessary for Americans to do what you threaten to do, and they challenge you to execute your threat."

Rome has accepted the challenge. The Reform movement to-day is the Roman Catholic party which Sherman threatened in 1893 to organize. We welcome it to a contest at the ballot box, well knowing that the Protestant people will make short work of it.

The truthfulness of the assertion that the Reform party is the Roman Catholic party will not be questioned by any intelligent man after reading the speeches made by Rosewater and his henchmen, or after reading the anti-Protestant sentiments expressed editorially in the *Bee*. One has only to read them to learn how grand, how liberal and how patriotic the Romans are, and how illiberal, bigoted and un-American Protestants are who have

voted for the men who have been elected to office during the last four years.

It goes without saying that the *Omaha Bee*, the organ of the Roman Catholic Church, and its editor have been endeavoring to befog the Protestants of this community with the cry that the A. P. A. were a religious order, that it required a religious test for office and that it opposes Roman Catholics on account of their religion. This charge is absolutely false, and Rosewater knows it to be so; yet he will reiterate it every day until election is past, in the hope that Protestants will be misled and, through the spirit of fairness, cast their votes for the disreputable characters he has forced upon the Democratic ticket. In fact, he proved it to be false last Wednesday evening when he showed by his own documents that it was simply a political organization.

There is no excuse for any man in Douglas county being misled by the miserable apology for a man who is now the head and front of the so-called Citizens' Reform movement. They all know him. A traitor first, then a raper, and God only knows what he will be next. But it will be anything for Rosewater.

For more than a fifth of a century he has published a newspaper in this city, and there is not a man but what knows he has always played upon the passions and the prejudices of his readers. He never reasons. Vilification, slander and abuse are his stock in trade. The reputations and characters of other men—aye, the reputation of this grand city—are smirched if that apostle of a bogus brand of reform finds it will serve his purpose.

He has hounded some of our best citizens to their graves.

Aye, and as a ghoul would do. Has dragged their pulseless, lifeless frames from their untimely tombs. He could not let them rest in peace—Where his vile slanders And his groundless insinuations had placed them.

But, with the demon stamped upon his Ishmaelish cast.

Has dragged them forth and libeled them, our sacred dead.

Such has his life work been.

To-day no hand meets his in friendship.

No heart with pleasure throbs.

When mention of his name is made:

No face is radiant with a smile.

When hell's own son in him is met;

Against him raised is every hand;

In his defense no one will enlist.

While tongues which sing his praise are hushed.

Bought with his gold, or silence of his pen:

Yet he expects all men to think As he has thought.

And vote as he will vote.

Because he tells you that The A. P. A. is other than it is.

If religion has been injected into this campaign it has been through the efforts of Edward Rosewater and the members of the Roman church, for the sole purpose of creating political capital. It is an old trick of both those disreputable characters to commit an act and then charge it to the opposition. The Church of Rome has always been in politics; she always will be. She has always resorted to trickery and employed the vicious, the corrupt, and the ignorant to do her dirty work. Priest Phelan, himself a Roman Catholic, and editor of the *Church Progress*, of St. Louis, makes this admission.

The priest at Kearney denied that he had and that the church had gone into politics in order to get a Romanist appointed as postmaster of that city, but W. E. Annin, the correspondent of the *Lincoln (Neb.) State Journal* at Washington, D. C., hunted up and published these telegrams, which were sent in 1893:

KEARNEY, Neb., May 21.—Hon. W. S. Bissell, Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.: Report from Washington that J. Thompson is not appointed postmaster at Kearney. We hereby express our regrets, and if the appointment of Crocker is not yet ratified would urge the competency of Mr. Thompson.

[Signed] J. A. BRUN, Roman Catholic Pastor.

KEARNEY, Neb., May 21.—Hon. W. S. Bissell, Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.: We request that the appointment of the postmaster of Kearney be held up until the claim of J. Thompson, Jr., can be properly presented. [Signed] R CODDINGTON & SONS,

J. M. COSTELLO,
J. S. MCKEAN,
FLEMING & RUFELER,
J. R. ROLLINGSWORTH & CO.,
E. WALKER & SONS,
A. SANDS,
HARRIS & FREEMAN,
WILLIAM DAUGHERTY,
J. Y. ROBERTSON,
J. S. SPOFFORD,
F. E. REEMER.

It is useless for the Church of Rome to deny that she has always been in politics, and that the A. P. A. was started for the purpose of drawing her out.

And it is equally useless for Rosewater to deny being corrupt, and what is true of him is also true of many of the men who are actively supporting his movement. One of them, a lawyer who is active in his opposition to Judge Scott, and who was himself once a senator, gave a senator in the last legislature an envelope containing money in the hope that his vote would assist in defeating House Bill No. 139, which was then under consideration. That senator remarked to a friend of ours: "Rosewater's money is as good to me as anybody's." It is a well-known fact that that particular Reformer, by a judicious casting of his vote while in the senate for certain measures to which the people were antagonistic, succeeded in securing a citizenship which precludes any fear of his ever needing assistance from the county. These Reformers are a thirft set.

They buy votes in a Democratic convention, in the Nebraska state senate, in the Nebraska house of representatives; they attempt to coerce the Nebraska supreme court; they try to defeat for district judge a man whom they know they cannot use; they attempt to foist into office the most vicious and corrupt portion of our citizenship; they hold laws passed by our legislature to be of no binding force or effect until the supreme court declares them constitutional (and this is the doctrine of the Roman church—no law is binding unless it conforms to the laws of the church); they send out lying reports about our city, injuring its standing with foreign capitalists; they started an insipient rebellion against legally appointed officials and placed armed men, more than eight-tenths of whom were Roman Catholics, in charge of the public buildings; they discharged more than a score of Protestant police officers and employed in their stead more than a score of Roman Catholics; they chose fifteen lieutenants on the fire department, and eleven out of the fifteen were Roman Catholics; they employed men to sweep the streets, and a large majority of them were Roman Catholics. In short, this Reform movement is a Roman Catholic scheme to obtain control of the city by placing corrupt men in office who will do Rosewater's bidding and place the various departments of the city and county governments under the direction of incompetent Romanists.

You had Rome here before the A. P. A. took part in politics. Your county was robbed blind. You had it in the city—to which the rotten-block pavement stands as a monument.

Christian men and Christian women should not be misled by the political claptrap published in the *Bee*. Rosewater has supported openly or covertly all the corrupt men who have ever been in office. He has appealed to the prejudices of the Romanists, and expects you to assist him in his nefarious efforts to place this city and county in the clutches of the worst coterie of political hacks ever nominated in this county. Had he gone through the burnt district—combed it with a fine-tooth comb—he could hardly have caught a more corrupt set than he took out of the Republican party and crammed down the throat of the Democratic party. The question for you to settle next Tuesday is whether Romanism and Rosewater shall rule this city and county.

Are you for purity or for boodle? The former is represented by the Republican and Populist nominees on the county and city tickets; the latter by the Reform ticket, which stole the livery of the Democratic party to serve Rome and Rosey in.

As we said above, Rosewater was a traitor to the Republican party first, a raper of the Democratic party next, and if he is successful next Tuesday, God only knows what he will do after that.

Pope Will Stay in Rome.

ROME, Oct. 24.—Rumors of the contemplated transfer of the seat of the papacy to Avignon, France, have been revived, but are not believed here. Politicians when asked about it recall the story of a plan formed by the cardinals in 1578 to hold the conclave to elect a new pope outside of Italy, whereupon Signor Crispi, who was then minister of the interior, declared that once the cardinals and the pope went out of Italy, the government would occupy the Vatican.

LOYAL AMERICANS, AWAKE!

Fathers Fitzgerald of Auburn and Murphy of Tecumseh have been suspended and ordered by Bishop Bonacum to PAY THE COSTS OF COURT and REPAIR TO THE "RETREAT OF ST. JOSEPH BENOIT," near Montreal, for revolting against Bishop Bonacum in 1892-3.—*World-Herald*, Nov. 1, 1895.

In another column we print two charges which the above item proves to be true—that the Roman church sets its laws up as binding above the laws of the state, and that the church authorities can make those under their charge do any act they wish to have done.

The priests have made a house to house canvas, instructed the laity to vote the Citizen's Reform ticket, and to-day (Friday) the Roman Catholic churches have been filled with women who have been receiving instructions as to whom they should vote for as members of the Board of Education.

The Reformers in their speeches, and the *Bee* in its editorials, laud the people who believe in the doctrine set forth in the item at the head of this article, while abusing and vilifying Protestants who have had the manhood and the courage to join an order that opposes foreign or ecclesiastical interference in our affairs of state or with our grand, free school system. Shall Rosewater and Romanism be placed in charge of this city and county? Shall the women who do not send their children to the Public Schools dictate who shall act as members of the school board, who shall employ public school teachers and disburse school funds?

CALLS A PRIEST NAMES.

Bartinsky Severely Handled by Enraged Bohemians at Chicago.

To call a Catholic priest "flandaci," or "black coat," is, from the Bohemian point of view, a deadly insult. A man named Bartinsky, an employe, it is said, of Editor Bartos Bittner, publisher of *Sotek*, applied the epithet to Abbot Jaeger at a meeting of the parishioners of St. Procopius' Church yesterday afternoon, with disastrous results. It took two policemen to protect him from the fury of his countrymen. The fight occurred at an indignation meeting held in the parish school hall to protest against the acquittal of Editor Bittner, who was recently tried on the charge of libeling Abbot Jaeger, of St. Procopius' Bohemian Church. The meeting was attended by fully one thousand Bohemians, and the feeling against the editor of *Sotek* was extremely bitter. Martin Holec, one of the speakers, was dilating on the goodness of the abbot and of his associates.

"Who has educated our children and made them good citizens?" he asked. "Who educated many of us here present? Who educated these very free-thinking editors and taught them how to write?"

Before Holec could answer his own questions Bartinsky sprang on his chair in the back of the hall.

"The 'black coats' he shouted, 'the 'black coats' taught them."

In an instant the assembly was in an uproar. Men climbed over chairs and struggled with each other in their efforts to reach Bartinsky, who was already at the bottom of a heap of fighting Bohemians. Policemen Raggio and Smith, who were in the hall, drove back the crowd and hurried Bartinsky out of the hall, half the assemblage streaming after, heaping abuse on their countryman's head. Bartinsky was taken to the Canalport Avenue Station and afterward released. It was said at the meeting that Bartinsky was

hired by Editor Bittner to cause the disturbances, and that four other men were there to cause trouble, but were frightened away by the attack on Bartinsky.

Many circulars were scattered through the Bohemian district announcing the meeting yesterday. The circulars were signed by a committee of thirty-five members of Abbot Jaeger's flock, and protested against the statements of the trial published in the Bohemian papers. The circular was as follows:

"The American Constitution guarantees to all citizens without regard to religious connections certain natural rights, among which is the protection of reputation. All persons have the natural and inalienable right to worship God according to their own conviction. Liberty of thought is one of the invaluable rights of Americans.

"Therefore, we, Bohemian-American Catholic citizens, who have carefully followed the criminal proceedings against Bartos Bittner, hereby express our dissatisfaction with the partial and false reports published by the free-thinking press. Their chief aim was not only to malign the reputation of Abbot Jaeger, but they have also attacked our religious convictions.

"In the newspaper called *Sotek* were published attacks on the Bohemian Catholic priests, accusing them of immorality. The free-thinking press, to protect Bittner, made it appear as if he was being persecuted by the church. We have implicit faith in the clergy and hereby express our confidence in them."

This circular caused great excitement in the parish and drew a big crowd to the meeting yesterday afternoon. Vaclav Lala was chairman, and in his speech dwelt on the necessity of uniting the Bohemians. Paul Slatinsky and Martin Holec were the other speakers. It was while Holec was talking the fight occurred. When order was restored the members of the

audience that remained unanimously adopted resolutions read by Frank C. Souhrada in which they declared, as Bohemian-American Roman Catholics, they considered the article in *Sotek* an insult to Bohemian journalism, a disgrace to American literature, a breach of decency, and a gross abuse of the freedom of the press; that they condemned and repudiated the improper action of liberal anti-Catholic journals, and that they felt all respect and confidence in Abbot Jaeger and the other Bohemian priests who had been assailed. Neither the abbot nor any of his priests attended the meeting.—*Chicago Tribune*, October 25.

DECLARATION OF A SPANIARD.

Says His Country Will Take New York and Also Capture Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 15.—Great interest is shown here in the Cuban mass-meeting to be held the last of the month. The committee of arrangements say a number of prominent senators and representatives will be here to make speeches. There were rumors here to-day that a Cuban agent, bearing letters of diplomatic authorization, was on his way to Washington, but the rumor could not be confirmed. The *Evening Times* publishes an amusing story of the experience of a local attorney with a Spanish Legation official. He said:

"Not long ago I dropped into Chamberlin's one evening, in company with a South American minister. In one of the rear rooms we met an attaché of the Spanish Legation, who is now in the home office at Madrid. We know each other, and while chatting and smoking I began to chaff him a little about San Domingo. He grew a little angry, but contained himself. My friend, who has little love for Spain, seeing the young attaché losing his temper, joined in. The young Spanish secretary lost his head completely. White with rage, he rose to his feet and said: 'We have many scores to settle with you insolent Americans. Some day the Spanish fleet will appear in New York harbor, after breaking through your miserable defenses, and will lay a levy of \$50,000,000 on the city to prevent its destruction. Then our army will be landed, and before you know it Washington will be in our hands. Our camp followers will sack your capital. We will take back Florida; Mexico will step in and reclaim Texas, lost by the Mexican war—and France will come in for her old Louisiana possessions. You can laugh, but we will humble you before many years. We have stood your insolence long enough.' 'Of course my friend and I simply roared,' continued the narrator. 'This made the Spaniard angrier yet, and it was some time before we could calm him and escape pistols and coffee.'"

Will Mr. Beatt v Answer?

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—EDITOR AMERICAN: I have been asked several times about the life-insurance feature that is connected with the A. P. A.'s. Not being a member of the order, I could not give an intelligent answer. From what I could understand, the scheme is to place those seeking insurance in some of the old-line companies, the parties manipulating the insurance feature having made some arrangements with some eleven of those companies. I also understand that this is strictly American insurance. If this is correct so far, would you kindly enlighten me as to who they are, as an old-line company that is not controlled by Romans is indeed a curiosity. An answer will oblige several readers of your paper, including myself.

Yours,
W. W. BRADFORD.

Penance for a Crime.

A strange attempt to enforce medieval penance ended in a row recently at Bilsland, in Cornwall, near the Land's End. Two young men who had assaulted a girl in the churchyard were told by the rector that he would absolve them if they would openly confess their crime and distribute \$10 worth of bread at the church gate as penance. The scene within the church was impressive; the rector admonished the culprits and forgave them in behalf of the girl; the guilty men, on their knees, then confessed in a loud voice and asked the congregation to pray for them. When they went out with the bread, however, the crowd jeered at them and made a rush for the loaves, which it irreverently ate with molasses in the churchyard, hooting and singing.

Boys, trade with those who advertise in THE AMERICAN, and you will show that you mean business. Do not forget this! Now is the time to start.

Ye friends of liberty, arouse! The cause of right at once espouse! Gird on your armor for the fight, Then dare be true and dare do right.