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SEND us 100 new subscribers out of your council and get your pick of any book advertised in these columns, and one copy of "The Priest, the Woman and the Confessional," by Rev. Chas. Chiniquy.

IT will be the earnest endeavor of THE AMERICAN to convince the unconvinced that the Roman Catholic hierarchy of America are the implacable and treacherous enemies of America and Americans.

IT will require a great deal more than a government building at South Omaha to pacify the feelings of the former political friends of Congressman Mercer, who were unmercifully snubbed by that gentleman in the campaign last fall.

THE "pomp and splendor" of the recent conferring of the berretta upon Satoili savors somewhat of that of the crowning of the ancient foreign kings. The American people naturally look with distrust upon foreignism of every kind.

IF Thomas B. Reed expects to muster any showing in the St. Louis Republican convention, he will have to quit catering to the Roman Irish vote. The A. P. A. will control that convention. More, it will dictate who the next president will be, whether he be Democrat, Republican or Populist. American citizens do not recognize the supremacy of any foreign potentate—ecclesiastical or otherwise.

WHAT AMERICANS SHOULD DO.

It is not an uncommon thing for Roman Catholic lecturers and writers to say the pope can command them to obey the laws of the country in which they live, but that he cannot command them to disobey the law or do aught that is not within the province of a true Christian.

We brand that assertion as absolutely false.

There is not a child that has passed the age of its first confession, and which is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, but what knows its church teaches that anything done for the interest of the church is lawful and within the pale of a Christian's duty.

To contend otherwise is a confession that the church is wrong.

Ecclesiastical utility decides the question absolutely in every instance.

The church tells its priests that if they are called as witnesses in a secular court they may deny knowing what they know and confirm it with an oath.

It teaches that faith is not to be kept with a heretic.

It teaches that those not married by a Roman Catholic priest live in a state of filthy concubinage, and that their children are illegitimate.

It teaches that when the state law and the law of the church conflict, the church law is to be unhesitatingly obeyed.

It teaches that its laity and priests cannot call an ecclesiastical superior to account in a civil court, no matter how heinous the crime committed.

It teaches that papists can be absolved from any and all oaths.

If the teachings of the Roman church and the belief of Roman Catholics in the above instances and doctrines make a Roman Catholic a good, true and loyal American citizen, no Protestant worthy of the name can be a good, true and loyal citizen of this country.

The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the civil and religious liberty enjoyed in this country are rank heresies if the dogmas of the Roman church are to be taken as the standard.

And no true papist will attempt to deny that this church enjoins upon him the most servile obedience.

Then, in that case, they cannot give unquestioning and loyal support to the government under which they live. They must always wait for some higher authority to pass judgment upon the propriety of obedience—they are never freemen, but the slaves of a jealous, arrogant ecclesiastical despotism which aims at temporal power through religious oppression.

With this fact staring Americans in the face it becomes their bounden duty to organize for their own protection, and the complete overthrow of a system which seeks to enslave the world and destroy every vestige of human liberty in order that it may revel in power stolen from the people and in wealth extorted from them through a superstitious belief of priestly power to save or damn the soul.

It is the duty of every American to examine closely into the character of the men who seek their suffrages. If they are Romanists or in sympathy with that arch-enemy it is their duty to put a veto upon their aspirations.

No man who endorses the Roman Catholic doctrine, as set forth above, is a true American.

Every man who does believe in it is a traitor to this country.

Let the line be drawn.

How to the line.

Keep America for Americans.

Permit no foreign dictation.

Defeat all ecclesiastical politicians.

Let Protestants rule America.

THE HIBERNIANS.

Local members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are indignant at the way the Rev. Dr. McDermott, rector of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Philadelphia, berated their organization in an announcement which he made on New Year's Day forbidding the order to attend a funeral at his church. Dr. McDermott declared that men had been compelled to do murder through the machinations of the society, and said he could not tolerate the society "without doing violence to his conscience."

In commenting on the remarks of Dr. McDermott, John T. Keating, president of the state board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, said:

"I have nothing but pity for the man who could pass such judgments on an order the merits of which are known in every state of the Union. It appears that the lies of the past became indelibly imprinted on the mental phonograph of certain individuals, to give utterance to calumny when some crank turns on the current. Our works are open for inspection, our record is open for the closest scrutiny. Men of humble spheres in life, we court no notoriety and seek to do good without parading our fraternity. The national and state reports submitted to the press in 1894 at the Omaha convention gave testimony of the vast sum we expend yearly in legitimate relief. Since then we have donated nearly \$50,000 toward the establishment of a Gaelic professorship in the Catholic University, Washington, D. C. In Chicago last year we purchased a large mortuary lot in Mount Olivet Cemetery as the resting place of our young men who pass from

SHOULD LOOK CAREFULLY.

There can be no doubt in the mind of any intelligent American as to the propriety of the United States Senate proceeding with the utmost caution when it is called upon to approve the appointment of John J. Coppinger as a brigadier-general of the regular army.

Unless common report is at variance with the facts, this Roman is no more entitled to the position than the humblest citizen of this Republic. Common report has it that he was at one time a soldier of the pope—was a member of his body-guard—that he was a gay Lothario in the early part of the last half of the present century; that he but recently became a citizen of this country, although a soldier drawing a fat salary since before the close of the late unpleasantness between the North and the South; that he was not the ranking officer; and, more than that, that he was not competent to fill the place.

If these charges are true—and a majority of them can be substantiated by Roman Catholic witnesses—there is no excuse for any senator casting a vote in that papist's favor.

We do not think we will try to define our opposition to the confirmation of Coppinger any more fully than they are set forth in this protest, which was sent to the United States senators from Nebraska:

Gentlemen: Your petitioners have been delegated by a large and influential body of loyal and patriotic citizens of this city, county and state to address you upon a question of the most vital importance, not alone to them, but to every freeman who loves civil and religious liberty, and who believes in "equality before the law"; and we, your petitioners, do most earnestly urge upon you the propriety and the necessity of defeating the confirmation of John J. Coppinger as a brigadier-general in the regular army.

We petition you thus for these reasons:

First—It is publicly charged that he was not the ranking officer and justly entitled to promotion.

Second—That there have been charges published against him which, if true, brand him as a scoundrel of the blackest character. These charges have been so widely published and are so heinous that the Senate should feel itself estopped from confirming him until a rigid and careful examination had been made. The charges here referred to were compiled and published over the signature of that eminent citizen, scholar, soldier, and patriot, Colonel Edwin A. Sherman. They appeared first in the San Francisco Chronicle, from which they were taken and published later in the American Patriot of San Francisco; then in THE AMERICAN of this city, September 6, 1895, and finally in nearly every paper which champions the principles of the American Protective Association. Your petitioners will not recite the charges contained in Colonel Sherman's communication, but will send you a copy of THE AMERICAN wherein the whole article is published, which we respectfully refer to you for thoughtful consideration, and which we have marked Exhibit "A."

Your petitioners do further protest against the confirmation of John J. Coppinger, for the reason that he belongs to an institution—a sect—which declares and teaches that when its laws conflict with the laws of the state the laws of the church are to be unhesitatingly obeyed. (See Encyclical by Leo XIII., January 10, 1890.) It also teaches that an oath to an heretical or a Protestant prince, king, or commonwealth is in no manner binding; and that faith is not to be kept with heretics. (See Rymer's Foedera, page 352, to be found in the law library of Harvard University, and quoted on page 58 of "The Papal Conspiracy Exposed," by Edward Beecher.)

Your petitioners believe that the time has arrived when none but loyal Americans should be placed in positions of honor and trust, and they do most earnestly protest against the appointment or confirmation of any man who belongs to any sect which sets its laws up as binding above the state laws; and who subscribe to the traitorous declaration that the laws of the church give the rule to and take precedence over the laws of the state.

Further your petitioners prayeth not.

Sleeper, who is an outspoken advocate of A. P. A. principles, if such a thing as principle can truthfully be said to have aught to do with an organization of men banded together to discriminate against other men on account of their religious belief or lack of belief.

Mr. McLaughlin is a Democrat in politics and a Catholic in religion. Truly, the men who antagonized an admittedly honest official for such a contemptibly mean reason have brought shame upon the party whose machinery they are using for their own selfish purposes. Edward A. McLaughlin, defeated, is a better man than the individuals who combined against him.—Haverhill Gazette.

And the man who wilfully misrepresents the A. P. A. in its opposition to Romanists is worse than a Roman. The A. P. A. refuse to vote for a Roman simply because he has not the manhood to declare that he does not endorse the traitorous doctrine that the laws of the church are above the laws of the state; that faith is not to be kept with heretics, and that no oath is binding if ecclesiastical utility demands that it be set aside. We fight Romanists on that ground and are prepared to meet all her champions.

AN A. P. A. VICTORY.

E. A. McLaughlin, for many years clerk of the Massachusetts house of representatives, was defeated yesterday because there were enough members of the house tarred with the A. P. A. brush to elect his opponent, Mr.

"The Spanish government is the most illiberal, the most hopelessly unprogressive, in Europe," says the Chicago Inter Ocean. Quite true. But our esteemed contemporary is very careful not to state the real reason for this condition. Spain is the most intensely papal of the countries of Europe. Spain, whose language is the simplest, most phonetic, and most easily acquired of the Latin tongues, is the most illiterate nation in Europe. Italy, notwithstanding she has a pope on her hands (whom she would like to get rid of), surpasses Spain in poetry, painting, music, sculpture, and in all the arts and sciences and gentilities of civilized life. Italy taught the nations to read. It is to Italy we are indebted for the Roman letter, now in use throughout the English-speaking world. Time was when a portion of the Iberian Peninsula (the Moorish kingdom of Granada) was far advanced on the highway of civilization. But the Spanish "Christians" drove out the "infidels" and forced "Christianity" on the peaceful and enlightened people of Granada. Spain has no system of national schools. Italy has. Spain does not permit Protestants, except under very severe restrictions, to meet for worship and conference. Italy practically sanctions the separation of church and state, and Protestant houses of worship are reared in the shadow of the Vatican. Papal tyranny and oppression have made Spain, with her fertile valleys, her sunlit skies, and her clement climate, the great habitat of ignorance and illiteracy, equal and superstition. Rome has dwarfed the intellect of Spain. Rome has taught the Spaniards degrees of treachery which they could have learned of no other master.

SENATOR J. H. D. STEVENS, of Michigan, was in the city Wednesday, accompanied by Mrs. Stevens. The senator was on his way to Lincoln where he was to deliver an address in Funk's opera house upon the "Aims and Objects of the A. P. A." He will lecture in this city next Tuesday night in Washington Hall. No person can afford to miss hearing him, as what he says is sure to be sound Americanism. Senator Stevens is a member of the supreme advisory board of the A. P. A., a lawyer of acknowledged ability and a patriot as loyal and as fearless as they make them.

IF there is a wide-awake, thorough American publisher who reads THE AMERICAN who desires to change his location and who wants to run a Republican American daily in a city of about 20,000 population in an adjoining state where he can secure a list of from 500 to 800 to start on, such a man can learn of a good opening—the opening of a life-time, by addressing the editor of this paper, to whom the citizens of that city have applied for the right kind of a man. Send references.

THE press dispatches in Friday's papers announce that the senate committee, which has had the appointment of General Coppinger in its hands since early last December, will report to-day favoring his confirmation. Some senators will wonder what struck them when they come up for re-election. Watch your senators. If they favor Coppinger's confirmation mark them as trucklers to Rome, and as men not to be trusted in official positions.

ONE of the most fiercely contested and important political battles of the nineteenth century will be fought during the present year of grace.—Lovell Herald.

And that is exactly the reason why every American should read a patriotic paper. They should know what the politicians are doing to capture the Roman Catholic vote.

AT Perry, Ok., the school board has ordered the public schools closed to prevent the negro children from mixing with the whites. The negroes threaten to resort to the courts to compel the school board to reopen the schools and permit their children to attend them.

IT will be hard to make some people believe in the advisability of the recent government bond issue of \$100,000,000. The people want more money, but they cannot see wherein anyone is to be benefited save the eastern bankers syndicate who are to receive a profit of \$10,000,000 for manipulating the deal.

IT is announced that the "bond bill" which passed the house last week will have a "free silver" attachment to it. This may suit some of our Populist friends, but they are unwilling to see the greenbacks retired from circulation.

THE true Americans of this city should capture the conventions which nominate delegates to the National conventions. Don't wait to do the work until the delegates are chosen. Begin the campaign now.

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ROME never changes—except for the worse.

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EX-PRIEST WAGNER'S BOOK.

It Will Tell of the Sensation in Which He Figured, and He Expects a Big Sale.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 4.—Casper J. Wagner, the priest who abducted Maud Steidel a few months ago and afterwards married her to escape punishment, will issue his book, "Both Sides of the Latest and Greatest Sensation in St. Joseph," in about two weeks. The book will tell all about the priest's infatuation for the 15 year-old girl for whom he afterwards left the priesthood, and it is expected that it will have an enormous sale in this city, where Wagner was widely known when he was the pastor of St. Mary's church.

Since Wagner was acquitted of the charge of embezzlement brought by the trustees of St. Mary's Church he has been living quietly with his child-wife and her mother in the home they occupied before the girl was abducted, and taken to Chicago. Wagner has been looking for employment, but has been unable to find work. Alex Podvany, an uncle of Maud Steidel-Wagner, has several thousand dollars in his possession, turned over to him by Wagner before their marriage to be held in trust for the girl, and the deposed priest has not been allowed to use any of it since he was released from jail.

Tricks.

There are tricks in all trades, but some may think there are not many among politicians. Here may be one: Some have been surprised that some prominent politicians, such as Belmont and others, have recently gone over to the faction which is attempting to have a third term for Cleveland. They say of these politicians that they undertake that which will surely win, if anything can—that they are also very deep in their plans. Now let a person who "knows nothing about politics" say a word. I do not believe they have any more idea of putting Cleveland into the chair again than they expect to put the Prince of Wales into the chair as president of the United States. While the Roman Catholics and their associates are tickling the fancy of the president, he will do many things he would not otherwise do. The war scare might be attributed partly to this, and there are many things which may be comparatively small, yet every thread makes the Roman rope a little stronger. Besides this, by the apparent attempt to honor Cleveland, he will be lassoed to the Democratic party—or we may say, the papal wing of the Democratic party. There has been certain issues in which Cleveland has stood alone, and in opposition to his party, and now if they kick him out the issues which were endorsed by the Republicans might make him affiliate to a certain extent with the Republicans, and while he would be doing this he would not be afraid of any political faction or party, because they would have nothing to give him and he would have nothing to lose. So I look upon this as a huge political-trick to use Cleveland for all he is worth, and then kick him out at the proper time and quietly tell him they are sorry he did not succeed but that they did their best to save him. HOLEM.

Want a Priest for Themselves.

HAMMOND, Ind., January 2.—The English-speaking Roman Catholics of this city are at war with their former priest, Rev. Father Plaster. They had permission to form a separate congregation, and Bishop Rademacher had appointed Father Byrne, of Whiting, to the charge. Without explanation to the latter, his appointment was revoked, and the congregation was told that for the present they must remain with Father Plaster and his congregation. This they resent, and accuse Father Plaster of causing the bishop to recall his appointment. They have in consequence announced that they will no longer affiliate with the old congregation, and to-morrow a committee will wait on Bishop Rademacher at Fort Wayne and ask him to appoint a priest for them.

Omaha in Luck.

The new professor of biblical theology and Old Testament exegesis in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Omaha—Rev. Dr. Joseph J. Lampe, of New York—has taken up his duties. In New York, where for some years he has been pastor of the Presbyterian Christ's Church, he has been known as one of the most bitter opponents of Dr. Briggs and the latter's advanced views. His hatred of the Roman Catholic Church, its doctrines and adherents, is also intense; and hence his removal to Omaha is a matter of considerable satisfaction to the powerful local organization of A. P. A.'s.—Patriotic American.

It is not generally known, but such is the fact, that the Hanlon Brothers claim to have introduced the bicycle into this country. Of course it was the old primitive wooden-wheeled affair that they rode, but it is said that they were very expert in the use of the contrivance, and that at one time they established a school of instruction in the art of bicycling. This, of course, all happened twenty-five or thirty years ago, before pneumatic tires or bloomer "dike" costumes were thought of.

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