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OUR CHOICE.

For President: W. S. LINTON of Michigan. For Vice-President: JOHN L. WEBSTER of Nebraska.

THE A. P. A. elected their entire ticket in Aurora, Mo.

THE city of Bloomington elected an A. P. A. school board.

ATCHISON, Kas., A. P. A. men elected all but two councilmen.

THE Washington state Republican convention will be held May 14th.

CONGRESSMAN HAINER'S course has been endorsed by the electors of his district. He has been unanimously re-nominated.

THE Roman Catholic women went to the polls in a body out in Wichita, Kas., Tuesday, and defeated the nominees in sympathy with the A. P. A. This is a press dispatch story.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., elected an A. P. A. mayor, treasurer, auditor, police judge, attorney, four members of the upper house and five of the lower, giving the A. P. A. the control of the city.

THERE does not now seem to be any doubt that Kentucky will have a candidate for president. An effort is being made by the friends of Gov. Bradley to secure the state delegation pledged in his interests.

"THERE have been combinations in plenty between dishonest men of both parties to swindle the city. Now honest men of both parties have combined to give the city a square deal."—Star. They have followed the Star's idea by electing such a ticket headed by James M. Jones.

REPORTS from all over the country show increasing gains for the A. P. A., although with but few exceptions those gains are exploited as Republican gains. It is time for the Republican party to awake, and declare unequivocally in favor of a better and truer Americanism.

If the members of the board of education re-elect either J. M. Gillan or H. J. Banker, after their despicable conduct toward John L. Webster, they deserve to be defeated for any office they may seek in the future. There should be an eye and a naye vote on their applications. The people want to know what members favor rewarding men who attempted to knife their friend to placate their enemies.

THE VICTORY.

The truly patriotic American citizens of Kansas City have good reason for feeling elated over the glorious victory achieved in the city election last Tuesday.

The lawless element has equal reason for despondency. Probably never before in a municipal campaign in that city were the lines so closely drawn, or the interests so well defined.

Ranged on one side in favor of good government, pronounced Americanism and against foreign ecclesiastical interference in the affairs of state were the better element of its citizenship—the business-man, the laborer, the Christian and the A. P. A. On the other, in favor of a wide-open town, of a "business administration" and of ecclesiastical domination and gang rule, were the saloons, the election thieves, thugs, plug-uglies, rounders and the Star, World and Times.

But, in spite of the desperate fight, in spite of the lavish expenditure of money, in spite of the manipulation by the priests and their confederates and tools, the people were able to attain a magnificent victory.

The victory assures the tax-payers that their interests will be carefully looked after, the affairs of the city carefully and economically administered and their funds judiciously expended and properly accounted for.

This victory tells to the world that Roman intolerance and priestly control is dead in that city for all time to come. It tells that Americanism still lives in the breasts of the people, and that they cannot be swayed from what they consider their plain line of duty.

It tells another thing. It tells that the daily papers which supported the gangsters and the priesthood, under the guise of religious toleration and good citizenship, were unable to deceive enough votes to throttle the will of the majority.

That victory was not, however, a Republican victory; it was not, strictly speaking, an A. P. A. victory, but it was a victory for honest, loyal, patriotic American citizens of all political beliefs and opinions over the disreputable gang that was trying to break into the city government.

True, a few did succeed in foisting themselves upon the people, but they are such a very small minority that one overlooks them when considering the result in the aggregate. Nor is the victory confined to that city, nor will the result be of benefit there alone. It will be of benefit to every city, town and hamlet to which the news of the result of the election will extend. It will give patriots everywhere new courage to go forth and battle for the right against the hosts of corruption, and the gangs that have an evil eye upon the municipal offices.

LIBELED OMAHA.

The campaign that has just closed in Kansas City has been as exciting and as hotly contested as any ever held anywhere. The Journal was the only daily paper supporting the decent element. The Times, Star and World supported the candidates backed by the gang, the election thieves, and the Roman Catholics.

They prated about religion being dragged into politics when every intelligent citizen of that city knows that for years it was impossible for any man to be elected to office who was not acceptable to the Church of Rome and who was not willing for her to choose his deputies and clerks. They howled about the A. P. A. being a secret political organization, which was contrary to the genius of our institutions, when the people knew of dozens of secret, oath-bound political orders in the Roman church, composed exclusively of Roman Catholics, and having as their object the upbuilding of Romanism and the tearing down of Protestantism.

They held up the city of Omaha as a horrid example, and stated that every department was in a state of disorder and was mismanaged, when if the truth had been told the city of Omaha was the best governed city in the country. There is no disorder, no highway robberies, no safe-blowing, no riots, fewer fires and less drunkenness than in any other city in the country of its size. The mayor's office is filled by Captain W. J. Broatch, an old soldier, a Mason of high degree, and the largest wholesale hardware merchant in the city. His office is a model, and his worst enemy cannot accuse him honestly with a semblance of incompetency or inefficiency. What is true of Captain Broatch is true of City Clerk Higby, of City Treasurer Edwards and of all the officers elected by the A. P. A. Another thing those daily papers said against Omaha was that capital was not seeking an investment here. This is as false as the charge against the city officials. Besides the bank clearances show Omaha's business has increased all the way from 4 to 49 per cent over last year when she had a "business administration," and as mayor a tool of E. Rosewater, editor of the Omaha Bee, the most unreliable, dishonest and untruthful paper, barring the Kansas City Star, that was ever published in any city.

Yet in spite of all their lying, in spite of all their misrepresentation, the people were able to achieve a most notable victory.

A WEEK has passed without reaching a conclusion in the Manitoba school question, and judging from present indications it will be many weeks more.

Premier Greenway continues to hold the reins of power, in spite of the efforts of the Dominion government to force an agreement, and we believe he has the sympathy of the entire Protestant world. The question of aid to sectarian schools is now being discussed in some form in almost every Protestant nation, and there seems to be a general effort upon the part of the Roman Catholic church to obtain state aid for its institutions. With us in the United States we have been confronted with this matter through their efforts to secure congressional aid. They have shown themselves willing that Protestant sects should receive a "little sop" in order to cover up their designs, but Protestant churches as a rule, have shown themselves amply able to take care of their own institutions. The most authentic reports show that the Roman Catholic church has received more than double their share of the money appropriated by congress for so-called charitable purposes, while at the same time they now hold vast properties from which they derive enormous revenues without expending one dollar for the benefit of the public treasury. The people of Manitoba have taken the correct view of the matter, and Premier Greenway is firmly carrying out their wishes.

THE Kansas City Star which waged a vigorous war against the A. P. A. and the Republican ticket during the campaign just closed has this to say of Judge James M. Jones, the A. P. A. and Republican mayor elect of that city: "Judge Jones has made a good police magistrate. The office of mayor is another affair and will require a different order of qualifications. The principal objection to the mayor-elect is his promise to hold to partisan lines in the administration of his office. There is no cause for personal prejudice against a young man who has done as well for himself, and, thus far, for the people, as Judge Jones, and it would be to the Star a source of profound regret if he should fail to exercise the courage and patriotism necessary to a faithful and satisfactory discharge of his duties."

WHILE Judge Jones was running for mayor of Kansas City, the opposition were in the habit of sending men to the meetings where he was speaking to ask him if he was an A. P. A. The judge always answered "I am." Then the Times, World and Star roasted him, and cried religious bigotry, proscription, and intolerance. But the people did not think so. They elected Jones, an avowed A. P. A., and set their seal of disapproval upon the attitude of the Times, World and Star.

"THE doctrine of religious proscription seems out of place here in Kansas City in this nineteenth century. Rebuke the men who advocate it."—Star. Thanks for your good advice, Star, the people have complied by not electing Kumpf.

THAT was a great victory for pure Americanism in Kansas City.

McAuley to Contest.

P. S. McAuley, who was recently defeated for police judge of South Omaha, is preparing to contest the election of Crittenden to that office. It is alleged that fraud was committed in the polling booth of the Fourth ward, and that Mayor Johnston was a party to it. Reputable witnesses claim that the mayor undertook to and did influence voters in marking their ballots by going into the stalls and advising them not to vote for "that \_\_\_\_\_", which is said to have been intended to mean McAuley. Similar remarks are said to have been made with reference to other candidates.

If this can be proved, criminal action will no doubt be brought against Johnston for violation of the Australian ballot law.

Election in Independence.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., April 7.—[Editor AMERICAN.]—The election for mayor, marshal, city attorney, assessor, treasurer and four members of the city council passed off quietly, the result being quite satisfactory to all true Americans. Judge Millard, whom the Americans elected justice of the peace in the '94 election, was promoted to the office of mayor, defeating Banker J. D. Wood and his "barrel" by a handsome majority, although Roman whisky and "howly" dollars were plentiful. The Americans also elected marshal, treasurer, assessor, city attorney and two councilmen. The Roman sexton of the city cemetery, who "can't see any harm in stealing heretics' bodies," will have to take a walk. Yours for Americanism, CELA.

The "Star" Tired Him.

CHICKASHA, I. T., April 3.—[Editor AMERICAN.]—Please send me two sample copies of your paper. Would like to have copies with picture on front page representing the national capitol at Washington, the copy the Kansas City Star refers to on March 30, front page, in first column. I am taking the Star and am everlastingly tired of it—it makes me weary. Hoping that you will comply with the above I remain yours, etc., INSPECTOR.

WANTED HIS BLOOD.

Mayor Davis Narrowly Escapes an Assassin's Bullet.

He Was Too Outspoken an Advocate of Americanism to Suit the Clan-na-Gael.

[From the Kansas City American.] The campaign in Kansas City came very near being bathed in blood.

The intended victim was Mayor Webster Davis, and the assassin was, without doubt, a member of both the gang and the Roman Catholic church. Mayor Davis had been the ardent supporter of the Republican ticket from the day it was nominated, and was regarded by the opponents of Judge Jones as his most powerful friend. The mayor not only spoke every night, but he worked by day as few men can work, going from business house to business house and from office to office meeting and overcoming the opposition that the dishonest and untruthful papers were building up against his friends on the Republican ticket.

So aggressive did he become, so outspoken was he against the Irish Roman Catholics, that his friends warned him that he was jeopardizing his own life to win victory for his friends. But he heeded not their warnings, even refusing to allow them to see him safely home after the meetings declaring that there was no danger—that the gang would not dare to assault him.

And so he went on, raising his voice and using his influence for Jones and the rest of the ticket. The contest was waged with great earnestness on behalf of true Americanism and with great vindictiveness on behalf of the Roman church and the gang, still Mayor Davis never lagged. The evening before election arrived and he had not been touched and the anxiety of his friends was giving way to confidence that through his untiring, manly stand for American principles victory was all but in their grasp.

There had been a monster demonstration—a torch light procession, headed by a band and a flambeau club, through streets literally armed with enthusiastic people. More than three thousand men were in line. Hundreds of transparencies were carried. A dozen brass bands and drum corps cheered the marching throng and enlivened the watching thousands. Fire works were shot off in profusion and red lights blazed from every corner.

Then there was speaking at Turner hall, in the garden and from stands on the street corners.

But Davis had not been seen, and his friends began inquiring about him. Just then a messenger pushed through the crowd to the speaker's stand and whispered to the gentleman presiding that Davis had been shot.

A moment later the speaker was interrupted and the announcement was made that some miscreant had attempted to assassinate Mayor Davis, but that, fortunately, he had escaped death, although the bullet had passed through his hat.

Immediately a roar went up and men yelled for the name of the dastard who had attempted so foul a crime.

But no one knew.

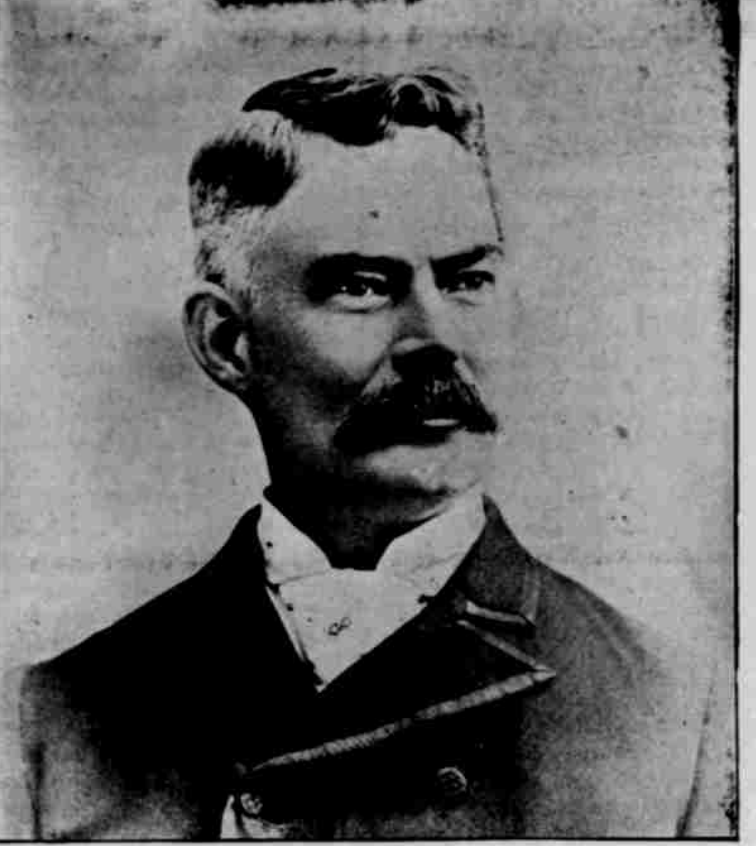
An hour afterward Mayor Davis came.

His hat had a great hole torn in it. As he proceeded to the stage the great crowd rose as one man and cheered him.

The outburst was spontaneous. In a few words he told how he came to be so late. He had gone home to get his overcoat. The druggist came, as he was opening the door, and said someone desired to talk to him over the telephone. He had gone to the drugstore and talked with a gentleman at the city hall about signing the appropriation ordinance, and returned to the house. A few moments afterward he was leaving his residence. No one was at home and he stooped to lock the door. As he did so, the car he usually took thundered by. Being desirous of getting to the meeting as early as possible, he decided to go through the alley to another car line, three blocks away. As he was passing toward the alley a heavy-set man, wearing a slouch hat, sprang from the shadow of the barn and fired a revolver at his head, at the same time exclaiming: "Take that, you \_\_\_\_\_!" The bullet passed through his hat, and knocked it from his head. He reached for his hat, drew his revolver and fired several shots at the retreating figure. Mayor Davis said he did not know whether the shooting had any political significance or not, he only knew he had been fired upon by an unknown man.

The Star, World and Times, the gang sheets, immediately began to ridicule the attempt to assassinate the mayor, and suggested that he had shot his own hat for political effect.

When newspapers shield criminals and make light of such dastardly attempts upon the lives of American citizens, it is time for the public to awake. Should Mayor Davis now fall by the hand of an assassin the crime will be placed at the door of those sheets



HON. W. S. LINTON.

The following is a brief biography of Hon. W. S. Linton:—

WILLIAM SEELYE LINTON, of Saginaw, was born at St. Clair, Mich., February 4, 1856; when four years of age removed with his parents to Saginaw, Mich.; was there educated in the public schools; at the age of 15 years (1871) commenced clerking in a general store at Farwell, Mich., and soon afterward became manager of his father's sawmill and lumber-yard at the same place; was for a time a member of a firm dealing in lumber at Jonesville, Hillsdale county, Mich., and afterwards engaged as bookkeeper with prominent lumbermen in Saginaw; for two years prior to 1877 was occupied in timber business during winters in the lumber woods and in summer inspected lumber at sawmills along the Saginaw river; when 21 years of age became superintendent of a large lumbering industry at Wells, Bay county (now Alger, Arenac county), Mich., and was for two terms a member of the Bay county board of supervisors; in 1879 again removed to Saginaw, and has since resided there, engaged in the lumber and salt business; in 1883 was elected a member of the East Saginaw common council, serving two terms, at the end of which was elected representative to the Michigan legislature of 1887-88; was for three years president of the People's Building and Loan Association of Saginaw county, the strongest financially and in membership of any in the state; during 1891 was president of the Michigan State League of Building and Loan Associations; in 1890 was the candidate for lieutenant-governor on the Republican state ticket; during 1890 and 1891 was twice unanimously elected chief executive officer of the Knights of the Klobbies, a fraternal society with a larger membership than any other in Michigan; is a supreme officer of the Independent Order of Foresters, and in the Masonic order has held prominent positions; has been president of the Saginaw water board; was mayor of the city of Saginaw for two years, 1892-1894; was elected to the Fifty-third and reelected to the Fifty-fourth Congress as a Republican, receiving 16,565 votes, against 10,118 votes for Rowland Connor, Democrat and Populist, 1,572 votes for Emory L. Brewer, Prohibitionist, and 2,365 votes for Poe R. Crosby, Populist.

which winked at the attempt upon his life last Monday night.

There is need in Kansas City of a reliable evening paper, and the friends of pure Americanism should see that one is started.

Now is the time to prepare for the next campaign. Davis may need your help.

Kearny Not a Catholic.

EDITOR AMERICAN.—I observe in the last issue of THE AMERICAN J. Penny-packer Roseter (the alleged Quaker, but no Friend) termed Phil Kearny, the American soldier and patriot, a Roman Catholic. This I denounce as an unqualified lie. Phillip Kearny was born, lived, and died a Protestant. His ancestor, who came to this country early in the last century, was born in Ireland of Scotch Presbyterian stock.

The Romans are fond of referring to Phil Kearny as a sample of the Irish soldier in the Civil War. He was a native of New Jersey, and not one drop of Irish blood in his veins; except through his remote ancestor—if you can call a man of Scotch blood born in Ireland an Irishman. Kearny (one in the name, please) is a Scotch, not a Milesian name. Phillip Kearny defeated George B. McClellan for his "masterly inactivity" as a soldier, and his implied treachery as a Roman Catholic to the Union cause. Had he lived, he would have assumed command of the Army of the Potomac. There are those of his Jersey comrades who believe his death was more the result of premeditation than accident. Phillip Kearny had no more respect for the Roman hierarchy than

ONE OF HIS KINDRED.

A Pointer.

EDITOR THE AMERICAN.—I wish to give your worthy readers a pointer. If the Roman Catholic drilled organizations intend to meet at Bridgeport, Conn., fully equipped for war, I would have the representatives of the people at Washington forbid it. If this cannot be accomplished, have a company of American soldiers, with rapid firing guns, stationed so as to protect the government powder magazines in the northern part of New Jersey. As the pope's army would be near New York city, and since they would be glad to get control of that city first, I would put a strong body of soldiers—American soldiers—and a supply of rapid firing guns, to protect the city, and have the forts ready for action. And at that time, when the pope's army is in camp, I would give every one of the papal subjects a rest. Let them protect the land in times of peace, but not at any other time, and particularly when the pope has an army in readiness, desiring to show what they can do. In case the pope's army commence

hostilities, I would advise that Salotti be visited and ordered to stop this war of the pope, and if he did not, and would not, I would have him shot immediately, that the lives of many might be saved. If the pope's war does not stop then, go to Cardinal Gibbons and to the archbishops, and do to them as was done to Salotti, and if the war still continues, then go to the bishops.

But there is a bishop I was a friend to once, and I would be glad to be a friend to him again. Then, let him leave the pope's army, they call a church, and let him join an organization that is a church. If a person cannot see that there is heresy in a church that is continually carrying the sword, he must be full of it himself. Then go to the Jesuits, so many of the clergy hate, and treat them like the rest, and then see if we do not have men, who were once in the pope's army, willing to kiss the sole of the shoe of any man who is an honest American. Let them worship God according to the dictates of their consciences, but not fight as a foreign pope would dictate.

WASHINGTON'S ROCK.

The following aldermen were elected in Chicago last Tuesday: C. F. Gunther, Dem; W. S. Jackson, Rep; N. T. Brenner, Rep; A. W. Miller, Rep; J. J. Caughlin, Dem; H. S. Fitch, Ind. Rep; W. E. Kent, Ind. Rep; Charles Martin, Dem; Frank Meek, Dem; V. Klenha, Rep; A. Novak, Rep, to fill vacancy; Frank F. Gazzolo, Dem; Conrad Kahler, Rep; W. T. Maypole, Dem; A. W. Bellfus, Rep; John Anderson, Rep; P. Klobbassa, Dem; M. C. Knudson, Rep; J. A. Rogers, Rep; T. Gallagher, Democrat, short term; John Powers, Democrat; C. W. Probst, R; N. M. Plofke, R; J. M. Harlan, R; T. J. O'Malley, D; C. E. Walker, D; A. F. Portman, R; W. E. Schlake, D; H. W. Butler, R; D. W. Ackerman, R; Robert Mulcahy, D; E. A. Mowrer, D; C. T. Northrup, R; W. Mayor, R; C. B. Howell, R; J. B. Math, R.

A Green War-Ship.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 6.—The Irish have again been pleased and are reckoning without a host. Orders were issued by the Navy Department directing that the new ram, Katahdin, be painted green. The order was signed by Assistant Secretary McAdoo on St. Patrick's day, and now the Katahdin will be dubbed the Irish boat, so the papers of that people opine. This is truly amusing. Some naval vessels are painted the color of water for scientific purposes. By this they cannot be detected by an enemy sometimes until too late to ward off their blows. They cannot be seen half the distance that a black or white vessel can. There is nothing in the new color to flatter the Irish. It is a case of necessity, and necessity is a mother of invention. The poor priest will have to look elsewhere for honors. ZAMBOT.