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OUR CHOICE.

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

The first meeting of the Patriotic Press Association was held in Chicago Thursday, May 7.

The Republican party will have a lead to carry in Nebraska this fall. Roosevelt says the Bee will support the ticket.

The sheriff's office is evidently run in the interest of the Omaha Bee. The A. P. A. men do not want to forget that fact.

The supreme council of the A. P. A. is in session in Washington, D. C., this week. Much depends upon its attitude toward the advisory board.

The British government has a small-sized elephant on its hands in dealing with the Transvaal question. The diplomacy of President Kruger of the Transvaal is more than a match for J. Bull.

Hon. E. J. Hainer has served scarcely one term in congress, but he has made a record of which his constituents ought to feel proud. They will re-elect him by a greater majority than ever.

ACCORDING to the most conservative estimate there have been 468 delegates elected who have been instructed to vote for McKinley in the St. Louis national convention. McKinley's managers claim to have at least 493.

TRAFFICKING in grain futures received a severe blow in the German reichstag last week from the hands of the Agrarian party, whose leaders declare their intention of stopping transactions of this kind all together.

DICK KERENS, the Roman supporter of McKinley, was knocked out by the state convention of Missouri when it elected Chauncey I. Filley, a friend of the A. P. A. order, as delegate at large; made him chairman of the state central committee, and instructed for him as national committeeman.

The press dispatches say that the A. P. A. was defeated in the state convention of Montana. If it was, it may be considered good policy to turn the American order down in favor of a Roman like Tom Carter, but we doubt it. Our advice to the Montana A. P. A. men is to turn the Republican party down next fall. It might as well reward an open enemy as a covered one.

The editor of the Omaha Bee has told a friend of his confidentially that he was going to support the Republican ticket from top to bottom this fall. As every man nominated will be an A. P. A., or a sympathizer of that organization, how will he get around all the mean things he said last fall about the association and its membership? Has the plug been put back in the Roman barrel?

NEWS reaches us that an old soldier, a member of the G. A. R., the Masons, the A. P. A., the A. O. U. W. and other orders, who has been engineer of the water works of the city of Grand Island, Neb., for a number of years, was unceremoniously discharged by the demo-pop mayor for the sole reason that he was an A. P. A. We predict that the American element will remember Mayor Thompson when he wants another office.

NO UNCERTAIN SOUND.

The presidential question continues to engross the attention of the public. Men who have all along professed to believe there was an opportunity to nominate some man other than McKinley at the St. Louis convention, still persist in their claim, although one state after another has held its convention and declared in favor of the Ohio man.

On the other hand, McKinley's friends confidently assert that his will be the only name presented to the St. Louis gathering.

But, be that as it may, the next thing to consider is the platform upon which he will stand if he is nominated.

It is already conceded that more than a majority of the delegates will favor the free coinage of silver, but it is a question whether they will make any fight on the platform committee's report even if said report does not voice their sentiments entirely. Very few men have the courage to fight for what they want, even if opportunity presents itself—and the honest money fellows will see that no opportunity offers, and we shall not be surprised to see the wishes of the people defeated and the wishes of Wall street strictly complied with, as the single gold-standard fellows are now declaring that McKinley is right on the money question.

Important as is the silver issue and just as are the demands of the advocates of the white metal, that issue sinks into insignificance and the justice of the claims of its friends become weak and trifling when considered in connection with some other issues. By this we mean that the question of immigration, of appropriating money from the public treasury for sectarian purposes, the taxation of all property and equal suffrage are so much more important than the silver issue that it could be ignored with much more safety than either of the questions mentioned.

The people are thoroughly aroused on all these subjects. This great west wants all these reforms. The issue in recent campaigns have been A. P. A. and anti-A. P. A., the former winning in every instance; and as it is the special champion of all these reform measures, the party whose platform nearest conforms to their idea, if it nominates a good, true and loyal American on its ticket, will receive a very large proportion of the vote of that order, particularly of that class which declares it is A. P. A. first and partisan afterward.

This is something Mr. McKinley's friends would do well to remember. They cannot afford to alienate the great body of American voters who are allied with the A. P. A. by constructing an evasive or equivocal platform. It should speak with no uncertain sound upon these questions.

THE REASON.

A reader asks us why the Romanists so frequently engage in the liquor business? He also wants to know why they do not become farmers and manufacturers. These are questions which have puzzled us a great deal, but we have come to the conclusion that the hierarchy is responsible for a large majority of the saloons. It realizes the power of the saloon in politics; knows how easy it is to influence men addicted to the use of liquor; and their utter disregard of all interests save that of the church which is a partner in the destruction of their souls. Were it not for the damnable politics of the Roman church, bribery and the corruption of public officials would be unknown; women would not be schooled in prostitution; the masses kept in ignorance; and capital invested in the liquor traffic to the exclusion of all legitimate business enterprises. It is to the interest of the church to have its adherents in the liquor business, because it corrupts and debases not only its own people but a great many of other denomination who, finding the doors of their own church closed against them, and the door of the Roman church open to them and holding out forgiveness for a certain sum, while they continued to consort with the lawless and the depraved element, have become devout members of the Church of Rome while steeped in debauchery or reveling in crime and criminal practices. The priests of the Church of Rome profess to be able to absolve any man of his sin. Their dupes profess to believe in their power. For that reason they commit crime, go to confession, get absolution, pay the price and go away to sin as often and as grievously as their depraved natures may suggest. The more sin the more confessions, the more confessions the more money. Hence the church's interest in the saloon and the house of prostitution.

We are informed that one of the Roman Catholic citizens living in the southwest portion of Omaha has had a daughter attending the convent on Thirty-Sixth street, but that she does not attend there now. The young lady too highly valued her self-respect to remain, but net having the freedom that all free-born citizens should have, was obliged to jump from a second story window to be saved from a life repulsive to her high sense of womanhood. Her

mother now very emphatically declares that no daughter of hers will ever attend a Roman Catholic convent. There must be some very serious cause for a faithful Catholic to make such a vow. If such a course is necessary for the safety of her daughters, why not, in all charity, should she not consider that there are other good girls in this city and country who should be saved from the fate she determines that her daughters shall escape? Will she not publicly state why it was necessary for her daughter to jump from a second story window, at the peril of being dashed to death, in order to gain her freedom and escape a fate worse than the results that might follow such a leap? Will she not try and save other girls, as precious to their friends as her's is to her. Our columns are open to her.

A FRIEND out in California sends us a letter containing an account of the way one set of Romans beat Uncle Sam out of a piece of property worth thousands of dollars. They were living in a town in one of the richest agricultural sections of the state. All the land was supposed to have been filed upon years ago. But by chance one quarter section was never selected. A short time ago the Romans discovered that it had never been pre-empted, and they immediately began to perfect a claim. Mrs. O'Flaherty would take the old spavined horse, hitch him to the sixteenth century shay, put the washing in and drive to the claim and do the family washing. She took no water with her, there was none on the farm, and yet after doing this the required length of time, the O'Flaherty's proved up on their illegally obtained possessions and proceeded to sell it off in small holdings, realizing an amount that ran up into the thousands of dollars. Our friend says they never lived on the land the required time, yet they made affidavit that they had complied with the law.

THE Kansas City Catholic speaks of the two Kansas City American papers as follows: "We have a pair of wretches in these two cities—the publishers of these two A. P. A. papers—that, if justice was law, would to-day each be wearing striped clothing in the penitentiaries of Missouri and Kansas for their calumnies and published forgeries." We are of the opinion that the Roman editor and his followers would be pleased to have every individual "heretic" placed in the state prison if the "heretic" dared to tell the truth against Roman Catholicism, or say aught that did not conform to the creed of the Roman Church. This is one of the reasons we are here to fight your clan, Mr. Kansas Catholic. You show well, by your words, how you desire to crush free speech, free press and free thought. You will never win the people by such a process, and you dare not place your dogmas and text-books open to public inspection.

THE report of the chief of police showing the number of arrests, convictions and dismissals, is a surprise to the friends of Police Judge Gordon. They are amazed that he should dismiss more lawbreakers during his first four months in office than were dismissed during any one year and a half that preceded his induction into office. With this report comes some ugly rumors about the pull a certain colored attorney has with his honor. We are loath to believe Judge Gordon is influenced by any but the purest motives in his decisions, but if this record is maintained he must not be surprised if he is censured through these columns. We support men for office because we believe them honest and efficient, not because of any hope of reward, and we shall not sit idly by while the confidence of the people is being abused.

THE Democrats of Bloomington, Ill., and of McLean county, have nominated John L. White, the Republican who was fairly and honestly defeated in the Republican convention by G. W. Stubblefield, for state senator. This is the same old Roman trick to divide the Protestant vote. It was tried in Omaha last fall and in Kansas City this spring, but in both places it failed of its purpose, as there were enough Democrats who refused to be delivered by the machine to overcome the sore-headed Republicans who followed the lead of the Roman Catholic contingent. When democrats cast their votes for a Republican they like to make their own choice. The Democrats of McLean county, we believe, are no exception to the general rule.

A FEW days ago we read a dispatch from Iowa stating that a Protestant church had burned, that the loss was \$3,000, and the insurance \$1,000. The next day we read a dispatch from Montana which stated that the Roman Catholic church had burned. Loss \$2,000, insured for \$3,000. Cause of first fire, supposed to be incendiary; of the second unknown. Romanists have been known to burn Protestant churches because of their hatred of heretics; and they have been known to burn Roman churches for the insurance.

TEARS in Major Warner's eyes at the Republican state convention of Missouri, when he pretended to with-

draw as a candidate for delegate at large to the St. Louis convention, melted the hearts of enough delegates to elect him to the coveted position. Yet he said he wasn't playing the baby act! The Republican party of Missouri may need the help of the A. P. A. of Jackson county some day. Will the A. P. A. go to its rescue after the slap it got in the face? They defeated Warner in the county primaries and convention, yet the Republicans outside of his own county over-rode their wishes.

THAT was an enthusiastic meeting at Washington hall Thursday night, and those were eloquent and telling speeches delivered by Attorney General A. S. Churchill, Judge Baxter, Hon. I. R. Andrews and Judge Miller. Resolutions were adopted endorsing Attorney General Churchill and recommending him to the Republicans of the state for renomination. A resolution was also adopted endorsing J. H. McColl for governor, and another suggesting Judge Baxter for one of the associate justices of the supreme court. Excellent music was furnished by the Seventh Ward Military band.

A RECENT dispatch from Washington says Congressman Frank Aldrich signaled his return to Washington to-day by introducing a petition from citizens of Chicago protesting against the Pere Marquette statue being allowed to remain in Statuary hall at the Capitol. These petitions seem to have been generally circulated throughout the west, for a number of them of the same tenor were received by Representative Linton, of Michigan, who has been foremost in his efforts to prevent an acceptance by Congress of the statue.

WHILE attending the meeting of the Patriotic Press Association in Chicago last week, we had time to examine closely into the manner and method of business done by the American Clothing Company, at 59 Randolph street, Chicago, and are convinced that men and boys can secure a better suit from them for less money than from any other house in the city. If you need anything in their line write for prices and samples.

SUPREME PRESIDENT TRAYNOR has exercised his prerogative and deposed the state president of the A. P. A. of Pennsylvania and appointed Geo. A. Murdock of Allegheny as president and R. M. Jones, of Pittsburg, as secretary. The reason assigned was an illegal election and appointment. If the supreme president would do the same thing in Illinois the order would be in better shape.

THE A. P. A. captured the Republican convention of California and adopted a platform declaring in favor of universal suffrage, restriction of immigration, one free, unsectarian public school system, in favor of Mr. Linton's amendment to the National Constitution, against the appropriation of public money for the support of private and sectarian schools and in favor of free coinage of silver.

THE church should be estopped from accepting money left by deceased persons to pay for praying their souls through purgatory, unless it can furnish a receipt from all such persons setting forth that the benefits paid for have been received. The church has imposed upon the credulity of the people long enough. The strong arm of the law should put a stop to its thieving.

THE condemning to death of American citizens by the Spanish authorities in Cuba is a matter which should not be permitted by this government. The people will hold the administration responsible for its inactivity in protecting American rights. Those men were not given a fair trial—they were not even given the privilege of summoning witnesses in their behalf.

ONE of our Chicago friends caught the following conversation going over the telephone wires Friday, May 1st: "Hello, is this the barn of the American Express Co.?" "Yes." "Can you tell me if there are any sisters there to-day to receive donations from the men for the church?" "Yes, there are two of them here." "Good bye."

IT is only about one year until the county and city officials will be looking for a renomination. Watch them and see if they are thoroughly American. Don't renominate men who crawl before the enemies of your order and your principles.

SOME years ago Priest Kolaszowski and 3,000 parishoners left the Roman Catholic church in Cleveland. It is now reported that they are knocking at the door of the Methodist church. They will not have to wait long to get into that fold.

DOWN at Dixon, Ill., the Americans have organized a strong Linton club. It starts in with 265 members, and has R. Fauth as president and A. Morse as secretary. They expect to have a membership of 500 before the month is out.

A GENUINE Roman "count" has been elected a delegate to the National Democratic Convention from Nebraska.

A political party which will cater to foreign influence will not have the confidence of the American people.

It is reported that Congressman Amos Cummings of New York is ready and anxious to vote to accept the statue of Marquette. So are all the Romans in the lower branch of Congress.

WE believe the right of suffrage should be given to women. They are intensely patriotic and greatly superior to the men who are voting to-day, from the point of intelligence.

THERE is no longer any doubt that the "free silverites" will capture the Iowa Democratic convention.

THE POLITICAL LANCE.

Ament the discussion about the free and unlimited coinage of silver, a gentleman suggests the propriety of including the coinage of copper, as the latter is used as money.

IT is said that one loan agent in this city makes a handsome profit each month by loaning money upon salaries of the various city employes. It is said that he sometimes discounts these claims as much as 10 per cent. It would be a great thing for the aforesaid agent if matters could be so arranged that the city would have two pay-days each month.

When the editor of this paper said he would not support any man for a public office who would vote to re-elect Banker as superintendent of school buildings he meant what he said. Men must be ready and willing to conform to the law if they get his support.

There are some janitors in the public schools who drink. No drinking man should be in charge of a school building where your child attends. The board must remedy the evil. There are plenty of sober men for such positions.

The "Lance" is of the opinion that the friends of Hon. J. H. MacColl adopted very poor politics in their zeal to turn the tide in his interest at the meeting Thursday night by springing a resolution endorsing his candidacy for governor. It may have been intended as a blow at Mayor Broatch, who is also a candidate for governor, but we do not believe either Mr. Churchill or his friends will endorse such proceedings.

The "Lance" believes that Mr. Irely has many warm personal friends in this community who will not endorse O'Holleran's sentiments in his opposition to the complimentary resolution offered in his behalf. Douglas county does not expect all the offices within the gift of the people of the state, but she has some men of recognized ability, honesty and integrity whom she can cordially recommend for their consideration, and H. B. Irely is one of them.

Attorney-General Churchill has made a record that entitles him to the earnest and unqualified support of the Republicans for a second term in that position. We regard the office of attorney-general of far more importance to Omaha than any other state office at this time.

The man who continually prates about economy in municipal government and deliberately neglects to pay his taxes is an unworthy citizen. There are said to be some people in Omaha who are financially able to pay their taxes, but neglect to do so.

IT is said that the majority of the attorneys in Omaha have united in a petition to the judges of the district court to modify their ruling in regard to the appointment of special master commissioners. They know that in many cases the services rendered by the sheriff's office is unsatisfactory.

Recalling Stormy Times.

"Well, that looks natural," said the soldier, looking at a can of condensed milk on the breakfast table in place of ordinary milk that failed on account of the storm. "It's the Gail Borden Eagle Brand we used during the war."

SHELTON, NEB., Oct. 19, 1895.

Mr. Thos. Blodgett:— My little boy has been afflicted with catarrh. His blood was badly affected, had almost lost his appetite and could not smell at all. Abscesses formed in his head every week, and the contents, which looked like blood and yellowish matter, would escape to the surface through the tubes of the ears, causing deafness. He has taken four bottles of The Diamond Catarrh Cure and my boy is now well. He could smell after the use of three bottles and his hearing is as good to-day as anyone's. My husband and I have also been cured from a very bad stage of chronic nasal catarrh by the use of this wonderful cure. We have also tried your medicine for colds in the head and throat and it gives immediate relief, and will always keep it in our house for the use of same, and it is my duty to recommend this sure cure to all who are afflicted with same.

Yours respectfully, SARAH E. SCHLEGEL.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL

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from the election of some men who may have expressed themselves for or against McKinley.

The various committees were appointed by Supreme President Traynor to-night.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14.—It is asserted tonight that since the convention here of the American Protective Association the Ohio delegation telegraphed to Mr. Hanna a dispatch, the nature of which was to prevent Mr. Grosvenor from making any further utterances detrimental to Judge Stevens, and that the reply to the telegram was of a character to thoroughly satisfy the friends of Mr. McKinley in the association.

The address of President Traynor, which was made public tonight, says that the American Protective Association has passed the probationary milestone of its existence, and today is a recognized factor in American politics, whose favor is openly courted by political leaders, organizers and postulants for public office who a year ago ignored, treated with contempt or denounced it.

The address does not savor of much regard for eleventh-hour converts, and much stress is given to similar points questioning the honesty of parties in efforts to control the American Protective association vote and organization, together with warnings that the order should in no event be made the catspaw of any party. The address says:

"Any aspirant for presidential honors, in any section, by any party, who desires the united suffrage of our order, must freely indorse its principles and over his own signature promise to maintain and uphold them to the best of his ability."

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Whenever the A. P. A. supreme council shall take up the executive council's attack on Major McKinley, it is probable that a pamphlet, in which Judge J. D. Stevens, the head of the order in Missouri and the originator of the war on McKinley, is accused of all sorts of misdeeds, will figure largely. The McKinley men here say that Stevens was the employe of the anti-McKinley combine in securing a decision of the executive council against the Ohio governor. General Grosvenor, the McKinley manager in Washington, has gone so far as to send by his private secretary to Judge Stevens a copy of this pamphlet, perhaps accompanied by an intimation that if Stevens does not change his attitude in regard to McKinley these charges against him would be very fully aired. General Grosvenor is determined to fight the matter to a conclusion, and interesting developments are expected during the session of the council.

E. J. Stickle, J. N. Stillwell and Egbert Duville, members of the state executive board of Ohio have addressed the following to the national board of the association:

"We, the undersigned members of the state executive board of the Ohio A. P. A., after a careful, thorough investigation of the record of William McKinley of Ohio with reference to his attitude toward our order and his Americanism, say that we find no evidence to warrant the charges made against him by the executive committee of our board."

Last night the advisory board held a meeting to consider the action of its executive committee in black-listing McKinley. A special oath of secrecy is said to have been imposed upon the members in relation to the matter. Two reports are in circulation as to the course likely to be pursued—one that the advisory board will report its action upon McKinley's candidacy to the council tomorrow, and the other that the board will be very glad to have the declaration it has made heretofore stand without any consideration by the committee and will not bring the matter forward, but will act on the defensive if it be called to account for its policy. The Ohio delegates declare they will leave no stone unturned to secure a reconsideration of the ban placed upon Mr. McKinley and insist that they will call on the advisory board for an explanation.

The message of President Traynor presented yesterday afternoon consumed one and three-quarter hours in its reading. The secretary's report showed a great growth of the order during the past year, stating that 963 charters for new councils had been issued during the past year, that the voting strength of the order has been doubled and that the order was now planted in every state and territory. The treasurer's report showed a satisfactory financial condition and was approved by the auditing committee.

This morning's session, it was announced by the press committee, dealt with routine matters of no interest to others than members of the order. Many resolutions were introduced and referred to various committees for consideration. The council has not yet decided whether to give to the press an abstract of President Traynor's annual message, which is reported to be sensational.