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OUR CHOICE.

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READ our great offer:

THE AMERICAN, 50c to Jan. 1, '97.

THE Hungarians are not very hungry for the pope's manna, and Pocol is pointing about it.

THE A. P. A. is doing a great work toward removing the Mason and Dixon line, and it hurts Brother Gibbons very much.

THE Minneapolis Times berates McKinley for his silence on the money question and for his endorsement of the A. P. A. principles. Is either charge true?

THE California Populists are all right. Would it not be possible for their party to secure the truly American vote for president? Look out, Mr. McKinley.

WONDER if John Ireland paid taxes on the real estate he owned as a private individual, or was it in the name of the bishop and exempt because it was church property?

If there are 350,000 Roman Catholics in secret societies, the papal bull will not be strong enough or large enough to frighten them all out, and the pope ought to see it.

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND, It is stated, has lost the \$1,500,000 he was supposed to have been worth. This will have a tendency to hurt him in his work for a higher position in the Roman Catholic church.

THE Chicago Tribune is, no doubt, an enemy of Major McKinley, yet it seems determined to dictate the cabinet officers if he is elected to the presidency. The major knows his business, however.

If the A. P. A. delegates to the Republican National Convention will join hands with the Free Silver delegates, they may be able to make a platform that all true Americans can stand upon and vote for.

THE Cudahys are closing some of their houses. Is this due to the squeeze the pope and the foreign bankers are giving our money market, or a determination on the part of Americans to patronize their own kind of people?

UNDER the peculiar arrangement of politics in Missouri, it would be advisable for the Americans to rally together in a solid mass and be in readiness to combat any political foe that may appear as an office seeker. Remember, that in union there is strength.

WHAT WAS HER STORY?

The Chicago Chronicle of May 22 contains a two column article under these headings: "Wild Ride With a Girl" and "Bertha Turner Taken by Force to Good Shepherd Refuge." The reasons assigned for the forcible abduction of Miss Turner and for incarcerating her in the Roman prison of that city, are that she was unruly, that she stabbed her mother and poured gasoline over the dress of a crippled sister of whom she was insanely jealous, and had a lighted match ready to apply to the inflammable stuff when her mother appeared and saved the crippled child.

If Miss Turner is guilty of the things charged against her she deserves a term in the House of the Good Shepherd. There she is likely to find people of her own ilk as drivers and bosses, and if she does her rebellious and jealous spirit will be broken or she will be in a pine box before a year. But, if Miss Turner is not guilty of the things accused, if she was the victim of priestly intrigue, if there was a sinister motive for depriving her of her liberty, she is to be pitied. What a fate has been hers! What a heartless mother she must have had!

But the paper, the Chronicle, did not interview Miss Turner to get her side of the story. She might be able to paint it an entirely different color. Instead of being the black sheep painted, she may have undergone privations and withstood temptations that older and more experienced persons would have failed to withstand or undergo. There are always two sides to a case and we venture the assertion that there are two sides to this case, and we suggest that the W. A. P. A. see her and interview her and give her story to the world. Let us know the whole truth.

MARK our great offer, then send the paper to a friend.

HERE is something for you sleepy Protestants to ponder over. It is a statement in a dispatch to the Chicago Tribune from Tampa, Fla., that is dated May 24:

"The Rev. Francis Bueno, wife and child were among the passengers to come over [from Cuba] and they were fleeing for their lives. Bueno has been in charge of a large school. About two weeks ago a band of Wesley's friends attacked the church and wrecked it, and made an effort to kill Bueno and his family BECAUSE THEY WERE PROTESTANTS."

Why did those Roman Spaniards desire to kill them—BECAUSE THEY WERE PROTESTANTS. It was not because they had done wrong or had helped the Cubans, but because they were Protestants. How long, Oh, Lord, how long?

SINCE Archbishop Ireland has lost his money he will have some who will be sorry for him, but he would have had more sympathizers if he had not attempted to injure the patriotic work recently. Corrigan would not be inclined to loan him any money for necessary purposes, but Satolli might loan him some. And if he has not any himself, he is friendly with the pope, and he might use some of the money which was collected for war, etc. And as the United States and England will probably settle the little unpleasantness in South America, no money will be needed there.

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THE Church of Rome has, through Cardinal Gibbons, sent out its edict. If the A. P. A. are considered by the Republican convention the church will go into politics and vote solidly against that party's nominee. The church has always been in politics, and always will be. To offset, however, the threat of Jim we will say, if the Republican convention does not embody the cardinal principles of the A. P. A. in their platform, we shall bolt the nominee regardless of who he may be, unless the other parties prove as cowardly. Don't forget that.

THE firing of Priest Erhard for sending an unmailable letter to a lady of his parish who was about to marry a divorced man, is but a straw that shows which way the wind is blowing. A few years ago it would have been impossible to have found a judge who would have dared fine a Roman Catholic priest for even so grave a crime as a violation of a postal law, but public sentiment has crystallized to that extent that public officials realize that they must be no respecters of persons. Judge Grosscup did his duty.

THE report sent out from Washington, to the effect that representatives of the A. P. A. from twenty states had met in Washington and passed resolutions denouncing McKinley for denying that he had conferred with a committee of the A. P. A. and endorsed the principles of that order, is branded by Mr. Hinde, editor of our KANSAS CITY AMERICAN, as a fake. He says there were not representatives from twenty states in Washington at the time the resolutions were supposed to have been passed.

EX-PRIEST SLATTERY was mobbed in North Adams, Mass., a few days ago. Will the New York Independent and the Boston Congregationalist please tell these faithful of the pope that there are courts for them in which

they may have justice given to them if anything has been said against them that should not have been said? Their knees are too weak to do it. They want more D. D.'s from the Romanists.

THE Republicans will not have a walk-away, unless they adopt a good, clean-cut, patriotic platform. Ninety per cent of the Republican party want immigration restricted by an educational test, and that same percentage wants no more money appropriated for sectarian institutions. Will the Roman sympathizers run the platform committee, or will the patriotic American's wishes be considered? Some party is sure to receive the American vote this year on account of the platform it adopts.

CARDINAL GIBBONS says if the A. P. A. is not stopped the Roman Catholic church will go into politics. Now, Mr. Gibbons, your church has been in politics all the time, and if you are now willing to work "above board," as you are being compelled to do, all right. It is more honorable to do it in that way than to be a sneak. But your church has too much sneak in it to work entirely "above board." Excuse us, we called it a church; we should have said organization.

THE Romanist, Kerens, wants to be a life-long friend of McKinley if he is elected, and a life-long enemy of every patriotic society. He is a good sample of the pope's followers. Let the pope's subjects present more people of principle and a smaller number who principally parade in the presence of prominent personages and plead for their patronage. Pack such fellows off to the Peninsula of Pecci the pope.

THERE are some who are delinquent in their payments due THE AMERICAN on subscription, and we desire to impress on your minds the fact that it is a debt that should be paid on the same principle as a grocery bill. We have to purchase stock to replace that used, and if you have helped to consume the stock and not paid for it, kindly call and put your share in the mill to keep it grinding.

THE Jr. O. U. A. M. is making wonderful headway in Kansas City. No time since its organization has the order done so well as it is doing now. Every council is in a flourishing financial condition, with a surplus in the treasury. Wish we could say as much for every business in the Union.

OMAHA has an American daily paper, evidently. Last Sunday the World-Herald published a dispatch from London, England, containing this declaration: "The Irish are Catholics first and home rulers a long way afterward." A few years ago no paper but THE AMERICAN would have dared to admit to its columns such an assertion.

LUCIENNE HIRSCH, granddaughter of the late Baron Hirsch, and prospective heir to all his millions, is being educated as a Romanist in deference to the wishes of her mother, who was a French governess. Rome gets them one at a time; and when she gets them she gets their millions.

ELSEWHERE will be found the latin form of a dispensation granted a Catholic to marry a non-Catholic. We shall endeavor to furnish a translation in a few weeks—as soon as we can find time to do the work, or as soon as we can induce some friend to do the job for us.

BISHOP COXE is after Mr. Elliott, of the Grace church of Elmira, because the said Elliott wants to hear confessions. That is right, Bishop. If you cannot teach him the Bible, teach him common sense.

SAY! Do you patronize those who advertise in patriotic papers? If this has not occurred to you before, we would suggest that you read the advertisements and give the advertiser your trade.

A PRIEST in Toronto laments the millions which are lost to the Church of Rome in the United States. Let the good work go on, and at a greater pace than ever before.

DO you take THE AMERICAN? Have you a friend who does not take it? If so, send us fifty cents, and we will mail the paper to him for the remainder of the year.

WHAT will the newly elected supreme president do with Johnson of Illinois? We hope he will take immediate action.

If you desire a "dollar's worth for a dollar," buy your goods of those who advertise in THE AMERICAN.

THE POLITICAL LANCE.

You cannot always depend upon the large majority candidate for public office receives as a criterion of personal popularity. The scenes sometimes change between campaigns.

The Republican primaries for state officers are over and some people know more than they did.

A large number of our friends in the

Sixth ward are booming that staunch old American veteran, a participant in two wars, Dorsey B. Houck, for the legislature. It would be a very nice thing for the young men of that ward to take him up and bestow that honor upon him. He would make a good representative.

We suppose Mr. Broatch has an idea that the tall of that St. Louis cyclone struck in his vicinity Thursday afternoon. It sometimes pays a man to keep even a political promise.

One of the attaches of an office which the Lance helped elect a Republican to last fall told one of THE AMERICAN's friends that they had received a commission from but one firm to whom they had thrown work. Think of a public official getting "commissions" for throwing work to any one! And that fellow is an A. P. A. He can't get our help next year.

A gentleman of our acquaintance lately moved into the Seventh ward, but it has not been so recent that ambitious politicians have not sought his support. One of those who did was Ed. Walsh, he of county hospital fame. Ed intends to be a candidate for the council and he wanted that gentleman's support. Our friend said he didn't know; he had heard Johnny Thompson was going to be a candidate. But Ed wouldn't listen to what he intended to say. He blurted out: "Johnny Thompson didn't amount to a d—n in that ward. He's awful small potatoes."

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SUPREME COUNCIL A. P. A.

A Review of Acts and Incidents of the Supreme Body of the American Protective Association.

The Supreme Council of the American Protective Association adjourned about 6 o'clock, May 18, to meet next year in Kansas City, Mo.

The body was in session for one week and considered many problems of vital interest to the order, and as expressed by those who had the order most at heart, "it did good work." The ritual and constitution were revised to a great extent. These parts will be ready, in all probability, within sixty days for distribution.

The supreme headquarters have been permanently located at Washington, D. C., where the supreme president and supreme secretary must reside. John W. Echols, of Georgia, was elected supreme president, and W. J. Palmer, of Butte, Mont., supreme secretary.

The report of the supreme advisory board has been printed in the daily press, and other papers, as the same was made public by act of the council. The executive committee of the supreme advisory board was censured by many members of the supreme council for the action taken in the national campaign. It seemed to be the prevailing opinion that this committee should have sent its communications to the order and not to the press; also, that the committee usurped power by advocating any candidate for president without the action of the supreme council, and that the committee grossly erred by going to various state political conventions, denouncing certain candidates and pushing others to the front. The committee appointed a sub-committee to go to Ohio to investigate McKinley after the supreme council was in session, which committee reported back, as per the supreme advisory board's report, that McKinley was satisfactory. The question was then discussed: "Why did this body wait until after it had promulgated charges against McKinley before an investigation was made?" Also: "Why was not the investigation made in the first place?" The more the matter was discussed, the less light was obtained. The advisory board was abolished on the last day of the session.

The growth of the order reported at the supreme council was encouraging. Every state and territory will be entitled to a delegation in the coming session, with an overflow, if the order makes the same rapid strides in the future as in the past year. During the past twelve months the membership almost doubled itself, when compared with the number at the preceding session.

The first open meeting of the A. P. A. ever held in Washington city, was during the session of the supreme council, which was presided over by Judge John B. Stone, of Missouri. It was estimated that some 2,000 persons were in attendance.

A committee was appointed to try to bring the immigration question before congress, on a resolution presented in the supreme body by Harry H. Hinde, of Missouri. The committee secured a day for the measures, which resulted in the passage of the McCall bill.

One day near the end of the session, the supreme council took a recess to allow the members to wait on the various congressmen to work for the defeat of all sectarian appropriations. In the

halls of the Capitol, that day, Vice-President Adlai Stevenson was seen parading with Satolli. Was it done as a slap at the American Protective Association?

What He Thinks of Gibbons. OMAHA, Neb., May 21, 1896.—JOHN C. THOMPSON, EDITOR AMERICAN: Dear sir: If not imposing too much on your space, I should like very much to have you publish the inclosed slip, head-lines and all, down to and including space given for head-lines above an article on "Split on McKinley." Of course, the press is impartial.

CARDINAL GIBBONS SPEAKS, CATHOLIC PRELATE DISCUSSES THE A. P. A. AND WHAT ITS WORK MAY LEAD TO.

Says the Members of his Church Have Never Yet Interfered With the Rights of Others.

Have Been Patient Under Persecution, But will be Driven to Unite in Order to Secure Fair Treatment.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Through Rev. Dr. Stafford of St. Patrick's church, this city, a prominent Republican, who held a foreign mission under President Harrison, addressed several questions to Cardinal Gibbons relative to the recent attacks of the A. P. A. on the Catholics of the country. The cardinal sent the following reply.

Baltimore, Md., May 17.—My Dear Sir: It is the duty of the leaders of political parties to express themselves without any equivocation on the principles of religious freedom which underlie our system.

Catholics are devoted to both the great political parties of the country and each individual is left entirely to his own conscience. We are proud to say that in the long history of the government of the United States the great Catholic church has never used or perverted its acknowledged power by seeking to make politics subservient to its own advancement.

Moreover, it is our proud boast that we have never interfered with the civil and political rights of any who differ from us in religion. We demand the same rights for ourselves and nothing more and will be content with nothing less.

Not only is it the duty of all parties distinctly to set their faces against the false and un-American principles thrust forward of late, but much as I would regret the entire identification of any religious body as such with any political party, I am convinced that the members of a religious body, whose rights, civil and religious, are attacked, will naturally and unanimously espouse the cause of the party which has the courage openly to avow the principles of the civil and religious liberty according to the constitution. Patience is a virtue. But it is not the only virtue. When pushed too far it may degenerate into pusillanimity.

Yours faithfully, JAMES, CARDINAL GIBBONS.

A. P. A. SPLITS ON M'KINLEY.

Many Members Join in Denouncing Him—New Officers Elected.

In reading "James, Cardinal Gibbons' letter dated "Baltimore, Md., May 17, 1896," which is an answer to a "prominent Republican" who "held a foreign mission under President Harrison," who "addressed several questions to Cardinal Gibbons relative to recent attacks of the A. P. A. of this country, through Rev. Dr. Stafford of St. Patrick's church of this city" (Washington, D. C.), a number of questions have occurred to me, and it has caused me to wonder why they did not allow this "prominent Republican" to stay in and with that foreign mission. Can it be possible that a Democratic administration would remove even a Harrison appointee, and presumably, a man opposed to the A. P. A.? Perish the thought. Again, is that prominent Republican in such sore straits, fearing publicity and future disfranchisement by his party and everlasting oblivion through being snowed under at some future time when looking for political favors, that he could not reach James, Cardinal Gibbons in any other way than through Rev. Dr. Stafford, of St. Patrick's church of Washington, D. C.? Prominent Republican is very much like many other straddlers, a sort of a "Man-afraid-of-his-horse." I will endorse, no matter who is elected president, this prominent Republican, and guarantee the signatures of five hundred A. P. A.'s, in Omaha, to sign a petition to get him an appointment to some foreign mission, say some place on the Tiber, "Nearer to (his) Nature's heart," or any other point not more popular to Americans, just to get him out of America. In the language of Hamlet, "To a nunnery go, and quickly too, for wise men know well enough what monsters you make of them."

Well, well, well! It was a wonderful way to warn the people of these United States, wasn't it? James, Cardinal Gibbons is right though. Party leaders should steer clear of religion in politics. That is what the A. P. A.'s have been trying to teach them for the

last several years, and I want to say that if James, Cardinal Gibbons and his priests had followed that course, there would never have been any A. P. A.'s.

Cardinal Gibbons may make some of those party leaders he speaks of believe that his church and his priests have not interfered with the votes of this country, and especially the votes of the members of his church in the past, to the detriment of the Protestants of this country, and that they are not going to do so in the future; but the people of this country, thank God, are not all leaders, in the sense that Gibbons would have us believe. A very large majority of those people are a free people; they believe in free speech, a free press, free schools and non-interference of church in politics.

Cardinal Gibbons says, "We are proud to say that in the long history of the Government of the United States, the great Catholic church has never used or perverted its acknowledged power by seeking to make politics subservient to its own advancement." I shall not undertake to say that all of the above, which is quoted in Mr. Gibbons' letter, is not true; but there are a great many who will not believe it. Those who read and think and, see, know well enough that his church has used its power in politics. No other church on earth has ever gone into politics so thoroughly and with so much determination to place its own people in office and in power. Does it not occur to you, reader, that that would help along its advancement? I say it is the "duty of all parties to distinctly set their faces against the false and un-American principles thrust forward of late." And I go further, and say, that they have set their faces against the un-American principles advocated by Cardinal Gibbons and his followers, in these many years past which are not of late.

I want to say to Cardinal Gibbons that the sooner the "identification of any religious body, as such, with any political party" takes place the better, and that it will be a gala day for this country; and when it does, we will whip them with the ballots ten to one. And I want further to say that "I am convinced that the members of a religious body whose rights, civil and religious are attacked, will espouse the cause of the party which has the courage openly to avow the principles of the civil and religious liberty, according to the constitution. Yes, "patience is a virtue," but it is often worn out, and it was, through the influence of Gibbons' church, which endeavored to control all, and did control many of our offices in many places, and that is what made the A. P. A. of today. We care nothing about Gibbons' threat about identification, etc., for that is all it is. Very likely, the whole thing was a put-up job on the part of prominent Republican, Rev. Dr. Stafford of St. Patrick's church and James, Cardinal Gibbons to give Gibbons an opportunity to get himself into print, and an expression as to where the Catholic vote will fall in the coming presidential election. But I think it was all-fired mean on the part of prominent Republican to slight the pope on the Potomac in this matter.

B. Q.

A Suggestion. CHICAGO, ILL., May 24, 1896.—EDITOR THE CHICAGO AMERICAN:—Your leading editorial in yesterday's AMERICAN, entitled "Romanism Breeds Crime," hits the nail squarely on the head, and hits it hard. You have started many nails in the coffin of Romanism, but be sure you get the body of Political Romanism into the coffin before you fasten down the lid. There will be work, hard and disagreeable work, before the corpse of the octopus is properly prepared for burial. You will have to handle a carcass distended with poisonous gases, enormously overgrown from having been fed at the public crib, its tissues soft and flabby from fatty degeneration, and you will meet with rabid opposition from unreasoning members of the mourning family. Pack the corpse in lots of quick-lime to protect the mental and moral health of future generations from the fatal, though unseen contagion of its corruption. Then you may give the world an opportunity to gaze with awe at vanished greatness. Select the pall-bearers from the leaders of political corruption and traitors to morality. Request the chaplain of the supreme council of the A. P. A. to intonate a few sad words to the memory of the dead. For posterity's benefit erect upon the grave a monument with this inscription:

DIED In the first year of the Millennium of the world the monster POLITICAL ROMANISM. The monster never will show its head 'Till hell again gives up its dead.

A. P. A.

Mrs. H. Sheppard, Room 24 Edling Block, Omaha, Neb., writes: "I have had constipation for a long time and I also had a bad case of internal hemorrhoids (piles) from which I suffered untold pain. Your Dr. Kay's Renovator has entirely cured me." Sold by druggists at 25c. and \$1. See advt.