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OUR CHOICE.

For President: W. S. LINTON of Michigan.

For Vice-President: JOHN L. WEBSTER of Nebraska.

KATE FIELD is dead.

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

THE violators of the Illinois flag law at Jacksonville escaped prosecution on a technicality.

J. S. CLARKSON, the Iowa politician, has been dangerously ill during the past week.

TWO WEEKS from to-day we shall be able to give you the name of the Republican nominee for president.

ONE of the greatest errors existing in this nation to-day is that citizens are more loyal to men and parties than they are to principles.

SEVEN hundred Irish Roman Catholics, armed, uniformed and drilled, paraded in New York city Decoration day. They were known as the First Regiment Irish Volunteers, and were not a part of the National Guard. No need for the A. P. A., eh?

ONE of the most unique papers that has graced our desk is The Little Hobo, of Ferryville, Wis. It is a three-column four-page paper, every word of which is printed with a lead pencil. It has Linton and Webster at its masthead as its choice for president and vice president. The editors are O. B. Copper, S. A. Olsen and M. E. Copper.

THE Kansas City Star is much worried about Davis' boom for governor, although it has repeatedly stated that he was killed politically at the St. Joe convention. Since then it has devoted considerable space to show that he was ineligible because of the constitutional requirement of a certain number of years' residence. Now it says he is an impossibility because of his age.

TWO WEEKS ago we published an editorial announcement of the formation of the American Gold Mining and Milling Company, and stated that we would sell a limited number of shares of \$1 each for 5 cents per share. Since then we have received a number of orders for stock and many inquiries. We do not care to claim for our mines more than they deserve, but the fact that we will advance the price of stock July 1, 1896, should convince any man that we are satisfied with our prospects, and do not care to sell more than is necessary to secure money to develop our property. Do you want to get in on the ground floor? See advertisement in another column.

WHAT MAY RESULT.

The story that Catholic laymen throughout the country have sent inquiries to the different Republican candidates for the presidential nomination, asking each whether, in the event of election, any discrimination would be made against Catholics on account of their religious belief, is not, strictly speaking, a cheering commentary on the spirit of liberty in America. While it is believed that no man who has been seriously mentioned for the high office of president would be so un-American as to proscribe or favor any class of citizens on the ground of religious faith, it is not pleasant to know that this question has even been raised in a country whose founders believed in the complete divorce of church and state, and who contemplated in every step which they took for the establishment of the republic the largest measure of religious freedom.

The above editorial appeared in the Kansas City Star Tuesday evening of this week. It shows how anxious the daily press is to question the truthfulness of anything that might reflect upon the Romans. When the A. P. A. openly and unequivocally demanded of each aspirant for the presidency whether or not he was in favor of the restriction of immigration, one free and non-sectarian public school system, a complete separation of church and state, the taxation of all property, and an undivided allegiance to the lawfully constituted government of this republic by every one of its citizens, the daily press, with hardly an exception, cried bigotry, religious intolerance and un-American.

We believe the American people will readily perceive the animus of these attacks and that they will also be quick to detect the fact that the Romans have done openly only that which they have done secretly for so many years.

The stand taken by the members of the American Protective Association has simply had the effect of driving those religious politicians from cover.

It is barely possible that the attitude of the members of that great Protestant association will have another effect. It may be that Roman laymen will be less inclined to tolerate priestly interference in the affairs of state, and, like that noted Irish patriot, declare that they will take their religion from Rome, but not their politics. If this does happen, the lay members of that church will have much to thank the A. P. A. for. When they reach that point they are treading on ground sacred to all patriots, on which liberty has been securely enthroned, and upon which no alien power, civil or ecclesiastical, will ever be allowed to enter for the purpose of destroying the peace and happiness of a free people.

The warfare being waged by the A. P. A. is not a warfare against the individual Roman Catholic, but against the ecclesiastical politician who would subvert this government and make it conform to the wishes of a religious despot. It is to keep the stars and stripes floating over the greatest and grandest nation on earth; to perpetuate the free public schools, the bulwark of our liberties; maintain a free press and free speech, and to paralyze every hand, silence every tongue that would tear the one down or abridge the fullest and freest exercise of the other.

When a newspaper brands such an association bigoted and un-American the people realize that it is the cry of a coward and a poltroon, who would sell his liberty—aye, his country—for the fawning and flattery of the Roman priesthood. Out upon such miserable spawn.

DOWN in Fort Wayne, Ind., Priest Brammer has placed a ban on the public library. His reason for doing so can be found in this extract from a telegram to the Chicago Chronicle:

My objection to the public library is not to it as a public institution, but to its containing books that are not fit for any Catholic to read, or for that matter, for any person to read. I have seen a book from the library, 'Footprints of the Jesuits,' a most untruthful book, libeling some of the purest and best and most eminent men of our church. It is a tissue of falsehoods. To permit Catholic children to read such a book would be to poison their minds against the best men in our holy church. If we are to have a public library worth the name, and it is to contain a wide scope of literature, as it must, then Catholics, as they are taxed to help pay for it, ought to have some representation on the library committee, that books assailing the Catholic church and its best representatives should be excluded.

THE general style and makeup of THE AMERICAN will be materially changed with the next issue. We shall publish less anti-Roman matter, more general news and miscellany, and a story that will please all our readers. When we write an editorial against Roman aggression it will be as strong and as concise as heretofore, but we shall not surfeit our columns with anti-Roman extracts and long-winded expositions of Jesuit intrigue and priestly interference in politics. We believe our readers are fully awake. We believe they know that they must always be prepared to meet the enemy at the ballot-box, at which time they will find us ready to meet in the open field all enemies of our country and our institutions.

LAST Saturday morning we received notice of the death of our uncle, John L. Colhapp, who lived at 1033 Harrison

street, Chicago. Mr. Colhapp had been a resident of Chicago for almost twenty years, having removed from Brownville, Neb., in 1876. Prior to his removal to Chicago he had been engaged in the publication of the Nebraska Advertiser, the oldest paper in the state. After his arrival in Chicago he was employed on various papers and in a number of printing offices. A few months prior to his death he was appointed to a position in the water department in that city and it was while performing the duties of that office that he contracted a cold, which developed into a fever, and eventually caused his death. He was one of the most jovial, whole-souled men we ever knew, without an enemy in the world, and a host of friends. His many friends in Nebraska and throughout the west will regret to learn of his death, and sympathize with his family in their sad affliction.

A CERTAIN Chicago firm recently offered a cash prize to the charitable institution receiving the highest number of votes. The voting was to have ended a certain day, but for some reason the time was extended. Before the time was extended the Fresh Air Fund was in the lead, but the next day a Roman institution forged ahead. Was it to aid Rome that more time was granted?

LIBERTY has ceased to be an A. P. A. paper because, as it alleges, the order in Illinois has fallen into the hands of an unscrupulous gang, at the head of which is C. P. Johnson, the state president. The way to fight a fellow like Johnson is not to run from him, but to stand up and tell the people the truth about him. He may fool them for a time, but they will eventually learn his true character.

OUR Junior friends will be pleased to learn that the D. & R. G. and R. G. & W. railroads are figuring on a very low rate that will enable those who attend the national council in Denver to pay a visit to Leadville, Grand Junction, Salt Lake and Ogden. This arrangement allows the tourists to spend one day at the great Solitaire Beach. No down-easter can afford to miss this treat.

CATHOLICS RETALIATE.

Demand That Candidates Declare Themselves on the A. P. A.

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 31.—Father Tom Major, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, created something of a sensation in his sermon today. After reading a letter from the bishop of this diocese directing the Young Men's Institute, a Catholic organization, to send letters to Governor McKinley, Senator Allison and other Republican and Democratic presidential possibilities, asking them for a written statement of their sentiments in regard to the A. P. A., he said the time had come when Catholics, in self-protection, should know the sentiments of the candidates for office on this subject. He also asserted that many Catholics who voted for Governor Bradley were now sorry that they did so. He predicted that but few of those to whom the letters are to be addressed will give an answer to the query in regard to the A. P. A., but indicated that Catholics should affiliate only with those who speak out in open hostility to the order.

Official Program of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

At a meeting of the executive committee held in Denver at the St. James Hotel, May 18th, the following program was arranged:

June 15th will be devoted to receiving the delegates and comrades at the depot and escorting them to headquarters. Meeting of Supreme Commandery U. A. M. at Lincoln Hall at 10 o'clock A. M.

June 16—National Council will convene at 10 A. M. in the Masonic Temple. Immediately after adjournment for lunch, the members of the National Council will go to the Capitol Building and be photographed. Public reception at the Broadway Theatre at 8 P. M.

June 17—Grand illuminated parade at 7:30 P. M., headed by the Jr. O. U. A. M. Flambeau Club. The parade will proceed through the principal streets to Broadway where cars will be taken for City Park, which will be illuminated, and a band concert will be given.

June 18—Immediately upon the adjournment of the National Council in the evening, a car ride will be taken over the city, taking in all the principal points of interest.

June 19—An informal reception will be given the delegates and their friends at headquarters at 8 P. M.

June 20—Grand excursion over the "Loop."

During the time the National Council is in session numerous excursions will be arranged into the mountains for the benefit of those who are not delegates. Headquarters will be established where all visitors upon their arrival will be conducted, and from there they will be assigned to their respective hotels. These headquarters will be open at all times, and newspapers and periodicals will be on file.

Ladies and gentlemen will be in charge who will give all information desired.

WISE WORDS.

Full Text of the Address of the State President of the W. A. P. A. of Colorado.

To the officers and members of the State Council of the W. A. P. A. in session at Denver. Greeting:

From my inmost heart comes the greeting I extend to you to-day. At the close of another year we meet to note the progress of our order and to consider how best to further advance in the work of this grand organization.

To the councils of such an order do I welcome you, and I trust you will deliberate and decide, only after much thought, upon the further perfecting of this work, and that the broadest charity and best interests of the order will be with you in all your decisions.

Let us remember that it is God's great plan that we each of us do the best that we can. May our record not be found wanting. What the outcome will be rests with us as individuals. Are we composed of sounding brass, or gold that will stand the test of the fire?

We gather to-day, not for friendship alone, nor for official positions. Friends, let us lay our all on the altar of our country and with true patriotism sink self and selfish thoughts out of sight, and say to Him from whom cometh all good: "Be it unto us according to thy will."

If the true women will stand shoulder to shoulder, and heart to heart, the bright dreams of patriotic women, who have taken upon themselves citizenship, will come to full fruition. The children of America have a right to demand all those rights and privileges that help to forward American principles and institutions, for which their ancestors fought and died. On whom does this responsibility rest? Surely, the women of America, by their God-given offices of mother and sister, are set apart to do this very work.

When we teach our boys to salute the flag, and our children to stand on their feet when our national hymns are sung; when we have taught them to love their country, and have made them true patriots, is not the foundation laid for a solid government?

We think that the patriotic awakening of recent years shows that the people are awakening to their duty and danger. Let there be no going backward, but a steady, steady march to the front.

The most hopeful sign of the times is that women, the born teachers of the world who first mould and guide the thoughts of the little child, are fast awakening to their patriotic duty.

These American mothers have begun to understand that while they teach their children to love the union and the flag, and cherish the liberties purchased at such great cost, there are thousands and thousands of children whose mothers have no care or thought for those things because they are ignorant of them. These American mothers know that it is their duty to reach out into the schools, the highways and the byways, and bring the wandering waifs of other lands under the sheltering folds of the Star Spangled Banner.

All honor to the man who was first to formulate a system of patriotic teaching for our primary schools, and which is: We give our heads and our hearts to our God and our country. One country, one language, one flag. No stranger to us are these words: My country, may it ever be right; but right or wrong, my country.

To us one country means that in the hearts of our people there shall be an abiding faith that our "land of the free and home of the brave" is the one inviolable rock in the foundation of our Americanism which cannot be taken or destroyed without first causing the destruction of ourselves. It means that we are for our country first; that to it our highest allegiance is given. The highest duty of citizenship is to support and adhere to the free institutions of our country, to see that they are honestly and effectually maintained, our first and highest obligations as American citizens demanding this of us.

The man or woman who fails to do this is not a typical American. Every American must be a politician in order to understand and know how to cope with any class that would debase morals, honesty and right, to promote selfish, personal and private gains. Dearest are our free institutions, our system of free schools. Education is the bulwark of that patriotism which has given us the truism that is a "Government of the people, by the people and for the people." Education makes patriots, and no education is of greater force than that which teaches us faith in one country, one language, one flag. One language! I am for one language, certainly. Among native Americans this is not only possible, but should be made so.

It is well to be taught in the languages as a matter of education, but as a people we should speak but one language.

One flag! No flag is so beautiful, none so expressive, so full of sentiment and inspiration of the American as Old Glory. But the youth of the land must be taught what that flag means: Self-government, equal rights, liberty, patriotism, free public schools, honesty

in public office, honesty in private or public life, our country and our country's good.

So I say woman is as greatly interested in the nation's affairs as is man, and the part she plays is no less important. All honor to the patriotic women, the soldiers of a nation's pride, the strength of her sons.

There are so many to whom thanks are due for the past year's work that I shall not try to name them all.

To the officers, one and all, my sincere and hearty acknowledgements are given for their co-operation, and I recommend them to their respective councils.

I would urge the order throughout the state to procure and have patriotic literature read in the councils, so that every member may be able to intelligently act and work for the good of our beloved principles.

In conclusion, let me say, that having held the interests of this order a little nearer this year than any other, I hope you will take only the good of my work, believing I have tried to be just, impartial and within the laws of the order in all my rulings and decisions.

I urge upon all a true devotion to this order—to each other, a broad charity, a true fraternity and pure loyalty.

Wherever you dwell may content be your lot. May friendship, like ivy, encircle your cot. May your honest endeavors be crowned with success.

May you ever be happy, ne'er witness distress. And when this life is done may your spirit ascend. To heaven, is the wish of your W. A. P. A. friend.

MRS. FRANCIS S. KLOCK.

HOW HE WOULD WORK.

Mr. McComas of Maryland, Wants an A. P. A. Ticket.

MY DEAR THOMPSON: Your editorial in a recent issue of THE AMERICAN on the president, is one of the best I have ever read in your journal. It is the expression I would expect to come from you. It is clear and logical and has the positive stamp of "honesty" upon it. I am glad to know that you were not deceived by the words, opinions or actions of the men who formed the alleged "Advisory Board," and who apparently made warfare on McKinley, as well as apparently supported Linton; in my opinion they were not sincere in either matter. It was simply a scheme.

I have never known or read of an order or organization so utterly humbugged by a few alleged leaders, as the A. P. A. The honest and patriotic followers of this order should be aroused, and made to realize that they are being deceived by their leaders, as styled. I am sure your paper will ever and always courageously attack the methods that appear to you not only inconsistent, but insincere and in fact dishonest. The talk of sending delegates to the national convention of either of the old parties is a waste of words; such delegates, if elected would have no standing for voice in either party; mark what I tell you. Both parties will ignore the A. P. A. in their conventions—the Republican party being afraid and the Democratic party dare not so much as intimate that they approve of the A. P. A. principles.

The Republican party has benefited always by the vote, almost to the last man, of the A. P. A. order, and yet they are too cowardly in their state or national conventions to acknowledge it, or say a word to go on public record as favoring the A. P. A.'s principles of Americanism. The Democrats as a party have always denounced the A. P. A. It is all both to talk about waiting the result of the Chicago or the St. Louis conventions. Both parties will write a platform that will not give a word or hint of sympathy for the order; both will nominate candidates who will not dare to open their heads on the subject of the A. P. A., for or against. The fear of being Burchardized, as Blaine was, will ever be before them. I maintain that the A. P. A. will never be heard of at St. Louis or Chicago. Take for example the Illinois convention, how many A. P. A. candidates did the A. P. A. delegates succeed in nominating? All of the nominees no doubt will in a very private way, urge on the A. P. A., so long as they can get their votes, but will any of them dare in a public speech approve of the order; not one, on your life. If the great "Moguls," or "Leaders," or "Advisory Board" are sincere and have any political horse-sense they know that there is but one way to test the issue of the A. P. A., and that is an Independent A. P. A. national party, with a well defined platform and a candidate such as perhaps Mr. Linton, and then prove what is claimed, that the A. P. A. has a voting strength of 2,000,000. If this is only bluff, then let the honest, but deluded members know the truth. The impression is abroad the A. P. A. is, each reelection, delivered to the Republican party for a consideration to some one for a few. How is it? I am of the opinion that Mr. Linton is not being supported in good faith; that he will not be heard of in the St. Louis convention except as are the hundreds of other delegates. Mr. Linton is a Republican and will not do other than support the nominee of the St. Louis convention. He has never said he was an A. P. A. candi-

date for the presidency, or that he would be. Mr. McKinley will be the nominee of the convention, sure as you are a foot high, and the order will fall in line and vote solid for him as a Republican.

As a conclusion allow me to say, that logically and honestly there is but one position tenable for the order to assume, and that is to organize in every congressional district in each state, nominate candidates on their own A. P. A. platform, nominate a president and vice-president, and electors, and stand alone before the country, thus demonstrating their consistency and honesty and test the effective force of its voters and sympathizers.

MCCOMAS.

THE POLITICAL LANCE.

The Republican convention last Friday was very inconsistent in bestowing its favors. It increased the representation of South Omaha on account of its number of Republican votes, and overlooked the fact that the Sixth ward of Omaha has nearly as many votes as South Omaha, but its representation was cut down so as to give the former an increase. This may be good politics, but there are a great many Republicans in the big Sixth ward who will fall to recognize it.

The Lance is of the opinion that the bankers who engage in politics this year will do their cause more harm than good. If present indications are to be taken into consideration the great mass of the voting population are not inclined to be very friendly to the bankers because they believe that they are in the main responsible for the present financial condition of the country.

You may smuggle a resolution through a convention, but when the people discover the fraud it will react with a vengeance. We believe about two thirds of the delegates were opposed to the resolution of instructions which was passed by the Republican county convention last Saturday, after it had been read in a garbled condition. Had it been read in its true form by Rosewater's tool—Livingston—it would never have been adopted. As it stands it simply opens up the way for a bitter factional fight from now on.

The Lance respects a man who has the courage of his convictions, but the utmost contempt for a subservient, truckling tool who is always ready to prostitute any position he may hold to obtain political prestige or cheap notoriety.

The unfair representation accorded the country precincts in every Republican convention is a thing that must be remedied. The representation must be on the same basis as that adopted by the state—one delegate for each 100 Republican voters or major fraction thereof. Why should a precinct with less than 50 Republican votes have more than half as many votes as a ward with from two to three thousand Republican voters. This may suit the politicians but it does not suit the people.

Among the numerous candidates for congressional honors there are none for whom the Lance entertains a higher regard than Hon. I. R. Andrews. He expects to secure a solid delegation from the Ninth ward, and he is entitled to it. There is one thing that can be said of Mr. Andrews and that is, he has the courage of his convictions, and would not be a tool of anyone. He has been successful in his law business and when he undertakes anything he goes at it with the intention of winning, by using all honorable means, and should he secure the plum he will be elected, and this district will have a representative in congress who will make himself heard.

The Republican party must not forget that E. Rosewater has been repudiated by the people of this city, and that they will resent the consummation of the deal he set up last week. Balch and Williams should get away from Rosewater if they want the American vote next November.

A Republican aspirant for office cannot run a boodle campaign and get our support. A. P. A. men who accept money for their votes or influence in a convention are less trustworthy than the most bigoted Roman Catholic.

If Geo. F. Munroe accepted \$300 to play the contemptible part he played in the last Republican convention, wasn't he a fine specimen to howl for purity in politics?

What kind of a club has Edward Rosewater over County Attorney Baldrige that he promises immunity to criminals if they tell him the truth about their criminalities?

Is it a fact that Mr. Balch's friends in the last convention were in favor of that sterling and virgin Republican doctrine—purity—only after they had pulled his leg for the biggest part of \$5,000.