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THE TICKET. For President: WILLIAM MCKINLEY, of Ohio. For Vice-President: GARRET A. HOBART, of New Jersey.

FIFTH NOTICE. It has become necessary for businessmen in all branches of trade to do a strictly cash business, and as that necessitates our paying cash for what we buy we have also concluded to go to a cash basis, and will, on and after November 10, 1896, discontinue sending THE AMERICAN to all subscribers who are in arrears.

ILLINOIS' electoral vote should be cast for Wm. Kinley. NEVER elect a Romanist if there is a Protestant on the other ticket. HOLDEN is a patriot. If you live in his district help send him to congress.

HOW can a conscientious Missouri Populist vote for Lon. V. Stevens for governor. LEARN Rome a lesson. Make her keep out of politics. Defeat her preferred candidates. BISHOP WORTHINGTON should be heartily ashamed of that interview. His neighbors and friends are.

BOTH the candidates for governor of Illinois are Protestants. Make your own choice. We cannot recommend either one. THE Roman church condemns the Masons, yet it has sanctioned the damnable organization known as the Society of Jesus—or Jesuits.

A MAN who is as much of a partisan as is C. P. Johnson must find it hard work to treat the fellows on the other ticket with absolute fairness. TWO years ago THE AMERICAN ran on its editorial page the name of Wm. McKinley as its choice for president. It places it there again this week.

DEFEAT THESE FELLOWS. Some weeks ago we ran a little item telling the readers of THE AMERICAN to watch for our ticket. As this is the last issue before the election we submit it for their consideration. It differs from other tickets we have run in one vital particular. The ticket we run this year should be defeated. It will be if the members of the A. P. A. and of kindred associations in this state do their duty. Don't vote a straight ticket. SCRATCH THESE FELLOWS:

- For Presidential Elector: M. F. HARRINGTON, Romanist. For Attorney-General: C. J. SMYTH, Romanist. For County Attorney: I. J. DUNN, Romanist. For Commissioner Fourth District: J. M. KENNEY, Romanist.

DEFEAT THEM. SOMETHING MORE. There is something more than party success at stake in this campaign. There are principles at stake which cost thousands of lives to establish, and other thousands to maintain. Those principles are being assailed, and Americans should not sit idly by. They should raise a hand to stay the assault and silence the threats against our common country and its institutions.

No one knows better than we the great pressure the Roman church brings to bear upon candidates for office and upon business men to keep them from recognizing in any way the A. P. A., and no one knows better than we the indifference the A. P. A. exhibits in the success of the man who dares to publicly declare that he favors their platform of principles. When the Roman church gets a promise from a man cohesion immediately begins. The archbishop, the bishop, the priest and the layman all come together. The fellows who favored the other candidate publicly, drop out of sight and the whole machinery of the church is set in motion to bring about the election of the man who is satisfactory to the hierarchy. This is not so with the members of the A. P. A. Their interests are not common. Each man thinks for himself, acts according to the dictates of his own conscience and expects his neighbor to do the same.

It went into this campaign, however, with more system. It sent a committee from the supreme council to wait on Governor McKinley and he, as we said before, endorsed the principles of the A. P. A. unequivocally and unhesitatingly. The Romanists immediately set to work to get a denial. They worked all kinds of schemes, plead with him and finally threatened him with defeat, but he would not deny the published report. That stand required courage, it required manhood, it required true Americanism, and stamped Mr. McKinley as a true patriot.

How was it with Mr. Bryan? When he was given a copy of THE AMERICAN containing the principles of the A. P. A. and asked for an opinion as to the A. P. A. movement, he wrote, "I am not in sympathy with the movement." McKinley says "I unhesitatingly and unequivocally endorse your principles," and Mr. Bryan says "I am not in sympathy with the movement." Should it take an American citizen who believes with the A. P. A. on the restriction of immigration, who believes in free speech and a free press, in the taxation of all property and in the public schools—should it take him long to decide for whom his ballot will be cast?

In Nebraska it is common rumor that if Bryan is elected, John A. Creighton, a count of the Roman church, is to have full charge of the public patronage—will name the postmasters, collectors, attorneys and other public officials who secure their places through the appointive power of the president. The history of the Roman corporation when it was in power in that state, and particularly in Douglas county and the city of Omaha, was that no one but a Roman need apply for a position.

of that church's membership backed by the priests—about twenty-three of whom held a meeting in the basement of Creighton College the night before the primaries, and made a house to house canvass in his interest the day of the primaries—were his most ardent supporters. This is known to many people in Omaha and was published at the time in the columns of THE AMERICAN. For fear you may have forgotten this fact we republish the editorial which appeared in THE AMERICAN September 21, 1894. It was as follows: That W. J. Bryan will be the choice of both the Populists and the Democrats in the next legislature for the position of United States senator very few people will attempt to controvert. But that should not be so. Bryan should not be foisted upon the people. His record at Washington does not justify the blind enthusiasm which his words produce. While there as congressman from the first congressional district he accomplished nothing that would benefit his constituents. He did act, however, in a way that should cause him to be censured by every American citizen, no matter what his political affiliations. He voted to appropriate over \$400,000 of public money for sectarian uses. Voted to place nearly half a million dollars in the hands of alien Roman Catholic priests with which to convert the Indians, not into good American citizens, but into obedient Roman Catholics. And this money was voted out of the national treasury without any warrant of law, and contrary to the wishes of a large majority of the people of this state.

But this is not the only reason we say Bryan should not be the choice of the Democrats and the Populists in the next legislature. We have a better one. He is to be the champion of ecclesiastics, otherwise we cannot account for the presence in this city of a horde of Roman Catholic priests a few days before the Democratic primaries, for their secret meeting at night in the basement of Creighton College last Tuesday evening, or for their activity in going from house to house Thursday afternoon while the Democratic primaries were being held. This is not guess work with us. We saw it with our own eyes. Besides this evidence we submit a list of the delegates whom Bryan states were for him for United States senator, more than two-thirds of the number bear Roman Catholic names. The list as published below—except that of the first ward, and Bryan claims three of them—is the same one which appeared in Mr. Bryan's paper, the World-Herald, accompanied by the assurance that they were for Bryan. And the worst part of it seems to be that the majority of them have been elected. The following is the list referred to above:

- FIRST WARD—Owen Slaven, John Powers, D. Shannahan, C. Conoyer, C. H. Coffner, John Murphy, E. P. Mullen, George Bertrand, J. T. Conors, E. Whalen, H. J. McKeeney. SECOND WARD—L. J. Piatti, Lee Herdman, A. P. Spitzko, H. Eisele, Sol Hopper, A. Sloup, J. Sullivan, James Slightam, Peter E. Elissasser, Charles Hinz, Fred Bloemer. THIRD WARD—Ed Rothery, Tom Murphy, D. Cosgrove, Gus Carey, John Reeves, John O'Connell, Pat Horrigan, Martin Shields, Pat Ford, Dick Burdick, James O'Donnell. FOURTH WARD—C. H. Brown, P. C. Heafey, R. C. Jordan, H. Rosenzweig, R. V. Montague, T. J. O'Brien, Jeff W. Bedford, Samuel Rees, W. S. Shoemaker, C. C. Craw, J. C. Morrison. FIFTH WARD—W. P. Barton, I. J. Dunn, James Daughton, P. H. Meehan, Thomas H. Dalley, Richard Lawless, A. P. McKenna, T. F. O'Brien, P. E. O'Donnell, Dr. S. R. Patten, John Leahy. SIXTH WARD—George Tierney, L. H. Parker, John Reed, W. H. Chadwick, Joseph Sherry, W. A. Page, J. E. Reagan, Jacob Riner, Ed P. Smith, Charles A. Tracer, Dan B. Honin. SEVENTH WARD—A. Waggoner, Alma Jackson, A. Murphy, J. B. Huse, William Ackerman, P. Smith, M. Hogan, H. J. Farmer, D. H. Lacourse, John Dennis. EIGHTH WARD—H. C. Miller, J. H. Schmidt, John McGorry, W. F. Wappich, Barney Boyle, James P. Connolly, W. R. O'Shaughnessy, P. E. McKillip, J. A. Leaney, J. A. Connors, John McGreale. NINTH WARD—C. W. Bryan, F. W. J. Hart, John Hope, Joel West, M. W. Payne, J. B. Kitchen, Ed Welch, C. J. Smyth, George W. Ames, C. L. Smith, P. W. Birkhauser.

SOUTH OMAHA. FIRST WARD—Ben S. Adams, Sam Gosney, Clint Morgan, J. M. Tanner. SECOND WARD—James W. Lowry, John Flynn, James Holub, Thomas Flynn. THIRD WARD—C. M. Lyons, P. O. Connor, Barney McDermott, Patrick Curtin.

For several years we have attempted to convince decent Democrats that they were being dominated by the Romanists, but they have been afraid to take a stand against that pernicious influence, and to-day men of respectability with large business interests in this city, have been turned down by the saloon loafers and ward-healers. Shame upon the Democratic party! Are the illustrious names of Jackson, O'Shaughnessy, Smyth, O'Connell, Connolly, McGreale, O'Brien, Horrigan, O'Donnell and Heafey? God forbid. Yet to-day it is the Irish, long live the Irish!

And a very large majority of the Roman cattle above enumerated were in the state convention and voted to adopt the platform which Mr. Bryan ran upon in 1894; and will any sane man think for a moment that that religious liberty plank would have been adopted had not those bog-trotters understood it was a slap at the A. P. A.? For these reasons we believe it to be the duty of every truly loyal and patriotic American citizen to throw aside party prejudice and go to the polls and cast a vote for the electors who favor Wm. McKinley for president of the United States; we believe his duty does not end there; we believe it should impel him to go and win his neighbor

over to his way of thinking, and should induce him to work unceasingly for the success of the Republican nominee, until the polls close on the evening of November 3. Let it be understood once for all that there will be a solid Roman Catholic vote for Mr. Bryan; let it also be understood that that solid vote will be offset by a solid American vote for McKinley. By doing that you will help keep the Jesuits out of the white house, and the nuns from practically committing highway robbery on government employees in Washington.

AS TO CONGRESSMAN. Under ordinary circumstances we would have no word to say in behalf of David H. Mercer for congress as against Judge E. R. Duffie, but now that Congressman Mercer is not able to be here personally—is detained in Washington by the serious and probably fatal illness of his wife—we cannot remain silent. We shall urge our friends to stand by him.

Were we similarly situated and had we a friend who neglected to come to our help, although he might be just as good a friend of the gentleman on the other ticket, we would consider him worse than an enemy. Dave Mercer shall not have it to say that he lacked the aid of at least one staunch, true friend, and that he could have been elected had our friends been for him, and had he received our support. On the contrary he shall have it to say that had it not been for just such friends as we shall show ourselves to be he would have been defeated.

But we shall not say a word against Judge Duffie. He is just as honest, honorable and capable as Mr. Mercer and would make just as good a congressman. More, he would be elected were it not for the fact that Dave Mercer needs a friend, and the American people never go back on a man who, through devotion to those dependent upon him, jeopardizes his chances for a public position. They will not do so next Tuesday. They will say, "Were I in Mercer's place and were he in mine, I would expect him to support me; besides he has made a good congressman, has voted all right on questions in which I am interested, he is onto the ropes and can do this district more good than any man we can send to Washington; besides, McKinley is sure to be elected, and as he is a Republican and as Mercer is a Republican it would be foolish to send even so good a man as Judge Duffie there with the expectation that he could improve on Dave's record." Believing that they will look at it in this light when it is presented to them, we urge them to stand by Mr. Mercer, now that he is unable to be here and plead for himself.

WE HAVE. The Omaha AMERICAN credits the Jesuits with having procured the dismissal of Bishop Keane from the rectorship of the Roman Catholic University at Washington. How does THE AMERICAN happen to know that Bishop Keane himself is not a Jesuit? Has our esteemed contemporary access to inside sources of information?—Denver American.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD. THE AMERICAN believes that Samuel Rees and B. E. Kennedy are better qualified to act as members of the school board than men named on the Republican ticket, aside from J. E. Van Gilder, I. O. Rhoades and H. J. Penfold. They are all true-blue Protestants.

THERE is very little choice for councilman in any of the wards from an American standpoint. In the Second the Democrats have nominated a Roman Catholic named Flynn. In the Third the Romans have consolidated on Jack Lally, an Independent, as against the Protestant Democratic nominee and the Roman Republican. In that ward James D. Butler should receive the support of all Protestants, as we are informed he is the cleanest man running for the office. In the Fifth the Americans should combine on either Askwith or Lunt, and that pretty quick, too. In the other wards there is no show for a Roman to be elected, and we do not think any are nominated.

A DISPATCH from Sioux Falls, S. D., to the Times-Herald of Chicago, dated October 26, says: "Senator Pettigrew, in a recent speech, declared he would rather by singing the Marseillaise to-night than making people laugh." And again: "If our principles cannot be settled by the ballot, they must be settled by bloodshed." Today the Populist state committee had painted two transparencies. One of them read: "The time will come when the bankers of New York and Boston will be hung like the head thieves of Texas." The other read: "Give us liberty or give us death!"

THOSE people who stoop to the dirty and contemptible work of egg-throwing are just as worthy and deserving of censure if they are in the Republican ranks this year as they would be were they in the Democratic party. While we are not supporting Mr. Bryan we

demand of the Republican party, individually and collectively, that it see to it that no indignity is offered him while a candidate for the highest office within the gift of the American people. Egg-throwing is not argument; it is not Republican, neither is it American.

MR. BRYAN is not the man to censure Bishop Worthington for his views on the educational question. Bryan voted against compelling New Mexico to teach the English language in her public schools, and that vote will have a tendency to keep the farmers' sons of that state, as well as the sons of the merchants and the mechanics, in a condition that would satisfy even the bishop.

THE A. P. A. and other good Protestants of Nebraska have a chance to show one Jesuitical gentleman how little confidence they have in a man who allows some other fellow to do his thinking. Elect Hon. A. S. Churchill as attorney-general and rebuke Rome. Smyth is the paid attorney of the Roman church and the church is controlled by the Jesuits.

THERE are three men running for the office of representative on the Democratic ticket who should be elected. They are as well, if not better, qualified for the positions than any man named by the Republican county convention. They are: Edson Rich, Judge Felker and John O. Yeiser. If you want capable men as representatives elect these three Democrats.

WE regret as much as anyone that the Republican party was too cowardly to adopt the platform as first written and as endorsed by Wm. McKinley, but we shall not allow our chagrin to warp our judgment, or inveigle us into supporting a man we know personally to be the choice of the Romans of the state in which he lives.

THE pope has condemned the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, A. O. U. W., and C. J. Smyth endorses that action of the pope. Vote him down.

WE suggest that the central committee unite and send a request to the business men of this state that they close their places of business at noon, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1896, so that their employes may all have an opportunity to vote. WE do not think there is a man running for senator on the Democratic ticket this year whom a conscientious member of the A. P. A. can support. If there is it is John Jeffcoat, and he stands no show of an election.

HON. A. S. CHURCHILL and Hon. C. J. Green delivered able speeches before a fair-sized audience last Thursday night in Karbach hall. The Seventh Ward Military Band furnished the music.

THE Roman Catholic church claims her communicants are Roman Catholics first and citizens afterward. C. J. Smyth is a member of that church. He believes in that doctrine. Defeat him.

THE citizens of the Eight ward will subserve their interests if they lay partisanship aside and re-elect Cadet Taylor to the city council. He was one of the best men in the council last year.

S. M. ELDER, who was the Populist speaker of the Nebraska house of representatives four years ago, has come out for McKinley and is stumping the state in his behalf.

DOES C. J. Smyth belong to any secret society not endorsed by Rome? No. Then how can he be a friend of mutual insurance?

If you have not registered, do so Saturday.

Register Saturday.

FEEHAN'S PAPER FOR SILVER.

Archbishop of Chicago Opposes Archbishop of St. Paul. CHICAGO, Ill., October 22.—In its last issue the New World, the official organ of the Catholic church in Chicago, and the northern section of Illinois, takes issue with Archbishop Ireland on the political question. Taking the archbishop at his own word, the paper considers his utterance as that of a private citizen and calls attention to the fact of his connection with the Republican party and says his manifesto "is to be regarded precisely as one of Major McKinley's speeches at Canton." The New World then dissects the archbishop's letter and opposes its argument at length.

The New World is practically under the management of Archbishop Feehan of the Chicago diocese, and reflects his personal views. It is edited by William Dillon, brother of John Dillon, the famous Irish statesman and reformer. Until this issue the paper occupied a neutral position on the silver question.

Is This Satisfactory? CLARK, Ky., August 10, 1896.—Editor Freedom's Banner: You tell us how Bryan voted on the Indian school ap-

propriations. How did McKinley vote on the same? Please give your answer in next week's issue, and state if you have any evidence that he positively approves under his signature, A. P. A. principles, and oblige subscriber, E. L. SHOUSE.

McKinley was not a member of congress at the time these votes were cast. He was then governor of Ohio, and on account of similar demands upon his state government for funds for like purposes, he went before the people and advocated that not a dollar of public funds should, in his judgment, be appropriated for denominational purposes. He was endorsed in these views by all the patriotic orders of his state and was re-elected governor by almost a hundred thousand majority. We have the evidence that he positively approves the principles of the A. P. A. by personal letters and by the sworn statement of the committeeman of the supreme council who visited McKinley for that purpose, and further, that he did not deny said interview as charged. —Freedom's Banner

THE POLITICAL LANCE.

The "Lance" never hesitates to commend public servants for the good work they have done and at this time cannot refrain from a brief notice of the record of Congressman David H. Mercer: During his two terms in congress he has accomplished more for Omaha and the second district than any other man who has represented our people. In the 53d Congress, which was largely democratic, he was mainly instrumental in securing a government postoffice building at South Omaha to \$100,000; an increase in the appropriation for the building of Fort Omaha of \$200,000; improvements in the Missouri river of \$75,000, and while a Milwaukee firm was the lowest bidder for the iron work for our new postoffice building he succeeded in securing it for an Omaha firm which gave at least \$50,000 to our workmen, making a total of \$625,000 for his first term. In the 54th congress, in which the Republicans were in control, his work makes even a better showing: He, together with Senators Allen and Thurston secured a pledge from the government to appropriate \$200,000 for the Trans-Mississippi exposition; \$100,000 for improvements for Omaha's new postoffice building; \$80,000 for Missouri river improvement; \$100,000 for the construction of a Missouri river torpedo boat; has secured a favorable report on his bill increasing the limit of cost of the new postoffice building to \$800,000, and has prepared and will present at the opening of congress a bill for an additional appropriation for the Trans-Mississippi exposition of \$300,000, which, in all will amount to about \$2,000,000 that will be expended in this congressional district and state. Among other matters of beneficial interest to our people are two branch postoffices for Omaha; military training for all students who desire it in the high school; the ceding of Fort Omaha military reservation to the state of Nebraska for a military training school, besides the interest taken in the pension claims of old soldiers which he has seldom failed to secure prompt and proper recognition. With such a record the people Omaha and, in fact, of the entire second congressional district ought to feel proud of their congressman and reward David Mercer with a re-election.

The sound money democrats of Omaha yelled themselves hoarse when they turned out to hear Generals Palmer and Buckner, their candidates for president and vice-president, at the Boyd on Tuesday night.

The report of the committee from the fraternal orders which investigated the charge made by a recent circular to the effect that Attorney-General Churchill was unfriendly to fraternal orders and mutual insurance companies proves the falsity of the charge. The "Lance" believes the attorney-general has been consistent and honest in the administration of his office, and you can set it down for a fact that the fraternal and beneficial orders of the state never had a better friend than Hon. A. S. Churchill.

Said a prominent secret society man in the hearing of the "Lance" the other day: "I am unable to see how any member of the different secret and benevolent orders of Nebraska can reconcile themselves to vote for C. J. Smyth, who is said to be a Jesuit, since the pope has condemned every one of them except those under the patronage of the Roman Catholic church, and threatens to excommunicate every member of that church who continues to be a member of such societies as the Masonic, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Woodmen of the World and all other similar orders. I don't believe any member of a Protestant religious body either, if the facts were known, could conscientiously support him for such an important position as attorney-general." The "Lance" is of the opinion that when the votes are counted Smyth will go into "retreat."

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