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We will furnish all our subscribers with THE OMAHA AMERICAN hereafter.

It takes a pretty poor man to be treasurer of the United States, if the law is complied with.

We don't care who Major McKinley appoints to office, just so they are not of the Pat Egan brand.

The grand ratification at the Auditorium in Chicago last evening was a grand success. Senator Thurston was one of the speakers and sustained his reputation admirably.

That was a great sermon which Rev. Mr. Hillis delivered in Chicago last Sunday. We shall republish a great portion of it in our next issue.

The latest returns from Nebraska show that the McKinley electors and Hon. A. S. Churchill, supported by this paper, ran more than 5,000 votes ahead of the balance of the ticket.

The butcheries in Cuba continue. Is it because Roman Catholic Spain is the aggressor? Would our government assume a different attitude were Cuba a dependency of a Protestant country?

It is our opinion that to be consistent President Cleveland will have to dismiss Wash. Heating, Chicago's Roman postmaster, because of pernicious political activity. The free silver man at Springfield had to go.

REPORT says, count Gen. Harrison out when making up McKinley's cabinet. As we had our cabinet built when has report got loose it stands, but in case Harrison refuses then we say put in Mark Hanna. He did the work and he's entitled to the spoils.

IT IS reported that 144,455 men, who have been idle for a long time, have been put to work since McKinley's election. If they each earn \$1.50 per day, which is a low estimate for mill hands, it would place in circulation \$213,682.50 every day of the week, and more than \$5,500,000 every month. And that is only a starter.

RUMOR has it that John Ireland is to be summoned to Rome to answer for his late political utterances. If John values his American citizenship one-half as much as he pretends to be he had better stay in this country, otherwise the pope may exercise his prerogative—absolve him from his oath of allegiance—and then send him to (we were going to say prison, but they call it) a retreat.

How the mighty have fallen! One of the descendants of a hundred Irish kings—John H. Sullivan—has been defeated for an office in Massachusetts. You may think that is nothing but it is, because the man who won the office was a common, ordinary coffee-colored negro of the regulation ward politician order. Had it been one of the byes it could have been endured, but by a negro—!!!

WERE we to suggest a cabinet for Wm. McKinley it would read something like this: Secretary of State, Benjamin Harrison; Secretary of the Treasury, Thos. J. Morgan; Secretary of War, Robt. T. Lincoln; Secretary of the Navy, Col. Richard Thompson; Secretary of Interior, W. S. Linton; Secretary of Agriculture, Chauncey I. Filley; Postmaster General, H. F. Bowers; Attorney General, John L. Webster.

As Mr. Bryan is to be the next Democratic nominee we suggest that Chairman Jones issue a call for the representatives of the party to meet in convention in our old home, Little Rock, Ark., on New Year's day and get the job off his hands, and at the same time get his candidate in the field. A four year race course is not any too long for our Nebraska man. He is a record breaker, and a good deal better than a majority of the leaders in his party.

OUR COURSE.

This paper has no desire to do anything that will place it in the attitude of attempting to dictate to President-elect McKinley. It helped elect him in the firm belief that he was an American at heart, that he loved our institutions, and would be enough of a diplomat and a statesman to resist the importunities of the Roman hierarchy which has, for so many years, been fastened, like a leech, on the body politic at Washington.

Regarding which Mr. McKinley can construe or its enemies torture into a desire to pose as an adviser of the chief executive. It has the utmost confidence in President McKinley's ability and judgment. It does not think he will make a mistake; but, while this is so, THE AMERICAN will give voice to a note of warning to his supposed friends who are busy building his cabinet through the columns of the daily press. There must be no manufactured sentiment in favor of Romanists for cabinet positions, for fat consular berths or desirable ministerial portfolios.

The American people supported Major McKinley because they were honest in the conviction that the whole Roman influence was being wielded in favor of the candidate of the opposition. They expected that he would realize that fact and that he would respect their wishes by choosing Protestants for his chief advisers and ministers to foreign countries. They do not want those pretended friends of the president to embarrass him in the initial step of his administration, by forcing him to refuse to appoint Romanists to positions which Protestants can fill with consummate ability and acceptability.

If the Democrats are to be rewarded with a cabinet position, let it be such a Democrat as Carlisle of Kentucky, Morton of Nebraska or Lee of Virginia. Let it be some man whom Protestant Americans respect; let it not be Bourke Cockran or Dick Kereans, or any other Romanist whom the American people distrust.

The policy of THE AMERICAN will not be to urge President-elect McKinley to turn down every Roman Catholic who applies for a position. It will be its policy to urge him to give Protestants, equally capable, the preference, because this is, essentially, a Protestant country. The Protestants are nine to one in voting strength. They pay nearly all the tax which supports the government. They do the fighting in time of war and teach patriotism, love of country and devotion to its flag and its free institutions in time of peace. Romanists on the other hand send the money they should pay as taxes to dynamiters and assassins in the old world, who wage continual war against the heads of governments at peace with the United States; their priests teach treason to this country, contempt for our flag and hatred for the public schools; and they, themselves, in the nation's darkest hour, when she needed friends, were the first to break ranks and sneak off into the dark and gloom and leave such patriotic young heroes as Wm. McKinley to vindicate the course of the immortal Lincoln in freeing four million slaves and to uphold him in his determination to maintain this Union, if God willed, one and indivisible.

For these reasons we say to the over-zealous and probably insincere friends of Mr. McKinley, don't force him into a false position; don't bring a useless and unnecessary fight upon him; but on the contrary hold up his hands when he tries to do what is right.

He is an American. Give him a show.

DEMOCRACY'S LEADER IN 1900.

The daily papers contained a dispatch last week from a large department store doing business in Chicago and New York city offering W. J. Bryan \$25,000 a year to go to the latter city and assume charge of their legal department, and one conveying to them his thanks for and his refusal of their offer. When we read their dispatch we asked a gentleman, who claims to know the politics of the firm, if they were not Democrats and he assured us that they were. We then concluded that it would be Mr. Bryan's duty to his party to accept the position and for this reason: By removing to New York, by mingling with the business men and by preaching to them his peculiar political creed, he would be better equipped for the fight he is destined to lead again in 1900. No one who meets Mr. Bryan leaves him with the impression that he is a demagogue or with the thought that he is insincere in his advocacy of the doctrines embodied in the late Democratic platform, and it is our opinion that the New Yorker would be no exception to the general rule. It is our opinion that had he accepted that offer, had he gone to New York and had the people of that city and of that state become personally and intimately acquainted with him, they, like thousands of others who listened to his eloquence, who witnessed his magnificent fight for what he believed would ameliorate the condition of the wage-earners and of the producers, who stood in the radiance of his magnetic presence and shouted yet knew not why, they too would follow in his train and make New York a doubtful if not a pivotal

state in the next great national campaign.

Things may change before the idea of November in 1900. Mr. Bryan may be but a memory, but a remembrance; but if they do not, he is as certain to be the leader of the Democracy as was Grover Cleveland after his defeat by General Harrison in 1888. All signs point to that to-day, for he has demonstrated not only his ability to lead, not only his courage to fight unequal odds, but the gracious trait of a defeated but unconquered leader of a most formidable host.

REFUSES TO REFORM.

A 17-year-old girl traveling under the alias of Minnie Burke came here several weeks ago from Sioux City and entered a disorderly house. There she was arrested Thursday and charged with incorrigibility. Police Matron Thurston of Sioux City, who is here at the instance of the girl's parents, endeavored to persuade the girl to enter the House of the Good Shepherd, but she refuses to do so.—World-Herald.

We don't blame her. From the reputation acquired by such houses in other cities, and from what we have been told of the one in this city she would find little improvement over the place from which she was removed. Probably she believes with the young lady who escaped from the Columbus convent and went to Sioux City, and who said if she was to furnish entertainment for men she would go to a place where she could choose her companions and not have to submit to the carresses of fat, flabby priests.

THE Danish Tribune of Omaha is evidently closely related if not absolutely under the control of the Roman church. For years the paper has lauded every Romanist nominated for office. This was particularly true in last year's election and in the campaign just closed. It is time for our Danish friends to commence looking about them. They have always been noted for their honesty, their frugality, their loyalty and their Protestantism, and we doubt much if they will continue to let the Danish Tribune mislead them into supporting the candidates of the Roman corporation, and into making a fight upon the A. P. A.—a distinctly Protestant order.

WELL! WELL!! We're getting back to old times. Another American has uncovered himself. His name T. Q. Selfridge, Jr., Admiral of the United States warship Minneapolis. He recently steamed into the bay of Smyrna and saw the British steamship, "Bayne" flying a signal of distress. An investigation showed he had several Armenian refugees whom the Turks had demanded. Our Admiral told the captain of the Boyne to steam out and he would give him all the assistance necessary if he had to bombard the town. Hooray!

MICROGRAPHS.

When Chiniquy is dead how the papal press will lie.

Rev. Dr. David Gregg, the successor to Dr. Cuyler, in Brooklyn, is strong in his patriotic utterances.

The United States needs more men like Chiniquy, to fearlessly tell what the Roman Catholic church really is.

Ministers of the gospel are not doing their duty in keeping their mouths shut about a religion that is semi-pagan.

In the words of an eminent professor, "We cannot consider the Roman Catholic church any other than a pagan church."

In all countries the Roman Catholics are fighting Protestantism. They fight the Bible Society, and consider it a great enemy.

Cardinal Gibbons is in a sanitarium for his health. The late disturbance at Washington must have been somewhat too violent for the gentleman.

How much longer will the convents stand here in the United States? Until they are closed by law, or until the priests are permitted to marry.

The rows are multiplying in the Roman Catholic church—a church which claims unity—and we may expect many more rows before the season is over.

Rev. Dr. Fulton thinks Ireland is beginning to show that he dares to think for himself, while others laugh at Fulton for his estimate of Ireland's position.

Ministers are not consistent when they plead and beg for money to send the gospel to the pagans and do not say a word against the semi-pagans at our own doors.

Over thirty persons have recently left the Roman Catholic church and joined the Church of Ireland (Protestant). Ex-Priest Connellan's work is doing good.

Rev. Thomas Connellan proves the confessional does not do what the priests claim it does for the morality of the people, and the ex-priest proves his statement by facts.

While Rev. Chiniquy is in England, the Republic, a Roman Catholic paper, is printing lies about him. Why do they not do it when he is here? There are few men they fear more than he.

The patriotic press of the United States is having an influence not only upon Protestants, but it is reaching the followers of the antichrist, and while

they are quiet, they are doing much hard thinking.

A Roman Catholic paper of St. Louis stated that Protestant missionaries in heathen lands had "destroyed the work of St. Xavier, root and branch." If that paper does not keep within the bounds of propriety they will destroy its work, "root and branch," and establish something better.

Regarding the Bible Society, the Catholic News of Trinidad, says: "If the Venezuelans are ignorant of anything, it is the use of tar and feathers, a judicious application of which would be sufficient to keep the brawling ranters of the Bible Society at a safe distance from their shores."

Ministers are poor managers when they raise money to send missionaries to convert the Roman Catholics in Mexico and let the Roman Catholics take the Bible out of our public schools, and by their silence on the subject, cause people to believe the Roman Catholic church is as good as a church which has the Bible as its only rule of faith and practice.

The papers still continue to slap the pope in the mouth because of his statement that other churches have no succession rock to stand on. Why should anyone be shocked at that now? The Roman Catholic church has claimed that for hundreds of years, and Pechel could say nothing else. All of Mr. Pechel's succession will not pray him out of purgatory.

When we see how the pope fights the Bible Society in South America, we have another indication that he recognizes the Bible as his enemy—his most deadly enemy. Therefore let us have a committee of three in each school district to see that the teachers and scholars have Bibles, and each morning let each child be permitted to read a verse of a selection made by the teacher.

Before I close, let me say in the words of a true Roman Catholic, "The A. P. A. is dead." And I may add, yet in opposition to almost all Roman Catholics, it elects the choice of the majority of the order. ALEPHE.

ALL SORTS.

Major McKinley said to a correspondent of the United Associated press: "I do not care to be interviewed, but I will say that I think the patriotic efforts of the men of both parties have brought the result." He gave credit to other causes, but he speaks of the patriotic effort first. Now, our hard-working Mr. Bryan should bear in mind the statement of a successful man. We do not, at this time, wish to judge Mr. Bryan, but it seems to us, he was mistaken in his estimation of the comparative power of the forces in the field. He should not have made the mistake in the first place, and if he will succeed in the future he will profit by the lessons of the past.

In the departments in Washington the Roman Catholic clerks are displeased with the plan of the nuns selling tickets to fairs twice a week. And when we know that they are compelled to buy and give, as the nuns suggest, or lose their positions, let something be done to stop it for both Protestants and Roman Catholics. If the Roman Catholics were to leave their church on account of this action, they would surely lose their jobs. We do not want to proscriber anyone only when it takes from them the liberty which they should be permitted to enjoy in this land.

Miss Mary Caldwell was to leave her money to the Roman Catholic University in case she died, leaving no heirs. But now she is married, and the pope's people may pity themselves because of the present position.

It is claimed that one of the eastern archbishops of the United States has two agents at Rome to act for him against the public schools in America, Miss Eads, niece of Protestant Episcopal Bishop Wainwright, and Colonel George Bliss, both converts to the papal party. One of the aims of this faction of the Roman Catholic church is to support the Cahensley plan. Take for instance New Mexico. Here is a pope's domain in our country, and they voted—some office aspirants voting with them—to keep the English language out, and thereby establish, as strongly as possible, a centre for operation. If this is to be a united country, let every state fall into line or fall out of the United States. According to the Cahensley plan, New Mexico is a success, and they want to have other points managed in the same way. Instead of the foreign missionaries going to Spain to preach Spanish, they can send them to our own land and have the privilege of doing that work without going so far. It might be opportune for the Home Missionary Society to go to the Protestant office-seekers for a donation to pay the expenses of the Spanish missionary to convert the Spanish people who cannot be taught English, unless they have private instruction.

Mr. Martinelli, according to the New York Sun, says the pope regards the United States as the greatest field in the world for the spreading of the Roman Catholic religion. The Protestants should cause it to be the place where his people will be led to think

for themselves, and not depend upon a clergy which has been and is a stumbling block in the way of success to a nation, spiritual, morally and financially. The Protestants have a big contract on hand to educate them, but it must be done, so do not stop until it is done. X.

Should be Changed.

We fully endorse the following, from the New Orleans States: "The suggestion that our immigration laws be so changed as to exclude all immigrants who cannot read and write the English language is certainly an excellent one. The day is past when we could afford to admit the outpourings of all the nationalities to an equal enjoyment with the native-born citizens of the advantage afforded them. As a rule, it is the most ignorant, poverty-stricken and undesirable people of foreign countries who abandon their old homes and seek new ones in the United States, and it is time that this ceases to be made a dumping ground for such garbage. There are already settlements in the west where the people know no more of our language, habits, customs and form of government than a parcel of Hottentots. This condition of things should be put an end to, and the sooner the better."

"How Are the Mighty Fallen?"

These words of the prophet are applicable to our sister on the north of us, Manitoba, in her recent appeal to the papal see, accepting of the pope as the arbitrator in her school troubles. And if the influence of that act and the terrible loss to the liberties of that people could thereby be averted, we would say it in a whisper: "Publish it not in Ashkelon; tell it not in Gath!" But this cannot be, for the influence of that act will be far-reaching, and as to the final result, it will be a most terrible loss to that people, for, as in all the history of the Roman Catholic church, it will turn to the aggrandizement of the papacy. But what else may we expect when even so-called Liberals and Catholics are at the helm? The ultimate decision of Pope Leo XIII. may even now be recorded, without the slightest claim to prophetic lore.

It is a well-known fact that some months ago the New York Independent sent a letter to various dignitaries of that church, asking: "Will you be kind enough to inform me whether it is the policy of your church to obtain such a division?" referring to the division of the public school fund. Many of the answers were rather indefinite upon the real question, but evidently framed with the purpose in view of throwing a mist before Protestant readers. Covering the two extremes may be noticed the replies of Bishop Hennessy and Bishop Durier. The former declared: "The Catholic church has no policy whatever as to obtaining or claiming a division of the public school funds. The question has never come before the church."

Now mark the reply of Mr. Durier, which is just as positive upon the other side of the question. He says: "It is positively the aim—my policy if you will—of our church to obtain a division of the public school fund, as she is satisfied that she has a right to it and she can prove her right." Now notice the answer of a few others. Bishop Phelan says: "Whatever concessions we may at any time obtain must come from the consent of our fellow citizens, and by convincing them of the justice of what we ask." And has not Manitoba, by that appeal, consented to their "policy" and acknowledged the "justice" of what they ask?

Bishop Macs says: "We shall continue to pay for our own schools until we have convinced all lovers of fair play and all believers in religious truth that our position is correct, until the public endorses our views on education." And does not that act of Manitoba go to show that she "endorses their views on education?"

Bishop Vertin says: "I am entirely against any policy of obtaining a share of public school money, if the state will not give it of herself on the principle of the true American spirit." And in this act of appeal to the pope, is it not true that the state has given "it of itself?"

Bishop Heslin says: "Policy has dictated to them (Catholics) to submit to this injustice in the hope that time would dispel prejudice, disarm bigotry, enlighten ignorance and bring American fair-mindedness to the surface to acknowledge and allow the justice of their claim." And has not this concession on the part of Manitoba been, at the least, an apparent acknowledgment of "the justice of their claim?" Will it not be thus interpreted at the Vatican?

Bishop Ryan says: "We have often said, and we repeat, that the fair-mindedness of the American people and the religious convictions of so large a number of well-meaning American citizens, will sooner or later coincide with our views in this regard." Will Rome fail to accept this advantage in giving the question this interpretation? If she fails this time, it will be the first in all her history.

The Rt. Rev. Leo Hald says: "I do not entertain the least doubt that if the people were left to judge the case on its merits, they would in this, as in other matters of public honesty, be just to

their Catholic fellow citizens and gladly give them what is theirs—a pro rata share of money collected for educational purposes to be devoted to the education of Catholic children." This last is equally strong as to the policy of that church, as was the statement of Dr. Durier, before quoted. And there can be no question as to the outcome of the appeal.

Of course this concession is not exactly an act of the people of Manitoba—and they can reverse it if they will—yet as an act of the servants of the people it will doubtless be accepted that "they gladly give them what is theirs." This thing should be watched closely by the people of the United States, and if the result is as herein predicted, it should be published from Dan to Beersheba, as a warning to the American people, lest they too fall into the meshes of Rome on this question. There is very great danger that the liberties of the people shall come to naught under the combined actions of so-called liberal Catholics and sleepy Protestants. H. F. PHELPS.

BITS OF KNOWLEDGE.

At the present time there is more steel used in the manufacture of pens than in all the sword and gun factories in the world.

Leading electricians claim that the new vacuum tube light will be three times as brilliant as the present light and its cost only one-third as much.

Carthaginians are said to have been the first who paved their towns with stones. London was first paved about the year 1533. Wood pavement commenced in 1839.

A famous old tavern, the Green Dragon, in Blackfriars, London, is being torn down. It stands close to the site of the house owned by Shakespeare and left by his will to his daughter, Susannah Hall.

The German empress possesses a unique tea service. The tea tray has been beaten out of an old Prussian half penny, the tea-pot is made out of a German farthing and the tiny cups are made from coins of different German principalities.

Scientists say that the banana is a perfect food and will support life for an indefinite time. The people of the United States appear to have found its merits. An enormous increase is reported in the importations, reaching last year an aggregate of 17,427,846 bunches.

Ernest Faber, director of the Johann Faber pencil works in Germany, has stated that there are twenty-six pencil factories in Bavaria, employing about 10,000 workers, and turning out 4,300,000 pencils per week. The firm of Faber alone makes nearly 1,250,000 pencils per week.

No mention of the cat occurs in the Bible or in any Assyrian record. Even in India, Prof. Max Muller is quoted as saying, it was but recently known as a domestic animal. Its Sanskrit name is marjara, from a root meaning to clean, from the creature's habit of licking itself at its toilet. The cat's mousing habits were well known to the Romans, and even to the Etruscans.

The smallest lock and key ever manufactured was that made by a London blacksmith, Mark Scallot, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. The lock contained eleven pieces, made of iron, steel and brass, and together with a pipe key, only weighed one grain. Scallot also made a chain of gold of forty-three links, weighing half a grain. The chain, to which was fastened the lock and key, was put about the neck of a flea, and was drawn by it with ease.

PERSONALS.

William Stolber, the newest Colorado millionaire, has his wife for a business partner.

Gen. Jo. Shelby of Missouri has accepted an invitation to make a speech for Palmer and Buckner.

Cardinal Gibbons has conferred orders on a number of students at St. Mary's college, Emmitsburg.

Gov. Bradley of Kentucky will take the stump for McKinley. He will make something like a dozen speeches in the state.

Rudyard Kipling is related by marriage to William McKinley. Mrs. William Glidden, Mrs. Kipling's aunt, is Maj. McKinley's first cousin.

Henceforth the Ameer of Afghanistan is to be known as the "Light of the World." His majesty is having a gold coin struck to commemorate his new dignity.

John Most, the veteran anarchist, is much dissatisfied with the state of affairs in the east, and thinks that anarchy is in a bad way there. He talks of going west.

The new infirmary at Amherst college, the gift of George D. Pratt, of Brooklyn, will be erected by a Boston firm, and is to be completed on March 1 next. It will cost \$17,000.

Dr. Louis Schlesinger, a wealthy philanthropist of San Francisco, has taken George Thomas, a 10-year-old waif, from the Denver police matron's charge, and will adopt him.

Fulton Canada, of Florida, has just returned from a three weeks' alligator hunt. He killed 298 alligators, averaging six feet long, during the time, for which he received \$145.34.

There is not a peer in the house of lords who was there at the beginning of Victoria's reign. The earl of Mansfield has been there for fifty-six years and the earl of Kimberly for fifty.

The late Sir John Millais' income ranged as high as \$100,000 in the best years, and from an early date in his career his terms for portraits exceeded those charged by Sir Joshua Reynolds.