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Omaha's annual fire and police board squabble is now in full blast.

The Irish do not seem to be winning any of our battles this year?

No patriot can afford to compromise with popery for either office or business.

No man who bends the knee to either Rome or Rosewater can have the support of this paper or its friends.

Romanism does not care which party is in power. It gets the offices even when the A. P. A. wins the election.

One of our friends informs us that General Nelson A. Miles is a member of the First Baptist church of Boston.

G. W. Heston who has charge of the display in the Nebraska building sent in by the old soldiers informs us that everything is in readiness to receive other relics, and that he would appreciate an early response from those having relics, who have agreed to place them on exhibition.

General Nelson A. Miles is all right. He has issued an order that no other flag than the stars and stripes will be carried by United States troops.

All persons who have contributed to the fund which is to be used to liquidate the indebtedness of THE AMERICAN the past week have in each case requested that we receipt them direct but not to mention the same in these columns.

Do not forget the cardinal claim put forth by the church of Rome, through its pope—who claims to be equal to God, infallible, not capable of making a mistake when speaking ex cathedra, from his throne in the Vatican—"that where the laws of the state conflict with the laws of the church, the LAWS OF THE CHURCH are to be unhesitatingly obeyed."

Every Roman Catholic has sworn to accept and obey the canons and traditions of his church. One of the laws of the church is that no oath is binding unless taken with the intention of being bound by it, and the Roman Catholic or his spiritual adviser—never the state—is the sole judge as to whether the intention was present at the time he assumed the oath.

GO SLOW, GENTLEMEN

The appointment of Martin White as chief of the Omaha police would be denounced by every self-respecting citizen. There are plenty of Protestants who are residents of Omaha who are capable of filling that position, and the new board of fire and police commissioners will make a most unpardonable blunder if it appoints the boon companion of such a drunken and disreputable character as John A. Creighton, Count of the Holy Roman Catholic church.

The new board of fire and police commissioners should not forget that the people of this city have not only once but many times repudiated Mr. Rosewater. They will not take kindly to anything that has the Rosewater label on it. Martin White has that label. His appointment to the office of chief of police would alienate more support than it could possibly bring to the board.

We have no preferred candidate, nor have the people a preferred candidate for chief of police, but we and they will enter a most earnest protest if the board bows to the will and does the bidding of Rosewater by appointing Martin White to the office into which Rosewater has been trying to re-install him ever since public sentiment drove him from the position three years ago.

Besides all this the board should not forget that this country is at war with a Roman Catholic nation, and that the general public will condemn the placing of a man of that religious belief at the head of the peace officers in this city. They should remember that no Roman Catholic can be depended upon when the interests of the church come in conflict with the interests of the state.

Go slow, gentlemen. The people are watching you.

FRIENDS, BROTHERS, PATRIOTS.



Not since the establishment of THE AMERICAN have we appealed publicly to the friends of the American movement and particularly to the friends of this paper, for their financial support, but today we make an earnest appeal to all true, loyal and patriotic Americans for immediate financial assistance with which to keep THE AMERICAN alive.

We have given seven years of our life to this work without hope or expectation of reward and are willing to give seven, aye fifty years more if you will for this once go down into your pockets and help put THE AMERICAN out of the reach of the men who can cripple if they cannot kill it.

All donations will be acknowledged through the columns of THE AMERICAN unless donors request otherwise.

Israel Frank is dead. He committed suicide last Saturday night in River-view park. This act did not surprise his friends, as he had been despondent for some time because of his inability to obtain work.

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same way. But such might not be the result in other cases. We have heard men say that such persecutions as that complained of by Frank would result in the other fellows' death, not in their suicide.

Rumors as to what the supreme court of Nebraska will do in a given case usually prove true. There is a rumor now afloat that when the Brocton-Moore case comes up before that court the court will reverse itself, grant Moore a jury trial and set aside the finding of the referee, which branded the major as a defaulter or embezzler of public funds.

It was announced from the pulpit of the First Methodist church last Sunday night that there would be a religio-political meeting there the following Sunday night, and that Mayor Moore would introduce those taking part in the meeting and sing some patriotic songs.

With nine-tenths of the patrons of the post office at Birch Tree, Mo., Protestants, the President, at Kerens' request, has appointed a Roman as postmaster. Wasn't there a Protestant who could do the work in that office?

Don't forget this fact, Roman Catholics who are loyal to the government under which they live are not loyal to it because of the teaching of their church, but in spite of its teachings.

While Watson's fleet is over in European waters it might, after reducing the fortifications of Cadiz and Barcelona in Spain it might go around and learn Austria a lesson.

Austria has sent a steamer with 500 torpedoes to the Philippines. They are for the use of the Spanish fleet that is now on its way to the Philippines, via the Suez canal.

Out of town Americans when visiting Omaha can save money and get a pleasant room by applying at this office. Room can be secured in advance by deposit of \$1.

THE AMERICAN should be on every newsdealer's counter. Will you and your friends see to it in your city? Keep asking for this paper.

Henry F. Bowers, Clinton, Ia., is the head of the A. P. A. in this country. Write him about your council and ask him for information.

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MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN.

Dallas, Georgia, May 27th. 1864.—On May 23rd 1864, Gen'l Sherman with his whole command had cut loose from the railroad and all transportation had to be done by wagon. The train contained over 500 six mule teams. On May 25th we struck Gen. Johnston's army and a running fight was kept up all day. I don't wish to be understood the enemy were on the run all the time for a part of the time it was give and take, when Johnston would get a good elevation in our front and plant a couple of batteries and make it quite interesting for us, for an hour or two, until Gen. Hooker would be sent to flank the enemy, when they would get out a few miles where the same tactics would be repeated until near dark, when hostilities ceased, and the field officer of the day was ordered to form the picket line for the night.

The next two or three days were occupied in reconnoitering and strengthening our works. The two lines were not over a mile apart, if I remember aright, and we had very good temporary works.

On the evening of May 23th, while the "Rebs" were on dress parade, we heard great cheering in their lines, and our impression was there had been a rebel victory on the Potomac and they were rejoicing over the news. That night we could hear their band playing such airs as "Bonny Blue Flag," and "Down in Dixie," and when they would rest our band would play "Hail Columbia" and "Star Spangled Banner."

Next day, about two or three o'clock, they commenced to file out of their works and to form three or four lines deep and marched toward our works, and when about two hundred yards from our line they gave that consumptive yell which every old soldier is familiar with. Our whole line got notice of their coming in time and were in our works waiting for the fun, for that was what the boys called it; as that was the first chance our own men had to fight from behind our own works, since the war began.

Just at this time Gen. Logan came along the line, hat in one hand and reins in the other. He said, "we have them today where we never had them before; don't get excited, but hold your fire until they commence the rise of the hill, then give them the best you have got, and they will think hell's broke loose." It seemed but a few seconds before we got the order to fire, as they had commenced the rise of the hill. I had seen a great number of men killed and wounded on a number of battle fields, but I never saw so many killed and wounded in so short a time. I don't think a man got within twenty-five yards of our works.

two twelve pound howitzer's composed each battery.

Our embrasures for the batteries were made so as to use the guns right or left oblique. With those twelve pieces using double canister and all the infantry behind our own works at close range one can imagine the destruction done there in a short time. I don't think the enemy fired but one round, for before they had time to reload it seemed to me that one fourth of their number were killed or wounded. The remainder broke in confusion for their own works. When the bugle sounded "cease firing" it was all the officers could do to keep the boys from following up the retreat, as it was, quite a number got over the works in the excitement; my partner and I among the wounded a confederate Lieutenant, wounded and laying on his side; hailed me to know what command they had attacked. When my pard and I gave him the names of the regiments and the two batteries; he asked what division was on our left. I told him Gen. Austerhous, known as the "Flying Dutchman." He paused a while and said, "Are you boys telling the truth?" I felt vexed at his remark and said, "why, Lieutenant, haven't you got enough of it?" "Oh, no, boys; not that, not that! but man's damnable inhumanity to man." Then, overcome with anger and grief, the tears rolled down his sunburned cheeks. One would have thought he had lost his last friend on earth. In his mental anguish he forgot his wound! My pard and I, still in the dark as to his actions, for it was nothing unusual to see dead and wounded after a battle and as he, like ourselves, had been in active service more than two years we knew the present sight was nothing to him.

When he became more calm we got the key to the situation. He told us that the night before on dress parade, in the presence of Gen. Hood, Gen. Hardee and Gen. Johnston this was read: "In our front is an army of raw recruits and conscripts, and few if any of them were ever under fire. With a determined dash on their works, by a body of veterans such as you all are, who have smelled powder on a dozen hard fought fields of battle, they will be put to flight and that mammoth wagon train and all the camp equipage, besides thousands of prisoners, will be ours."

He said the poor deluded fellows believed it all and sent up a yell that made the woods ring for miles. "And this is the result of that damnable delusion read at dress parade last night."

That explained the cheering our boys heard and thought they were rejoicing over the news of a confederate victory on the Potomac.

The Lieutenant said he did not think there was a hell too hot for a general that would permit an order of that kind to be read to his men, when he knew it was a lie, every word of it, and when he knew the attempt to enforce that order would be nothing short of wholesale murder. But when men become desperate they will resort to desperate means, and take great chances, as they did in this instance.

The Lieutenant asked one of our officers the favor of being taken to our field hospital, and gave as his reason, "he never wanted to report for duty again where such inhuman wretches for officers held command."

His request was granted, and the last I saw of him four negroes were carrying him on a stretcher to our field hospital, a mile or more to the rear.

During this interval, which was not more than twenty minutes, the Johnnies had commenced to gather up their dead and wounded, but had neglected to display the flag of truce, which is customary on all occasions of that kind. About that time Gen. Logan made his appearance a second time, and gave orders to fire on any one that came in range, until they displayed the white flag. He said "that is all our game and I don't propose to have it stolen from us." A few stray shots along the line soon produced the white flag. After that they went on collecting their dead and wounded without further molestation.

The next night the enemy evacuated the field, minus several hundred of the very best soldiers the South had in her army. Gen. Sherman