

IT IS ROSEWATER OR, ANTI-ROSEWATER.

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placement of street labor from the Republican nationality? And is it not true that this recognition has been accorded to said prison because of services rendered to Frank E. Moore when he was a candidate for mayor? You have always been a Rosewater man. Which side of the fence will you stand on today? Our columns are open for your answer.

To Phil E. Winter: For years you have been known in this community as an intense anti-Rosewater man. Your voice has been heard in public meetings denouncing him as an enemy of society and good government. You have used your keen intellect to expose his hypocrisy; you have exhausted the vocabulary of epithets to express your disgust at his impertinent assumption of power in republican councils. Your friends believed that you were proof against his blandishments. We are loth to believe otherwise. But there are some ugly stories afloat. If they are true you will know it. The voters will expect an explanation. Our columns are open to you. Have you agreed with Rosewater that in case of your election you will not institute any proceedings of any character whatsoever, against the convict who is now acting as mayor of Omaha?

To W. I. Kierstead, Candidate for County Commissioner:

You hold your office today as a democrat. You stand as one of the conspicuous examples of Rosewater disloyalty to the republican party. You are a Rosewater man. You have been the messenger boy who has carried information, colored to suit Rosewater's purpose, from the court house to the Bee editorial rooms. Your vote has always been a Rosewater vote. You were schooled in duplicity when you were a peanut boy on the railroad trains. If you ever knew the difference between right and wrong, your Rosewater training has destroyed your capacity to make the distinction. When this paragraph meets your eye, you will smile to know that your characteristics are understood by others. You laugh at the idea of honesty in public office; you say the people don't want it. Your record as county commissioner bears out this statement. You were elected county commissioner when you had a claim against the county for \$3,500 which the commissioners had to act upon. That claim was outlawed. The special attorney of the board so advised you in writing. Your claim stood where over \$100,000 of other claims stood. It was your duty as county commissioner to plead every legal defense. But you did not do it. You schemed to defeat the law, and you succeeded. You were the claimant as well as the judge and jury. You displayed no modesty in the matter. Your fight was shameful, and it has cost the people of Douglas county over a hundred thousand dollars. Then you were a Moores man. Your vote gave to Moores \$6,000 of money out of the county treasury when Moores held in his possession thousands of dollars of witness fees and other funds which belonged to his successor in office. And you knew it. Not only that, but you became tyrannical and used your power as county commissioner to discharge the men from the county's employ who had been instrumental in bringing Moores' crimes to light. One question we wish to ask: If you are elected county commissioner, will you continue to be a complete tool of Rosewater and allow the people to be robbed right and left? We want an answer over your own signature.

To David H. Mercer, Candidate for Congress:

You have been a Rosewater tool ever since you have been in congress. You became his tool because you thought he could give you prestige as the representative of this district. The situation in this campaign is changed. There is the Rosewater party and the anti-Rosewater party. Republicans will make no other distinction in this campaign. The same motive which prompted you to go to Rosewater after

he showed you should prompt you to come back to your friends. You must choose now whom you will serve. Will you assist your neighborhood and your God-given right as a freeman, or will you continue to be the slave of the political crowd whose dominating characteristics are ambition, avarice and revenge? You must speak out. There is no middle ground. Our columns are open to you.

To Judge I. F. Baxter: Are you with the corrupt, dishonest gang presided over by Rosewater and Moores, or are you with the honest people of this community? Your position should be defined. You are suspected of "trimming" to get a higher office than you hold. But you cannot "straddle" any longer. The war is on, and the sheep must separate from the goats.

Albyn Frank, clerk of the court: You have said that as soon as you were nominated and elected for a second term, you were going to swear out a warrant against Frank E. Moores for not turning over to you the money which should be in your hands as his successor. You are charged with consorting with Rosewater, thinking that he can help you to get a second term, and you are suspected of being under the Rosewater influence in not proceeding against Moores? Now is the accepted time, Mr. Frank. Your record will be your best campaign document when you come up again. You should choose whom to serve without further delay.

To conclude, gentlemen, allow it to be stated that The American is not antagonizing to-day except in one instance, the candidacy of any of you, on any other ground than that of Rosewater dictation. The platform is Rosewater dictation or no Rosewater dictation! The platform is simple. It is easily understood. On it you must stand and be elected, or go down in defeat. You must understand that the people are not yet ready to give over the government of this great commonwealth to so dangerous a demagogue, so vile a slanderer, and so disloyal a partisan as Rosewater. Now is the time for you to decide whom you will serve—the people, or Rosewater.

MEMEORGRAPHS.

John Ireland is conspicuous as a papal representative to this government.

If Germany and England have made an agreement, it seems that it is Protestant nations against Roman Catholic nations.

After Cuba and Porto Rico have had freedom of speech and press, and a good school system then attention should be paid to the countries of South America that they may save the same.

John Ireland preaches, rules churches, buys land, pulls political wires and we do not know what all, therefore he must be a Jack-of-all-trades.

If John Ireland is left alone will he get rope enough to hang himself? What is the opinion of Corrigan?

John Ireland knows how to get an appointment at the Paris exposition "pressed upon him." He is so smooth and tricky it is strange he does not go by the nom de plume "Jack."

If Jesuit Marquette taught the Indians to hate the English and fight them, there should be cut on that statute in Washington, after the name Marquette, "the traitor." It is stated he was not a citizen of this country.

It might be wise to have a full history of the deeds of Marquette published in book form, and have the book known as Marquette, the traitor, and then let the public know that this traitor to our country is on exhibition at the capital, so that he may stand as a warning against any one being a traitor to this land of freedom.

The persecuted Jew of France may yet be able to see his enemies punished. If Roman Catholic opposition is at the bottom of it, it may be an evil day for that church when she began the persecution.

Father Kozlowki has started the ball rolling, and other congregations may want to run their own financial affairs.

A lady a few days ago said: "You cannot tell me anything about the Roman Catholic Church; my sister married a relative to James G. Blaine,



THE CONVALESCENT :

How he sometimes appears under the "Webster Treatment."

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and I have had relatives who were Romanists, and you cannot tell me anything new." She seemed to think that "discretion was the better part of valor," and had a very strong mental reservation regarding the Pope's society.

The lay members of the Roman Catholic Church are taking notes on the late conflict, and the part the Roman Catholic Church plays in it, and the time may come when the clergy of that church will see that something is wrong and there is a screw loose somewhere.

There was a man who was a good Romanist. He paid money to the priest to pray a child's soul out of purgatory. He was given some Americans. Since then he has changed his mind somewhat.

Let every Roman Catholic layman be very careful that the priests of the papal church are not playing a "confidence game" upon them. A good thing will stand investigation, and a bad thing deserves it.

A Notable Utterance.

The most notable utterance at the recent Confederate reunion was General Gordon's: "To loyalty, to a perpetual union of the states, and to the honor and glory of the republic, the South answers to-day by the presence and power of her sons heroic at the front, in the war with Spain. Her Lee, her Wheeler, her Bagley, her Blue, her Hobson, and her thousands of volunteers are answering from the Philippines and the jungles of Cuba. You, my Confederate comrades, would be there if the country needed you. Among the great ends to be attained in this conflict with Spain, —the freedom of the oppressed islands in both oceans, the wider influence of America in the councils of the nations,

the increased respect for her power on land and sea,—there is still another achievement to be attained, no less glorious and far-reaching, namely, the obliteration of all traces of distrust, and the complete and too long delayed unification of the American people, which shall be called in question no more forever.

VATICAN RECORDS

Show That the Church of Rome Knew America Had Been Discovered Hundreds of Years Before Columbus Was Born, Yet Has Lived a Lie.

Is the claim that Christopher Columbus discovered America founded on fact? John B. Shipley, an American citizen now in Europe, says it is not. Mr. Shipley has unearthed a mass of correspondence, hitherto unknown, which is startling in its disclosures. It contains many letters between the Holy See and the Archbishop of Drontheim, who was at that time the Metropolitan, regarding the government of the church in America. The correspondence dates back even to the twelfth century. It embraces the views of the ancients regarding the rotundity of the earth, the views of scientists upon the location of this Western world, whence warm currents and favoring breezes had brought whisperings of new life conquest and adventure: it deals with visions and astrology and occultism of the mainland beyond the chain of islands, and finally with those discoveries which are vital to the present question.

"This most important find," says Mr. Shipley, "proves that the discovery of the Western Hemisphere was fully known to the heads of the Roman Catholic Church before Spanish expedition ever reached our coast, and establishes beyond dispute the discovery of America by the Anglo-Saxon race.

"Noting both in the belief that there came existed and still exists in the Vatican archives at Rome a mass of documents which would prove that the discovery of America was not an isolated event, unknown to the rest of Europe, my wife and I have disclosed the fact that what by most historians is believed to be true is not true; that the heads of the Roman Church at home and abroad were well posted as to the existence of our land, and even had within their possession fifty years before the Columbian expedition a map showing the location of New England and the eastern coast.

The logic of this is evident. Compared with these maps, this general information concerning the country they wished to control, it was not difficult for them to find their way across the 'unknown' seas and claim the honor of the deed. Subsequent to this information followed a long occupation of American territory, extending over hundreds of years, by the church of Rome, whose authorities were forwarded and then, that Columbus, who was really sent out to recover possession of lands formerly under the dominion of the church, succeeded in his quest.

"We have received intelligence also of supplementary documents discovered by a European scholar, who has been of the same impression as ourselves, sustaining the evidence already found.

"In view of the recent difference of opinion on such trivial subjects as morality and humanity, the United States may well be proud of a more reputable ancestry, and Americans will now be prepared to appreciate as they never did before and to the fullest extent the efforts which have been made to put them in possession of their own, their most glorious ancestry, which, dating back a thousand years, and romantic and picturesque to a degree, frees them forever from such tyranny.

"They will appreciate this the more because of the approaching occasion when they can celebrate in 1900 the exact date of the discovery the 900th anniversary of the landing of Lief Erikson in the year 1000.

"Time, the clear reflector of the ages, has divulged her secrets—secrets care fully hid and scrupulously concealed. And the close of this century, in truth, mark the beginning of a new era, for we have at last the authenticity of our ancestry, and know that to no mongrel nation do we owe our present, past or future."

Surely in no more fitting time could this information have come to light than at this present moment.

Alive with enthusiasm of an awakened and united country, welcomed as the champion of liberty by the oppressed, the United States claims her right of birth, not through theory or supposition, but through resolute, tangible proof in black and white.

It is not surprising to learn that government officials in Washington have given hearty support to the furtherance of Mr. Shipley's researches.

"The nation is aroused," he writes, "and has urged that not a moment's delay be made in bringing these documents to light and presenting to the world proof positive of our inheritance."

One turns now with new interest to the stories of Lief Erikson's bold sailing through uncharted seas to "Vinland" of the new world.

The Norse legends about America antedate the time of King Arthur.

It is acknowledged, however, that the honor of discovery belongs to Erick the Red, who, feeling from Ireland because of some "gentlemanly discussion," took refuge in Iceland.

Tiring of the confinement of the primitive settlements, he built himself a boat, provisioned it, and sailed—he knew not where, nor cared. Kind fortune led him to an island in the sea, which he called Greenland that it might attract others by its pleasing name to settle there.

On his second trip to Greenland his son, more daring than the rest, turned further westward, and, discovering a land of grape vines, called it Vinland. To this day Rhode Island and southern Massachusetts are purple with wild grapes in autumn.

"Old Glory"

The name "Old Glory" of late in every one's mouth, in designating our flag, the stars and stripes, is really about seventy years old, dating back to 1831.

Captain William Driver, of Salem, Massachusetts, as we are told in the history of the "Driver Family" was about to sail on the brig "Charles Duggett," when a young man came forward and to a speech which has been preserved, presented a fine American flag, which Captain Driver christened "Old Glory." Under that flag, the New Zealand savages were taught to respect America as never before; while, on the other hand, by a voluntary act of benediction, Queen Pomare and sixty-five of her people were carried back to Pitcairn Island. Captain Driver carried "Old Glory" with him to Nashville, Tennessee, in 1837, where he displayed it every Washington's Birthday, Fourth of July, and on his own birthday, which was St. Patrick's Day. When the civil war broke out, that well known flag was sought for, to destroy it, but the Yankee captain had sewed it up himself, with a sailor's skill, in his bed comfortable; and even his family knew it not. But when General Nelson's wing of the Union army appeared, he brought it forth from its hiding-place, amid the cheers of the soldiers, and with his own hands raised it over the capitol; to do this, he climbed, bare headed, upon the dome, the crowds cheering the captain and the flag. But the high winds tore it, and he replaced "Old Glory" by another flag. The original "Old Glory" was sent, in 1882, to the compiler of the Driver Memorial, who, in 1866, presented it to the Essex Institute. Ergo Salem it came, to Salem it returned, fifty-five years later. Mrs. Harriet Cooke affixed a blue bunting label, with "Old Glory" in large white letters upon the honored flag.

Why!

There are sympathizers for Spain in the United States, and they belong to the same church the Spanish do. Why are there so many of the soldiers dying? Why are the troops in California fed so poorly? Is it because there are so many pro-Spanish at work yet? It might be well for the Investigating Committee to bear these things in mind. When a priest publicly, in his church, favors Spain, and also says they are situated to take his position, why should not the men and women, taking charge of the soldiers, have the same instructions? Anything done to benefit the Roman Catholic Church is meritorious.

It might be that those who are prompting this investigation are people who think the Roman Catholic church is up to their old scheme of "the end justifies the means." T. A. S.

For Infalible (S) Pope.

I have strong proof for the following: The Roman Catholics in a certain town told the Protestant singers that they wanted a hospital and therefore wanted them to go to a city, twenty miles distant, and sing in a large chorus, so as to raise money for said hospital. The singers went, there were about seventy-five from the town, and thought they were doing a good and kind act. The Roman Catholics took the money after they had gotten the services of the Protestants and sent it to the pope jubilee.

No wonder the pope lost so much money by the Spanish war as a result of American bullets. I. H. S.

Rev. Wheeler Predicts War.

Dr. Robt. L. Wheeler of the South Omaha Presbyterian church, created a small sensation in the preliminary talk to his sermon last Sunday evening. Referring to the proposed peace jubilee he said he hoped it would be a "lasting peace," but he feared it would not, in fact it could not. "For," said the Doctor, "I am satisfied in my own mind that by next February some nations of the world will be more deeply involved in war, and far more disastrous than that between Spain and the United States."

Daylight Train to Chicago.

Beginning Monday, February 7th, the Northwestern Line placed in service a DAYLIGHT TRAIN TO CHICAGO, leaving Omaha 7:00 a. m., Council Bluffs 7:25 a. m., and arriving in Chicago 5:45 p. m., making connections with evening trains for all points east. Dining cars serve all meals.

The afternoon limited trains at 4:45 and 6:30 arriving Chicago next morning at 7:45 and 9:30 a. m., respectively, still remain in service. City ticket office 1401 Farnam St.