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THE AMERICAN IS THE CHAMPION OF ALL PARTITIVE ORDERS—THE LUGGAGE OF NONE.

SOUTH OMAHA certainly has secured the lions share on the several tickets this year.

With the democratic nominee for representative should be elected. He is a laboring man.

WHY don't we say something about C. H. Clarke? What's the use? Is not everybody going to vote for him?

CITIZENS of Cheyenne are breathing easy this week. Bishop Maurice Burke is in Chicago. No riot is anticipated before his return.

THE democratic nominee for state treasurer is going to push Joe Bartley awful close. It is our opinion that he will carry Douglas county. He is a good man for the position.

THE governor of Nebraska will not increase his popularity in this judicial district if he appoints a Roman Catholic to the vacancy on the district bench caused by the resignation of Hon. Gen. W. Doane.

JACK EVANS, democratic nominee for councilman in the Seventh Ward, denies the story that he said he would like to help tar and feather the editor of this paper when it was first started. Our friends will please make note of this fact.

CARRIER No. 53 of the Omaha post office wants to get THE AMERICAN to ~~surrender~~ to whom they are addressed. ~~where~~ His name may pull off his paper ~~now~~ week, but such an occurrence certainly will not happen three weeks in succession.

THE republican party has honored two colored gentlemen with a nomination this year. They should be elected. De. M. O. Ricketts would make an able member of the lower house, and A. D. White would make the best councilman the Third Ward ever had.

THERE are less than 12,000 Roman Catholic voters in the state of Nebraska. There are more than that number of A. P. A.'s. The Romans intend to vote as unit this year—if they never did before—and the query naturally arises what are the A. P. A.'s going to do? What will you do?

DAVE MERCER's enemies could not have worked a slicker scheme than they did last Tuesday evening, when they succeeded in nominating as good a man as Rev. Wheeler for the position of congressman on the people's ticket. His strength will come from Dave Mercer, not from Mr. Doane.

FOR several weeks we shall mail to ministers in the state of Nebraska, and other states throughout the union a sample copy of THE AMERICAN. We do so in the hope that they will hand it, after reading it themselves, to some member of their church with the request that it be read and passed around. Protestant ministers must take hold of this work, or our liberties will soon be gone.

OUR friends, the Methodists, may well feel proud of the showing made by their hospital during the last year. It cared for 488 patients, of which number 103 were from Omaha, while the remainder, 385, were shipped in from outside towns. Iowa furnished 93 of that number. Out of that number of patients but 17 died and they were of the emergency class. From the above showing Iowa could contribute, with good grace, to our hospital fund.

THOS. D. CRANE, a nominee on the Republican ticket for the legislature, is one of the ablest and most highly respected members of the Douglas county bar. His reputation as a lawyer is second to no man practicing at the bar of this county or district to day. He is an exceptionally strong candidate, and should receive the vote of every American. He belongs to several secret societies and has been honored by them in various ways. This is particularly true of the Masonic order, in which he has advanced to the 32nd degree. He is true blue and if our friends vote for him they will be voting for a friend indeed.

THIS SHOULD BE KNOWN

We have been notified by four different parties that the County Packing Company, of South Omaha, (whose meat you probably eat) has discharged every man known to have been in the possession last Sunday which accompanied the remains of the murdered Mayor to their last resting place. Protestants in every corner of the United States should know this, or that when they buy Cudahy's meat, they will be helping to dry down liberty, and be reducing Protestants to a place not occupied by the most ignorant sort. The names of some of the men who have been discharged for this grave offense are: Martin Nelson, foreman of the labor gang; Peter Johnson, millwright; L. E. Calkins and Tom Squires, a sympathizer of the A. P. A. and a member of Camp C. D. Wells sons of Veterans; besides one hundred and thirty others whose names could not be learned. Gen. Curtis was discharged because his name was attached to a receipt from South Omaha Council No. 2, A. P. A., for dues, which some man had lost. Keep this in mind.

As soon as it became known that this action had been taken by Cudahy, notice was sent out that there were places in both Swift's and Hammond's for all members of the A. P. A. who had been let out, as there was plenty of work in both packing houses.

One cannot help but contrast the acts of these firms. In one we see the intolerance of Rome, in the other a disposition to extend the liberties of men instead of curtailing them.

ROME BARTERS FOR GOLD.

Father O'Toole, of North Platte, waited—as is always the case,—until Mr. Lyons, the lecturer, had left the town after delivering five lectures and challenging the priest and bishops to meet him and disprove his charges against themselves and the Roman church. He then came out in an article over his own name decrying what Mr. Lyons had said. People of common sense will ask why he waited so long. He knew Mr. Lyons was there. He knew of the charges, but, like the cowardly cur that sneaks up behind and sinks his fangs into your leg, he dared not open his mouth until his adversary was hundreds of miles away, then he sets up a most savage growl.

If Mr. O'Toole
Is nobody's fool
And wants to stand well with the boys
He'll meet in debate—
Be it early or late—
And shut off his school-boy noise.

He'll read from Deen's work—
The vulgar old Turk—
Of the duties of husband and wife;
Of the quirks to girls;
In short dresses and curls;

And those to the maids just entering life.

He'll tell them all why
Priest or bishop may lie
When bound by an oath to the state;
Why he'd never give up
A murderous pup.

Who'd gone to confession a crime to relate.

He'll show up the laws
The reason and cause
For placing salvation on the high tariff list;
The diff'rence he'll show
Twixt high mass and low

And dispell false notions of the faith,
which exist.

If difference he'll show
Twixt high mass and low
Except in the price for which each is sold.
He'll win a big battle
From "heretic cattle"

Who everywhere tell of your barters for gold.

YOU SHALL HAVE IT EVERY WEEK.

CHAPMAN, Neb., Sept. 28th, 1892.—

DEAR SIR: I desire to thank you for a copy of your admirable paper "THE AMERICAN," which I received a few days ago. To know that such a paper is being successfully carried on in this part of the country is something which gives cause for much satisfaction. I have quite a number of papers sent to me from time to time (whether from friend or foe I cannot say) but they tell so many lies in behalf of Romanism that I am really disgusted with them. Considering therefore that journalism is largely under Romish influence, and that it is so mean and villainous, it is indeed a pleasure to find a paper like yours, which contains truth and honesty, and to know that such publications are multiplying very fast.

My own impression is, that such papers will do good service in the struggle of the future against sacerdotalism, because such a struggle is inevitable. Possibly the brainless and indifferent think they can sleep on, but all intelligent, God-fearing people should be in arms against the spoiler of all that's lovely.

I am glad that you have set such a good example and hope that many may follow it. Wishing you success and the blessing of God, I remain yours very truly,

THOMAS PETER DONNELLY.

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LYONS' LECTURE.

Romanist Influence in Our Public Schools Discussed.

T. P. Lyons, whose attempted lecture at Turner hall last Sunday was ended in a riot last night delivered the first of his course of lectures in the opera house. The subject of the lecture was "Home's interests in the public schools." The audience of about 300 listened attentively and no hostile demonstration was made either during or after the lecture. It was quite evident that nearly the whole audience of men and women were in sympathy with the speaker.

Mr. Lyons as a lecturer is by no means a brilliant success. The interest naturally attaching to such a subject as he discussed kept those present attentive. Were the subject other than it was, his utter lack of continuity of thought would have sufficed in a great measure to destroy the sustained interest in his discourse.

The church of Rome was, he said, endeavoring to gain control of the public school system and the progressive element was throwing off the parochial school system. As an instance of this he cited the case of the president of St. Michael's college, New Mexico who resigned from the presidency of the college because school readers were not adopted to suit him. The republicans of Missouri have nominated as their candidate for governor Major Warner, a man who was honored as being one of the men who signed the minority report in congress refusing to agree to the admission of New Mexico to statehood because its people were under the domination of the Jesuits. In Missouri people say that for this Warner will be elected.

Education has made great progress during the past few centuries. Education follows the bible as is proved by the history of Italy, Mexico and South America. Were I an infidel, said he, I would say that the bible has lead education wherever it has gone.

He then went on to tell the story of Victor Emmanuel's entrance into Rome and how after six months the people of the city vindicated him by deciding in his favor on a vote of 15,000 to 46. In the thirty years that have since elapsed the illiteracy of Rome has decreased 37 per cent, and now stands at 63 per cent.

Bishop St. Palaise, of Indiana, in speaking of his objections to the public school says it is godless and immoral and also objects to it on the ground of its infidel origin. Still the first public school of the country was instituted by the pilgrim fathers and the first public school in the world was begun in Saxony shortly after Luther's break with the church. Regarding the charge that the mixing of the sexes in the schools is destructive to morals the lecturer, speaking of Bishop St. Palaise, says: "Think of this holy bishop, this reverend bachelor, with smooth shaven cheek, appearing much like a woman, with the hot breath of the penitent young woman on his cheek, pouring in his ear her thoughts desires and even her dreams. Think of married women telling him secrets that they would not mention even to their husbands. Yet he complains of a little boy and girl sitting in the same school room."

Regarding the accusation that he had made the assertion that no Catholic woman was better than a prostitute, he denied ever having said so and hoped if his hearers heard him make such a remark they would tar and feather him and ride him out of town on a rail. He was born of a Catholic mother and such a statement would announce himself illegitimate. "But even if I had made such a statement," continued he, "how much worse is the statement disseminated by Catholics regarding Protestant women?"

Geo. G. Miner, editor of the *Local American* and one of the founders of Know-nothingism in Cincinnati and who died in an A. P. A. hall in St. Louis last winter while addressing an audience, went to the trouble of taking a census of the schools of Chicago and found that 60 per cent of the teachers were Catholics and this per centage was the usual one in all the large cities of the country.

"Now," said the speaker, "if the school children of the country are so bad, why not remove these Catholic teachers and in their places put Protestant teachers who will teach morality? Why, if the schools are so bad, are the Catholics so desirous of becoming school directors and teachers?"

The charge against the public schools is false, but nothing else is to be expected from a church that dare not print its theology in English.

"Why should the public schools be dangerous to the faith and morality of children? Because they are taught common sense and to use their minds, and hence couldn't and wouldn't accept any such dogmas as the Catholic church offers. If the Catholic church is the logical church, then Catholics ought to be glad to have their children's minds expanded, for a natural result of such would be to gain faith in the church."

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citizens learn and fully appreciate the fact that our interests should be identical, and that our country must be paramount to all former allegiances or connection, that the true spirit of fraternity will grow among our people, and there will be no racial or religious distinctions in politics or government.

Pittsburgh American.

Displaying a waker to the audience, the lecturer proceeded to unfold the doctrine of transubstantiation, explaining that not only was the wafer a real Christ, according to Catholic theory, but that if a portion, even a crumb, should fall on the stage, it would be a real Christ, including body, pants and all.

"Public schools," he said, "were considered godless, because in them was not taught one God and one religion, which held that all who were to be saved must be saved through them and them alone."

"The Catholics had asked for fair play but not satisfied with that they demanded more. At their request the Bible had been removed from the schools, still they kept their parochial schools often built and aided by the states. This demand for fair play had been the bait with which they had made such gains."

The speaker then urged that what had been granted be taken away from the Catholics and they be compelled to get back against the wall and stay there.

A body of men escorted Mr. Lyons to his hotel but the escort was unnecessary as there was no one on the streets who appeared to have the slightest desire to molest him. *Cheyenne Leader.*

THE NEGRO MAY JOIN.

Patriotic Order Sons of America Will Admit the Colored Man to its Ranks.

LEHIGHAN, Pa., September 23.—The national camp of Patriotic Order Sons of America, in annual session at this place, has just passed an amendment to its national constitution, after a very earnest debate, continuing during the afternoon and evening sessions, to eliminate the word "white" from its constitution, by a practically unanimous vote, the result showing ten in favor to one opposed. This will admit the colored man to immediate membership in this growing order.

The order was never exclusive in this way until the meeting of the Boston convention in 1890, when the word "white" was inserted and has ever since been a bone of contention, causing the most exciting debates and contents in the order from 1890 to 1892.

A new ritual was also adopted and a platform of declarations of principles, making the dissemination of the sentiment of loyalty and patriotism the chief and general object of the order; demanding purity of the ballot and the freedom of the public school system from ecclesiastical and sectarian influence.

The resolutions favor compulsory and industrial education, oppose the occupancy of the land by foreign speculators and favor the prohibition of that foreign immigration which comes here to advocate communism and anarchy.

What is Sauc for the Goose is Sauc for the Gander.

The *Dioecesan Record*, a Roman Catholic paper, has been seeking a reason for some of the prejudices that exist against Catholics, and it has arrived at the conclusion that Catholics, themselves, are responsible for being considered not thoroughly American.

It refers particularly to Catholics of Irish birth and extraction, and their interest in Irish questions, saying: "In season and out we are ready to aid the Irish in their struggles, but when it comes to consider American interests, we considered them so secure that we did not pay proper attention as to how our apparent indifference would be judged."

It is certainly true that the great interest American citizens of Irish birth have taken in matters relating to Ireland has convinced many Americans that their chief interest was in the country of their nativity while their adopted country was only a secondary consideration. In fact, we still find it difficult to believe otherwise.

Another point which the *Record* makes is the tendency of Catholics, when they participate in American politics, to give the preference to those of their own creed, without regard to qualification or merit.

Even while mildly censuring this practice, the *Record* partially approves it, saying: "The fact that a nominee is one of our own in race and religion, should have its proper weight, but if his private life is not in accord with his proclaimed convictions, or if he has not ability, we should not aid in his elevation."

If the *Record* believes that it is proper for a citizen of foreign birth to prefer politically one of his own race, other things being equal, it must also admit that the same rule can be justly applied by American-born citizens, and that the cry of know-nothingism is without justification.

While we would prefer to see no race distinctions among American citizens, it cannot be denied that our adopted citizens were first to draw such lines, and that the counter movement now gaining so great a momentum among the native-born, is but a protective measure made necessary by the circumstances.

We are pleased, however, to note that papers like the *Record* are noting the tendency of the times, and treating it so sensibly. It is only when all our

THE FIRST MARTYR

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while the criminal has peered into his eye the story of this heinous crime.

Already he—whose hands are red, as red as those of he who fired the shot—has granted absolution to the dead.

Already he, with smiles of satisfaction, has placed his holy (?) hands upon this son, and blessed him for the deed.

Yet, while the minions of the law seek everywhere for the perpetrator of the crime, this sanctimonious accessory opens not his mouth to bring the dastard, who has admitted he did the deed, to justice through the law.

Nay, more, were he questioned as to what he knew, he would deny all knowledge of the crime; and, were he placed under oath would swear "I know nothing of this case."

He would do this because his theology teaches that when he is in the confession he is god, and when he is out of it he is himself—therefore he, individually, knows nothing; while, as god he is cognizant of the whole transaction.

These are the people we shall have to combat in this murder trial.

They are the people who believe an oath to an "heretical prince, king, state or commonwealth is in no manner binding," that the pope can absolve them from all oaths; and that it is not regarded as murder if the faithful kill an heretic while trying to advance the interests of the church.

Believing that these were the people who committed the murder which deprived Mrs. Miller of a loving husband, and that many of the policemen and detectives employed by the city of Omaha worshipped in churches to which this other class belonged, we had and now have little faith in the efforts they will put forth to capture the guilty parties.

If the priests are at the bottom of this crime the detectives would not dare find the criminal.

This opinion is not shared by us alone—but by a majority of the community—and until the abominable law which permits criminals to confide to a priest with full assurance that their secrets will be kept sacred, you may expect these atrocious murders to occur.

Most assuredly he would.