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THE AMERICAN IS THE CHAMPION OF ALL PARTISAN ORDERS—THE ORGAS OF NONE.

ACCORDING to a dispatch in the Boston Herald, on account of the fight in New York City between the Italians and Irishmen, fifteen Italians were arrested, and fifteen Irishmen (evidently Romanists) were not arrested.

IT is evident that the Roman church is dearly in love with our public schools and that the heads of the church have reconciled the laity, judging from the following in one of the Roman sheets of Kansas City:

"The Roman Catholics of Pawnee, Ill., have started a fight against the reading of the Bible and prayer in the public schools of that place."

ACCORDING to the Peoria Transcript, the investigation by the authorities of the bad management of the Home of the Good Shepherd, the Roman Catholics are censured. All Roman Catholic "houses" and convents should be opened for public inspection, that there may be liberty, and not slavery, in this free land.

THE Boston dailies publish the amount realized from the lawn party, for the building fund of the (Roman Catholic) Church of the Sacred Heart, Rosindale, as \$1,200. And it is also stated that the contributions were principally made by Protestants, who did not dare to refuse. If a man ever intends to "make a stand" on this subject he should do it now.

THE Illustrated American has published an item which shows that Roman Catholic employes are not acceptable to the czar's ministry of ways and communications, in the various branches of the railroad service. It may be the reaction caused by the attempt of the union of the two churches—Greek and Roman—and a supposed profit, by some, for the Rome side of the union, if it were consummated.

THREE councils of the Jr. O. U. A. M. have been instituted within the past week in Missouri. One in Kansas City, one in Sweet Springs and one in Clinton. The state organizer has reported them all as being of an exceptionally large birth and promising good and solid work. He also gives the information that the smaller towns which he has visited, preparatory to instituting other councils, do not complain of hard times.

THE Review of Reviews in this month's issue, says in an editorial on the Fairbault experiment: "Unless we mistake the spirit of the age, and of this country the system of separate schools is bound to be displaced by the public school system, in which the children of all denominations shall be educated side by side in the principles and sentiments of American citizenship." We can assure the editor of the Review of Reviews that in this particular instance his surmise is eminently correct.

THE Omaha World-Herald, which has on its editorial corps a Roman Catholic, assails Rev. J. M. Patterson for his brave utterances before the Christian Endeavor Society in Exposition hall, Sunday night. No one, more than the editor of that paper, knows the amount of truth contained in that address, and their taking exceptions to what he said demonstrates the charge that "truth is often hard to bear." We doubt if anyone will attempt to deny one of the charges made by Rev. Patterson, for it is a notorious fact that a majority of the criminals and paupers whom Protestants are taxed to support are not only foreign born, but also Roman Catholics. Roman Catholicism is ignorance; it has as its corner-stones, rum, crime, ignorance and superstition—and the keystone to the structure is Jesuitism—and the sooner Protestant ministers brush aside the mould, overgrown with the moss of ages, and show Romanism in its true form, the sooner will the loved institutions of this republic be placed beyond the reach of the Roman hierarchy, which has for years been laboring to gain supremacy in matters civil as well as spiritual in this country. Put the brand on Romanism then let it rot in it among a patriotic people, so that when they see it they will recognize in it anti-Christ, the beast of which John the Revelator wrote, and from which all people will turn with loathing and contempt. Romanism! Babylon! Iniquity!!!

Next week we will publish Rev. Patterson's address in full.

CHOOSE NOW.

There are many people in Kansas City who claim to be good Protestants and live in accordance with the teachings of the Bible, and who prove to be the most despicable followers of the faith with which they clothe themselves. It is a great mystery to the thoughtful to see these self same men, who claim to be Americans, act and use what authority they have in favor of a sectarian political body which merely uses them as tools.

A case of this description has come to light recently, in the form of the local freight agent, Mr. George A. Curtis, representing the Union Pacific railroad at this station. Mr. Curtis has devoted a great deal of his spare time advising with Father Dalton, and as a consequence has a ready hand for the Roman Catholics in his service, and seems to be very distrustful of Protestants, although he claims to be one.

We are informed from a direct source that Mr. Curtis remarked: "I would rather employ a Catholic than a Protestant" also, "I would rather have the ill will of ten Protestants than one Catholic." Why the gentleman has become so attached to that church, it is hard to say, unless it is the various donations which he is reported to have received from his subordinates of that faith in the form of presents.

If the gentleman desires to worship us a Roman Catholic, we have not one word against him doing so; but if he claims to be a Protestant, it is very odd that a well informed person should not keep abreast of the times. There is no city in the United States but what is feeling the influence of the Roman church in its political affairs, and having the Americans disfranchised in every possible form. When that sect has the power, not one position is filled by a person of true patriotic birth, and with all these facts staring the gentleman in the face, he leans to one with his financial assistance and to the other with smiles of grace. It can be said with an alarming truthfulness that, it is much easier to carry one ball on the head than one on either shoulder at the same time.

The American party has its eye on all men of such a character, and will soon have the pleasure of asking them to classify themselves, even in Kansas City; but will most naturally give them rank among those of the "undecided classes."

In every great political change of a country men will be found who tremble in their boots during the eruption, constantly keeping their eye on the almighty dollar and are ready to tumble into the mire or in the sod, no matter which, so long as they go with the coin of the realm. These creatures are most ludicrous to uphold when approached upon the subject, and nine out of ten will fall to the use of a stereotyped reply, something like the following: "Yes, I am right in line with you and the platform of the new party is just what I have been looking for, (in a stage whisper) but it is impossible for me to join it now for I have some Catholic trade that would leave me. That's right, I'm glad that it's growing so rapidly and will come into it when it will pay for me to do so, but you know that I will vote in line just the same." Americans! the few of you, who advise after a manner as above, it is time for you to shake this stupor from you! You must be on one side or the other, for that time is broadening into the light of day.

Without further comment, we will state that this organ of the new party will model your cases for you, for it is in the field to give its aid to the new party. You must support one or the other, as no intermediate point will be admissible.

You are either an American in every sense of the word or you are a Roman Catholic, believing in the supremacy of the church and the subordination of the state. Where do you stand—for free speech, free press, free schools and freedom of conscience, or for Roman intolerance? Choose now.

MR. BENNETT VINDICATED.

The action of the Douglas county convention last Saturday in nominating by acclamation George Bennett for the office of sheriff was a complete vindication and a most thorough refutation of the trumped up charges, repeatedly made, since the commencement of the campaign, against him by the Omaha Bee, in its editorials and elsewhere. Never in the history of this city has any candidate for any public office been more thoroughly and unanimously endorsed by any convention—Republican or Democratic—than was George A. Bennett last Saturday by the Douglas county republican convention, unanimous, without one single dissenting voice. It has all along been very commonly understood that the Bee's opposition to George Bennett originated from the fact that the Bee had been unable, during Mr. Bennett's tenure of the sheriff's office, to obtain the contract for any of the legal advertising that of a necessity emanates from that office. The Bee, throughout its whole career in this city, has been strongly imbued with the idea that it, and it alone, is the only newspaper in Nebraska, and that by right of public and legal advertising belongs to it, and should not appear anywhere except in its columns, hence the bitter malignant

oppression made by Rosewater and his satellites to Mr. Bennett's re-nomination for the office which he has, in the opinion of an unbiased public, so creditably filled for the last two years, and which it is to be sincerely hoped, he will fill for at least another two years. It is indeed high time that Mr. Rosewater should begin to realize that the day has gone by when he can dictate through the medium of his paper to the republicans of Douglas county, whom they should or whom they should not nominate to represent them in the various county offices. Mr. Rosewater surely must, if he is not altogether blind to the fact, see that "Rosewaterism" stood decidedly below par. At least, recent events in the political arena of this state certainly sustain such an assertion. Mr. Rosewater claims to be a republican, but if he is what he claims to be, he should surely stand by the nominee of the county republican convention, instead of using his paper to prevent his election. If there was anything that could be said against George Bennett's moral character, why then, indeed, it would be perfectly permissible for the editor of the Bee to oppose his election, and nobody would say nay; but there is not even as much as the slightest breath of suspicion against him; his record as a man and a citizen of this city is above reproach, and that, in these days of fraud and corruption, is saying a great deal, but it is none the less true. It is generally conceded by all parties, who have had any business relations with the sheriff's office, that the business of that office has been conducted as well, if not better, than it was ever before by any of Mr. Bennett's predecessors; and yet, notwithstanding this, Mr. Rosewater, just as a matter of personal spite-work and revenge for not being able to control the advertising from that particular office, uses the influence of his paper to defeat Mr. Bennett, but we doubt very much if the republican voters of Douglas county will allow Mr. Bennett to be "turned down" at the instigation of the editor of the Bee. Mr. Bennett may certainly have made some mistakes on first assuming the management of the sheriff's office, but where is there any new incumbent of any public office, but has done the same. "Mistakes are apt to occur in the best regulated families," is a saying which is as old as the hills. There is also a very old maxim, that "practice makes perfect," and the people of Douglas county can rest assured that if George A. Bennett is re-elected to the office of sheriff for a further term of two years, that he will spare no pains to conduct the affairs of that office in a manner perfectly satisfactory to all parties, and it behooves every republican voter of Douglas county to see to it that he is re-elected. C. F. P.

ROME'S METHODS.

Our attention has been called to an item in the Kansas City Star, which fairly presents the manner in which Romanists always work for the interests of the church: "Evan Watkins, the 13-year-old orphan child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watkins, who was last week taken out of the hands of Mr. and Mrs. George Bernsten, his adopted parents, by British Vice-Consul Glandier, is now sailing across the Atlantic ocean. The last left Kansas City Sunday, accompanied by George S. Kelley, reaching Boston yesterday, he was put aboard a steamer. By the end of next week he will, barring accidents, join his little sisters, Hannah and Lizzie, at the home of their grandmother in Ponty-Factory, Pontferbert, Welshpool, North Wales. The Watkins children, during their six years' residence in Kansas City, had a singularly sad career. In May of last year Price, the oldest son, was caught in a whirlpool under the Hannibal bridge and drowned within sight of his father. A month later the father was killed by a Memphis railway engine, and shortly afterward the remaining children were bereft of their mother. The two little girls, aged 6 and 8, were adopted by Mr. and Mrs. William Kelley, while the boy was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. George Bernsten. Through correspondence with the Welsh authorities the grandmother was located and friends in this city a few weeks ago met the little girls to her. Mr. and Mrs. Bernsten, however, had become so attached to Evan that they did not want to give him up, and it is said it was their desire to educate him for the priesthood. Members of the Welsh society and friends did not like that, and interested in his behalf. Vice-Consul Chandler was appealed to, and he took possession of the boy in the name of Queen Victoria."

OMAHA'S ROMAN DETECTIVES.

Officer Healer, a patrolman, arrested a man Sunday morning and locked him up as a suspicious character. Monday the World-Herald came out and gave Savage and Dempsey credit for arresting him, it turning out after he was locked up that his name was Fred Baker, and that he had been wanted for about two years. This is the way those brilliant Roman detectives make a goodly number of their "great catches," and this instance is cited merely to let the public into the secret of their great success. What would not a man be guilty of who would rob a patrolman of the credit of an arrest?

The ninth day of this month Mrs. Sarah Collins was murdered by her husband, in San Francisco. The murderer disappeared after committing the crime, but later in the day was seen in the vicinity of Hayes street and Van Ness avenue. Some citizens had observed him in the street, and his appearance and queer actions drew their attention particularly to him. They informed Officer Flynn that they believed they had seen the murderer, Collins, on Hayes street, and that he had been seen to enter the residence of the priests' attached to the church. Flynn got Officer Foley, and together they went to the priests' residence and rang the bell. One of the priests came to the door and Flynn asked if Collins was there. He replied in the affirmative, and Flynn asked to see him. He was told that Collins was taking the pledge, and as soon as the ceremony was over they would send him out.

FATHER WILLIAMS has been nominated by the democratic party as a member of the school board. He is the individual who takes particular delight in assailing Masonry, the A. P. A. and the Orangemen, and who does not have a very high regard for the public schools. In fact, he has said, "If we were forced to choose between purely secular training and Jesuit training for sons of ours; as we look for salvation by the cross, we would not hesitate one hour, and that in the cause of God and country." To us, a purely secular education, which leaves the youth of our land unincultured by the youth of a christian atmosphere, is treason both to God and to the state.

The legislature of Kansas has made a blunder. It has appropriated \$1800.00 for a hospital fund and divided it equally between Bethany and St. Marguerete's, giving each \$900. Bethany is a Protestant hospital and is poor, and does not own the property used, while St. Marguerete's hospital owns all its property and has extensive buildings, to which an addition has been built recently. No money should be appropriated for the maintenance of sectarian institutions—neither Protestant or Catholic.

A FLAG has been placed over every school house in Winnebago county, Ill.—133 in number. The raising of the flag last one Saturday was made the occasion for a demonstration. This is an example for the friends in Missouri and should be studied carefully by them.

THE re-nomination of Judge Eller by acclamation was a deserved compliment to a worthy and capable officer. He will be elected in the same way.

MESSRS. Hill, Irey, Sackett, Williams and Smith ought to feel highly honored by their unanimous re-nomination.

What is Your Duty?

One of the most important questions of the present time, for ministers is, "How shall we reach the Roman Catholics?" They well know it is their duty to preach the gospel to every creature, but there are many ministers who treat the subject of Romanism as if the Lord intended that the Romans should be left in the cold. Some of the most learned Protestant historians affirm that the Roman Catholic church is a pagan body. A certain professor of church history, who would stand as a defense for Romanism every time any assertion was made against it which could not be proven, and in many respects, in my judgment, defended it too much, said, "We cannot look upon the Roman Catholic church as any other than a pagan church." Then, if the church is a pagan body, she demands attention as truly as the heathen of China or India, and if Roman Catholics are not aware that they have turned away from the road known as Christianity, there should be some who would explain to them where they are, and the cause of their being there.

Again, there are people who are looking at this political and theological pen war and judge as to the value of the claims made by the Church of Rome, whether these claims are just, whether they are the result of ignorance or whether they are made by people who are receiving temporal advantages from them.

The minister should discuss these topics occasionally in his pulpit. The sermons or lectures may be the means of explaining some difficult point for some Romanist, and it would assist the hearer in knowing how to deal with Roman Catholics, and in helping them to think for themselves.

If the ministers will work on the line suggested and will send their sermons or lectures to us we will make a new department and publish them.

If the pastors want the Bible in the public schools, preach a lecture on the reasons for wanting it. If it is the best book on morals, preach a lecture to that effect, and do not be ashamed of it. If the laws of the Old Testament have in them the fundamental principles of the present kind of laws, do not be afraid to preach it whether the pope will smile or weep. If you think the success of our nation is due to the fact that the Bible has been in the public school, that besides causing a respect for the supreme deity it has caused men to be honest and thereby established confidence, the great foundation of financial success for a nation, do not be afraid to tell it. And if the pope

claims he is the only infallible representative of God on earth and that all men must kiss his slipper, let him know that there are some who are not afraid to ask him for his credentials.

Again, if Roman Catholics are depending upon baptismal regeneration for their "pass" on the road to heaven, and if every one will go to hell, who is not justified by faith, according to the Protestant acceptance of the plan of salvation as it is presented in the Bible, then every Protestant minister is guilty of a great crime if he does it to put out the danger signals.

The following are some of the subjects which may be considered in reference to the church which claims all things and holds fast to that which is poor.

Are the following doctrines biblical? Praying to dead saints. Pictures and sculpture of the Trinity. The changing of the ten commandments.

Adoration of images. Transubstantiation. The offering up of the supposed body of the Lord Jesus.

Peter's bishopric of Rome. Was Peter head bishop of the Christian church?

Praying in a dead language. Celibacy of the clergy.

The confessional. Worship of the relics of dead saints.

The Church of Rome the final court of appeal on doubtful questions.

Infallibility. Mariolatry.

Baptismal regeneration. Proscription in reading the Bible. Supererogation.

Indulgences. The deposition of Kings by popes.

Releasing of the souls in purgatory. Is there a purgatory? The Jesuits.

What their history? When were their privileges restricted by the pope?

Were these restrictions moved by a mandatory request from the Jesuits?

What the plausible theories as to their methods in bringing the various nations under the control of the pope (and the black pope)?

What the antithesis between Christ's methods and the methods of the priests?

What the arguments the church of Rome should dispense with the Jesuits—Society of Jesus—for self preservation?

The effect of the papal system. Destruction of individuality due patriotism.

An impediment to research, disrespect for God the Father.

Disrespect for the son, by the relative position of the Virgin Mary. Disrespect for the Holy Spirit.

Ignorance. A comparative history of Papal and Protestant countries.

Reasons for having the Bible in the public schools.

If the Roman Catholic church does not believe, the end justifies the means, "how are we to reconcile many of the deeds of said church with the proper spirit of humanity or patriotism, not to say christianity?"

Can many of the deeds done by Roman Catholics during the dark ages be regarded as the result of insanity?

Do the adherents of the Roman Catholic faith show wisdom or folly by refusing to examine their position carefully?

If the pope and the hierarchy have deceived the adherents of their church, will they have a greater punishment in hell than those whom they have deceived?

Is the Roman Church a Political Party?

Editor THE AMERICAN: Slowly and surely the general government seems to be falling under ecclesiastical rule. If one great Protestant denomination—as the Baptist—should push, by schemes and wiles of diplomacy, its own members into clerkships, heads of bureaus, and confidential positions; if it should look to have the work so organized as to favor this denominational rule; should work in a secret way to have information as to vacancies likely to occur, so as to have those of its own communion ready to urge for appointment; should dictate, as a party, appointments, removals and promotions; should override the order of cabinet members, and insist on the reinstatement of persons whose resignation had been asked for by cabinet heads; should have its members in such large numbers in the departments that they honestly talk of the growing power of the church in such departments; should lobby congress, and at every session be a factor in congressional acts; should so push its own members and adherents into chief clerkships and heads of divisions, where they would openly criticize the management of the department if it was not satisfactory to the church; should apportion the different branches of the government armory to its several local ecclesiastical institutions, whose agents should appear monthly during the business hours of the government, when other persons are not permitted access to the rooms, and collect money from the clerks, and carry on this beggary in such a way as to become a nuisance; should, by direct fraud, secure money from the government to

carry on its own ecclesiastical operations—well, what would be thought of such a church? How would it stand in the country? It would meet with a severe and just judgment at the hands of the American people. All classes of intelligent patriots would unite in the belief that it would be dangerous to entrust members of that church with any office, because it had become a political ring, subverting the public weal to ecclesiastical greed. And would not this be right on any ground of moral consideration?

Now, in the above ugly charge, eliminate the word "Baptist" and substitute the word "Catholic," and the actual case, as now existing, is presented. The Roman Catholic party is guilty of all that is presented in the above charge. It is growing worse—it is worse this year than it was last year—it is worse this week than it was last week.

This presents a thoughtful problem to all our Protestant readers. The question is forced upon us: Can Roman Catholics be safely entrusted with any office? By abuse of office they have forfeited right to office.

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Principles of the American Protective Association.

First. The members of the American Protective Association believe in the perpetuation of the public school system.

Second. They believe in a complete separation of church and state; by which we mean no laws shall be enacted respecting the establishment of any religion; and that no money shall be appropriated from either the national, state or municipal treasuries for sectarian purposes.

Third. They believe in the right of every man to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

Fourth. They believe in free speech, an untrammelled press and one ballot for each and every citizen fairly cast and honestly counted.

Fifth. They esteem all persons—whether rich or poor, high or low—who come to this country with a desire to familiarize themselves with our laws and form of government; and who swear allegiance to the United States without a mental reservation in favor of any foreign prince, potentate or pope, as men worthy of being clothed with that highest honor—American citizenship.

Sixth. They believe in the restriction of immigration, so as to protect the honest citizen laborer from the depressing effects of the criminal, contract and pauper Roman Catholic, and that it is warning to our shores.

Seventh. They welcome to their council chambers men of all nationalities, believing that the accident of birth is not a true test of Americanism.

Eighth. They are willing to lay down their lives, to spend their fortunes, and if need be, to take up arms in defence of their country and her institutions.

Ninth. They are unalterably opposed to priestly dictation and interference in the affairs of state; knowing whenever church has been placed above the state, the liberties of the people have not only been jeopardized, but completely overthrown.

A Rape of the Ballot.

No paper which advocates reform can remain silent when as glaring attempt to rape the ballot has been made as sworn testimony avers was attempted in the Fourth ward of this city Friday, October 6, when the republican primaries were held. The fight in that ward was an extremely warm one between the friends of the present city administration and those who believed that a change would be beneficial to the city. Something like 570 votes were cast. Of this number the sworn testimony shows that only 245 were counted, and that on that count the Bemis delegation was given credentials. Hon. John W. Lytle, one of Omaha's most respected citizens made affidavit to these and additional facts; Mr. McHenry, one of the judges of the primary election, swore to the same facts as did Mr. Lytle, and in addition to this, oral testimony was introduced to corroborate what they testified to. In the face of this testimony and the strong argument made by Hon. I. R. Andrews that Kuklux methods be not introduced in this city, the convention, which was plugged with city employes, voted to admit the Fourth ward delegation by a vote of 43 to 28.

People who read the great reform, anti-monopoly paper published in this city which is always crying "corruption," "corporation strikers" looked in vain in its columns for an article condemning the methods by which the delegation from the Fourth ward was given credentials and which insured the re-nomination of Geo. P. Bemis for mayor—its preferred candidate.

But they were not surprised at this omission as it is the policy of the paper to cry fraud and corruption when its pots are defented, and to remain perfectly quiet when its friends resort to questionable tactics to gain a point.

In our opinion the republican convention made a serious blunder when it refused to listen to the wise words of Hon. I. R. Andrews, when it railroaded the majority report through, and we believe Mr. Bemis will not be the gainer by the action of his friends.