

## A ROMAN MOB

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surging mass of the humanity, but it seemed an age.

Mrs. McNamara was pushed, now too gently, into the carriage, the bishop had his foot on the step, Kelley stood close by, and the cabman was picking up his reins when some instant fired a shot at the bishop.

It missed him.

Sped past Kelley,

And grazed the cabman.

The next minute the horses were urged into a gallop.

Shot after shot was fired by the mobsters who composed the mob, and the score of bullet holes through the carriage attested to the marksmanship of the religious zealots who set at naught a constitutional guarantee which conflicts with a law of the Roman Catholic church.

Luckily not one of the many shots which passed through the carriage hit either Mr. or Mrs. McNamara, and a few minutes after leaving the hall they were landed safely at the Midland hotel.

Prior to their successful attempt to reach the carriage several unsuccessful attempts were made, the mob each time outwitting them and forcing them back into the building.

Finally, realizing that there was no hope of reaching the carriage by strategy, they made a bold move openly for the vehicle which was in readiness to carry them away from the howling mob of Roman Catholic demons with the result above stated.

While the mob was yet furious because of the escape of McNamara and his wife Policeman Matt Dailey was busy giving out the number of the house at which the ex-priest was supposed to be staying.

Many people were hit by flying missiles, among the number being a man named John Welden, an employee of the Vine street electric line, who lives at 2520 Woodland. He will be all right in a few days.

Mrs. McNamara was slightly injured on the right shoulder by a blow from a rock buried by one of Rome's minions. The hackman was hit, but not seriously hurt, with several pieces of brick and stones.

Our business manager was in the thickest of the fray, but escaped serious injury, and while he does not "hanker" after any more mobs, he thinks this will do the Romans in Kansas City an immense amount of harm and the A. P. A.'s a corresponding amount of good. He spent some time prospecting, after the bishop was beyond the reach of the furious cattle, and informs us that the streets were alive up to 1 o'clock Wednesday morning.

One curious thing is there were no arrests made, although at least twenty shots were fired and thousands of missiles thrown at the carriage containing McNamara and his wife, and the police men there saw those things done yet arrested no one.

## OPEN LETTER

To Bishop Hogan, Roman Catholic Bishop of Kansas City, Mo.

You know the strained conditions existing in Kansas City in relation to matters which seriously affect the so-called Catholic people as well as the Protestants of this community; and I desire, through the medium of this open letter, to turn the attention of both classes to facts which lie at the bottom of all this bitterness.

I do not ask you to apply a remedy to this evil, for your system furnishes no remedy in a case like this. Rome has nothing but hatred and curses for those who differ from her, especially for those who are breaking away from her control and who feel called to let the world know the reasons for their departure from Romanism. The hatred and curses which Rome inspires into its followers only aggravate the evil which Rome has injected into society here as all over this nation. But if people cannot look to you for the needed remedy, it will certainly benefit Protestants and Catholics to show the causes which have produced in Kansas City the state of affairs existing here at present.

When these causes are laid bare, it will be comparatively easy for this population to remove the malady which has taken root among them. Before I ever saw Kansas City my followers made it impossible for Protestant associations to have a lecture delivered here for the purpose of showing the wrongs which Protestants were suffering at the hands of those calling themselves Catholics. Protestants are turned out of city employment, and Romanists

put into their positions. Public works of every sort are turned over to your adherents. Stockkeepers are taught that they must employ Catholics and reject Protestants. Business places of all kinds are invaded by Catholics, who resort to every foul method to make Protestants feel that only Catholics will be tolerated. And all this has been brought about by you and your priests, who have used the influence of their position to exalt or to cast down, according as it suits your interests. Your priests are trained to boycott business houses and to dominate sources of employment, so that Protestants may be discharged and your adherents put in their places. The daily papers of this city are so manipulated as to be an eye-sore on the newspaper profession. In deference to your wishes they are ever ready to parade your performances, to suppress the constant scandals proceeding from the indecent character of priests, while they never lose an opportunity to display, exaggerate and falsify whatever may be turned to the discredit of Protestant churches and their ministers.

The best people of Kansas City know these things are so. Your church has openly influenced the owners of public halls in this city so that, in most cases, they refuse to rent halls to any association that seeks to enlighten people on the injuries and injustice brought upon them by the leaders and partisans of your politico-religious system. Your hoodlums have heretofore paraded the streets with a halter to hang to a lamp-post a lecturer who came here to talk like a scholar and a gentleman about the outrages which your party have inflicted upon Protestant people, and Romish policemen of this city have, during these disturbances, refused to quell the riot, and positively declared they would be willing to shoot such lecturer or allow him to be murdered by the Catholics of this city. Now, I come to Kansas City and secure a hall for lectures, wherein I say nothing but truth as vouches for in God's Word and in records undeniable. The ignorant and the vicious among your adherents make the city hideous with curses, threats and lying accusations against the papal power. Yours respectfully,

United States has a right to hold you and the whole Hispano hierarchy responsible for the disorders and bad citizenship arising from the bad example and false teaching which your lawless adherents receive. And you cannot reasonably object if here, especially, an outraged public call your attention to the state of things above described.

I thank God that many Catholics are sorry and ashamed that all I here say is only too true. And hoping that God will open the eyes of all our brethren and give them courage to abandon Rome, as I have done, I am your humble servant,

JAMES VINCENT McNAMARA,  
Late Priest of Rome, and Bishop of  
the Independent Reformed Catholic  
Church.

## PURCELL'S CREDITORS ANGRY.

They are Refused Relief and then Furyously Denounce Catholicism.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 15.—At a meeting of the creditors of the late Archbishop Purcell yesterday a letter was read from Monsignor Sartori in reply to a letter to him from the creditors appealing for help. The letter declined taking any action for relief, and referred to a like refusal from the propagandists at Rome. Furious speeches were made denouncing Catholicism and its ecclesiastics generally. The creditors have received 6 per cent of their claims and expect 1 per cent more soon.

If There Were Only More Such Men.

GALVA, Ill., Jan. 15.—THE AMERICAN Publishing Co.—Gents: Inclosed please find 50 cents in postal order, to apply on subscription. I can hardly afford it during these stringent times, but I am satisfied that I can less afford to become a sert under political Rome, therefore I contribute my meager mite to help sustain a fearless and truly American paper, as you publish. May your career be a successful and prosperous one in the defense of our free public schools and against the political machinery of the Roman church, and may you live to see the day when there will be a constitutional amendment protecting and defending our public schools and public offices from the usurpations and monopolistic contrivances and tendencies of the papal power. Yours respectfully,

A FRIEND.

## Church Notice.

Immanuel Baptist church, North Twenty-fourth and Binney streets. The pastor, Frank W. Foster, will have for his theme on Sunday morning, "Reason and Religion." In the evening he will give the first of a series of sermons, to be followed by a lecture on "Electricity and Magnetism," given by Dr. J. H. Dill, electrician. The services will be held at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The pastor, Frank W. Foster, is a man of great knowledge and ability, and is in the right on all or any points involved.

Pastor.

## Died.

ALLAN—Kenith Cassius, Saturday, Jan. 13, 1894, aged 4 years, 10 months and 7 days.

The funeral occurred Sunday afternoon from the residence 2011 Stewart St., and the remains were interred in Forest Lawn cemetery. This is the fourth and only remaining child which Mr. and Mrs. Allen have laid away, and only those parents who have met with a similar loss can fully sympathize with them. They have our sympathy.

## Dedication.

The First M. E. church of South Omaha was built on the site of the one destroyed by fire on January 18, 1893, will be dedicated next Sunday, January 21. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Frank Crane at 10:30 a. m. All cordially invited.

C. N. DAWSON, Pastor.

"A False Face," the new farce comedy by Charles M. Breckinridge, was presented for the first time at Washington hall, in this city, Wednesday evening, Jan. 10, and scored an unqualified success. Considering the fact that the company was composed of amateurs, the play went off with remarkable smoothness, and had not the people been known to have been amateurs, they might easily pass for first-class professionals. Mr. Charles M. Breckinridge, in the character of Captain Jinks, the old soldier in search of his pension, created plenty of fun and gave evidence of ability to play eccentric roles, and Fred J. Breckinridge played the part of Smiler, the captain's son, in a pleasing manner. Miss Katherlyn Goodsell as Daisy pleased the audience immensely, and Miss Virginia Goodsell was compelled to respond to several encores with her beautiful singing, and Miss Lulu Bond scored a decided hit with her dancing. Mr. Charles M. Richards, as Solomon Moses, sang and danced to the delight of the audience, as did Will Borroughs as Sandown, the "unemployed." Charles E. Matthews, as Miss Phoebe, the colored cook, kept the audience either smiling or laughing continuously. Mr. F. V. Westcott, as Jonathan Jinks, Esq., and Mrs. Jinks, his ill-tempered wife, played their parts satisfactorily. Should Mr. Breckinridge decide to repeat "A False Face," he will undoubtedly draw a large attendance. We understand it is his intention to play a number of the larger cities near by, and when times get leading daily, the Kansas City Star, went beyond all decency on the 15th inst. to please you and your priests and politicians and ruffians, and to say, "Certainly no person can be excused who doesn't throw a stone accurately enough to hit the object in view." That is your humble servant, at whom a miscreant flung a missile while I was addressing my audience in Kansas City on Sunday evening, January 14, 1894.

Now, sir, with such facts in view, the people of Kansas City and of these

## THE ROADS OF CHINA.

NOTABLE BY THEIR ABSENCE, LIKE THE SNAKES OF ICELAND.

No Attempts to Establish Road Means of Communication For Five Hundred Years. Bloodless Though Among Contests Between Land Owners and Teamsters.

An interesting chapter on the topic of roads is afforded in the results noted by the Shanghai branch of the Asiatic Society of some extensive investigations made by its agents as to the condition and maintenance of roads in China. It is not, however, a chapter on good roads. Instead it is much like the famous chapter on the snakes in Iceland, for there seem to be no roads in China worthy the name. Instead of the farmers being interested in the making and maintaining of good roads, as is the case here, the Chinese farmer interests himself largely in the destruction of such roads as may chance to be made. He does not travel himself and is against any one else doing so, at least over his land. There are no public highways made and maintained by law. Travellers may drive where they please—so far as the owner of the land may please—and there can be more than an hour without water without becoming thirsty. There is something less than 1 per cent of moisture in the atmosphere. While at the Red sea 127 degrees of heat are recorded, at Death valley 137 degrees in the shade is not uncommon. Yet, on the other hand, the mercury sinks to 50 degrees below zero.

A feature of the valley is the curious "salt road," which was graded with sledges hammers right through the center for the transport of borax. By this road are many unknown graves, filled by wanderers who have perished through the heat. They are 430 feet below sea level and are probably the lowest graves in the world. Only shallow graves covered with blocks of salt are safe for the desiccated remains, for there are no animals there except snakes, tarantulas, scorpions and lizards.

Of the latter one, the chigwallah, dresses three pounds in weight and is eaten by both Indians and whites. The meat is said to resemble that of chicken. Of the snakes the "yellow rattler" is the most formidable. The name of the valley was derived from a party of emigrants from Salt Lake City. The party endeavored to cross the canyon in 1856 and lost their lives. Stereopticon views of fragments of their skeletons, wagons, etc., caused a shudder among the spectators.

Much interest attached to the portion of the lecture describing "freighting by teams." Two immense wagons, each weighing 7,800 pounds, are coupled so as to carry 45,000 pounds, and with a tank tender of 500 gallons capacity for water are hauled by 20 mules. The mule, or "teamster," the latter one, the marsh to a depth of 20 miles. The work is chiefly plowing, and alone can stand the arduous heat and burning gales which prevail.—San Francisco Call.

An Amusing Fire.

Barnum's museum, destroyed July 18, 1865, was one of the most amusing fires that ever occurred in New York city. It occurred in the daytime. Chic John Decker was in charge, assisted by Orr, Bates, Lamb, Cleary, Everett and Sullivan. Thousands crowded Broadway clear up to Park place as well as Park row, while the park in front was black with people. It was fun to see the boys at the outset of the fire bringing out Barnum's old staffed images and wax figures. One fellow ran out with Henry Clay under one arm and General Winfield Scott under the other. Queen Victoria was dragged out by the hair of her head. Mary, queen of Scots, was tossed out of the second story window, followed by Bicker, the pirate. Head Carpenter Walker of the theater, who was also a member of Engine No. 88, that lay in Ann street, got so excited that he fell headlong down the main entrance stairs with Napoleon in one hand and Walker, filmster, in the other. Andy Peters, the old foreman of Engine No. 14, brought out two monkeys, one that gave him a mark that he carries to this day.

The happy family that attracted so much attention in those days were determined not to leave, the cage doors were thrown wide open and the birds and animals punched with sticks to drive them out, but few would accept their liberty and were burned to death. All of the 100,000 curiosities were destroyed.—Western Fireman.

While there are no good roads in China nowadays there are one or two interesting roads of what were, in and for their day, most excellent roads. The first emperor of the Mingsa sometime during his reign of from 1368 to 1399 made a road from the bank of the Yangtze, opposite Nanking, to his birth place in Anhui. The levels were carefully graded and the road carried across river valleys on well-built arch'd viaducts. It remains today simply a remarkable specimen of early engineering.

The road from Peking to Tungchow, built by the emperors of the Yuan dynasty a few centuries ago, remains as a vast effort of industry.

It was paved with great blocks of granite, averaging 50 to 60 feet of square surface each, all closely jointed. Today it is worn into a foot deep and is almost impossible.

With the exception of these two roads no attempt has been made to facilitate communication throughout the empire. The stone bridges at Fukien and elsewhere, often instances of remarkable engineering, are notable only as instances of the ability of the Chinese to display in moving huge masses of stone by manual labor.

The conditions in which I found them were most deplorable. They were a most depraved race, robbing, cheating, lying and fighting being the daily outline of their existence.

The principal diet of these people is half cooked barley bread, and with a large percentage of the tribe this forms the sole diet. When I offered 12 cents a day for diggers and guards, I had half the population applying to me for work and was forced to reduce the day's wages to 10 cents. When one of these men has a headache, his friends burn him with red hot irons, and many times I have seen wounds carefully filled with iron rust.

Their government, or rather lack of government, is a practical exhibition of savagery."

## She Demanded a Receipt.

"And so you gave my new overcoat to a stranger," said an angry man to his wife, "simply upon his saying that I had sent for it."

"I didn't know he was a swindler," replied the unfortunate woman between her sobs, "and besides that I took every precaution."

"What precautions, pray?" inquired the husband.

"Why, I made him give me a receipt for it, and here it is," returned the wife, extending a piece of paper. "I always thought such acknowledgments were binding." But alas for the overcoat—it was never seen again!—New York Herald.

## Intricate Individuality.

A certain lady, writing about a certain pertinacious, sold he had an "intricate individuality." We haven't the dimmest idea what she meant. It is, however, a high sounding, month filling phrase—"intricate individuality."—Louisville Western.

Reindeer.

We picked up a Winchester rifle the other day and started down the street, intending to deliver the weapon to its owner, from whom we had borrowed it. It was the day before, but it did such effective work in the way of collections that we had made up our mind to keep it as long as we can.

The first man we met on the street was J. W. Miller, who coughed up \$1.50 for a year's subscription to The Democrat before we even thought of pointing the gun at him. The very next man we met was a farmer whom we had always considered a star subscriber. He had not missed a paper or paid a cent in seven years. But when he saw that gun he waltzed up with a \$10 bill.

When we got home, we found a load of hay, 45 bushels of corn and a barrel of turnips, which had been brought by delinquents. If money will buy that gun, we are going to keep it to make collections with.—Arkansas City Democrat.

## FIREARMS OF THE SALTON DESERT.

Where the Steamer Ran aground, 100 Miles Below Sea.

Fred J. Monson, in a lecture in San Francisco, gave some interesting particulars regarding Death valley and the Salton sea, both of which he has traversed. These are to be found in the largest, hottest and yet coldest, wettest and yet driest deserts in the world—hotter than the Dead sea, than any other place.

The desert district of California covers 5,000 square miles, enclosed by Big, Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties.

Death valley is in the south of Inyo county, not very far from Mount Whitney, which is 14,000 feet high. The valley is 15 miles long and from 6 to 15 miles wide. It is 100 feet below sea level.

Mr. Monson described his trip from Daggett, which is 100 miles from the valley, by means of a team and buckboard. No single habitation can be found en route, and provisions, water, even hay for the horses, had to be taken in the equipment.

Some idea of the temperature was conveyed by the fact that meat can be cured in one hour, eggs can be boiled in the sand, flour bakes warm in a week, and no man can be more than an hour without water without becoming thirsty. There is something less than 1 per cent of moisture in the atmosphere.

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