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NO MAN who reads this number of THE AMERICAN can afford to miss the next issue. We have no promises to make, but there will be something in it which you cannot afford to miss reading.

FRIENDS of the movement to perpetuate all the constitutional guarantees, and the public school system can assist in the work in no way so well as by handing this copy of THE AMERICAN to a friend, with the request that he read it and pass it around among his friends.

IT WAS amusing to read the St. Patrick's day address of Archbishop Ireland, in which he scored the Irish for being Irish-Americans, telling them they should cease being foreigners and become thoroughly American.

SEVERAL miscreants pulled down the American flag in Far Rockaway, N. Y., the 17th of Ireland, and ran up a green flag fifteen feet long. The action infuriated a large number of citizens who gathered at the place and demanded that Old Glory be re-placed.

"SHAMROCK badges!" "CHICAGO AMERICAN—the A. P. A. paper!" and "Bob Ingersoll's lecture!" were the loudest cries in front of the Inter Ocean Building on St. Patrick's Day.

And yet it was not very tolerant either, if the whole truth was known. The very boy whom the Inter Ocean heard calling "CHICAGO AMERICAN—the A. P. A. paper," in front of its building, was assaulted by a city detective who threatened to "smash him if he did not stop selling that d—n paper."

To further show how tolerant the Roman church is, we will cite another outrage. One of the little men who make a living selling papers went into the city hall and offered an AMERICAN for sale.

JUST at this time, while the political pot is beginning to boil, one hears quite frequently that this man or that man is opposed to the A. P. A. because it is a secret, political association.

THE FIRST STEP TOWARD MUNICIPAL REFORM. During the last four months Chicago has brought forth quite a number of reform movements among which those called Civic Federation and Christian Citizenship seem to have sufficient force to arouse the enthusiasm accompanying the launching of every new enterprise.

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strings of the old harlot who sits enthroned in the Tiber. The difference between the results, A. O. H., Foresters, etc., and the A. P. A., the Orange Institution, the J. O. U. A. M., etc. is, the first are exclusively Roman Catholic, the latter are exclusively Protestant.

NO DOUBT a large number of the readers of THE AMERICAN remember the municipal campaign which was fought in the city of Omaha a little over two years ago. If they do not the situation in Milwaukee at the present time is almost a parallel.

ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found a communication signed a "True Catholic." We believe the writer of that letter is a fair sample of the members of the Roman Catholic church, who never hesitate to strike a man in the dark or when he has his back turned to them.

GOD, in His infinite wisdom created man, and the beast created He also; the former He endowed with all the qualities, and all the attributes of which He was possessed; the latter He gave man dominion over, and, except in isolated spots man has retained that power.

IT is not time to take politics out of the hands of Romanists? Answer with your votes.

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namely in a condemnation of self-government as applied to great municipalities.

But is this expected condemnation justified? From the standpoint of the average municipal reformer, who brings to his or her work a conviction of democracy in general and a hankering after a reproduction of the well ordered municipalities of Europe, it certainly will be, but from a true American standpoint it is not.

This corruption of citizenship consists in the criminally reckless way in which the naturalization laws are handled by the courts in the great cities. It is not due to the laws, but to their administration. Not the law, but the judges of the courts of record are to blame for the deterioration of American citizen-



A SCENE IN NEW YORK.

ship by hordes of foreign-born voters who, with the aid of the foreign church, by which they are kept in close submission to the will of internal enemies of self-government, are made voting cattle by which designing politicians destroy self-government.

Public opinion should make it impossible for political jobbers to drive aliens in herds into the courthouse to be transformed into voters and citizens by a method lacking every trace of dignity and should even force an investigation into naturalizations made of late, which would undoubtedly result in the cancellation of a large number of citizenships.

AN ELECTORAL SUGGESTION

No truly patriotic citizen who fully understands the dangers threatening the proper development of American institutions can view the present political situation in Chicago, without coming to the conclusion that the impending town and ward elections are not offering the best possible opportunity for raising the issue most dear to their hearts.

Among the members of the Civic Federation and its various committees appear quite a number of lawyers and judges. This organization can therefore reach the root of the evil very efficiently. It can arraign the judges at the bar of public opinion and force them to cease the reckless naturalization practiced in the courts.

This year the republican party of Cook county elect new committees. It

could over the republican party and, through it, over the political field to which voters are confined on election day. In a majority of the Chicago wards the Protestants can control their parties if they will only act in concert.

In the meantime let Americans do their duty on election day and let them be discriminating. Men who are born Catholics but are giving evidence of a desire to emancipate themselves from the rule of the church are not the enemies of American citizenship half as much as are men of Protestant antecedent who preach toleration and enter into alliance with the foreign church.

THE Roman Catholic, push-ridden sheet known as the Kansas City Mail, which prayed for the support of the American Protective Association when the paper first started and was refused, and then crept at the feet of the opposite party and was espoused and given the county printing, publishes in its editorials the following shallow concoction of political lies, under the caption of "The Troy Murders."

In the coroner's inquest over the killing of several persons at Troy, N. Y., growing out of the republican conspiracies against the ballot in the recent election there, it was disclosed that the A. P. A. order was at the bottom of the outrage.

It is to be deeply deplored that this cosmopolitan young city is to be cursed with religious intolerance in any form. The constitution of the United States, drawn by the immortal Jefferson, which constitutes the fundamental law of the greatest republic the world has ever seen guarantees to every citizen religious liberty and equality before the law.

The corner stone of the American Protective Association is in direct conflict not only with the theory of free institutions but with the spirit and letter of the organic law of the land.

The members of this society take a solemn oath to apply a religious test for public office and the patriotism it teaches is to conspire behind locked doors and screened windows to nullify the constitution and laws of the land.

It is an anomaly that the party of Lincoln, Blaine, and Sheridan in an important American city should be captured bag and baggage by an oath-bound organization formed for the purpose of plotting against the political rights and business interests of a large element of law abiding citizens.

The fact within itself that this Mafia band had championed the candidacy of any man seeking public office should insure the active opposition of every good citizen.

The writer displays his shrouded common sense throughout the entire write-up. The dispatches given in another column will illustrate how the "A. P. A. order was at the bottom of the outrage."

Has not the A. P. A. as much right to oppose the oath-bound, armed Hibernians as the other political parties oppose each other at the polls? Is the writer an A. P. A.? From his language, any person can say, no! Then why does he deliberately lie, by calling it unconstitutional? Simply for the reason that the ascendancy of the A. P. A. in Kansas City will throw the push out, and as a minion of the push the Mail receives its support from it.

A LARGE number of democrats in Omaha have been waiting for President Cleveland to appoint a collector for the port in that city. Last week his excellency made the appointment, naming Dr. George L. Miller as the man. After the news had been spread that neither Con V. Gallagher or Jim MoShane had been appointed (they were both Romanists) three gentlemen were discussing the appointment on a Hanscom Park car, when one of them said: "I'd rather Gallagher had received the appointment, he'll be collector anyhow," and the World-Herald virtually echoes the same sentiment, by claiming that Gallagher will be made deputy. This is the first intimation we have ever had that Dr. Miller was under the control of any man. We always thought he was a man of very pronounced ideas, and settled convictions, but we may have been in error all this time. One thing is certain the doctor never denounced Romanism; he did denounce the A. P. A.



"STOP SELLING THAT D—N PAPER, OR I'LL SMASH YOU!"

Upon them, and become the protectors of American citizenship and the ballot box, which the naturalization laws intend them to be.

During the last twelve months some 10,000 voters have been added to the Chicago municipality by naturalization in the Chicago courts and it is no exaggeration to say, that 80 per cent. of them would have remained aliens and unable to increase the influence of priests and of politicians upon public affairs, had the judges done their duty. The law charges them to be satisfied

The Civic Federation, if it wants to accomplish anything should drop everything else and apply itself to the proper enforcement of existing naturalization laws. Without that, every reform movement in large municipalities must miscarry, because corrupt politicians, with the aid of priests, will be able to outvote citizenship, as long as the judges continue to manufacture voters at their behest.—Chicago American.

ANY man who pulls Old Glory down and runs the green up, is a traitor.

may not be possible to prevent the reelection of the Bodwells, the Maurers, the John M. Smyths, the Maddens, the Larimers, the "Brick" McCarthys, and other notorious tools of the foreign church in their own balliwicks to seats in the committees, and that it would be a waste of energy to even attempt their defeat there, but there is no reason why a majority of the new county central committee should not be composed of men who will not permit these enemies of good citizenship and pure democracy to continue their baneful