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THE AMERICAN IS THE CHAMPION OF ALL MARTYRIZED ORDERS - THE ORGANS OF NONE

APRIL 20, 1894.

The Christian people of Omaha and Council Bluffs on learning the condition of the Industrials came to the rescue with plenty of food and other necessities.

ATTACKS on the newsboys selling The Chicago American are becoming very numerous of late, but in spite of all this the boys keep right on selling from 7,000 to 10,000 each week.

THE election in New Britain, Conn., resulted in a glorious victory for the A. P. A. and a crushing defeat for the minions of the Papacy.

AT present it seems that Pondergast, the murderer of Mayor Harrison, will eventually go free. If there is any law and justice in this kind of proceeding we fail to see it.

THE good work which is being done by a number of the councils of the A. P. A. in this city is certainly gratifying to the men who have labored earnestly, and continuously, to break down the power of Rome.

ONE council of the A. P. A. in Omaha has been completely reorganized. For several months it has been absolutely impossible for a member in good standing, who did not attend its meetings, to learn what business was transacted.

IN the midst of all this excitement among all classes with regard to the advent of the Coxytes into Washington might it not be well to stop and ask whether there is not some secret object back of it all?

THE following are some of the charges preferred against the Roman Catholic Bishop Bonacum, of Lincoln, Neb.: Maladministration, tyranny, insubordination, inciting strife, slander, abuse of power, violation of diocesan statutes, misappropriation, falsehood, speculation, favoritism, gambling, incitation to perjury, and other offenses.

THE Iowa state authorities have certainly and most deservedly gained an unenviable notoriety during the last few days. A more flagrant case of "man's inhumanity to man" has seldom been witnessed in these parts.

TAXATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

The question as to the feasibility, the desirability and justice of compelling all denominations to list their holdings for taxation is being discussed in many quarters and by able men.

The holdings of each of the various denominations in the United States, aside from the Roman Catholic, do not appear formidable, but when you bunch the entire amount, throwing in that held by the Roman Catholic church, it runs up to a figure that strikes horror to the average citizen.

The observing, farseeing, conservative Grant in a message to congress, while president of the United States, expressed the belief that the constant accumulation of property by church organizations, if not checked, would amount to nearly \$500,000,000 in 1900, and was fearful that this vast amount of untaxed property would cause trouble.

This is a question which should be carefully weighed by every American citizen. If there is danger ahead of this republic, if church property is not taxed, you should become cognizant of that fact immediately.

PARTISANSHIP AND THE A. P. A.

A man cannot be a strong partisan and at the same time a strong A. P. A. If he is a strong partisan he votes his party ticket regardless of the character of the nominees.

THE daily papers all contained accounts of the funeral services held over the dead body of James Donahue at No. 3121 Lowe Ave. last Saturday.

A PRIEST of the Roman Catholic church called on a gentleman named Kelley living in LaGrange, Ill., and when told that he was talking to a Protestant, blurted out, "where did you get your name?"

WILLOW SPRINGS, Mo., is right in line—half of the members of the city council and the school board are A. P. A's.

WHAT THEY CAN EXPECT. The Methodist ministers of Chicago recently petitioned the pope through

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