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THE AMERICAN IS THE CHAMPION OF ALL PATRIOTIC ORDERS - THE ORGAN OF NONE.

APRIL 27, 1894.

BISHOP J. V. McNAMARA says he has had independence, and he now wants Liberty.

The "Sisters of Charity" have started on a renewed and general begging tour through Missouri.

The American Protective Association is repeatedly charged by its enemies of dragging religion into politics.

There can be no valid reason why Thirtieth street from Florence to South Omaha should not be opened up and made the main thoroughfare between those two points.

We have received a copy of a pamphlet entitled "The Patriot's Catechism."

The first point which Rev. Gordon has attempted to make is that the American Protective Association has circulated reports in the newspapers that arms were being concealed in the basements of Catholic churches.

SHORT-SIGHTED MINISTERS.

Some friend has sent us a copy of the Evening News of Michigan City, Ind., which contains an account of a sermon delivered by Rev. W. C. Gordon.

Every honest man is bound to reason with his brains and not with his prejudices.

If you would all read the article in the March number of the Century upon the anti-Catholic crusade written by W. Gladstone.

This anti-Catholic organization has circulated reports in the newspapers of arms being concealed in the basements of Catholic churches.

It is established beyond reasonable doubt that those who join this anti-Catholic society take these two cardinal obligations.

We are living in an age of tolerance and intelligence and such an organization as the A. P. A. ought to be banished to the dark ages with the stake and other instruments of persecution.

Some of the documents forged by the members of this association are most foolish, and declare their falsity upon their face.

To every sincere member of the Catholic church we extend the hand of Christian brotherhood.

Is each man's good and universal peace like a shaft of light across the land.

The members of the A. P. A. are pledged to uphold the constitutions of our state and national governments, and all their provisions are of equal force so far as they are concerned.

A. P. A.'s responsible for the utterances or charges of an editor who is not recognized by their order as an organ or as a mouthpiece which utters infamously either the doctrines or the sentiments of the organization.

The next charge, that the A. P. A. has circulated reports in newspapers that "forces were being drilled in these basements" is answered above.

The next assertion made by Rev. Gordon is that the facts have "given us no more reason to believe that the Catholics are preparing to usurp the power of this government than that any other religious body is preparing to execute such a dastardly scheme."

We can tell you why. It is her intention to make America Roman Catholic, peacefully if possible, by force if necessary.

Rev. Gordon says it is established beyond reasonable doubt that those who join the A. P. A. promise never to aid in nominating, electing, or appointing a Roman Catholic to office.

Rev. Gordon is in error. It is not a contradiction, any more than would be a refusal to elect republicans or democrats to office.

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I have no apologies to make for having been one week a member of the American party; for I still think native born citizens of the United States should have as much protection.

political parties are dangerous to any nation, no matter how pure or how patriotic the motives and principles which first bring them together.

In that is found the whole reason for the existence of the A. P. A. Rome declares that her laws are above the laws of the state; that where the two conflict the law of the church must be obeyed.

In the next paragraph Rev. Gordon suggests that the A. P. A. be banished as were the other instruments of persecution, and says that a man who is fit morally and mentally to fill an office, even though he is a Roman Catholic, should have his vote.

Rev. Gordon says if a Roman Catholic is able to do any service for which he is able to pay he knows of no reason why he should not do the work.

In the next paragraph Rev. Gordon makes the following accusation: "Some of the documents forged by the members of this association are most foolish."

Rev. Gordon in the next paragraph lauds the attitude of the Roman Catholics—believes it is a thousand times more Christian than the A. P. A.

Was it not a Roman Catholic mob that attempted to prevent free speech and even tried to murder Rev. Charles Chiniquy in Escanaba, Mich., in July, 1891?

than one year ago? Was it not a Roman Catholic mob that tried to murder Prof. George P. Rudolph in Lafayette, Ind., in February, 1893?

If those acts are tokens of christianity we pray to God we may never be afflicted with it; if that is tolerance according to Rev. Gordon's dictionary, according to the "golden rule," the A. P. A. need never be expected to emulate or practice it.

There is no point in the next paragraph which we have not covered by answering some other one of his sophistries.

In the next paragraph he makes a statement we have never seen verified, namely: "We pray and worship in their churches, and welcome them to ours."

But now we must show you the milk in Rev. Gordon's cocoanut. He said at the beginning, "If you would all read the article upon the anti-Catholic crusade, written by W. Gladstone, I should not take the trouble to speak upon this subject."

Intimidation of or assaults upon newboys selling the A. P. A. paper are to be condemned and must be stopped.

The above item needs but little comment from any paper advocating the principles of the A. P. A. and less from this paper.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL. Conducted by the sisters of charity, B. U. M.

Hours of attendance: Summer, from 9 to 12 a. m.; 1:30 to 4:30 p. m.

The law as it now stands exempts church property from taxation, but the assessors of this city should discriminate between property held by a church purely for school purposes and property held by a church for speculation purposes only.

you may sing it in every tongue and with one accord, and though the heavens fall we shall still proclaim that if it is bigotry to write those things, to speak those things, we are a bigot and glory in the title.

AMERICANS TAKE NOTICE.

We have been informed that the authorities of this city have decided to raise the green flag on the city hall May 8, the date of the convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians here.

Last Sunday evening Rev. R. S. Martin, pastor of Grace M. E. church, delivered an eloquent and forcible sermon to one of the largest audiences which ever congregated in the large church at the corner of La Salle avenue and Locust street.

The Board of Education of San Francisco has at present pending before it the question of the use in the public schools of "Myers' General History"

OVER at Clinton, Iowa, there is a strong Roman Catholic contingent and the priest seems to have reduced them down to the level of Spain, Mexico, Ireland, and other Roman Catholic countries.

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