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A FRIEND from Bloomington, Ill., reports that everything is prospering in that city under the A. P. A. administration.

ANY friends wishing information on any of the various patriotic societies or organizations can obtain same by addressing this office.

IT is the duty of every American to subscribe for a patriotic paper, and send it to some friend when through with its contents. This means you.

ROSEWATER evidently controls the board of public works, the board of education, the board of fire and police commissioners; and yet he is not satisfied.

THE Independent, of New Bedford, Mass., says: 'The postmaster has made eight appointments since our last issue. They are all of one color, a bright 'green.'

IMPEACHMENT proceedings have been instituted against Mayor Demis. The same dose, only a little stronger, should be applied to the board of fire and police commissioners.

TRADING off votes is a pernicious system, and detrimental to the welfare of the public schools in this city. The members of the board of education should be above such tactics.

JOHN RUSH has signed his own death-warrant so far as his political career is concerned. He has been elected state president for Nebraska of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

THE Bee in an editorial says: 'Politics should be divorced from the board of education.' We agree with the Bee on this point, but in order to accomplish this, it would be first necessary to 'divorce' several of the present members of that board.

ANOTHER week has passed and gone and yet that long-threatened and much-talked-of investigation into the fire department by the board of fire and police commissioners has failed to materialize. Wake up, gentlemen, you are not paid for sleeping.

THE action of the Jr. O. U. A. M. in refusing to participate in the parade at South Omaha last Wednesday was a commendable one. The presence of an alien flag, and especially the green one, should never have been permitted in a parade on such a day as the Fourth of July.

IN the sheriff's office in San Francisco there are eighty-seven Romanists and one Jew; in the county clerk's office there are fifty-four Romanists and one doubtful. In the office first named there are eighty-eight and in the latter office fifty-five appointees, but it will not always be so. The A. P. A. in San Francisco is growing.

WE believe there is a law in almost every city and town prohibiting professional begging. Under this law, or ordinance, as you may be pleased to call it, the needy, ragged and destitute are continually being arrested and sent to the work-houses, and given "hours" to leave the city or town. It is now time—yes, past time, and Americans should demand that the same law be applied to the most persistent of all professional beggars, the Roman Catholic nuns. You will find them daily in this practice, and they have reduced their begging to a science. They beg money, food, clothes, and articles of every description, and use these receipts to keep up institutions which bring a revenue from the stuff thus received. It is time to shut off this line of sympathetic begging.

THE IMMIGRATION QUESTION.

Nothing is of more importance to the American populace today than the restriction of pauper immigration. By "American populace" it is intended to convey the idea, and directly, that every one who is native born, those who have become naturalized, are included in this class. It is a question of great and living as is the manner in which the people are to secure their daily bread, for reasons that are being clearly demonstrated every day; also from the fact that the flood of immigrants coming to this country, in a pauperized condition, detracts that which is due to our laboring citizens by producing more people than the productive and manufacturing ability of this country will supply. It is time for congress to go to work for the people and cease to parley over the enactments which are of sole interest to the monopolists of the country. Without the slightest partisan feeling, it must be said that the legislative faculty of the United States is productive of the vilest rot, and that the Roman Catholic church is its fundamental base. Nothing can be accomplished by way of retarding the hordes of paupers coming into this country while Rome rules our congress, and wields a power over the higher officers Rome desires to rule America, and to do so ships thousands of her members into the land continually for the purpose of securing their votes and disturbing actions. Judging equally, and placing all who are at present in the United States as citizens, it is but the justice due these people that immigration be restricted, or entirely cut off, until the production of the country can be brought up to a level with the number of people who now inhabit the land. This is not a mythical idea, but the sternest of stern facts, which, if not complied with immediately to meet the immediate demand, will in the winter season, throw this country into a mass of starving, struggling humanity. Such results cannot be avoided when thousands of men are unemployed. Beside this, the men who seek their living from their labor, must come to a realization of the cause which is cursing them, and assert their rights at the primary elections. This is the place to gain your point, and see that no man is placed on a ticket who will not openly and above board avow his intention and future actions, in black and white, before he is placed upon the ticket as a nominee for any office. If a man will not do this, throw him aside, for a man who is too cowardly to assert his true self, will turn out to be a thief and bribe receiver. Above all, see that you fill your congress and legislative halls with men who will do this, and this country will become one of prosperity and justice. Men of this stamp will not waste their time drawing their salaries and living in luxury while the people are starving. They will guard the vital interest of the people, and when a needed measure should be brought before them as law-makers, they will act promptly and with decision. The country has never had a more important question than that of modifying the laws governing immigration. Everywhere a person may turn this omen of destruction stares them in the face, yet the present congress is doing nothing but to fight over a topic which had better be cast into the sea until they can transact more important business. From the present turn of congressional affairs it would seem that much money from the American and foreign monopolies is being disbursed. Many of these men will appear for re-election in the near future. It is the duty of every American citizen to put honorable men in their places.

TO BE DEPLORED.

The strike inaugurated by the American Railway Union against all railroads running Pullman sleepers has reached proportions not anticipated and is now of such magnitude as to seriously affect public interests. Railroad business throughout the country is practically paralyzed, and the continued spread of the strike threatens to put a serious stumbling block in the transportation of the mail, and when it arrives at this point it becomes a national menace. The commercial interests of the country are bound to suffer, if the facilities for the transportation of mail are impaired, and the sympathy of the masses which undoubtedly at the outset were with the Pullman strikers will be withdrawn. It is certainly to be regretted that the Pullman company rejected the request of their employes to restore in part the reduction made in wages last fall, and refused to submit the matter to arbitration; therefore, upon this company, to a large extent, should rest the responsibility for the present strike.

Be that as it may, the Railway Union should have exhausted first all the means in their power to compel the Pullman company to arbitrate the matter before going on a strike. Under any circumstances, strikes are to be deplored, and no matter which side wins the point in question, both sides are losers, to a certain extent, in the long run.

It is alleged that the mayor of Davenport, Ia., recently made the following remark: "I was elected by the Roman Catholics, to serve the Roman Catholics, and I intend to serve them to the best of my ability as long as I am in office."

If he did make this statement, as alleged, the Americans of Davenport should see to it that his official career be nipped in the bud at the end of his present term of office.

FREE SPEECH DENIED.

The Mayor of Davenport, Ia., Refuses to Allow Bishop McNamara to Lecture. DAVENPORT, Ia., June 28.—Editor THE AMERICAN: Just a few lines to let you know how I succeeded in this town. The friends here, of whom there are, I believe, over 1,500, seem sleeping. Well, I wanted a hall, and saw the proprietor of the Turner Hall, a fine hall, corner Third and Scott streets, and found through him that I would have to get a license from the mayor, who had refused Slattery some time since. I saw him at his law office, and told him my business, when he said, "I refused ex-Priest Slattery a license some time ago, and if this is on the same order, I see no cause to change my decision, but if you want to give a free lecture, you can start right away, as there will be no license required, but I must say that should there be the least disturbance, I will at once use my authority, and order the hall closed." I remonstrated with him, and said that would be an abridgement of the right of free speech, which right was granted to every American citizen. During our talk the subject of private lectures came up, when he said he would not allow them to be delivered on any account. I asked the reason, and he said they were immoral. I then had another slap at him, and told him that the immorality of them I did not deny, but the immorality was by the Roman church, and not Bishop McNamara. He then seemed to want to close the conversation, and said we were not discussing churches or religion. I told him the private lectures were simply a translation of Kenrick's "Moral Theology," a book written in Latin by a bishop of the Roman church, and used as a class-book in all Roman Catholic seminaries for the education of students for the priesthood, and had to be studied before their ordination. He then stopped me, and said all my talk would not alter his determination not to grant a license, and I then left him. Since then I have found out that he told Slattery's agent that it would be all right, and he would grant a license the day the lectures were to be delivered, and the agent got his printing and advertising done, and when the Romanists got to know, they waited on the mayor (by the way his name is Volmar) and he, like a tool that he is, refused to grant the license, and notified the proprietor of the hall not to open it, as it was against the law. Give my kind regards to all friends through THE AMERICAN, and wishing you good luck, I remain, yours in F. P. P., JOHN PARKER, Advance agent for Bishop J. V. McNamara.

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY WARNING.

What the Tory Press Had to Say of the Future of the United States. Although the tory press defended unjust taxation of the Colonists by the British crown during the war for American independence it was rendering those Colonists a service in warning them against the possible consequences of an alliance with France, then on the threshold of the French revolution. Priestcraft and corruption of the French court burdened the people until they rose, and under the battle cry of "Liberty, Fraternity, and Equality," inaugurated the reign of terror which resulted in the annihilation of law and order and the denial of an existence of a Supreme Being. From the extreme of blind faith in their clergy and the doctrines of the church, they went to the other extreme of entire repudiation of the control of the priesthood and utter disbelief in their teachings. It was only by long suffering that a people could be induced to bring about such a radical religious and political revolution. For some years before the storm burst, the leaders of the Roman church perceived the growing discontent and cast about for a refuge. North America offered the safest harbor, excepting that portion of the western continent controlled by Great Britain. The French possessions in America before were the only haven for a fleeing priesthood, until the war between Great Britain and the American Colonists broke out. Even then the leaders of the Roman church feared to attempt to gain a foothold in the colonies, until through their machinations the alliance between France and the revolting colonies was affected. Of this alliance the Pennsylvania Ledger, a tory organ, dated May 13, 1778, says: "Surely we have reason to distrust the restless and enterprising spirit of France, and of those other commercial powers who are said to favor the project of American independency; and, if the French king has agreed to such a treaty as this, of which, however, a sample only is given up, we must be madly credulous indeed if we believe it proceeds from any other motives than, at all events, to prevent our enjoying now the benefits of a happy reconciliation, and with a view, when the times will bear it, to bring us into such a state of domestic expense and foreign dependence, as must make us forever repent our folly in not having embraced the opportunity now presented, of securing our civil and religious freedom, peace, and safety, against the arts and violence of all the world."

"Is it possible that we can now wish for a final separation from Britain, the ancient and chief support of the Protestant religion in the world \* \* \* by entering into a treaty with that ambitious and treacherous power, whose religious and political maxims have so often disturbed the peace and invaded the rights of mankind? The congress have wonderfully altered their tone of late. The time was when the bare toleration of the Roman Catholic religion in Canada, though stipulated, for by articles of capitulation was treated as a sanguinary faith, which had for ages filled the world with blood and slaughter! But now the congress are willing to make us the instruments of weakening the best friends, and of strengthening the most powerful and ambitious enemies of the reformation to such a degree as must do more than all the world could do, towards the universal re-establishment of popery through all Christendom \* \* \* That France is not so blindly bigoted to her religious faith we readily grant—in her religion is little more at this day than outside show to cover a general infidelity; but there is, for this very reason, the more cause to fear and distrust her views, as the less real religion she has at heart, the more will she be disposed to encourage the political tenets of the church of Rome, on account of the advantages they afford to her ambitions in the pious work of enslaving mankind \* \* \* Judge, then, what we have to hope or expect from such an alliance! We not only run a manifest risk of becoming slaves ourselves, under the treacherous title of independency, but we are doing everything in our power to overturn the Protestant religion, and extinguish every spark, both of civil and religious freedom in the world."

Nearly one year after, James Rivington's Royal Gazette commenting on the alliance, said: "On the other hand, even if America, by the power of France and French troops, should oblige Britain to relinquish her just claim to an equitable union of force and interests, what advantage would the colonies reap from the event? Religion, with tattered garments and mournful eye would lament the success which exposed her to the shackles of popish superstition and the lash of unfeeling persecutors."

The royalist press in the American colonies exerted its influence toward union with the kingdom of Great Britain, happily without avail, but the warning against the danger of affording Roman Catholicism a foothold in the United States was prophetic. It is not to be supposed that the federal leaders in that hour of trial contemplated a measure that was to ultimately bring distress upon the people. An alliance with the hereditary foe of England was desirable as it would help the oppressed colonists to achieve their independence. The congress was justified in applying the maxim of the Jesuits: "The end justifies the means" in this extreme case. The provision of the constitution offering on the part of a grateful people a home to the enslaved and oppressed of other lands has resulted in an abuse of hospitality. It was designed that only the worthy should here find refuge. Not an element who people our prisons and reformatories; not a politico-religious order whose policy is to block the wheels of progress and become the masters of men through the power of learning over ignorance.

The warning of the tory press of the revolution has been fulfilled. The Romanists have secured a foothold, but the tenancy is not so stable that it cannot be removed. PRO PATRIA.

Encouraging.

JUNE 25, 1894.—To the Editor of THE AMERICAN: I think THE AMERICAN one of the most patriotic papers I ever read. I read it every week and then send it to some friend. I would like very much to belong to the W. A. P. A., but for certain reasons I cannot. Believe me to fully agree and sympathize with you in your noble work. I stand up for the A. P. A., no matter where I am. You have very many supporters who cannot, for certain reasons, declare themselves, but who will, we hope, in time become loyal A. P. A's. AN A. P. A. SYMPATHIZER.

Patriotic.

For unity of empire let us stand, Against Rome-rule and teaching in the land; For sacred freedom let us draw our blade Against the Jesuits and the pope's brigade. Never let us dare, like arrant fools, To drive the Bible from our nation's schools. —Exchange.

The Orangemen of Omaha will celebrate July 12th by a social at Redmen's hall, in the Continental block. Rev. Robt. L. Wheeler, of South Omaha, will give an address upon the objects and aims of the order. There will also be music and dancing. Tickets 25 cents. All members of the order, with their friends, are invited.

OUR friends can aid us in our work by insisting on their newsdealers handling THE AMERICAN. Will you do it? Can't you spend a nickel each week to help carry on this fight?

AN ENCOURAGING SIGN.

Congregation Now the Watch-Word of the Roman Church.

Heretofore it has been the custom of the monarch of the Vatican, "the vicar of Christ" and "the successor of St. Peter," to hurl the thunders of the church at schismatics in the field, and anathematize all who dare to indulge in independence of thought and action. Leo XIII's last encyclical letter is outlined in a dispatch from Rome, and has been approved by the college of cardinals. "The encyclical expresses grief at the schisms and animosities which have torn flourishing countries from the bosom of the church, and the hope is expressed that divine pity and omnipotence will bring them back to the fold. The pope then addresses the eastern churches, recalling the fact that their ancestors recognized the Roman pontiff admits that they are well disposed toward Catholics and promises that their rites and patriarchal privileges will be maintained in the event of union with the Roman Catholic church. "His holiness then appeals to Protestants, and points out that they have no fixed rule of faith or authority, and asserts that many of them even deny the divinity of Christ and the inspiration of the scriptures. The encyclical refers to the movement in certain countries against the church, enjoining Catholics to shake off sloth in view of this hostility and to submit entirely to the tutelage of the church. His holiness condemns the Free Masons, claiming that they are the enemies of religious unity and especially denounces their so-called audacious activity in Rome. Further, he calls upon Italy and France to shake off the despotism of Free Masonry in order that religious concord may exercise the evils of war, holding that Europe presents the appearance rather than the reality of peace and that education in husbandry, the arts and commerce is seriously menaced."

The conciliatory tone of the letter is remarkable, and never in the history of the Roman church has its equal emanated from a sovereign pontiff with the consent of his ministry. The schisms and animosities referred to began in 345, when the Arian controversy agitated the established church and led up to the reformation in 1483, supplemented in this century by the dissensions of Dr. Dollinger, Loysin, McGlynn and others of lesser note. "Divine pity and omnipotence" will never restore these men to free fellowship with the Roman Catholic church, in whose bosom is the fount of error, irrational doctrine, and all that is abhorrent to liberty of thought and action. It is impossible to reconcile a man of lofty reason and pure religious sentiment to what he knows to be contrary to the laws of God and man. The hope expressed by Leo XIII. in reference to these devoted men is in vain.

The appeal to the eastern churches invites the reunion of the Greek, Coptic and Russian-Greek churches with the Roman Catholic church. It is centuries since the Greek church recognized the Roman pontiff and long habit has strengthened the unfriendly feeling. The promise that the rights and patriarchal privileges of the Greek church shall be maintained in the event of union with the Roman Catholic church, if fulfilled, would be only through a complete doctrinal revolution. The utter fallacy of such a proposition is apparent, as with its adoption would disappear the power of the Roman hierarchy. To make this union complete the Roman church would have to countenance the non-celibate doctrine, the baptism of infants by immersion, the sacrament of both kinds, the rejection of the doctrine of purgatory, the doctrines of transubstantiation and the procedure of the holy spirit only from the Father, and the regard, not the worship of relics, images and pictures, all of which are tenets of the Greek church. A desire for the reunion of the two churches has existed for some time, but not until now has the wish been publicly expressed. To prepare the faithful for such a reunion, the Roman Catholic laity have been instructed by the clergy to regard all members of the Greek church as of their communion. Now the Greek church in Russia is nominally governed by the metropolitan, but in reality is governed by the czar. The czar is the most autocratic of all secular sovereigns, as the pope is the most autocratic of all ecclesiastical sovereigns, it is a simple proposition that oil and water will not mix. It is an unalterable command, passed from pope to pope to his people: "Thou shalt have none other god (on earth) but me." The czar and the pope could not dwell in amity with each other.

"Protestants have no fixed rule of faith or authority, and many of them even deny the divinity of Christ and the inspiration of the scriptures." What Protestant denomination denies the divinity of Christ or the inspiration of the scriptures as contained in the accepted book of books? By having no fixed rule of faith, the Protestant church or denominations of that church allow its members to reason and think for themselves. The converse is the rule and policy of the Roman Catholic church. "Do not believe what you read, but believe what I tell you. Doubt nothing." It is this blind unreasoning faith in their masters that has bound the masses of the Roman communicants in the chains of ignorance and trammelled free thought and expression. It is this complete surrender of individual thought, intellectual independence, that gave rise to the saying: "The Roman Catholic church

is the last refuge of the skeptic."

Some times a bold spirit refuses to allow others to think for him; and regulate his spiritual welfare. Catholicism had its Voltair, Balzac, Boccaccio and Babelais. In the 411 years that Protestantism has been in existence, it has not had as formidable enemies in its own ranks as the four men of letters mentioned above.

The movement in certain countries against the church refers to the A. P. A. movement, and may be well "viewed with alarm" from the Vatican. It means a political revolution, a suppression by means of ballot of Romanism in American politics, a loosening of the throttling hold the Jesuits have secured on our national, state and municipal governments, and the restoration to American citizens, native and naturalized, of the rights and principles willed to them by the patriots of 1776. It behooves the members of this order to stand shoulder to shoulder in the righteous war opened, as the welfare of ourselves as well as that of our posterity, depends upon our vigilance and action at the ballot-box. The situation demands no half-way measures. There must be a complete divorce of religion and politics, a strict maintenance of the public school system and the election to public office of men who owe allegiance only to the country of their birth or adoption. This must not be an ephemeral movement. The cause is too sacred and vital to the future prosperity of the loyal citizens of the United States to perish through neglect and indifference. Our liberties are menaced and if we are now passive to the danger confronting us, we will entail upon our descendants misery and oppression to which we are strangers. Let every true American remember this, and bend his energies to applying the remedy. "In union there is strength." This axiom is recognized and lived up to by the Roman Catholic element, and is the wisest policy in every popular movement.

It is yet to be shown that the tolerant order of Free Masonry is the enemy of religious unity. It is the essence of religious unity, as it embraces all religions and creeds, is an educational order and carries progress in its train. Free Masonry in France and Italy has enabled the people to shake off the withering hold of priestcraft and converted what are nominally Roman Catholic nations into progressive and enlightened people. Any secret order outside of the Roman Catholic communion is anathematized. The church countenances Clan-na-Gaelism, the A. O. H. and that blighting organization, the Society of Jesus, because they are within its pale. Free Masonry has nothing to do with the armed neutrality of governments. National jealousy and the monarchical system are at the bottom of the costly maintenance of European armies, to be done away with as the republican spirit advances. The pope's diatribe against Free Masonry will not affect the order any more than it will affect the advance of the A. P. A. The encyclical letter betrays alarm and is a confession of weakness for which all good Protestants are to be congratulated. NATIVE AMERICAN.

Intolerance in Switzerland.

The Catholics of the Tessin Canton in Switzerland have given lately a regrettable evidence of religious-intolerance. The Protestant minister of Biasca was about to celebrate a religious service in a hall rented by him at Castione, where there are about fifty members of his congregation. The mayor and his secretary came up and handed him a decree of the municipality forbidding the celebration of the divine service under penalty of imprisonment. Two gendarmes were present ready to arrest, in case of resistance, Mr. Zamporini, the minister, who left the place, and who forwarded a complaint to the federal council, which promised to examine the case.

An Ex-Priest and Ex-Nun Murdered.

LAWRY, Fla., June 25.—Gustave Drolshagen, a native of Germany, and formerly a Roman Catholic priest, together with his wife, who was an ex-nun from Newark, O., were found murdered a quarter of a mile from this place. The man had a bullet hole in the back of his head, while the woman had been shot through the eye. The pair had come to Lawry, shortly after the woman's escape from the convent, and settled down in business and evidently seemed to be prospering. As far as is known, they did not have any enemies, and an air of mystery surrounds this double murder.

Change of Time.

On and after Sunday, April 29th, the Missouri Pacific trains for Kansas City, St. Louis, etc., will leave depot at 15th and Webster streets at 9:00 a. m. and 9:30 p. m. Trains will arrive at 6:00 a. m. and 6:55 p. m. Nebraska Local leaves daily, except Sunday, at 5:10 p. m.; arrives 9:20 a. m.

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