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The mistake must not be made that this warfare is being made against particular Catholics. It is against the church as a political organization.

AFTER you have read this paper give it to a friend. Let the interest spread.

THE Patriotic Sons of America of Boston have nominated Lieutenant-Governor Hælle for governor and Hon. Arthur W. Tufts for lieutenant-governor. It is stated that A. E. Pillsbury was favorably mentioned in connection with the attorney-generalship, but that only two nominations were made. We should think the taxpayers remember the action of the last legislature and the present governor in giving to a Roman institution several thousand dollars of their money. If they do we expect to be able to notify our readers of the success of the campaign that they have waged. In Boston there is as much need of cleaning the Augean stables as there is in this city.

THAT was a very pertinent question asked by the Manchester Times and copied into the Belfast Weekly News, as to "what would the United States think if England allowed a standing army to be kept for the purpose of invading her territory should any certain state rebel?" This inquiry was made after the report was telegraphed all over the world that the Irish Catholic Military Union had held an annual encampment on Staten Island, and that the object of the union was the liberation of Ireland. The president of the United States should issue a proclamation, if within the scope of his authority, disbanding the Irish Catholic Military Union and similar orders. Under the laws of the United States no man who professes to be a citizen of the same can engage in war with a nation at peace with this country.

THERE was a bill introduced in the Illinois senate which provided for the swearing in of the Chicago Hibernian Rifles as state troops, I. N. G. The constitution of the Hibernians provides that no person shall become a member of that order unless he is a Roman Catholic. Who ever heard of an American that was a member of the Hibernian Rifles? Its very name is foreign. What does the state of Illinois mean by arranging to support this foreign, sectarian secret society?—Independent Loyal American.

SOME PLAIN STATEMENTS.

There have sprung up all over this nation, within the last few years, thousands of secret societies which have for their object the perpetuation of the free institutions of this country, that are now being, or that may hereafter be, assailed by the subjects of the pope.

Probably the one which has caused the greatest disturbance in the ranks of the faithful in this state is that known as the A. P. A. From the start it has taken this city, South Omaha, Grand Island and a number of the other leading cities of the state by storm.

Hundreds of loyal, God-fearing men have been initiated each week, and the associations are now so strong that many of the business men who are members say, unhesitatingly, they belong.

In this city the Roman boycott will have no terror for business men who are on the outside, by the time another month has been added to the past.

By that time merchants will understand that there are as many Protestants who have a dollar to spend as there are Romans, and that they will be taken care of if they take a stand for their country, and not knuckle to the Roman machine. They will be given good and sufficient reasons as to why they should identify themselves with the American movement, and why they should cut loose from the Roman political machine. They will have it demonstrated to them that the affairs of this city, of this county, are safer in the hands of a Protestant than they are in the hands of the average Roman. They will be convinced that the expense of conducting these governments can and will be materially lessened when the gang that has for years manipulated caucus and convention, and held all the offices, is relegated to the rear. They will be informed of the action of those Roman county officials who contributed to a fund to get an attorney to withdraw from a case—an injunction against another official in his official capacity. They will know there is more truth than fiction in the charges that hoodlum has cut a prominent figure in the acts of some city officials. They will be shown a state of affairs that will convince them that the Romans are in it for the money there is in it, and that the A. P. A. is organized to bring about, if possible, needed reforms.

While the work of the association in this city is being done quietly it is being done none the less effectually. And, while the work at Grand Island has been done under the fire of the most ignorant (historically) zealot, it will be the more enduring. We will quote from a letter from a friend in that city to show how secret they work: "We want you to send us 100 copies of THE AMERICAN each week. Things are going along smoothly here, and we are prosperous. We hung out a street lamp last Tuesday evening so the world could see where we roost." As it has been in Grand Island so it has been in South Omaha. The boys began without any sounding of trumpets and worked hard to build up the order. A nondescript sheet saw a chance to make—if nothing more—itsself the mouth piece of an assistant-vicar of Christ, by villifying the American as-

sociation. Since the war began the membership has steadily increased. The assistant-vicar has concluded that it is time to introduce the inquisition, so he goes to a gang working in a certain brick yard and instructs them to get the secrets of the "white caps" by fair means if possible, by foul means if necessary. What kind of religion is this that advises men to become criminals that the curiosity of a priest may be gratified?

These are plain statements as to what has been done and what will be done before the next election. If you don't want to get wet come in out of the storm.

Its Aims And Object.

Probably nothing is more misunderstood than the purposes, objects, and aims of the A. P. A. To begin with, it is a patriotic organization and seeks to defeat the political measures and schemes as advanced and advocated by Rome to control our government and institutions. No fight is waged against individual Catholics; nor is the right of Catholic worship questioned. There exists a wide difference between Romanism and Catholicism. Romanism is political to the exclusion of religious ideas, and being directly antagonistic to our laws and government, makes it an impossibility for Catholics to obey her commands and teachings and keep inviolate their oath of allegiance to governments. Now the ignorant and illiterate masses which form the body of the Roman Catholic church think, and, in fact, believe this is all right, but the intelligent and thoughtful Catholic knows it to be wrong, and just so long as Catholics are forbidden the right to reason and submit to being led and imposed on by Rome, harder and fiercer will the battle be waged against this barrier erected between reason and blind obedience. Just so long as Rome denies the right of the liberty of the press, of conscience, of speech, and denies the free exercise of other religions, and proclaims the damnation of those who disobey her, just so long will there be call for societies to sit down on such presumption, and such societies are a blessing to Protestants and Catholics alike. That any foreign potentate should dictate to the people of this country is an insult and against all republican ideas and reason. Grand Island is well represented with good Catholic citizens, and some of them have admitted the right of existence of the A. P. A. and similar organizations in Grand Island and elsewhere. A few ignorant Catholics, fanatical almost to a point of insanity, have loudly and foolishly cursed the A. P. A. on the streets and elsewhere. Such people hurt the church and aid the A. P. A. They know absolutely nothing about the order and in their zeal to injure it, make the most absurd statements, thereby calling down ridicule upon their defenseless heads. Progress is the headlight of the A. P. A. and nothing can stop progress, it being a law of nature.

First—The A. P. A. advocates and demands free speech and free press.

Second—The separation of church and state.

Third—The unhampered maintenance of our public school system.

Fourth—Restricted emigration.

The A. P. A., properly speaking, is simply a patriotic institution. One flag, one government and no interference, is what it fights for. It opposes Romanism in America, knowing it to be pernicious and dangerous. Catholics who believe that Rome should be the first consideration and our republic the second, are not good citizens and should move to Rome. As the A. P. A. becomes better understood all citizens, regardless of creed, will have a still kindlier feeling toward it. It works for the best interests of the country we live in. We believe that Roman Catholicism is a delusion and a snare, and our aim is to convince all, both Catholics and Protestants, that it is such, and whatever may be said is said with kind intent, although to the deluded Catholic believer the truth may sometimes appear unpleasant. We believe that if the pillars of Roman Catholicism be torn away the structure will fall, and the main pillars are ignorance, idolatry, fanaticism, intolerance, bigotry, darkness, zealotry, blind tradition, narrow thought, blind obedience. May God give us the strength of Samson that we may pull down these pillars which support and uphold the temple of Satan.—Grand Island Times.

The editor of the Radical of Jamesville, Wis., says: The Wisconsin legislature has finished its work. The house has passed 338 and killed 476 measures, while the senate passed 151 and killed 207. Among the bills passed is one for the repeal of the Bennett law and one providing for the printing of the proceedings of the Milwaukee city council in the Polish language.

FORM YOUR OWN OPINION.

Constitutions guard the rights of personal security, personal liberty, private property and of religious profession and worship."—Kent's Commentaries, Vol. 1, Page 407.

I do further declare the doctrine of the church of England, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and other Protestants, to be damnable. * * I will help, assist and advise all or any of his holiness' agents, in any place wherever I shall be and to do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestant doctrine, * destroy * their * power, regal or otherwise.—Jesuit oath.

I will use my best endeavors to promote civil and religious liberty.—From the Oath Furnished American societies by Roman Sympathizers.

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