

CONSISTENCY.

The Roman Organ, edited by a young gentleman who lately drifted into the city, classes all the members of the A. P. A. with the Chicago anarchists and the New Orleans mafia. As the members of those associations are generally admitted to have been drawn largely from the Roman church, we are willing to admit the truth of all that the Roman mouthpiece has stated derogatory of their morals and their methods, but when it says Protestants can get as low as those debased pillars of Roman Catholicism, we desire to enter a mild protest. The members of the American protective Association are neither criminals nor sluggers. Their objects have been repeatedly set forth in these columns. They believe in law and order. They believe in every man worshipping God according to his own idea. They have not committed an overt act during all the months they have been banded together. Can as much be said for the Romans? They will not commit any, and if any Catholic buildings are burned before election the blame will be placed where it rightfully belongs—on Roman Catholic shoulders. The members of the American Protective Association admits the right of Roman Catholics to have their secret societies—their Ancient Order of Hibernians, their Catholic Knights of America, their Knights of St. Patrick, their Knights of the Red Branch, and a score of others. While they admit the right of the Roman Catholics to have these societies, they claim for themselves the same privilege and the same right. They cannot see where it is any more treasonable for them to swear allegiance to the state in which they live, to the country where they have made their home, than it is for the Romans to swear allegiance and in the face of that oath boldly assert in their national convention in Buffalo the 23d day of September, in the year 1891, that "before I am a German, before I am an American, I am a Catholic." They cannot see the consistency of the charge that they are lawless, when they go to and from their business, their meetings and their places of worship, without creating a disturbance; when they are assaulted and make no resistance; when they are threatened by a mob, yet make no commotion; when abused and vilified, but never return a word; when their movements are spied upon by Roman Catholics, yet the spies go unpunished; when they are boycotted, intimidated and brow-beaten by loud mouthed communicants of the Roman machine, yet say nothing in return. We say they cannot see the consistency in the Roman charge, and unless the citizens of Omaha are more short-sighted than we give them credit for being, the Roman sheet will have a hard time making the Protestants of this city believe a palpable untruth. The American Protective Association believes in every man enjoying all the privileges guaranteed by the constitutions to citizens. It will hold up those principles as long as blood flows through their veins, and all the misrepresentation of the Roman mouthpiece and the Roman bulldozers and sluggers will not change their determination one iota. We do not ask to be let alone. If the Roman church does not mix religion and poli-

tics, the proper way for her to convince the public is to cease holding political meetings every Sunday afternoon in St. Philomena's hall on Ninth and Howard; they should stop passing resolutions at those meetings which declare they will not support for office any man who will not subscribe to their principles. (W. A. L. Gibbon's resolution of Sunday, Sept. 20, 1891.) If they want Protestants to believe political shysters are not manipulating the Roman vote they must reform, and change their meeting places. The priests are slick, but they ought to have foreseen that political meetings held in church property proves the close alliance of the Roman church and affairs of state.

WATCH FOR HIM.

A certain individual whose description tallies with that of a Mr. O'Neill of our acquaintance, is going from one place to another in the city declaring that he is a member of the A. P. A., and that he was fired from the U. P. because he had the courage of his convictions and informed his boss that he was a member of the American Association. If the gentleman is the Mr. O'Neill with whom we are acquainted he is not a member of the A. P. A. but is a member of the Roman church. You had better do very little talking outside of your halls to strangers claiming to be members of the order. The town is full of spies—three priests being necessary where one answered the purpose two months ago.

HELSLEY'S DECISIONS.

Helsley holds that it is not disturbing the peace for one man to knock another down in the street. He also holds that it is not disorderly conduct for one man to assault a peaceable citizen on the street and knock him down into the gutter, and also that there is no law in Nebraska by which one man may be punished for committing an assault and battery on another, when the party assaulted does not resent the blow.

A CARD OF THANKS.

George A. Bennett desires to extend his thanks to the Western Recorder for the free advertising it has seen fit to give him during the last few weeks. He says he can hardly take care of all the work that comes to his blacksmith shop.

A Romish journal declares that a census of the Roman Catholics is being taken by Dr. Carroll, of Plainfield N. J. who has been assigned to that duty by the general government. Why is this done for the Romanists alone? because Blaine is premier and the power behind the throne.—American Monitor.

Protestantism has no principle or consistency. It was the creation of a drunken, thieving and lustful mob, and consequently must always act as the mob dictates.—Omaha Roman Catholic Organ.

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