

TEXANS TAKE A HAND

A despatch from San Antonio, Tex., dated Sept. 25, says: At a meeting held this evening, in Odd Fellows hall, composed of American citizens, without respect to nativity, creed or religious opinion, the minutes of a previous meeting were adopted, calling for the organization of a society to be known as the Washington league, with objects as follows: "The preservation of American civil and religious liberty, and the prevention of all foreign entangling alliances."

This movement has grown out of the introduction into the public schools of West Texas of Sisters of Charity as teachers.

Mr. Ray, real estate agent, was elected temporary president. All shades of religion and free thinkers participated. Permanent organization was deferred until Friday October 2. All persons regardless of sex or religious belief, and over 16 years of age, are eligible.

A committee of seven, to whom the matter was referred, submitted the following propositions, which was ratified by this meeting:

1. It is the policy of the church of Rome to combine church and state wherever practicable.

2. It is the purpose of the church of Rome to join religious and secular education in the public schools of the United States, and to divert public money to its use and control for sectarian ends.

3. If the Sisters of Charity, a well known religious order of the Roman Catholic church, wear their religious dress, rosaries and crucifixes while acting as teachers in the public schools, they are then teaching religion by object lesson, and are there for that purpose; and if they divest themselves of their religious dress and symbols, they are by their vows still compelled to assist in the propagation of the doctrines and dogmas of their church, and are therefore ineligible as teachers in the public schools.

4. It is the intention of the state of Texas, in its system of public school instruction, to supply secular education only.

5. Organized opposition is necessary to remove the question of sectarian religion from American politics, and to combat successfully the encroachments of the church of Rome upon the civil and political institutions of the United States.

6. It being American, consistent with civil liberty and conducive to good government, religious and all other institutions of the United States, of right should be open at any time to the inspection and supervision of the officers of the government appointed for that purpose.

7. That as the United States guarantees toleration in matters of conscience, one denomination or sect equally with another is entitled to the full protection of the laws following their religious belief.

"We cannot assimilate with Americans." This is the plain and truthful avowal made, it is said, in a French Catholic newspaper, published in Holyoke, Mass. Roman Catholic French Canadians are glad to leave Rome-

ridden Canada and come to Protestant New England to get business and money from our people, but they insist upon thrusting upon us their anti-American ideas, and to force upon us race and religious conflict. This peril, however, is brought upon us by the cupidity of Americans.—British American Citizen.

Spokane is reached by the Union Pacific direct. It is the center of the Palouse country, one of the richest sections of Washington.

Talk about the eccentric irreverence of the Salvation Army! It is nothing to the ribald performances of the priests. Dr. M'Alister has turned all his priests, it would appear, into touts for the new journal, which the pope has blessed for the consolation of the shareholders. Mass is made the touting time, and just remember what mass means to the Romanist. "At the last gospel" the priest varies the service by opening out the Irish News, puffing it like any Cheap Jack, giving the name of the agent for the neighborhood, and urging the people to subscribe to the orthodox rag. This is what the correspondent or a Parnellite journal heard and saw. In all Christendom you could not match such course and cynical irreverence. The Vatican church, instead of a spiritual agency, has become a political machine.—Belfast News-Letter.

Go to Denver on the Fast Vestibuled Express of the Union Pacific and partake of the elegant meals served in the Pullman Dining Car running on this train.

The Inquisition of the present day differs from that of old only in its methods of work,—it is still as devilish, as far-reaching.

A gentleman who was in Lowell last week asserts that while looking into the window of a large book-store in that city, two nuns entered, and beginning at one end of the store they examined systematically every book within reach—spending three hours in the place. Now as nuns are not allowed to do such things for pleasure,—their pleasure being limited to the wishes of the priests,—their motive can be easily understood. Had one book been found which was displeasing to their church, the result would have been made known to the priests; and from the priests to the people, and the store-keeper would have felt the weight of the priestly boycott.

Still, this is a free country—for Romanists.—British-American Citizen.

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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