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PROCRASTINATION.

Two weeks ago we published an open letter to Rt. Rev. Bishop Scannell, and had the business manager send a copy of THE AMERICAN containing same to that gentleman by registered letter.

The following day the card which always accompanies a registered letter, was returned to this office, bearing the signature "Richard Scannell," which we hold as evidence that the bishop received a marked copy of THE AMERICAN containing the above mentioned "open letter."

Up to this time Bishop Scannell has studiously avoided and continually ignored the questions therein propounded. By his action he has certainly given Protestants ample cause for conceiving that the Roman Catholic church has and does as we have and are charging it with doing. By his silence he has certainly awakened new thoughts in many conservative Roman Catholic minds, and will, no doubt, drive many from a church which places a premium upon licentiousness and crime. His conduct will, we believe, cause many to do as a lady of our acquaintance has already done—cause them to sever their connection with the church and cause them to declare as she does, "It is all plain to me now; I can see where the priests would lead us, I have been a Roman Catholic all my life, and have four boys whom I intended to bring up in that faith, but since I have been reading your paper, listening to the questions propounded to me by my father confessor, and noticing that he often appeared to be under the influence of liquor, I stopped going to mass, and shall never allow a priest inside of my house again. You are doing a good work. A great many women whom I have known as devout attendants have said they intended to come out of the church. I believe what appears in THE AMERICAN is true, and this belief is shared by a good many people in Omaha. I know the church controls the political actions of her members. At the last election every Roman Catholic in Omaha was supposed to have received written instructions as to how he should vote. I know some did, because they made the statement that if the Roman Catholics failed to carry the last election their churches would be closed, and they would not be allowed to hold services or go to confession."

That is how one lady who was raised a Roman Catholic feels, and we venture the assertion that nearly all of you have a friend who is wavering, who is almost ready to step outside of the church; yet how many more would shake the shackles off if they could be shown the true inwardness of the jesuitical scheme that is being worked not only here, but throughout the country? A few more refusals to answer civil questions or discuss the theologies and dogmas of the church will suffice to drive intelligent people out of the church.

As to the assertion that Roman Catholics were instructed how to vote, we have also the word of a christian lady whose hired girl is a Roman Catholic. A few days before election this young woman appeared before the lady for whom she was working and informed her that her father had received a letter telling him how to vote, and which said if the Roman Catholics failed to carry the election their churches would be

closed. The lady told her it was not so, that they were mistaken; and, since that time, has called her attention to the fact that the churches are still open. What more evidence do you want that Rome attends to both the political and spiritual affairs of her dupes?

WHAT IT MEANS.

The supreme court of the United States has decided that James E. Boyd is a citizen and that he is eligible to any office within the gift of the people of Nebraska.

As we did not vote for James E. Boyd and as we never considered that Mr. Thayer had any right to hold beyond the day set by law for the expiration of his term of office, we shall not shout ourselves hoarse over the victory of the Omaha man, neither would we have died of grief had the supreme court taken a different view of the case.

This decision makes James E. Boyd the unchallenged standard bearer of the democratic party in the state of Nebraska at the next election. It makes it absolutely necessary that the republican nominee be chosen from some point outside of Omaha; and yet if that is done you will find certain republican leaders, who carry (?) the voters of Douglas county in their pockets, fighting from the day the nomination is made until the evening of the eighth day of November for the democratic leader.

But there is a new element in Douglas county politics which cannot be delivered this year to either a Roman or a Roman sympathizer. It holds the key to the situation, and whoever gets its support is almost certain to carry this county. Without its support no man can be elected, and for that reason the republican leaders (?) should be exceedingly careful in their selection of a candidate for governor, and for members of the electoral college.

The salvation of the republican party depends largely upon democratic blunders—it depends equally upon the nomination of clean, staunch Protestants.

Politics will not cut half so much of a figure hereafter, as honesty of purpose and integrity of principle. Because a man has always been a republican will be no endorsement if he is unsound upon the vital questions the Americans hope to solve; if he is lukewarm in support of the public schools; or if he recognizes as citizens those who boast of being Roman Catholics first and citizens afterward.

A democrat who toadies to the jesuits will be slaughtered in this county, with as little compunction as is usually displayed in burrying a republican ticket.

The state should bear this fact in mind. No enemy of our public institutions should be nominated. No man with such a reputation can be elected. Loyal Americans want none but American citizens on guard—i. e., Protestants.

THE FRIENDS SOCIAL CLUB

Will give another ball next Thursday evening in Washington hall. Those who attended the other hop will be glad to know they are so soon to enjoy another rare treat. Taking the other as a criterion the dance the 11th inst., will be a complete success, because you cannot keep any person who attended the former one away, and they are sure to bring their friends.

THE TENTH CALL.

Having exposed the blasphemous assumptions, and the libidinous communication of AURICULAR CONFESSION AS NOW AUTHORIZED AND REQUIRED, by the church of Rome in the United States, and on both continents. And having made these disclosures in most of the large cities on this continent, and recently in Omaha, Lincoln and Nebraska City, Nebraska, and at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and having been denounced, and cursed by the priests of Rome, for so doing, we hereby DEFIANTLY challenge any accredited Roman priest, bishop or cardinal on the continent of America to disprove the books and facts disclosed in our private lectures to men. Now let this issue be accepted, or for guilt and shame, let the Roman clergy cease their slanderous communications, and let penal enactments suppress the Romish confessional as a prolific source of crime and debauchery.

J. G. WHITE.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Nov. 26, 1891.

THERE should be a licence inspector appointed. People are robbed unmercifully by hucksters, and we venture that not one-half of the "short measure" crowd pay a cent into the city treasury. An ordinance should be passed raising the licence fee to ten dollars per month. This would protect legitimate business men, and rid the city of a lot of disreputable individuals who impose upon defenceless women in the suburbs.

THE city attorney has sufficient help. What do the people pay a city attorney, an assistant and a prosecutor for if it is not to collect evidence and look after the legal affairs of the city? While the city council is lopping off understrappers in other departments, why not apply the pruning knife to the city attorney's office? There is plenty of room there for reform and retrenchment.

THE city council claims it will, by consolidating offices and cutting off unnecessary supernumeraries, save the tax payers the snug sum of nine thousand dollars. We hope this will be so; yet it may not be so. In case it does not it may prove an expensive experiment. However we shall wait and see, and if things turn out as the councilmen hope they will, we shall be the first to accord them full credit.

THE board of education had better examine the Kellom school. We understand the specifications called for paper under the floor, and that it was not put there, and simply because the superintendent of buildings neglected his duties, by being absent several days, attending to private business. This should be looked into.

WHAT do you Protestants mean? There was a deficiency in the Presbyterian hospital fund last year. There was an overlap of several thousand dollars in the fund of St. Joseph's hospital,

the Roman Catholic institution. We noticed many Protestant names among the donors to the latter. How many of them gave to the Presbyterian, the Methodist or Immanuel hospitals? Rome no longer rules, gentlemen, so cease your truckling, and stand by your colors.

A Heavy Loss.

Few men will ever sustain a greater loss than O. H. Devries was called upon to bear last week when an All Wise God released the soul of his wife from its mortal prison and placed it among the chosen and elect who will reign with Him until the end of time. A purer woman, a more devoted wife and a more devout christian could not have been found in Omaha. She was innocence, truth and charity—not its essence, but its very life, and, living neighbors to the family, and knowing her disposition and daily life, the loss of Mr. Devries comes home to us with unparalleled force. He and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cotner, will have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in this the most unhappy week of their lives.

RELIABLE ATTORNEYS.

Bachelor & Kaley, 1004 New York Life. Breckenridge, Breckenridge & Crofoot, 415 New York Life. Carr, J. W., 302 Board of Trade. Eller, J. W., County Judge. Jeffrey & Rich, 23 U. S. National bank. Rogers, J. W., 6 Jacobs block. Scott, Col. C. R., District Judge. Scott, E. H., 418 New York Life. Wolcott, E. C., 55 Barker block.

When you need an attorney call on one of the above, and tell them you saw their name in this paper.

THE Sheriff of Douglas county says he would place notices of sale in THE AMERICAN if the attorneys did not object. Our friends who need the services of an attorney are requested to look in another column and see who send their sheriff sales to this paper. If Protestant attorneys have placed a boycott on THE AMERICAN we hope our friends will see to it that the same is removed.

NOT WITHSTANDING the fact that there are several republican applicants for the position, we feel, and we know a great many members of the American Protective associations feel as we do, that the appointment of any man as street commissioner other than J. H. Winspear will show that party leaders do not realize the magnitude of the American movement.

THE Lincoln Call is red hot for Tom Majors for governor. If being first in the field is any advantage the lieutenant governor has the field at a disadvantage. He is an avowed candidate, while our own Dr. Mercer and the other statesmen in the state are waiting on their friends.

I. C. BACHELOR and J. L. Kaley have concluded they could attend to their legal business to better advantage by having an office together, and to that end they have established headquarters at 1003 and 1004 New York Life building.

SOME people think John Rush did not try to make Pat Mullen street commissioner, but you did, didn't you John?