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IOWA needs a few more editors like

Sam M. Clark. To his fearless stand

some months ago, more than to any

other one thing, can be traced the re-

sult of last Monday's election in Keokuk.

FRANK HILTON has not strengthened

his hold on the affections of the people

by the appointment of Killian, of

Columbus, as deputy oil inspector. He

is less respected than any Roman in

Columbus.

THE election at South Omaha re-

sulted in another black eye for Roman-

ism last Tuesday. For one year more

that city will be governed by a Pro-

testant mayor. The schools will be

under the control of Americans, and

the council should be presided over by

a loyal citizen. Well done, boys.

THE report is set afloat that Jack

Walters will contest the election of

Walker as mayor of the Magic City, on

the ground of fraud. We hope he will.

We understand there was considerable

illegal voting done last Tuesday, and

the guilty should suffer, whether

they supported Walters or Walker.

Americans have no sympathy for cor-

ruption. Let the contest be pushed,

and "damned be he who first cries hold,

enough!"

A DISPATCH from Lafayette, Ind.,

April 5, says: "The jury in the case

of Bartholomew J. Murphy, charged

with conspiracy to kill ex-Priest Geo.

P. Rudolph while delivering a lecture

January 26, in the opera house here, on

"Why I Left the Catholic Church,"

returned a verdict this morning finding

Murphy guilty and sentencing him to

two years in the penitentiary and to a

fine of \$1,000. The trial of the remain-

ing defendants will be begun immedi-

ately.

THE *Neue Freie Presse*, of Vienna,

March 30, 1893, states that last year

the Irish bishops, in the presence of

their American colleagues, asked the

pope frankly why he did not renounce

the temporal power and give up the

friction of his captivity, and Leo re-

sponded evasively: "It would not be

seemly for me to do so." The *Neue*

Freie Presse protests against the pope

expecting the Catholics of the world to

take up arms against Italy when not a

single Italian cardinal believes the

restoration of the temporal power

possible.

DEATH—the grim reaper has de-

prived La Belle, France, of one—whose

name every Frenchman ought to re-

vere—Jules Ferry—one of, if not the

greatest of French politicians of the

present century. The greatest and

best act of his life was when he ex-

pelled the Jesuits from France in 1880.

Our government at Washington could

with great benefit to this country, take

a lesson from what he did. How long

will it be before they realize that such

a step is absolutely necessary for the

preservation of the welfare and in-

tegrity of this grand and glorious re-

public of America. C. F. P. F.

Among the various traditions handed

down from one generation to another

and still existing among the people of

Italy is one to the effect that when the

variably come true. The increasing

activity and aggressive policy of Ro-

man Catholicism in this country seem

to be another instance of coming events

casting their shadows before them.

In the event of Leo's death, what is

to hinder the cardinals from electing

an American Roman Catholic cardinal

to fill the pope's chair, and transferring

the seat of the government of their

church from the Vatican in Rome to

Washington?

Any person who watches and studies

the existing policy of the present pope

as far as this country is concerned can-

not fail to realize that such a move is

not only not impossible but highly

probable. C. F. P. F.

THE Interior, of Chicago has the

following in reference to the methods

of the Roman Catholic priesthood:

The Roman Catholic church in

Hungary are making a vigorous fight

against the proposed institution of com-

pulsory civil marriage, and are making

special efforts to enlist the peasant

women, whose influence is very potent

upon the ballot box upon their side.

The correspondent of a London paper

says: "The married peasant women

are being told by the clerical agitators,

who are visiting the villages in all

parts of the kingdom, that, after the

introduction of civil marriages, the

church ceremony by which they were

married to their husbands will be in-

validated; and they will accordingly

have to renew the contract before the

civil authorities; and that their hus-

bands will then be at liberty to refuse

to renew the marriage tie with them,

and will doubtless avail themselves of

the opportunity of choosing younger

and prettier partners in place of their

old wives, who will, of course, be turned

out of doors. These stories are, of

course, miserable fabrications, but they

work none the less effectively on the

ignorant but impressionable female

population of the rural districts. In-

deed, it is reported that among the

women in not a few lonely hamlets and

villages, which are never reached by

the newspapers refuting the falsehoods,

these baseless tales have produced

terror and consternation."

MEXICO—overburdened with debt,

its finances in an abject state of bank-

ruptcy; its people groaning under the

burden of excessive taxation, awak-

ening to the fact that the Roman Catho-

lic church was absorbing the entire

wealth and revenue of the country—

realizing the danger that stared them

in the face—did the best thing they

could under the circumstances—con-

fiscated the entire property of the Ro-

man Catholic church in that country—

passed a law prohibiting any religious

denomination from owning property.

Italy today has to all intents and pur-

poses the very same crisis staring her

in the face. Her country is practically

bankrupt, her people are taxed beyond

the limits of endurance. Such being

the case King Humbert, in justice to

the people over whom he reigns, should at

once, without further ado, proceed to

confiscate the vast amount of wealth

hoarded in the vaults of the Vatican

and redeem his country from its present

state of bankruptcy and relieve his

people from the excessive taxation to

which they are now subjected. Mexico

fully realized the necessity of such a

step. Italy should do likewise.

C. F. P. F.

THE *North and West* speaks very

plainly:

"The pope has been struggling for

forty years to have an apostolic dele-

gate established as his personal and

supreme representative in this country.

He has now succeeded. Archbishop

Ireland is said to have negotiated the

matter as a consideration for the papal

support on the school question. Satolli

will seek to establish a diplomatic po-

sition at Washington by gradual ap-

proaches. He will hope to rank as a

Roman prince. We want no repre-

sentative of the Vatican in our political

life. Mark that down."

If the *North and West* wishes to have

it understood that it does not want a

representative of the Vatican at Wash-

ington let it make a bold stand, among

the leading church papers, against the

politics in the Roman Catholic church

and against her system of religion. If

the papers are all asleep in reference

to this question the pope will realize

his desires. If the *North and West*

wishes us to mark down that it is purely

"American" and decidedly anti-papal

it should be awake to the demands of

the times. Mark that down.

WE are glad to see favorable changes

in Mexico. The *Mid-Continent*, of St.

Louis has the following:

"Affairs in Mexico are in a very

different condition from what they

were a few years ago. The govern-

ment is no longer subject to the vati-

can, nor ruled tyrannically by the black

pope. Parochial schools are prohib-

ited and public schools are fostered.

Missionaries represent 8 societies and

occupy 269 stations. There are 130

foreign missionaries, 50 ordained, 80

lay workers; 23 churches and 12,263

communicants, 7,689 Sabbath-school

scholars; 7 high schools with 180 pupils,

148 day schools with 6,983 pupils. Last

year the native Christians contributed

\$20,860."

AN attack was made last week on the

American students enroute to Chicago

in La Paz, Bolivia. The *Herald* cor-

respondent at that place telegraphs

that the students were attending in

procession the funeral of a Chilean who

was being buried according to Masonic

rites. Urged by the priests, a mob

attacked the students. In their fury

they smashed the instruments carried

by the students, many of whom were

seriously injured.

THE "Westminster Chautauque" of

the North and West is traveling through

a history which it would be very diffi-

cult for a Romanist to follow, as Pro-

testants teach that history. The lead-

ing lights of the Reformation have few

champions for the followers of the pope.

What He Thinks of the Controversy.

EDITOR AMERICAN.—Dear Sir: I

have read your article after reading

Rev. Williams'.

In reading Williams' it all the way

through seems to speak the schooling

of the pupil rather than the learning

of a man and a scholar. It seems to be

that of a traitor to God, humanity and

America, feudal, aristocracy—and the

worst of that—a polished despot, a

trained bully—a *zinc herd*.

It seems to me, if his name bespeaks

his origin, he slanders his ancestry, he

curse his country and praises their

enemies; just to hear himself talk.

It seems to say religion is a trade,