

A. P. A.'s IN WISCONSIN.

Continued from Five Page. Keweenaw, Missouri Valley, Clinton, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Des Moines, Boone, Brocklyn, Des Moines and many other points in this state.

NEBRASKA. [Special Correspondence to The Citizen.] OMAHA.—This town is suffering badly in a business way as a result of the A. P. A. movement. Neither settlers nor trade will come to a point when religious proscription exists.

MISSOURI. [Correspondence of The Citizen.] ST. LOUIS.—Editor Citizen: Besides activity on the part of the A. P. A. in distributing their literature, and the famous snub which Gov. Stone gave to its representatives from Kansas City, no special move has recently been successfully executed by the A. P. A. of Missouri.

[A delegation of anti-Catholic bigots representing the notorious A. P. A. of Kansas City came to ask Gov. Stone to join in their crusade of un-American intolerance and black-list all Catholics when making appointments. The bigots were hardly prepared for the reception they got at the hands of the indignant governor, and returned to their cave of evil counsel crestfallen, reeled and nursing their impotent malvolence.

MICHIGAN. SAGINAW.—This town is a hot-bed of A. P. Aism. Ex-Congressman Tarnsey says: "There is not a merchant in this city that has not felt the effects of the boycott for the last year. If he is not boycotted by one, he is by the other. The Catholic is boycotted by the A. P. A. and the A. P. A. possibly lost some of the trade of his Catholic neighbor. I wouldn't be surprised. A. P. Aism has driven business away from your city. Empty stores and vacant residences, signs of "To Rent" indicate the injury that the A. P. A. has done in a business sense to this entire community. Omaha and Saginaw are known to the world as two black spots upon the American continent where proscription exists, the proscription that precedes decay and ruin.

Father Lefevre writes that since the recent public meetings held against A. P. Aism the movement has cooled down. [In this week's elections the republicans made large gains at Saginaw, which is usually democratic.]

ANN ARBOR.—The A. P. A.'s have tried to organize here several times, but our people of all denominations are too intelligent to have anything to do with them.—[REV. E. D. KELLY. At Escanaba, Menominee and a dozen other Michigan points, the A. P. A. have local lodges numbering about 200 members.]

OHIO. [Correspondence of The Citizen.] Father Laticuro writes as follows: ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, CINCINNATI, March 28, 1893.—Editor Catholic Citizen: Not being very well I am not able to go around and get the information your circular calls for. But still I have made some efforts. The object of the A. P. A. is to deprive Catholics of all offices and situations. Catholics are considered foes that menace our republican institutions, consequently they ought to be kept down. Some Protestants say there are only 10,000,000 Catholics, and what are these to 60,000,000?

There are organizations, but being secret, it is hard to know their numbers and machinations.

There is a minister here, Rev. Johnson Myers, of the Ninth street Baptist church, who is one of their organs, preaching every Sunday evening in the interest of the A. P. A. His church is more crowded now than it was when he confined himself to the gospel or to his own particular creed. He it is who sold here were 60,000 A. P. A.'s in Chicago, 10,000 in Cincinnati and a large number in Columbus, O.

I consulted Mr. Schonenberger, proprietor of the Catholic Telegraph, and he thinks that in Columbus, Ohio, all Catholics who ran for office last November were defeated by from four to five thousand.

The A. P. A.'s made use of Mr. Slatery and wife for several weeks—hired a hall corner Sixth and Vine street, which holds about 800 persons. It was crowded. He spoke Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, she on Friday afternoons (for women only) and at night for all.

I have not much faith in their success. It is like a two-edged sword—doing harm and good, like Satan's temptations. We have had these secret organizations before, and they have come to naught, and so the present one will fail. Business men who have anything to lose will be afraid to join them. Politicians, too, of any note, will not join them. Some wise heads here think they ought not to be noticed or feared. Excuse my brevity. I have done my best according to cir-

cumstances. Your paper stands at the head of Catholic papers. I wish you increased success in the future. Yours truly, S. P. LALUMIERE, S. J.

NUMBERS IN COLUMBIA. The Catholic Colonies, of Columbus, O., says: There are those who would minimize the extent of the organization that has sworn deadly enmity toward the Catholic church. We know that the membership runs into the thousands, that it numbers in its ranks preachers, doctors, lawyers, politicians and federal officeholders. That it is pledged to keep Catholics out of office, to cripple them in business and ostracize them socially. Even justice is to be throttled to serve their base ends. The revelations in the Boone case tried in the court of common pleas, this county, were startling, but to many the beginning of the end of the only logical outcome of the existing state of affairs. The fact was casually brought out in the course of the trial that the defendant's counsel was a Roman Catholic, and though seven of the jury stood for acquittal and four for assault and battery, the verdict reached was manslaughter. The significance of the verdict is apparent when the allegation was made that the twelfth juror, who held out for manslaughter, a member of the A. P. A. and, as it is technically phrased, would have "hung" the jury had not the other members agreed with him.

BISHOP M'GOLDRICK'S OPINION. DELUTH, Minn.—Here and there some "newly formed" citizens—many of them from certain portions of Canada, some from Ireland and England—have taken upon themselves the grave duty of defending American institutions from certain fancied dangers. Not content with describing Catholics in the most outrageous terms as idolators, superstitious, etc., they resort to secret organization with the expressed purpose of depriving every Catholic of public office, even threatening with their opposition all who aid Catholics to obtain office.

Of the many millions of Catholics in this country, it may be said, they are so interwoven with non-Catholics in partnerships, marriages, associations, politics and education, that it would be a herculean task, indeed, to drive them all out of office. Many of them came to this country in the days of our very great grandfathers and they don't want to leave it now. To force all Catholics to deny their religion, to make them Presbyterians or Baptists, is well-nigh impossible. To burn down their churches, hospitals and asylums, would only set Catholics to the old work of building up again. Besides, in a country which proclaims freedom throughout the world, to begin at this late day of shutting out Catholics from office and otherwise degrading them appears to be a very long step backward, and the American motto points not in that direction.

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