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THE AMERICAN IS THE CHAMPION OF ALL PARTISAN INTERESTS—THE ORGAN OF NONE.

OMAHA, NEB., FEB. 9, 1904.

THE AMERICAN is the only newspaper that had the courage to give the full particulars of the McNamara prosecution in Kansas City.

In another column is an interesting article from the pen of one of our friends in Saginaw, Mich., on an "American Citizen."

The failure of the accusers of Specht to appear before the investigating committee will no doubt cause some people to suspect that the charges would not stick.

A DISPATCH from our friend in Duluth informs us that none but Americans were elected in that city last Wednesday. He promises us full particulars next week.

THERE seems to be considerable enthusiasm manifested among many friends who desire to read a daily AMERICAN for Omaha. A paper that would give the news without the usual Jesuit coloring.

Be patient, friends, and when these hard times ease up the Lord may provide a way.

THE present Brazilian war, if the truth were told, is no doubt the outcome of a deep-laid scheme of the Jesuits to again gain control of the government.

THE action of Councilmen Specht and Hasenell in voting to confirm W. S. Shoemaker to be city prosecutor, was evidently a bargain to "sell out" the friends of American principles.

THE supreme councils of the W. A. P. A. of the United States recently held a joint convention at Peoria, Ill., when all the old officers resigned and entirely new officers were elected.

We are in receipt of hundreds of letters from our friends in almost every part of the country—especially from Kansas City—protesting against the outrageous persecution of Bishop McNamara by the authorities of Kansas City.

Discussed the Faribault Plan. NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—A meeting of the Church club of New York was held tonight to discuss the Faribault plan, and the appropriation of public money for the support of denominational schools.

Got What They Needed. DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 6.—Duluth is the happy possessor of a live, bright and breezy patriotic paper, Liberty, of Lincoln, Neb., has moved its plant to this city, and starts out with a sub-

SATOLLI'S SUCCESSOR.

News that will be of interest in the Catholic World.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 31.—The Journal, which has several times printed pieces of Catholic news before they had become known in the church, today prints an article asserting that Mgr. O'Connell of the American college at Rome, and not Archbishop Ireland, is to become papal legate in America on the approaching elevation of Satolli to the cardinalate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The rumor that Mgr. Satolli is to be recalled to Rome and made a cardinal is denied at the residence of the ablegate. No confirmation could be had there concerning the possible appointment of Mgr. O'Connell of the American college at Rome in place of Mgr. Satolli.

TROUBLE AT A FUNERAL.

ROME ABANDONS HER DUPES IN TIMES OF ADVERSITY. MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 31.—The Catholics and Protestants had a lively controversy over the funeral of Michael Hanifer, who died here Sunday.

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scription list of 1,000 names. The editor takes Bishop McGillicuddy to task for his speech to the Hibernians, in no uncertain language.

THE CITY.

The Boston Store fire adds another to the list of disasters that have occurred in this city during the past six months.

The American Water Works Co. contemplates large improvements in their plant this year, which will furnish employment to many men.

This Friday evening will occur the usual bi-weekly entertainment of Rescue Council No. 1, A. P. A. The friends will be well entertained.

Many persons have found employment in the road improvement forces in Benson, and have been furnished with free transportation to and from that place.

W. M. Dodge and wife left last evening over the C. & M. for Boston, where Mr. Dodge goes as a delegate to the National Convention of Master Builders.

Fifteenth Street Theatre. The essential elements that went to make the comedy of "Niobe" the conspicuous dramatic success of last season, were: First, a play of the greatest possibilities; secondly, a stage director, in the person of Charles Abbott, quick to discover and assiduous in developing these possibilities; and third, the trusting of the parts, even in the least consequential, only to artists of superior ability.

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GOVERNOR PECK.

Prof. Walter Sims Addresses an Open Letter to That Gentleman.

To Honorable George W. Peck: Hon. Sir.—You no doubt have been apprised of the disgraceful riot which occurred in Kaukauna, on Wednesday night, January 17.

First. It is with pride and pleasure I claim the right to inform you that I am a member of the American Protective Association, and that I am engaged in the somewhat perilous mission of awakening the American people to a realization of the dangers that threaten our institutions of liberty.

Second. I was engaged on the night of the riot in delivering the last of a series of three lectures. The first dealt with the question, "Who are true Americans," the second, "The American Constitution vs. Roman Catholic Teaching," and the last with, "The Public vs. The Parochial School."

Third. The town of Kaukauna is entirely under Roman Catholic rule. Hence there is no guarantee of personal liberty and no protection to life and property for American citizens who are known to be opposed to the control of our government and the destruction of our public school system by the foreign and un-American hierarchy of that church.

Fourth. As an American citizen whose rights have been insulted, and whose liberties have been trodden upon, I charge the Roman Catholic mayor, aldermen, police officers, members of the school board and the newly appointed postmaster together with their friends and co-religionists with helping to incite the riot.

Fifth. My friends of the American Protective Association together with myself are ready to appear before any impartial commission which you may appoint and sustain the afore-mentioned charges. It would be impossible to obtain by process of law in Kaukauna any redress as Rome rule in that town would adjudge every Roman Catholic official as being justified in using every means to destroy and suppress the enemies of ecclesiastical tyranny and the friends of American liberty.

Sixth. In bringing this matter before you for consideration and redress, such as any American citizen has a right to claim from the chief executive officer of the state of Wisconsin, grant me the further privilege of stating that as regards your own part in this affair you have a responsibility which for the honor of the good name of the state it is to be hoped you will deem it wise to acknowledge.

I shall look to you, as governor of the state, to protect me from ignorant mobs of riotous religious bigots, lead by municipal officers.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant, WALTER SIMS, WEST BAY CITY, Jan. 29.

Prof. Mordant, Test Medium, will lecture on "What Spiritualists Believe"—will give a number of tests—Sunday night, 7.30 p. m., G. A. R. Hall, 118 N. 15th street. Private sittings at 322 N. 15th street. Admission 25 cents.

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FIFTY DOLLARS AND COSTS.

What Priest McNamara, of Virginia, Ill., Got for "Carrying Concealed Weapons and Disturbing the Peace."

VIRGINIA, Ill., Jan. 24.—This city had a commotion yesterday in the trial of Father McNamara, the local priest, the charges being "carrying concealed weapons and disturbing the peace." The jury was out twenty minutes and fixing the fine at \$25 and costs on each count.

The trouble started on January 19, when Father McNamara was called to the death-bed of Mr. Pierce Ryan, a respectable farmer residing about seven miles northwest of this city. The priest was drunk when he started, and drove the poor horse on a run almost the entire distance.

First. Because you pronounced sentence on a pathetic organization which represents hundreds of thousands of peace-loving American citizens who are obligated first as citizens and secondly as members of the association to maintain American institutions, in the gift of liberty of conscience, free speech, a free press, liberty of religious worship, to keep the state and church forever separate, and maintain our free, non-sectarian, public school system of education.

Second. Because you made your denunciations without seeking to find out by investigation what the principles of the association are and hence blundered into the unenviable situation of chief executive of the commonwealth of Wisconsin, of being an unjust judge in that your charges against the association are utterly false.

Third. Your letter of denunciation was written to the Catholic Citizen, a paper published in your state that has been advising its readers to mob law and riot as the following clippings selected from many similar ones published in that paper, will show for themselves.

The issue of April 8, 1893, contained the following: "At heart the A. P. A. member is a coward. He is too mean to fight openly. Now the right cure for the coward is terrorism. The only way to make anything like a man out of a sneaking enemy is not to argue with him, but to punish him. Hit him. Hit him again. Keep on hitting him. Every A. P. A. member is a traitor to the American state."

The issue of November 25, 1893, has the following: "Are we going to allow a lot of Orangemen and green Swedes to walk over us while we wait for the fair-minded American to protect us? We guess not. Let us raise ourselves and smite these snakes and cowards. Then the fair-minded American will face along with us. Men who are able to defend their own rights are always respected. Every A. P. A. member is a coward and a sneak in character. The method of the men proves it. To cure the evil, chase the fellow."

Your excellency cannot fail to perceive that by your course in replying to a paper that exhorts to riot, you have, as the chief executive of the state of Wisconsin, given your endorsement to the same and hence are amenable to censure, by all right-minded people. The Roman Catholic officials at Kaukauna, and their followers in the mob on Wednesday night were engaged in an attempt to carry out the instructions of the Catholic Citizen, which paper they knew had your endorsements in its unlawful utterances.

As a member of the American Protective Association I invite you to make the fullest possible investigation. I am ready to appear at your call in defense of the association. If I am a member of a treasonous un-American organization, I want to know it. The Catholic Citizen, which paper you have endorsed, says we are cowards, sneaks, etc., and you charge us with treason. Now I repudiate all these charges, and am ready to prove that they are cruel and false. I am ready for the investigation, and until the objects of the association are shown to be what you say they are, treasonous, I shall continue to work in its interests, and for its furtherance in your state. I am not intimidated by riots and mob law or by the threats of those whose cause must be had indeed that demands such uncivilized support. A taste of the customs of the dark ages only inspires true patriotism in the heart of liberty's sons.

The trial caused a great deal of excitement, the court room being crowded. There were sixteen witnesses for the prosecution and but one or two for the defense. The facts above were corroborated even by the witnesses for the defense. After the testimony of the witnesses had been taken, McNamara made a very pathetic appeal to the judge, requesting them to ignore the witnesses' testimony and believe his statement. He denied every thing, and had the audacity to stand up in open court and ask twelve American citizens to take his word in preference to that of every witness that had testified. It took the jury but twenty minutes to reach a verdict and fix the fines. There was not the slightest doubt as regarded the guilt of McNamara, but the amount of the fine was what took the jury as long as it did. The smallest fine was brought in the verdict. It is hoped that the penalty of the court will prove beneficial in the future.

An appeal was taken to the circuit court, and the case at present stands over until the next term. McNamara has retained counsel to fight the case to the end.

The bishop has suspended the priest until the case is settled. Father Crowe, of Jacksonville, officiated on last Sunday, and is to have charge of the parish for the present.—C. A. Allen, in Jacksonville, Ill., True Friend.

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