

ROMANISM AND AMERICANISM.

A Railroad Man's Realistic Comparison of the Two.

Romanism is as far from the spirit of true Americanism as the beginning from the end; and that is not the worst; it seems to be getting further away all the time.

Romanism represents intolerance, superstition, ignorance, crime, dishonesty, corruption of the ballot, in short, the manipulation of political affairs in America to suit the idea of the little "dingo" over in the Vatican.

Americanism, on the other hand, represents the spirit of the people, true patriotism, purity of the ballot, industry, integrity, the election of honest and capable men to fill positions of public trust.

Roman Catholicism is represented by the Clan-na-Gaels, Ancient Order of Hibernians, and other kindred organizations. Their character is too generally known to need any comment here. Suffice it to say that there are in existence in America twenty-five secret Roman Catholic societies, to which a truly loyal American is ineligible.

Americanism is represented by the American Protective Association, the Loyal Orange Lodge, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, the Daughters of Liberty, Masonic Fraternity, and others; but by none so well as by the A. P. A.

The time was when the viper seemed as innocent and harmless as a new-born babe. But times have changed. The world do move.

The mask has been torn away, and the apparently sluggish object at our feet appears in its true character—a writhing, hissing serpent, coiled and ready to spring—to dart its poisonous fangs into the body of patriotism, to pollute its blood, to utterly destroy it.

We are all on the journey of life; every day is a milestone nearer to eternity; there must be no delay; our journey must be ended on time.

We have on board many passengers, who are unaware of the difficulties with which we labor; something is wrong with the engine, or the load is too heavy; the trainmen look around for the trouble, for trouble there is, or we would not have come into the station behind time.

Ha! there is the fault; behind the last coach is an old-fashioned broken down engine, called Catholicism; the wheels refuse to move, but rather to go backward; it is a drag upon the engine of progress; it was a clumsily constructed affair from the first, being built at some shops on a foreign road, which was encumbered with a person known as the pope, as master mechanic. By chance it had been put on the American line, but was very shortly thereafter condemned as unsafe and dangerous.

The general manager's orders are, however, to bring it into the shops, for repairs, if possible. It is a bad job, but orders must be obeyed. An effort may result only in failure; but there is no time to wait; crews change off; the new trainmen are the A. P. A., the L. O. L., Jr. O. U. A. M., Masons, and P. O. S. of A., and there are no "slouches," either. They are determined, desperate if occasion requires. The train is behind time; progress has been retarded by Catholicism.

"All aboard," shouts the conductor; the engineer pulls open the throttle, the whistle blows, the bell rings, and we are off.

Now comes the tug of war, for we are on the up-grade.

Puff, puff, puff-ff-ff; what! the wheels slip; and 'tis of no avail; we are sliding back down the grade; Catholicism is too heavy a load for progress to pull.

The whistle blows, "down brakes!" The engineer and conductor hold a hurried consultation; the train dispatcher, public sentiment, gives them authority to cut loose the old engine, if it was impossible to make headway with it. There is but one recourse; cut the old wreck of Romanism loose, and we can make up lost time, we can hold our own.

The siding below is too short to accommodate our train; on the track below us is the fast express of the Twentieth century. No time is to be lost; uncouple Catholicism and let her back upon the open switch. It is done; born backward by the retarding force of superstition and ignorance, it crashes into the siding and is derailed; the embankment is high, the descent abrupt. Look! she is tottering on the verge of a precipice, and ere the Twentieth century is well on her way, Catholicism will have fallen upon the ragged rocks of oblivion, and will be forever dead to the world.

The tool which politicians have so long used to further their nefarious ends, the political machine that was once a church, is crumbling. Americans have seen the menaced danger.

It is war to the knife, and knife to the hilt; a fight between blind superstition, dishonesty, corruption, political trickery, intolerance, un-Americanism, even treason to our constitution on one hand, and on the other our free schools, free speech, free religion, liberty of the press, purity of the ballot



ALLISON STOCKER,

State President of the American Protective Association in Colorado.

One of the best known gentlemen in patriotic circles in Colorado is the gentleman whose portrait we present above. Although a "Pennonite" by birth, having been born August 11, 1862, in St. Clair, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania. He became a "Rover" before he was eighteen years of age, leaving Pennsylvania "to go west," and settled in Leadville, Colo., where he remained for a little over two years, moving from there to Denver the Christmas of 1882, arriving just in time to become a charter member of camp No. 1, P. O. S. of A., and ever since that time has been identified with work along the line of Americanism, namely, America

for Americans and the perpetuation of the free institutions of this country. He became a member of council No. 1, A. P. A., in January, 1893, and about March 1st, of the same year, assisted in the organization of council No. 5, of which he was elected its first president. In August, of the same year, he assisted in the organization of the state council of Colorado, and received the honor of being elected the first president, which position he now fills, having been unanimously re-elected February 20th of this year. At the time the state council was organized there were only eight councils in the state, whereas now there are thirty-one, the rapid growth of the order being due, to a very great extent, to the untiring energy and devotion to the cause of the state president, the worthy subject of this slight sketch.



F. M. BECKWITH,

State Secretary of the American Protective Association in Colorado.

The subject of our sketch was born at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, August 15, 1861, where his father was a station agent of the C. B. & Q. When he was about two years of age his parents moved onto a farm near Rochester, Monroe county, N. Y., where he remained till twenty-one years of age, when his father was obliged to leave home, and the management of the farm devolved on him. When about twenty-five years old he left New York state and went back to Iowa, in the employ of the Burlington system. In March, 1887, he was sent to Chariton to take charge of the round-house there as night foreman. In November, of the same year, he moved to Denver and entered the employ of the Union Pacific, and re-

mained with them until January of this year, when he was appointed a deputy sheriff, which position he now fills.

He joined the A. P. A. in May, 1892, and at the organization of council No. 3, was elected its president, which position he still holds. At the formation of the state council he was elected by a very flattering majority as its secretary and was unanimously re-elected to the same position at the meeting in February of this year. Mr. Beckwith has always endeavored to discharge the duties of his office with the thought always uppermost in his mind that the American Protective Association was above any partisan politics, and that some day not very far distant this organization would be the means of purifying our national politics and rid America of the pernicious influence of Rome.

and politics, the sacred honor of our homes, our country—the liberty of the greatest nation God ever blessed.

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again." A RAILROAD MAN.

Restrain Blind Ignorance.

It is conceded by thoughtful citizens that among the imperfections of our political system, as applied to present conditions, is the ease with which the ballot, the bulwark of the government, may be misused and is misused at every election by professional politicians and ballot box manipulators. Taking our own city as an example, it will not be denied by any intelligent citizen that it has been largely, if not wholly, through the ignorant vote that Tammany has been able to maintain its hold upon this community. By the same token an educational qualification for voters would deprive Tammany of much of its power and loosen its grasp from the throat of the people.

Heretofore the suggestion to place the suffrage on an educational qualification has met with violent opposition. It has been pleaded that ignorance was not an "infamous crime," and to disqualify a man from voting on that ground was to place him on the same plane with the criminal disqualified by the constitution. The argument that this was contrary to the liberal spirit of republican institutions has heretofore prevailed, but not to the good of this government. Unrestricted immigration has filled this country full of a

class who are not in sympathy with our form of government, or with any form of government. The recent violent outbreaks in the coal regions have been due to the discontent of a class of men who do not speak our language, and the majority of whom do not write their own. It is unfair to educated American workmen that these foreigners can have an equal voice with them in dictating the policy of the government.

It is one of the scandals of our local government that the most ignorant and vicious classes are manufactured into voters with the greatest facility, and these men cast their ballots without the slightest conception of the political principles which they aid or oppose. This makes the elective franchise a mockery and the system which permits it a disgrace to this age of enlightenment.

The Empire state has blazed the way in great reforms, and as it is the gateway through which a large part of the immigration is admitted, and therefore the most directly interested, it should blaze the way in this. It is a subject that should early claim the attention of the constitutional convention, for another opportunity to readjust the organic law to present conditions will not soon be presented. It can do no harm to give the people of the state a chance to express themselves on the proposition whether it is not time to restrict the suffrage so as to restrain blind ignorance.—New York Morning Advertiser.

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