

EDITORIAL OPINIONS.

Expressed by Journalists Upon the Subject of President Traynor's Message.

The Commercial Believes That Mr. Traynor is Claiming More Than Belongs to the Organization—The Bee Credits the Claim.

The Toledo (O.) Commercial, commenting upon the letter promulgated by W. J. H. Traynor last week with reference to the late elections, says:

"A more absurd claim than that of Mr. W. J. H. Traynor, of Detroit, the national president of the A. P. A., has not been made. He claims that the great Republican victory was due to A. P. A. This claim in the face of the well known facts becomes ridiculous. We believe that Mr. Traynor, or some other officer of this association, two years ago, claimed that the election of Grover Cleveland was also a great A. P. A. victory.

"It is a fact that the election of Grover Cleveland two years ago was in a measure due to A. P. A. influence, adversely exerted. In Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and several other western states the A. P. A., then in the zenith of its power, fastened itself upon the Republican organizations, and as a result the people bolted and went to the Democracy. This year the campaign was fought out on straight Republican principles and hence Republican success. In Ohio and every other state the record is unbroken. A. P. A. candidates on the Republican ticket ran behind all the others. This tells the whole story and it is a story directly the opposite to that which the vociferous Traynor tells."

The editor of the Commercial who writes so confidently in his ignorance should also read. Not to kill space and multiply instances—if A. P. A. candidates ran away behind their tickets, as the Commercial man would have the people believe, will he condescend to explain why Congressman Linton was elected by almost a plurality of 7,000, says President Traynor's Patriotic American, and Crump, knifed by the machine Republican ring, ran up a plurality of 4,000 almost entirely with A. P. A. votes. It might be inserted here that the great Republican clubs through out the land ordered the political assassination of every A. P. A. candidate whom they could not get the hand and foot to machine rule. A. P. A. candidates were elected chiefly by A. P. A. votes and have nothing to thank the Republican or any party for. Such sheets as the Commercial which own everything in sight and possess a first mortgage upon eternity, may find their party before next election with paper claim and a worthless mortgage.

The Toledo Bee, commenting upon the same official document, says:

"We are disposed to believe there is much truth in what the national president of the A. P. A. says about the strength of that organization in the late election. No one can deny that in the past few years there has been a marked revival of Know-nothingism and that the A. P. A. has gained practical control of the Republican party in many sections of the country. While the general public cannot tell whether this candidate or that is a member of the A. P. A., the members of that organization know and are secretly informed, and President Traynor is in position to know whereof he talks. And there is nothing surprising in his statement that every man on the state ticket in Michigan is a so-called American, meaning an A. P. A., and that eight of the twelve congressmen and over fifty per cent. of the members of the legislature are active members. Detroit has been a hot-bed of the revived Know-nothingism and its strength has spread to every part of the state. Although he does not refer to Ohio it is true just the same that the Republican organization in this state is dominated by the A. P. A. influence. Nearly every county and state convention held under the name of the Republican party has been controlled by the A. P. A., and men were nominated on their merits as members of this proscriptive organization rather than because of their fidelity to the principles of the Republican party.

"There will be, undoubtedly, a marked A. P. A. strength in the next congress, and all indications now point to a condition of affairs in 1896 much like the situation in 1896, when the Know-nothing wing of the Whig party formed an American party and nominated Fillmore for president. The Whig convention, in the fall of the same year, endorsed the Know-nothing nominee, and what is now the Republican party, then for the first time nominated a candidate for president in the person of John C. Fremont.

"A similar break up of parties may take place in 1896. President Traynor's claims show that the A. P. A. movement is even stronger in 1894 than the same movement, under another name, was in 1854. It will gain confidence from this show of strength and will either dictate the platform of the Republican party in 1896, or, falling in

this, branch out on a platform of its own. The result of the break in 1854 was that the Democrats swept the country and elected Buchanan on a platform that expressed opposition to the native American and declared 'that the revenue to be raised should not exceed the actual necessary expenses of the government, and for the gradual extinction of the public debt.'

"One of the declarations of the American or Know-nothing party was that 'Americans must rule America, and to this end, native born citizens should be selected for all state, federal and municipal offices or government employment in preference to all others.' The movement grew originally out of an antagonism toward aliens and was agitated back in the forties. It became a secret organization about 1852 and adopted the secret methods now employed by the A. P. A. Antipathy towards Roman Catholicism and opposition to foreign-born citizens was the basis of the action then as it is now. Yet notwithstanding this fact, there is a large German Lutheran element in the A. P. A. now, and much of its success is due to their active support.

"It is interesting to note in this connection that at this time when many German-born American citizens are lending aid and encouragement to the anti-alien, anti-Roman Catholic movement, the emperor of Germany has appointed a Roman Catholic to be the successor of Bismark and Caprivi, Protestants, and that the new minister of justice, Schoenstedt, is also a Roman Catholic.

"Be that as it may, there is much reason for President Traynor to claim that the victory of November 6, 1894, was to a great extent a victory for the A. P. A. Whether it will ultimately swamp the Republican party remains for the future to reveal, and we place the date of the revelation no farther off than 1896. The questions that gave birth to the Republican party have been settled. Slavery is abolished and there never will be a return to high protection. There is nothing to inspire aggressiveness in Republicans unless it be a revival of the Know-nothing policy. That can never be permanently successful. On the other hand the principles of the Democratic party still require aggressive fighting; the rights of the people; the proper construction of the constitution, religious, civil and commercial liberty need a champion. That is the work of the Democratic party."

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REV. SLATTERY.

He Delivers Three Interesting Lectures in Duluth.

DULUTH, Minn., Nov. 27.—Father Slattery, ex-priest, gave three very interesting lectures on "Romanism and her Priesthood." On the first evening he was greeted by 1,000 persons; the second, to men only, by nearly 2,000, and the third by 1,500.

Before the speaker had uttered a score of words on the first night a man by the name of O'Brien undertook to create a disturbance. Mr. Slattery announced his subject and stated that he was an Irishman. The intruder yelled, "Wat county are yez from?" A papist policeman was near, but made no attempt to stop further insulting remarks from the ignoramus. Finally Mr. Slattery called the attention of other officers who were not controlled by Rome and Mr. O'Brien was carried out bodily, although he begged to be allowed to stay. During this lecture Rome's moral theology received a good roasting. He said it should be named immoral theology, and that if translated into English the party circulating it would be arrested for distributing obscene literature. He said if ever there was a "tainted" body of men they were the American priests. As a proof of this he told how his bishop in Ireland refused to allow Irish priests to come to America for fear of being corrupted by being brought in contact with American priests.

On the second night there was no disturbance whatever. This lecture was one of the most complete exposures of Rome's villainy that has ever been delivered to an American audience. And the immense audience cheered the speaker to the echo. The confessional and the priest's duties before marriage ceremonies were dealt upon at length. As a lecturer, considering his subject, Mr. Slattery is a perfect gentleman. He made many friends in Duluth, and will not be soon forgotten. He roasts nobody but the guilty priests, and they deserve it. Although the News-Tribune does not acknowledge he accomplished his object, it says: "Mr. Slattery is a good talker, an exceedingly clever story-teller, and keeps his audience in good humor." The Evening Herald says "his lecture was at least listened to with interest by those who attended."

There is no doubt that should Mr. Slattery see fit to again visit Duluth he will receive a very cordial reception. His gentlemanly ways have made him a great favorite. When the public press admits an anti-papal lecturer is a gentleman it can be taken as a fact he is one. And this is the case with Mr. Slattery. ZENITH.

School Books.

There was a great effort made to unify the text book system of our schools and have it done by one consolidation. As soon as this was suggested I was sure the hand of the Jesuit was in it. The good moral, not Roman, tone of the old books was too much for them and with every change of books there could be added more that would favor the Roman Catholic church, "the mother of all churches." (?)

I picked up a book a few days ago. It was a reader: The first thing I read in the consolidated, unified, Romanized system, was the following favorable notes: "Joliet (Jolea) and Marquette were French priests who devoted their lives to the conversion of the Indians." "A Jesuit is a member of the well-known Society of Jesus. Priests, meaning brothers, is the name given to the members of certain mendicant orders of the Roman Catholic church."

This book is published by A. S. Barnes & Co. While it is excellent in many respects it has the earmarks of the Jesuits. Why are the Jesuits well known? Because they have been "fired out" of nearly every civilized country on the face of the earth. But the young reader would not infer that from the definition. The friars are brothers, therefore they must be good fellows.

Besides this, there are some who are trying to simplify the spelling of our words and have worked hard to reduce the spelling to a system. Then we have the French press who come here and have a hand in compiling our readers and they mark as the pronunciation of Joliet, Jolea. If the character of a nation can be read by its language, deliver me from any such Roman Catholic French pronunciations. When these priests have a Jolea time they go to Joliet, where the thing is pronounced correctly; the place where many well known Jesuits would be, if certain deeds could be traced; deeds which their church would honor, but which a man with some sense of justice would condemn.

In these readers we see little now of the father of our country, or why the people left the old Roman ship in the old country. We see little of the president who was killed by a man of the faith of the well-known Jesuits, and protected by those of the faith of the well-known Jesuits. It says little of the president who was killed by a man whose last days were spent with a man who had at one time been a priest and said of him (Guiteau) "he was wiser than the world gave him credit for." A well-known Jesuit would have considered him very wise. But if these things were taken out of the reader and national history compiled that would be interesting, instructive and which

represented the true cause for the success of this government, the Jolea priests would cry treason.

Do not let the Jesuits run the reader, run them out of town first.

DOG STAR.

ROMAN CATHOLICS

Have Nothing to Fear From the A. P. A. "Search-Light" if They are Loyal.

SEDALIA, Mo., Nov. 23.—From the Enterprise-Sentinel of this city the following article is taken. It illustrates how the election was carried for American principles in Pettis county by reasoning and thinking. The writer in reply to a query states:

"It is a fact though, all the same, that the A. P. A. organization has 'a name and a local organization', in every state in the union, or nearly so, if we are to believe the newspaper reports. It has come to supply a demand of this age. The result of which will be to cause the people to search out the real causes, if any, that are said to be operating or gnawing at the very vitals of our republican institutions through the influence of the Roman Catholic church. The Catholic church and its priesthood have nothing to fear from the 'search-light' of the A. P. A. If it is a loyal American institution. Honest people do not, if right-minded, object to having their acts and systems of principles investigated and presented to public scrutiny. If there is a secret underground system of operations being carried on by that or any other church with the object and purpose to control the elections in such a manner as to secure all the offices to members of that church, then it ought to be known. If honesty in religious and political matters is the purpose of all, no harm can come of the investigation. The A. P. A. is an organization for investigation along a line that no one yet worked. No single organization can right all the wrongs and remove the causes of those wrongs, hence we have the organizations for looking after the financial wrongs and their causes, etc., every department of wrong doing demands an organization of the citizens to investigate, and if possible, ascertain the causes and suggest a remedy, and it is then for all the people, after having learned these 'evils,' to give the remedy at the polls by casting a ballot that has an intelligent brain and hand to guide it. Lay down your prejudices against the A. P. A. and that in favor of 'Rome' or the Roman Catholic church until you learn the true character and feeling of that church toward our free institutions and the objects and aims of the A. P. A., and its system of religio-political hierarchy. It is not best to condemn men and measures before we understand them. We believe in free speech and free thought and are very slow to act. Our emotions do not cut much figure in any case of a religious or political nature—lambeau clubs, drums, brass bands and blue or red lights have but little impression upon us. We try to be guided by the principles of eternal being that underlie the existence of things. Now, brother, do not kick against the pricks, just be still and let the 'scales' of prejudice 'fall from your eyes,' and then you will be better prepared to decide how to vote, for the 'blind impulses' will then have been removed and you can see things as 'never before.' Ah! brother, it depends very much upon what a thing is, whether you 'keep your eye upon it to make it your leader and guide.' We do not believe you 'keep your eye' upon John Sherman and Grover Cleveland for any such purpose. We do not believe you 'keep your eye' on the watch dog you meet, in the door yard of your neighbor, to make him your 'leader and guide.' Oh! no, not by any means; it is for an entirely different purpose."

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A Recalcitrant Priest Goes to Washington for an Interview.

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ests and defend the old flag. Good order prevailed. No manifestations of boasting, but feelings of sublime thankfulness were expressed by the speakers who were often heartily applauded. After three long, loud cheers, the meeting was brought to a close. Accept my best wishes for your loyal paper, with love for all true Americans.

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