#### CHALLENGES MESSMER.

Minnesota's Grand Chancellor Answers His Attack on the Knights of Pythias. St. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 31 .- The following letter was mailed in this city to-

ST PAUL, Minn., Dec 31.-RT. REV. S. G. MESSMER, Green Bay, Wis. -Rt. Rev. Sir: Your interview dated Green Bay, Wis., Dec. 29, and reported in a Chicago paper in regard to the decree of the Roman church putting the ban on the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, is entitled to special consideration from the feet that you offer an argument in justification of the ban. Your argument is stated as follows: "There never has been any objection to Catholics belonging to the lower degrees of any of these secret societies, as in those degrees men are only banded together for mutual benefit and pleasure. But in the higher degrees the principles and teachings of these societies are distinctly anti-christian and contrary to the principles of the Catholic church. If the lower lodges were separated from the higher circles of these orders, no objection would be made to them, but as all are a part of the same organization they must all come under the ban." Your words are clear and explicit and if your argument can be sustained they explain fully the ban placed on these societies by the pope. But I deny the charge you make against the order of the Knights of Pythias and I publicly challenge you to prove your assertion. You owe this to the American public, to your own church, and in a special manner to the societies on which your accusation falls. My demands are that you prove that a radical difference exists as to principles and purposes between the lower and higher degrees of the K. of P., a difference such as to make the higher degrees worthy of condemnation while the lower are innocent, and that you prove in those higher degrees "the principles and teachings of those societies are distinetly anti-christian and contrary to the principles of the Catholic church." I hope you will give special attention to your charge that those higher degrees are anti-christian, a charge which certainly should not be made lightly.

J. F. HILSCHER, Grand Chancellor K. of P. of Minnesota.

#### Another Plank.

lewing as one plank in the platform of treasurer, C. R. Aitkinson, Fairbury. the coming political party:

We insist and demand that every person, male or female, before exercising has and does, now and for all time, foreswear and forever renounce and disown lar, ecclesiastical or temporal, or to and never to forget or forsake her. any representative of any of the alien powers already named; and that he or forever, yield a full and complete alobedience to the constitution and laws legally elected officers of the same; and country. we insist on still another voting test, which can easily be applied at the registry booth or at the polls on election day, namely, that every person, before voting, shall be able to read, in the legal language of the nation and the ican independence, the constitution of the republic, or this political platform, or some equivalent printed book or

And please allow me to suggest an other plank, to follow immediately after the foregoing one:

We firmly believe it to be impolite, cruel and unjust, and a disgrace to the American people, whether native or foreign-born, to allow any person whomsoever, to hold any public office, under the flag of the republic, elective or appointive, in the city, the state or the nation, in the army, the navy, the treasury or elsewhere, who has not complied with the requirements of the preceding section, without any concealed equivocations or mental reservations whatsoever; and that any and every official violation of the sacred pledge or solemn oath therein contained, should be a sufficient cause for removal from office, and for further and more severe punishment. All clerks and employees, under the age of 21, should register the sacred pledge or solemn oath, the same as if they were legal citizens and voters.

CHARLES A. STORY.

## She Talks Straight Truth.

At a recent session of the pational council, W. A. P. A., Mrs. Carrie C. Oostdyk, of Detroit, Mich., supreme Among other good things and true things, this clear-eyed, clear-headed, patriotic lady said, we note the follow-

lative hall in our land, begging for a tist Standard.

few crumbs of suffrage, while around the table sit ring politicians, rum- One of the Chief Drawbacks to Cattle sellers, foreigners, who can neither read nor write, the scum and riffraff of the old world. Why should we be kept as beggars at the threshold, and our twenty-one years, while the overgrown correspondent writing from Panama. slience all, while Rome is allowed to for a person whose blood had been followers.'

#### Priest Praises Public Schools.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 28.—The state eachers tonight closed what is genermembers of the national educational of Rev. Father Murphy, of Tecumseh, in answer to the question, "Do our pub-Catholic church on the school question, school foundation. "But rather," said came the announcement of the election of new officers, as follows: President, W. H. Skinner, Nebraska City; secre-Please allow me to suggest the fol- tary, Miss May Hosford, North Bend;

#### Disunion of Our Country.

I call upon you, fathers, by the shades the elective franchise, or becoming a of your ancestors, by the dear ashes presence would be telerated of The squat little a antytown makes legal citizen, shall register a sacred which repose in this precious soil, by pledge or solemn oath, that he or she all you are and all you hope to behas lived in the United States at least resist every object of disunion; resist five or seven consecutive years, and every recroachment upon your liberties; present proofs of the same if born in a resist every attempt to fetter your con-

I call upon you, mothers, by that all allegiance or promise of obedience which never falls in women—the love or fealty whatsoever, to any and every of your offspring; teach them, as they was sentenced by the district court in ice and snow and utterly neglected. foreign despotism, deminion or govern- climb upon your knees or lean on your to only transportation for life. The ment, monarch, emperor. pope, czar, bosoms, the blessings of liberty. Swear Aghoris are un loubtedly cannibals, potentate, king, queen, prince, princess them at the altar, as with their bap and although they prefer carrien, or governing power, religious or secu- tismal yows, to be true to their country,

I call upon you, young men, to remember whose son you are-whose she does now, and will henceforth and inheritance you possess. Life can feast.—Bombay Gazette. never be too short which brings nothlegiance and a willing and prompt ing but disgrace and oppression. Death never comes too soon, if necessary, in of the nation and the state, and the the defense of the liberties of your

I call upon you, old men, for your councils and your prayers and your for dishonesty of character. As a benedictions. May not your gray hairs deputy, he voted to permit the rego down in sorrow to the grave with turn of Louis Napoleon to France, the recollections that you have lived in believing that the time had come vain! May not your last sun sink in state, a copy of the declaration of Amer- the west upon a nation of slaves!-Judge Story.

## Given the Imperial Sanction.

A press telegram from Buda Pesth upon the subject of the sanction by the Emperor Francis Joseph of certain bills bitterly fought by the priests, says:

"The ecclesiastical bills to which the royal sanction has been given include true, for in a few years Louis Nameasures legalizing civil marriages, poleon bad, by a most remarkable allowing the conversion of christians to series of falsehoods and betrayals. Judaism, granting religious liberty to overthrown the republic and pos-Hebrews and removing the restrictions with regard to the children of mixed marriages. In fact, the bills provide for complete religious freedom in Hungary. All the measures, with the ex- the next settlement?" ception of that in regard to the children of mixed marriages, were bitterly opposed by the clericals. Not only the Roman Catholics, but the Greek orthodox bishops fought against the adoption

of the measures." Now we may expect to hear of socialist conspiracies and other revolutionary movements fathered by the papacy with the object of securing the repeal of these laws.

## That's it.

Two Roman Catholic "Sisters of Charity," who looked really more like the great grand aunts of charity, visited The Standard office the other president, made a most eloquent speech. day asking for money with which to build some Catholic "infirmary." It would be a very infirm infirmary that could be built with the money they got from this office. We would rather con-"The woman of this day and age is tribute to a rattle-snakery or a mad-dogmaking rapid progress. Her hand is gery, than to give money to build a making rapid progress. Her hand is gery, than to give money to build a years is shown by police statistics When he broke off the engagement to represent a value of no less than my heart beat so fast that it stopped

THE VAMPIRE BAT PEST.

Ruising in Central America. There are some drawbacks to the

Isthmian cuttle business that would

rather a-tonish the American cowboy were he to go there. The chief of water is made a citizen as soon as the sucking the blood of human being political machine can grind out the and at least two books by naturalists ally considered the most profitable and ning wings, to suck out the life members of the national educational pest of the cattlemen. He is particularly fond of veal blood, but older Beatrice, were elected. The committee vampire at his work, though I saw on legislation was instructed to ask the hundreds of them, but the cattlemen legislature to appoint an examining all tell the same story. The vamstate university should be chairman, and then, while slowly famning its who are qualified to do work in the piece of skin one-quarter of an inch summer institute. "The Country in diameter. Through this hole he School" was treated in a paper by Pro- sucks the blood till satisfied. One fessor Reece, of Falls City, followed by wound would be of little consediscussions. An address, unique and scholarly as it was interesting, was that half dozen vampires may feast on one poor calf or on the back of a saddle horse in one night. The calf is lie schools teach morality?" Father badly weakened by the loss of blood, Murphy defined the position of the while a saddle horse so served is Lafayette greeted him with great worthless until the wounds are enand denied that it simed to detract or tirely healed. But this is not the pull down one single stone of the public worst result of the bite. The region swarms with a postiferous fly that fortune all these years." "Yes, gensoon after daylight finds the wound he, "would it add other stones to it and lays eggs in it. Unless the until it rises above the clouds into that wound is properly cleaned and bright and serene sky illuminated by dresed with a waxy salve within Lafayotte guessed at the idea of a the light of the world." Bishop J. H. forty-eight hours after the vampire's Vincent, of Chautauqua, N. Y., spoke attack the animal will be destroyed old friend affectionately on the shoultonight on the subject, "Tom and His by the progeny of the fly. The per- der, he exclaimed: 'Happy man' centage of calves thus killed is large, happy man. Teachers." Following his address in spite of the watchfulness of the cow herders.

Horrible Cannibalism in India.

The fact that there are cannibals ed beyond doubt. It seems in-Nassick, ripped him open and proceeded to eat him while still living. and as a rule wait for its putrefaction before attacking a body with their teeth they unquestionably, when opportunity offers, slay the young or weak to make a horrible

Too Cool to Be Honest.

Victor Schoolcher, the eminent Victor Schoeleher, the eminent writer, politician, and republican vermont." "Whore "said Mr. Macck. philanthropist who died lately in France, after an honorable life of nearly pinety years, had a quick eve for universal forgiveness. Louis Napoleon read a speech thanking the deputies, and full of apparently frank protestations of fidelity to the republic. Sch elcher shook his head when he heard this speech oI watched him through my glass," he said, and his paper never trembled in his hand. He is too cool to be an honest man. We shall have occasion to regret his coming into the coun-This estimate proved quite try. sessed himself of despotic power. -Argonaut.

Not Much on Distance. "Friend," said the candidate to the fellow at the gate. "how far is it to

"About half a acre." "And how far is that?"

"Well, hit's a right smart ways. "I mean how many yards?"

"Well, thar ain't any yards 'tall tell you get thar, an' then you'll strike Bill Spurlin's yard an' six yard dogs, all loose an' a-hungry!"

No Discount for Backsliding. Hicks-Mr. X. Herter, the evangelist, is doing a good work. They say he has made a hundred converts in his two meetings. Wicks-And how many of them

will stick? Hicks-Oh, that doesn't make any difference. Horter, you know, gets \$50 a night and there's no discount

for backsliding.

Whatever may be the faults of London cabmen, they are, as a rule, honest men. The property that has been left in cabs and restored to the owners during the past five

NOT ALWAYS FIT.

Some Laughable Anecdotesof Lafayette's Welcome in 1874.

When Lafavette, in 1424, made his States, many amosing incidents occurred Lafayette spoke but little American boys kept on probation these is the vampire bat, says a Sun English, and understood less. He had retained a few phrases, such as boy who comes to us from across the One reads stories of the vampire hat "Thanks!" "My dear friend " "tireat country" "Happy man" "Ah. I remember!" And, though he usually political machine can grind out the of repute say that these bats do suck uttered these in an elective manner, human blood. Vampire bats are they were sometimes is decrously enter the valley of the shadow of death found by the thousands in Veragua malapropes. At Haitfax the cortege that this nation may live, must 'keep and tiriqui. I asked at every place was met by General Daniel, who had stationed a company of soldiers by speak in thunder tones through the sucked by vampires, but could not the roadside, stanked by the illiterate, priest-controlled ballot of her find a soul. And yet people sleep ladies who had assembled to out of doors without even a blanket do honor to the guest of the to protect them-slept bare-headed state. It had been arranged that and barefooted. The vampire had the ladies should wave their handevery chance to alight on the human | kerchiefs as soon as Lafayette came big toe, as he is said to do, and, in sight, and when Daniel exclaimed, while soothing the foot with his fan- "Welcome, Lafayette." the whole company was to repeat the words successful session in the history of their blood. I could not find any such after him. Unluckily, the ladies association. At the morning session case, however, nor had that observe misunderstood the program and Chancellor Canfield announced that it ant Englishman. C. Preedy, who waited too long, says Argonaut, only had been found necessary to elect two found any. But the vampire is the stentorian command of "Flirt, ladies." flirt, I say?" from the general, as he walked down the line to meet the sociation. Superintendent Marble, of stock and horses, colts, mules and marquis. Equally misunderstanding Omaha, and Principal Brainard, of burros all suffer. I did not catch a their part, the soldiers, instead of shouting, "Welcome, Lafayette!" in unison at the close of the general's speech, repeated the sentence one legislature to appoint an examining pire settles somewhere on the back board, of which the chancellor of the of the beast in the pasture at night, line. General Daniel, frantic at this burlesque of his order, vainly whose duty it will be to license those wings to and fro, cuts a circular attempted to correct it; but he unfortunately stammered when he was excited, his "Say it all to to to-geth er!" could not overtake the running fire of "Welcome, Lafavette!" which con-

tinued all along the line. "Great country! great country!" replied Lafayette, turning to General Polk, who was vainly trying not to smile Recognizing an old acquaintance effusion: "Ah, my dear friend, so glad to see you once more! Hope you have prospered and had good eral, yes; but I have had the great misfortune to lose my wife since I saw you." Catching the word "wife," recent marriage, and, patting his

Shantytown Made of Freight Cars-One of the most curious settle ments is at McAdam Junction, near the Eastern Maine border. Half a by race, tradition and profession at dozen old, condemned freight cars the present day in India is establish- have been removed from their trucks and are snuggled together in a credible that in a large community | bizarre village. Families live therein, like that of Nassiek or Benares the and children play about the doors abandoned creatures, who hunt the | waiting at that dreary junction even burning-grounds with the avowed more depressing. Another feature purpose of snatching and eating the of the landscape is the Canadian half-consumed flesh of the dead if Pacific "boneyard." Nearly a score they be refused the alms they im- of crippled, condemned and partially pudently demand with threats of dismounted locomotives stand about foreign country; that he or she is of lawful age, 21 years old; that he or she has and does now and for all time, foreplay near one of the temples of thrifty soul rather queerly to see what represents probably half a mil--Lewiston, Me., Journal

Once, when Judge Williams was presiding in the supreme court in Burlington, says the Green Bag, Jacob Maeck was making an argument, when he was to d by the presiding judge to omit discussing the question, as it had been decided. Maeck inquired, "It has?" "Yes," putting his hand to his ear. "In the 10th Vermont." repeated the judge. Mr. Maeck, very gravely bowing replied: "I will buy the book, your

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Gus De Smith-Why do you and your girl go so much to the Grand

Our Lord Satelli.

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#### How Did This Get Oat?

An instance showing the extraordinary religious influence of the mass is brought out by the fact that Bishop McGolerick, of Duluth, last week decided not to have any more midnight masses said, giving as a reason that there was too much turbulence and carousing after the exercises were over. This was not sent broadcast over the wires of the Associated Press, and it is rather singular that it was allowed to get into the local papers of Duluth even - Wisconsin Patriot.

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ollows to wit:

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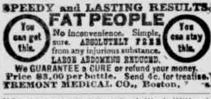
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That was Different.

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Loving Wife—Why not, darling?

Because the price is outrageous and I cannot afford to awar in the contributions.

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