

CAPT. SCHARFF is all right.

LEE FORBY was the pot of all the Memphis girls.

THIS is a pretty good month in which to pay your subscription.

WE are all proud of our soldier boys. Hurrah for the Thurston Rifles!

CHARLIE RICHARDS broke the heart of more than one of the southern belles.

THE Bee cannot escape the responsibility for the blunder in the Douglas addition affair.

DON'T miss the June Nation. It is on sale at all first-class news-stands. Price, 10 cents.

BARNES is a barnacle. He is incompetent and should not be in charge of the fire department.

V. O. STRICKLER has done many commendable acts while a member of the board of Fire and Police commissioners.

WONDER what Count Creighton thinks of the Thurston Rifles now? The "white caps" won every prize worth winning at Memphis.

IF OUR public schools are not good enough for Roman Catholic children to attend, they are good enough for young ladies of the Roman faith to teach in.

SIMERAL might as well stop advising the people, for they have not forgotten that he was the adviser of the county board during the time it made so many monumental blunders.

WHY does not Chief Redell give the fire ladders permission to buy their uniforms where they can get them for the least money? Why does he force them to buy of Browning, King & Co.?

THE movement for a daily is moving along slowly but surely. It may take a year to sell a hundred thousand dollars' worth of stock, but from the letters we get and the promises for future investments made by our friends, it is sure to be a go.

THE people do not need to have us remind them that we told them Redell's real reason for resigning; neither do they expect us to more than call their attention to Rosey's untruthful assault on the A. P. A. in connection with that resignation.

WHAT has become of that infamous Priest Leyden, of Aurora, Ill., who seduced Stesia Cummings? We once knew a scoundrel of that name who belonged to the Lazarist community of which ex-Priest McNamara was a member. Can these two be the same Leyden?

COUNT CREIGHTON told the Commercial Club that the Thurston Rifles were nothing but a lot of "white caps," and it will now be in order for the Bee to assert that the victory won by them was brought about through "sectarian influences and star-chamber methods."

THE Roman Catholics may as well understand now, as later, that no man will be permitted to sail into the mayoralty because, at some time in the past, he was branded as an A. P. A. Every patriotic American remembers the example of Benedict Arnold, and every traitor may profit by it.

THINK of Ed Simeral and Ed Rosewater running the politics of this county, when neither one is a success in his particular line of business. Simeral is said to borrow a quarter of his friends to eat on at stated periods and Rosey is in debt "head over ears." Two fine specimens, surely, to choose the servants of a county as wealthy as this.

TOM DRMSBY should be fired from the police force, and would be, were the board not ruled by Rosewater and the Irish Roman contingent. The idea of allowing a sergeant of police to get drunk, abuse a patrolman, and retain his position could not happen in any city in the union except Omaha, unless a dictator like Rosewater controlled the acts of the police commissioners.

A GOOD many New Yorkers are finding fault with Mayor Strong for issuing an order that the stars and stripes shall be raised over the city hall at the hour when he reaches his office and be lowered when he leaves. "Perhaps these criticisms," says the Inter Ocean, "would cease if the mayor should go back to the Tammany rule of flying every other flag but that of the United States. New Yorkers have had too little acquaintance with the American flag as an emblem of authority in their city hall."

SOME FIGURES.

Few of our readers realize just how much the Simeral-O'Keefe-Rosewater-Roman combination has cost them in the past; but we propose to give them an opportunity to know what the past conduct of that unholy and incompetent lot of nincompoops will cost them in the future.

Through the blunder of that outfit in the Douglas addition affair, the taxpayers of Douglas county will be called upon to liquidate claims which, together with taxes and interest, will aggregate no less than \$500,000, and some of the commissioners have estimated that the deal will cost the county fully \$600,000 before it is fully settled.

Without enlarging upon the stupidity and cupidity of Simeral and O'Keefe and their champions, Rosewater and the Romanists, we will proceed to a comparison of figures.

From July 1, 1893, to June 30, 1894, it cost Douglas county \$55,710.91 for the running expenses of the district court, which included all costs except salaries of judges, and the salaries are paid by the state. In other words, the blunder of the Douglas addition will cost the tax-payers as much as the running expenses of the district court would cost them for ten years to come. And what have they to show for their money?

During the same period it cost Douglas county \$42,140.75 to maintain the poor farm (rather a large amount for charity), but you could give an equal sum annually for twelve years and still expend less than the Simeral-O'Keefe-Rosewater-Roman combination will cost because of the Douglas addition blunder.

It cost Douglas county during the same period, from July 1, 1893, to June 30, 1894, \$51,631.96 to run the courthouse. This \$51,631.96 includes the salaries of the commissioners and all officers not paid from fees. The money which will be wasted through the blunder in the Douglas addition affair would run the county courthouse, pay the salaries of the county commissioners and all the other officials not paid out of fees, for ten years. And yet, in the face of this, Simeral and Rosewater and Rome ask to be returned to power through the medium of a citizens' movement. Do you want more "Honest" Dick O'Keefe's?

It cost the county of Douglas the sum of \$17,919.10 to conduct the jail from July 1, 1893, to June 30, 1894. This includes the board of all the prisoners from the city of Omaha, South Omaha and from the county at large. The money fooled away in the Douglas addition affair, and which you and your children will have to refund in the way of taxes during the next twenty or thirty years, would run the jail for thirty years. Yet Rosewater and Simeral are hounding men for their support of a citizens' ticket this fall which will contain the lickspittles of Rosewater as nominees.

The county of Douglas spent \$29,826.32 for the relief of indigent citizens between the dates mentioned—provided for thousands for a year—and that, too, at a figure that would require fifteen years to consume as much of the county funds as the Douglas addition will consume during the ensuing years.

During the same period the county of Douglas paid \$10,584.61 for assessments; \$4,044.39 for elections; \$26,556.99 for repairing and improving the county roads, and \$4,759.07 for the relief of old soldiers, yet if it were to cost a like amount for a dozen years to carry on these departments they would not cost the county as much as the Douglas addition affair.

In short, it cost the county \$240,000 to run the district courts, the poor farm, the court-house and salaries of commissioners and other officers not paid out of fees, the jail—including board of all prisoners—to carry on the elections, make the assessments, provide for the indigent poor, repair and improve the roads and to provide for the soldiers' relief fund. Yet even all this did not cost half as much as the Douglas addition blunder will cost the people. And this Douglas addition blunder was made while "Honest" Dick O'Keefe ruled the board of county commissioners and while Simeral was the adviser of the board; and Simeral and "Honest" Dick are the biggest frogs in Rosewater's political puddle today. What respectable citizen wants to associate with that gang? What taxpayer wants to turn this county over to the men whom Rosewater will vouch for? Do you want the treasury to be looted again? Then keep away from Rosewater's citizens' movement, which is engineered by E. P. Roggen, Ed. Simeral, Lee Helsey and others of their ilk.

A LA ROSEWATER.

That was a great meeting which Simeral, Roggen, Rosewater et al. engineered in the Paxton hotel last Wednesday night. Rosey had all his candidates for mayor there but two. But what in the world was Euclid Martin doing there? And Charlie Younger? We expected Lee Helsey, Shoemaker, Tom Swobe, Billy Kirstead and Mr. Tukey were to be there, but never thought Euclid and Constantine J. Smyth would lie down together. The same aggregation will hold another meeting next Wednesday night, but we do not know whether Mike Mcaney and "Honest" Dick O'Keefe will act as guards again or not. Each man at-

tending last Wednesday night was sworn to secrecy. So we now have a E. R. C. (E. Rosewater club), which is a secret, oath-bound political organization, and as Mr. Rosewater's paper has all along contended that a secret, oath-bound political association was a menace to our form of government, we expect to read, if Rosewater is consistent, a scathing editorial denunciation of the E. R. C.

Mr. Rosewater must remember that the people do not believe in "star-chamber" business, nor in "gumboot" politics; that they are suspicious of "dark-lantern organizations" and "midnight marauders," and have no faith in E. R. C. ghost-dancers. They believe organizations like the E. R. C. are un-American, bigoted, narrow, and inimical to the peace and perpetuity of the nation, and that they will manifest their disapproval at the polls of any organization which seeks to set up a society test for office, and which would make membership in the E. R. C. a gauge of fitness. The American people are eminently fair. They may not think that membership in the E. R. C. disqualifies a man, and yet they may think there are just as competent men who are not supported by little Eddie Rosewater, the gifted Simeral and the man Roggen. The business-men of Omaha should take this matter in hand and show these "gumboot" politicians that the best interests of the city demand their defeat.

"IF."

ONCE in a while, while digging down into the cold, hard soil for the cultivation of patriotism, the [Toledo] American finds a diamond. During the past few weeks we have been sending out statements of the accounts of delinquent subscribers, and in response to a subscriber at Metz, Ind., whose account was not quite \$7, for \$7.50, six dollars to apply on his own subscription and \$1.50 for a new subscriber. He not only sent in what he owed, but pays two years in advance for himself and adds one new subscriber to our list. If every patriotic paper had a few hundred such subscribers, the patriotic orders would make Rome howl.—Toledo American.

That is very good. But what do you think of a friend we have down at St. Joe, Mo.? He heard we were needing money, about a year and a half ago, and he sent us in a list of ten subscribers, and paid for all but two or three of them, for a year, out of his own pocket, and later on, when he met us at the Nebraska state council at Grand Island, Neb., handed us \$6 to pay his subscription three years in advance. About two months afterward he noticed a note in our columns from a minister, who told how he treasured THE AMERICAN, but was, because of the destitution of his parishioners, obliged to have it discontinued, and that, too, without being able to pay what was due on his subscription. Our St. Joe friend saw it, as we have said, and he wrote and paid two years' subscription for the minister.

But this whole-souled American is not the only one who has enrolled his name with our legion of honor. We find them from Maine to California and from the lakes to the gulf, and when we get a little hard up we send out statements, which are certain to be answered.

Yet, while we have so many men who pay promptly and liberally, we find some who are either deadbeats or awful hard up. In David City, Neb., we have nine subscribers who have been taking the paper for more than two years. Two of them have paid \$2 each, one has paid 50 cents, while the remaining six have never paid a cent. We have never been harsh with the men who are so neglectful, and shall not be; but we hope they will understand that we are still able to write a receipt for any amount, from 50 cents to a million dollars.

ROME.

Look at your drunkards. If there is one assertion calculated to make a man tired all over, it is that "the Roman Catholic church is the church of good morals." We have read this statement about a dozen times in as many papers within the past few weeks. It is very much as though a drunken man were to stand up in public and call the attention of the audience to his sober condition. The check necessary to make such an assertion could only belong to a politician or a priest. Now, any man who knows what morality is when he sees it knows that it is something that does not grow to excess in a Roman Catholic community. There are some Roman Catholics who are moral—some, to be sure—but they deserve to be in better company. Morality is not the business sign that the Romish church hangs over its door. This church puts morals on its 5-cent counter, or sells them in job lots. It makes a specialty of religion. In the face of facts, any pretension to superior morality on the part of Roman Catholics is enough to make the man in the moon laugh. Bishop Keane, of the Roman Catholic University, says: "When we would offer Catholic truth to the masses, they reply: 'Look at your drunkards'—and that settles it."

Canon Murnane, at the Catholic truth conference at Birmingham, England, asked this question: "How can you expect conversion when a Catholic prison chaplain can assert that of six or seven thousand women brought into prison yearly, more than 80 per cent. are Catholics?" The above assertions,

from prominent Roman ecclesiastics, show that the boast of Rome that she is the church of good morals is an untruth, and, as the devil is the father of lies, he must be the progenitor of that church.

It appears the Irish Catholics, who for centuries have remained loyal to Rome and its Italian hierarchy, are at last coming to a realization of their position, if one can judge from their action and conversation. Sunday afternoon, the 19th inst., when it was supposed they would turn out with the Italian Catholic societies, and attend the laying of the corner-stone for their new church, it appears the Italians were, for some reason, left to go it alone, with the exception of a few Knights of Father Mathew and Ancient Order of Hibernian men, who participated. The day is coming, and not far distant, when the Irish Catholics will bid defiance to Rome, its Italian pope, and everything pertaining to Romish influence. For years they have been the backbone, the sinew and the mainstay of the Vatican; for years they have filled the coffers of the pope, the bishops and priests with whom they have come in contact; for years they have submitted to a debauched clergy, and have been robbed of their earnings, as no other nation on God's green earth has been robbed. The daily cry for more Peter's pence has resounded from one end of the green isle to the other, until at last a halt has been called. The eyes that for centuries have been closed are now opening. Education and intelligence are now taking the place of superstition and ignorance. The miserably loathing masters they so long and faithfully served are daily becoming more detestable in their sight. And why not? When we consider the injury and the curse they have been to the Irish people, we see no reason for any other feeling. The contaminated set of villains who go about in sheep's clothing, seeking whom they may devour, will soon have to seek other fields than Ireland for the propagation of their diabolical creed. Such men as ex-Priests Slattery, Chiniquy, Rudolph, O'Connor, Lambert, McNamara, and hundreds of others, too numerous to mention, are doing much towards opening the eyes of their poor, deluded and priest-ridden brethren. Let the good work go on. Within the past twenty years Rome has lost millions of her subjects; within the next twenty years she will not have a corporal's guard.

THE South Omaha Tribune of May 20, 1895, is authority for the statement that Congressman Dave Mercer entered into an agreement to have Mr. Rosewater reinstated as a member of the National Republican Committee, in consideration of the support which the Bee gave to Mercer for re-election. This explains why fusion didn't work in this district, much to the chagrin of ex Gov. Boyd, the Democratic candidate for congress. Rosewater kept Daover on the track for congress, and has now paid him off for defeating Boyd by giving him a place on the Fire and Police Board. Perhaps all this explains why Dave Mercer was at Lincoln lobbying against the reform fire and police bill, albeit it was supported by the identical people who stood by the congressman when he needed friends to sustain him against the assaults of the editor of the Bee. It now remains to be seen whether Congressman Mercer will carry out his part of the contract.

JUDGE DOANE and Ed Simeral, two star actors—on opposite sides—in the Douglas addition affair, which promises to cost the county \$500,000, were, according to the World-Herald, among the number who met, under Rosewater's leadership, at the Paxton Hotel, Wednesday evening, to get up a citizens' ticket. The people will bear in mind that the Douglas addition claimants have not received their money yet, and that each of the cases must stand upon its own merits. Any combination of politicians who have been instrumental in placing the county in its present pitiable predicament should and will be looked upon with suspicion. The county government should be in the hands of men who cannot be swayed from their plain duty of serving its best and highest interests; and, while obeying the judgments and orders of our courts, no defense should be neglected that can legally be made.

THE Bee always yelled lustily for "Honest" Dick O'Keefe; and it was through the efforts of that paper that that incompetent Romanist was foisted upon the tax-payers of Douglas county as one of their commissioners. Therefore, the Bee must not be surprised if the people hold it responsible for the blunder in the Douglas addition affair, particularly when that blunder is sure to cost the tax-payers a half-million dollars before the tangle is straightened out.

EX-ROMANIST SULLIVAN, of Chicago, has found out that there are some spineless Protestants. He was granted permission to deliver three lectures in the Christian Church in Englewood; but, after he had distributed his handbills, it is said, Father Murray took one of them to the home of Jesse Sherwood and asked him whether the trustees had countenanced the lectures. Sher-

wood, who is said to be a politician, became alarmed, hunted Sullivan up, and attempted to induce him to cancel his dates. This Mr. Sullivan refused to do. The first lecture came off according to the schedule, but the other two—one to men only and the other to women only—were delivered in Seigler's Hall, in Englewood, which was rented by the church for the occasion, to keep Sherwood and his friends from raising a disturbance in the church.

FATHER DUCEY, he of New York, has started out as a labor agitator. He is crying down with the trusts. He spoke recently before the Bakers' International Union, and urged all those present to fight as the polls "against every corrupt organization that prostitutes all that is best in the laboring masses in favor of capitalists and trusts." Ducey did not realize that if they took his advice they would overthrow his church, the greatest trust in existence.

WE like this because it's American: "Alex. J. Johnson, editor of the Svenska Aftonen, in his paper this week, protests against the Swedish Republican State League recently organized, and objects to the formation of a National League on the basis of nationality. He declares that the Swedes are Americans and are going to remain so, and that he will fight any attempt to create any professional Swedish office-seeking society."

C. E. BATES, park commissioner, recently appointed, committed a grave error, in the minds of the Rosewater contingent, when he signed the petition for the passage of the new fire and police commission bill; and the district judges who elected Mr. Bates have been marked for the slaughter. Are we living in a land whose flag embodies the principle of free thought and free speech, or are we under the despotic sway of a czar?

DR. L. A. MERRIAM was married Tuesday, May 22, 1895, to Miss Laura E. Schamel, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schamel, 2501 Pierce street. The doctor took his bride to Berlin, Wis., for a short visit with his mother, but will be back in the city early next week. Rev. Mr. Murray officiated. We wish the jovial doctor and his handsome bride a life of uninterrupted happiness.

DO THE people of Douglas county want to return to the misgovernment of "Honest" Dick O'Keefe and Ed. Simeral, his legal adviser? The Douglas addition affair, the South Thirteenth street grading contract, the retaining-wall job, and the county hospital robbery are monuments of O'Keefe's stupidity and recklessness. Were Dick O'Keefe and Ed. Simeral but two of Rosewater's pets.

FATHER LETELLIER ST. JUST, pastor of Holy Rosary church, of Lake Linden, Mich., has caused a sensation in Catholic circles by a sermon strongly upholding public schools, denouncing their detractors as un-American, and urging that every boy over 14 years of age be sent to the public rather than to parochial schools. Hurrah! Good for Father Just. May he always hold to just that opinion.

THE success of the Thurston Rifles at Memphis has been the greatest advertisement Omaha has ever received. It gives us pleasure to say this, for every member of the company is a Protestant; and for the further reason that the Commercial Club, which allowed Creighton or Gibbons to dictate its policy, refused to help them raise funds with which to make the trip. May they always be as successful.

MR. GEORGE WALKER, who has been employed on THE AMERICAN ever since November of 1891, and who seems to be a part of the firm, leaves tomorrow for a visit to his former home in merry old England. He will be accompanied by Mr. Smith Thompson, of Auburn, Neb. They will spend several months in Europe, returning to America the latter part of October.

Important New Train Service.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway company added an additional train to the Chicago and Omaha service April 7. The new fast flyer leaves Chicago at 6 p. m. daily, arriving at Council Bluffs 9:10 a. m. and at Omaha 9:35 a. m., thus giving through service in a night's ride. Our Big Five, Chicago to Des Moines, Omaha and Denver, will continue to leave Chicago at 10 p. m. as heretofore. Consult next time card for additional service between Chicago and Peoria and all Texas points.

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McCOOK AMERICANS.

They Listened to a Stirring Address by Prof. Wilkinson.

An enthusiastic meeting was held in the lodge room last week, at which the wives and friends of the order attended and manifested their appreciation of the grand work of the order generally, and this council in particular, by loud bursts of honest applause.

Patriotic speeches were made by Prof. Valentine, Mr. J. F. Forbes, Rev. Mr. Forman, Elder H. H. Berry and Mr. Tom Wilkinson, which were listened to with rapt attention. The address of Prof. Valentine on "Protection to Our Public Schools" showed careful thought, and was fully appreciated.

President J. E. Kelly also briefly addressed the audience. Below we give Mr. Wilkinson's speech:

"It gives me considerable pleasure to make my first attempt at public speaking before such a pleasant looking, good-humored audience of American citizens. My bosom swells with pride at the thought that I, an Englishman bred and born, can say that I am an American citizen, a member of the American Protective Association, and able to speak to you, standing before that beautiful emblem of freedom, the stars and stripes of America.

"I do not intend troubling you with personal reminiscences, couched in flowery, high-flown language, nor yet to make any anarchistic or irreligious utterances, but will confine myself to simple facts—historical facts—which have been gleaned from time to time, and which may be of interest to you. In the first place, I will endeavor to show you how hollow, how unstable, how rotten to the very core is the Roman Catholic church. I don't mean religiously, but politically. I would not care to have it said that I ridiculed, or that the members of this order scoffed at the religion of any person. We, as A. P. As., have nothing against their religion. Let them have their mysterious forms, their ancient rites, their imposing ceremonies; let the priest swear at his congregation in hog Latin if he wants to. But they must keep their fingers out of the political pie. In connection with the Catholic church there is a strong and powerful political machine, manipulated by skillful operators, which threatens the prosperity of this country, as it has been the ruin of most of the European countries. It is a vast and formidable political organization banded together to obtain possession, or, as they term it, 'regain possession of our beloved America.' They claim that when Christopher Columbus landed on these shores he planted a cross in the ground and took possession in the name of the church of Rome. That political organization is headed by a man named Satoli, who, under the indefinite title of manager, rules and dictates to the priests and bishops; they in turn rule and dictate to their congregations, and that deluded outfit tries to rule and dictate to the country at large, but thanks to the A. P. A. they cannot; they dare not do it. The members of that church blindly, passively follow the political teachings, obey the mandates, and unhesitatingly do the bidding of those powerful agents of the Pope of Rome—the parish priests who are bound by a solemn oath to do anything and everything in their power to exterminate the heretic Protestant and further the ends of the Roman hierarchy.

"Now the Roman Catholics contend that St. Peter, one of the twelve apostles of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, was the first pope or head of the universal church. Read the New Testament, read the works of any Bible historian, and you will find nothing that will lead you to believe that Peter was ever the first pope or even that he ever was at Rome. Peter was a Jew and preached circumcision to the Jews, therefore he could not have been a Roman Catholic. Why they disgrace the memory of such a holy man as St. Peter is more than I can tell.

"I will cite you a few instances taken at random of the lives of some of the popes. Pope Boniface III. was placed upon the pontifical seat by Phocas, who had murdered the Emperor Maurice and usurped the government of Constantinople. Think of that; one of the first popes placed upon his throne by a man with the brand of Cain upon his brow—a murderer. Truly a remarkable beginning for a christian church.

"Boniface VII. put his predecessor to death, stole considerable of the church's treasure, and fled to Constantinople. Ten years later he returned and murdered Pope John, who had been elected in his stead. A sacrilegious thief and double-dyed murderer! A fine father confessor he must have been!

"Pope Formosus, while he was bishop of Porto, meddled with politics, quarreled with his church and fell under the ban of excommunication; subsequently he was elected pope. After his death his successor, Pope Stephen, caused his body to be disinterred and subjected the corpse to shameful indignities, even dragging the naked body through the streets of Rome. Why, the little, insignificant prairie dogs bury their dead and allow the bodies to remain undisturbed.

"Pope Clement departed this life very mysteriously and suddenly after