

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 1896.

Difference Between German, French, and Irish Roman Catholics.

EDITOR AMERICAN: Do you suppose the hierarchy have intimidated patriotic Americans to such an extent as to prevent every one of them from running for the office of President of the United States next year? The idea was suggested to me from the fact that during the last fifty years four loyal presidents, while in office, came to their death very suddenly. Two (Lincoln and Garfield) were assassinated, and Harrison and Taylor died very suddenly and mysteriously—perhaps by poison administered by the order of those who are the enemies of public schools, of good government and of all free institutions.

Is it not singular that during this period no Democratic president died by violence while occupying that high and influential position? Witness Buchanan, who was in a great measure responsible for plunging our country into a terrible civil war. Perhaps it is not strange that he was permitted to die a natural death, because it is quite certain that pope and hierarchy intended, while the north and south were fighting, to step in and run the government to suit themselves. And, had they succeeded, what a bonanza they would have struck? The pope and cardinals, archbishops, Jesuits, and the dear Paulist Fathers would then have had a national banquet. But let them bear in mind that, if they attempt it again, there will be a great scarcity of hemp on account of the quantity that will be used in ornamenting the necks of Roman Catholic hierarchs, including the grand hierarch of the Vatican.

Mr. Editor, what course do you think the editors of Roman Catholic papers will pursue in the presidential campaign of 1896? I presume some of them will soon take a pleasure trip with their families to Europe, and while there make it convenient to casually call upon the pope at the Vatican for orders. In which case the octopus may direct them to adopt the same stereotyped course which they have pursued for fully fifty years, namely, split up the Republican party, make out of it the Regular Republican party, the New Republican party, a Populist party, a Prohibition party, a Silver party, a Labor party, a Socialist party, a Non-Partisan party, etc. Then he may advise his junta of Jesuit journalists in the United States, and all his children and their sympathizers, such as are sitting on the fence (milk-and-water men), and those with Roman Catholic wives, to work with these parties and pay their proportion of the expenses, joining their clubs. "By this means," opines the pope, "I can deceive the heretics—until the day of election—then drop them and go solidly to a man for the candidates whom I through my archbishops in America shall name. By this means I shall gain another glorious victory in 1896. Cleveland has done well, and I have no objection to his serving a third term. If you gain your point in the next presidential election, I shall visit you and pass my remaining days at the Washington Vatican, D. C."

There is a wonderful difference in the nationalities of Roman Catholics, particularly between the German, French, and Irish. For anything in society that is low and degrading, such as prize-fighting and boycotting; for the encouragement of nunneries and confessionals; for train-robbers, thugs, thieves, burglars, murderers, groggery-keepers, gamblers, bunco-men, ballot-box stuffers and embezzlers of public moneys, look at the pope's Irish. They are noted for their bravery when they have the advantage—exempli gratia, two or three hundred of them chasing and stoning two inoffensive Chinamen and throwing the celestials' new hats, which they had just purchased, into the bay (a Frisco incident). The Chinese are industrious and easy to govern, while the Roman bogtrotters of Ireland and their "dago" brethren are generally a criminal and lazy set and a disgrace to any country. If the Americans would drive them out and then take in their place as many industrious Protestant families from Europe, the country would be greatly benefited.

Why such intelligent people as are the Americans should permit a low, bigoted Irish Roman Catholic judge to preside in any of their courts, is incomprehensible—when they know that an Irish Romanist's oath of allegiance to the constitution and laws of the United States and of the state in which he lives is of no value whatever. May the good Lord save every Protestant from ever being tried before an Irish Roman Catholic judge.

As regards the German and French Roman Catholics, I don't believe they would elbow an Irishman or a dago one side for the exquisite honor of first kissing the pope's gouty toe. For refinement and for progress in education, for proficiency in the arts and sciences, for universal scholarship, for civilization, look to the Germans, French, and English. PATRICK LACONER. SAN FRANCISCO, May 25, 1895.

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

"I was talking with Dr. Holmes one day," says a writer in the Chicago Interior, "when the conversation turned upon his classmates who were living.

'Now, there's Smith,' he said; 'his name will be honored by every school-child in the land when I have been forgotten a hundred years. He wrote 'My Country, 'Tis of Thee.' If he had said 'Our Country,' the hymn would not have been immortal, but that 'My' was a master stroke. Every one who sings the hymn at once feels a personal ownership in his native land. The hymn will last as long as the country.'" —Epworth Herald.

What is Popery?

Well, it has been called "the masterpiece of Satan," and we believe that is very near the truth, when we learn that the inspired prophet calls Rome "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Rev. xvii. I suppose that she is so called because she has outdone Babylon of old in cruelty, obscenity and degrading idolatry. Babylon is a name for everything unclean and hateful.

But we ask the question for the purpose of giving only a partial answer at this time. We answer it not as a sectarian or a Protestant, but as a patriot, out of love to my country, and that Americans may have a more complete knowledge of the papal anti-Christ that has invaded our land and is making war upon our free institutions, and who is and has been the great enemy of civil and religious liberty in all lands.

Bishop Keane makes complaint that the A. P. A. and Protestant Americans are attacking his church—in other words, the papal empire, with its Pontifex Maximus, or imperial head, on the banks of the Tiber. I believe Bishop Keane knows that it is not true that the A. P. A. is attacking Rome as a church—on account of her religion—but, as he has no honest argument to make in defense of the course of Rome, he plays the Jesuit, by misrepresentation and sophistry, designing to prejudice the public against the A. P. A. But what if every Protestant society and every patriot in the land should warn the people against the evil designs, pious frauds, the anti-Christian and anti-republican character of Rome? Is not that both their right and their duty? Has Rome rights that belong to none outside of her pale? Is she the mistress of the world? Shall Americans become the cringing slaves of the blaspheming pretender who sits in the Vatican? We are not yet ready for that. God forbid that this beautiful land should be blighted by enthroned popery! Shall our sun go down in desolation and the land be shrouded in the darkness of moral degradation? We are freemen; let us defend our heritage. Is it not the duty of a nation to defend itself against every party, political or religious, that by corrupt principles and wicked devices threatens the morals, safety and integrity of the nation? A nation is a moral agent, and is bound to protest against whatever threatens its purity and integrity. Why should a papal bishop set up a howl, a Jesuitical whine and look so pious because the A. P. A. and other loyal Americans want to save this nation from corruption and destruction at the hands of Rome? We do not wish to be made like Mexico, Spain, Italy, and other papal nations. We do not wish to have our free-school system destroyed and be subjected to the iron rule of a tyrannical priesthood, and have to buy a permit to read God's Word from the "shaven-pated" despots of Rome. But what does the bishop say about our church, the Protestant? Has not Rome hurled her anathemas at all who dissent from her dogmas? Has she not kindled the fires of martyrdom in Britain and in continental Europe to destroy the lives of those who profess the truth and dare protest against her pagan rites and idolatrous worship? Does not the pope claim to be the supreme head of all churches and higher than the kings of the earth? If she had the power, would she not close every Protestant church in the United States today? How long since a Protestant church could not be opened in Italy? And how long since Protestant assemblies were broken up in France? Can Americans be ignorant that Rome's ambition is the conquest of the United States, and that she is going as fast and as far as she dare to suppress freedom of speech and religious liberty on American soil? Has she not resorted to mob violence to accomplish her ends and to silence the truth? Yet, she has the brazen face to denounce with evened tongues all who dissent from her and protest against her abominations. Rome does not believe in equal rights. She wants to monopolize all the rights, all the privileges and all the secrets. St. John the Divine, in Revelation xiii. 16, 17, describes popery exactly: "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads. And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

This is the very character and spirit of Rome in the past and present—she is aiming at the monopoly and control of every place of honor and profit in this country. It is "home rule" she is after, and that is Rome rule in everything. This is what ails Ireland—priestly intrigue and priestly espionage—through which the country is kept in a continual wrangle. Eliminate popish

meddling from Irish affairs, and Ireland would have peace and prosperity.

We are glad that, while Rome may, "speaking lies in hypocrisy," delude the carnal, the ignorant and the unawakened, she is utterly unable to deceive those who have been enlightened by the Holy Scriptures and the Holy Spirit—those who have read history aright. Rome would deceive the very elect, if it were possible—but it is not possible. When "the Shepherd of Israel" lifts a lamb to his shoulder, both Satan and the pope cannot drag it down to hell. But a carnal world will accept a false religion—it suits them. "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him [the beast], whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" "And all the world wondered after the beast." Rev. xiii. This chapter describes the rise of the anti-Christian empire of Rome; the twelfth chapter describes Rome pagan. "Wondered after the beast?" Is it not strange—is it not a shame—at this age, in this country, that presidents, senators and politicians should wonder after the beast? That the secular press should be stunned, intimidated, seduced?

Bishop Keane affects to regard the A. P. A. as a very inconsiderable organization, hardly worthy of notice; but inwardly he fears, because he knows that these patriotic societies will call the attention of the American people to the character and movements of Rome, and cause a discussion such as has never before been known in this country. This is the very thing needed. So long as the press is gagged and intimidated, the pulpit cautious or silent, and Rome permitted to hide behind solid walls and pious frauds, the people will remain ignorant and "the dragon" will continue to extend his power on American soil. But the patriotic orders do not oppose Rome merely as a church; Rome is more of a political machine than a religious institution. She is a religio-political jumbo. She is after power, gold and luxury, and not souls, to save them, but makes merchandise of souls to gain the luxuries, to consume them on her lusts. Rev. xviii. 7. Everything unclean is found within the walls of this modern Babylon. He who has pronounced the doom of Babylon knows all that is behind her walls. The angel of God has uncovered this dark den of iniquity, saying: "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Rev. xviii. 2.

The reader of history and of the Bible knows all these things. There is no use of denying it, Rome is "Babylon the great." The walls of the Vatican and of the convents may hide many things from an unsuspecting public, but they are not hidden from the eye of Omniscience.

Why do the patriotic orders oppose Rome? Because Rome is a politico-religious conspiracy against all human rights—a damnable combination of all that is anti-Christian and immoral and threatens the peace, prosperity, safety and perpetuity of the nation. Let not Bishop Keane and Satollé & Co. deceive themselves about the A. P. A. It is not dying, but just beginning to live. Let not Americans go to sleep over the idea that the Rome of today is not the Rome of the past. Rome is the same yesterday, today and forever. She is "the woman drunken with the blood of the saints," etc. She cannot hide her visage. CALVIN.

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