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DOES THIS MEAN YOU?

If it does, please give the following your kind attention. This is offered in a most kindly yet firm spirit: There are many persons who are able to pay their subscription to THE AMERICAN who are in arrears. We as a matter of business ask that if you are one of that class that you send a portion of the amount, if you cannot send all at this time. It takes money to run a patriotic paper as well as any other enterprise. As a matter of business, think it over, and respond at once. The recent heavy rains have assured our farmer friends a good crop, and we trust they will respond to this call for a portion of what they owe, as we have been very easy with all our friends during the hard times, carrying thousands of dollars when we were really able to carry but a few hundred.

OPEN THE convents and nunneries.

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

NO CASUIST can induce any lawful or logical reason for the perpetuation of the papacy.

AN American Protestant, unless he abhor, condemn, anathematize and oppose popes, has no place in the field of patriotism.

THE real reason why the Roman Catholics anathematize our public schools is not because they are godless, but because they are popeless.

HAVE you paid your subscription for THE AMERICAN? If you cannot pay it, don't neglect to call and see us. We will always be glad to see you.

It is gratifying to note that American papers and magazines are springing up all over the United States, equal in quality to the best of those under the old regime.

THE attorneys for the Douglas addition claimants have made a demand upon the board of county commissioners to provide for payment of the judgments recently entered against the county. And, while the tax-payers foot the bills, the Simwater aggregation is plotting for a new lease of power.

It will not do for Rosey to deny that he wanted to be elected as a delegate to the National League of Republican Clubs. Every one acquainted with his methods knows that he was a candidate for the place, notwithstanding the fact that he kicked himself out of the party last fall, and is now plotting to betray and destroy the organization in Douglas county through the instrumentality of the Roman hierarchy and a so-called citizens' movement. But Rosey failed, while Tom Majors succeeded in being unanimously elected. But this is an off year!

If the World-Herald correctly reports the Simwater meeting of Wednesday night, those representatives of the Municipal League who attended did not fall over each other to join the Simwaters in their fight against the A. P. A. Count Creighton should have met W. A. L. Gibbon and C. J. Smyth from the league, and then the Roman cause would have made better headway. There is no difference between the professed aims of the Municipal League and the declared principles of the A. P. A.—only the latter does not admit that our city's business can be trusted to the Roman Catholics, who are trying to build up a system of their own right in the midst of us.

THE friends of Americanism in Hiawatha, Kan., gave an open meeting to their friends last Wednesday night, and had a royal good time. The council at Hiawatha is one of the strongest in the state, considering the size of the town, and numbers among its members many of the most respected and worthy citizens. It is the intention of the members of the association to give an open meeting in the largest hall in the city in the near future, and invite the entire population to attend and listen to a lecture by a man as prominent in the A. P. A. work as Rev. Joseph Slattery. At the last meeting they were addressed by Rev. Mr. Savidge and several old soldiers, and by John C. Thompson, editor of this paper. After the speeches were listened to, the entire assemblage repaired to a vacant store, where the committee on arrangements had tables spread with choice viands. Our visit to Hiawatha was made extremely pleasant, and we shall always entertain a warm feeling for every man with whom we came in contact. May Hiawatha Council continue to grow under the guidance of its present efficient officers.

ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT.

The attitude of the Omaha Bee in the Douglas addition affair, that will cost this county in the neighborhood of \$500,000 before it is settled, is only a continuation of its old policy, dating back to 1888. Last week we challenged the Simwater aggregation to show that it ever said one word against the action of the O'Keefe combine in the board of county commissioners with respect to the Douglas addition affair. We have asserted that Edward Rosewater and the Omaha Insect were responsible for the Douglas addition blunder, because it was through the influence of that paper that Ed Simral and "Honest" Dick O'Keefe were foisted onto the pay-roll of Douglas county as public officials.

We now propose to go further, and charge that a full statement of the robbery of the people in connection with the excavations and grading at the county hospital was presented to Edward Rosewater in 1888, and that every allegation was substantiated by proof showing beyond a question that the treasury of Douglas county was being plundered to the extent of thousands of dollars by rascally contractors who were in league with "Honest" Dick O'Keefe; that these matters were brought to the attention of Edward Rosewater as editor of the Omaha Bee, and that the said Edward Rosewater refused to publish them for the reason, as he stated, that they would defeat Dick O'Keefe for a third term, he being then a candidate before the people for re-election. And "Honest" Dick O'Keefe was a Democrat and Rosewater claimed to be a Republican.

No one knew the facts better than Edward Rosewater, but did he raise his voice to protect the people? Never! Why not? Dick O'Keefe had been his servant and tool. Dick O'Keefe had given him the tax-list to print at two or three prices more than would be charged by other papers, and Rosewater protected and defended him at the expense of the people. Will any one claim that Rosewater was influenced by anything but boodle, which was to come out of the county treasury.

But this is not the only instance where Rosewater has shielded rascals in office who were doing his bidding, and if it ever becomes necessary to uncover any more of his pets the public may rest assured that we have the proof to back up our charges. We have lived in this community too many years and been too closely connected with its politics not to know the runways of Rosewater and his dishonorable and disreputable associates, a thing they will learn if they persist in vilifying and abusing men simply because they will not do Edward Rosewater's bidding. The doors of the state penitentiary still open inwardly, and it may not be too late for them to welcome some members of the aggregation that looted the treasury before the American Protective Association came into prominence and enthroned purity, honesty and capability in the high positions of state.

And now, is it any wonder that Rosewater, rotten to the core, should rail against men who have been placed in charge of the county buildings through the influence of the A. P. A., the only power that has ever made an honest and successful effort to give the people a business-like administration? Is it to be wondered at that this deputy Jesuit and tool of a count who gets his title from the pope of Rome should raise a sectarian issue when there is no sectarian issue, except such as the Roman hierarchy and Rosewater himself makes in order that they may blind the people and again loot the public treasury?

ROSEY, HOW WILL YOU ANSWER?

To the Editor—Dear Sir: You will, I am sure, excuse me for taking up your time. If, however, I am worthy of a two and one-half inch editorial in the Omaha Bee, certainly I am entitled to a hearing, and I rise to ask what, in the name of honesty, the city engineer intends to do with \$41,000 in repairing the Eleventh street viaduct, as stated in the Bee's editorial of today?

Mr. Editor, that bridge only cost \$89,000 when new. Any bridge engineer will tell you that, if a track were laid over it on stringers, barring one little street over the B. & M. railway, a locomotive could cross in perfect safety. What is going to be done with \$41,000? Why is the viaduct closed? Can any man tell? In my judgment, there are not many who know why it is closed, and they will not tell; but they will hold up to the people that the reason is that it will cost \$41,000. Mr. Editor, that is a monstrous falsehood. It will not cost one-third that to put a floor on the Eleventh street viaduct worthy a bridge in a Philadelphia park, and it can be put in a good, serviceable condition for less than \$5,000, one-eighth the amount asked for in the Bee's editorial, and claimed to be the city engineer's estimate. An egregious blunder has been made by some one. It makes little difference who made it to the suffering tax-payers who paid their thousands on the original cost of the structure, only to have their houses sold for taxes, while the viaduct is closed by a gaming lot of political sharks in public places.

The good common sense of the people of this city can be trusted, and they are awake. They will soon know that the

cardinal principles advocated by that order, regardless of party affiliation, will not suffer or meet defeat because of the united efforts of our Romanized contemporaries. The affairs of Douglas county, since the incompetent Romans of the O'Keefe, Simral, Roach brand were deposed, have been in good hands, have been wisely, judiciously and honestly administered, and reflect no little credit upon the gentlemen who are opposed by the Rosewater, Roggen, Simwater aggregation, which the World-Herald so rapturously offers the freedom of the Democratic party to. However, the Romans will awake some morning to a realization of the fact that the Democratic party has ceased to pay tribute to the Pope of Rome and his emissaries in this country, and such reformers as this young Mr. Bryan and the young Mr. Hitchcock will advocate the principles now repudiated by them but tenaciously upheld by the A. P. A.

OUR ANTI-MONOPOLIST.

One of the most senseless monopolistic laws on the statute books of Nebraska is that requiring advertising for liquor licenses to be published in the paper having the largest circulation. This feature of the law was enacted at the instance of Edward Rosewater, who spent his time lobbying with members and trading everything to get it through. He has used the club thus put in his hands without mercy on the saloon-keepers and druggists of Omaha, as Fritz Miller, Ernest Stult and others can testify. Two years ago Rosewater charged about \$15 for the same amount of advertising that Hitchcock asked \$3.25 for, and the Rosewater fire and police board manipulated the contest in favor of its master. This year a combine was made between Rosewater and Hitchcock by which the former was to do the advertising and pay Hitchcock, it was stated, a given amount as hush-money.

The contest has now been transferred to South Omaha, and Rosewater is mercilessly pounding those saloon-keepers who have inserted their advertisements in the Tribune of that city by order of the city council.

But this is only another instance to illustrate the want of consistency and the greed of the editor of the Bee. How can he expect that people will have confidence in his anti-monopoly professions, in view of the charges standing against him, and which were made in this paper last week, that he offered, during the Hitchcock campaign, to sell stock to the B. & M. Railroad Company and become the organ of that road; and the charge, published this week, that he refused to publish facts relating to the official record of "Honest" Dick O'Keefe, when O'Keefe was a candidate before the people seeking to be elected for a third time to the office of county commissioner—facts which connected O'Keefe with a stupendous job at the county hospital which cost the people of Douglas county thousands of dollars, a large per cent. of which went into the pockets of rascally contractors; and the reason Edward Rosewater refused to expose O'Keefe and protect the public, as his duty as a journalist required, was because O'Keefe had been his tool and servant in awarding the printing of the Douglas county tax-list to the Bee.

How can Rosewater expect honest anti-monopolists to follow him when his record of twenty-two years shows him to be the most despotic monopolist in Nebraska?

Not satisfied to allow the people to select their representatives, he is always interfering with the details of politics, and, worst of all, as soon as public officials take their seats he cracks his whip over their heads and proceeds to dictate policies and appointments; and when a man in office refuses to bend the knee Rosewater discharges, all at once, that he is a "corporation cormorant," a "venal vampire," a "howling dervish." Why does Rosewater want to control the Omaha Fire and Police Board? The brewers and saloon-keepers and druggists of Omaha have found out the answer to their cost. The South Omaha saloon-keepers are now finding out what it is costing them to have a dictator in Nebraska politics who used his power to enact the monopolistic law with respect to the advertisements for liquor licenses.

FOR JUST SUCH A PURPOSE.

Some of the Republicans of Omaha want to organize a citizens' party in order to defeat the A. P. A.'s. This is an unnecessary work. The Democratic party was organized for just such a purpose, and the Republicans who are tired of having their party run by self-serving Democrats can come with the every man to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience.—World-Herald.

We did not know the A. P. A. was so old as the Democratic party; but this oracle says that party was organized to defeat the A. P. A. We knew the principles advocated by the A. P. A. were as old as the hills, but we have been foolish enough to believe that the order for the perpetuation of those principles was of recent establishment. However, we will not quibble about that point, just so the principles are not lost sight of, and are not allowed to fall through the jesuitical trickery of spineless Protestants of the Rosewater-Hitchcock variety; nor will we complain of those Republicans who are foolish enough to believe that the A. P. A. opposes any man because he worships God according to the dictates of his own conscience, leave the party of their adoption and unite with one that is controlled by men who are trying to use it to oppose an organization which has as its corner-stone complete liberty—religious liberty, free speech, free press, free schools, and the complete separation of church and state. The work of reformation which has been commenced in this community through the influence of the A. P. A., assisted by the thousands of men who believe in

the cardinal principles advocated by that order, regardless of party affiliation, will not suffer or meet defeat because of the united efforts of our Romanized contemporaries. The affairs of Douglas county, since the incompetent Romans of the O'Keefe, Simral, Roach brand were deposed, have been in good hands, have been wisely, judiciously and honestly administered, and reflect no little credit upon the gentlemen who are opposed by the Rosewater, Roggen, Simwater aggregation, which the World-Herald so rapturously offers the freedom of the Democratic party to. However, the Romans will awake some morning to a realization of the fact that the Democratic party has ceased to pay tribute to the Pope of Rome and his emissaries in this country, and such reformers as this young Mr. Bryan and the young Mr. Hitchcock will advocate the principles now repudiated by them but tenaciously upheld by the A. P. A.

GREGORY POWELL AT CLEVELAND.

Another hindrance with us is the introduction of the sectarian principle into our city government. I know no more immediate obstacle in the way of a good government than this. A certain element would disqualify a man of a particular religious faith from holding any office, as though all that is needed to have honest, efficient municipal government is to elect men to office who believe members of that particular religious communion should not hold office, and that they themselves should. If all that is claimed to be true, it is only curing one evil with another. As long as this secret, politico-irreligious element is dominant in our city, the day of good and efficient government cannot come.

The above is taken from a speech delivered at Cleveland, Ohio, by Gregory N. Powell, a minister who occupies a Protestant pulpit in Omaha. It is a reflection of a complaint made by Mr. Powell ever since he failed to receive the endorsement of the A. P. A. for member of the board of education. THE AMERICAN believes, with all honest citizens, that there is room for improvement in the system by which our city is governed, but the experience of the past teaches us that Jim Creighton, Pat Ford, Tom Lowrey, Dan McGurkin, Ed O'Connor, Barney Shannon, John Rush, Dick O'Keefe, Jim Flannery, Ed Moriarty, Mike Lee, and others of that ilk, are not the men from whom to expect improvement. These are the men under whom the sectarian principle flourished in this city, and it went to that extent that a shoveler on the streets either had to be a tool of the hierarchy or one of its pledged members. The mistake which Mr. Powell makes is in assuming that the objection to Roman Catholics is because of any religious belief which they may think they possess. They are opposed because they are seeking to virtually build up a government and a school system of their own in our country, and by gaining possession of the municipal, state and federal governments, they expect to sap their vitality and to overthrow and destroy our systems.

Mr. Powell ought to know that so long as the Roman hierarchy is permitted to have its way, there can be no hope of reform whatever. The Municipal League, in last fall's election, drew the line on American citizens, and in all its doings the combinations of the league were such that if it had had any influence whatever—and it might have had if it had been fair—they were so shaped as to favor Roman Catholics. When the league unloads such men as John Creighton, Douglas Addition Doane, W. A. L. Gibbon and C. J. Smyth, and separates itself completely from the influence of partizan organizations like the Samoset Club, the people will begin to think that the sectarian as well as the partizan principle has been eliminated from its councils.

ATTENTION, PATRIOTS!

My friend of American principles, this is for you. To you also who may be led by curiosity, skepticism or the faithfulness of a patriot to read the lines. All that can be asked of you is that you read, keep in your mind and consider the problem as you would a business transaction of importance to your country. Do this and counsel with those whom you know to be interested in the advancement of American principles, follow closely the thoughts presented below, advancing that mode which insists that the people shall rule.

As the patriotic orders are growing to be orders of great power, so must the patriotic press grow in size, quality and influence. Those papers which fought for Americanism when you were compelled to seek hidden places to meet and counsel for your country should ever be remembered and advanced. Those papers which brave men maintained at the cost and risk of their lives for the support of the noble cause, when the great metropolitan press fought you with their lies and corrupt influence. Since your American cause has gained power, will you desert that which was the cause of your own education, or will you support that cause? It is a plain and honest question. Dissolve it in your mind and answer to your own convictions.

Do you desire a daily American paper which will furnish you all the news of the day, or do you wish to abide by the corrupt Romanized metropolitan press? Take your choice, as you now have that opportunity.

It is with the above idea in view that we seek to fight the battles for Americanism by placing in your hands a daily paper which no power can corrupt. A paper equal to the best, which will win at no question where demands arise for a right of American principles. A paper which will be based on a standard which is not to be found in the metropolitan daily press of today, namely, truthfulness, fearlessness and honesty; a paper which will know no politics as is classed by partyism, but a staunch supporter of every American principle dictated by genuine patriotism as is found in the constitution of the United States of America.

In another column you will find our plan of procedure under the heading, "The New Daily Scheme." Study it, and lend your support.

As is known, THE AMERICAN is being published for three distinct cities—Kansas City, Omaha and Chicago. In the same manner will the daily be conducted, giving the leading news of the world, and of those cities mentioned in particular. The paper will reach you on the day of publication, as any other daily paper.

Do you want a paper to fight the battle coming in 1896? If so, buckle on the harness and come to the front. Procrastination is a deadly foe to every cause. Remember this and lend a hand.

AS TO THIRD TERMS.

The history of Douglas county politics proves that there is a deep-seated feeling against third terms for any public official. We think of but one instance in which the rule has been broken in recent years, as applying to positions of prominence, and that was when "Honest" Dick O'Keefe was elected through the influence of the Roman hierarchy and the Simwater aggregation, in November, 1887. When the American constitution was adopted, after a long contest with kingly power, it was a protest against "the divine right of kings to rule" and against inherited titles. To admit that a man can be a candidate term after term violates the spirit of our American system; and, while the form is changed, we still have the substance of monarchy, and that is repulsive to all true Americans. The legislature has even disqualified the treasurer from being an official for more than two terms, of two years each, and it is a mooted question whether our federal judges should not be changed at least at stated intervals, in the interest of a better administration of justice.

It is reported that the friends of District Clerk Moores have announced their intention of running him a third time for the office he holds, he having already held the position for eight years.

THE AMERICAN will not, at present, go into the controversy that exists between the board of county commissioners and Mr. Moores over the question of fees that are claimed to be due the county. The work of checking up his office is going on, and when the report is finally made it will be subject for discussion.

It is a matter of general understanding that Mr. Moores stated four years ago that he would not be a candidate for a third term; that if the party would favor him with a second term he would be satisfied. The great precedent established by the national Republican party in declining to nominate General Grant for a third term has become so fixed in the minds of Republicans generally that it will be difficult for any combination to be made in the Republican convention to nominate Mr. Moores for a third term—especially in view of the promise which he is understood to have made four years ago.

PENSIONS FOR TEACHERS.

The Romans have so long had the public test in their mouths that they are appalled at the prospect of losing it, and are devising and pushing new schemes through the legislature in the hope of perpetuating their grip on that chronic protuberance. The Chicago Chronicle has this to say about one of their schemes:

"No reasonable objection can be offered to the plan in Illinois for the retirement of public-school teachers after twenty-five years upon what might be called a pension but is really an annuity. The public is not called upon to make any extraordinary expenditure to assure this provision in their age to faithful employees of the public-school establishment. They themselves create the fund out of which, if they live to a good old age, they will be paid \$600 a year, a sum sufficient to support any prudent person in absolute comfort. This fund is to be raised by an assessment of 1 per cent. upon the salary of teachers. This will yield some \$60,000 a year, but, as no drafts will immediately be made upon it, it will be an increasing fund, since provision is made for its investment. If carefully husbanded it will be a sufficient resource, and it may be increased from time to time by gifts and bequests.

The arrangement is one which merely makes provision which the individual might not be able to make for himself or herself for old age and that incapacity for other employment which long service in the public-school establishment involves.

"The bill was drawn and urged forward by Mr. Thornton, a Democratic

member of the school board. Essential service was rendered both in its perfection and in its advancement by Mr. Cra'te, a Democratic member of the assembly, and it will receive without question the signature of the Democratic governor of Illinois.

"The public-school establishment of Illinois is handsomely supported, and in the main honestly and wisely administered. The one reasonable criticism advanced is a too great lavishness of expenditure, a too ardent pressure to enlarge the scope of education, even at the expense of sufficiency of provision in the primary grades."

LEO SPEAKS.

CHICAGO, June 3.—Rev. Dr. J. J. McGovern, a prominent Roman Catholic priest, whose parish is at Lockport, Ill., has just returned from a visit to Rome, where he had two personal interviews with his holiness, Pope Leo XIII. Dr. McGovern said:

"In my interview of April 17th the pope asked eagerly after affairs in America, which he is more familiar with than we are. He has made us, our affairs and our government a special study, and has a great admiration for Americans. He is anxious to see our government continue separate from the church, and does not approve of Catholics mixing in politics, except as loyal citizens. He does not approve of the parochial schools receiving any state aid or any public money, as it would lead to incalculable abuses. He was very much pleased to learn that his encyclical on labor matters created favorable comment in this country."

Another cooked-up mess for the willing victims of Jesuitical deception, totally unsupported by any authentic declaration from the see at Rome, and denied in every mention of our schools by him and the resolutions of all the hierarchical gatherings that have met on American soil since the Buffalo meeting in 1861 to the present day. What fools they think we Americans are!

ROSEWATER'S Insect hisses venomously because the board of education failed to re-elect Misses Arnold and Evans as special instructors, last Monday night, and pretends to see the earmarks of the A. P. A. in the refusal. It quotes a member of the board, presumably Mr. Bergess, as being opposed to the retirement of the two ladies. The editor of this paper has known the Arnold family probably as long as Mr. Rosewater's Insect, and he is prepared to prove that Miss Arnold was, some years ago, nominally, a Roman Catholic; but upon her return from Europe her brother said she had experienced a change of heart. However, that has nothing to do with the case. Efficiency and competency are good recommendations, but they do not always keep their possessor in positions even in private business enterprises; then how shall we expect them to do more for a person who works for the public in an official capacity? A case in point would be the retirement of Mr. James Haynes from the editorial management of Rosewater's Insect. Mr. Haynes was a competent, faithful, painstaking and efficient man, but he was dropped from the pay-roll of the Insect. Why? Some people may affirm to keep peace with Count Creighton. Yet that claim may be as groundless as the claim that the A. P. A. demanded the retirement of Miss Arnold. Some of the members may desire to see her supplanted, some of them may want to see her retained, but her retention or her dismissal will not cause a schism in the A. P. A. The A. P. A. and its friends, men and women who endorse its principles, elected the members of the school board, and expect them to do what they consider will be for the best interests of the schools, and they need not be afraid to be censured by the Insect, which has to pull a dead carcass out of a grave every few weeks and punch it a few times just to show how fearless it is. The people will repudiate the black-hearted, Janus-faced apostate this fall, for all the imps from the lurid region cannot think up enough lies and abuse to thwart the great will of the people, after the exposure of his nefarious methods.

REV. MR. BOWD, pastor of the Bedford Place Presbyterian Church, has been telling his congregation that they had nothing to fear from Romanism, yet Thursday night a gang of young Roman toughs, after being filled with cake left from a sociable given in his church, assaulted Eugene Ferrin as he was helping to carry home a basket of glassware. Gene had assisted at the entertainment, and had offered the toughs no affront, so Rev. Mr. Bowd can offer but a lame apology for their conduct. Rev. Mr. Bowd should read a little ancient history and watch current events.

NOW is the time the Roman Catholic church should "kick" against any firm advertising in an American or a patriotic paper. They should "kick" hard, just like "bay steers." They should boycott every firm that would advertise a line. Then the American people should pay them up with their own medicine, and the Roman Catholic church would come to the conclusion that her name is Dennis—unless her members act like Americans.

WATCH these columns for a Roman convent sensation in the near future.