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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.

THE Masonic Grand Lodge was in session in this city this week.

THE school board should elect a competent man as superintendent of school buildings.

OUR friend James Haynes requests us to state that he left the employ of the *Bee* voluntarily.

DO NOT boast, but "saw wood" until after the election is over. It is better to lick your "chops" after you have eaten the "possum than before.

STATE aid to sectarian schools is repugnant to the American sense of justice and fair play, and is, moreover, an imposition on every loyal citizen.

TEACHERS in our public schools should be absolutely free from sectarian bias, and should possess liberal views concerning the province of education.

ECONOMY, under the Rosewater regime, means the pensioning of Romanist Jack Galligan, and the discharging of a number of young ladies employed in the public library to make up the deficiency.

WILL Satoll be the next pope, and where will he live? are the questions in the minds of a few. Let the good patriotic work in Washington go forward. Satoll may be able to catch the American spirit if he soon learns English.

THE county statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, show a total expense at the poor-farm of \$42,140.45; but, of this amount, \$21,884.13 was for repairs, including the rebuilding of the north wing and the tying together of the walls of the south wing. The actual expense of maintaining and operating the plant, including salaries, groceries, fuel, meat, etc., was \$20,256.32. The item of repairs is another relic of the O'Keefe-Rosewater regime in Douglas county politics. From July 1, 1894, to April 30, 1895 (ten months), the total operating expenses were \$16,444.51, the repairs for the same period being \$3,622.31. With an increase of about 25 per cent, the rate of expenses per month was reduced in 1894-95 as compared with the previous fiscal year. At present there are 128 patients at the hospital.

THE members of the school board should not jump when Rosewater pulls the string. They should remember why they were elected. It was for the same reason that Mrs. Peattie and the other Democratic nominees for the school board were defeated. It was on the issue as to whether or not the people endorsed the retirement of Miss Crowley. The Arnolds are personal friends of the editor of THE AMERICAN, and many of the friends who are opposed to Miss Arnold's re-election occupy the same relation to us; for that reason we have not taken a hand in this controversy, but if the board drops Miss Arnold it can say that it stands squarely on the platform on which it was elected—namely, no Romanism in the public schools. Everybody knows that the men who were elected last fall were branded throughout the campaign as A. P. A.'s, and everybody also knows that the A. P. A. is unalterably opposed to Romanism teaching in the public schools so long as their popes, their bishops and their priests brand them as "sinks of iniquity," as "Godless," as "immoral," as "radically iniquitous," as "degrading," as "vicious," as "a social plague," as "dangerous," and when they refer to our teachers as "education quacks." Rosewater can fight Protestantism under a pretense of being fair to Rome if he wishes, but the people still do the voting.

## WILL ROSEWATER ANSWER?

For several weeks THE AMERICAN has been making serious charges against Edward Rosewater and his satellites, but aside from a putative effort at a denial made by Messrs. Simwate about two weeks ago, they have treated the most serious charges ever printed from cold type, with silence. This is the attitude of Rome when driven into a corner, from which there is no possible hope of escape; and it is not surprising that these deputy Jesuits should adopt the tactics of the organization whose interests they have undertaken to protect.

However, it is not our intention to burden our columns with additional instances of the corrupt practices of Edward Rosewater and his select coterie of friends, unless he answers what we have already laid at his door in such a way as to make it necessary for us to cite other cases in order to retain the confidence of the people. In such an event—one we do not in the least anticipate—we shall make some dry bones rattle in a way that will surprise some interested people.

The charges we have made, and which we invite Rosewater to disprove, are:

First, that he is always guilty of doing just what he charges the men he is opposing with doing.

Second, that he never says a word against a corrupt official so long as that official is of benefit to him, or will do his bidding.

Third, that he is responsible for the election of "Honest" Dick O'Keefe as county commissioner.

Fourth, that he is responsible for the election of Ed Simeral as county attorney.

Fifth, that he is directly responsible for the Douglas addition blunder, which will cost the tax-payers of this county \$500,000 before it is finally cleared up.

Sixth, that he was placed in possession of the facts regarding the "job" at the county hospital, but refused to ventilate it because, as he stated, it would defeat "Honest" Dick O'Keefe for re-election, and O'Keefe allowed him three times as much for printing the delinquent tax-list as was charged and collected by another paper.

Seventh, that by refusing to warn the tax-payers of that "job" he was as guilty of defrauding the people as any one of the gang who perpetrated the fraud.

Eighth, while opposing the A. P. A. because it is a secret, oath-bound political society, he has attempted to organize a counter movement; has met in secret, and exacted from each attendant a promise of secrecy.

Ninth, while abusing men through the columns of his detestable *Insect* for daring to wait on the legislature to urge the passage of a fire and police bill that would place the members of the board of fire and police commissioners beyond his control, he was lobbying against the passage of that measure and in favor of some of the most infamous measures introduced, yet never breathed a word about E. Rosewater, lobbyist.

Tenth, that he offered to sell stock to the B. & M., and to run a railroad organ.

Eleventh, that Count Creighton told a prominent citizen of Omaha that between \$7,000 and \$10,000 was wasted by the lobbyists, under Rosewater's direction, in fighting the fire and police bill.

Twelfth, that while pretending to oppose corruption, he is an adept in every branch of dishonest, corrupt and unclean political methods.

Thirteenth, he opposes only such men for re-election as have not been his abject slaves and his most willing tools.

Fourteenth, he is a self-confessed libeller.

Fifteenth, he is a jail-bird.

Sixteenth, he is so devoid of common decency and principle that he cannot desist from abusing and defaming a man even after he is dead.

Seventeenth, he is a double-dealer, a hypocrite, a dissembler, a knave, a rascal, a coward, a poltroon and a sneak.

Eighteenth, he fights the A. P. A. because, as one of his own employes has said, John Creighton makes him fight.

With these charges standing against him and his satellites, where is the necessity for others equally as grave being made?

Will the citizens of Douglas county follow the lead of this trickster, or will they tell him, we will have none of your corrupt methods hereafter in Douglas county affairs?

## THE ISH TRADES.

The tragedy which was enacted in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Ish, on South 29th street, in this city, last Sunday night, will not soon be forgotten by either the Ish family or the public.

While the great Book says "thou shalt not kill," we believe a righteous and just God will not bring in that command against a man who slays the being that has defiled his wife, ruined his happiness and blackened the fair name of his child.

Men hate to imbue their hands in the blood of their fellow-men; they condemn others who do it; yet we believe there are times when a man is justified

in shooting another down as he would a dog, and that time is when a plan is deliberately laid and calmly executed, which robs a wife of her virtue.

The testimony of Mrs. Chappel before the coroner's jury showed conclusively that her husband set about the ruination of Mrs. Ish, a young, a beautiful, and a lovable wife, with the same cold-blooded determination as characterized the conduct of Neal when he set out to murder Adam and Dorothy Jones for a few hundred dollars' worth of plunder.

And what was Chappel's excuse? That the woman was young, was in love with him and was rich. And how did he soothe the qualms of his own wife's conscience? He told her he was doing it all for her sake; that Mrs. Ish wanted him to clope with him; that he was going to have her get all the money she could from her husband and give it to him, and then he and his own wife would go to Buffalo, N. Y., and she, foolish woman, ceased her protesting.

But such things have an ending. They cannot always drag along, and when the end comes, the community is shocked, and for a time the rakes who prey upon the virtue of other men's wives sink off for fear that they, too, may meet a much-deserved fate.

And so it was with the Ish liaison. Chappel went to the house once too often, and as a consequence was carried away a dead man.

The testimony at the inquest all points to the fact that Mr. Ish did the shooting after catching his wife on Chappel's lap with her arms about his neck, while Chappel's left hand was under Mrs. Ish's clothes.

No sane man would blame Jimmie Ish for shooting Chappel. Is there a husband who loves his wife, who believes her pure, who would not do just what Jimmie Ish did were he to see with his own eyes how grossly he was wronged? If there is one, he is not fit to be a husband, much less to be a father.

Yet, what shall we say of Mrs. Ish? That she was base and depraved? To an extent, yes; and yet there was excuse for her part in the tragedy. She was young, inexperienced, susceptible to flattery, fond of company, and alone much of the time, with little to do but to amuse herself and her child, and it is an old saying that the devil always finds mischief for idle hands to do; and in this instance he seems to have been personally supervising the job.

Yet, since the end has been reached, and Mr. and Mrs. Ish are arrested for murder and manslaughter respectively, there is little for the public to do but to await patiently their acquittal, which is bound to follow, unless the jury is composed of libertines and rakes who may fear to discharge them lest it be taken for granted that any man might kill one of them should he catch them in a similar position, or because the evidence adduced differs materially from that already heard.

## BULLDOZER ROSEWATER.

This paper is inclined to second the *World Herald* in the controversy pending between it and the *Bee* as to whether the governor appointed Messrs. Brown and Deaver at the dictation of E. Rosewater. THE AMERICAN will say that it has been informed by what it considers first-class Populist authority that the governor did appoint both Brown and Deaver at Rosewater's earnest solicitation, if not at his actual dictation. We have it from a gentleman who claims to have seen a letter from the governor's private secretary, in which the information was given out, that the governor had decided on the members of the Omaha Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, had signed their commissions, and would be in Omaha and deliver them in person to Messrs. J. B. Kitchen and Cohen (a Populist). It is a well known fact that the Populists who waited on Gov. Holcomb were not in favor of either Deaver or Brown—in fact, they cautioned the governor against naming Deaver, and he agreed to weigh well their objections. But when Rosewater showed up and demanded that the labor editor of the *Bee* be named, Holcomb left his party advisers in order to evade the *Insect*'s sting. Had the governor displayed as much independence in the selection of the members of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners as he did when he vetoed the beet-sugar bill, we could have commended him, because he vetoed that bill even after Rosewater threatened to follow him through life, declaring that "their roads parted the minute he refused to sign the sugar bounty bill, because his [Rosewater's] word had been given that it would be signed," and up to the time that that veto was read Rosewater had considered himself governor of Nebraska. Rosewater's inability to handle the governor at that time did exactly what the wily editor predicted—it drove all the beet-sugar fellows over to the supporters of the Fire and Police bill, where a combination was formed which paved the way for the passage of both bills over the governor's veto, and that, too, in spite of the deliberate attempt to buy votes against the Fire and Police bill, evidence of which can be produced by the editor of this paper if the rascal who edits the Omaha *Bee* under a cloak of reform, while resorting to every mean, low, corrupt and vicious practice known in politics—from attempting to coerce public offi-

cial into acting contrary to their honest convictions to levying tribute on the dens of infamy in order to raise funds to carry on a boodle campaign—dare to attempt to disprove this charge.

Just before the governor visited Omaha to deliver these commissions, it became apparent that Mr. Cohen was to be one of the commissioners, and Rosewater sent for him. When he went up into the den of the cormorant he was assured of the support of Rosewater if he would do certain things in return. Mr. Cohen, who is an old soldier, having served several years in the late war, told the octopus of the *Bee* that he was an American, and if he secured the appointment he would be the tool of no man. This answer did not please Rosewater, for he has no use for any man unless he can manipulate him, and that he found he could not do with Cohen.

These charges Edward Rosewater dare not deny; for we know where to put our hands on the men whom he has attempted to use, and those who have contributed the boodle for his campaigns.

## ROMAN BIGOTRY.

A Roman Catholic paper, the *Columbia Catholic*, in an editorial says:

"The insult to the Catholic people of Kansas City by the management of the Decoration day parade in giving the A. P. A. a prominent place in the procession, bore fruit. Many Catholic veterans would not join in the exercises, and the lookers-on were not numerous. Compared with former Decoration day celebrations, this last one was a failure."

Nothing can prove more conclusively the Roman hatred for Protestants than this. The reference to the A. P. A. in the article is undoubtedly applied to the members of the Jr. O. U. A. M., who were filling the rites of their order by assisting to honor the country's noble dead. As the A. P. A. took no part in the procession, the Roman paper judged the Juniors to be A. P. A.s, because of the emblematic red, white and blue bunting which they wore.

While the Juniors, as American citizens, have the right to celebrate, they never questioned who formed the parade. The Roman paper says that "many Catholic veterans would not join in the exercises." Is this bigotry or a disloyalty to the American flag? Have not American citizens a right to parade in the streets of their own country? Is it not honorable to swear by the Constitution of the United States, and to support it? Is it not more honorable to swear to support our country than to take the oath of a Hibernian, swearing allegiance to the pope above even the country where we reside? In fact, what has been proved more corrupt than the dogmas of the Roman Catholic church? Every turn depicts the despotism which would arise if that body gained control of this country. To further illustrate this assertion, we will quote from the same column a part of another editorial, which reads:

"It is impossible to conceive literature more obscene and degrading than that which fills the columns of the A. P. A. press. And yet these foul-mouthed editors are permitted to run at large, retelling obscene jokes and malicious lies at the expense of respectable, genuine Americans."

Does this imply that free press, free speech and liberty would survive long after Roman Catholic predominance? If these papers retail obscene jokes, they bear the stamp of Roman manufacture; and further, what is more filthy, obscene and damnable than some of the class books of the Roman Catholic priesthood? We quote, for instance, the works of Kenrick and Peter Dens, which are classed as "theology," and only a small part of the obscene literature called "theology." To read either of the works is enough to turn the stomach of a hardened criminal. Will any of your church read before an audience of men the works mentioned? We cannot print them in English, for they are too vile. This cannot be denied, for the works can be secured. If the statements are "malicious lies," why can they not be proven otherwise? Why cannot the Roman press produce other argument than that used above? Do you expect to convert by calling people liars? Does your church advocate such language in church papers? Is not such argument found in all Roman Catholic papers and periodicals of today? In the very paper above mentioned, and, in fact, in the same column as appeared that which is herein quoted, we find these lines:

"Do not speak of the faults of others, nor reveal what you know to their discredit, for the slanderer is looked upon with distrust, and is feared by every one."

Does this apply only to those who are members of the Roman Catholic church? Does your church advocate the secrecy of evil deeds where they are injurious to persons and the state, or only when secrecy will prevent the disclosure of a certain creed? Is it harmful to speak the truth and expose fraud?

## WHY NOT?

The *Examiner* has maintained that an Englishman would be appointed chief of police. We hasten to congratulate the English people on so able a representative as John Miles. We are proud of Mayor Thompson's appointments.

Mr. Miles is a good citizen and a popular man, and will make a good official. There need be no fear of the efficiency of the department with such men as Tebo and Miles at its head.—*Butte Examiner*.

Why not an American? Is Mr. Miles still a subject of the queen?

## JR. O. U. A. M. TO MEET.

The 18th of this month the National Council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. will convene in this city in annual session, and it is expected that delegates from nearly every state in the Union will be present.

The local councils of the order have made the necessary arrangements for the accommodation of the delegates, and have appointed committees to see that the visiting brethren are properly entertained.

The president of the state council, Bro. W. F. Knapp, has spared no effort to make not only the members of the order in Nebraska feel that this gathering of patriots will be the most noteworthy of any ever held in the state, but he has extended that feeling to the general public, and there will be a concerted move by our citizens to make the Juniors feel perfectly at home during their short stay.

The address of welcome will be delivered by Bro. Rev. S. Wright Butler, who has no superior as an orator in this western country, and those who hear him will certainly feel, before he has ceased speaking, that there is a great work before the National Council as well as before each individual member throughout the United States.

Just what the Jr. O. U. A. M. are organized for can be ascertained by a perusal of their declaration of principles, which we publish weekly on page 7.

True, all members do not place the same construction on the first paragraph in the "Objects of the Order," and that should be remedied by the coming National Council. The National Council should declare that the place of birth is NOT to be urged against a candidate for office so long as he endorses the principles enunciated by our order. It should also declare that it stands unalterable for the sentiment expressed in the second paragraph of those principles, and that those who attempt to drag in the question of nativity as a test for political preference do so as individuals and not at the demand of the order.

At the present time our order is unjustly assailed by good Americans because of the fact that certain men have declared that the Juniors would not support this man or that man for office simply because he was not born in this country. Now, we repudiate any such claim; and we ask the National Council to speak in no uncertain sound upon this vital question.

We do not think a man should be elected to office because he is a Swede, a German, or a native of any other foreign country. Neither do we think he should be defeated simply because he was born on some other soil than that of the United States. Competency, combined with loyalty to every one of our free institutions, should be the real tests.

Will the Supreme Council set the order right upon this vital question? Aside from this, we have no suggestion to offer to the delegates to the National Council; but we will, on behalf of all Americans in this community, bid you welcome, and wish that white-winged peace and great wisdom may prevail while you deliberate.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law," declares the Book which Romanists are forbidden to read. The fruit of Romanism is hatred, envy, jealousy, malice, bigotry, boycottery, covetousness, contumely, cruelty, deceit, dishonesty, dissimulation, disloyalty, dishonor, greed, parsimony, venality, lust, fraud, trickery, chicanery, hypocrisy, falsehood, fanaticism, ingratitude, ignorance, illiteracy, immorality, injustice, intemperance, sedition, rebellion, treason, treachery, tyranny, cheating, swindling, slander, blackmailing, backbiting, vindictiveness, revenge, perjury, profaneness, impiety, idolatry, fetishism, vanity, vulgarity, lewdness, sensuality, obscenity, battery, violence, lawlessness, strife, thievery, untrustworthiness, and general cussedness.

AT THE Baptist general anniversary, recently held at Saratoga, the following was adopted:

WHEREAS, It is widely reported throughout the public journals that in some portions of the United States, professing Christians, who have conscientiously observed the seventh day of the week as a day of religious rest and worship, and who have, thereafter, on the first day of the week, conscientiously engaged in labor, which in no wise disturbed those desiring to observe the first day, have for that act been arrested, fined, imprisoned and sent to the chain-gang; therefore,

Resolved, That assuming the facts to be as reported, we earnestly and solemnly protest against this violation of the right of religious liberty, a right for the defense of which our fathers have suffered imprisonment, the spoiling of their goods, stripes, exile and death itself.

In the battles for liberty of conscience, Baptists are always found in the front ranks.

FROM the laudatory manner in which some Protestant ministers speak of

Romanism, the unsophisticated might be led to think that the Roman Catholics were a greatly maligned class. Are Protestant preachers so naive as to believe there can be any latent good in the Roman Catholic system? Protestant clergymen ought to inform themselves not only concerning that which Romanists did in the middle ages, but also as to what Romanists are doing in this age.

LIBERTY is undoubtedly a growth, an evolution. Peoples and nations gradually come to a realization of the importance and the necessity of a complete emancipation of the mind from the notions of government, jurisprudence and religion which obtained in medieval times. Freedom of thought and liberty of conscience will have to be taught, as a natural and an inalienable right, in every public school of the United States.

SHOULD the Jesuits leave the United States? is an important question. Some imagine there are none here. If the people wish to have them sent to other lands, let every one who is in sympathy with the movement get as much evidence as he possibly can to prove that they are attempting to overthrow the government. If they are true to their past history, it can be done.

THE A. P. A. Magazine is another aspirant to fill a "long-felt want." It is an immense, handsome publication, well worthy of preservation and binding. Nothing like it has been before attempted, and it is the very essence of fire, vigor and American intelligence. See the advertisement of the publishers in this paper, and write them in case you are dealing with newsdealers too bigoted to order a good thing for you.

THE father council of the A. P. A. in Kansas City—"Old No. 40"—is still growing with its accustomed rapidity. From its membership several young councils have been started. The applications for membership are, on an average, as numerous as of yore. Last meeting ten were initiated. The largest number initiated in one night reached the 100 mark.

THE nuns are the assistants of the Roman Catholic church and the W. A. P. A. are the assistants of the American movement. The nuns parade the streets for your nickels, the W. A. P. A. for your patriotism. Protestants have answered the calls of the nuns; will the Romans yield to any demand from the W. A. P. A.?

THEY say John Sherman's wife is a Roman, and when John had a position in Washington his wife—the Roman—put 575 Roman girls, who go regularly to the priests and tell them all they know and can find out, in positions in the departments. A radical change in the departments at Washington would be very advisable.

MEN who can handle the pen properly are making their influence felt in all parts of the United States, and we are glad to take note of this. Let those who can speak, write, and let those who can speak, speak, that the two headed Roman what-is-it may go to Spain or some other of her friendly countries for sympathy and support.

COLONEL VAN HORN, who ran on the Republican ticket for Congress from the Fifth Missouri district, last fall, against the Demo-Roman nominee, Tarnsey, has commenced contest proceedings before Clerk Kerr, of the house. Van Horn was endorsed by the A. P. A., and was defeated through the gross frauds practiced in several wards of Kansas City.

GREAT minds and great moralists are not indigenous to the soil of Romanism. All the illustrious scholars and statesmen of the age are Protestants. Rome encourages neither scholarship nor statesmanship. She produces few poets and no patriots. Science waits not on superstition. Philosophy receives no inspiration from priestcraft. Culture contemns clericalism.

THERE can be no greater humiliation to a free and intelligent people than to be ruled by an ignorant and bigoted Irish Roman Catholic. An Irish Roman Catholic is unfit to hold any office—even that of dog-catcher. It is high time that Americans threw off the Irish yoke. We want home rule.

THE growth of the power of the Roman hierarchy is something which the fathers of the republic did not foresee. Little did they dream, when they laid the foundation for the edifice of liberty, that an alien hierarchy would so effectually delay the completion of the superstructure.

THE pope inquires diligently after the appearance of the A. P. A. star in the west, and Bishop Keane assures him of its feeble light. But we think the pope is fearful the bishop is afraid of shocking him.

THE Life of Robert Ross, the martyr of Troy, N. Y., is now for sale. The life of his murderer may some time be written by a "howley" priest.

THE abolition of the papacy will be an unalloyed blessing and benefit to mankind. Patriotic Americans will hasten its abolition.