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ROMANISM is political vice.

CLERICALISM is the darkness of medieval night.

YOU cannot graft pure civics on the decadent stock of Romanism.

HONEST elections involve the winnowing of the cleric chaff from the civic wheat.

A CONTEMPTIBLE object is a Protestant who simulates patriotism for his personal aggrandizement.

A COMMANDERY, the uniform rank of the Jr. O. U. A. M., will soon be organized in each of the Kansas Citys.

THE PROTESTANT element must predominate in the executive, judicial and legislative departments of the government.

ROSEWATER'S citizens' movement would undoubtedly succeed—if it did not lack the essential elements of success.

If the Roman Catholic church had any patriotism, it would evidence the fact by voluntarily paying taxes on its vast holdings.

MONEY being merely a medium of exchange, it does not necessarily need to be made from something of exchangeable value.

THE POPE OF ROME is not as great a spiritual magnate (or magnet) as he was anterior to the advent of the American Protective Association.

PURE politics places patriotic Protestants in power, and insures the honest, efficient and economical administration of public affairs.

IT is absolutely necessary for the A. P. A. to meet in secret conclave, if for no other reason than to avoid the contaminating touch of Rosewater.

FRAUDS on the ballot box will be reduced to a minimum when loyal and capable Protestants control the election machinery everywhere throughout the United States.

REVERENCE for the person and submission to the will of the so-called sovereign pontiff are ideas borrowed from pagan Rome, and can have no proper or legitimate place in the polity of the United States.

PROTESTANTS have the indefeasible and sovereign right to prevent, by every lawful and worthy means, all Roman Catholics from attaining either elective or appointive places in the service of the public.

WHO ever heard of a Romanist public official being true to the trust which the people reposed in him? It is perfectly natural for a papist to be derelict in the discharge of any public duty with which he may have been entrusted.

A MEETING will be held at St. Ignace, Mich., August 7, 1895, to raise funds to erect a monument to the Jesuit Marquette. The meeting will be addressed by Congressmen Weadock and Springer, Gov. Rich and Dan M. Dickinson. Men are known by the company they keep.

EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON sent one of Uncle Sam's gun-boats to escort the pope's monkey, Satolli, into the United States. As he is looking for another term in 1896, it would be well for Americans to inquire, before the Republican convention meets, whether he would escort the pope of Rome into America if given another term.

THE BOARD of election commissioners at Chicago are investigating the frauds on the ballot that were perpetrated in the interest of Romanist McGann, at last fall's election. If the Romanists had control of Chicago's election board, no election frauds, however flagrant, would be investigated. Frauds on the franchise are natural and inevitable where there are Romanist judges and clerks of election.

THE editor of the Denver American, Mr. Charles G. Rhoads, was married July 10, 1895, to Miss Mattie B. Morgan of Marshalltown, Iowa. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents in the last named city, by Dr. James Edmondson, in the presence of a large circle of friends. The young couple left for Denver, where they went to housekeeping, at No. 223 Franklin street. We wish Bro. Rhoads and his estimable wife all the blessings of life, particularly, a family of bright, intelligent American boys and girls.

MEET ORGANIZATION WITH ORGANIZATION.

The belief held by some men, that the A. P. A. would soon run its course, is rapidly giving place to a feeling that the organization is here to stay.

This feeling is caused by the numerous outrages perpetrated against the liberties of our people in every section of the country by the very element which the A. P. A. was organized to oppose at the ballot-box.

Our citizens have at last realized that there is an organized foe in their midst, headed by the priests of Rome, who teach their dupes that to obey them is the greatest Christian virtue. They know that this enemy exists because in many instances they have witnessed its unlawful demonstrations, have suffered from its machinations, and had their business ruined by its un-American boycott.

The A. P. A. founders realized that the bold that Rome was securing upon the public treasury, on the daily press, and the public offices generally, must be broken at once or their children would be slaves to the wishes and dictates of an alien, libidinous and traitorous priesthood.

The founders of that noble order saw approaching in solid phalanx the armed and drilled soldiery of the Roman church. Already their commanders, the priests and bishops of Rome, had ordered a charge upon our most cherished institution—the public schools; their commander-in-chief had branded ALL women married outside the Roman church as concubines and their children as illegitimate; the rank and file of the soldiery which that church had placed in positions of power and trust had, with few exceptions, become ballot-box stuffers, boudoirs or criminals. Public office was fast assuming the place of a private snap, under Rome rule, and the church of Rome was standing in with the crowd of incompetents and the boudoirs for a portion of the plunder.

All this was realized. To eradicate those evils, and to ward off others which would inevitably follow them, was the excuse for the organization of the A. P. A. and the reason for its continued existence.

The founders of the A. P. A. realized it was foolish to expect a lot of men, though they were earnest, true and loyal patriots, to cope with an organized, armed and drilled enemy, unless they too were organized and ready to resist organized force with organized force.

People now, generally admit that the Roman Catholic Church is an organized political body.

That it is an organized military force.

An organized opposition to Protestants and Protestants, separately and collectively.

They realize, generally, that it is an organized power to be used by the priests of Rome to carry out the orders of the pope of Rome, transmitted to them through their bishops.

Those orders may affect politics, they may affect our liberties, they may affect the perpetuity of our government, they have affected our public schools, but regardless of what they affect they are to be obeyed.

Is it not time that Americans were aroused? Is it not time they were organizing? Is it not time they were standing as one man for the liberties which our fathers and our fathers' fathers suffered so much that we might enjoy? It is; and he who stands back, who halts, or who goes over to our common enemy for aid and comfort, is not fit man to be clothed with the mantle of American citizenship.

LIKE THE ROMAN CHURCH.

Bishop Scannell has returned from his visit to Rome. "I had one audience with Pope Leo XIII," said the bishop, "and found him a very old man, but, for his years, he looks very bright. The weight of years does not seem to have any effect on his mental faculties, so far as I could see, judging from his conversation and the appearance of his face." Concerning the condition of the Catholic church in Italy, France, Germany, England and Ireland, the bishop took occasion to say: "In Italy, I think, there is a great improvement in the relations of the people and the government since my last visit. In France, things are not so satisfactory. France is a republic only in name; it is an oligarchy. It is governed by a few men, who are not in harmony with the mass of the people. It is a centralized government. The prefects and mayors of the towns depend on the central power for office. The result is that there is no republican form of government in the country. The French people don't seem capable of any organization."

If that description of France and its people is not a true description of the Roman church and its people, we are unacquainted with the last-mentioned institution.

SUCH MUMMERY.

The demonstration attending the laying of the corner-stone of the new Catholic church for St. Lucy's parish, Jersey City, July 21, was one of the grandest of the kind witnessed in many years. Fully 10,000 people filled the streets and tried to get a glimpse of Bishop Wigger and the other clergymen who participated in the impressive ceremony. Rev. Father Tighe, pastor of St. Paul's church, Greenville, delivered the sermon. Bishop Wigger and the clergymen formed a procession and marched about the walls, Bishop Wigger blessing them.

It that is not paganism, what is it?

SAYS the New York Leader of July 13th: "This is a great country, and in nothing is this shown more clearly

than in the adaptability of its citizens! The broker, the professional man, the society favorite the clerk and clergyman meet on common ground in the drillroom or the state camp. They only need the blast of the bugle and the tap of the drum to bring them out stalwart sons of Mars, ready to do battle for the institutions under which they live." We have reason to believe there are certain aliens in America who would in no case take up arms in defense of the United States government or the institutions cherished by American patriots.

"It is customary to open the legislature with prayer, but it has no influence, if, after hearing divine invocation, that body rises and passes laws in the interest of the classes against the masses. If patriotism is love and obedience to laws, then laws must be made on principles of justice. The influence of wealth is the greatest danger to the country. No matter how morality may increase, so long as a man is conceived by iniquity, brought forth by sin, and has a family to support, he should always be required to give bond before public money is intrusted to his hands. There have been many different forms of treason in this country, but the noblest form of treason marched in gray uniforms to the cannon's mouth and trampled the flag in the dust for a principle believed to be right. The basest and most ignoble of treason was that treason where those men who entered secret societies with the flag above their hall attempted to rob of their constitutional rights their brethren who fought shoulder to shoulder in the cause of freedom.

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"The soldier is not the brain of the nation, but the muscle. In the state, like the sheriff is to the county, his duty is to execute whether right or wrong. Christianity is not a luxury to be rolled in rhetoric, to be preached under gas-light to women and children, or to be associated with operatic music. It must be a force restraining the passion of men, holding the principle of equity and justice.

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The Policy of the A. P. A.

The future policy of the A. P. A. is a conundrum that the most astute politicians are guessing at and endeavoring to find out. There appears to be a great difference of opinion among the leaders of the order. Some are in favor of coming out with a straight American ticket; while others are opposed to it, preferring to secure control of one of the older parties and carry out the principles of the order in that way. One thing has been determined on, and that is, that no attempt will be made this year to start an independent party, it being deemed wise to wait until '96 before any such movement be inaugurated. It remains for the order this year to perfect its plans more thoroughly. If an election is coming off in some local district or state it will of course be necessary to elect only those who are friendly to the order to office. But the great work that is before us is that of preparing for the important campaign of '96. Everybody has probably made up his mind whether he prefers an independent party or otherwise, and as the future policy of the order is still in doubt, it will not do any harm to advocate and discuss the different projects. At the same time, bear in mind that whatever plan is adopted it will be because it is considered for the best, and then every one should be ready to fall in line; acquiesce in what has been done, and be prepared to work for the coming victory. We believe that while the councils have a great deal to do on educational and patriotic lines, they will work with unflagging energy and perseverance in preparing for the great political campaign of '96.

The struggle of '96 will be full of surprises for somebody, and we believe that those who will be surprised the most will be the ones who are opposed to the principles of the A. P. A.

It cannot be expected that the A. P. A. will take up many of the great national questions during the campaign, as it has about all that can be successfully handled at present in fighting the Roman hierarchy. Still, there are one or two issues that are being widely discussed, and they may eventually be part of the platform of the order. One thing is certain: No great reform can be consummated until the papacy has received a setback and Americans put in charge of the government.

It is the duty of all who wish to see the free institutions of this country perpetuated to labor unceasingly to place the control of this country in the hands of those to whom it properly belongs. We can then expect to see carried out some of the reforms so badly needed, and which we will continue to stand in need of so long as the papal hierarchy controls our politics and elections and plays into the hands of corporations and monopolies.—*San Francisco American*.

The Romanist Boycott.

The Romanist is nothing if not liberal. He is so liberal in his ideas that he demands money from the public treasury to Romanize school children. He is so liberal that he cries "bigotry" if objections are made to Romanist dominance in politics; and if patriotism is mentioned he calls it "persecution." This is all when he is working for the sympathy of the easy-going Protestants or of religious "liberals." But when he is speaking to "the faithful," the venerated of the pope, he drops the mask and gives vent to the Romanist boycott venom. (Rev.) Boniface McMurtry, in the *Catholic Sentinel* of April 25, says:

"Rising Sun Stove Polish": One of the proprietors of that household article is Congressman Morse, of Massa-

chusetts. He is a rabid A. P. A. That of course means that he is a slanderer of our women and a libeler of our clergy. "Rising Sun" stove polish may be as good as any; but if I can't get any other, my stove will get so red that it will look like the rising sun itself."

Father Boniface is a true, liberal Romanist. Objectionable as the principle may be, it is the secret of the success of the Romanist in gaining power, publicly and otherwise. With them it is Rome and Romanism always, and malignant opposition to all who may not agree with them. A dose of the same medicine given Romanists would be in order. The *Sentinel* endorses this boycott.—*Seventy-Six.*

The Object Very Transparent.

Our exchanges are filled with notices of another effort to be made here in the United States to organize an armed force for the purpose of liberating Ireland from British dominion. To this end all armed bodies of Roman tendencies are to be united in one mass and war is to be declared. The purpose of the movement was to be kept sacred and secret, but unless six inches on either side of a Mick's mouth is sewed up nothing will remain hidden there except whisky and the stem of a black dudene. Well, the ink was hardly dry on the "solemn league and covenant" binding the Clan-na-Gael, Molly Maguires and Hibernians together, before the news (?) was all over the country, and formed the laughing stock for a moment for every intelligent man and woman—including the Romish hierarchy—says the Mick of the pick and the Biddy of the basement, who will furnish the trappings and equipments for "de byes."

Some serious attention might be paid to this manifesto on the part of the Pope's auxiliary in America, did we not know from past experience that it's all the worst kind of "guff." "True, there is a well armed and equipped papal army of 700,000 men here in America, but when we remember the Fenian raid into Canada and how this "Irish army" turned tail and ran, we can all rest satisfied that the present combination "couldn't lick a postage stamp" in a fair stand-up fight. They might do something with half a brick and a lump of a stick on an unarmed ex-priest, but before a lot of Johnnie Bull's red-coated beef-eaters—well, they wouldn't be in it.

But the absurdity of the move is not the least ridiculous feature of the "army of liberation." The leaders know that were such an attempt to be made the United States bluecoats would be sent to take away their guns and send the bays home to pick, shovel and load. It's a war with the mouth on the part of these agitators, all of whom are built on the lines of a catfish, body all head, head all mouth, and O what a mouth! It is far more likely that this move is in the direction of a "home war" in this country—for the confid is rapidly coming as to who shall rule this country, the Americans or the Pope. The truth away down deep in the thinking apparatus of these blatant agitators, both in Great Britain and America, is not for the freedom of Ireland, or even home rule. Were these aims reached, like Othello, their occupation would be gone, and Peter's pence, Paddy's nickel and Bridget's "fifty cents" would diminish rapidly. Never was there a brighter prospect or a more hopeful in Ireland than when Gladstone held the reins of government, and Rosebery would have pulled down the power of the obstructing lords and carried the measure to a conclusion had not the Parnell wing of the Irish in the British Commons betrayed him and forced the ministry to resign. The name of that measure for the benefit of Ireland now is "Mud," or in honor of the nation and Tay Pay O'Connor, "Dennis!" It has gone back thirty years and Salisbury has taken the premiership on the issue of defeating any and all legislation for Ireland. Now, this defeat is directly attributable to the Irish wing of the malcontents, and is exactly in line with the "Kilkenny cats" policy that Irish leaders (?) have ever maintained. They can fight like blazes for any country but their own and for any reform save that of stopping their fool yawn about the wrongs of Ireland. No, the present move is one to replenish the depleted exchequer of the "Holy Army of Liberation" for Ireland. But keep an eye peeled for trouble in the camp. There are far better pickings in America than in Ireland, and a church can be burned or a lecturer pounded to death here much safer than dynamiting London Bridge or the Tower of London.

And finally, by what law or right have these questionable citizens a liberty to thus stand armed as a menace to national tranquility and order? Why not arm the millions of Freemasons, Odd Fellows, or members of some Protestant denomination as well? De Conde and Admiral Colligay laughed at the same demonstration in France, but St. Bartholomew's bells rang out a different tune with a chorus of masses. Eternal vigilance is the price of safety, and today the same spirit and despotism of Rome reigns. Let us have peace even if we have to fight for it.—*American Tyler.*

Mr. Hoar on the A. P. A.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 20.—The Massachusetts Club held its annual outing here today. In his speech at the dinner Senator Hoar said: "I don't think that this A. P. A. movement is to be taken too seriously. I believe if the organization had for its doctrine, instead of opposition to Catholics, the assumption that we are treating Catholics with too much rigor, half of the same men would go into it. In saying that I am not severe. I am saying what unfortunately is nature, especially political human nature."

the dark ages and kept there, possibly the papacy might live forever, but in the present advancing state of science, invention, music, literature and art it will be only a question of time when either the papacy or the republic must die. But under existing circumstances we do believe that the patriotic citizens, knowing as they do the secret plotting of the papacy against the government and free institutions, will never allow the arch-enemy of God and man to rule this glorious country.

We have abundant evidence before us that the papacy is doomed, and will in the near future cease to be a controlling power in the politics of this country, and even in any part of the world. The first evidence in support of this position is drawn from the Scriptures. We have not space to make extended quotations, but we would invite the reader to turn to the following passages and see for himself: II Thess. 11, 3-12; I Tim., iv, 1-3; Rom. xvii, 1-14. Now, it seems evident that the inspired writers clearly referred to the papacy, and if so, this semi-pagan system will certainly be destroyed; and it is possible and even probable that the American Protective Association will be the agency in the hands of God of its destruction.

The papacy is doomed by the common intelligence of thinking people. We offer no better proof upon this point than for you to look upon the enforced celibacy of the Roman priests, the sale of indulgences, the wafer God manufactured by the priests, the debauching and licentious confessional box, the hypocritical purgatorial force by which to extract money from the friends of the dead, and the abominable and profane dogma of papal infallibility, especially in view of the fact that all good Catholics and the priests are required to sacrifice all their volitions to the will of their superiors in office, and then say if your intelligence does not revolt at such a rotten system of belief and urge you to turn away with utter loathing from such demoralizing and soul-destroying dogmas, put forth by the papacy in the name of religion, for the glory of God and as the only means of human salvation.

The papacy as a political power is doomed by the millions of patriotic citizens of this country who are now closing in around it, not indeed to interfere with its religion proper, but to prevent its priestly dictation and plotting against the government. The war with speech, pen and ballots will continue to increase in intensity and power until our land shall become free from the political despotism of the papal hierarchy, which is now threatening the very life of the republic.

The International Protective Association, recently organized, will be a potent factor in sealing the doom of the papacy as a political power in all the world. It is now organized in Canada and it is expected to extend to Mexico, England, France, Germany, India, Italy, Australia; and this glorious order of the I. P. A. will doubtless be organized very rapidly among the different nations, so that probably it is only a question of time when the papacy, the greatest foe to civilization (the drink traffic excepted) on which the sun ever shone, shall be blotted from the face of the earth. The Lord hasten the day.