

## ROSEWATER'S REFORM AGGREGATION

### A Plain and Dispassionate Statement of Its Origin, Its Aims and Its Purposes.

### The Nominees, with Few Exceptions, the Very Riff-Raff of the Population of This Great City.

### A Little Light Let in on Some Very Dark Places for the Benefit of the Public in General.

Early last spring we announced that Edward Rosewater would do all in his power to defeat the Republican party in this fall's campaign, and we believe that prediction has been pretty generally proved true by every move he has made.

At the time of making that charge we were in possession of conclusive proof that he was at that time, and was to continue to be, the champion of the Roman section of this community; and every one of his acts has demonstrated the truthfulness of the information on which we based the charge.

At that time the new fire and police bill was pending before the legislature, and it has been openly charged that there were thousands of dollars placed in Rosewater's hands to be used in the defeat of that measure. It is known that he was a most persistent lobbyist. He was there day and night. Stories were rife to the effect that he was tying up with the friends of every measure, questionable or meritorious. It is known that he begged some men to vote against the bill, that he threatened others with exposure through the *Bea* if they dared vote contrary to his wishes.

A representative from the southern part of the state says he was approached by an emissary of Edward Rosewater's and offered money to vote against House Roll No. 139, commonly known as the fire and police bill, and Herman Timme, in the presence of his wife, was offered several hundred dollars if he would continue to be sick and refuse to go to the capitol and register his vote in favor of that measure.

Yet, in spite of this record, this corruptionist, this bottle dispenser, and political blackmailer, seeks to foist upon the people of this city as officials some of the most immoral and corrupt men known in the community. And he is doing it under the guise of Reform.

It is fitting, however, that Edward Rosewater should head a movement for reform which has the approval and support of such disreputable mountebanks as Ed. Simeral, Ed. Roggen, and men of their ilk. It is fitting that he should want to elect to official positions such characters as Helsey, as Coburn, as Swobe, as Guy Doane, and as Wood and Campbell. It is fitting that he should support, in addition to these, a number of bankrupts, who made a failure of their own business, yet aspire to manage that of the most populous city and county in the state. And it is also fitting that he should have the earnest, hearty co-operation and support of every Roman Catholic in the city, since his success means their return to power and to office.

But the people are not blind or ignorant to either the animus which prompts this sight by Edward Rosewater for Roman supremacy in this city and county, or as to what will be the result if he is successful in the coming election.

It has been an open secret for a good many months that the *Bea* was losing money, because, of its fight against the A. P. A., and it has been openly charged that a purse of more than \$20,000 had been made up by prominent Roman Catholics to enable him to continue his warfare on the only body of men which was ever able to drive incompetent, corrupt and dishonest officials out of office.

And why is he doing this? Because he has no use for any man who will not do his bidding or who will not tamely submit to his dictation. A competent, honest, upright official according to the Rosewater dictionary is one who will do the bidding of Rosewater; any other man is corrupt, dishonest, incompetent, or a howling dervish. No man is pure, honest or capable except he be an abject tool of Edward

Rosewater, and the people, this year, have an opportunity of saying whether or not they desire men who are capable, efficient, and honest according to the Rosewater definition, to administer their affairs. Those men who receive his support can be relied upon to fill the bill of Edward Rosewater. Those whom he opposes the most viciously will be the men whom he cannot use. This applies as much to the judiciary as to the men who aspire to seats in the city council. The man who receives his support must forfeit manhood and independence and become his abject slave.

These charges are capable of proof. "Honest" Dick O'Keefe was a tool of Ed Rosewater's. He was a member of the board of county commissioners when the county treasury was being looted. It has been charged that O'Keefe was cognizant of the robbery. We have several times stated that Rosewater was apprised of the thieving, and was requested to expose the corruption, but that instead of protecting the taxpayers, as an honest newspaper man would, he declared that he could not make the facts contained in the affidavits public because, if he did so, it would defeat "Honest" Dick O'Keefe. And O'Keefe voted to pay Rosewater three prices for publishing the tax list.

It makes no difference how corrupt a man is—take Wm. Coburn, for instance, or Tom Swobe, or Lee Helsey—if he will do Rosewater's bidding he is a paragon of business ability, of purity and morality, while such a man as A. G. Edwards, as Mel H. Redfield, or S. I. Gordon, against whose official integrity, business ability or morality no man dares utter a word, that man, that whiff and political strumpet, E. Rosewater, brands as unworthy the confidence of the people.

We shall see! Luckily the people have not yet had their say; when they do have it, they can be trusted to say what is right. The people are always right!

Some of them may be mistaken at times, but as a whole they make no mistakes. They will make none this year. They will make none when they turn down every man on the Democratic ticket who is not on either the Populist or the Republican ticket.

Were it necessary to go into detail and enumerate the unpalatable character of the Rosewater nominees, we assure you that M. F. Martin, the erstwhile owner of houses of prostitution, would be an angel in purity when compared with Tom Swobe, Billy Coburn, Lee Helsey and a half-dozen more whose names could be mentioned.

The Citizens' ticket is, to be brief, made up of gamblers, fornicators, drunkards, bankrupts, perjurers, criminals, and men who have been discharged from lucrative positions because of their "knocking-down" proclivities.

Yet this man Rosewater, his aids and confederates, not excluding or excepting the members of the Roman hierarchy in this city, knew that nearly every man nominated on the Reform citizens ticket was entitled to wear one or more of the above brands. Then why did they presume to call it the "Citizens' Reform party"? In order to deceive the people. They proceeded on the theory that the people liked to be humbugged—and the bigger the humbug the better they would be satisfied. We can say this masquerade party by the "Citizens' Reformers" is par excellence. If they can kick up enough dust to obscure the vision of the populace they will undoubtedly be elected. But they can't do it.

Now let us see what these reformers give as the reason for their appearance this year. They tell us it is because the affairs of the city and county have

been mismanaged under A. P. A. rule. We hurl this back to Edward Rosewater as a black, as a damnable lie. We hurl it in the face of every one of his sympathizers, and challenge them for the proof. Under A. P. A. influence this county and city were rid of the most corrupt ring that ever dominated them. Under A. P. A. rule the county treasury, instead of representing a deficit of more than \$240,000, represents a surplus of more than \$325,000; and this has been saved to the county after paying the deficit handed down to them from the O'Keefe-O'Malley-Rush regime. It has been saved after paying and repairing several roads running into the county; after paying interest on outstanding bonds; after paying the running expenses of the jail, county poor farm, hospital, relief store, and all the running expenses incident to the county business.

To be plain, the A. P. A. took charge of the county business when the county was in debt more than \$240,000. It has run the county for three years. During that time it has paid off the debt the Romanists had saddled upon it, has paid all the running expenses, and has saved more than \$325,000. Incompetent men could not do that. Dishonest men would not do it.

But there are Henry Bolln and Jerome Coulter!

Certainly. No one condones their offenses. They did wrong. But the A. P. A. was not responsible for their shortcomings. They did wrong—not because they were elected by the aid of the A. P. A., but in spite of the wishes and the teachings of that order.

Yet, if you please, who worked harder to encompass the election of Henry Bolln than E. Rosewater—the man who now cries so lustily for reform? How, then, can he shift all the blame for the shortage in the city treasurer's office onto the A. P. A., when he was cheek by jowl with that order in its support of Bolln, not only when he was first nominated, but when he sought and obtained a renomination and a reelection? This being so, how is the A. P. A. any more responsible for the defalcation in the treasurer's office than are E. Rosewater and the *Omaha Bea*?

But the A. P. A. officials appointed Israel Frank meat inspector, and he has gone wrong; some others are fond of saying.

This is not literally true. Frank was appointed by a board dominated by Rosewater and his present associates in the Citizens' Reform movement. If there is any odium to attach because of Frank's conduct, it must attach to the Rosewater crowd. Besides, the witnesses against Frank, who were in the employ of Rosewater, were an unsavory crowd. One of them obtained possession of Matron Cummings' ring, in some mysterious manner, and pawned it, then jumped the town. But it is with that class of rascals that Rosewater always surrounds himself.

The secretary of the Citizens' Reform movement, one of Rosey's most intimate associates and advisers, has a record as full of holes as a skimmer; yet he is shouting lustily for reform. He ought to go back to Canada and work up a reform movement where he is better known, and where it is said the officials would be pleased to shake hands with him. Unless we have been misinformed, County Superintendent Hill has a letter from a gentleman who knows the secretary across the border, in which some very lurid and fiery things are charged against said secretary.

Closely allied to the father of the Citizens' Reform League and his sweet-scented secretary is Jim Creighton, he of rotten-block fame, now honored with the presidency of the Third ward branch of the association; Tom Swift, the Roman father-in-law of one of the editors of the *Bea*; Ed. Walsh, of county hospital notoriety; A. A. Keyser, who is treasurer of the Idlewild branch of the league, and who has been repeatedly and openly accused by this paper with having been charged by the mother of a girl under lawful age, with having offered said mother the sum of \$50 for the privilege of having illicit criminal intercourse with her daughter; Lee Helsey, famous for his want of legal learning while acting as police judge, or who violated his oath of office by rendering a decision contrary to law and precedent in order to win the friendship of the Romanists of this city; Tom Swobe, who, as the proprietor of the Midland Hotel, permitted gambling to be carried on there—unless all reports are false—and whose liaisons with his female help was for years a matter of common notoriety, one of which liaisons ex-Congressman Connell and ex-County Attorney Parke Godwin are said to have strained their legal ability in untangling for the festive Tom; J. S. Deltruck, a Romanist who declared we ought to be killed for publishing THE AMERICAN; Ed. Moriarty, who has

been convicted of forgery, and who was suspected of leading the mob which hanged the negro in 1891; Wm. Coburn, who leaves his home and goes on periodical drunks, lasting sometimes for two or more weeks; W. I. Kierstead, who received an invitation from M. F. Martin, the owner of houses of prostitution, to visit Camp Comfort, and only refused to accept it after we had condemned Seavey for associating with such characters; John F. Coad, who has been openly and publicly accused of attempting to bribe the South Omaha delegation to vote for Coe instead of Frank Johnson; the First National Bank, which is accused of paying Frank B. Johnson \$2,500 to get off the Democratic ticket, so that Coe could be endorsed, in order that he might be elected and be able to pay the paper—notes—which said bank is said to hold to the amount of more than \$25,000; said bank is also carrying the *Omaha Bea* for a good many more thousand dollars than it wants to, unless President Kountz has been misquoted to us; the Roman contingent, with John Rush, John A. Creighton, the priests and the bishop at the head to direct, besides every saloon-keeper, every gambler, every flug, and every prostitute is giving their unqualified endorsement and their hearty support to the Citizens' Reform candidates. If there is any doubt as to this assertion, take the delegates to the late Democratic convention and look up their antecedents. Begin with Pat Ford, take in Pat O'Hearne, and a whole regiment of lesser lights, and wind up with Ed. Rothery and others of their ilk.

Nor are these the only shining lights in the Reform movement. We find Constantine Joachim Smyth, who was unable to answer the logic of that grand old Methodist editor, W. J. Shank; Timothy J. Mahoney, who, as county attorney, asked the police judge to discharge two Romanists charged with murder in the first degree, after they had been positively identified; John Rush, who declared he was a Roman Catholic first and a citizen afterward; Pat Ford, Jr., who has been sentenced to several years in the penitentiary, and who is now out on bail awaiting the action of the supreme court; besides a couple of thousand other Romanists with records equally as shady or minus records of any description.

We might go on and enumerate all the rascals in the community, and you would find them all identified with the Citizens' Reform movement. True, all the men identified with that movement are not of the ragtag and bobtail variety—Edison Rich, John J. Polans and E. R. Duffie are clean, capable and honest men, but they are in awful bad company.

This ought not to escape your mind: Do you want men in official positions who will be the complete, the abject tools of E. Rosewater? If you do, vote the Democratic ticket.

Remember, the election will decide whether this community is to be dominated by Rosewater and Romanism, or whether honest American principles are to rule. The question is: Shall the disreputable elements in both the Republican and Democratic parties dominate this city and county, or will the respectable, law-abiding citizens participate in their government?

And now, in conclusion, allow us to call your attention to the German editor of the *Omaha Bea*, who furnishes two columns twice each week for the edification of Germans who are unable to read the English language. We shall not give our opinion of him, but will quote the opinion of the paper which is now employing him. Of him the *Omaha Bea* of October 31, 1894, said: "Max Adler has enjoyed a speckled career, covering many years. He was at one time an editorial writer on a sectarian paper at Cleveland, O., and afterwards became associated with August Speis on the *Arbeiter Zeitung*, the anarchistic newspaper that did so much toward inciting the Haymarket riot, and which culminated in the arrest of every man connected with the publication."

#### Which One of Them Lies?

The "eucharistic congress" recently held in Washington was productive of some good in that, through the utterances of a chamberlain of the pope's household, Monsignor Stephan, the papal institution, which is purely a political organization, and the most perfect in its various ramifications, albeit it sails under the *nom de plume* of a church, is placed in its true light before the American people. For his candor on this occasion, says the *Patriotic American*, the people of this country are indebted to this chamberlain of the pope's household, who is and for years has figured as the head of the Jesuit-papal lobby at our capital. Every reader of the *Patriotic American* and every other intelligent person is aware that the papacy has always aimed to deceive

the people by pretending to the world (outside their own membership) that the "holy mother church" did not dabble in politics—this, too, in contradistinction to the further fact that the hierarchy has ever contended that "politics is only morals upon a larger scale, and that the church possesses the unqualified right to direct the morals of its subjects." That there may be no further quibbling upon this—to the American people important, nay, serious—question, this chamberlain of the pope's household, James A. Stephan, who had this signal honor conferred upon him by Leo XIII., April 2, 1895, for his unparalleled success in plundering the national treasury through the treachery and intrigue of venal and corrupt congressmen and senators, in the interest of the so-called Catholic Indian Mission, during an interview by a reporter brushes aside the veiling in the following straightforward manner:

"Yes, the Catholic church is in politics; in the future we intend to be the purifiers of politics.

"We will support the pure men wherever we find them. In one state they may be in one party, and in another state in the opposite party."

"Who will decide on the cleanliness of the candidates, monsignor?"

"We will. We have kept quiet too long. We have been badly treated. We propose now to stand by those who stand by us. I find that ante-election promises are easily broken."

"It is said you defeated Harrison, monsignor?"

"Well, that is what they say. I have never made any concealment of the fight I made against Harrison. I knew Morgan, the man Harrison appointed commissioner of Indian affairs, during the war.

"I anticipated trouble from him, and antagonized him from the first. I fought his confirmation bitterly and openly. So bitter did I make the fight that Cardinal Gibbons appointed a committee to call on the president and urge the withdrawal of Morgan's name.

"The committee consisted of Archbishop Ireland, Bishop Chappelle, from Indianapolis, and myself. We met the president by appointment, and Secretaries Blair and Windom were present at the interview.

"We gained nothing. The president pointedly refused to withdraw Morgan's name, and told us he would be confirmed by the senate in face of our opposition. In plain English, we were severely snubbed.

"We left the White House, and as we walked down through the lawn I pointed to the green grass and said to Archbishop Ireland: 'Do you see that sod, your grace?'

"'Yes,' he replied, 'what of it?'

"'Under that sod,' was my response, 'I bury the snub Harrison has just put on us. Four years from now I'll dig it up with interest.'

"I kept my word. I bided my time. A few weeks before the election I went to Indiana, the state in which I worked before the war, and in which I had first met the president.

"I had been a Republican all my life; so I had but little trouble in finding out how matters stood at the Harrison headquarters.

"The Republicans were ahead. I went to Lafayette, and called the priests of the state together. Some of them were Republicans, like myself. I told them to take off their coats, and defeat Harrison.

"They hesitated, and then did as I desired. Some of them said there were Republican members of the churches who could not be moved. I told them to send them to me."

"Did you cast all the Roman Catholic vote for Cleveland?"

"We defeated Harrison."

"I am in politics, and I am in to win, and the only way to win is to organize."

Anent the foregoing, that prince of deceivers and falsifiers, James Gibbons, called cardinal, in order if possible to replace the veiling removed by Mr. Stephan, the chamberlain of the pope's household, prepared the following for publication, and which was quite generally published in our so-called secular and free, but in reality servile and subsidized, press:

The archbishops and bishops will never make a united petition to Congress, no matter how grave the conditions or how grievous the complaints. If the Catholic church has reason to believe its rights are infringed upon or members unfairly treated, it will simply ask for justice as citizens of the United States. They will never demand satisfaction as a body of powerful prelates supported by millions of voters. Such action would be contrary to the high prerogative of the exponents of the great Teacher of charity and humanity.

A political organization to be formed by the officials and members of our

church is contrary to all established rules and precedents. The Catholic church has always held itself aloof from all political entanglements. Its great mission is to teach and direct in things spiritual. With temporal affairs it never interferes. The laymen of the church are free to form such societies as may tend to promote their temporal welfare, but to expect the archbishops and bishops formally to approve or to ratify such plans is to expect what can never come to pass.

Monsignor Stephan will remain in charge of the Catholic Indian Bureau. He has spent a long life in this good work, and his management has been judicious and his integrity unquestioned.

We have no grievances whatever against the present administration. It has long been known to us that appropriations would at the end of a certain time be entirely withdrawn from our Catholic missions. We have been given opportunity to provide for this contingency, and we will now take active steps in making all our schools self-sustaining.

#### Answered Itself.

The *Santa Clara Magazine*, once a representative of Santa Clara county resources, but of late more a representative of Santa Clara county "slang," in September devoted most of its space to abusing prominent A. P. A.'s. If what is said were true, it would be nothing more than a case of "pot calling kettle black." But we doubt that what it says is true. Speaking in defense of Catholics with relation to our public schools, it says: "Enemies of the public school—not all of them" (that is, Catholics). The italicalization of the word *all* is the only comment we need to make. And further, referring to an address of Bishop Ireland's, last August, before the Notre Dame University of Indiana, the editor of the magazine says: "The archbishop neither could nor would have made this speech if he did not really desire to win for the public-school system the support of the Roman Catholic communion." Not much more is needed here, again, than to italicize the words *win* and *support*. If the archbishop is engaged in winning the support of Catholics for the public-school system, then evidently they do not support it to any great extent at the present time. We cannot help wondering also whether Archbishop Ireland wages the Italian pope or whether the Italian pope commands Archbishop Ireland. But then the archbishop has no real intention of opposing the church.—*American Leader*.

#### Morgan County, Colorado.

The success of the famous Greeley Colony is being repeated in the irrigated district surrounding Fort Morgan, Colo. Little more than ten years have elapsed since its settlement began but the results that have already been attained are far beyond the most extravagant hopes of the founders of the enterprise. Where they had aimed to plant a modest little colony are 500 splendid farms surrounding several flourishing towns and supporting a system of schools, churches and societies unsurpassed anywhere. The territory embraced under the system of irrigation canals has been erected into Morgan County, Colo., and now has a population somewhat in excess of 3,000 souls.

Alfalfa, potatoes, wheat and oats are the staple products, but the possibilities in other directions are almost beyond belief. Mr. Sam Cook, in the western part of the county, this year raised 1,800 bushels of onions from 3 acres of ground, for which he will receive \$1,350, while Mr. W. S. Simpson, whose 10-acre garden patch adjoins the town of Fort Morgan, cleared \$50 from his bees alone. Fifty out of the 500 farmers in the county have had an average yield of 50 bushels of wheat to the acre and more than 100 exceeded 40 bushels. Alfalfa makes a larger crop than anywhere else in the country. The price of land varies from \$15 to \$30 an acre, including perpetual water right. Eighty acres is as much as one man can farm, and if he goes in for fruit raising or market gardening half that much will keep him busy.

Detailed information about Morgan county is contained in an illustrated booklet issued by the Passenger Department of the Burlington Route and now ready for free distribution. A copy will be mailed to any one who will write to J. Francis, G. P. A., Omaha, Neb., for it. No one who is really earnest in his desire to find a better location than his present one will fail to do this.

#### Their Rise.

The Kansas City AMERICAN furnishes a half-page cartoon, which very fully illustrates its idea of the true inwardness of the Irish convention in Chicago. The first scene represents the Irish infantry taking aim at the wooden image of John Bull, behind which Uncle Sam is sitting, apparently unconscious of what is transpiring. In the second scene the weapons have been discharged, Uncle Sam receiving the force of the volley, while the priests and the soldiers are in high glee over his stupidity and the result of their rise.—*Tacoma American Citizen*.