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THE Omaha Bee speaks familiarly of "the Diety!" Must be a new tutelary divinity. God of the episcureans?

We would like to call our readers' attention to the advertisement of The Sears Jewelry Co., top of column, page 8.

BAT SHEA will be killed by electricity because he was doing the work of the Roman Catholic Church, and was caught at it.

TOM BYRNES, the Irish Roman Catholic ex-superintendent of New York police, is traveling for his health, while they are discussing his methods of doing business.

We trust every man and woman who reads THE AMERICAN will pay their subscription before January 1st. Every one of you can send in something. Please do so, and help us start the New Year out of debt.

WERE we to guess, we would guess that Satelli would be the next Pope of Rome; and he might be requested to take his seat very soon, as the Roman Catholic head must show to the world that he is a man, although they claim he is a God.

MISS FRANCES E. WILLARD will soon lose her position if she does not stop her sympathy for, and co-operation with, the Roman Catholic Church. Probably she believes all they tell her. Some of the ladies have written to her regarding it.

THE fear of the Roman Catholic Church is that she will not be able to cause a war here in the United States between labor and capital, or between this country and some other country. She wants war very much. That is the cause for it being necessary for Americans to make so many apologies.

THE mother of Parnell has her furniture sold at sheriff's sale, yet there is not an Irishman who has enough respect for the leaders of Ireland to provide for her. Where are the followers of Parnell? Where is the charity of the Irish Roman Catholics, who have charge of so many charitable institutions?

ONE of our fair friends in Springfield, O., does not expect much from Governor Bushnell, and bases her opinion on the fact that Mrs. Bushnell gave a donation to a Roman Catholic fair or institution. We will just say that if Governor Bushnell ties up with Rome after getting the A. P. A. vote, his future political cake will be dough.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S message does not touch the keynote of the times. The hard times—the business depression—is not the result of too much money, but of a lack of employment. Open the bank vaults, put the money, now hoarded, into circulation, drive out idleness, and we will have a nation burdened with prosperity and peopled with happy, contented citizens.

We have received a letter from a friend in Schoolcraft, Mich., announcing the death of Mr. Pat Welch, a lecturer of no mean ability upon the subject of Romanism. It was our pleasure to be personally acquainted with Mr. Welch, and we are pained to learn of his death. If there ever was an honest foe to Romanism, Mr. Welch was that foe. Peace to his soul.

IN Mr. John D. Howe's medley, published in last Sunday's Omaha Bee, that gentleman speaks of those "whose patriotism is so rotten that it stinks." An original and a curious simile. Next we shall have some word-juggler evolving some such sentiment as this: "Their putrid purity proved nauseating." Or perhaps this: "They were permeated with a certain kind of ill-smelling Rosewater."

We fail to find words which will adequately express our opinion of the verdict rendered by the jury in Justice O'Connell's court in the case against Frank Johnson, the fireman who assaulted and bit old man Buck in Evansville some three weeks ago. Although the defendant admitted he struck Buck, the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. The jury consisted of three Romans, a Methodist, and two men who did not "attend worship at any church." We consider this verdict but a fair sample of the justice Protestants can expect if they allow Rome to gain control of this country.—Chicago American.

ONE DRAWBACK.

The greatest drawback which besets the patriotic editor is the subscriber who takes takes the paper for a year or two and then, after you have sent him a score of statements, suddenly discovers that he never ordered the paper sent to his address, or that he paid in advance and ordered it stopped at the end of the time paid for, and absolutely refuses to pay the bill. We do not care to refer to any one in particular. The fellows who write insulting letters in answer to a polite request for what we believe they owe us, are no worse than those who run up a bill of \$2 or \$3 and refuse the paper through the post-office when we insist upon their paying the bill.

For a long time we have thought we were the only company in the country carrying \$5,000 or \$10,000 back subscriptions on our books, but we see, by the last issue of the Patriotic American, that Supreme President Traynor was carrying hundreds and probably thousands of the boys. The new company which has purchased Mr. Traynor's paper says:

"There are now upon the list of the Patriotic American the names of a large number of subscribers who are in arrears—many of them for three or four years—and have been carried along by the late publisher, Mr. Traynor, either from sympathy or charity, which qualities, judging from the aggregate of their unpaid subscriptions, must have been an exceedingly expensive luxury. The present publishers cannot afford to perpetuate a system that would soon ruin the institution, and respectfully give notice that all back subscriptions must be paid up promptly within the next few weeks or they will be placed in the hands of an agency for collection through the proper legal channels. The excuse, offered in many cases, after receiving the Patriotic American regularly for many months, or even years, that the subscriber 'did not order the paper sent,' or that it was ordered stopped before the arrears were paid up, cannot be accepted by the present proprietors. All arrears must be paid before the name of the subscriber is stricken from the list. Another expensive item which we cannot afford to carry is Mr. Traynor's 'dead-head' list. While we are anxious to be courteous and obliging to all, we are not in a position to give something for nothing, and therefore all names, except those of our patriotic exchanges, and those friends from whom we receive favors, either in the form of correspondence or otherwise, will be stricken from the list. A pursuance of this course will accomplish a material reduction in our expenses and enable us to give a much better newspaper to our paying subscribers."

During the last year or two we have sent every subscriber who is in arrears not only one statement of his account but many, with a courteous request that the same be paid. A very large number have failed to remit for some reason, but we hope they will not put it off so long that we shall be forced to resort to the harsh measures outlined in the above clipping.

There is a reference in the Patriotic American to a "dead-head list." We have no such thing in this office. Every paper which goes to a subscriber's address is, by us, believed to be a bona-fide subscriber. If any imagine they are being complimented with a free subscription, now is the time to disabuse their minds of that thought. Our rates are \$2 per year; ministers, half price. If you have not paid your two dollars, send it in before January 1, and help us start the new year on the right side of the ledger.

Remember, it is not what YOU owe, but what you ALLOW, that makes the burden hard to carry. Our total indebtedness is less than \$3,200. That amount could be wiped out this month if every one of our subscribers would send us in what is justly due us. Will you do it?

OBLIGATION OF THE CHURCH.

Professor George D. Herron, of Iowa College, contributes to the December Arena an interesting article on "The Opportunity of the Church," the paper being a condensation of a lecture which he delivered in Boston in November, 1895. When he speaks of "the church," he of course means the Christian church in general, albeit he evidently does not regard the Roman Catholic Church as in any sense one of the moral agencies of Christendom. He appears to recognize the fact that the Church of Rome is not really in favor of either personal or political righteousness. The professor opines that many of the most important social, political and educational reforms of the day are being brought to full fruition without the active co-operation or positive encouragement of even the evangelical churches. "The real social reconstruction," declares the professor, "is moving on outside of, and largely in opposition to, organized religion; its leaders who come from are not of the church. * * * In no nation on earth is there such a subject submission to mere money in both church and state as there is in America. Money has more influence than Jesus upon the ecclesiastical attitude toward the problem of social justice. Our persistent blinking this fact, our evasion of the moral responsibility it puts upon us, may prove the displacement of the existing church. Pastors may secure active participation in municipal reforms from the very men who buy the city's councils and loot its people, only to find the city in a last state worse than the first." This is a rather severe arraignment of

the church-deemed Protestant. It is perhaps a timely protest against plutocratic and exclusive Protestantism. But there are wealthy and aristocratic Protestants whose religiousness does not prevent them from joining hands with designing Romanists in "reform" movements, as has been demonstrated in recent campaigns in the great cities of this country. No political or social reform ever emanates from Rome. Neither the Roman hierarchy nor the Roman laity seriously desires good government. The greatest foes of pure politics are those who are friendliest to the purely political projects of an alien hierarchy.

We apprehend greater dangers to the Republic from the accumulation of vast estates in the hands of an alien priesthood than from the rearing and maintenance of costly Protestant church edifices. All property, whether devoted to sacred or secular uses, and whether owned by Catholics or Protestants, should be assessed at its full value for purposes of taxation. Property-owners of every class ought to be willing to contribute their just and equitable share toward the maintenance of the government under which they live and by which they and their property are protected. If all the trustees of Protestant church edifices were actuated by that cogitant public spirit and that exalted patriotism which possesses the hearts of all true and loyal American citizens, they would insist on sharing equally the burden of public taxation; they would recognize the fact that the state has some rights which the church is bound to respect.

EDWARDS' BOND.

The disreputable mountebank who runs the Omaha Bee has done everything in his power to keep Treasurer-Elect A. G. Edwards from securing a bond, and has endeavored to induce the council to not approve the one he did secure, although it was signed by a corporation known to be sound, solvent and satisfactory in every respect.

We shall not criticize the bankers or local capitalists who held aloof and failed to go to Mr. Edwards' rescue when he was being assailed by the most damnable dishonest political trickster who ever disgraced this city. They have made their money, and have a perfect right to protect it from real or fancied danger; but now that Mr. Edwards has secured a good and sufficient bond, they should not countenance the persecution of a man whose only crime lies in his being poor.

It seems to us the good name of this city, of its officials and of its citizens has received enough notoriety, through the lies and the misrepresentations of the Omaha Bee and the Associated Press dispatches, to induce the representative business-men to unite in an effort to repair the injury done their city, their business interests and their commercial standing abroad. They can overcome the injury those two Rome-ruled agencies have done the city by giving their unqualified support to the officials elected until such time as they prove themselves incompetent, dishonest or negligent.

Let the disappointed individual who has for twenty years mistaken the voice and the opinion of Rosewater for the voice and the opinion of the citizens of Omaha—we say, let him wallow in his vomit, which is putrid and festering from long exposure! He is no longer a power; he is but the smallest kind of a factor in the affairs of this great city. He has degenerated into a common scold, a chronic croaker, a spiritless kicker—a regular mossback. For that reason, they should infuse a little new blood into the body corporate which he has been pounding incessantly for years, while as industriously milking the United States, county and city treasuries of every dollar he could get his hands on.

STATE COUNCIL.

The State Council of the A. P. A. of Nebraska met in Grand Island and elected an entirely new set of officers. Mayor Kelley, of McCook, was chosen president; Charles Unitt, of Omaha, secretary, and J. H. Campbell, of Lincoln, treasurer.

Resolutions were adopted calling upon Congress to acknowledge the Cubans as belligerents. Another set of resolutions supporting the position of the citizens of Manitoba on the school question were unanimously adopted and telegraphed to Rev. J. C. Madill.

The secretary's report showed the order was growing steadily in the state, and was organized so thoroughly that it would be able to secure the nomination of only loyal citizens on the several party tickets.

The meeting was one of the most harmonious in the history of the order in the state, and assures a prosperous year.

WHAT WAS THEIR RELIGION?

The Chicago Evening Press and Journal of the 2d inst. publish a statement of the number of boys sent to the Bridewell during 1894, and give their nativity. By that report we find there were 2,395 juvenile offenders sent to that institution during that year, and of that number 1,900 were native-born and but 495 were born in a foreign country. Will the Post now give us the religious beliefs of the parents of those boys?

COUNCIL 125 is comfortably housed for the winter. This is the council whose wisdom outweighs Rosewater's counsel.

SOME two years ago the A. P. A. was organized in the State of California with one little council. Now that state has about 600 councils with an immense membership, and has more patriotic papers than any other state in the Union.

If churches wish to do missionary work among Roman Catholics, they can find droves of them in Maine. Let a work be started there, and send Bibles to those Roman Catholics as well as to those in Italy and in South America.

SINCE the Associated Press has felt the power of the A. P. A. to such an extent that it will publish the news, even when not agreeable to the pope, the dailies are filled with intelligence regarding the beastly practices of Roman priests. The A. P. A. is a great educator of the people.—The Portlander.

THE Times-Herald does not mince matters when it speaks to John R. Tanner. If he is guilty, as charged in that paper, of protecting hoodlums from the operation of the law, no reputable Republican, no conscientious and loyal A. P. A., can do aught to elevate him to the high office of Governor of Illinois.

BEN TEUNEBECK and Cornelius Dorgan, both of whom are Roman Catholics, attempted to throw William Potter into a furnace of melted metal, because he was an A. P. A., but they were detected and stopped, and now they must suffer because they were doing the work of the holy (?) Roman Catholic Church.

It is stated that Priest O'Grady, of Cincinnati, who murdered Mary Gilmartin, is showing signs of insanity. This might be the only method by which he can escape what many suffer for such deeds. The Roman Catholic Church should be condemned as well as O'Grady, for she enjoins celibacy on her priests, which was the principal reason for the commission of the deed charged against O'Grady.

FOR years Rome has been proselyting the Indians. Recently she has taken notice of the negro, and now she is after the insane. The New York Sun says:

"The Rev. James Nolan and the Rev. Father McKenna of St. Peter's church visited the Hudson River State Hospital at Poughkeepsie, Monday evening, and heard the confessions of 200 insane patients. Although the patients represented numerous forms and degrees of insanity, and some were very bad cases, there was no confusion. This

morning Father McKenna celebrated mass for the male patients. The priests and the authorities of the asylum are so pleased with the success of the service that they will repeat it regularly."

We hope the Sun will not deny the fact contained in the above, after seven or eight years have elapsed.

OUR readers will find Mr. Samuel Burns' advertisement in another column. He needs no introduction to the citizens of Omaha or of Nebraska. He has been one of them for years. His manner of doing business is equally well known. It is to do exactly as he advertises he will do.

AND now the papers are saying that Charles J. Bonaparte, a grandson of Jerome Bonaparte, the brother of the illustrious Napoleon, may be elected United States senator from Maryland by the Republicans. The papers also state that he is "a rigid Catholic." We fall to see where the Americans of Maryland will have benefited themselves if they honor Mr. Bonaparte with that position. Romanist Bonaparte would be as much a tool of the holy church as Romanist Gorman has ever been.

PERE LEON BOULAND, who left the Roman church in April, 1888, and was inducted into the Protestant Episcopal Church by Bishop Potter, has gone back to the Roman church. In a letter to the New York Herald he says: "I understand now, as I did not then, the infallibility of the pope, that when he speaks ex-cathedra on matters of religion his voice is the voice of God." When he left the church in 1888, he gave as his reason that, politically, he did not "admit the pretensions of Ultramontanism" claiming absolute authority in matters outside of religion.

THE elections in Massachusetts last Tuesday attested again the political strength of the A. P. A. The candidates endorsed by that organization, with hardly any exception, were elected by overwhelming majorities, and the Associated Press dispatches, so antagonistic to the A. P. A., chronicled but one or two defeats—one at Springfield and the other in a second-rate village. Are the Republican leaders awake to the advisability of not insulting this great and influential portion of their party? It will not tolerate any apologetic attitude. The party must fish or cut bait.

A YOUNG lady living in Douglas, Mich., has had the good fortune to win the love of our dear friend, Norman A. MacRae, to whom she will be married Tuesday evening, December 24, 1895. Most editors would reverse this and

say that Mr. MacRae had been fortunate in winning the love of so good a girl as Miss Josephine Smith. To all of which we agree; but it is better the other way, for there are few men of our acquaintance for whom we hold a higher opinion than Norman A. MacRae. He is a man among men—good, pure, true, manly and able; nothing but what a good, pure woman could love—a thorough gentleman. They will be at home after January 14, 1896, at 4577 Lake avenue, Chicago, Ill. We wish them a full measure of this world's goods.

WITH Romans in charge of both the Republican and Democratic Central Committees in Cook County, the church ought to be able to own Chicago and Cook County in a very few years.

WILL the party who borrowed D'Aubigner's "History of the Reformation" kindly return the same to this office?

NOW IS the time to examine well into the character of the men seeking admission into the patriotic orders.

KEEP this fact in mind: The A. P. A. is not a partizan order.

Advertise in THE AMERICAN, if you want good returns.

The Flag is There.

BATH, Me., Nov. 28.—To-day the Stars and Stripes were unfurled for the first time over the oldest public building in Bath, the Erudition school-house, which was erected in 1794 for educational purposes, for which it has ever since been used.

It was built by Joseph Sewall, father of Hon. William D. Sewall. In the building on February 22, 1800, Andrew Greenwood delivered a funeral oration on the character of George Washington, who had died the December previous.

The flag, which was unfurled on a new flagstaff to-day at 10 o'clock, was presented the school by Winona Council No. 1, Junior Order of American Mechanics, this being the only council in Maine. The presentation remarks were made by D. N. C. William C. Besseville, and the flag was accepted in behalf of the school by Supervisor I. C. Phillips. Singing of patriotic songs and recitations followed, and then the flag was thrown to the breeze.

There were many people present, including pupils, members of the school-board and of the council.—Special dispatch to the Boston Daily Standard.

For worn-out business men nothing equals Dr. Kay's Renovator. See advt.

WHITNEY'S Cash Shoe Sale

MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND MISSES' SHOES At 50c to 75c on the Dollar.

We are closing out several kinds of MEN'S AND WOMEN'S Fine Shoes, and they will go at

Cost or Less Than Cost!

Table with 3 columns: MEN'S, LADIES', MISSES' SHOES. Includes prices for French Calf, Cordovan Congress, Cork Soles, etc.

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