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OUR CHOICE.

For President: W. S. LINTON of Michigan.

For Vice-President: JOHN L. WEBSTER of Nebraska.

KENTUCKY endorsed Bradley for president.

You don't have to ask whether Congressman Linton is sound on the principles of the A. P. A.

We have, by the aid of our friends doubled our subscription list since the first of the year. Won't you help us double it again?

REGARDLESS of what the press dispatches or the Kansas City Star says about Mayor Jones, of Kansas City, repudiating either the A. P. A. or its advisory board, trust him. He is true-blue.

TOM MAJORS didn't stutter a bit when he cast the vote of Nemaha county for George H. Thummel as a delegate from Nebraska, when an enemy of the A. P. A. was Thummel's opponent.

EVERY Republican has a right to support the man of his choice for president. Linton's friends have the same right to urge his claims that the friends of any other candidate have to urge their claims.

FATHER WILLIAM MIGGEL of Chillicothe, O., accused Mrs. Mary Howard of Hillsboro, who had entered his house, with intoxication. She declared they had been criminally intimate and he had discarded her.

We have not said all we would like to say this week, but, as we put off writing our copy until after supper Thursday evening, and as the paper had to be printed by Friday evening, it was more than the printers could do to put it all in type.

DON'T overlook the point that Congressman Linton fought openly for the principle advocated by the two great denominations—the Baptists and Methodists—when he opposed the appropriation of public money for sectarian uses.

THE anti-A. P. A. daily paper of Kansas City now says the Mayor-elect intends to ignore the A. P. A. in making his appointments. If Mayor Jones does not run his own office the A. P. A. will be disappointed in their man. They trust him and will hold up his hands as long as he does right.

OH, NO, Mr. Republican, the Roman Catholics are not now the balance of power in the Republican party. No one can muster a hundred thousand Roman Republican voters now that the A. P. A. is in the field. The A. P. A. can show you more than a million democrats and Populists. Do you want their votes? Then give them a man they can support.

THE city of Chicago is agitated over a "miracle." A young girl, a Roman Catholic, 22 years of age, was able to crawl up two flights of stairs after visiting a Roman Catholic church in which had been reproduced a miniature grotto of Lourdes, together with a statue of the virgin in the act of commanding a peasant girl of France to build there a chapel. There is no one who will not be glad to know the young lady has been partially restored to health, and hope she may finally be entirely well, but if it was a miracle it was from God and not from the virgin.

ROME AFTER TRAYNOR.

One of our friends at Sheldon, Ia., recently sent us a copy of the Catholic Citizen of Milwaukee, Wis., which contained an article from a paper called the True American of Columbus, Ohio, giving what purports to be a history of W. J. H. Traynor, the supreme president of the A. P. A. Our friend asks, is there any truth in the article? We should say, from external appearances that there is little if any truth in the article. It is true that Traynor was born in Canada. It is also true that he has lived in Detroit for a number of years. But further than that we believe the article is devoid of truth. If Mr. Traynor ran a saloon, or if he ran a paper which advocated the saloon interests, and if he was and is known as "Whisky Bill Traynor," how does it come that Rome has just sprung the story on an unsuspecting public? Is it not reasonable to suppose that if she was aware of anything in Traynor's past history that would disgrace him in the eyes of the American people, that she would have sprung it when he was first elected supreme president instead of waiting until the very end of his third term? Another thing that makes us believe the story false is that Mr. Traynor has been the head of the Orange Institution in America for a number of years. No saloon-bum could attain that position. Further Mr. Traynor belongs to the Masonic order—and no Mason can be a vendor of intoxicants in this part of the country. And still further, we have been in Mr. Traynor's company a great deal, we feel reasonably well acquainted with him, but we have never heard him ask one of his friends to go and take a drink, nor have we ever known him to taste spirituous liquors of any kind. We can go further, we have no remembrance of ever having seen Mr. Traynor smoke a cigar. The charge that Mr. Traynor published "infidel articles of Tom Paine and others," may or may not be true. Publishers of newspapers often admit to the columns of their papers articles which do not contain a single sentiment which they endorse. They do so merely to please some friend who makes a hobby of the subject. That would probably explain any "infidel" article that appeared in Mr. Traynor's paper. To charge a man with being an Orangeman and with being an infidel in the same article would be like referring to a Roman Catholic priest as a true celibate. They will not harmonize.

WHY THE INTEREST.

Several European powers are busy, just at present, trying to settle what kind of a man shall fill the papal chair after the demise of Leo XIII. Just why those political powers are so concerned about the occupant of an office that Roman Catholics tell us assumes to direct in spiritual affairs alone is more than we can divine.

It may be that politics enters more largely into the selection of a pope, into the creating of a cardinal, and into the selection of the other dignitaries of that church than does a consideration of a man's spiritual qualifications and attainments.

It is probably true that the first question considered in connection with the election of a pope is not has he been a consistent christian, but rather has he been a success as a diplomat—as a politician—and are his connections such that he can readily form an alliance between Roman Catholic powers that will be to their mutual advantage and to the disadvantage of Protestant or heretical countries?

When we look at it from that standpoint we can readily perceive why certain European countries, that are more or less under the domination of the Romanists, are so very much interested in the successor of the present pope. It is simply a very plain case of politics. If they can ascertain whom the Jesuits have selected, and get into the "hand wagon," they can go to him with a show of sincerity and tell how gratified they are at his elevation, and then, later on, claim his good offices in some matter—like the Cuban or Venezuelan affair—when papal interests are suffering from Protestant aggression or through the God given desire for liberty.

The only two countries that have no grounds to expect either favor or good will at the hands of the pope are England and America, both Protestant countries. They know that the power of the papacy will always be on the side of the papal dependency and never on the side of a heretical government. Those countries realize that the pope deals with governments exactly as the church deals with individuals. Expediency not merit is the foundation for a decision. Ecclesiastical utility not justice makes the strongest appeal. And this is known to the rulers of papal and semi-papal countries also, and they always manifest uncommon solicitude for the welfare of the church just before the college of cardinals ratify the selection made by the Jesuits. Yet, who will blame them for their obsequious fawning? But for the church there would be no kings, there would be no emperors—there would be nothing but republics. Every man would be the equal of every other man, and no man would rule his fellow man by divine right. The people would choose their own rulers. But for the church intelligence would take the place of ignor-

ance, and every man would be able to reason, to plan and to execute. But for the church, every heart would be aflame with a desire for liberty; every heart would revolt at the thought of obedience. No man would stifle his heart's yearning for a better, a nobler and a grander life, but every man's heart would swell with confidence and with a resolution to lift up his fellow man and make the world better for having lived in it.

Yet this cannot be done while the church holds despotic sway over the minds and consciences of more than 200,000,000 human beings whom she has reduced to a servitude more appalling, more degrading and more unchristian than the involuntary servitude from which 4,000,000 negroes were released by the mighty engines of war. But for the church men would be free. Kings and emperors know that. Aye, they know more. They know their thrones, their crowns, aye, perhaps their very lives depend upon the church—upon the choice of a pope. A weak, vacillating, unstable and undecided pope would ruin half the governments of Europe. The same would be true of one whose heart would beat in unison with the hearts of the people, who could realize their hardships and dared to sympathize with them. A humane pope, one who loved his people would upset Europe. The rulers realize that and in order to protect themselves they take a lively interest in the selection of the popes. They cajole, flatter, bribe and threaten those who make and unmake the successors of St. Peter. Often, however, the church realizes handsomely on these elections. Just now she is so situated that she can demand the return of the Jesuits to Germany, the repeal of obnoxious laws in France, and a number of concessions from Italy. Yet those things may not satisfy her. She may want more. She may demand an offensive and a defensive alliance between all the powers of Europe against England, the Scandinavian countries and America. If she demands that she will get it, and if she gets it, think for a moment of the defenseless condition of this country, think of the hundreds of thousands of armed and drilled subjects of the pope in this country, and of the traitors in charge of your news-service and at the head of your daily papers, and tell us if America, too, is not interested in the selection of Leo's successor? Tell us, too, if you do not think the A. P. A. was organized just in time?

MR. THOMPSON of St. Louis upbraided Mr. Thompson of Omaha, editor of THE AMERICAN, and other members of the organization, for having doubted that the chief executive and directing body of the organization had decided that the organization was opposed to McKinley, and for having, by continued support of him, gone contrary to the wishes of the organization. The local members of the order state that, if there was any fault, it was that they had not been kept properly informed. Had they been, there would have been no trouble.—Inter Ocean.

It is but justice to Mr. Thompson, of St. Louis, to say that he did not upbraid Mr. Thompson of Omaha. There was not the least feeling engendered. The most perfect harmony prevailed. This is attested by the fact that the Thompsons spent most of Thursday in the Omaha AMERICAN office together. It will also be attested by the reporter for the press who sent out the dispatch, because the interview was held in the presence of at least six other gentlemen, the state secretary of Nebraska being among the number.

THE test vote in the Kentucky convention was upon the selection of a temporary chairman. Judge Thomas Z. Morrow was named by the Bradley forces and George Denny, Jr., by the friends of McKinley. The vote, Morrow 833 4-5; Denny, 742 1-5. There were 123 seats contested, but they were not recorded on either side. The committee recommended that all the delegates contesting be accredited and be given one-half vote each, which was done. The convention then instructed for Bradley, with McKinley for second choice.

OUR thanks are due Mr. W. H. Hughes, of McKees Rocks, Penn., for the magnificent list of new subscribers sent in from his town this week. It embraced the names of sixty-two of Pennsylvania's most trusted and loyal citizens. Will not each one of these new subscribers secure us some subscribers among their friends? We want all the help we can get.

Naval Chaplain Sherman Embraces the Roman Catholic Faith.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Chaplain Frederick F. Sherman, U. S. N., for some years a member of the Episcopal church, resigned from the navy on Saturday and was on that day received into the Roman Catholic church by the Jesuit fathers of Georgetown College, in this city. He was confirmed yesterday at St. Aloysius church, by Cardinal Satolli. Mr. Sherman is the son of Judge Sherman, of the superior court of Massachusetts. He was chaplain of the naval training station at Newport, R. I.

Flood of Italian Paupers. NEW YORK, April 12.—The steamer Bolivia arrived from Genoa and Naples today. She brought 1,376 Italian im-

migrants. Six hundred of them were detained at Ellis Island on the ground that they are likely to become public charges. Of this number none had more than a dollar or so, while many of them were practically penniless. Dr. Senner said that only 10 per cent of those detained would be allowed to land. The immigration authorities are appalled at the great influx of Italian paupers. More than 15,000 have already arrived, and Dr. Senner has received advice that 15,000 more are about to sail from Naples.

THE POLITICAL LANCE.

Men who make promises during a campaign in order to obtain their election, and then deliberately neglect to fulfill them, will not have the confidence of their friends in the future.

There are a few so-called attorneys in Omaha who continually have their eye on the "main political chance" who will wake up some morning with a following smaller than a corporal's guard.

C. H. Gratton was recommended by the Sixth Ward American Republicans as a suitable person to be elected a member of the board of education, and he was elected upon such recommendation. If reports are true their confidence in him was misplaced. But a short time ago he was made a "cats paw" with which to divide the Douglas county delegation to the state convention. Gratton's political foresight is not very good. We believe the Sixth ward Republicans will take care of his case in a very decisive manner when the proper time comes, unless he lives up to what they think is right.

THE AMERICAN will, in the future, remember its friends. It has a larger circulation than any daily paper in Omaha, and its columns are open to good, reliable, advertisers. It is a legal newspaper, and an advertisement in its columns is given the widest publicity. We don't have to give THE AMERICAN to a few attorneys free in order to get a legitimate circulation, as specified by the laws of the state. We violate no confidence when we say that certain daily papers with weekly appendages have resorted to this means.

Said a gentleman the other day: "I have been a careful observer of local political affairs, though I have taken no part in them myself, and it seems to me that many of the men who manipulate our campaigns, and who get themselves elected to office, have a very small conception of principle and honor. It takes a very small cloak to cover them."

It seems that Gratton et al. didn't get the "wedge" started in right. The rebound was not anticipated.

Dave Mercer is pushing out a few hooks on the political sea, baited with appropriations. It remains to be seen whether there are enough political fish around these parts who are hungry enough to get caught with that kind of bait.

Mayor Johnston of South Omaha was arrested upon the charge of unlawfully interfering with the recent city election in South Omaha. THE AMERICAN mentioned this matter last week.

Our Democratic brethren have invited Governor Stone of Missouri, to deliver an address before their state convention at Lincoln, April 22d. The governor's record during his present administration does not entitle him to a great deal of credit as a political peace-maker.

The "Lance" will give J. M. Gillan credit for taking a second "sober thought" when the final action came. He cast his vote with the majority in the contest for the fourth place on the Nebraska delegation to St. Louis in the convention Wednesday.

The friends of Hon. John L. Webster claim that we were in error in referring to Mr. Banker as a party to the deal attempted last week to defeat that gentleman for delegate at large. While we had every confidence in our informant we will grant that he might have been mistaken, inasmuch as Mr. Webster was elected by acclamation.

A. P. A. National Council.

The Supreme Council of the American Protective Association of the United States will meet in annual session in Washington, D. C., Tuesday May 12th, 1896, at ten o'clock in the morning. Headquarters have been established at the National Hotel, corner of Pennsylvania ave. and Sixth street N. W. Reduced rates have been secured at the National and Vandome Hotels. Reduced railroad rates have also been secured. Fraternal yours, CHAS. TUPPER BEATTY, Supreme Secretary.

Free Speech, Free Silver.

Come to Patterson hall, Seventeenth and Farnam Saturday night and hear about it.

OMAHA BI-METALLIC UNION.

The John L. Webster Republican Club meets in Washington Hall next Thursday evening. All members are requested to be present.

INFANTS SLAIN.

A Horrible Story of Catholicism's Awful Crimes.

DENVER, Col., April 8.—A Herald correspondent has had a thrilling conversation with a relative of the celebrated General Taylor of Mexican war fame. The army was marching through Texas on its way to Mexico. At Sherman it was joined by a man named Robert Creel, a saloon-keeper, and subsequently he was made quartermaster. The army marched on, subjugated the Mexican territory and captured Mexico City on the 14th day of September, 1847.

Quartermaster Creel, acting under General Taylor's orders, cast about him for a safe place to store provisions for the army and finally made the selection of a Catholic cathedral, thinking the thieving Mexicans would not steal from the house of the Virgin Mary.

The rostrum on which stood the life size figure of the Virgin Mary, and on which the priest mumbled his Latin, was very high and well cased up. Creel entered the basement and found that the partition extended to the cellar floor. It was, as it were, a huge box-like room, hermetically sealed. Into this it was proposed to saw a doorway, and use it for a storehouse.

A hole was bored, into which a key-hole saw was inserted. "Holy Moses!" said Creel, "what is this awful stench that fills my nostrils? A score or more of scared-to-death Mexicans must have crawled into this dark box and died!"

Creel kept on sawing, and the door was finally opened. He then peered into the dark and gruesome interior, held his breath, his hair on end, horror of horrors passed in imagery before him and his heart beat wildly! There lay in that basement a thousand dead babies' bodies. Some were petrified, some mummified, some fresh, but bruised and bloated, and some were infant's skeletons.

What a spectacle! What an index to the holy Catholic church! What could fire a man's soul so much as to see a well-fed priest say psalms over an unwelcome but helpless infant, deliberately put his thumb on one nostril, his forefinger on the other, bless the child (perhaps his own) and in the presence of the nun (its mother) proceed to murder it by strangulation.

Why does a nation suffer such institutions as convents to exist?

The babies' bodies were brought out in great numbers and placed in a pile.

A messenger was sent to summon General Taylor. He came and viewed with sad heart the infantile remains. Pausing for a moment, as if in utter amazement, he said: "Put them back and seal the door. This is not a war against immorality, but to save Texas to the union. Besides, we are in no shape to correct the evil. So do not at this time arouse Mexican Catholicism against us by speaking of it."

After Mr. Creel had repeatedly told this startling incident in the saloon to entertain customers, a gentleman called him out as to the facts in the case. Mr. Creel said, in holding up his right hand: Give me the Bible, and I'll take oath to it; or bring a notary public, and I will make an affidavit that every sentence in my statement is true."

Catechism.

Q. Who is "the man of sin, the son of perdition?" A. He is a person or succession of person, who heads the great apostasy. In other words, the pope in succession, the head of the anti-Christian empire, "the image of the beast," the Roman empire which Daniel, Paul and John so minutely describe.

It is certain that these parties are to be found somewhere in this world, but nowhere can they be found except in the papacy and Romish church. The identity is exact. No one need be ignorant of the facts.

Q. When was "the man of sin revealed?" A. When the bishop of Rome was declared "universal bishop"—"the head of all churches," "pontifex maximus." "The mystery of iniquity" had been at work before, and many of the elements of popery were in operation, but no formal, public act had been performed by which the bishop of Rome had been declared supreme; but when the blasphemous title of pope was asked, given and accepted, "the man of sin, the son of perdition," was revealed. The true disciples of Jesus recognized him at once.

Q. When did this event take place? A. In the year 606. Boniface III, succeeded to the Roman see in 606 and was crowned universal bishop in 606. And so far was he from having any scruples about adopting the blasphemous title that he actually applied to the Emperor Phocas, a cruel and bloodthirsty tyrant, who made his way to the throne by assassinating his predecessor, and earnestly solicited the title, with the privilege of handing it down to his successors. This is the way "the image of the beast" was created. This is popery. Here is "the man of sin," and Phocas was a fit man to make a pope. Thus Paul's prediction was accomplished, "the man of sin revealed, and that system of corrupted Christianity and spiritual tyranny, which is properly called popery, fully developed and established in the world. The title of universal bishop

which was then obtained by Boniface, has been worn by all succeeding popes, and the claim of supremacy which was then established, has ever since been maintained and defended by them, and still is at the present day. Henceforward the religion of Rome is properly called popery, or the religion of the popes. Previous to the year 606, there was properly no pope.

Now, we ask Americans: Is this the religion for our country? Are the successors of Boniface, and the whole gang of tyrannical pretenders and usurpers, the men to rule this country, shape our politics, make our laws, teach our children and give us our morals and religion? Answer that question at the ballot-box, from the school-house and pulpit and press.

Q. Has this arrogant claim been quietly conceded by other Christians? A. To a large extent it has been conceded by nominal Christians, but the true witnesses—God's faithful martyrs—have never acknowledged the claims of popery, but considered the Romish church as the anti-Christian corporation predicted by the prophets. The religion of Rome is popery, and not Christianity.

Q. Do our statesmen, senators and politicians know the character and designs of the Romish church? A. Some, doubtless, do know and fear this terrible power, but others do not seem to know, and through ignorance, indifference and self-interest or political aspirations, are blind to the dangers of Romanism, and hence are easy victims of Jesuitical intrigue, and the word Jesuit is a name for all that is traitorous and damnable.

No doubt there are some politicians so void of principle that they have no choice between pope and president, provided their political ambition is gratified. These are among the most dangerous enemies of our country. But we are glad to know that there are thousands of true, patriotic men that understand the machinations of Rome, and will stand by our free institutions and confront the Jesuit at the ballot-box, on the platform and in the pulpit. And they will win in the end, though the contest be long and fierce. The Lord's side in this controversy will win. Rome cannot get much comfort by imagining that she is fighting the old "Know-nothing" party. God and the Bible, patriotism, truth and human rights, all belong to the American cause.

But Rome will never be reformed; destruction alone will end her career. Read carefully the 17, 18 and 19th chapters of Revelation. These chapters record the doom and end of the papal anti-Christ.

The final conflict is not far distant in the future. The knowledge of the rights of man, rights of conscience and true religion, is on the increase. The song of the old harlot, "I sit a queen, and am a widow and shall see no sorrow," ere long will die on the ears of her deluded victims. The tides are rolling on; it cannot be arrested. Popery is one of the questions that agitates the world to-day, and it will not cease to agitate till it is echoed through the heavens, "Babylon the great is fallen!" and all heaven and earth will be called upon to join in the hallelujahs. "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying Alleluia, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."—Rev. 19: 1-7. What rejoicing and what hallelujahs will ring through the earth when the world is rid of this Roman beast which is "exceeding dreadful," and which has so long oppressed the nations and ruined the souls of men! Just think of it, no popery to curse the nations and disturb the peace! Christian patriots, be of good cheer, "the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom." CALVIN.

Fair Play.

A popular pulpit orator, Mr. Crane of the Methodist church, has just been called to a prominent church in Chicago. He is evidently a fair-minded, liberal man, and may be counted as an American at the polls in the patriotic issues that are now pushing to the front. During a recent municipal campaign he gave a pulpit editorial, which contained the following sensible reference to the A. P. A.: "How does it happen now, when a new organization called the American Protective Association raises its head among us, every professional politician must suddenly begin to foam at the mouth and tear his hair and pour out damnation upon it every day in the week, including nights and Sundays? This is no plea or excuse for the American Protective Association. Perhaps it is even worse than it is painted. But the pulpit believes in fair play. Fair play demands that if the Roman Catholic political organizations are let alone, anti-Roman Catholic political organizations ought to receive the same treatment. Fair play demands that if an organization which, by not only years, but centuries of history, has proved itself to be constantly meddling with politics, is to be handled reverently and lightly, then an organization constructed for the purpose of opposing it is entitled to the same consideration."

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