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The Chicago Chronicle has been "roasting" the advocates of the Lodge immigration restriction bill. The responsible editor of the Chronicle, Horatio W. Seymour, evidently entertains a dislike for those who would protect the interests of worthy American workingmen against the alien laborers of Europe. What is the matter with Seymour? Has he a Jesuit at

There is nothing that pleases the Northwestern Railway more than to jured their allegiance to every foreign be able to say to the public, we have as good service and as fast trains on ecclesiastical power? Would they take our line between Chicago, Omaha and and Chicago as any other line traversing the same territory. And that is to their Protestant fellow citizens the true today. The Northwestern is of

There is no telling what the machine men are going to make an editor say. Last week we wrote in this beautiful hand of ours-which we are egotistical enough to believe is plainer than the handwriting of Horace Greeley-the word "red-handed" and the intelligent operator translated it into "red-headed." We can stand this. But when the same artist with malice aforethought or through thedensity of the Pope of Rome and his priests. To his ignorance makes us refer to the the mind of the enlightened and sinpurest character in history as "the immoral man of Galilee," we all but lose our temper. The word was immortal, not immoral.

The editor of this paper takes pleasure in recommending to all patriots Rev. Christian's great anti-Roman book, entitled, "Americanism or Ro-manism, Which?" It is bound in cloth, neatly printed on good paper, and it is full of facts. It is interesting. Price only \$1.00. It is worth \$2.00. Order of American Pub. Co.,

Those who are acquainted with our friend Holden, the editor of Liberty. know him to be an honest and courageous man, yet his bursts of passion against the wealthy classes, not infrequently startle his most ardent supporters because of their unexpected

This editor has always had a kind spot in his heart for the Liberty man, but an item in his last issue certainly reached the pinnacle of preposterous accusation, and that, too, against one

It was the item referring to the crowning of Mrs. Lavina Dempsey as Queen of the Holland Dames. The act was a society event which occurred in New York a couple of weeks ago, and was no more injurious to the principles of a republican or democratic government than is the crowning of "Ak-San-Ben" in Omaha during the harvest or fall festivities.

The crowning of Mrs. Dempsey as Queen of the Holland Dames was not a crime; we do not think it was even foolish. It certainly was not of sufficient moment to cause as sensible a man as Mr. Holden to refer to Mrs. Dempsey as one "of New York's lazy, immoral, lecherous paupers." Without knowing Mrs. Dempsey and in spite of her name, we want to go on record as saying that she is not immoral; that she is not lecherous and that she is not lazy. We are willing to wager that she is a good, pure, energetic American girl, capable of loving and being loved, and as pretty as she is rich. Certainly no drone would be chosen queen of as busy a hive of social bees as we believe the Holland Dames to be.

We don't believe the rich are all criminals. We don't believe they are 451 429 all immoral. If they were and if such a state had to be attained before one could mingle in their society we would 146 prefer to remain as we are-poor, 99 and dependent on those who believe 68 that the women who live beneath the 67 stars and stripes are the purest and 18 best women in the world.

The editor of the Omaha American possesses riches that she is necessarinference or the inuendo a most out- over the Venezuelan controversy. rageous and gratuitous insult to some They havn't peeped during the unof the best and purest American pleasantness with Roman Catholic copy of the Atlas of the World, con- able burdens and sufferings, were

ARE THEY LOYAL?

There are alleged advanced and broad-minded journals that frequentvice president. Let us be united in ly favor us with dissertations on the 1900. Now is the time to get together. un-American character and tendency tions. All orders that have been instituted among men are rightly judged by their principles, purposes, plans, aims, objects, traditions and insisting that Uncle Sam shall now chas- P. A. are "living epistles, known and jects of those who have subscribed to the tenets of the order. Its consistent members are all loyal to the flag, constitution and laws of the United States of America. There is no reasonable doubt in the mind of the intelligent and discriminating public as to the general attitude of the order.

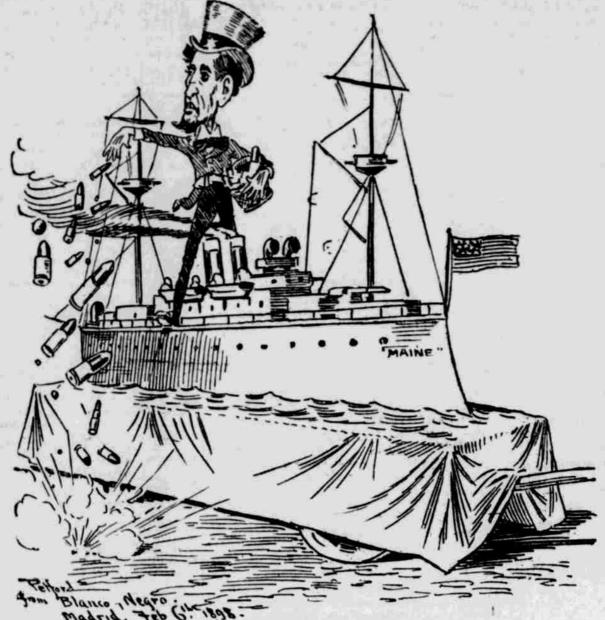
> What about the real objects and designs of the Clan-na-Gael, the A. O. H., the Catholic Knights, and the Young Men's Institute? Are the members of those orders laboring for the betterment of the condition of any Catholics? Do the adherents of those societies advocate the principle of civil and religious liberty for the nonmaintain and defend the government of the United Staes and the government of the state in which they live? king, prince, potenate, government and foe were represented in and by a Roman Catholic power? Do they concede same political rights which they claim for themselves? Would they serve under Protestant generals and under Protestant leaders? We think not We fear they have not divested their minds of those teachings, those prejudices and that bias which in their plastic youth were woven into the texture of their being. As well expect figs to grow on thistles as to look for the expression of exalted and disinterested patriotism from those who have sworn to acknowledge and to implicitly obey plain as a pikestaff" that no man who willingly serves the pontiff of the Vatican can acceptably serve the United

Please bear in mind that the men who howled loudest about preserving national honor a few short months ago are the dongoes of today who are shouting for peace at the sac rifice of all national honor.-World-

States Government and its flag.

Herald. Wonder if it refers to those 100,

IS LIBERTY STARK MAD? virulence innocent of crime.



The last issue of Blanco y Negro, the best known of the Spanish illustrated weekly papers to reach Chicago, contains the above cartoon. Spain claims that the horrible catastrophe in Havana harbor was due either to unavoidable accident or to carelessness on the part of American seamen in handling explosives. The issue of Jan. 29 of El Correo Espanol, a newspaper of Mexico City, which is the organ of the small but influential Spanish party in that republic, and which has Just reached Chicago, contains a significant article entitled "Armed Courtesies," of which an almost literal translation is given below. It is only a coincidence that a Spaniard in Madrid should have portrayed Uncle Sam in the act of casting explosives into the water, one of which has just burst near the water into the Maine, while another Spaniard in the Mexican capital was writing a veiled threat of what might happen to an American ressel in Cuban waters, were it to anchor with any other than a friendly purpose. It is remarkable, however, as a coincidence; and if there were in Spain an organization to correspond with the Mafia of Sicily and Southern Italy, there might be grounds for a belief that both publications were inspired by the foreknowledge of a great crime.

ASK THE JESUITS

- Chicago Inter-Ocean.

ily a prostitute. In fact he thinks the the field against Protestant England can and stanch patriot,

LECKY'S SOUND VIEWS.

upon Protestants?

Lecky the historian, in the closing co., Omaha. words of his small volume "The Political Value of History," makes some observations which we would do well to ponder. He says:

"History is never more valuable than when it enables us, standing as appeared the following editorial: on a height, to look beyond the smoke and turmoil of our petty quarrels, and None of the "fighting editors" of evitable tendencies. The actuating to detect in the slow developments of the United States was not a wholly tri-America who are so vociferously in- and fundamental principles of the A. the past the great permanent forces umphant march. She scored signal good time. The British authorities alsisting that Uncle Sam shall now chastise Spain have, so far as we are able to learn volunteered to learn volunteered to learn to strongest of these forces are the moral Mistakes in statesmanship, military triumphs or disasters, no doubt affect materially the prosperity of nations, but their permanent political well-being is essentially the outcome of their moral sate. Its foundation is laid in pure domestic life, in commercial integrity, in a high standard of moral worth and of public spirit; in simple leables, in courage, or rightness, and self seconder, in a certain soundness and moderation of judgment, which springs quite 2.5 much from character as from intellect. If you would form a wise judgment of the future of a nation, observe carefully whether these qualities are increasing or decaying. Observe especclass of people other than Roman ially what qualities count for most in public life. Is character becoming of greater or less importance? Are the men who obtain the highest posts in the nation men of whom in private Catholic portion of our population, life and irrespective of party compeand have they pleased themselves to tent judges speak with renuine respect? Are they men of sincere convictions, sound judgment, consistent lives, indisputable integrity, or are men who have won their postthey genial George West, of the Chicago & Have they really renouncd and ab- tions by the arts of a demagogue or an intriguer; men of nimble tongues and not earnest beliefs-skillful, above all things, in spreading their sails to each passing breeze of popularity? up arms against an invading foe if that Such considerations as these are apt to be forgotten in the flerce excite ment of a party contest; but if history has any meaning it is such considerations that affect most vitally the permanent well-being of communities. and it is by observing this moral current that you can best cast the horoscope of a nation.

Certainly words of truth and soberness-sentiments which afford food for thought. And the questions which a great mind has addressed primarily to the English public are questions which will suggest themselves to the minds of patriotic American men in the present posture of political affairs in the New World.

Mrs . Phillica J. Clemens, wife of our old and respected friend, Mr. A. Clemgle hearted American loyalist it is "as ens, was buried from the family residnce south of Elmwood Park last Wednesday afternoon. All the early settlers of this county will remember Mrs. Clemens as a most estimable woman, and will sympathize with Mr. Clemens and his children in their

> Our friends, Frank, Will and George Canning are mourning the death of their father, which occured last Sat-

cannot think that because a woman graphed Cleveland that they were as one of the most respected citizens reproduced in the daily papers in this armed and drilled and ready to take of the Bluffs. He was a true Ameri-

> Spain. Are they only ready to war taining the latest and most accurate maps of Cuba and the Klondike councry, besides a great deal of useful and the country in paths strewn with caluable information. American Pub. roses, in a land o'erflowing with

Will Hobart Later on Crawl to the Ignorant Cattle.

In the Republic-Clan-na-Gael and Hibernians' Boston organ-of Jan, 1,

MISS GONNE'S TRIBULATIONS. "Miss Maud Gonne's tour through The vice-president of the United States received her in Washington, and was so ungallant as to question her sincerity, and to suggest that she should get married instead of traveling alone over the world. was brutal and bigoted enough also to advise her to go home and take with her the larger portion of her countrymen now sojourning in this country. Mr. Hobart who was unexpectedly ele vated from the post of railroad attorney to the second position in the nation, should drop his offensive style plied with his advice as best she and learn to be a gentleman while he is occupying his exalted station. When Miss Gonne appeared in Boston, she discovered that the committee in charge of her Sunday evening meeting had made preparations to convert it into a political rally. There was little thought given to the sacred cause which Miss Gonne is advocating. The prime object was to utilize the gathering to elect a republican mayor in Boston. Miss Gonne must not imagine for a moment that the great mass of the American people sympathize with such methods or strivings."

Vice-President Hobart, evidently, saw through the conspiracy game, worked so successfully for many years by Jesuit priests and Irish political agitators, of pulling the wool over the eves of well meaning American citizens and extorting thousands of dollars annually from them, ostensibly to be used to right the alleged wrongs committed by the British government in Ireland, but every dollar of it is known to have gone into the pockets of these unworthy men. They may bave paid a few dollars to Clan-na-Gael men for assassinating British statesmen, and for dynamite to blow up British government buildings.

Jesuit priests and Irishmen in this country who feed at the public crib, and who would be openly as disloyal to the Stars and Stripes as they are to the Union Jack, were it not for the fact that they are permitted to run our cities and everything else worth having in the shape of government offices and fat jobs generally, and have cooperated with conspirators on other side of the water in fleecing the American people and in filling their own pockets with the plunder. At the same time they were doing all they could secretly to undermine established governments and institutions on both sides of the Atlantic; supplanting them with papal institutions.

For months before they brought Miss Gonne over to beg money them, these conspirators, traitors, and assassinators were busy preparing the way for her special mission. One of their principal tricks was to search out some of the most miserable, tumbledown, ramshackle-looking shantles in all parts of Ireland, that have not been urday in Council Bluffs, Ia. Mr. Can- occupied for years except by goats,

000 Irish Roman Catholics who tele- ning was one of the earliest as well and to have them photographed and country, as "Irish tenants' homes in the famine-stricken districts of Ireland." Of course these pictures accompanied as they were by heart-For fifty cents we will send you a touching tales of the tenants' unbearenough to soften the hardest American heart and loosen his purse strings, and enable Miss Gonne to travel all over money. The articles also stated that no relief was expected from the "tythe American people came to their rescue, they were sure to die of hunger

this winter. After such woeful tales were sent broadcast all over the United States, they felt assured that Miss Gonne would gather in thousands of dollars. But alas! for their hopes. The American patriotic orders were on the alert, conspirators to do in their predicament, was to try and get Vice- President Hobart to endorse Miss Gonne and her mission, and commend her and her object to the generosity of the American people; thereby hoping to counteract the effect of the good work done by the patriotic orders, and regain the confidence and support of the American people. Vice-President Hobart is a wade-awake man, and could not be deceived by such fraudulent and treacherous schemes, Miss Gonne com-She went back home to Ireland.-Jonathan in American Citizen.

Sour Grapes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15 .- The House committee on military affairs today, by a vote of 10 to 3, refused to report favorably the O'Dell bill authorizing any denomination, sect, or religion to erect a building for religious worship on any military reservation in the country.

The action on the measure was preceded by a protracted discussion, in which Mr. Mahany led the arguments in advocacy.

The vote on the motion to report the bill to the House, with a recommendation that it pass, was as follows: Yeas-Mahany and Sulzer, New York, and Belknap, Illinois, Nays-Hull, Iowa: Marsh, Illinois; Griffin, Wis consin; Fenton, Ohio; McDonald, Maryland; Brownlow and Cox. Tennessee; Lenz, Ohio; Hay, Virginia; and Jett, Illinois.

Mr. Mahany later introduced a resolution in the House, directing the secretary of war to remove immediately all religious edifices from all military reservations in the United States. His object, he says, is to remove unjust discriminations now in vogue, with the idea that if one denomination is not permitted the privilege of worship on any of these tracts, no other should

Mr. Mahany is at last of the opinion that sour grapes are not good, and in this matter we agree with him.

Cheers for Old Glory.

New York, Feb. 18 .- A most affecting instance of the heroic tension to which the public is wrought over the Maine incident occurred at Daly's Theatre last night-at Daly's, the theatric home of conservatism, the patrons of which are not moved to overexcitement by matters of commonplace. Between the performances of the new curtain-raiser, "Lili Tse," and "The Country Girl," at Daly's, the orchestra struck up "The Star Spangled Banner." The demonstration which the playing of the great spirited old song created in the audience was writers. No one can read "Is Marriage nothing short of phenomenal. Men in a Failure?" without feeling that life evening dress, and women in the is worth living after all.

highest ranks of society rose in their seats and cheered like mad, cheered until they were hoarse. Women, too, added to the remarkable enthusiasm by waving handkerchiefs and pro-

It was probably the most remarkable scene of its kind ever witnessed in a local playhouse. There was much feeling displayed at other public meetings. The Rev. John R. Paxton, at the dinner given by Sheriff Dunn's jury at Delmonico's last night, referring to the Maine incident, said:

"Let us calmly reserve our judgment," said he, "and then if careful investigation shows that we have been offered the greatest insult in modern history, there are many of us, though we followed 'Old Glory' once before, not too old to follow her again, and if the time comes we will not be found wanting.

Dr. Paxton had hardly ceased when the company to a man rose to their feet, and, with the wildest enthusi-asm, indersed Dr. Paxton's sentiments.

Startling (riminal Statistics.

Crime among our foreign and colored elements was the subject discussed by the president of the Texas State University at the recent national prison congress. His facts were certainly strange, though the statistical evi-dence adduced in their support could not be questioned.

It appears that, while unassimilated foreigners and negroes contributed little more than one-fourth of our population, more than half of the criminals are recruited from these two classes. The foreign element is one and a half times as criminal as the native element, while the colored are three times as criminal as the native white. Does illiteracy account for this disproportion? By no means. The colored people that can read and write are more criminal than the illit-erate. Literacy brings contact with the whites to a large extent, and this involves temptation. What is still more curious, the negro is more criminal as a free man than he was as a slave. This does not prove that freedom is not the great blessing it is generally considered to be, but simply that the first results of relaxation and removal of the rigid control of the slave system were in the direction of license and lawlessness.

The restraining effects of the slavery system are shown in the fact that the ratio of negro prisoners and paupers to the colored population is considerably higher in the northern than in the southern states. The negro is nearly three times as criminal in the North Atlantic as in the South Atlantic states. Another striking induction from the statistical data is that the progress of the colored population in the decade investigated by the last census coincided with an increase of criminality. In 1890 the col-ored people produced more criminals

than in 1880. No hasty conclusions can be based on these disclosures, which only apparently conflict with accepted theories as to the influence of education and material improvement. There is rant British government," and unless no doubt that a study of the facts would bring them into entire harmony with these theories. Freedom may have brought, some evils in its train, but considering the conditions under which freedom was achieved, this is not to be marveled at. We must re-member that, as Macaulay said, the remedy for the evils of liberty is in greater liberty. Liberty has a disci-

ly certain.-Chicago Evening Post

pline of its own, and the moral pro-

gress of the negro under it is absolute-

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 19.-Among the many opinions handed down at the recent term of the supreme court was one holding that bequests for masses for the repose of the soul of a deceased person are legal, on the ground that they are charitable in nature.

The case came before the supreme court in the nature of an appeal from the decision of Judge Horton of Chicago, in the matter of Hoeffler et al against Clogan et al. Andrew Clogan of Chicago died several years ago and bequeathed to the Jesuit Holy Family Church, West Twelfth and May streets, Chicago, considerable real estate and more than \$1,000 in money to be used for masses for the repose of his soul and the souls of other members of his family. The property was to be sold.

The residuary legatee instituted suit in the Cook County circuit court twelve months ago disputing the legality of the bequest. The Roman Catholic Church held that bequests for masses were within the law and resisted all attempts to set proceedings combatting it aside In the will of Mr. Clogan the be-

quest was made directly to the Holy Family Church. As the Jesuit Church of that name is not incorporated under the laws of the state there is no such entity known to the law, and the bequest would therefore fail unless proved to have been made for charitable purposes. The case was heard by Judge Horton and attracted widespread attention from the fact of its being the first of the kind probably instituted in the United States. Judge Horton held against the bequest, holding that both devise and bequest were void, and entered a decree thereupon.

The case was taken to the supreme court and resolved itself upon the is-"Is a bequest for the saying of masses for the repose of the soul of a deceased person a charitable bequest in a legal sense?"

The opinion of the supreme court holds that such bequests are legal and of a charitable nature.

Is Marriage a Failure?" by Mrs. Agnes Vivers Swetland, M. D.; bound in Silk-finished cloth. Price \$1.00 by mail.

This is one of the most interesting volumes of recent publication and one which bears the imprint of an author of ability. Dr. Swetland's style is pecultarly attractive, and the happy way in which she has blended the lives of the different characters places her in the front rank of semi-romantic story-