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The maximum freight rate case was won by the railroads.

Who touched off the mine that destroyed the Maine? Was it a Roman Catholic?

Who invited John Ireland to Washington to threaten McKinley? Was it a Roman Catholic?

Who designated the spot where the Maine was to anchor in the Havana harbor? Was it a Roman?

Who suggested to the officials that the Maine, which was manned mainly by Protestants, be sent to Cuba? Was it a Roman?

J. F. Boyd and G. H. Detrich, charged with keeping a gambling house, have been bound over to the district court.

May God help us in this important political crisis which is now upon us, and if we as reformers will work and vote in harmony with Him all will be well.

The government at Washington has heard the voice of the people. Murderous Roman Catholic Spain must pay dearly for her latest brutal treachery. Hurrah!

The American is with Major McKinley the minute he shows his critics that he has backbone. He has it, but, to use a slang phrase, "we are from Missouri, and he must show us."

Would the government have been as long finding an excuse for declaring war had the Maine been blown up in the harbor of a Protestant nation, as it has been since it was blown up in the harbor of a Roman Catholic country?

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It is an edifying spectacle to have it published throughout the country that the head of the national government had called a Roman Catholic priest to Washington to consult and advise in the present crisis. No one read of Bishop Newman being called in; nor of Rev. Fulton, nor of Rev. Lansing, nor of Rev. Moody, nor of Rev. Sam Jones, nor of Rev. B. Fay Mills. If there is to be a union of church and state, why not give them all a show. Probably some of them would bid higher than Rome.

The first of a series of illustrated lectures that were arranged for some time ago by Hanson Park M. E. Church was given last evening. The subject discussed and illustrated was Hawaii. The next lecture will be delivered March 18, and will be about Cuba, toward which all eyes are turned today. This one lecture will be worth the price of a season ticket, which has been placed at 50c. The third and last of the series will be given March 28, and will treat of Nansen and his trip to the north pole.

Our readers will remember that about a year ago we told them that Rosewater had demanded the appointment of a Roman Catholic priest as chaplain at Fort Crook. A recent dispatch says that Priest Edward H. Fitzgerald secured the plum. What right has the government to assume the payment of one minister's salary more than all the ministers. We believe the practice is contrary to law and in direct opposition to the traditions of the government, which has declared against the unity of church and state.

REFORMERS SHOULD UNITE

On the first page of this issue will be found a series of seven communications from our valued friend, J. G. Pingree, bearing upon the necessity for united action on the part of all truly patriotic reformers at each election. We have bunched those articles under one general head, for the reason that we believe they are of so much importance to the voters to whom they are directed, that they should be read in connection, and not be spread out over seven papers, with the possibility of some of them escaping the notice of the people it is most desired these articles should reach and awaken.

A careful perusal of that page will convince any man that the author of those papers has been wise enough to see the weakness of the reform elements and the strength of their enemies; and such perusal should be sufficient to induce all true patriots to unite, as he suggests, in one grand reform party. It matters not what its name. Let it be the American Party, the Union Party, the National Party, or what you please; but let us get together. "A house divided against itself cannot stand." This is true also of political parties, and unless the reform elements of the nation realize that and get together, and vote as a unit, very little good will be accomplished.

We believe with Mr. Pingree that Romanism and the rum power are one, and that to fight one successfully the other must be opposed. We realized this early in the fight, and have never let an opportunity pass to show up the bad effects of the saloon in politics. And while we have a number of personal friends engaged in the sale of intoxicants, we are ready to unite with any body of loyal men who want to see this country better, its people more prosperous and its officials beyond the power of every foreign influence, be that influence the influence of the Pope of Rome, the influence of foreign gold or of the foreign and imported drink habit.

We stand today where we have stood since we embarked in the fight against Romanism, in opposition to everything that makes men worse, that reduces them in a moral or an intellectual way, and we favor everything that elevates, ennobles and liberates them from the ignorance, superstition and thralldom that Romanism and its kindred evils have, for fifteen centuries, attempted to bind them with.

The Prohibition party and the National party, and the Populist party are all composed of good, clean men. The same is true of the Americans who favor W. S. Linton for President. So far as we know there is no obstacle in the way of a large majority of the men of these parties that would prevent them from getting together on a national platform.

We are willing to go into a compact or an organization that will make it possible for the honest, patriotic citizens to have some voice in the government of this country; that will drive out of politics the trusts, the money changers, the saloons and the priests, and give back to the American citizens the rights, privileges and immunities enjoyed under Lincoln, Grant and Garfield.

BISMARCK DID NOT SUGGEST.

For about two weeks the daily press has teemed with assurances of the willingness of the pope of Rome—bloody, cruel, inhuman, unchristian Rome—to arbitrate between the United States and Spain.

The offer to arbitrate is the result of a Jesuitical trick. The church, having felt the public pulse, and realizing that the cowardly crime attending the blowing up of the Maine would have to be settled in a way satisfactory to the common people, had one of its friends approach Prince Bismarck, than whom no man in Europe more thoroughly despises the papacy, and put to him the question, probably in these exact words: "Would it not be the part of wisdom for the controversy over the Maine, and the rebellion in Cuba, to be submitted to the pope for arbitration?" The Prince, knowing Romanism, replied: "I do not think the United States is inclined to annex Cuba. It has enough Catholic population already. I do not think it possible to arbitrate, because the only sovereign who would be acceptable to Spain is the pope, and he would not be acceptable to the American people. The King of Sweden would probably be preferred by the United States, but he would not be acceptable to Spain." From that interview sprang all the nonsense about old Pechi acting as arbitrator.

There was something in this play that the public did not see, or which it overlooked, and that was the first dispatch sent out by the Associated Press. Bismarck did not suggest that the pope act as arbitrator. He knew the sly old rascal and the cunning horde that surrounds him and shapes his acts and his decisions! Yet, in spite of that fact, the Jesuits, with John Ireland at their head, saddled on Prince Bismarck—that grand old

Protestant who drove the Jesuits out of Germany—the responsibility of having suggested the pope of Rome as a fit person to act as arbitrator in the present difficulty.

The Jesuits have lost their heads or they would never set Bismarck up as an advocate of papal interference or intervention. Protestant Germans know he would not do such a thing. The American people also have that opinion of the Iron Chancellor.

While the Roman Catholic leaders were doing all in their power to make the people believe the destruction of the Maine was due to an accident this paper promptly and boldly charged it to Spain as a criminal act, and while the same Roman Catholics were doing all in their power to keep down the war spirit and make this government appear weak and vacillating, the publishers of the American were offering their services to the government by telegraph and mail. We believe the Bible prophecies are on the point of being fulfilled, and we are ready and willing to go out and take up arms against Rome. God speed the crisis.

Next week will belong to our Irish Roman Catholic friends, and we expect them to punish the usual amount of bad whiskey and break the usual number of Irish heads. Great is St. Patrick's Day! Great are the men who pay respect to him, a dead man of unknown religious belief, but who fail, neglect or refuse to join with their neighbors to return thanks on the day designated by the ruler of this country!

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Rev. Clark's New Work.

One of the most useful institutions recently established in Omaha is the Child Saving and Gospel Institute at 502-4-6 South Eighteenth street. The institution is under the direct management of Rev. A. W. Clark, his wife and daughter, and is meeting with



much encouragement. They have already enrolled quite a large number of boys who go there to spend their evenings instead of running at large on the streets. The work is such that the business men should give it prompt attention and encouragement.

GENERAL NEWS.

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The senate has confirmed the appointment of I. M. Treynor to be postmaster at Council Bluffs. We endorse this appointment.

D. H. Mercer says he will be a candidate for re-election to congress this fall.

Judge Torrey has asked the president for authority to organize twelve troops of cowboys to fight Spain with, and the Governor of Wyoming has been asked by telegram if he would approve of the organization of such a regiment and he has said yes. This editor asked for a commission to organize ten companies of loyal Americans who would reflect credit on the government or die in the attempt and he got a barrel of ice water thrown on his aspirations to be a warrior. Is Torrey a Roman? We are not.

Dr. W. O. Rogers, one of the best known physicians in Omaha, and National Medical Examiner of the Woodmen of the World, died Thursday morning at 1 o'clock. He was a K. of P., a Modern Workman, a Woodman of the World and a Knight Templar. Funeral Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from family residence.

Walter Gilbert, who has been angri-

er at the Twenty-second street power house for some time, dropped dead in Dr. Lee's office Thursday evening. He was a son of our old and respected friend, David Gilbert. He will be buried with Masonic ceremonies, the Knights of Kadosh having charge.

Mr. Clayton Allen Pratt and Miss Evelyn May Fitchett were married March 9th by Rev. S. Wright Butler, D. D., of the Congregational church. Mr. Pratt is employed by Paxton & Vierling. The bride is the daughter of Geo. H. Fitchett, one of the best men in Omaha. The American wishes the young people a part of all the blessings and joys known to married people.

At McKinley's Invitation.

Washington, Feb. 25.—(Times Special)—Archbishop Ireland is in the east. It transpired tonight that he came east at the invitation of President McKinley. When the archbishop arrived here Tuesday, the president was in Philadelphia. Mgr. Ireland proceeded at once to that city, where he had a long conference with the president.

The president informed the archbishop that he was desirous of the continuance of peace with Spain if it could be honorably done.

He then laid before the archbishop ideas he had in mind which caused him to summon that prelate.

The president explained that he believed that if the pope should use his influence with Spain and the Spanish people to cause that government to accept and the people to acquiesce in a disavowal and indemnity for the loss of the Maine and its crew war could be avoided and peace maintained between the nations.

He explained that the action of Germany in submitting to the pope its quarrel with Spain over the Caroline Islands had led him to consider the advisability of this step.

On that occasion Bismarck said: "A great nation can take a step backward without suffering a loss."

The archbishop expressed his belief that the pope would, when the matter was properly represented to him, use his influence in behalf of the maintenance of peace between Spain and the United States.

This representation Archbishop Ireland consented to make in the interest of peace. Archbishop Ireland, as is well known, has great influence at the vatican in all American affairs.

Senator Hanna, who is a close friend of the archbishop, had a long interview with him at the Waldorf Hotel in New York last night, at which he learned of the conference between the president and the prelate and its purport. This probably explains Hanna's public statements that there will be no war.—Times.

The Lodge Immigration Bill.

After having passed the senate the bill requiring all immigrants above a certain age to be able to read and write as a prerequisite to landing is "hung up" in the house. This has always been a republican measure. It passed the last congress, and was vetoed by Mr. Cleveland, and was among the first bills introduced into the present congress without any important change in its provisions.

The party platform adopted at St. Louis was explicit on this subject and committed the party to the passage of the measure, as it has been passed by the senate. The platform said: "For the protection of the quality of our American citizenship and of the wages of our workmen against the fatal competition of low-priced labor, we demand that the immigration laws be thoroughly enforced and so extended as to exclude from entrance to the United States those who can neither read nor write." With this pledge, as strong as that committing the party to the passage of a tariff bill, the measure is held up in the house—which is strongly republican—and is likely to be defeated.

It is a little strange that of the foreign influence adverse to the bill that of the Germans should be the most pronounced. No class of foreigners coming here is so well educated as the Germans, and to find one of them unable to both read and write is practically an impossibility. If the law were passed and went into force it would press upon the Germans so lightly as not to be felt at all. And yet some of the strongest and most influential German papers in the country are specially bitter against the passage of the bill. As a result of this many of the members of congress, representing districts in which there is any considerable German population, are afraid to vote for its passage because it might be used against them in securing re-election to the next congress.

This, added to the fact that there is some strong church influence exerted against the bill, will no doubt, make it impossible to call the measure up at the present session. After the November election, when the fate of many of the members shall have been decided, it is probable the bill may be taken up and passed.—Chicago Daily News.

Bismarck Did Not Suggest.

Hamburg, Feb. 24.—Special cable to New York Journal.—In an interview with Hoffman, the German-American author, last week at Freidrichsruhe, Prince Bismarck spoke with great frankness on the subject of the Cuban war. He declared that he did not believe the United States was inclined to annex Cuba, having enough Catholic population already. Should any attempt be made to arbitrate the present situation between Spain and the United States, the only sovereign who would be acceptable to Spain as an arbitrator would be the Pope. The American government would probably prefer the King of Sweden, but Spain would undoubtedly refuse to accept him.

Bismarck said that he could not make out the nature of the Maine disaster, but he supposed that it must have been due to carelessness. He was impressed by the fact that 70 of the sailors who lost their lives were of German extraction. The Prince emphasized the superiority of German and Scandinavian sailors, pointing out the impossibility of completely manning the British navy with British sailors.

Ireland Favored War With England.

4. Ought Bishop Ireland's intercession with Mark Hanna's chief secretary in behalf of the Catholic Church in Spain, without regard to the suffering Catholics in Cuba, prevail; or is it the bondholders he loves more than the Spaniards or Cubans?

Archbishop Ireland is a follower of the Prince of Peace and as such is in duty bound to use his influence against war. His grace is said to have been less aggrieved at the thought of war with England a couple of years ago than with Spain today. It is claimed he made a quite belligerent address at that time. The Times does not know anything about this. Archbishop Ireland is of course in close touch with the vatican, and as Spain is a Catholic country the pope would have every reason for striving to avert a conflict between this country and Spain. It is always fair to give men credit for good motives in anything they do. If Archbishop Ireland can aid his country to avoid war without sacrifice of honor, he will be her creditor.—Minn. Times.

Prevailing Language of Hell.

Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 27.—The Rev. A. K. Glover, formerly rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Crawfordsville, but now living in Wells, Minn., has written the following letter to Past Department Commander Travis, G. A. R.: "Our hearts are mutually burning, I suppose, over the treachery of the cunning enemy. I have not yet offered myself formally for my country's service to any Governor, but I thought of writing to you as an old friend, living among those patriots of Indiana, so dear to me, to say that my services in leading a regiment of Indiana boys will be always at their command, and that I would do all in my power along with them to make Spanish the prevailing language of hell."

Kostello's awful book, "Convent Horrors and Secrets of the Confessional," 50 cents. We sell it to awaken Protestants, but we hate to deal in such stuff. American Pub. Co., Omaha, Neb.

A Disloyal Negro.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 28.—Rev. D. A. Gaddie, pastor of the Green Street Colored Baptist church, is ready to take up arms for Spain, and in a sermon yesterday exhorted his flock to do likewise.

In his sermon he said: "I had rather take a gun and kill an American citizen than to aid the Americans in a war with Spain." Gaddie today, in talking of his sermon, used even stronger words. He says the negroes owe this country nothing, as they are lynched, cuffed and kicked about. The negro has no protection, he said. "I will take up arms against Americans," he exclaimed excitedly, "but I will not fight for her."

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