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HOW ROME RULES THE PRESS.

The American has often contained articles in which it was charged that the daily papers of the country were controlled by the church of Rome. It has never gone into the question and pointed out how the church exercises her power, but an instance that happened right here is Omaha will give all the information that is necessary, and will probably open the eyes of many people to the error of depending on the regular newspapers for either sound American or Protestant

The instance to which we refer oc curred about a month ago, just prior to Mrs. Shepherd's first appearance in this city. Her advance agent, Mr. Phillips, waited on the daily papers and arranged to have an advertisement of her lectures appear in the morning and evening editions of both papers, paying in advance for the same and getting a receipt for the money. The advertisement appeared in the first edition of the World-Herald after the contract was made, but not in the second, as had been agreed. Mr. Phillips came to us and wanted to know what he should do, and our advice was to demand that the contract be fulfilled, or that his money be refunded. He acted on that advice, The gentleman in charge of the advertising department of the World-Herald at that time said they would not publish an advertisement of any lecturer who opposed any religion, and that they would refund the unearned part of the money deposited by Mr. Phillips to pay for the advertising, and did so.

We made no note or mention of the the time; but the rea reason why Mrs. Shepherd's advertisement was refused admittance to the columns of the World-Herald a second time reaches us this week from an attache of that paper, who is a patron of Romanism, and who believes such lecturers as Mrs. Shepherd should be denied a hearing because the devotees of the system which Mrs. Shepherd so unmercifully exposes to the righteons indignation of Protestant Americans say "the people won't believe her; they know what she says is a lie."

That World-Herald employee says that the advertisement was inserted accidentally; that as soon as it appeared, one of Mr. Wm. Hayden's friends called his attention to it and asked him if he proposed to advertise in a paper that would print advertisements of a lecturer who made a business of assailing his religion; that employe says that Mr. Hayden left the office of his great department store and went to the World-Herald and threatened to cancel his advertising contract (amounting to anywhere from \$10,000 of the 26th inst. to \$15,000 per annum) if the proprietor published that advertisement again, and unless an apology was made to the outraged Catholics of this community.

The managers of the World-Herald assured Mr. Hayden that its appearance was an accident, that the person in charge of the advertising department that night did not understand what the import of the advertisement was, and that it was not the policy of the paper to publish anything derogatory to any religion.

Now, you Americans, you see how easy it is for Rome to control a daily paper. One of her sons runs a large store-probably on church money-is a heavy advertiser, good pay and never objects to anything in the paper, nor to its editorial policy; yet the minute his superstitions and idolatrous aystem, which he calls a religion, is about to be exposed to public view he jumps into the breach and says: "Dare to to warrant his designation. do that and I will withdraw my patronage." And the publishers, eight out of every ten of whose patrons are Protestants, do that man's bidding. Is it not time that we had an Ameri-

But the Catholics are not the only intimidate newspapers into making

induce the last obeston acres man PA whom we had the highest regard. walled on he one at a cone and tallget acques quete loss forts was it saids broken the observes of thus, truy to the school ser on Sould, his friends would not support this paper after the expiration of their subscriptions. We were not ober the management of the World-Herwid We. told those gentlesses that they know we were doing right, that Mr. free was untrue to the American element, that they elected him on the torus of no Romanium in the public pricesis, that he had voted for Roman Catholics, both as teachers and as janitors, that he had proved himself totally unworthy of the American vote of this community. They answered that he had not voted for any new Roman Catholic teachers—only continued to employ those who had been employed for years; that with the exception of voting for those teachers and janitors he had made a good official. We notinot them that in that only was where we found fault, but if they were going to vote for a man who had made a good official, yet had voted Romanista. into office, what would induce them, if they lived in Yom Hoctor's district-Mr. Hoctor being a Roman Catholicto vote against him? We told them they were wrong. That instead of finding fault with us for doing our plain duty, instead of saking us to endorse by our silence a man whom we believed unfit for the position, judged by his own official acts, they should

> The American leaves it with the friends to decide whether it is not time to have a free press. It does not condemn the weapon of intimidation in the hand of a Romanist and excuse the same weapon in the hand of a Protestant American. We have no double measure in this office. No body of men, no religious denomination, should attempt to dictate the policy of a paper by threatening to injure it financially, and the public should rally to the support of the papers that have the courage to stand by their principles. That is the only way to establish a free press in this country. If you don't agree with an editor, on any | of public instruction. His name is principle advocated, write him, take issue with him. The columns of an Roman Catholic nuns cannot wear honest journal is the forum of its readers, and are always open to those wishing to discuss principles which it has advocated. This has always been the case with The American, yet at times we have found it impossible to put articles in at the time they were received without depriving the reading public of much that was, in our judgment, of vastly greater importance, and, consequently, the articles have lost their point, become worthless, and of necessity been laid aside, but this was not through any desire to suppress the optnion of others on subjects we have advocated. One of such articles is from "Calvin," and as soon as we can bring the question

have come in and said: "You are do-

ing right, and we will stand by you.

We have used the case of Mr. Hayden and of Mr. Irey's friends for no other purpose than to illustrate a principle. Mr. Hayden would have thought more of the World-Herald had it said: "You only own the space occupied by your advertisements in our paper, Mr. Hayden; at any time you feel you do not get the value of the money you invest you are at liberty to cancel your contract, but you can't dictate what we shall print in the columns not covered by your contract." We know Mr. Irey's friends feel no illwill toward us since his election; and we trust he will so act in the future as to win back the confidence of those who opposed him. The future is before him, and the past will not be remembered.

OCCUPYING THE PRESIDENT'S MIND.

The following is taken from a special dispatch to the Chicago Chroniele buildings. Holding so beyond dispute,

In this connection it may be said that the question of proper papel delegate to the Philippines has been oc- at the time a very fine new church. It cupying the president a mind. No American Catholic bishop who compares with Archbishop Chappelle in the matter of understanding the Spanish language and character,, as well still scattered about the building when as the laws and spirit of this country, I was there. Holding services in the can be found. Yet the situation in the Philippines in its relation to the edly told me I might take the building church interests is more compley and and finish it. delicate than even that in Cuba.

Because of the importance of this matter and Archbishop Ireland's tal- Catholic authorities to cease the issue ents, the president has felt that the of pronunciamentos against Protestappointment of the archbishop, tem- ants. I am glad this order was not porarily at least, as the papel representative in Manila would be desira- the vicar of Ponce issued such warnble. This view has not been pressed, and some friends of the archbishop are in doubt as to whether the post is of sufficient dignity and importance tion by going into the park, mounting

There is no doubt, however, that Scriptures. In other places I had to Archbishop Ireland, in case the pres- take time to advertise myself. ident should desire and the pope should consent to the appointment, bidden to go to hear me I found mywould gladly act as a papel commis- self known everywhere, and the people sioner, for a few months at least. It flocked in great numbers to hear me. is questionable, however, if the arch- Everybody welcomed me. The editor possibilities of immediate missionary ones who use their power to injure, to bishop, in view of his proposed attend- of the paper which published the vic work. While in Havana he was twice ance at the peace congress, could find ar's order added laconically below it: approached by American Catholics

even a about period.

The proposed appointment of the of course the execution of the paper.

Since cich men are waking to the retta that are about to breek open this country, parriets can have some hope. from his always controlled the man with the dellars. The minute he dethree himself free, the battle will be half won. Andrew Carnogte can do more good by backing a strong anti-Roman, true blue American paper than a thousand men like the editor of this and kindred papers. We do all that is in our power, but with the limited capital at our command. it is not much. We hope he or some other equally rich mun may see the real danger is Romantem-political Romanlam-which is directing our affairs of state and come to the rescue of this country. It would be a grand thing to see a rich patriot once more. Will you assume the role, Mr. Carnegie? The world is before you. There are millions ready to follow; not one to lead.

Cardinal Gibbons made a great splurge the day before Christman in Baltimore. The papers claim he gave day, without regard to their religious leanings. If he did it was not because he loved the poor, but because he saw time be able to say: "The church does dispense charity-it is liberal." Yet how base she is.

Your paper contains a bill for subscription this week. If you have paid your subscription please induce a friend to give us a trial subscription of either three or six months. It only costs about one-half a cent a day. Don't that seem cheap enough? If you have not placed your shoulder to the wheel, won't you put it there today?

The state of New York has the right kind of a man for state superintendent Chas. H. Skinner. He has decided that their garb while acting as teachers. This is right and just.

When you turn over a new leaf on January 1, don't fall to write across its top, "Do right, always," then live to that motto.

It's a happy, prosperous New Year we are wishing each of you.

McKinley is the president of New

REMARKABLE STATEMENT

If the statements below are correctand we have no reason to doubt themthey will enlighten many readers The Citizen as to the status of Rome in our new possessions. This is from the New York Herald of December 18:

Our government is the owner of some fifty fine churches, and more than thirty convents, parish houses, and other church buildings, according to the Rev. W. H. Sloan, who has just returned from Porto Rico, where he has been acting as a pioneer for the American Baptist Home Mission Society. In the business of the island he held an English service in San Juan.

"The secretary told me," he said vesterday, "that every church building of every kind on the island of Porto Rico was held in fee simple by the Spanish government. He said the titles were in his office,, and not in the hands of the Roman Catholic Church, With the transfer of sovereignty from Spain to the United States the title is passed, and hence the United States is the owner of these he offered me a church or two.

"At Mayaguez, not far from where Gen. Miles landed, there was building had a steel frame, with spire complete. When news of the landing of the Americans arrived the workmen laid down their tools, and those tools were place, some of the people good-natur

"I notice that the military power in the island has ordered the Roman in force while I was there. Before ing against me I had difficulty in get. ting congregations. The first service I held in San Juan I got a congrega a seat and beginning to read the

"Immediately the people were for-

points conform to their them the time to go to the Philippine for We are needing the truth. What is with the remark. The new Judge may seesa.?

"I do not attribute the great sun architabou to the peace congress has proving of people to hay ardent returnes tendencies, but rather to that, Father Sherman cash of the generalcurrently and their desire to bears an who traveled in Porte Sire during American. The people are very grate. ful to Americane. Their loyalty to us same auntiment in a millior form ha is quite remarkable.

"As in most Spanish countries the wemen do practically at it the thurchgoing to Catholic services. Frequent ly I had ton times larger congregations than did the Catholic Church in the flons must be improved or the Ameriplace. I preached in theatres for the mount part.

"Catholic conditions in Porto Rico are much better than in Mexico, where ity to measure up to their opportuni-I have inhored for twelve years. I ties. But American Catholics should think there will not be the slightest trouble about Protestants getting a firm foothold on the Island within a very short time."

RELIGIOUS GARR IN SCHOOLS. Albany, N. V., Dor. 24 - State Sup. erintendent Skinner has decided the appeal of Edward Keyvor against the board of education of the city of Poughkeepsie in favor of the appellant. The appeal is from the action of the board of education in the rental of school buildings for permanent use by the board of education and the de-1,000 poor families their dinners that fendant, as teachers of persons who wear the distinctive dress or garb of a religious order. The board of edu cation of the city of Poughkeepsia way to secure a lot of cheap adver- since 1843 has been renting of various tising for the church, and at the same churches, denominations and individuals school buildings and rooms in which to conduct the public schools

> of that city. They have neglected to equip their school system with sufficient accommodations owned by the city for the children desiring to attend the school thereof, and the result has been that on the first day of September last up wards of 1,000 of the school children in that city were compelled to alternate in their attendance and were able to receive but two and one-fourth hour's instruction each day.

Superintendent Skinner holds tha 'this union of interests is no longer desirable, nor for the best interests of the schools of the city and is against the letter and spirit of the constitution. The public school system muse be conducted in such a broad and Catholic spirit that Jew, Protestant, and Catholic alike shall find therein absolutely no cause for complaint as to the exercise directly or indirectly of any denominational influence."

The superintendent also rules that is is the duty of the board of education to require teachers employed by then, to discontinue in the public school room the use of the distinguishing dress or garb of any religious order.

The effect of the decision is that the plan long in operation in that city and known as the "Poughkeepsle plan," must be discontinued and school districts must own the property in which their schools are conducted, ex cept only in cases of temporary emerg ency, which are provided for by the

IRELAND AS A PEACE ENVOY.

New York, Dec. 26,-A dispatch to the Journal from Washington says Archbishop Ireland will represent the United States at the czar's peace congress. The president has had the subject under advisement for several weeks, and, according to the best authority, it may be said that a decision was recently reached, the archbishop having agreed to accept this most important and honorable post.

Ever since his induction into office the president has been anxious to testify his appreciation of Archbishop Ireland's republicanism, which took the form of strong interviews and speeches during the campaign of 1896,

and of his mental gifts and learning. The czar's call for an international peace congress, at which his proposed universal disarmament is to be discussed, has presented an exceptional opportunity to honor Archbishop Ireland in an illustrious manner.

As the representative of the United States in such an assemblage his position would comport with the dignity of his ecclesiastical office, while not interfering with its duties, owing to the temporary character of the political appointment.

Aside from the pleasant effect that such a designation would have upon a large proportion of the population of this country, it is assumed that the United States would gain prestige among the Catholic nations represented at this congress as well as achieve for the president a reputation for good taste in selecting for a peaceful mission a professional messenger of peace and good will.

It is not known whether the archbishop will be the sole representative of the United States or whether he will head a delegation of three or five representatives from this country.

AMERICAN CATHOLICS AND CUBA. Bishop Chandler of the Church, South, recently returned from Cuba where he has been investigating the

Church by what you see here. This representation and convention are as abburrent to see an they are to you?" but August and Suprember where the saying: "Forte Rire it & Cathelie country without religion." If this is the spirit of Assertean Catholics is. general their duty to their Church in these countries is plain. The condivan Catholics as well as Protestants will be to blame. It is an excellent chance for the Catholics of this coun remember that for their superiority over Cuban Catholics they are indebtwould American Catholics differ from Cuban Catholics if the last three centures of American history had been made by Spain and popery as it has been made in Cuba and Porto Rico .-

THE CHURCH CLOSED AGAINST

Omaha Christian Advocate.

HIM. On account of having been a member of the Knights of Pythias, the remains of Richard O'Brien, the saloonkeeper who died last Saturday morning, were refused burial from St. Patrick's Cath olic church resterday morning by Rev. Father Lillis. The services were held from the family home, 1302 Oak street, under the auspices of the Liquor Dealers' Benevolent association.

Although refused the religious rite. by his Church, O'Brien's remains were interred in consecrated ground. They were buried in St. John's Catholic cemetery, Kansas City, Kan There were no services at the grave.

The order of Knights of Pythias has long been under the ban of the Catho, lic Church. The rules of the Church forbid that any member of the Knights of Pythias, Masons, Odd Fellows or of several secret other orders be given the Catholic services at his death.

A reporter for The Times called on. Father Lillis last night at his residence and asked him in regard to the O'Brien funeral. Father Lillis said:

"I have all the sympathy in the world for Mrs. O'Brien and her family in her bereavement, but on account of the Knights of Pythias being under the ban of the Church I could not hold funeral services over the remains of Mr. O'Brien. The ban is pronounced by Rome, and no priest has any choice in the matter. The ruling, however, which prohibits burial with church services does not prevent the body from being buried in a Catholic cem etery."

When the secret orders were placed under the ban of the Catholic Church by the Pope at Rome sixty days were given to Catholics who were member. to withdraw from the lodges. The ban on the orders, with the exception of the Masons, which has been in disgrace for many years with the Catholic was placed about six years ago. It causes much comment and much dissension in the ranks of the secret order.-Kansas City Times.

WILL SUPPORT THE GOVERN MENT.

New York, Dec. 19.-Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul was seen at the Hol land house, where he has been stopping during his stay in New York, and said regarding the attitude of the Roman

Catholic Church in the Philippines:

"Who in America knows anything

about the Philippines? The church in the Philippines will, I haveno doubt accustom itself to the conditions under the new regime, as it did under the old. The Church will accept the conditions that are to be just as she ac cepts them in this country. All the civ ilization that the Philippines have bas been received from the priests. They are the representatives of social and civil order in the islands. The people were taught by the priests and they were taught too much. The priests will uphold this government as they upheld the government of Spain. That is, as the representative of order, they will uphold the existing government."

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