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A. P. A. ISM IN NATIONAL POLITICS.

The grand secretary of the American Protective Association announced a few days ago through the Associated Press that it is the design of the order to enter national politics in the impending presidential campaign.

Whether this announcement is made by authority or is volunteered by an ambitious leader who desires a wider field of political activity is immaterial. This is a free country, and in every free country any group of men is at liberty to constitute itself into a new political party and to enjoy all the rights accorded other political parties, provided always its methods and objects conform to the spirit and letter of the federal and state constitutions.

On the other hand, even in a free country no organization should receive countenance or support from law-abiding and reputable citizens if its methods tend to undermine republican institutions and to destroy the political equality of all citizens.

There are rules of war which no civilized nation can violate and retain recognition among the powers of the world. For example, the use of poisoned arrows or copper bullets, the poisoning of wells and springs, the spreading of contagious disease by infected clothing, are regarded as barbarian and beyond the pale of modern warfare.

The same principles must obtain in politics. A political party composed of oath-bound members who profess allegiance to other parties cannot be tolerated under our political system. It is no better than would be an organization of spies and deserters secretly banded together while holding positions in the military or naval service.

According to its grand secretary it is the purpose of the new A. P. A. party to operate in the domain of national politics just as it has been operating in the field of local politics. It proposes to get a foothold in all parties and endeavor to control and dominate them under cover from within.

In states where the republican party is in the majority the new A. P. A. party will center all its energies to control republican caucuses and conventions, although every member is sworn to help any republican candidate who belongs to the class proscribed by reason of his creed or his opposition to the prescriptive methods of the dark-lantern order.

In democratic and populist states the same policy is to be pursued within the democratic and populist wings. The spies, mutineers and bolters are to be banded together to manipulate and control those parties.

Here we have a political party proclaiming publicly its purpose to play the part of the rat inside of the cheese, to feed, fatten and multiply on the substance of other parties while at all times ready to desert and destroy them. Such base and cowardly tactics have never been pursued by any political party in this or any other country.

Even the defunct know-nothing party had the manhood to enter the political arena and contest openly with other parties for public favor. It did not attempt the ignoble role of hypocrisy that A. P. A. ism imposes upon its members. The know-nothings did not pretend to affiliate with any other political body either secretly or openly.

WHEN THE BANKRUPTCY LAWS ARE APPLIED.

When the present bankruptcy laws are applied, under them a few officials get fat fees, while the creditors—the rightful owners of the wreck—get better informed of their constituents' wants than any outsider.

Local pride compels each district to send a resident to congress, and it would be humiliating for any community large enough to constitute a congressional district to admit that it has not a single man in its limits fit to become a congressman.

It is idle to expect American voters to look outside of their own districts for representatives in congress. The Lincoln Journal in reprinting the substance of the terrible exposures made by The Bee of gross neglect of duty on the part of the officials of this city, who sat by with unconcern while hundreds of thousands of dollars were diverted from the public treasury to private use, says that "the experts at work on the books now report that in addition to the defalcation the city treasurer failed to turn over to the Board of Education interest on school bonds exceeding \$6,000."

This is decidedly rich. "The experts at work on the books now report," indeed! The only thing that has been heard from these alleged experts in the weeks they have been willing away their time in the treasurer's office at \$20 a day has been the reports that they have drawn their salaries with regularity.

The startling disclosures of incompetency and rascality in connection with the checking of the treasurer's accounts made by The Bee did not come from these alleged experts. The first knowledge they had of the manipulation of city funds referred to was no doubt gained from reading The Bee.

A receiver has just been appointed for a St. Louis building and loan association. It is possible for these organizations to lapse into bankruptcy as well as other moneyed concerns. Because some of the better associations have continued to make money and pay large dividends through the period of depression the idea has gotten abroad in some quarters that all of them are absolutely safe.

There are absolutely safe. There are good building and loan associations and there are bad building and loan associations. People who invest money in them must make the same inquiries and take the same measures of precaution as they would in investing in other fields.

If Eli Perkins does not stop circulating fiction under the guise of truth he will certainly get into trouble. His latest is a yarn about an after-dinner speech delivered in Omaha by Secretary of State Evans when he was in this city with President Hayes and the other members of his cabinet.

As Mr. Hayes never was in Omaha during his incumbency of the presidential office and after-dinner speeches were rare articles out here in those days, the tale is a trifle far-fetched. Try again, Eli!

The New York democrats, too, cannot repress expression of sympathy for the down-trodden Cuban in his heroic effort to throw off the shackles of Spain. The Cuban no doubt deserves the sympathy of all liberty-loving people, but the New York democrats would just as soon have passed resolutions of sympathy for the down-trodden Spaniards if there were more voting Spaniards than voting Cubans in that state.

PHILADELPHIA SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Philadelphia Times: Talmage's going to Washington would have valuable results if in some ways he could improve the Congressional Record.

Chicago Times-Herald: The Indiana conference of the Methodist church decided to admit women to the general conference by a vote of 101 to 10. Now watch the ten members of the minority try to prove an alibi when they get home.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: A Chicago minister recently returned from England. In comparing politics in that country and this, he remarks the fact that "no attention is paid to ancestry" in selecting public officials.

Chicago Record: "Say, call, dese vere Cuban is holering, 'Mimmo liberty or gimme die.' Dat's right."

New York Sun: The missionary stood before the cannibal king as the cook built the fire in the kitchen stove.

Washington Post: Lord Dunsen seems the least bit disposed to turn it into a sulky race.

London Transcript: In London, of course; Hicks-Elliott, really what kind of a looking girl is Miss Beekoo? Wicks-Well, I can hardly say, but my husband doesn't have her glasses on the day I saw her.

Truth: Mrs. Fashion—I've picked out a husband for you, daughter. Miss Fashion—Yes, I want to, but I want to see the mother, when it comes to buying the wedding dress I'm going to select the material myself.

Yonkers Statesman: "Don't you think you would better make him wait a year?" "Dear me, no! Why, at the end of the year I might not want to marry him."

Life: Mrs. Sweet—Do you find it economical to do your own cooking? Mrs. Burnom—Oh, yes, my husband doesn't eat half as much as when we had a cook.

THE PASSING SHOW.

Even the lion's tail was yanked out of shape with several other British records. The duke of Marlborough is quite democratic in manner, but he is gradually acquiring a gold reserve.

People hereabouts cannot rightly question the correctness of Gladstone's statement that Turkey is "the worst governed nation on the globe."

Yellow Bonnet, a Cheyenne of Oklahoma, recently became a Christian and now wants a divorce from his four wives. The latter refuse to be converted and insist on keeping their Bonnet on straight.

The notorious Breckinridge has responded to the "call" to save the party in Kentucky. The colonel is somewhat notorious for his railing propensity, but the records do show that those favored with his calls profited thereby.

Chicago talks glibly about the morale of prize fighting in Texas, fearing the Dallas scrap will not come up to the nose-eating eye-gouging standard of the Windy City.

A firm of beef barons in California acquired a fine estate in the mountains of a small farm of 4,500,000 acres of land in California, Arizona and Nevada. Still, with the firm's vast acres the head of the house occupies only two by six of it.

The odds are mostly against the success of an inventive genius. The inventor who developed his bed with kerosene, applied a match to it and jumped in. The flames were not satisfactory as a means of rapid transit to the hereafter and to expedite matters he gashed his throat with a knife. Yet he lives.

St. Louis harbors a judge who has "sworn" the Omaha brand of whisky and sent it on to better. While the noted crook was being tried before this grave dispenser of justice, the chief witness appeared careless in court. The indignity was sharply resented by his honor, and as an additional rebuke the court dismissed the prisoner.

Sudden reforms frequently produce startling results. A New Yorker, who remained at the door of a saloon until 12:30 Monday morning, wrenched his mouth in an effort to wrap it around a copious schooner, and is now in the hands of the doctors. Under the terms of a new law in Indiana a snake eel from the loots of a rattle as the latter was entering a car. In this instance a tooth caused family discord.

Purposes of Atlanta's Fair. It is announced that the exposition has two purposes, first, the obvious one of showing the industrial growth of the south, and second, "the burying of dead issues and the drawing closer together of south and north."

WHERE WEALTH IS A HANDICAP.

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THE BANNER YEAR FOR APPLES.

This is the banner year for apples, a crop of from 7,000,000 to 10,000,000 barrels being looked for, exceeding any previous annual product by from 1,000,000 to 3,000,000.

Prices are down, 25 to 50 cents a barrel less than last year, with a lowering tendency as the returns come in, showing the superabundance of the yield everywhere.

The bulk of the crop comes from the west. Missouri sending the largest contribution, exceeding that of New York, in which it was formerly thought that Pomona had spread her brightest and most spacious bowers.

No American Eve or Oenone need be without her apple this year, and the tides of applejack and cider which will flow round the land will probably mark the highest level known.

Of the gifts of the year now falling in the yellow leaf the ever welcome apple is one of the most abounding, and ought to be remembered in all rituals of Thanksgiving and judiciously applied in all its feasts.

Millions for a Title. By marrying Miss Vanderbilt the young duke of Marlborough will get the money he needs to maintain a state corresponding to his rank.

By becoming his wife Miss Vanderbilt will gain the distinction of admittance to the "Almanac de Gotha," where only the very cream of the European aristocracy are enrolled.

Apart from this title, the young man, are told, has qualities, abilities, and a personality of which themselves alone might well be proud.

The duke's fiancee regards and confides; and independently of her rich endowment, Miss Vanderbilt is a girl endowed by nature with gifts and graces which make fortunate the man who wins her for a wife; but the marriage will be looked upon by the public and actually it will be an alimony man's primary object for the attainment of the ends which on either side are purely romantic.

If he were not a British duke and she were not one of the great heiresses of the world, the betrothal would not have occurred. The form of its announcement and the particulars published concerning it suggest the royal matrimonial alliances arranged for reasons of state by diplomatic negotiation.

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Advertisement for B. K. & Co. Suits. Includes text: "Want to sell... Suits... Overcoats... Fall... Because this is Overcoat Weather... The average man doesn't know when he's getting a good piece of goods, and once in a while dealers get beautifully stuck on some job lot that LOOKED all right. That's the reason we went into the business from the ground up. We buy the cloth and that's all we do buy—there's no such thing as a job lot of cloth such as we buy. Our tailors make it up into overcoats and suits and we sell the clothes. As much difference between our clothes and other dealers' as day and night, while there's practically no difference in price."