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IS IT AN A. P. A. DODGE!

There is something suspicious regarding the attitude of the A. P. A. toward William McKinley, of Ohio, and at present the most prominently mentioned candidate for the republican presidential nomination. Not so many weeks ago the A. P. A. convention in Rochester declared that McKinley was entirely acceptable to the organization of "patriotic bigots." At that time Thomas B. Reed, of Maine, was utterly obnoxious to the organization, as was to be expected, for the man from Maine has not hesitated to speak right out in antagonism to the un-American order, as one that should be indignantly frowned down by all true Americans.

In the last few days a marvelous change has taken place. An A. P. A. convention in Massachusetts has come out and denounced McKinley for "too pronounced favoritism toward Romanists." The same convention declared that Reed, Morton, Allison and the other candidates are perfectly acceptable. Simultaneously came a statement from a Methodist minister in Ohio, the pastor of the church Major McKinley attends, that the latter has never shown any favoritism toward "Romanists," that he has always been a staunch Methodist; that he has been superintendent of the Sunday school, etc., etc.

We hate to impute sinister motives in connection with a political canvass, and our readers will bear witness to the fact that THE JOURNAL does not take any hand in partisan politics; but we feel that the interests of our faith and morals demand that we speak out plainly at this time. It is an old trick in political warfare for an unpopular person or organization to declare for this or that candidate for the express purpose of damaging his canvass, and vice versa.

In view of the fact that McKinley, when Governor of Ohio, refused to appoint a Catholic chaplain for the Ohio penitentiary, we cannot help suspecting that he is slightly tinged with bigotry. This tends also to make us suspect that the A. P. A. really favors McKinley; but fearing lest such support, if openly avowed, could not help being detrimental to his candidacy. What more natural, then, for the politicians of the order, to attempt to pull the wool over the eyes of the American people by publicly giving notice that McKinley was distasteful. We sincerely hope this suspicion will prove incorrect, but until Major McKinley openly disclaims any sympathy with the bigots we shall continue to think he is secretly a sympathizer with them. When we are convinced that we are in the wrong we will immediately so inform our readers.

It is a good plan to refrain from giving toward alleged charitable enterprises unless they have the approbation of the ecclesiastical authorities of the diocese.

GREATER NEW YORK.

It seems a pity that partisan politics and a greed for patronage and spoils should have entered into the movement to consolidate New York, Brooklyn and Long Island city into one great city which will undoubtedly be the greatest city in the world—the metropolis of the western hemisphere.

When we look ahead with pardonable pride to this great municipality of 8,000,000 inhabitants, with millions upon millions of capital invested in mercantile, manufacturing and other pursuits; thousands of commercial blocks and myriads of churches, we feel proud to think that this may come our day. We are to be pardoned if we dream about the time when New York will be made the mercantile center of the world, as it can easily be. There is nothing to hinder it from being the greatest city in the world, because it is a seaport, and London, Paris and Berlin are not.

There is no good reason why, at least, New and Brooklyn should not be consolidated into one city. Their interests are identical. In many instances the citizens of one city reside in one and have their place of business at opposite points. Great saving could be obtained in the cost of municipal government when consolidation comes. No longer will there be such discrimination as now, when a man can get shaved in Brooklyn on Sunday, while in New York his beard has to remain on. A new charter could be drawn from which all the absurd and antiquated features of each could be eliminated and their good points retained. For these and many other reasons consolidation is needed.

We say again that so great a piece of legislation should not be smirched by the entrance of a grab for patronage and a desire to assist or retard personal ambitions. There should be no occasion for vague reports of "deals" in connection with the bill. The measure should be discussed calmly, coolly, and without bias. We want Greater New York, but we want it free from any such suspicions.

THE COAL TRUST.

It is to be hoped that the "Anti-Coal Trust bill," so called, will prevent the big coal companies from arbitrarily advancing the price of coal. It is nothing more or less than criminal to traffic in the misery or starvation of the poor, and that is just what the ruinous prices exacted for coal the past few winters amounts to. Poor people must either starve to keep warm or go cold to eat. Quite often they are partly cold and partly hungry. If the robber coal barons would be satisfied with fair profits the poor might still find it difficult to purchase coal, but they could manage to keep warm. The last few winters the price has been so high, by reason of the coal mines being shut down to restrict the output, that the poor people have been well-nigh unable to buy coal at all. The retail coal dealers are not to blame. They have to sell at the rate fixed by the sales agents of "the Trust."

KILL IT.

The scheme now being pushed in the legislature to abolish the Niagara Reservation and turn the control of Niagara Falls over to the tender mercies of a body of men supposed to be in sympathy with the piratical power companies that would ruthlessly rob the greatest piece of natural scenery of its grandeur in order to turn dollars into coffers, should be killed. If our legislators think that it is all the taxpayers send them to Albany for the quicker we repudiate such men at the polls the better. It seems incredible that such a grab can pass both houses of the legislature, but if such should be the case, we trust Governor Morton will have the courage to veto it.

How often false counsels sander friendships of long standing.

DISGRACEFUL.

If reports be true one of the highest military officers of the National Guard of New York state, two state senators and another state official of high degree were guilty of the grossest impertinence to a distinguished foreigner recently. They were guilty of a greater offense than this; their action was an insult to the state of New York, if not to the government of Japan.

Field Marshal Yamagata of Japan, one of the highest military officers who ever visited the United States, arrived at Niagara Falls on his way to New York. Governor Morton was fully alive to the proprieties of the occasion and sent Adj. Gen. McAlpin and other members of his staff to welcome the distinguished stranger and escort him to New York. Included in the party were Senators Mullen and Higgins and Clerk Keuyon of the state senate. These gentlemen must have regarded the whole affair as a joke, or else they thought the field marshal a sort of dime museum freak, for they borrowed military uniforms and had themselves presented to the field marshal—Keuyon as "general," and Mullen and Higgins as "colonels."

This is not a joke. It was a plain violation of the military code, and those three would-be jokers have rendered themselves liable to a penalty of \$100 each. Adj. Gen. McAlpine has been guilty of a gross breach of the military code in permitting such a disgraceful proceeding. McAlpine's offense is much more heinous if the Albany correspondent of "The Post-Express" is correct in stating that McAlpin was the person who introduced the three civilians as bogus military men. For this breach of military etiquette McAlpin should be court-martialed and dismissed from the service.

Governor Morton should certainly take some steps to apologize to Yamagata for the implied breach of courtesy. Now that the marshal has sailed for Europe, it is difficult to say in what shape the apology should not be made through the executive to the government of Japan. It is to be hoped that such a disgraceful exhibition of politeness and indecency will not occur again.

Is it not pretty nearly time for "High Mogul" James Sargent to return from his Oriental tour and again resume control of the Rochester contingent of the A. P. A.? The order has been remarkably quiet of late hereabouts. Can it be possible it feels the need of Sargent's financial resource?

If Rev. Dr. Quigley should be chosen bishop of the diocese of Buffalo, there will be much pleasure felt here in Rochester where the gifted priest was born and where several of his relatives still reside.

Coroner Kleindienst would have shown more appreciation of the responsibility of his office if he had made more efforts to recover the body of little George Tefft.

If Assemblyman Robbins has drafted a law to reach these pirates he will have achieved an enviable record by that act alone.

It is not safe to trust too much to the counsels of others, however much you may think they are to be relied on.

We will soon see whether the Raines bill was enacted in the interest of temperance.

Again we must remind our readers that they should not neglect their Easter duty.

The politicians' Mecca is now either St. Louis or Chicago.

This has been remarkable April weather.

The grave bridges many obasms.

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THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: St. John xvi. 16-22.—At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "A little while and you shall not see Me; and again a little while and you shall see Me, because I go to the Father. Then some of His disciples said to another: 'What is this that He saith to us: A little while, and you shall not see Me; and again a little while, and you shall see Me, and because I go to the Father?' They said therefore: 'What is this that He saith, A little while? We know not what He speaketh. And Jesus knew that they had a mind to ask Him, and He said to them: 'Of this do you inquire among yourselves, because I said: A little while, and you shall not see Me; and again a little while, and you shall see Me? Amen, amen, I say to you, that you shall lament and weep; but the world shall rejoice; and you shall be made sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy: A woman, when she is in labor, hath sorrow, because her hour hath come, but when she hath brought forth the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. So also you now indeed have sorrow, but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice; and your joy no man shall take from you.'"

How can we apply all this to ourselves? We must know that if we are faithful followers and true friends of Christ, we may expect sorrow, tribulations, and sufferings here on earth, but that all this will be for our greater glory and joy in heaven. We are now mourning like Joseph in the pit and in prison, but a day will come when our joy will be greater than his was when he was raised to the throne, and we will see that our humiliations and sufferings have been as so many steps by which we arrived at the height of happiness, and the possession of a kingdom which no one can ever take from us.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, 26—Third Sunday after Easter—Patronage of St. Joseph. SS. Cletus and Marcellinus, Popes and Martyrs. Leas. Gen. xix. 22-26, Goss. Luke iii. 21-23. Last Goss. John xvi. 16-22. Monday 27—St. Thuribius, Bishop and Confessor. Tuesday 28—St. Paul of the Cross. Confessor. St. Vitalis, Martyr. Wednesday 29—St. Peter, Martyr. Thursday 30—St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin. Friday, May 1—SS. Philip and James, apostles. Saturday, 2—St. Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church.

The "Review" of Chicago, says: "The Lactare medal" as once bestowed on a German Catholic. It was he, Dr. E. Preuss, editor of the St. Louis Daily America, of whom we read in the papers: 'The medalist of the year 1887 was a distinguished convert, who had vowed never to accept any ecclesiastical distinction from the Church of his choice; consequently there was no award that year'.

Heart and Stomach Trouble.

Charlotte, N. Y., April 6, 1896.—I had palpitation of the heart and have taken a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and now I am entirely well. I was also subject to indigestion, but have also been relieved of this trouble. E. E. QUINCY.

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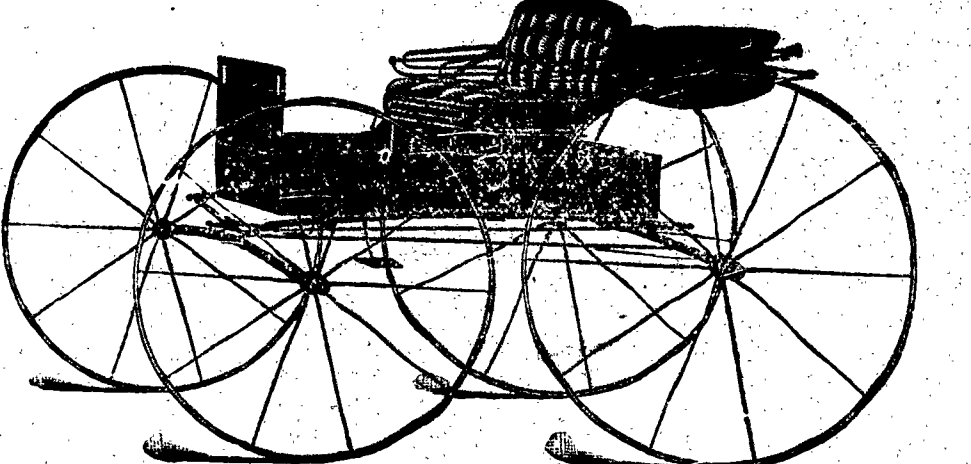
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