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WILL IT BE ALLOWED?

The republicans in national convention have named as their choice for president a man who has never repudiated a statement that he sympathized with the aims and objects of the A. P. A.; a man who has been afraid to affirm or deny that he wrote a letter in 1890, in which he said he favored the free coinage of silver; who is owned body and soul by a syndicate of remorseless money-grabbers who several years ago advanced him money to pay off his debts and save himself from bankruptcy; a man who did not dare to open his mouth on the issues of the campaign, but kept his lips tightly shut, like the proverbial clam or as though they had been sealed or padlocked; in short, a man who is a moral coward and who has hinges in his spinal column.

The convention either was dominated by the A. P. A. or its members were cowed by the claims of strength put forward by blatant demagogues on behalf of the Catholic-hating organization, for it failed to insert in its platform even a colorless, meaningless declaration that the republican party favored equal privileges for all American citizens, irrespective of creed. It did declare in favor of restricting immigration to those who can read and write. This is an unwise and dangerous step. The smartest, soundest and the ablest rogues are those of the vicious classes who are the best educated. If this sentiment is enacted into law, as good material for citizenship as could be had will be barred entrance into the United States. The platform is ambiguous in that does not specify whether the prospective immigrant is to be required to read and write the language of his native country or that of the United States. To a cursory observer it looks as though this plank in the platform were as shifty and dishonest as the course of McKinley's managers during the canvass for the nomination.

Will the people of the United States permit such political dishonesty to go unchallenged? Will they simply walk up to the ballot box and cast their votes for a contemptible bigot, one who would join hands with those who threaten to proscrib-

politically, socially and financially a large body of their fellow citizens because it pleases them to worship God in the way they choose?

We decline to believe until the 5th of November that the majority of the people of the United States have so far lost their self-respect as to place such a man, with such a record, in the highest position in the gift of the nation.

SOMETHING RIDICULOUS

An exchange truly says: "To outsiders there is something ridiculous in the prosecution that has been instituted against certain Illinois prelates and priests for their failure to comply with the A. P. A. law demanding that flags be shown over every schoolhouse in the state. Of course, the managers of Catholic schools have not the slightest objection to showing the Stars and Stripes over their educational institutes, and would be only too glad to do so if their situation were otherwise than what it is. But, considering that they are obliged to tax their several flocks for an additional school expense to that which the state or the town exacts from them, it seems rather exorbitant to require from the same flocks an additional contribution to pay for a flag; and such a demand would be apt to have a very important sound in the hearing of those who listened to it and reflected that it was at the dictates of an organization pronouncedly antagonistic to their church that the law requiring the display of the flag—as enacted." It might be added that these so-called "flag laws" are all buncombe and, if persisted in, will only tend to make the national flag so common as to decrease the respect in which it should be held.

IN THE BEST SENSE.

The JOURNAL owes the Post-Express an apology. In our last issue we criticized our contemporary rather sharply for styling the Holy Father a "politician." The Post-Express promptly explains the sense in which it used the term so satisfactorily that we are forced to the conclusion that its present editorial management is shaped with a far different end in view than six months ago. Then the P.-E. represented a faction who placed "Vatican politics" above the good of the Catholic Church or the good of humanity at large. Here is what the Post-Express said last Monday:

"The CATHOLIC JOURNAL is disposed to take issue with the Post-Express because it calls Leo XIII one of the shrewdest politicians of this or any age. It objects to applying the term politician to the Holy Father. Certainly, the Post-Express intended no disrespect to the subject of the description. That the Pope is a politician, in the best use of that much abused word, his whole career shows. To be such a politician is to be a statesman. Shrewdness and sagacity are not inconsistent with the spiritual supervision which adheres to the Pontificate, and Leo XIII has shown remarkable ability in dealing with temporal concerns, the ability of the highest type of a politician. We have recently had occasion to review his encyclicals, and his greatness as a politician is the abiding impression left by them upon us. If Italy, as is said, is on the eve of revolution, and republican and Pontifical forces are to unite in the overthrow of the monarchy, the success of the government will be largely due to the political genius of Leo XIII."

Six months ago the Post-Express was in the habit of bolstering up its side of a controversy with garbled extracts from its opponent's arguments. Now the P.-E. publishes its opponent's case in full, or at all events, without garbling. Comment is unnecessary.

If they live two years longer two prominent archbishops will have silver jubilees of their consecration to keep. These dignitaries are Archbishop Corrigan of New York, who was consecrated for the Newark diocese May 4, 1873, and Archbishop Gross, who was mitred for the Savannah See April 27, 1873.

Free silver would ruin the commerce of the United States.

A DESERVED REBUKE.

The New York "Evening Post" last week administered this scathing rebuke to the cowardly republicans in national convention assembled: "It is well known, and is highly characteristic, that the choice of the Jewish Rabbi to deliver the opening prayer at the St. Louis convention, was due to a wish not to offend the A. P. A. by employing a Catholic, nor the Catholics by employing a Protestant. In fact, the prayer was to be part of the general defensive humbug for which the convention has been held. We doubt if any similar body has met in the United States with less sincerity."

The St. Louis convention did one good piece of work when it kicked out J. Edward Addicks, better known as "Gas Man Addicks." This creature openly boasted that he had purchased a seat in the United States Senate through the medium of the Delaware voters. He did not get to the senate, neither did he allow any one else to go. The republicans at St. Louis formally kicked him out of the party. Such "thugs" as Addicks should be relentlessly thrashed wherever they show their heads. They are a menace to American institutions. There are too many men in the United States Senate now who bought their way there. The federal senate is fast becoming a "millionaire club."

The New York Catholic "News" says: "The professors at the new St. Joseph's Seminary, on Valentine Hill, will include six Fathers of the Order of St. Salpice, with the Rev. Edward R. Dyer as superior. He has been for several years connected with the Theological Seminary of St. Salpice and St. Mary's University in Baltimore. The Revs. Remy Lafort, William Livingston and James Fitzsimmons of the Troy Seminary will be assigned to positions at the new seminary. One of the old professors at the Troy seminary, the Very Rev. James S. M. Lynch, LL. D., rector of John's church, Utica, will, it is understood, form one of the staff of the new seminary."

St. Louis is sadly afflicted by the A. P. A. Yet in the recent tornado none did more to relieve the sufferers than did the Sisters and Catholic priests of that same A. P. A. ridden city. And they did not bestow their charity on Catholics alone. It is to be hoped even the bigots will appreciate this.

Rev. J. Lansing, of Boston, the so-called "clergyman" who made so monstrous an accusation against the president of the United States that the latter felt impelled to notice it and reply through the press, draws \$7,000 a year for his sensational sermon-mongering, according to the Boston "Republic."

Congress has adjourned, and for the slight respite from the most bigoted, extravagant body of national law-makers we have had for years, we should be very thankful.

The blatant, anarchistic Altgeld should be beaten for governor of Illinois. Such men as he in public office are a menace to American institutions.

If Thomas F. Bayard would show himself as thorough a self-respecting citizen as General Patrick A. Collins, the people of this country would have more respect for him.

The New York "Herald" advocates a gold currency, but paradoxically, also, advocates a system of state banks. One is not consistent with the other.

Rochester should be well represented at the Catholic Summer School at Plattsburg. Miss Anna M. Comerford of the Columbia Reading Circle will surely be there.

Bishop McQuaid will celebrate the twenty-eighth anniversary of his consecration as head of the diocese of Rochester, July 12th. Ad multos annos.

OUR IRISH DEPARTMENT.

In deference to the wishes of many of our Irish and Irish-American readers who are interested in what is happening on the "ould sod," the CATHOLIC JOURNAL will soon begin the publication of a well edited and carefully compiled Department of Irish news furnished by special correspondents.

Archbishop Elder's friends are in evidence the last two weeks. The metropolitan of Cincinnati is worthy of all the honors that have come to him.

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The Catholic schools of Rochester will not be behind when the results of the regents' examinations are made known.

Watch out for an Irish page.

We are in receipt of bulletin No. 103 of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva on "Provisions of the New Fertilizer Law of New York."

The bulletin gives a brief outline of the history of fertilizer legislation in this state, and then gives a full copy of the law passed by the last Legislature. It then discusses in detail the more important provisions of the law which it is desirable that farmers should know for their own protection. The bulletin closes with a brief statement of what the station has accomplished in the analysis of fertilizers during the past six years, and is spreading among farmers valuable information relating to the purchase and use of fertilizers.

THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew v, 20-24. —At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "For I tell you, that unless your justice abound more than that of the scribes and Pharisees you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to them of old: Thou shalt not kill, and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment. And whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council. And whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell-fire. If therefore thou offer thy gift at the altar, and there thou remember that thy brother hath anything against thee, leave there thy offering before the altar, and go first to be reconciled to thy brother; and then coming thou shalt offer thy gift."

What are we to learn from this Gospel? We are to learn that to enter into the kingdom of heaven we must be really and not apparently good; that is, we must have an upright heart animated by charity and subject in all things to the holy law of God, always bearing in mind that true justice does not consist in the external practices of devotion, but rather in the purity of conscience, in the abnegation of our will, and in the control of our passions. We are also to learn to abstain from any sort of anger, and from saying anything that can offend or grieve our neighbor. Lastly, we are to learn not to be slow in making peace with our neighbor whenever we have displeased him, and also not to make a reconciliation difficult.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, 28—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr. Epist. 2 Tim. iii. 14-iv. 5; Gosp. John 2. 11-16; Last Gosp. Matt. v. 20-24.
Monday, 29—SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles.
Tuesday, 30—Commemoration of St. Paul.
Wednesday, July 1—Octave of St. John Baptist.
Thursday, 2—Visitation of the B. V. M.
Friday, 3—St. Leo II., Pope and Confessor.
Saturday, 4—Of the Octave of SS. Peter and Paul.

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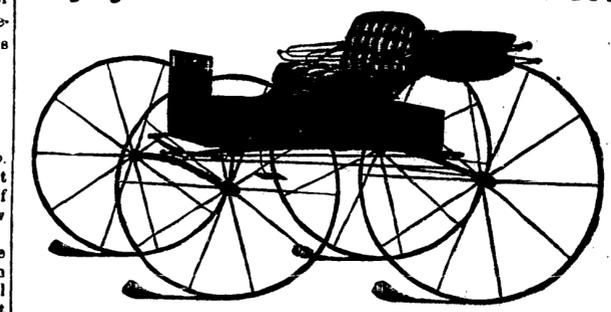
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