

True Northerner.

Paw Paw, Michigan, March 24, 1876.

The Roman Hierarchy and the Public Schools.

The organization of the Papacy is, perhaps, one of the most compact and effective which human ingenuity could ordain. Its head, the Pope, ranked as a spiritual and temporal monarch until a claim of infallibility made earthly potentates afraid of him, and deprived him of his temporal power. As an institution the church of Rome has two distinct divisions with totally different objects, yet both uniting in the end, which is temporal and spiritual domination wherever it is strong enough to secure it. To the Papal church as a spiritual body no allusion is made. It is to its political character only that reference is had; and in that character it employs its hierarchy down to the last officer attached to its service.

The world moves because the spirit of progress is abroad; and loss of political prestige by the Papacy is an evidence of the march of free ideas. But the Papacy has been wounded in the house of its friends. Its political government was so bad that it had to be transferred to other hands, for the people of Rome, and Italy, and other countries where its ascendancy existed found that sacerdotal statesmanship destroyed popular advancement and enchaind popular thought. Nations which for centuries had been under Papal control were unlike nations which had their freedom. It was not pleasant to the leading minds of Europe to find that the Latin race, while it had a universal semblance of thought obvious enough to all who would take the trouble to examine, was, nevertheless, behind in every essential advantage of modern civilization; and the cause was traced to the political attitude of the Papacy in placing the Church before the State. The effect of this in countries where the Vatican held sway was to permit its servants to step in between the people and the monarch, and to divert the loyalty due to the throne, or governing power, to the head of the Papal church. A people thus trained gave not only a divided obedience to their rulers, but were led to believe that the chief end of citizenship was loyalty to the head of the Roman church, a resident in a foreign land. But loyalty to rulers at all was made dependent upon their loyalty to the same foreign power; and if there was any doubt of the monarch's being true to the Pope, it has occurred more than once in history that the Pope has absolved the people from all allegiance to their legal rulers on that account, and may do it again.

Situate as this country is it does not feel or see the struggle going on abroad wherever Papal authority exists. It is not satisfied with obtaining the protection of the law, but it commences an effort to be superior to law—to the law under which the people live—with a view to be a law to itself. The nations of Europe have forced the Vatican to obey their laws; but it is done with a bad grace, and it is always intriguing to get the upper hand of the secular power. A struggle has been inaugurated in this country of the same character, and it will go on if the people do not their duty now and prevent any further encroachment on their prerogatives. The Pope is a foreigner who has never been out of Italy. What he knows of this country as a new and enterprising one he has learned from others. He has been informed that the American people regard him with great veneration; are ready to do his bidding; are only waiting to welcome the slightest wish he may indicate in order to carry it into effect. The Pope has elevated Dr. McCloskey, a native of Brooklyn, or Ireland, but certainly of Irish parentage, who went to Rome from New York as an Archbishop, and who returned to New York as a Cardinal Prince of the Church, whose allegiance is first, three or four times deep in oaths, to the Pope, and what remains, if there is any, may be given to the Constitution and the country. The Pope has had conveyed to him the gratitude of "the American people" for this condescension. The probability is that he has made it impossible for the child of Irish emigrants settled in Brooklyn, and who is an American citizen, to be loyal to anything or any one else than the Pope. How can a citizen of this republic be a prince, sworn to the performance of political duties?

It is to the performance of the political duties of the Romish church by the priests that we desire attention to be drawn. The shrewd priestly servants of the Pope have mapped out the United States into districts and parishes, in which all our public schools are situate. Not a movement has been made by this priesthood that has not been ordered from Rome. But the hierarchy in America has probably represented to the Pope that the people are anxiously waiting for him to interfere in our domestic concerns, and that the more vexatious the interference the greater will be the happiness of the people. Of course the true condition of affairs never reaches him. It is only the very obedient prelates of his own creation who have been resisted, and who will be resisted as long as there is love of freedom and intelligence among us, and a determination to prevent the sacrifice of our public schools at the altar of sacerdotal domination.

Only the other day the new prince of the church, Dr. McCloskey, attended a

meeting at which he spoke of the popular opposition to the priesthood, and to those who had sought to get control of the public schools and of the school funds, as something which deserved pity; and seemed to indicate that those who had been opposed should be regarded as martyrs who never put themselves forward obnoxiously, but who would still labor in that direction. And this is the gist of the matter. Instructions are received from Rome, to which the Papal hierarchy proceed to give effect. The Cardinal inspires every grade of his obedient priesthood, and all have the same view, the same intention, and all commence labor in their respective spheres. Let no one imagine that it is a spasmodic exercise of power, this effort to obtain either a division of the school funds in the States, or control of the schools. It is a part of a deep laid scheme that will never be abandoned until it shall become hopeless. No labor will be spared. All the influences that can be brought to bear to attain success will be used. Hence in remote parts of the country events occur which indicate that a movement is determined upon that demands instant vigilance and public organization. Even in Denver, Colorado, a Catholic bishop has dared to threaten the community if it does not obey the Pope, whom he is obeying in making the threat. We read that Bishop Machefaut of that diocese has publicly threatened the opposition of his constituency to the ratification of the constitution, if it contains an article prohibiting a division of the school fund. There is, however, a considerable dissent from the Bishop's views among the city, and it is believed his threat will have little or no influence with the convention.

The people in Denver do not appear to like being threatened upon a subject so dear to them. Let the nation be resolute in keeping the public schools free from sectarian influence, for those schools are one of the great bulwarks of freedom, and a blessing which cannot be estimated.

Knawles & Baker, Broadville, Michigan, have on hand a large stock of "A" SAWED SHINGLES, to exchange for GRAIN PRODUCE, and GREENBACKS. 100613. January, 19, 1876.

MORTGAGE SALE. Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage, whereby the power therein contained to sell has become operative, executed by William E. Bell and Adeline Bell, his wife, of Van Buren County, in the State of Michigan, to Ira Davenport, of the State of New York, bearing date the 15th day of September, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Van Buren, in said State of Michigan, on the 15th day of September, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy, in Liber "22" of Mortgages, on page 142, upon which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, the sum of four hundred and forty dollars and ten cents (\$440.10), and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the same or any part thereof, notice is therefore given, that on Tuesday, the second day of May next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, I shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, (sale to take place at the front door of the Van Buren County Circuit Court House, in the Village of Paw Paw, Michigan,) the premises described in said Mortgage, (or so much thereof as shall be necessary to satisfy the amount due on such Mortgage, with ten per cent interest, and legal costs, together with an Attorney fee of fifty dollars, covenanted for therein,) that is to say, the following piece or parcel of land, situated in Van Buren County, in the State of Michigan, viz: The east half of the south-west quarter of section twenty-two (22), in township one (1), south of range fourteen (14) west, containing eighty acres more or less. 1007113. Dated, Kalamazoo, January 27, A. D. 1876. IRA DAVENPORT, Mortgagee. R. & J. D. BRUNS, Attorneys for Mortgagee.

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