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A METHODIST APPEAL

The Western Christian Advocate, published by the Methodist church in Cincinnati, makes a strong appeal for a cessation of religious and racial prejudice. After dealing with growth of prejudice against Jews, negroes and foreigners, the Advocate goes on to say:

"In the face of these statements, do not forget that hatred and prejudice have also shown their presence and activity against the Roman Catholic church. There has been sent forth for public consumption propaganda against this historic communion of such violent character as to stir into action age-long ill-feeling and of such ugliness as to blot out the face of God in the life of any man who makes place for it. The deadly opiate for the Christian conscience is hatred. One should fear it as fire and deadly explosives.

"How far, then, can a Christian go in his sympathies with an organization that appeals to hatred and prejudice? You know the answer. And yet we learn that hundreds of people are interested in a fraternal order which is receiving much publicity, favorable and otherwise, which appeals to those fundamental human prejudices that can never be released or encouraged without great loss to the Christian spirit. It announces that it is against the Roman Catholic church, against the Jews, against the negro, against the alien, and stands out and out for simon-pure Americanism. This organization, coming into being at a time when the psychological conditions are ready, is thriving and commanding unwittingly the support of some of our most level-headed citizens.

"The appeal to prejudice has a deadly aim. It should be guarded carefully. One should set himself against it with all his willpower. Watch the man or the organization who appeals to your prejudices. They will bring a poison into your soul that will rob you of your friends and take away your peace of mind. They will in the end becloud the face of Jesus Christ and turn your path into spiritual darkness. No man can afford to sympathize with or encourage in the least any man or group of men who appeal to hatred and prejudice. The ministry must be free and quick to see the peril. Keep themselves aloof, and in the name of Jesus Christ save the members of their flocks from the evil that walketh at noonday."



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NOTES AND NEWS

Henry Ford announced that he will close down his shops on September 16 rather than pay what he calls "graft" for his coal purchases after that date. Coal, he says, can be had for \$6 a ton, but in his opinion \$4.50 a ton is enough for coal; the difference is "graft" exacted by the brokers. Ford's challenge to the coal merchants is of importance aside from the fact that the closing of his shops will throw hundreds of thousands of workers out of employment. It is a challenge to the present organization of business which is based on the assumption that the seller is entitled to all that he can for his product so long as he conforms to the law. Ford returns to the pre-capitalistic notion that there is a just price for commodities and that an exaction of more is "graft." A general application of the Ford idea would work a revolution in the business world.

The wage increases announced by large steel manufacturers and others in the east are said to be a result of the new immigration restriction law enacted in 1921. Alien workers are not coming as formerly and the revival of business has compelled the manufacturers to bid higher for labor. One effect of the wage increases has been a shift of popular opinion in favor of the striking railroad men. So long as the general trend of wages is upward the public finds it difficult to see why railroad wages should go down.

Among other centenaries of this year is that of the steam railroad, the first steam railroad service having been inaugurated by Stephenson in England, September 27, 1825. The railroad using horsepower or sail had been in use for some years and cable lines run by steam power were also known. What would now be called a steam automobile was in use in Paris as early as 1769, but it tipped over on one occasion and was relegated to a museum.

Many objections were raised against Stephenson's railroad. The Duke of Cleveland complained that it ran too close to his kennels and disturbed his fox hounds. It was asserted that the smoke would kill the birds of the air and destroy the sport of hunting. The owners of canals became alarmed and promised to introduce steamboats and otherwise improve their services if their vested interests were left unmolested. What will become, it was asked, of the carriage makers, the saddlers, proprietors of stage coaches, coachmen, innkeepers. The learned Quarterly review demanded an act of parliament limiting the speed to eight or nine miles an hour, as the greatest speed that could be risked with security.

THE DEGRADATION OF A GREAT POLITICAL PARTY

The executive committee of the Multnomah county republican central committee, in a spirit of mingled hypocrisy and bigotry, unanimously voted the following resolution on August 24:

"Whereas, For the past year or more there has been an effort on the part of certain individuals and organizations to inject the question of religion into politics; and

"Whereas, The executive committee of the county central committee of the republican party believes that all republicans have the right to decide for themselves what religion they shall accept, they deplore the efforts of the aforesaid individuals and organizations to inject religion into politics; and

"Whereas, The executive committee of the republican county central committee believes in the principles of Americanism as propounded by George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt and Warren G. Harding, that the cradle of the nation is to be found in the public schools of this country;

"Therefore, Be it resolved that the executive committee of the Multnomah county republican central committee, from the standpoint of pure Americanism, hereby indorse the so-called 'compulsory public school bill' which is being fathered by the Oregon Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry."

For the Ku Klux crowd, which has captured the local republican organization, to bemoan the injection of the religious issue into Oregon politics is mere hypocritical pretense which deceives no one, not even the authors of the resolution. They are the people who made an alliance with Senator Hall in the primary campaign, hoping to carry him to the governor's chair on a platform of anti-Catholic bigotry. If religion has been made a question of politics it has been done by the very men who are now piously "resolving" in the name of the local republican organization.

That a group of Ku Klux-Orange fanatics should degrade the republican name to their own base level is not to be wondered at; their leaders are moved by hopes of political preferment and private gain. (George B. Kimbro Jd. of Houston, Tex., ex-grand goblin of the Klan, says that he was the means of putting \$1,000,000

into the Klan coffers at Atlanta). The exploitation of anti-Catholic bigotry is the stock in trade of the crowd which has taken over the republican central committee in this county, and which means to profit politically and financially by its conquest. That these men should exhibit the morality of a band of pirates is to be expected, but that the ordinary membership of the republican party and more particularly the republican press should make no outcry against this prostitution of the party's name passes all understanding.

Does anyone believe that the president or any of his predecessors to whose Americanism appeal is made would support the intolerant measure which the committee indorses? President Harding said in a recent speech: "In my experience of a year in the White House there has come to me no other such unwelcome impression as the manifest religious intolerance which exists among many of our citizens. I hold it to be a menace to the very liberties we boast and cherish." He evidently had Ku Kluxism in mind.

RECOUNT LEADS TO INDICTMENT

W. H. Emrick, Chairman of Counting Board, Held on Five Counts

William H. Emrick, chairman of the counting board in precinct 201, was indicted on five distinct counts by the Multnomah county grand jury last Friday as a result of the probe into irregularities in that district ordered by District Attorney Myers when startling discrepancies between the votes cast and the ballots credited to candidates were discovered in the course of the Hall-Oleott recount.

The grand jurors found that votes legally cast were not counted for at least five candidates at the primaries, but, in effect, exonerated all members of the election board in this precinct from criminal liability except the chairman, who read off the purported votes from the majority of ballots cast.

"Willful neglect" of duty is charged in four indictments; in the fifth, Emrick is accused of a "corrupt practice," it being alleged that as secretary of the Dalziel club he fraudulently reported the Dalziel-Gram vote for labor commissioner "to acquire a pecuniary advantage to himself and other personal advantages, and to promote his own personal and selfish interests."

The federal government has just completed the allotting of \$400,000 to states co-operating with it in protecting forest lands from fire, according to George H. Cecil, district forester of Portland. The states receiving these allotments have furnished an equal amount, the whole being expended jointly by the federal and state foresters in protecting forest lands at the head of navigable streams. Oregon received the maximum expenditure allowed any one state, \$24,000, and has already drawn heavily upon the fund, due to the big fires this season.

The Cove cherry—Bing, Lambert and Royal Anne—rarely has exceeded its 1922 output in quality, size and quantity. The picking, packing and shipping season opened with full crews and under fine weather conditions. July 17 and will close with a harvest of between 75 and 80 carloads from the two fruit houses.

Legislative Recount

The recount instituted by John B. Coffey against R. J. Kirkwood and others for the legislative nomination and by W. W. Banks against W. J. H. Cairk for the state senatorship nomination was begun Monday. The recount so far has netted Coffey 56 votes, leaving him only 34 behind Kirkwood. No substantial change was shown by the Banks-Clark recount.

Excavation for Parish Assembly Hall Excavation has been started for the parish assembly hall to be erected in Our Lady of Sorrows parish, 5309 Woodstock avenue. The building, one-story and basement, will be 39 by 64 feet in size.

A foreign singer who has just singled out as her latest spouse a gentleman whose family name is not altogether unknown in agricultural circles, is described as "the great diva." Pronounce it "diver" and the description is good. This is her fourth plunge.

Gold is to be reduced from the smoke leaving the United States assay office in New York city. During the process of reduction much gold dust is lost through the chimney.

Johnny—Say, paw, I can't get these 'rithmetic examples. Teacher said somethin' 'bout findin' the great common divisor.

Paw (in disgust)—Great Scott! Haven't they found that thing yet? Why, they were huntin' for it when I was a boy.

"Yes, but there still is one important feature they need that they haven't got."

"What is that?"

"They need to make them so they will shy at railroads the way the horses used to."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

SPEAK KINDLY

Speak kindly, for our days are all too few
For an angry strife;
There is deep meaning, if we only knew,
In our brief life.
No noble mission can be ours, if we
A pang can stay;
Or if amidst the rush of tears we see,
Wipe one away.

Speak kindly, Gracious words, God sent, God given.
Are never lost;
They come all fragrant with the breath of heaven,
Yet nothing cost.
Kind words are like kind acts; they steal along
Life's hidden springs;
Then in the darkest storm some little song
The sad heart sings.

Speak kindly, graciously, for all around
Are pains and smarts;
The very air is full of moans and sound
Of breaking hearts.
Seek, seek to bind them up as once did He,
The gracious Lord;
Then surely will His hand bestow
On thee
A bright reward.—Selected.

MY GUEST

A Guest came to my heart today,
A Royal Guest Divine.
His face was strangely beautiful,
His eyes with love did shine.
I bade Him welcome, bending low,
Into my humble home,
All trembling that so great a Guest,
Into my heart should come.

He entered smiling, and, behold,
A splendor filled the place;
Each little thing in my poor home
Was glorified with grace.
"What wilt Thou have, O Guest Divine,
Of all my humble store?"
"Give me, dear child, a smile of love,
I do not ask for more."

I gave Him all my poor heart held
(He asked for love alone)
And when I raised my low-bowed head
My Royal Guest was gone
But Oh! the beauty of His face,
The radiance of His eyes!
And, oh! the wondrous love of Him
That never, never dies.

And, Oh, the heavenly peace and calm
That came upon my heart—
The sweet and soothing balm that fell
And healed each earth-wound's smart;
And all the precious gift He left—
The rarest and the best!
Each little thing in my poor heart
Transfigured was and blest.—Anon.

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