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## SELF-HELP

A Georgia banker who has been ordered out of town by the Ku Klux Klan under threat of disaster to himself and his business has laid in a supply of guns and ammunition and put up a sign declaring his intention to remain in town whether the kluxers like it or not, and serving notice that his premises are an unhealthful place for masked men.

Men who work in the dark and under the cover of masks are manifestly cowards and very likely the banker will be free from further annoyance. If his example were generally followed the hooded terror would be a short-lived affair. A little old-fashioned American gumption and not additional legislation is what the klan menace calls for.

## FREE BOOKS

The statement that free text books mean more taxes is true. But the public schools are free, and should be. Books are a necessary part of the machinery of the public schools. It would appear as logical and fair to require a pupil to furnish his own desk as his own books.—Morning Oregonian.

If the Oregonian were not so solemn a paper one would say that the above was "writ sarkastik." There is an argument for free text books, but to say that free text books are on the same basis as free desks is to push the argument to undue lengths. There are reasons for family ownership of books which do not apply to desks. The school texts in grammar, arithmetic, American history, world geography, are of permanent value in the family library and an investment in them is on a quite different plane from an investment in school desks.

If necessity is to be the test, there are several things more necessary to the schoolboy even than books. It is conceivable that a school might be conducted without books, but it is impossible for the boy to learn unless he eats and he cannot go to school unless he has clothes. From the viewpoint of necessity pants come before books.

## NOTES AND NEWS

With the death of the chief justice and the retirement of three associate justices of the United States Supreme Court within a few months and the imminent retirement of two others on account of their great age President Harding will apparently have the naming of two-thirds of the members of the court during his term of office. The two men he has already named, Chief Justice Taft and Justice Sutherland, are of a conservative cast of mind. Pierce Butler, whose name is now before the senate, is charged with being highly reactionary by middle western senators, who are objecting to the appointment. It is not to be expected that a man of Mr. Harding's temperament would fill the court with radicals. Nevertheless, various viewpoints ought to be represented among the membership.

The ladies must not try to press their new-won rights too far. The supreme court of Wisconsin held in a recent opinion that the women's rights law passed last year in that state removed the former privilege of wives of endorsing their husband's notes without personal liability. In gaining new rights the women lose old privileges.

"Gratitude is like manna; it must be gathered and enjoyed quickly for its freshness quickly disappears," says Lloyd George, speaking out of his own recent experiences.

We are glad to note that our neighbor, the Pacific Christian Advocate, is disturbed by the association of Protestantism with the Ku Klux Klan and the compulsory school law. The klan, "with its hoods and nightgowns, is false to the primary Protestant principle of free thought and free speech in the light of open day." The school law "gives the Roman Catholics the advantage of position by emphasizing still further the separation between religion and education in the American public school."

A man came to The Herald office Monday to renew his subscription. He was asked: "Do you enjoy The Herald?" He answered: "Unless I did I would not renew my subscription. But some of my brethren do not like the fact that I still take The Herald yet it will be a long day when a fraternal society can run my personal affairs."

This man stated further that he

likes to read both sides of a controversy and he is independent. Upon such men the hope of America rests: men who read both sides of a question; men who will not be terrified by societies of great strength; men who do not fear nightgowns upon vociferous persons.

## THE JERICHO ROAD

By W. B. Hinson, D. D., pastor East Side Baptist church, Portland, Or.

There are just four men in the world. Only four—no fifth.

There is the Hurt man!  
And he is robbed, stripped of much, and sorely wounded.

There is the Hurting man!

Christ called him a thief—I am very thankful for that.

There is the Heedless man!

He passed by on the other side, and he said "safety first".

There is the Helping man!

Who went to the hurt man and took care of him.

The Hurt man must soon be helped.

The Hurting man—God take him in hand.

The Heedless man must be aroused.

The Helping man—God bless him.

Will You Help?

Here is the story that has the four men in it.

A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves who stripped and beat him and left him half dead.

A certain priest and a Levite saw him and passed by on the other side.

A certain Samaritan came where he was, saw him, and compassion, bound up his wounds and took care of him.

—Luke x.

Will preach the last sermon in a

So is the Hurting man. And again I say—God take him in hand.

The Heedless man—beware, brother!

The Helping man—Do it NOW.

## OREGON INTOLERANCE

Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal

The Oregon compulsory school law—a law compelling all children to attend the public schools—is irreligious intolerance disguised thinly.

It is true beyond a doubt that if all funds used for education were used to build and equip public schools and supply the public schools with teachers the schools to which every child has access would be better than they are.

It is true also that the spirit of democracy would be reflected in America if all Americans were voluntarily patrons of public schools.

But to pass a law forbidding the instruction of children save in public schools or in the homes of parents is tantamount to passing a law forbidding all religious denominations to establish primary or graded schools.

If it is not true, as alleged, that the Ku Klux promoted the Oregon law, it is, at any rate, the sort of legislation that might originate in the activities of a lawless organization.

Keeping religion out of public schools, because public schools are open to all children without regard to the religious beliefs of their parents, is tolerancy. America is pledged by her every tradition, and by the terms of the organic law and the language of the Declaration of Independence, to tolerancy.

That such a law will stand the test of the courts is not probable. State sovereignty hardly extends so far that a state may inaugurate what the Turks would term a holy war against this or that faith. It cannot be argued that if Roman Catholics, Presbyterians nor Deep Water Adventists are not allowed to establish schools for their children they enjoy religious freedom in the true definition of the term.

RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

Roundup (Mont.) Tribune

An exhibition of religious intolerance that cannot but be regarded with regret by all open-minded people is reported from Oregon, where by a substantial majority the people adopted a referendum measure compelling all children between the ages of 8 and 16 to attend the public schools. The fight on the measure entered all school districts last summer, when it was referred to in newspaper comment as an attack upon the parochial school system conducted by the Catholic church.

Against the measure it was pointed out that the parochial school curriculum was identical with that in the public schools up to the eighth grade, plus religious instruction; that a vast sum of money had been invested in buildings and that in a great number of instances their existence relieved the public schools of children whose parents were not taxpayers, to this extent lessening the general burden. The sending of children to church or private schools does not relieve their parents of tax for the support of public schools nor in any manner lower the educational standard.

In Roundup the establishment of a parochial school has removed for the time at least the necessity of building additions to the public school which taxpayers were in no position to finance and this is true of other communities where similar institutions have been established. So long as nothing inimical to American institutions is taught in these schools the objection to them must be regarded as nothing more than a display of lamentable narrowness and prejudice not in harmony with the spirit of the times nor with the fundamental teachings of Christianity.

There are all kinds of sectarian schools and colleges in this country, and all are doing excellent work in the education of boys and girls. They do not conflict nor in any manner interfere with the public school system; rather they augment and aid it. The people of Oregon are not to be complimented upon their action.

## Short Stories

An absent-minded man came home one day after a heavy rain storm, very bedraggled and wet. His wife met him at the door and as he greeted her he made the remark that he had forgotten his umbrella.

She was surprised to think that he even remembered that he had forgotten anything and asked him when he had thought of it.

With a smile of satisfaction he replied:

"Why, my dear, when it stopped raining and I went to shut it."—London Tit-Bits.

"You don't know what you are missing," the married man told the bachelor.

"You don't know what it is to have a wife waiting for you when you return from work?"

"No?" the bachelor murmured.

"No," declared the married man.

"Think of the joy of working in the garden. Think of the delight children give you."

"Yes," murmured the bachelor.

"Then, if a wife does sometimes get cross or suspicious, you can always talk her out of it."

"I could if I could be like you can," the bachelor agreed, thoughtfully.—Wheeler's Magazine.

son called with the message to a housewife that her husband had sent him for his dress suit which was to be pressed and redone by the tailor.

"Dear me," said the housewife, "he said nothing to me about it. Did he look quite well?"

"Yes, mum, he was in good health and spirits."

"And he seemed quite as if he knew what he was about?"

"He did that, mum."

"And did he look as if he were quite content with things about him?"

"He was all that, mum."

"Well," said the lady, "it seems strange that he should only talk of that dress suit now, because it's two years since he's dead and buried, and I've often wondered how he's been getting on."

"Bill," said a sailor looking up from his writing, "do you spell 'sense' with a 'c' or an 's'?"

"That depends," replied his friend.

"Do you refer to money or brains?"

"Aw, I don't mean either of them two," was the reply. "What I want to say is 'I ain't seen him sense.'"

## THE GLAD NEW YEAR

Now joy bells ring across the lea,  
All clear and sweet and full and free,  
A message that the world may hear,  
It is New Year! The glad New Year!

The snows lie deep on hill and plain,  
Our voices sing the full refrain  
Of hope and faith and wondrous cheer,  
It is New Year! The glad New Year!

We break the links of trouble's chain,  
Forget the sorrow and the pain  
And with our loved ones gather near,  
It is New Year! The glad New Year!

The past is the past, its grief is gone,  
There breaks for us a brighter dawn,  
God sends to us a gift most dear—  
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—Ruth Raymond.

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## POWER EXTENSIONS PLANNED

President Griffith of P. R., L. & P.,  
Makes Announcement of New Work

Extensions and betterments to the properties of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company during the coming year will mean the expenditure of \$5,000,000, according to Franklin T. Griffith, president of the corporation, who has just returned from a three weeks' trip east. Half of this amount will go into the new power project on the Oak Grove branch of the Clackamas river, which it is expected to complete by July, 1924. The remainder of the expenditures will be distributed among numerous improvements that will keep the properties thoroughly modern.

President Griffith passed some time in Philadelphia, Washington and New York. In the last named city he attended the National Electric Light association executive committee meeting, being vice-president of that organization.

"A new development in the distribution of utility stocks has been taking place," said Mr. Griffith. "It is estimated that this year the various utility companies of the country will have distributed \$200,000,000 worth of stocks to their customers, and it is forecast that next year these sales will reach \$250,000,000."

"Generally, it appeared from what I saw in the east, conditions are on the mend and the country is facing more favorable times. We are so well assured of this outlook that our company is going ahead vigorously with its own construction work planned for 1923."

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## "Tess of the Storm Country"

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