

Judas Iscariot was a Patriot, In Comparison with Some Tomtit Politicians Who Espouse a Cause Only to Betray It, and Who Stab a Friend from Behind.

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EVANS OF TEXAS IMPERIAL WIZARD

CREDIT MASONS FOR GREAT VICTORY IN ADOPTION OF OREGON SCHOOL LAW AND PAY NO HEED TO FOUR-FLUSHERS

Powell Disclaims Giving Out Seattle Interview, Which Evidently Was Designed by Enemies of Klan and of All Patriotic Societies

CAMPAIGN TO GO ON FOR NATIONAL GOOD UNTIL FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS ARE OUSTED

Creation of Department of Education With Head in President's Cabinet Next Victory in Sight, With Big Majority Assured

After years of patient and systematic educational effort, the A. & A. Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, under the brilliant leadership of Philip Schuyler Malcolm, 33d degree, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in Oregon, has won the adoption by the people, at the November 7 election, of the great foundational statute requiring all children to receive their primary training in the free public schools, thus safeguarding liberty and promoting Americanization in Oregon by compelling all children alike to receive the same instruction and drilling in fundamental knowledge, as a basis for education and good American citizenship.

Thoughtful observers everywhere are declaring that the Oregon Public School Law, conceived by the Freemasons and promoted by them to the angle of success, is the greatest and most far-reaching piece of constructive legislation enacted in any State in fifty years.

Backed by Patriotic Societies in General

Hats off to the Masons! The chief credit for this magnificent victory, which will bring showers of blessing upon American posterity to the last generation, belongs to the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree, and to its patriot leader in Oregon, Philip Schuyler Malcolm of Portland.

Never before has seemed so resplendent and so appropriate the Triangle in the blazing sun surmounting the Crown upon the double-headed Eagle, and its motto: "Deus Meumque Jus." The glorious old Masonic Order, rich beyond measure in its prestige of a thousand years, never did anything finer and more timely than this Public School Law in Oregon.

It was backed, of course, by patriotic societies in general, and by the Ku Klux Klan in particular, the great Klan being consecrated to Liberty and devoted to the educational work of which the Public School Bill is a part. It were foolish and preposterous to claim that "the Klan did it," and no true Klansman will make such a boast.

Only Harm Is Done by Stupid Publicity

In the Northwest press, since the election, stories have been blazoned to the world quoting Mr. L. I. Powell to the effect that the Klan had "put over" the school bill in Oregon, and that he was preparing a campaign to duplicate the achievement in the State of Washington. Mr. Powell has denied having given out any such interview, or authorizing any such nonsense. The story evidently was conceived by enemies of the Klan and of the Masons, and was designed to hamper and delay, perhaps to defeat, a duplication of the Oregon law in the State of Washington. An investigation is said to be in progress to fix responsibility for the fake interview and its false and damaging statements. It goes without saying that the Oregon School Law ultimately will be duplicated in every State, because the Masons and all patriotic societies demand it, backed by their vast Protestant majorities;

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HON. O. B. SETTERS
MAYOR-ELECT O. B. SETTERS of Astoria visited Portland Monday on his way to Kennebec to enjoy a week's rest at the home of his mother, prior to the unwelcome task of "picking winners" for municipal jobs under the new commission-managerial system of government adopted November 7 by the Astorians. "There isn't near enough pie to go 'round," said the mayor-elect in conversation with a group of friends at the Oregon. "In fact," he added ruefully, "the task of satisfying a majority with our selections, to be made some time in December, is harder by far than the work of getting elected." Judge Setters predicted "tremendous progress" for Astoria and Clatsop county within the coming year.

SMITH WINS HONORS IN ELECTION BATTLE

Clean Town and Military Efficiency Assured if He Heads Police

ASTORIA, Nov. 28.—Walter Gobin Smith, noted motor mechanic and garage man here, is generally regarded as the popular favorite for appointment by the new city commission as head of the police department, though, it is understood, he has not formally applied for the position.

Mr. Smith, who is an ex-service man with an honorable record, was the leader in the battle for the winning ticket in the November 7 election. The remarkable mobilization of voters and the constructive preparations for teamwork on election day were due, as conceded by all concerned, to Mr. Smith's tireless efforts. The most experienced politicians here declare that Mr. Smith's organization work, by precincts, and his system of quietly keeping tabs on all voters, never has been equaled in an Astoria election.

A clean town and strict law enforcement are said to be assured, if Mr. Smith is appointed Chief of Police. He has declared that his first official work would be the ousting of undesirable, "beginning with the bootleggers on downtown streets." He declares that nine-tenths of the violations of the liquor law are committed by undesirable foreigners, mostly Greeks and Austrians.

The police force, with Smith as Chief, would be strictly a military organization. It is said, with every man working systematically and performing his duties with precision.

Mr. Smith belongs to a family noted for generations in Pennsylvania and in Iowa. His uncle, General Gobin, was one of the famous heroes of the Union army in the civil war.

HIGGINS IMPUDENT ENOUGH TO ASK FOR CITY MANAGER POST

Three New Commissioners Under Suspicion of Gross Treachery

K. OF C. PLOTTERS AT WORK

Banking Clique Scheming to Get Grip on City and Port Finances

In Astoria, Clatsop County, where the recent election battle was fiercest, and where the all-American ticket, headed by O. B. Setters, won a complete triumph, strange reports are current, to the effect that two or three of the newly elected Commissioners are making goo-goo eyes at C. R. Higgins, president of the Astoria National Bank, campaign manager of H. P. Stone, defeated majority candidate, opponent of the Public School Bill, tillikum of the K.C.'s, said Higgins having had the unmatched audacity and incredible impudence to apply to the new board for employment as City Manager—a position in which he would be Lord High Boss of the Whole Works, in theory.

From a reliable correspondent in Astoria the WESTERN AMERICAN has received a detailed account of the sayings and doings of the persons involved in the attempted plot, exposing the motives of all concerned, and telling things that would cause a community stir in Astoria.

In this issue the WESTERN AMERICAN is giving the three Commissioners-elect the benefit of a doubt. Every man's innocence is assumed, until he is proven guilty. It isn't fair to assume that Dick, Tom and Harry are CURS BENEATH CONTEMPT, simply because a bad odor pervades their immediate neighborhood. They probably have been foolin' with a SKUNK. A bath, disinfectant, and a complete change of raiment may redeem them.

If, however, said Dick, Tom and Harry see fit to obey the bidding of the SKUNK, it then will be the time to take off their hides and bury the carcasses.

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EVANS IS IMPERIAL WIZARD OF THE KLAN

Famous Texan Wins High Rank in Leading American Order; Simmons Is Emperor

Special to Western American
ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 28.—

Dr. H. W. Evans, a distinguished publicist of Dallas, Texas, already famous for his constructive work as Imperial Wizard of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, today by the Imperial Klono-vokation, meeting in annual session here.

Dr. Evans will succeed Colonel William J. Simmons, founder of the present Ku Klux Klan.

The new office of Emperor was created for Colonel Simmons, to which he was elected for life, by acclamation.

Edward Young Clark, who served as Imperial Wizard temporarily, during a long illness of Colonel Simmons, was elected to the office of Imperial Giant.

The constructive work of the Klono-vokation was practically finished today and the officers and delegates, here from all parts of the country, are preparing to return home. They have been shown every courtesy and honor while in Atlanta and were the recipients of countless social invitations.

The Klono-vokation adopted a new Constitution, which is said to be a masterpiece of constructive work, designed to make the great Order imperishable in American fraternal affairs.

The western delegation attending the Klono-vokation is headed by Fred L. Gifford of Portland, Ore., Grand Dragon of the Pacific Northwest Domain. Mr. Gifford's popularity was attested in many ways during the sessions. He is a national figure in the development of the great Order.

Governor Informed Of Great Ceremonial

Baton Rouge, La., Nov. 28.—The mansion occupied by Governor Parker was placarded last night with printed notices of a "naturalization" ceremony of the Baton Rouge Ku Klux Klan scheduled for Thanksgiving night.

The governor today saw hundreds of sticks arranged in rows appearing as tombstones on which were attached the dodgers. He took the matter as a joke.

The downtown streets also were posted. The handbills invited the public to attend the ceremony.

Governor Parker is openly opposed to the Klan.

MAIL-ORDER DIVORCE IS HIDEOUS EVIL THAT MUST BE ABOLISHED BY EXECUTIVE ACTION OR BY RECALL

Judge Eakin Still Mum on Vitally Important Subject, but Must Explain How System Works and Then Put Final Stop to It, in Interest of Justice

MR. FULTON CLAIMS NO MAN IS IN SIGHT BUT THE WOODS ARE FULL OF ATTORNEYS

Astoria Casts Reno Into Dim Obscurity as Center of Divorce Business, Eakin Handing Out 836 Decrees in Three Years—Unmatched Disgrace

Astoria has surpassed Reno, Nevada, in the disgraceful precedence of having a "divorce mill" that loosens the nuptial knot at a rate far exceeding that of marriages—divorces by mail-order, and while you wait! This divorce mill is operated in and by and through the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial District, of which J. A. Eakin is the presiding judge.

What do you think of a court that operates a "mail-order" system of divorcing men and women from the marriage contract and its sacred and holy vows, apparently without regard to the rights of children?

If the charges are true, and they stand unchallenged after having been published on November 10, the State Bar Association and the higher judicial authorities should take notice and put a stop to what appears to be a most outrageous travesty upon justice.

Whoever is responsible for the "mail-order" divorce system, if it exists as alleged, in the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial District, ought to be removed from office without ceremony, by action of the judicial authorities if practicable, and by recall or impeachment, if necessary.

Judge Eakin Is Mum

The WESTERN AMERICAN published on November 10 the original statement of the alleged facts upon which action is to be taken. Many days have passed and Judge Eakin makes no answer. He possibly intends to reserve his answer until the charges are adjudicated before a higher tribunal. Whether he will or not, however, he must answer before the great bar of Public Opinion, which is the overruling and supreme authority in America.

Great sums of money are being expended by children's aid societies and other charitable organizations in the effort to take care of minors who are the victims of the divorce evil, which is due in large measure to corrupt and crooked lawyers and to courts which make a mockery of justice.

Is it possible that these scoundrels have no vestige of conscience? Do they never think of the scriptural condemnation of men who sin against children—that it were better that a millstone be hung about such a man's neck and that he be cast into the sea, rather than offend against an innocent child?

To grant a "mail-order" divorce without due regard to the rights of children, as alleged, surely would be the worst crime of the kind imaginable.

In Defense of the Innocent

We take up this cause in defense of justice, alleged to have been murdered in the Temple of Law. We present a brief in behalf of the innocent and helpless.

In behalf of the people, we demand an immediate reform of the divorce practice in the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial District, in which J. A. Eakin is presiding judge, and we will press this cause to a finish. Furthermore, if the charges are proven true, we demand that Judge Eakin resign from of-

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