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CAMPAIGN PACE NOW GROWING HOT WITH NO QUITTERS IN THE RACE

Contest Now in Its Infancy, Offering Equal Chance for Everyone, and Sure Rewards for Interest and Effort in Great Prize Competition

NOTE: On pages 4 and 5 of this issue appears a double page advertisement, giving in detail rules and regulations regarding The Western American's big prize offering to the best salesman for new subscriptions.
We want twenty more good salesmen. For further information call or write Mr. Frank W. Cameron, Campaign Manager, 407 Pittock Block, Portland, Ore.

SEVERAL OF THE MOST AGGRESSIVE candidates who have entered The Western American's campaign for new subscriptions have started in the race with a goodly number of votes to their credit, but the leaders of today do not necessarily indicate the winners by any means, for nearly eight weeks remain to bridge the chasm now existing between the highest and those having the fewest votes.

Don't become discouraged because you are not the highest in the list on today's count. The contest is just now in its infancy and there is not a single candidate among those listed elsewhere in these columns who could not, if the proper interest and effort were put into the matter, obtain enough votes and subscriptions by this time next week to lead the entire field. For that matter, an entirely new candidate, who at this time has no votes, or who may not be entered, could, by immediate action, and a little enthusiastic effort on the part of themselves and friends, make themselves important factors and probable winners of the very best prizes.

Every Club of \$20 Counts Heavily

When one takes into consideration the fact that 50,000 special extra votes are allowed on every "club" of \$20 turned in, in addition to the regular number of votes allowed on each individual subscription, it readily can be seen how high vote totals are obtainable, and that no one so far has a walkaway for the big Reo, the Incomparable Six, purchased and on display at the Northwest Auto Company; or the Ford Coupe, purchased from I. D. Lee, or the Ford Touring Car, purchased from J. R. Llewellyn.

Time Is Limited; Get Busy, Everybody

Now is the time for those who are competing in this race to make the dust fly. Only three weeks remain in which to obtain the maximum number of votes on subscriptions. After February 5, there is a material decrease in the schedule of votes, and after February 28 there is a still further decline in the scale of votes—in fact, it is cut almost in half.

Our best advice to those who wish to win, and to those who realize the necessity of publishing the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, about the Ku Klux Klan, the Royal Riders of the Red Robe, the Ladies of the Invisible Empire, and kindred organizations, is to hurry every available subscription to Mr. Frank W. Cameron, Campaign Manager, 407 Pittock Block, while the big votes are in effect. Not to do so simply means that you are throwing away golden chances that may bring you the handsome Reo touring car valued at \$1895.

No Quitters Are in This Race

They are now "off the post" and the pace is growing hot. Their ability as salesmen and organizers has been demonstrated. Can you finish strong, as you have started, with the best talent and the keenest wit pitted against you? You most certainly can, if courage and determination does not fail you. The contestants entered in this race are men and women who never say die.

If we know character at all, we believe no quitter will appear among those who are entered in The Western American's campaign, for many have said: "Whether I receive a prize or not, I am happy to help offset the lies now being circulated about the Klan."

The winners certainly will be entitled to admiration for defeating such a field as now is entered, and as certainly will commendations be due of those who "die game."

Get in the campaign with a shout, for you're off in a bunch, and everyone is saying: "May the best candidate win."

Beloved Grand Dragon of the Invisible Empire, Realm of Oregon, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan



FRED L. GIFFORD of Oregon, who resides with his family in Portland, at 485 East Twentieth street, North, is the bravest, whitest and best man in the State, according to the belief and oft-repeated statement of thousands of good citizens who know him thoroughly. His family consists of Mrs. Gifford, who is active in good work through the women's organizations; one son, Fred Junior, who is a sturdy and dependable young man of 17, and three beautiful young daughters. The Gifford family is a happy one, for love reigns in their home. Mr. Gifford's exalted position in the Klan has simply widened greatly the scope of his work and his acquaintance. He has always had hosts of warm friends, for "to know him is to love him." Naturally, since his constructive work began in the Klan, he became the target for wicked and cowardly slanderers, but their efforts have been futile. He is altogether decent, honest and square. The envious and the crooked have exhausted their energies in attempting to "knock" him, and the harder they "knock" the higher he stands in the estimation of all who know him. His enemies are a credit to him. Mr. Gifford is diffident about personal publicity and always deprecates praise. The Western American obtained a picture of him, without his knowledge or consent, and is pleased to publish his portrait, because he is dear to many thousands of fraternity brothers who never have seen him, personally. He is already famous, and his public career has only begun. Notwithstanding the arduous nature of his official work and the incessant sacrifices required of him, he is always serene and in perfect command of himself and his co-workers. He is the humblest among them, too—being the greatest. Countless thousands of loyal Americans are ready to fight for him, at a moment's notice.

KLAN REPRESENTED AT NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Jan. 17.—The effectual checking of Roman Catholic activities in official Washington is now conceded by all to be a fact and the credit is given to the mysterious and secret lobbying of the Ku Klux Klan. Dr. H. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard of the Klan, and other high Klan officials visited here a few days ago, but smilingly declined to admit that the Klan has a lobby at the national capital.

Olcott Confesses!

Ben Olcott, ex-Governor of Oregon, in a recent letter to a friend in the East, candidly confessed that he had made the fatal mistake of lining up with the wrong crowd, and that if he had it to do again he would not make such a political blunder. He paid a high compliment to the Klan of Oregon. If Mr. Olcott desires it, The Western American will publish a statement from him. "An honest confession is good for the soul."

CHILD SUPPORT BILL ROUSING THE TEXANS

Austin, Texas, Jan. 17.—The Harvey child support bill is stirring Texans. This measure requires the father of a child to support that child as his own, whether married or not, until the attainment of the majority. It has the strong support of all the progressive elements, led by the Klan, and is sure of enactment. The same support is given to a proposed mother's pension law, and another for the abolishment of the "Houses of the Good Shepherd."

LOUISIANA CONSPIRACY FAILS TO CONNECT KLAN WITH CRIME

Captain Skipwith Declares in Telegram to Western American That Farce Will Explode in Few Days—Elections Coming On

The telegram given below is self-explanatory. Captain Skipwith's official position is well known to the public. He is a respected and prominent citizen, a veteran soldier with an excellent record, and known to everyone in his community as "a man of his word."

BASTROP, La., Jan. 17.—To The Western American, Portland, Oregon:

The open investigation going on here has absolutely failed to connect the Ku Klux Klan with the kidnaping of Daniels and Richards. This whole matter is a stupendous farce, which emanates from the Banks of the Tiber. The fight is on to a finish and will not be settled until the ballots are counted in the next general election. This farce will explode in a few days with no damaging results against the Ku Klux Klan.

(Signed) J. K. SKIPWITH.

LOOKOUT FOR THIS!
The daily press has been featuring a story from Tillamook, Ore., concerning the branding of a woman with a "fiery cross." No Klansman had anything to do with it, but of course, the Klan was accused by the Portland Telegram and other unreliable newspapers, owned or controlled by Catholics and Jews. An investigation is being made and the official report, which will be published first by The Western American, probably next week, will disclose some undeniable facts that will justify banner headlines and red ink in the excitable and lurid daily press. The story that is coming will sell "papce."

KLANSMEN ON PARADE BEFORE GREAT THROUG

Western American Special.
Cuero, Texas, Jan. 17.—Led by a huge fiery cross, a band of 350 Klansmen in full regalia, including the mask, staged a monster parade on the streets of Cuero Wednesday night. A crowd of 15,000 viewed the spectacle. The American flag appeared near the head of the parade and all hats were off and men stood at salute while Old Glory passed by. At the court house the great throng heard an eloquent address on Americanism by the Rev. Lloyd B. Bloodworth of San Antonio.

While the crowd was diverted by the speaking, the silent Klansmen disappeared as mysteriously as they had come. They had been the object of almost continuous applause throughout the parade, but there was no answering sign or word.

PRIESTS OPPOSING BILL IN MICHIGAN

Catholics Fighting Public School With All Their Might

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 17.—Appealing to the Jews for aid, the Catholic priests of Michigan have started a vigorous campaign against the Protestant movement to pass a compulsory school law like the one recently enacted by the people of Oregon. The measure in this State is termed the "parochial school amendment." Appeals are being made to old-country prejudices and the battle is waxing hot. The bill is expected to pass, notwithstanding.

LOUISIANA CAMPAIGN MAY BE EXCITING ONE

New Orleans, La., Jan. 17.—The Roman Catholic Archbishop of New Orleans is out with an appeal to all subjects of the Pope, especially including women, to qualify themselves to vote in the coming State campaign by paying their poll taxes and registering. The Catholic Laymen's Association also has been formed, and it claims to have some "Protestant" support. While the Klan is not in politics, as its officials have declared many times, the individual Klansmen are expected to make their influence felt at the polls. The Klan strength will be consolidated upon candidates for governor and other State offices who are not opposed to the Klan. There will be no official Klan ticket.

Klansman Challenges Allen to Open Debate

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 17.—Dr. John Freeman Craig of Atlanta, Ga., official lecturer for the Ku Klux Klan, has challenged Governor Henry J. Allen, in a friendly way, to meet him in open debate on the merits of the Klan. "I am willing to place the decision as to the winner of this debate in the hands of the persons in the audience by a standing vote, or any way that may please you," the challenger said. Governor Allen so far is silent.

The Meier & Frank Store Has Been Declared Unfair by the Central Labor Council