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Western American Special.
Astoria, Ore., Jan. 16.—Several prospective candidates are eyeing each other, preliminary to a big plunge into the Western American automobile contest. A strong bid for first place and the Red automobile is to be made by Astoria, and the members of the local Ku Klux Klan are reported as being interested in winning the big auto for the Astoria Klan.

Since the fire that destroyed every lodge hall in Astoria, it is reported the Astoria branch of the Ku Klux Klan has had to shift the meeting place several times before suitable quarters were found, but not a single meeting was omitted. In fact, the emergency occasioned the holding of several special meetings, which were attended by Fred L. Gifford, Grand Dragon of the Klan, who is given credit for putting over some big work in Astoria at a very critical time.

Despite the moving away of a large number of members, the Astoria Klan still is growing and it is reported that a new class of 100 candidates will be initiated into the Klan this week. Since the fire there have been many changes in partnerships of local business men and in many cases these changes were made between partners who differed in their views regarding the Klan. In some cases employees who had been clerks for many years are now starting out for themselves and are on the same footing with their former employers, both socially and financially, as some of the merchants' savings were wiped out completely by the fire and many are forced to start all over again.

Local 100-percenters received with much enthusiasm the announcement that it was the intention of the new Port Commission to hire no aliens in the future. G. Clifford Barlow, new commissioner from Warrenton, is the man who brought the matter to the attention of the Port Commissioners.

**WOMEN NOW SMOKING
AMID RUINS OF CITY**

**Habit Offends Many and
City Commission Is Expected to Act**

Western American Special.
Astoria, Ore., Jan. 16.—A peculiar result of the fire in Astoria was the opening of a restaurant where women are permitted to smoke in public. The name of the restaurant is The Phoenix, and it is located in the Messenger building at Ninth and Astor streets.

The day after the fire a man and his wife came from Seaside and started the first eating place opened in the burned district. Trade was fine until one day a group of up-town people dropped in for evening dinner and found the wife of the proprietor sitting with some men and she was smoking cigarettes.

There has been some talk about asking the new city commission to pass an ordinance forbidding women to smoke in public and it is expected some action will be asked at the next meeting of the commission.

**SAWYER LECTURES
TO TILLAMOOK KLAN**

Rev. R. H. Sawyer, Grand Counselor of the Ladies of the Invisible Empire, addressed a meeting of that organization in Tillamook last Wednesday evening, and on Thursday delivered a stirring address to the Tillamook Klan.

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**COLUMBIA KLAN NO. 1
IN PERMANENT OFFICE**

Klan inspectors, who are everywhere nowadays, report that the Klan office in Vancouver, Wash., has been moved from the Schofield building, because of several "KC" tenants, aided and abetted by a few "Protestant" would be politicians who were sore at the Klansmen for not falling in line and backing up some of their weak-kneed and Catholic candidates, who were defeated in the recent city and county elections. These mischievous allies actually schemed to "run the Klan out of Vancouver."

However, the Klan is as firmly established as any civic institution, and now has permanent office rooms over the American Security Bank, at 410 1/2 Main street. The Klan also is growing steadily in Vancouver and vicinity and is remarkable for the high quality of its membership as well as great numbers. The Klan's 1923 program includes many items for the betterment and prosperity of all the people—including "rednecks."

**DOUGLAS COUNTIANS
WANT AID FOR FARMS**

**Constructive Legislation Is
Demand of All True Progressives**

Western American Special.
Riddle, Ore., Jan. 17.—Douglas County Klansmen, of whom there are many and all of the hundred per cent type, are well pleased with the way the new Legislature has started its session work. They are pleased particularly with the prompt passage of the anti-religious garb bill, and hope for equal promptness in the passage of the alien land bill. The Klansmen in this county also want the office of Adjutant-General brought under the control of the Governor, instead of giving the incumbent the tenure.

Reports from throughout the county as published locally by that sterling newspaper, The Riddle Enterprise, published by Carl P. Cloud, indicate a year of progress. The farmers are hoping for the long-needed constructive legislation, so that they may obtain funds for the raising, handling and marketing of crops. Mr. Cloud and all other progressives in this section are confident of great progress in the present Legislature.

**DON'T MISS TREAT
SATURDAY EVENING**

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Given on Joyous
Occasion**

The Woodstock Parent Teachers' Association will give a joyous dance, and supper in Woodstock school house Thursday evening, January 18. Admission will be 75 cents, and the proceeds will be used for laudable betterment purposes. Everyone is invited. Take the Woodstock car at Second and Alder street. Don't miss this treat—one of the best of the year—a community gathering for fun and entertainment.

**Priest and Hiring
Try to Start Boycott**

Western American Special.
Huntington, Ind., Jan. 17.—Mr. Noll, a Roman Catholic priest, and an employe KC named Dolan, have opened offices here to organize a boycott against the Ku Klux Klan, although the Klan has done nothing whatever to justify such opposition. Indiana Klansmen, like those everywhere, believe in religious tolerance and have no quarrel to pick with Catholics as to their religious worship, but they deplore the offensive and ribald conduct of men who resort to foul practices in their futile efforts to break down Christian Protestantism in America.

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Western American Special.
Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 17.—Dr. C. Curtis, pastor of the First Christian Church, of Vancouver, Wash., who recently has been appointed official lecturer for the Ku Klux Klan in the States of Washington and Idaho, has started the delivering of a series of lectures, under the auspices of Columbia Klan No. 1 of Vancouver, Wash.

Lectures were delivered last week at La Center, Ridgefield and Battle Ground, where despite the prevailing bad weather, large crowds had gathered to hear about the Klan.

Dr. Curtis is a very able lecturer and a man of fine personality. He not only explains the principles and ideals of Klankraft, but inspires one to the higher ideals of life, embodied in the great fundamental principles of the Klan.

He returned recently from Atlanta, Ga., where he attended the National Klankraft convention as a delegate from Columbia Klan No. 1 of Vancouver.

In connection with his lecture, Dr. Curtis has a large number of stereoscopic views which are thrown on the screen, illustrating his southern trip and experiences.

Dr. Curtis is doing much good for the Klan movement, which is steadily growing in numbers, especially in Clarke County, Washington.

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