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Though Mrs. Rowe is somewhat down the list in the campaign for subscriptions to The Western American, she is not in the least worried over the outcome. Mrs. Rowe is the only union candidate in the race. If organized labor will get busy and help her, she believes she can win in a walk, for the unions are powerful when they concentrate on anything. She wants all her good union friends to rally to her support in the contest.

OLD HERO STRIKES POLITICAL CHURCHES AND KINDRED EVILS

General Miles Declares Old Parties Fail to Meet World Needs

Out of the spotlight for a number of years, Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles, retired, one of the outstanding figures in the United States Army, is generally believed to be omong the Great Majority in the Beyond. To the contrary, he is alive and kicking, as the article below will prove. He is striving for the right, as of yore. The Western American expects to tell, in an early number, what the General thinks of the Ku Klux Klan, and his opinion will be worth considering. For amusement Tuesday one of the Western American staff phoned to several local editors, asking whether General Miles were living or dead. "Oh, dead long ago, and almost forgotten," they declared, or words to that effect, showing how much they know about men and events in the world of thought and action. The General always has been active in his fight for true Americanism.

BY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL NELSON A. MILES.

The recent election adds to the cumulative evidence that existing political parties are not responsive to vital issues of the present day. Born of conditions incident to slavery and the Civil war, they fail to grasp the vast problems now agitating America and the world. Only weakness and discredit of its adversary saved the Republican party from complete and overwhelming repudiation at the polls.

Menace of Political Romanism.

Both parties have demonstrated total inability to resist the growing menace of political Romanism, to enact adequate laws to shut out the tide of ruinous immigration, to remove the shame of illiteracy from the Nation, to uphold and strengthen the public schools and purge them of sinister alien propaganda, to solve our acute industrial and economic problems, to lower the burden of Federal taxation and to collect ten billions of dollars loaned to foreign governments in derogation of the Constitution of the United States.

Problems Must Be Solved.

But solution of these problems is pressing and imperative. Failing to adjust them, existing political organizations must give place to those who will do so. We are in a period of transition. Out of present unrest and confusion a political movement must arise with the courage and integrity to sweep aside straddling and pole-balancing expediency and espouse vigorously the rights of the people. Unless the public can force existing parties to accept new and vigorous methods and leadership, those parties will be supplanted by others throbbing with the just demands and the high resolves of the Nation.

The President and Congress elected in 1924 must be men of high convictions and inflexible integrity.

Has Faith in the People.

It usually requires some great political question or problem, some vital issue, to arouse the vast American public. The American people are a thoughtful, intelligent and patriotic people, mindful of the valor and sacrifice required to secure our freedom and independence—mindful of the profound wisdom and statesmanship required to frame and adopt the wisest and best constitution ever created by human wisdom—mindful of the loyalty that has maintained the Republic for nearly a century and a half of time; they will continue its progress of enlightened civilization.

We believe that the patriotic men are noble women of our beloved country will see the threatening dangers to our cherished institutions and will exercise their sovereign citizenship for the welfare and perpetuity of our glorious republic.

LADIES OF INVISIBLE EMPIRE PROGRESSING

Tremendous progress is being made in the membership campaign of the Ladies of the Invisible Empire.

J. E. Mayo, Grand Counsellor of the Order in Louisiana, reports the installation of strong councils at the following places in that state in the last two weeks: Shreveport, Vivian, Oil City, Mooringsport and Winfield.

A provisional council of the Ladies was organized at Woodland, Ore., Tuesday.

Reports of steady progress are received from every quarter.

MRS. J. ARTHUR HERNDON ORGANIZING IN SEATTLE

Establishing Headquarters in Seattle to Promote Great Fraternity Work

Western American Special.

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 24.—Mrs. J. Arthur Herndon of this city, Grand Counsellor of the Ladies of the Invisible Empire in the State of Washington, has gone to Seattle to establish headquarters for the purpose of promoting the organization in that city and section, where every prospect indicates a rapid development of the work.

Mrs. Herndon reports that Rush Davis Council No. 1, Clarke county, Wash., is doing wonderfully well.

She expects the first council in Seattle to become one of the greatest in America, in numbers and far-reaching power for good.

TOO MANY TOO LAZY TO DO OWN WISHING

Sam A. Hines, noted Spanish war veteran and historian of the U. S. W. V., residing at 4622 47th street, Portland, declares too many fraternity men who clamor for progress shirk their share of social service and really are eligible only to the Wishbone society. He illustrates his point as follows:

"Two negroes were enjoying a siesta during the noon hour, resting from their task of carrying freight on a hot day.

"Good Lawd, niggah," sighed one. "I sho' wish I wuz up in dem cool mountains, where dere wuz a lake of crystal watah, an' I had lots of money, an' nuffin' to do 'cept eat ice cream, fish an' swim around an' keep cool all de time."

"An' ef yo' owned dat place would yo' all invite me to come up an' laze aroun' wif you?" the other asked, anxiously.

"Cain't say as how I would."

"But ef you jes had a cool lake, couldn't I-all come up an' swim in it?"

"I ain't sayin' yo' could."

"An' ef yo' all had a lot of ice cream, wouldn't you gimme a little bite?"

"Say, look heah, niggah," came the sharp retort, "ef you-all is too darn lazy to do youh own wishin' fo' all dem good things and all dem coolin' stimulents, jess set dar an' WILT!"

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