

Every Day, In Every Way, the Klan Grows Better and Better

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"NOT FOR SELF, BUT FOR OTHERS"

WORLD-WIDE CHURCH REFORM DUE

Answering a good member of the "Lotie," it is a pleasure to agree with her statement that many thousands of real Protestants, who are members of the Episcopal Church, deplore the disloyalty of many of the bishops and priests who brought themselves into disrepute among all Protestants by joining the Roman Catholics in the monstrous fight on the Oregon Public School Bill...

The criticism was not directed against the Episcopal Church itself, but solely at certain clerics who are working with Rome. Every Protestant priest or minister who thus joined with the Romanists in their fight on the American public school, which the Pope hates because it teaches equality and religious freedom, ought to be chased out of the pulpit and banished from fellowship...

We know, of course, that there are thousands of good Americans in the Episcopal church, who are true and loyal Protestants, and we know there are multitudes of good Americans who hold the Roman Catholic faith by inheritance and tradition, who disbelieve in the superstitious mummeries, and who would rejoice to see the church in America delivered from the evil bondage of Rome.

The world is entering a period of church reform, and it is going to be drastic and complete.

TEAM WORK THE DIRE NEED IN ASTORIA

Reconstruction work is proceeding slowly at Astoria since the devastation by fire on December 8. Community team-work is needed. On January 25 the suggestion was made that an advisory council be appointed by the Mayor to serve with the city commission. The suggested personnel of 25 men represented all elements in the stricken city's population.

The committee of Ten should be discharged by proclamation of the Mayor, and the relief funds should be taken over and handled by the city commission, co-operating with an advisory council. The committee of Ten can get nowhere, and why these ten men, or the two or three of them who are doing all the functioning, continue to hang on to the relief fund is a puzzle to every sane observer.

Some men are so fond of grandstanding that they will run any risk to get an opportunity. Conscious weakness assumes strong attitudes. One man whom we have in mind, in this connection, is so small that a peanut-shell would make him an extra-size overcoat. He can cause a lot of trouble in an emergency, however.

The city commission of Astoria really doesn't want to take over the relief fund, although the public demands it because the manner of administering it has been unsatisfactory. Nobody approves of allowing Preacher Gilbert, acting as recommender and as chairman, to take for his rich church, \$104.15 from the distress fund for dishes, etc., loaned for use in feeding the hungry people after the fire of December 8.

construction news. The greed indicated by such a transaction speaks for itself; it requires no condemnation.

Return the money, Gilbert—the \$104.15—the dish money! Every dollar of that fund must be used for relief purposes, else someone is going to suffer for defiance of the public mandate. The money was donated for the relief of distress, not for street improvements and sundry other things which could not be classed as "relief" except by use of the imagination.

The committee of Ten is running true to form. F. I. Dunbar and John Tait, on their return from an unsuccessful trip to Salem, declared that the Astoria city commission would not be empowered to administer the relief funds; that the State would not turn funds over to the city commission to be disbursed, but that funds allotted would be administered by either a special commission, or board, or under the direction of the three principal officers of the State.

If the worth-while men of Astoria would put a stop to this jealous and selfish jawing about who shall administer the funds, before any funds are obtained, they might be able to get reconstruction started.

Why not mobilize a committee of 500 in Astoria and promote the organization of a million-dollar development company, selling Astoria first to the Astorians in bonds of \$10 to \$1000, and selling the remainder to outside investors and friends of the town? The press and the bankers, aided by team-work through the Chamber of Commerce, could organize a million-dollar development company within 60 days and have the funds coming in a steady stream within four months.

Astoria has the constructive leadership, the necessary spirit and the community ambition. The great lack now is unity. The committee of Ten should get out of the way and let the city commission bring about harmony.

Why not use the relief fund as capital and establish a mutual aid or loan society—a relief bank—so that the fund would become a permanent blessing for the poor? Loans to needy families and worthy persons generally would be repaid, as a rule, and thus the relief fund would make possible a badly needed community institution. By this plan the people could eat their cake and have it, too. Any banker of consequence will endorse this idea, and help work out a plan.

TYPICAL OF THE DARK AGES

It is an undeniable fact that achievement and progress are inseparable. We have but to compare the past with the present to prove this. Any one of average intelligence will favor progression and admit that only through progression may truth prevail. But note the Roman Catholic church: clinging persistently through the ages to old beliefs and tenets, opposing enlightenment and favoring ignorance for its followers.

Long, full garments, dust catchers and carriers, somber and unsightly; a type of clothing long since tabooed by all cleanly, right-minded women. Note, too, the useless binding and covering of the head that must be real torture in hot weather; this head-gear is really quite similar to that worn in some heathen countries, is even worse in many respects; and is the same—yesterday, today and forever!

A form of regalia long sanctioned on our streets and yet bitter objections arise if a new order proposes to wear a badge or regalia merely as an insignia of membership. Surely it is very evident that we have all been asleep over long, and the followers of catholicism hopelessly benumbed, or long since they would have awakened and shattered their bonds of antiquity and coped with the crime of retrogression.

Some Books With the Punch

MODERNISM AND THE VATICAN, by Adam J. Poeppert, D. D., with introduction by Bishop Wm. F. McDowell, D. D. This is one of the greatest works ever printed on Romanism with chapters covering the situation in Italy, France, Germany, England, Australia, Spain and the United States.

CHRISTIANITY'S GREATEST PERIL, by Augustus Conrad Esholm. This book is a masterpiece as an exposure of Romanism. It tells you all about Rome's growth in America, the Inquisition, American Countries Under Roman Dominion, Rome's Intention in America, Results of Roman Rule, Protestant Principles, the Spirit of Martin Luther, Why I Am Not a Roman Catholic, and many other vital phases.

THE NEW ERA, by Rev. Josiah Strong, D. D. Dr. Strong was one of the greatest writers of the past generation. This book is a great work of 355 pages, printed on good paper and bound in red silk. It exposes Romanism and discusses in eloquent language practically all the serious religious and social problems before the people.

CONVICT LIFE IN THE MINNESOTA STATE PRISON.—This is a remarkable book showing all phases of prison life in one of the greatest penal institutions in America. It contains pictures and histories of some of the greatest criminals in America, including Cole Younger and many others.

GOSPEL POST CARDS.—We bought up the entire stock of these very fine cards. To close them out you get them at the rate of 15 cards for 10c. Many of them are beautifully colored, highly finished, and sold for 5c each.

THE RAIL SPLITTER

Milan, Ill.

HOW TO PRACTICE COUE'S SYSTEM

Emile Coue's book is out. It is interesting and full of truth, ages old, in new and simple dress. It will do great good, perhaps, by making readers think. The title is, "Self-Mastery, Through Conscious Autosuggestion." Following is the practical prescription:

"Every morning before getting up, and every evening as soon as you are in bed, shut your eyes, and repeat twenty times in succession, moving your lips (this is indispensable), and counting mechanically on a long string with twenty knots, the following phrase: 'Day by day, in every way, I am getting better and better.' Do not think of anything particular, as the words 'in every way' apply to everything.

"Make this autosuggestion with confidence, with faith, with the certainty of obtaining what you want. The greater the conviction, the greater and the more rapid will be the results obtained.

"Further, every time in the course of the day or night that you feel any distress, physical or mental, immediately affirm to yourself that you will not consciously contribute to it, and that you are going to make it disappear; then isolate yourself as much as possible, shut your eyes, and passing your hand over your forehead, if it is something mental, or over the part which is painful, if it is something physical, repeat extremely quickly, moving your lips, the words: 'It is going, it is going—' etc., etc., as long as it may be necessary. With a little practice the physical and mental distress will have vanished in 20 to 25 seconds. Begin whenever it is necessary. Avoid carefully any effort in practicing autosuggestion."

TWO GREAT NATIONS "ONE ANTHEM RAISED!"

At a convention recently there were gathered together representatives from Europe; Canada and every state of this great country. On the platform above the heads of the speakers hung the Stars and Stripes alongside that of the Union Jack, and this symbol of Unity, of Friendship, yea, of Peace, created a warmth of fellowship in everyone present. At the close of the address of one of the speakers the vast gathering of 2000 delegates engaged in silent prayer and then stood up and sang to the air of the National Anthems of Britain and America:

"Two empires by the sea, Two nations great and free, One anthem raise, One race of ancient fame, One tongue, one faith, we claim, One God, whose glorious name We love and praise.

"Now may the God above Guard the dear lands we love, Both East and West, Let love more fervent glow, As peaceful ages go And strength yet stronger grow Blessing and blest."

"Yes; let those two great nations 'one anthem raise'" Sir Philip Gibbs, the journalist and noted British war correspondent, tells of being at a party during one of his tours and the host said: "Gentlemen, I give you a toast: To the deathless friendship between the United States and Great Britain," and at that all the men rose and drank in silence. Long may those two great peoples stand together in one common brotherhood, to work together to help cure this world from its present sickness—and so, to paraphrase those inspiring words of Abraham Lincoln: With malice toward none, with charity toward all, with mutual understanding and confidence, we shall go forward together, to bind up the wounds of the world, and prevent for all time a repetition of the outrage which inflicted them.

We face the new year with hope—for that hope, the hope of the peace of the world, lies in the brotherhood of the English-speaking peoples. And with that hope there is faith, the faith of our fathers:

"Faith of our fathers, we will love Both friend and foe in all our strife, And preach thee, too, as love knows how By kindly words and virtuous life. Faith of our fathers, holy faith, We will be true to thee till death."

MASTERY AND OBEDIENCE

By Allin Jayne

What does the world need most today? Mastery and the verb obey.

Masters who may not be bought or sold, Free from "pull" and policy's hold; Masters above all thought of greed, Who honestly, carefully, prayerfully lead; Ones who are fitted through stress and strain To strive for God's truths with might and main— To rise 'mid chaos and firmly stand— These are the men to take command. Those who are chosen for righteous worth Are the only ones who can rule on earth.

And the spoiled old world that is running free— As a youth incorrigible, checked must be, To face the result of running wild And to learn to obey as an erring child; Must admit the truth if it would be free— Must bow to obedience and mastery.

PERSONNEL OF THE OREGON LEGISLATURE

Many persons have asked for a list of the members of the Oregon legislature. It is given below. Write letters to them, when they don't do to suit you.

THE SENATE

- A. M. LaFollett, Salem. Sam H. Brown, Gervais. S. M. Garland, Lebanon. J. S. Magidry, Eugene. Fred Flak, Eugene. B. L. Eddy, Roseburg. N. W. Borden, Medford. J. C. Smith, Grants Pass. Charles Hall, Marshfield. A. J. Johnson, Corvallis. Peter Zimmerman, Yamhill. William G. Hare, Hillsboro. F. J. Toose, Oregon City. Robert S. Farrell, 705 Lovejoy, Portland. George W. Joseph, Corbett Bldg., Portland. Isaac E. Staples, 266 Morrison street, Portland. Gus C. Moser, 1524-1529 Yeon Bldg., Portland. Milton R. Klepper, 1517 Yeon Bldg., Portland. Harry L. Corbett, 711 Corbett Bldg., Portland. W. J. H. Clark, 776 Ivar street, Portland. Mrs. W. S. Kinney, Astoria. John R. Nickelsen, Hood River. Jay Upton, Prineville. O. B. Robertson, Condon. H. J. Taylor, Pendleton. Roy W. Rittner, Pendleton. Bruce Dennis, Le Grande. Charles W. Ellis, Burns. W. H. Strayer, Baker. C. J. Edwards, Tillamook.

THE HOUSE

- Thomas B. Kay, Salem. Lloyd T. Reynolds, Salem. Sterling H. Goin, Jefferson. Ben F. Keeney, Corvallis. Edward F. Bailey, Junction City. J. M. Throne, Roseburg. S. P. Pierce, Sixes. John H. Carlin, Medford. L. M. Blowers, Hood River. D. E. Fletcher, Independence. Ed Cary, Carlton. B. F. Jones, Newport. L. M. Hesse, Beaverton. Phillip Hammond, Oregon City. George G. Randall, New Era. Herbert Gordon, 255 Stark street, Portland. L. M. Adams, 322 Glenn avenue, Portland. E. R. Campbell, 1136 Milwaukie avenue, Portland. Oliver B. Huston, 809 Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Portland. Louis Kuehn, 364 North Twenty-first street, Portland. Mrs. C. B. Simmons, 495 Heights Terrace, Portland. George A. Lovejoy, Pittock Block, Portland. James W. Mott, Astoria. D. G. Burdick, Redmond. L. H. McMahan, Salem. Otto J. Wilson, Salem. A. K. McMahan, Albany. H. C. Wheeler, Creswell. D. S. Boale, Riddle. T. T. Bennett, Marshfield. Theodore P. Cramer Jr., Grants Pass. Ralph P. Cowgill, Central Point. Claude Buchanan, Corvallis. W. C. Bolton, Maupin. Arthur McPhillips, McMinnville. Loyal M. Graham, Forest Grove. Edward Schumreith, Hillsboro. M. J. Lee, Oregon City. James A. Lackey, Ontario. K. K. Kubli, 84 Fourth street, Portland. Cyril G. Brownell, Wilcox Bldg., Portland. Thomas H. Hurlbut, 271 1/2 Grand avenue, Portland. R. J. Kirkwood, 838 Hancock, Portland. D. C. Lewis, Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Portland. Wm. F. Woodward, 669 Hancock street, Portland. E. N. Hurd, Seaside. Sherman M. Miles, St. Helens. J. M. Eswell, Klamath Falls. R. E. Bradbury, Klamath Falls. S. A. Miller, Milton. Charles A. Hunter, Wallowa. R. J. Casper, Spray. Rollie W. Watson, Tillamook. A. J. Smith, Pendleton. L. L. Mann, Pendleton. A. R. Hunter, Island City. P. A. Ford, Dayville. W. F. Jackson, Moro. Fred J. Meindl, 618 Clatsop street, Portland. Russia is one country on the globe where Freemasonry is prohibited. It was not always so.

You Are Needed In the Klan, If You Are a Real American