BRUTAL CRIME Temps week.

Justice Meted Out to Vil- have a great work to do as builders ican-Dear Brother Protestant Amerilain for Insult to Innocent Girl.

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of guilty was returned by the jury body, but we must be determined on Saturday in the case of James Reilly, the rights of our children to be educharged with contributing to the de- cated together in this Dominion of linquency of a minor. The jury was Canada." out 20 hours in their deliberations, hav- Mr. Ponton uttered a strong warn-

created.

of the Ku Klux Klan. One juror was craft. a negro, one juror was excused be-Empire," and the opposing counsel spectacular Klan entertainment in the omnipotent God, taught reverently ficers; in fact, in his inaugural meslier, bitter enemies since the first of \$1.00. For CHARITY. the Codd subornation case.

There was but a handful of people in the courtroom when the verdict was who presided at the trial,

was passed, due to testimony of wit- corrected it. nesses that Reilly was intoxicated.

jail or \$1000 fine, or both.

CANADIANS AROUSED

on the right of our children to be ed- Moses, came into the camp one day. ucated together in this Dominion of Moses invited Mobab to join them Canada. A system of schools which and go with them into the promised educates children apart is wrong." land. He wanted him to share in the

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Ponton, Grand Master of the Province of Ontario, in an address to Masons at the dedication of the new Masonic Temple in Woodstock, Ontario, this

"These are earnest times in Cauada," said the Grand Master, "We men of this Province should know there are 100,000 men in Ontario who are strong to see that the laws are justiv administered and to help en auto painting business. Spokane, Wash., Feb. 7 .- A verdict force them. We do not attack any-

ing retired to the jury chambers at ing against bolshevism and anarchy. 3 o'clock Friday afternoon and coming He urged that Masons should keep with a RED pencil (the color which ers and Mayor are going to (actually) in at 11 o'clock Saturday morning. fanaticism out of their lodges. He The trial aroused considerable in added that Freemasonry was the terest due to the novel situation handmaiden of religion, and when it ceased to be so it ceased to exist. The girl to whom Reilly is alleged He urged that safeguarding of the to have made improper advances is righteous law should be preached by the heading. "Why So Many Boys power broken, and so on. It was unthe daughter of O. R. Smith, organizer all men who were members of the

were George Crandell and C. E. Col. Auditorium, February 17. Everybody and patiestly," is the cure for the sage, the new Mayor, O. B. Setters,

LEARN FROM MOSES

Among the many treasures of that received, and Judge Oswald presided, old Book that most of us know so little due to the absence of Judge Huneke of, there is a story that has a very practical application to lodge life. It The jury made a recommendation is a story of a mistake made by Moses for leniency of the court when sentence and of how he saw the mistake and

Moses invited Hobab to join them The offense is classed as a misde. Israel out from the land of bondage (John 10-9) and therefore from this fund, which has totaled nearly \$100, of apartment house; also experienced tence of up to one year in the county unbounded faith in the future of his nation with great dangers and difficulties. They were passing through the BY CATHOLIC PERIL little food or water and many foes and of which may be found in I. Cor. 11-12, Mayor Setters for he uses is on dangers. Hobab, a desert chieftain, a "We must be determined to insist friend and relative by marriage to it reads as follows: "What, have ye

golden future that he believed lay before them, but he also felt that this son of the desert could be of great service to them as a guide and adviser. He makes his first appeal on the

ground of self-interest. "Come with us," he said to Hobab, "and we will do you good."

"No," says Hobab, "I am going back to my old life." Moses sees that he has made a mis-

take. He changes his ground. "Come with us," he says. "We need you. You can be eyes to us as we

journey." That argument seems to have "got him," and apparently he went with document.

Now, here is where the story touches our lodge life. We have been accusalways there have been some, who, like Hobab, were unmoved by that ap-

Now let us try the other.

"The lodge needs you." "We believe in our lodge. It has a great future, but we are traveling through the wilderness and we need your help if we are to reach the promised land."

Try that argument, brother, and see if it does not work when the appeal to feel that we are needed. It appeals to the best in us. Human nature is much the same now as it was in the days of Moses. It worked then and it will work now .-- American Odd Fel-

M. & F. Unfair Sav Portland Unionists

Meier & Frank's Department store still is on labor's unfair list, by unanimous vote of the Portland Central Labor Council, representing all the trades, Monday, Dec. 11. The reasons given are these, chiefly:

Starvation wages paid to 4000 employes, mostly women and minimum of \$9 a week. It was unanimously declared that no woman or girl, however economical she might be, could live decently in Portland, or elsewhere, on such pitifully small wages.

Exaction of unreasonable degree of service.

Autocratic and impudent refusal of J. Meier, alleged head of the firm, to consider these grievances of labor with a view to amicable adjustment.

The largest part of the patronage of Meler & Frank, amounting to millions of dollars annually, is said to come from the slender purses of the poor.

For these reasons the working folk of Portland have declared Meler & Frank to be unfair, and are imploring a right-thinking public to consider their griev-

Jan. 30, 1923-Editor Western Amer and as unifiers. I think the public cans: I came to this city from a little town in Marion county a short time ASTORIA IS STILL since, engaging in the used car and

Am more than pleased to learn there is an official organ of the K K. K. published in Portland, a copy side M. E. church one evening. I have perused its pages carefully, and underscored and circled many articles in it it to friends I have left behind.

I am glad to note on the sixth page of the periodical mentioned that under Get your tickets to the joyous and the universal faith in a loving and would be handled by the elected ofnation from coast to coast.

my life of five different church oras well as in a dozen other references. many occasions. not houses to eat and to drink in, or despise ye the CHURCH OF GOD, and shame them that have not?"

This proclaims the name that was prophesied in the Old Testament. which prophecies say, it should be called by God's name.

Again I wish to refer to the article in your valuable paper, entitled. "Melting Pot Slopping Over." I note a paragraph which reads thus: "We affairs. Americans assume all men are created equal." I believe this is a correct assumption, and a truth, as far as right and wrong are concerned-BUT when some of those men "go wrong." as measured by the laws and Constitution of the United States, they are no longer EQUAL to those who stand by the principles set forth in that great

But 'some may say, "God is no respecter of persons; why should Americans be?" Let us read in Romans 2honor and immortality-eternal life.

and do not OBEY THE TRUTH but obey UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, indignation and wrath.

"FOR THERE IS NO RESPECT OF PERSONS WITH GOD."

And in every reference pertaining. to this subject the same idea is taught. that He has no respect of persons-OF THE SAME CLASS! The righteous of self-interest has falled. We all like are dealt with as righteous persons, desirous of attaining eternal life, while to those who obey not the truth -indignation and wrath is rendered.

Therefore, as I see it, the Klan is adhering strictly to this religious principle, BEING NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS OF THE SAME RELIGI-OUS BELIEF, OR CLASS, whether "bootleggers" must be dealt with as people of that class; whether ravishers of girls (I have three girls to protect), they must be dealt with as friends of that class. Verily we should be no RESPECTER OF PERSONS! II Tim. 3-1, 5, says of the last days-

which we are surely living in-"This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents (this portrays our boy criminals) unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, FALSE ACCUSERS, (I think the Klan knows something of what false accusation means) incontinent, fierce, DESPISERS OF THOSE THAT ARE GOOD, traitors, heady, highminded. lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.

but denying the power thereof. FROM are the real governing body of the SUCH TURN AWAY."

It is certainly time the enlightened from all such."

on your subscription list for one year, serve to the commissioners for formal as per inclosed check, and give credit passage to Mrs. Zertha Rowe in the contest, Just how long this condition will as I have a great sympathy for the continue, and just why the arrangerights of the union laboring man, the ment is so apparently satisfactory to Jew, the negro, and all the rest, as long the new Mayor, who is also a member as they keep in their right place, of the Committee of Ten, is problem-

a white nightgown but that right place pro and con, as to just what the ultimust be decided by the kind of people who framed the Constitution-the White Christian Americans!

You may publish a part or all of this correspondence if you so desire, supported the elected officers at the

UNDER BOSSES' RULE

City Commissioners are beginning to wonder when the new Commissionilluminated the cross of Calvary, and take over the administration of the still lights it up) and am forwarding city's affairs. A great deal has been said about how the would-be-great committee was "sat upon," their Go Wrong," the statement that "the derstood that after the first of Janbasic non-sectarian truths of religion, uary the transaction of city business great crime wave now beating our said plainly that "Hereafter the business of the City will be transacted I can saw amen, (amen means "It from the City Hall". On the street is true") to this for I have had thirty- the new Mayor often said: "If that two years' experience as a follower committee does not resign, I'll ask of the "Lowly Nazarene" and having hem to do so, and force them to turn been a member at different stages of over the relief money." It sounded good and the people were pleased, but ganizations, each declaring they, and alas! the Committee of Ten has and one Remington portable typethey only were right, I became dis- neither quit, nor have they been writer. Call at 326 Pittock Block gusted with sectism, and taking my "fired," and they are still holding The offense is classed as a misde- Israel out from the land of bondage | Bible I find that Christ is the DOOR | the purse-strings of the entire relief on I am NON-SECTARIAN, and will ooo, and now when the subject is never again be a member of a sect, broached to the new Mayor he says but simply a member of the only "Forget it!" "Forget it!" This wilderness, a land where there was church named in the Bible, the name seems to be a favorite expression of acres good land; 8 to 10 acres cleared;

Beginning to Forget Now

People ARE beginning to forget, tinue to forget that they elected a ern American, 407 Pittock Block ommission of five to run the municipal affairs, and they are beginning believe that "Great Ceasar" and Committee of Ten, are and have been The REAL BOSSES of Astoria's civic

ng shown of the usurping of power Block. y the committee. In supposition they ire acting in an advisory capacity inly, but in reality THEY ARE DO-NG THE BUSINESS OF THE CITY. For example, despite the fact that Astoria has a new Mayor, when the ecent Kelso bridge disaster occurred he parson chairman rushed a tele- ROOM WANTED-Lady without famgram of condolence to Kelso from and

representing ASTORIA When Commercial street was plankour lodge life. We have been accus-tomed to press the first argument— 7, 8 and 11, and see what this means: ed through the burned area and it Pittock block. in WELL DOING seek for gloty and the relief fund, every item had to "irst be approved by G. C. Fulton, "But unto them that are contentious, the self-appointed committeeman on iteets and public safety. The requisition had to be signed by Parson 408 Pittock Block. See Mr. Bellamy. libert before one cent could be paid 'or the labor

The Rest Room Transaction

too, had to go through the hands of the self-appointed committee, one of whose members, John Tait, decided to give space on his property for the long needed rest room, and the \$200 preacher then appointed the new \$6000 "City Manager" to draw up plans for a rest station and present hem to the Committee of Ten for approval. This was done and when the plans were presented they were turned down because the building Beacon 1724 planned was deemed too expensive by Shipley Transfer & Storage the TEN-PIN committee and now the "City Manager" is having his plans revised to suit the fancies of the own bosses.

Parson "Appoints" the Mayor Another example of unheard-of of Commerce was ready to turn over its relief fund, the "Father Chairman" of the committee APPOINTED MAYOR SETTERS on a sub-committee to go to Portland to get the money and bring it back to the committee. This

was done

The newly elected City Commission meets every two weeks, or for special called meetings, but the Committee of Ten meets EVERY AFTERNOON in the Court House at 3 o'clock, and "HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS anyone who doesn't believe that they city of Astoria should just take time to attend some of these daily meet-Protestant people were "turning away ings (Sunday excepted, as the Pulpit claims the Chairman's time on that -Finally, Mr. Editor, I want to ask one day), and see just how the new a favor of you. Please put my name ordinances are cooked up ready to

whether they have on a black robe or atical, and there is much discussion.

mate outcome will be Strange Situation, Indeed!

In view of the fact that the selfappointed committee, not one of whom last election, have entire control of the city relief fund, and that not one cent can be used from the fund wntil a requisition is signed by W. S. Gilbert, those who argue that the COM-MITTEE will come out on top and that the elected officers will be dis-

credited have the best of the argument down to date. A strange situation exists, inasmuch as W. S. Gilbert fought the of the January 25th issue having been ASTORIA, Ore, Feb. 7 .- Local vot- public school bill and was a member handed me as I was leaving the Sunny- ers who elected the present Astoria of Olcott's campaign committee, Mayor, O. B. Setters, and worked against all the interests of the Ku Klux Klan, Yet, Gilbert is now Chairman of the Town Bosses and the much touted 100 per cent elected commission is now marking time.

> The saying that 'politics makes Grange bedfellows" now gives way to the saying in Astoria that a big fire makes strange Boss-Fellows.

Not one of the Committee of Ten is reported as belonging to the Ku Klux Klan, so, if they make a sorry mess of the city's affairs, local hundred percenters will have some consolation in the fact that the sins of this committee, by commission and omission, at least can not be charged to the Klan.

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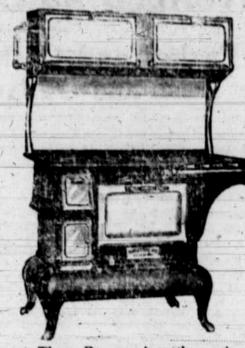
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