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## CANADA INSPIRED BY OREGON PUBLIC SCHOOL ENACTMENT

Prominent Man Defines Problems Which Confront People of Dominion.

### NEED HELP OF THE KLAN

Wondering Why Invisible Empire Is Not Extended to Northern Nation.

Mr. Lewis Clark of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada, a prominent and wealthy landowner, visited the editor of The Western American in Portland this week and told of some remarkable conditions in the great Dominion. He is an eminent Mason.

"Everybody in Canada is talking of the Klan," he said, "and the Canadians want the Klan. Pay no attention to contrary reports. The Masons and the Orangemen, together with the Order of the Eastern Star, are doing remarkable constructive work, but the fighting force and system of the Ku Klux Klan are badly needed to round out the Protestant defense, to safeguard Anglo-Saxon civilization.

The boundary line between Canada and the United States is imaginary, purely. Shouldn't the Klan's bar to membership be the same? The Klan needs Canada and Canada needs the Klan. Our peoples are one in psychology, in ideals, in destiny. Why confine the Klan to continental United States? Expansion is in order. I should think."

#### Want Public School Law.

Replying to questions, Mr. Clark said: "Canadians are interested especially in the Oregon public school law. They want to know all about it. I have come to obtain light on the subject. We have a peculiar school tax law in Saskatchewan. The Catholics pay no tax for the public school, but their money goes directly to the parochial school. Any person can designate his school tax to be applied either to the public or the parochial school. The Catholics lose no chance, of course.

"The Masons of Canada, a little more than a year ago, started raising a fund to educate non-English speaking peoples in Canada in the public school. This seemed a work imperatively needed to safeguard national welfare and the white man's civilization. The Roman Catholics began raising hell, however, and have been at it ever since. The Masons are working hard, with the co-operation of the Eastern Star and the Orangemen—the latter very powerful and efficient—to develop the impulse for progress and to give impetus to such work as has been done so wonderfully here in Oregon.

The Masons of Canada are growing stronger all the while. The Eastern Star is just starting in Saskatchewan, seeming to be even more progressive than the Masons themselves and doing a world of good. The Orangemen are the salt of the earth, uncompromising White Men.

#### Riffraff Pouring into Canada.

"Canada has seven and a half times the number of foreigners that is in the United States, in proportion to population, and 26 languages are being used in the Canadian press and literature. English and French are taught in our common schools. The bulk of our foreigners is composed of Russians, Galficians, French, Austrians, Poles and Lithuanians.

"The immigration problem is troubling Canada, greatly. Since the United States put up the bars Canada has been getting more and more of the riffraff and scum of the earth, both from Europe and America. We get the 'Wobblies' and booze-fighters from the United States and all kinds of mixed breeds from across the Atlantic.

"The young Canadians are striving to solve their problems and ultimately will succeed. The Klan can be of great assistance. For one thing we want the public school law as adopted by the far advanced people of the state of Oregon. That law certainly is a magnificent advertisement."

Light and power wires may be placed under ground.

The problem of widening the streets has been mentioned, and in order to do this property this portion of the city should be replatted. However, this move might meet with considerable opposition at this time, but if properly handled, could be worked out without hurting anyone.

Then, after establishing street grades, which in itself would establish the cellar grades, the filling of the whole district to the cellar grade could be taken up. Let the city decide whether they wish to grant permission to the abutting property owners to use the space under the sidewalks; if so, build retaining walls on the curb lines, the abutting property paying for these walls. Then the city officials can make arrangements with the United States Engineers or the Port of Portland to have the street areas filled by dredging material from the bay.

All buildings that are built in this district should be required to be of class "A" construction, and all foundations to go to solid footing.

As the writer views this situation, there are too many bosses on the job. Issue a proclamation immediately, putting the committee of ten out of business; turn the engineering features of this problem over to the city engineer, with proper instructions, and give him the proper assistants, and he can make all plans and specifications for the work. There is no need for any advisory board, especially made up of persons of ulterior motives.

Now is the time to provide for proper parks and playgrounds, to make breathing spaces in the downtown district; also a civic center in order to make Astoria an up-to-date city.

The problem of clearing the streets does not require much study; in fact, does not require much to be removed to any distant point. Much of this material is inflammable and could be destroyed by fire near where it is now. The remaining portion is neither inflammable, or of a vegetable nature, and will not decay, thus it would make good filling material.

If possible, conclude arrangements with the State Highway Commission, to reconstruct Commercial street, thus saving the city this expense.

## KLAN IS AMERICAN

## PREACHER DECLARES

Brave and Honest Soldier of Common Good Proclaims the Truth.

Palouse, Wash., Feb. 9.—Some 350 to 400 people turned out Sunday afternoon to hear the Rev. S. J. Osborne, pastor of the Methodist church, lecture on the subject, "Is the Ku Klux Klan One Hundred Per Cent American as Claimed?"

Rev. Mr. Osborne utilized one hour of time in making the lecture and received the best of attention during the course of his remarks. His talk was begun by answering questions that had been sent to him through the mail. To the first question, "Are you an American born citizen?" he replied that he was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., in August, 1893.

"Are you a Klansman?" was propounded to him, to which he replied, "None of your business." "How much are you getting for this lecture?" was another. His reply was "Lots of trouble." "Who invited you to speak on this subject?" another queried. "One or two of your own citizens that are not Klansmen," Mr. Osborne replied.

Undergoing Persecution. He said that every organization for the betterment of mankind had been persecuted and related how his father was pelted with eggs and thrown into prison for preaching for the Salvation Army in Philadelphia during the early history of that religious institution. He said that the Klansmen were undergoing the same persecution today. He said the American people had a right to question any institution or individual claiming to be American, and woe to the institution or individual that cannot or will not answer truthfully when inquiry is made by the masses of the American people.

He outlined the persecution for the country as a hiring press, ready to print the side of the evil forces rather than to give an unbiased account of incidents as they occurred. He declared that the Klan was not anti-Catholic. The Catholic, he claimed, had the right to worship God as he saw fit, but contended that it would oppose to the limit any attempt at unity of church and state.

Protecting Womanhood. He outlined the principles of the Klan as follows, often reading from a pamphlet written out by the Klan, to substantiate his claims:

Protection of pure womanhood, closer relationship between capital and labor, preventing unwarranted strikes by foreign agitators, the upholding of the constitution, the separation of church and state, freedom of speech and press and the much-needed reforms.

"Mr. Osborne then attacked an editorial which recently appeared in the Republic, quoting from it these words: 'The church is a splendid institution, but it has always been a fizzle when it took it upon itself the task of making and administering civil laws.' He charged the editor with lack of knowledge of the principles of the Klan and stated that unity of church and state was one of the things the Klan was organized to prevent.

Later in an attack upon this same editorial he said that public opinion had nothing to do with the laws functioning, and as proof cited the outcome of the subordination trial of the Coda, their attorneys and some of their witnesses in the murder trial of Maurice Coda last year.

Jury System Imperiled. He attacked the jury system of the land, saying that if a man was called that had read the papers he was refused service on the jury and referred to opinions expressed by ex-President Taft in substantiation of his remarks.

He said the arch enemy of the Klan was the same power who fought bitterly against the Masonic order 50 years ago, an order that could boast that 52 of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were its members.

He claimed that only one side of the investigations concerning the activities of the Klan were printed and read excerpts from The Fellowship Forum, a publication printed in Washington, D. C., as proof. He said the requisite for membership in the Klan were not membership in any church, but a man must be 100 per cent American before he could become a Klansman.

He said there was a nation-wide crusade against the Klan, and that the Klan had published its oath but the force opposing it would not publish its oath. He said that if it did it would not last very long in America.

He closed his remarks by stating that if any one had an opinion that differed from him the pupil of his church was open to him who would express it.—Palouse Republic.

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## EMINENT ENGINEER ADVISES ASTORIA

To the Editor of The Western American:

The writer has noticed several items in the Astoria Budget with reference to the reconstruction of the burned district of Astoria. All these items infer that this is a very intricate engineering problem.

The writer has looked over this situation very thoroughly, and does not think it a very difficult problem.

In the first place, the water and sewer systems should be given consideration, and should be reconstructed before any filling is done within the street lines. It would also be well at this point to consider a tunnel system, whereby all telephone, electric

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