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CURTIS WINS ALL YAKIMA AUDIENCE IN FINE ADDRESS

Two Thousand of Great Valley's Best Citizens Hear His Lecture.

MAYOR ROVIG ACTS FAIRLY

Colonel Robertson, Newspaper Owner, Is Warned to Give Square Deal.

YAKIMA, Wash., March 28.—The greatest lecture on Christian and American ideals ever given in the Yakima Valley was listened to by an appreciative and representative audience of more than 2000 of the best representative citizens here in the Capitol Theatre, Thursday night, March 22. The lecture was given by the Rev. Charles C. Curtis, pastor of the First Christian Church of Vancouver, Wash., who holds the unique distinction of being pastor of one of the largest, most broad-minded and progressive churches in the most constant faith in the Evergreen state, as well as being the revered leader of the Klan movement in Vancouver, Clarke county, Wash., through his official capacity as Exalted Cyclops of Columbia Klan No. 1 (the first chartered Klan in the State of Washington), and Imperial Lecturer for the national organization.

Mayor Rovig Acts Fairly.
Mayor Rovig had been requested and urged by opponents of the Klan to stop and prohibit the meeting, for Yakima is quite a center of Roman Catholic influence, but he decided to act strictly in accordance with the spirit of American liberty and justice, and furthermore he announced through the evening paper that he would take the platform and have something to say. The Klan organizer, learning of this decision, immediately telephoned an invitation to Mayor Rovig to occupy the platform and introduce the speaker, as well as take whatever time he might desire to address the audience when he so chose.

True to his spirit of fairness, Mayor Rovig accepted the invitation, and when, at the close of the meeting, he chose to make a few remarks, he admitted he had little left to say, so completely had he apparently been disarmed of prejudice, and he paid Mr. Curtis the glowing tribute of having given the greatest talk he had ever heard on any subject in Yakima. The Klansmen are praising Mayor Rovig, warmly, for his fairness, and also express admiration for the fair news report of the lecture given by the two newspapers.

No Murmur of Discord.
Dr. Curtis expounded the principles of real Christianity and true Americanism, and the large audience listened to every word of the masterful address for two and a half hours. There was not a murmur of dissent, discord, or disrespect, and the speaker was applauded heartily many times as he drove home the points of his argument and appeal.

Yakima Valley long has been known as a difficult field, because it is a Catholic educational and business center. Yakima proper was recognized as the most difficult of all the cities of the state in which to bring about an awakening of the Protestant people to a realization of the necessity for organization.

Roman Machine's Center.
In inside circles it is generally known that Yakima is the state center of the Roman political machine, and a cunning policy has been followed consistently to bring the better citizens of the community into thinking

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MATERNITY ACT O. K., APPEALS COURT SAYS

Western American Special.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—The Sheppard-Towner maternity act has been declared valid by the District of Columbia court of appeals, thus affirming the ruling of the lower court which refused to enjoin Secretary of the Treasury Mellon from enforcing the act on account of its alleged unconstitutionality.

The law was attacked and declared confiscatory by Mrs. Harriett A. Frothingham of Boston, Mass., who objected to the provision for taxation contained therein.

The case now will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court for a final ruling.

Practice Klanishness in all things.

'AL THE PAPIST' TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT

All Power of Pope's Vast Machine in America to Be Used.

Western American Special.
NEW YORK, March 28.—Governor Al Smith of New York will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States in 1924. It is now definitely known, according to statements made here last week by Monsignor Francis E. Kelley, president of the Catholic Church Extension Society.

Kelley asserted that Governor Smith's candidacy has the full and complete backing of the powerful machinery of the Roman Catholic church in America and is out to win at all hazards.

The Catholics, it is said, have been trying to keep their backing of him, that is, their official backing, as much in the dark as possible, until, goaded by constant barrages by the opposition, that Kelley declared at a meeting here:

"Well, let's nominate him and get it over with!"

Kelley also announced the inauguration of a mauling contest with Protestants in Texas, and said it in those very words. He also said the Catholics were going to carry on a strenuous proselyting contest in the Lone Star state.

The dollar hour best weapon.

Dad, He's to You

We happened a house the other night, and over the parlor door was the legend work in letters of red: "What is home without a mother?" Across the room was another brief: "God bless our bae."

Now what's the matter with "God Bless our Dad"? He gets up early, lights the fire, boils an egg, and wipes off the dew of dawn with his boots while many a mother is sleeping. He makes the week's handout for the butcher, the grocer, the milkman and baker, and his little is badly worn before he has become an hour.

If there is a nois in the night Dad is kicked in the back and goes downstairs to find the burglar and kill him. Mother dars the socks, but Dad bought the socks in the first place and the need and yarn afterward. Mother does all the fruit; well, Dad bought it, and jars and sugar cost like the chief.

Dad buys chicken for the Sunday dinner, carves the himself, and draws the neck from the ruins after everyone else is set.

What is home without a Mother? Yes, that is all right but what is home without a father? Ten chances to one it is a boardhouse. Father is under a slab and landlady is the widow.

Dad, here's to you. You've got your faults—you make lots of them—but you're all it and we'll miss you when you're gone.

TWO ROCKEFELLERS WEEKLY SURRENDER TO ROMISH EMPIRE

Roman Church, Backing Al for President, Opens Campaign.

WARRING ON CONSTITUTION

Battling to Make America Catholic and "Wet," but They Shall Not Win.

Western American Special.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—The Roman Catholic church is making its first public and determined fight against the national prohibition law in the state of New York, according to dry leaders here. The recent attack on the Anti-Saloon League and on William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the league, is being engineered by none other than the Catholics themselves.

Anderson has defied the entire nation to put any reference to the Catholic church, for fear of libel suits by the Catholic empire.

Governor Smith, of New York, is a Catholic and is advertised far and near as a Catholic. He also is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President. The dries have designated him as "the candidate trying to ride into the White House astride a whiskey bottle."

Smith, it is known, has the full confidence of the Catholic church and on numerous occasions he has expressed full sympathy with the efforts of Mayor Hylan to drive the Ku Klux Klan from New York City.

On reading over a list of those fighting the prohibition law, one finds the names of typical Catholics and in many instances even the priests are in the rolls.

It also is revealed that the Rockefellers, father and son, in withdrawing their support of the Anti-Saloon League were inspired by Raymond D. Foxfield, an employee, who is a Catholic and who is high in the councils of the wets.

It is learned here through authoritative sources that Klansmen of New York state, who are increasing by droves every day, are lining up behind the Anti-Saloon League, forgetting predilections, to see that the Romish Empire does not win out in its fight on the Constitution of the United States.

Meler & 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 employees, mostly women and girls, who get the apprentice 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.

Auto-rates and impudent refusal of J. Meler, 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 grievances.

Use Purifying Power

The Klansmen and their friends are respectfully requested to patronize the advertisers in the WESTERN AMERICAN, who are mostly and square-dealing and honest. It will pay them to do so, for this is the kind of co-operation that brings mutual success. Our advertisers are advertising boldly in the Bulletin, the Catholic Sentinel, the Roman Telegram and other sheets, growing rich on general Protestant patronage, and yet none of them have the audacity to "check" certain of our advertisers whom they mistakenly think are affiliated with cowardice. It is a violation of the Oregon law to promote a boycott, and that's what the Rednecks are trying to do. They won't get anywhere with it, for our patrons are all Americans, who mind their own business and allow no one to interfere with their rights. We don't want any other kind of advertisers. Weak-kneed cowards and toe-kissers are barred.

"DISTRESS APPEAL" OF KLAN IS GIVEN

Frightened "Are There Any Good Men Here?"

Western American Special.
CHICAGO, March 28.—The Ku Klux Klan "distress appeal" was pulled in court here and a Knights of Columbus attorney took it to be the real thing. He even turned and issued the well known K. of C. distress appeal, "Are There Any Good Men Here?" All the Klansmen in the audience laughed.

The case being tried was in the matter of a couple of city firemen on charges of being a Klansmen. H. K. Ramsey, Imperial Kligrapp, was in court to defend the Klan side of the question and Robert E. Sheppard was looking after the Unity League end of the thing.

After Mr. Ramsey had explained the purposes of the Klan, he was sneered at by Attorney Patrick O'Donnell, who does not belong to the Klan, remarked: "Well, give the Klan distress appeal, because they are going to need it." Very solemnly, Mr. Sheppard placed the first finger of his right hand to the center of his forehead and drew it down over the right eye to the center of the right cheek, and then wiggled his fingers.

MINIONS OF PAPAL POWER OFFER BILL

Klansmen Treat Proposed Measure With Well-Deserved Contempt.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 28.—Not a single representative of the Ku Klux Klan appeared here to voice a protest against the Walker bill, which compels registration with the state of the members of all secret societies.

This is one of Governor Al Smith's pet bills and it was expected that a stiff fight would be made on the bill in committee, especially when a public hearing was accorded it on Wednesday.

A half dozen Catholic bishops, a whole flock of priests and numerous other high lights in the Romish church were present to inform the legislators just how awful the Ku Klux Klan is and just what should be done to curb it.

They pointed to their own noble and effulgent Knights of Columbus as a shining example of what a secret society ought to be, anyhow.

Just what tactics will be pursued by the Empire State Klansmen is not known, but it is believed they will make their stand on the floor of the assembly.

POPULAR SHERIFF OF CLATSOP WINS RED AUTOMOBILE

Friends in Astoria Put Slusher Over the Top in Final Dash.

EVERYONE A GAME LOSER

Eight Worth-While Prizes Awarded to Those Who Stay in Race.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
The undersigned committee, appointed by the Rev. James R. Johnson, Exalted Cyclops of Portland Klan No. 1, co-operating with the Exalted Cyclops of Pacific Klan, No. 2, Astoria, and the Mother Counselor of The Ladies of the Invisible Empire, Portland, hereby certify that the following candidates in the campaign for subscriptions to The Western American have been found by us to be the winners of the prizes set opposite their names, together with their respective votes, as shown by the tally, double-checked:

HARVEY E. SLUSHER, Sheriff of Clatsop County, 11,600 votes.
Winner of 1923 Red automobile.
MRS. H. E. HADLEY, Burlington, Ore., 8,010,150 votes. Winner of second prize, a Ford 1923 coupe.
MRS. FRED ARMSTRUTTER, Cecilia Apartments, Portland, 7,275,100 votes. Winner of third prize, a 1923 Ford touring car.

MABELLE JONES, Portland, 6,513,625 votes. Winner of fourth prize, a \$200 diamond ring.
NAT R. LONG, Portland, 4,635,325 votes. Winner of fifth prize, a \$150 radio set.

ROY McCLELLAND, 4,612,200 votes. Winner of sixth prize, \$100 in gold coin.
MRS. H. W. HUNT, 4,218,625 votes. Winner of seventh prize, \$50 in cash.

MRS. F. T. HELL, 3,508,350 votes. Winner of eighth prize, \$25 in cash.
Captain A. D. Montell and William E. Bailey did splendid work for the contest without thought of prize-winning, and their friends gave each of them a highly complimentary vote. They did not quite come within the money, however.

(Signed)
BENJAMIN H. INMAN,
WALTER GOBIN SMITH,
D. L. BRISTOW,
R. HICKS,
W. N. SMETHURST,
Committee.

(By FRANK W. CAMERON,
Contest Manager.)

The Western American's big automobile contest is ended, and the strain that everyone connected with the affair has been under, is happily relieved. It was a strenuous time all around, and an anxious one, to be sure, but now that the end is reached and the results announced, everyone is satisfied.

Naturally the greatest struggle was for the splendid Red touring car, worth \$1895, the grand capital prize. The Western American offered the best prizes obtainable; we were willing to pay liberally for good work, and we got it, for never before in this section of the state has there been such a successful subscription campaign as the one just concluded by this newspaper.

The aggregate vote totals reached enormous figures, representing thousands of new and renewal subscriptions, and the sale of large numbers of cards returnable for advertising in this newspaper.

To the new readers and our old patrons as well, whose interest and patronage made this contest the tremendous success it was, the manage-

BALLOTS FOR MISS NELSON ARE WANTED

Friends of Elizabeth Ray Nelson, holding ballots in the singing contest, now being held at the Blue Moose Theatre, are requested to see that the ballots are delivered or mailed to her at 1572 East Everett street, on or before April 6. Miss Nelson appreciates the efforts being made in her behalf and, through her many friends, she hopes to carry away the honors.

PLEASE HELP FIND THIS WAYWARD LAD

Longing for Golden West Causes Him to Leave Home.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—Will you help find Dwight William Madison, 14-year-old son of William Madison, Mason and full-blooded Indian chieftain, who disappeared from Washington on the night of March 5? Chief Madison believes his son left here, longing for the Western country where he was raised. The lad is five feet tall, weighs 120 pounds, has dark brown hair and eyes and the thumb nail of his right hand is ridged. When he left here he was wearing a grey cap, dark green sweater and blue jeans.

Any news of him should be communicated at once to The Fellowship Forum, Washington, D. C.

ment of this newspaper is indeed grateful and indebted. On behalf of the candidates, and the paper itself, the public is entitled to the most emphatic thanks for the general good will shown during the campaign.

Develop Salesmanship.
But as to the winners. The figures speak for themselves. To those whose energies have carried them through this campaign to success, The Western American extends the heartiest congratulations. We are proud of our representatives who took part in this competition, and we hope they, who by right of conquest have just claimed their awards, will in turn be proud of their prizes.

While the prizes were remarkable for their value, there are other considerations to be taken into account. During this campaign much was learned that will be of benefit to them. They have made new and pleasant acquaintances; they have formed more correct ideas along business lines, and most of them have developed a sense of observation that will pay future dividends.

The competition has been a splendid training and a valuable experience. It has taught, among other things, that courage and perseverance are the two most essential elements necessary to overcome obstacles that beset this never ending conflict called "life."

Of course, it is inevitable that in a campaign of this kind all candidates cannot win first prize; that it is an understood fact at the beginning of the contest, and, right or wrong, civilization seems to have accepted and applied nature's rule of "the survival of the fittest."

Energy Wins Rewards.
To accomplish a given purpose a great amount of energy is necessary, and fortune seems to lavish her richest gifts upon those who are equipped with sufficient energy to carry out the mandates of ambition.

In conclusion we wish to say that our relations with all the candidates have been pleasant indeed. They in turn, have dealt with an organization which, to the best of its ability, made the campaign one long to be remembered for its wholesome character and fair dealings. It was a great race and it leaves in bold relief the possibilities of that cardinal virtue—ambition.

Awards were made by the judges, under the rules announced at the beginning of the campaign.

MER ROUGE FRAME HAS FALLEN FLAT, RUINING AUTHORS

Governor Parker and His Roman Henchmen Stand Pilloried Before All America.

FACTS REVEALED TO WORLD

Daily Press, Confessing Papal Control, Fails to Feature Final Result.

Western American Special.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—In its current issue, The Fellowship Forum, a national Masonic newspaper published here, under the caption of "Protestant Fraternalism Wins," prints the following editorial resume of the notorious Mer Rouge case:

AFTER months of labored effort on the part of Governor Parker, of Louisiana, and his crowd of henchmen, assisted by the Roman Catholic hierarchy, the Mer Rouge frame has fallen flat.

The evidence submitted at this time bore so many evidences of being a put-up job that only the blindest partisan could see anything but failure in the plan of Governor Parker and his aids to destroy the Klan through such methods as were used in the grand jury inquiry.

The Fellowship Forum correspondent at Bastrop on January 20, made the statement that "some powerful influence, generally believed to be the Roman Catholic hierarchy, is shielding one of the rottenest situations and most lawless gangs that ever existed in an American community in its attempt here to stamp out the Ku Klux Klan through distortion of facts." In this article it was pointed out that the men who were held up to the world as martyrs at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan were nothing more than moral lepers. The "search" for the torture machine was openly laughed at. Catholics controlled the machine conducting the hearing, these officers being from Baton Rouge and Washington, every one of whom were Catholics under the direction of Governor Parker. The federal investigators, all Catholics, sent to Louisiana were under the direction of William J. Burns, Knights of Columbus, chief of the Department of Justice bureau of investigation. Yet with all this hostile array of Roman Catholicism, the prosecutors were unable to make out a case.

At the height of the excitement over the Mer Rouge affair there were, of course, many differences of opinion among Masons. Referring to this phase of the matter, The Fellowship Forum urged Masons to hold their opinions in abeyance, awaiting the full developments of the case. Many militant Masons throughout the country expressed themselves as being in favor of the Christian tenets of the Ku Klux Klan, while, on the other hand, there were Masons who opposed the organization as being altogether un-American. By this latter class, the Klan was looked upon as a secret, lawless body of men who sought to take the law in their own hands, and by so doing, express their contempt for the government. The investigation revealed the fact that the testimony furnished against the Klan was given by bootleggers, gamblers, libertines and other lawless elements of the population. The members of the Klan were known as

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