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M'MINNVILLE KLAN GROWING FAST AND PEOPLE ARE HAPPY

**Boy Scouts Favored—Ro-
mans Still Wearing Garb
in Public Schools.**

McMINNVILLE, Ore., March 28.—The Klan is growing rapidly, as a result of the great lecture by James R. Johnson, Exalted Cyclops of Portland Klan No. 1 at McMinville recently. The Ladies of the Invisible Empire also have a strong council here. Both orders are accomplishing great things for the general good of the community.

The Boy Scout movement is gaining tremendous impetus in Yamhill county, due to the support of the Klansmen, who say the Boy Scouts are all right when properly led. It is now being led right and is going to win renown under a real American. Every citizen who believes in American ideals is being asked to give his support. Newberg is a strong Klan and Boy Scout center. A fund of \$4000 is to be raised and a capable Scoutmaster will be employed.

Kleagle J. Hoogstraet, organizing in Washington and Yamhill counties, reports that the Roman Catholics still are teaching in their garb in the public schools in the Verboort district, much to the dissatisfaction of the general public. Even many Catholics are said to be objecting to the wearing of the garb by the teachers, since it stirs up animosity and accentuates the growing sentiment against the papist system.

CURTIS WINS ALL YAKIMA AUDIENCE

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that harmony prevails today in the age-old conflict. These leading citizens have been induced to intermingling with those of opposing beliefs, in clubs and fraternal societies. This policy has become so popular and successful in Yakima that many true Protestants have become imbued with the erroneous idea that the hatchet is buried between Protestantism and political Romanism, but they are learning now

that Rome is more active now than ever before in history and also that "Rome never changes."

Opposition Helps Klan.
Much opposition was launched to prevent the citizens from getting the truth, and many regrettable incidents happened, fostered by some who had prejudiced the cause, by other who were avowedly prejudiced, by others who were openly vicious in their antagonism, and by others who supposedly worship at the Protestant altar but who fear the loss of the almighty dollar through a Catholic boycott if they were known to be true to their own convictions. The latter therefore were ready to heap coals of fire upon their own.

Warning to Col. Robertson.
There is much dissatisfaction with the hostile editorial attitude of W. W. Robertson, owner and editor of the Yakima Republic, but his many friends among the Klansmen are pleading that he has been misinformed concerning the principles, purposes and methods of the Klan; that he is a Mason of high degree and will give the Klansmen fair play in the news. If this policy is followed, the Klansmen say, Colonel Robertson will make friends, rather than lose them, and there will be no necessity for establishing a new daily newspaper and printery in Yakima. On the other hand, they declare, if he follows an unfair policy, injurious to Klan welfare and the Protestant cause, a new publicity enterprise will be launched or the Yakima Valley, with ample capital behind it and a support that will assure its immediate success.

The best citizens of the valley are joining the Klan, which in a little while easily will become the dominant social factor and the principal influence for the public good.

The Kleagle in charge of the organization work in the valley is being warmly praised for his excellent work and compliments to Dr. Curtis are heard on all sides.

Catholic Sues Libelers
CHICAGO.—J. William Brooks, undertaker here, has entered suit for \$100,000 against the American Unity League and publishers of Tolerance, charging their assertion that he is a Klansman has injured his business. Brooks is a Catholic.

Answer: J. E. Murphy is Grand Knight of Portland Council No. 678, Knights of Columbus. A. A. Murphy is a Fourth Degree officer, holding the title of Faithful Navigator.—Ed.

UPSHAW FOR V. P. DELIGHTS AMERICA

**Georgian Immensely Popu-
lar; Is Backed by the
Minute Men.**

Western American Special.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—A boom for Representative William D. Upshaw, of Georgia, for the Vice-Presidency of the United States in 1924 was started here last week by Frank J. Bathelet, of Boston, legislative chairman of the Minute Men of America. Mr. Upshaw is immensely popular with all classes. "We can hardly hope the Democratic party to be bold enough to go South for the first place on the ticket," said Mr. Bathelet, "but the Southern break must come some time, and we are heartily in favor of Mr. Upshaw for the second place. Indeed, we would love to see him first."

STATESMAN-DOCTOR HELPS HIS FRIEND

Western American Special.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—Dr. Hubert Work, a well known physician of Washington, responded hurriedly to a professional call from Rochester, Minn., last Monday.

The foregoing paragraph seems prosaic enough, but the romance lies in the fact that the well-known physician is Secretary of the Interior and former Postmaster-General until transferred the first of the month to the interior department.

Senator Nicholson of Colorado, a life long friend of Dr. Work, also of Colorado, is at the Mayo Infirmary at Rochester, and was advised to undergo an operation. Senator Nicholson, however, refused to submit unless advised to do so by Dr. Work, in whose medical and surgical skill and ability he has the utmost confidence. As a result, Dr. Work dropped everything he was doing and rushed to the bedside of his sick friend to act as a physician.

har crook, nor accident could be over gain admission to the Ku Klux Klan, and stay D. The prayer of the order is "God give us MEN—tall men, sun-crowned, honest men and true," who would die before betraying the Sacred Obligation.

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