

Smile, Old Kasey, and the Klansmen Smile With You

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PASCO KLAN GIVES MONEY AS A TOKEN TO USEFUL CHURCH

Pastor Receives Gift by Letter and Returns Grateful Thanks.

ORDER DOING GREAT WORK

In Recent Election Wins Complete Victory for Real Americanism.

PASCO, WASH., May 23.—(Special.)—The Pasco public generally is paying deserved tribute to the constructive community work of the Provisional Klan of Pasco—the most harmonious, self-sacrificing, thoroughly hundred percent Klan in all the Pacific Northwest—the pride of Franklin county, Washington.

In keeping with its fixed policy of doing things in a quiet, unassuming manner and taking their reward by rejoicing secretly in good deeds well done, the Pasco Klansmen on Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 13, presented by letter to the Christian Church of Pasco a well-filled purse as a good will offering and token of appreciation of admirable work which this church and its pastor, Reverend Sadler, are doing toward advancing true Christianity in this community.

Scores of Klansmen were in attendance at the service and heard the courteous expressions of gratitude by Reverend Sadler and his fitting acceptance of the mysterious donation. This is the Pasco Klan's idea of upholding the principles and the dignity of the order. It never has sought any cheap notoriety or sarcastic publicity in the press by appearing in regalia on such missions, and it never will. This same quiet, unassuming attitude was exemplified by the Pasco Klansmen in the recent county and city elections. The public hardly realized there was a Klan here until the votes were counted, when the people awakened to the fact that the Pasco Klan had achieved the most thorough and complete victory for real Americanism and Protestantism of all the Klan sections in the state of Washington.

LIGHT THAT FAILED IN FIGHT WITH BILL

Pair of Disloyal Discards Engage in Goat-Getting Contest.

Western American Bureau. AURORA, Mo., May 23.—The two outlaws of the Klan—Billy and Joe—have split, and Billy is going after Joe's goat for all he is worth. Billy is one Parker, editor of "The New Menace," and Joe is Joe Wood, editor of the Searchlight—"the light that failed."

Billy started his own dern little clan but it didn't take, and Joe denounced Dr. Evans from amazing grace to a floating opportunity. They are both a fine little pair of denouncers. Billy, though, is trying to slide back in the Klan after finding the swimming wasn't good outside the Evans pool and is literally tearing his shirt off his back for the Doctor. So he's going after Joe, who was decreed that the Doctor must go.

Did you ever see yaller dog running along harking at a mile-a-minute train? That's what Joe and Billy look like trying to stop the Klan.

OUTDOOR INITIATION TO BE HELD JUNE 11

Solely on account of the perfect weather, the lovely great outdoors, and the lack of sufficient room for the gathering in any hall, Portland Klan No. 1 is preparing to hold a solemn ritualistic initiation ceremonial in full regalia under the open sky upon leased grounds in Portland the evening and night of June 11. Visiting delegations are expected.

The fiery cross will gleam brightly and all the weird and mystical ceremonies of the full ritual of the Klan will be performed. A great class of novitiate Klansmen will be put through the various mysterious tests. There will be no hanging, drawing nor quartering, and no one will be eaten alive, nor will anyone have a chip on his shoulder. It is to be a strictly private Klan affair, and if an alien gets an eye-full, it will be from a safe height in an airplane.

M'FARLAND WINS COLLECTOR PLUM

Popular Portland Dentist Climbs Up Rung on Political Ladder.

Dr. E. C. McFarland, of Portland, a well-known and popular dentist, sportsman and thoroughly good citizen, has won the race for appointment by the President as Collector of Customs for the District of Oregon, succeeding the late lamented George O. Piper. Dr. McFarland will take charge of the office about June 1.

There were many eligibles and receptive ones, including O. H. Fithian, John L. Day and Charles T. Early, but there was another on whose preference the hearts of thousands of Klansmen were firmly set, he being the favorite "dark horse" and known in this connection to but few—Alva Lee Stephens, popularly called "Big Steve," whose future in Oregon politics does not lie in the past. Stephens emphatically was not a candidate, personally, but laughingly conceded to some of his friends that he wouldn't turn it down if it were offered to him properly on a golden platter, together with assurances that it would not lay him under obligations to certain flesh-pot politicians.

This may be telling tales out of school, but the secret is being whispered rather loudly—that "Big Steve," whose devotion to the right, to duty and to friends is ABSOLUTE, is being reserved for possible nomination for the United States Senate, or, after a while, for Governor of Oregon. He is able and square, "an honest man, the noblest work of God."

For obvious reasons, the appointment of Dr. McFarland gives complete satisfaction among Klansmen. He is not one of them, but is known to be a broad-gauge, square-dealing American. That's all the Klansmen demand—that all offices, elective and appointive, be filled with real Americans, without hyphenation and without reproach.

LADIES' OFFICE AT 407 PITCOCK BLOCK

The headquarters and business office of The Ladies of the Invisible Empire, Portland Council No. 1, is in charge of Mrs. Maybelle Jette, the Mother Counselor, is at 407 Pittcock Block, telephone 1873, where all business pertaining to the local Council is transacted. All members are advised to pay no attention to common rumors set afloat by enemies of their Cause. The Portland Council is prosperous and progressive and just now is undertaking a constructive program of honorable achievement which is sure to benefit all concerned.

DANCE FOR SWEET CHARITY AT GRAND HOP FRIDAY NIGHT

Ladies of Invisible Empire Working for Children's Farm Home.

SHOWING ALL OTHERS HOW

Women's Enthusiasm for Noble Enterprise Promises Some Rich Results.

Mrs. Maybelle Jette, Mother Counselor of the Ladies of the Invisible Empire, Portland Council No. 1, and her co-workers, who held an enthusiastic meeting last Friday night at their hall, 9th and Hawthorne, are backing the Children's Farm Home with a vim that promises rich results. They already have about \$500 as a starter for their fund. They aim to raise thousands and to keep on fighting for the noble cause.

Friday night this week they will give and give instead a joyous charity ball, in Redmen's hall, East 9th and Hawthorne, exclusively for the benefit of the Children's Farm Home Fund. The ball is under the auspices of the Cameretta Club and the Krazy Kat Klub. Admission only 35 cents, war tax free. The dance floor will accommodate about 300 couples. Delicious refreshments will be served and a jolly good time is guaranteed for all. Cards will be provided, and the best of music. The ladies are making tremendous progress with their Portland organization and they have the moral backing of the individual Klansmen and of all Protestant organizations.

INVESTIGATION ON TO IDENTIFY FIXER

The Western American is investigating to find out the identity of the festive fixer who proved himself a sleek lawmaker by putting through a joker in the alien employment bill in the recent session of the Oregon legislature, so as to allow the numerous aliens to hold good American jobs on public work, at the expense of the American taxpayers, while deserving citizens, including many noble ex-servicemen, vainly seek the same kind of employment.

The bill was constitutional, of course. Representative D. C. Lewis was chairman of the judiciary committee and submitted authorities proving its validity overwhelmingly. Mr. Lewis and his colleagues also added an amendment that no person not a citizen should be appointed to office or be employed on public work. The "dirty work" was done by some mysterious "statesman" on the floor of the house. We are determined to identify him and public opinion will keep him out of office hereafter. The legislative Journal hasn't been printed yet and it is difficult to identify the author of the joker, positively. Suspicion so far points to a certain well-known Salenite, who hotly opposed the school bill in the campaign, and who previously had unloaded a huge amount of useless prison goods, at fancy prices, upon the Olcott administration.

The plea for keeping aliens eligible as employees of public work is said to have been the ridiculous claim that without them the Multnomah county commission would be short of experienced help on the Portland bridges. Just wait till we identify that bird!

TO ALL KLANSMEN Remember at all times the Sacred Obligation. Practice in daily life the Golden Rule. Speak evil of no one. Discount all rumors. When it is impossible to praise a Brother, KEEP SILENT!

ALL SEEM TO WANT COL. WILL C. NORTH

Judging from the great numbers eagerly signing the nominating petition, and from reports in every quarter, Protestant and Catholic, white and colored, the Portland public seems overwhelmingly in favor of Colonel William C. North for the School Board. He is a mighty big man, who he surely wouldn't have the splendid non-partisan and non-sectarian support. He is said to be eminently qualified for the position. The Klansmen have no candidate, but they point to a fixed star in the direction of Alaska when asked whom they think is the best man for the job. The hard-boiled facts concerning the candidates will be published by The Western American next week.

CONSTITUTIONAL? WHY WE KNEW THAT WHEN WE VOTED IT

Washington Official Warning Unheeded by Oregon School Law.

Western American Bureau. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23.—The Oregon school law will be held unconstitutional.

This is the opinion expressed by a high official of the United States government. This official, whose name cannot be used for political reasons, speaks with the knowledge of 30 years of law practice behind him, many of which were spent on the bench. At one time he was a Justice of the Supreme Court of his state.

The Catholics may howl and they may spend money and they may wage campaigns, but it cannot alter facts, according to this official, who points out that the State has the first and foremost right to educate its citizens. He says that churches naturally have rights in any State, but that their rights must conform to the laws of the States, or they must leave.

TRAINING UP CHILD AS WAY HE SHOULD GO

Klansmen Giving Solid Support to Daily Vacation Bible School.

Portland Klansmen are solidly behind the Daily Vacation Bible School for Children, to open June 18, offering free courses of study for classes in Ladd School, at West Park and Jefferson, to include manual training, games, handwork, picnics and a programme of religious and Bible training. Character building is the purpose, which same is the purpose of the Ku Klux Klan. The opening date is the Monday following the close of the school—June 18.

Grand Dragon Fred L. Gifford, Exalted Cyclops James R. Johnson and their official co-workers have passed the word to give solid support to the school; to tell everybody about it. Any child may enroll without reference to race or religious creed. There will be no charge or cost to any child. Sessions will be held from 9 to noon every morning except Saturday and Sunday and the Fourth of July, for four weeks. In the course of the school more religious instruction will be given than in a year and a half of the work of the average Sunday school.

DEFENDS LOGGERS OF THE NORTHWEST AND THEIR ENEMY

Found to Be Very Good Americans by Distinguished Economist.

STRIVING FOR IMPROVEMENT

Hundred Thousand Woodsmen Resolve to Live Like Independent Men.

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SEATTLE, Wash., May 23.—Ninety per cent of the loggers of the Pacific Northwest, the hardy men who make up the personnel of the lumbering industry of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, the second largest industry in the United States, are Americans and the remainder foreigners, as certain statisticians would define the public who believe, and it is regrettable to state, it is widely believed, that the loggers are the worst of the worst.

J. H. Geoghegan, noted economist and writer, who has just concluded a thorough study of the lumber industry of the Northwest in search of material which he will incorporate in a book on the subject soon to be issued, a research which extended from the men on the "skid roads" of the coast cities to the camps in the heart of the timber.

Leader in Economics. Reverend Geoghegan is well known in literary and scientific circles for his fearless stand and the originality of his work in the field of economics. His theses on economical problems of Alaska, presented several years ago, have been widely read and establish him as a man of remarkable attainments. His present work is declared to be a refutation of many of the popular conceptions concerning the loggers. It will be known as "The Exploitation of the Migratory Worker" and promises to be a revelation of the causes which have driven the loggers to seek better conditions in recent years.

Exploited by Quacks. The loggers of the Northwest are kept in perpetual poverty because they are exploited by employment agencies, quack doctors, bootleggers and dance hall courtesans, asserts Reverend Geoghegan. Ninety-five per cent of the loggers are either American, or of conservative English ancestry, better educated as a class than workers found in other industries, which dispels the idea that most of them are foreigners and illiterate. The average age of the men is 35.

The fact that 92 per cent of the loggers have no permanent residence and that 70 per cent are unmarried leads them to spend their holidays in the big towns, seeking relaxation from their strenuous toil, declares this economist. Their money is coaxed from them by bootleggers and dance hall girls, and if any is left it goes to the employment agents and quack doctors.

Parasites Reap Rich Harvest. "A woodsman only holds a job a few weeks, and then goes back to the employment agency for another one," he says. "Each trip costs him \$1 upward, besides his railway fare and expenses incidental to changing jobs. It is estimated the employment agencies of the Northwest reap a harvest of several millions of dollars annually."

Mr. Geoghegan has been with the men on the "skid road" and on the street in pursuing his studies. He was in Seattle when the recent timber workers' strike was in effect. He witnessed the arrest of a group of L. W. W. for distributing propaganda dodgers. The handbills merely warned members to stay away from the moonshine joints. Fighting for Rights of Man. While certain patronizing elements

ROMANS TO BUILD GRAND SANCTUARY

Pope Pius XI has sanctioned and blessed the plans of the Servite Fathers for the erection of a sanctuary or place of pilgrimage in Portland, in honor of the Barrow Mother of God, at a cost of \$5,000,000, thus fulfilling the 15-year-old dream of Priest A. M. Mayer, now stationed in Portland in charge of details of the project.

The sanctuary will differ from a parish church in that it will be a place of pilgrimage—the only institution of the kind in America—where special services will be conducted for those seeking spiritual, temporal or physical aid. The Catholic clergy and laity of the entire country are interested in the project.

The unannounced aim of the Roman church is to challenge the supremacy of the Protestant people of Oregon and to make Portland the chief Catholic center in the Pacific Northwest. The plans for the magnificent buildings of the institution were drawn by Architect Osborn of Seattle.

ASHAMED OF WEAK-KNEED AMERICANS

Fearless Patriot Finds Klan Principles and Practice All Right.

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PORTLAND, Me., May 23.—Declaring that "the Klan is now passing through the same awful experience which Masonry and Odd Fellowship faced when in their infancy because of the Pope in Rome, the Rev. Judson P. Marvin, pastor of the Church of Messiah, Universalist, of this city, made a defense of the Ku Klux Klan which created a marked impression upon his audience.

Voicing his regret that the Klan had been maligned by a few narrow-minded Protestant ministers who were in ignorance of the principles and teachings of the organization, said: "To my mind, the Klan is performing a great work for Protestantism because it instills love of the Protestant faith and of country. Thanks to the founders of the Order, Protestantism has been aroused from its deep slumber in time, and within the short space of three years, the fraternity has attained a membership of 4,000,000, with a waiting list of many more."

Secure the cities for magazines and other periodicals, which they censor before sending out to the logging camps, snugly believing they are lifting the lumberjack to a higher plane, Reverend Geoghegan delves into the human side of the problem, bravely seeking the causes of unrest and as fearlessly exposing the putrid conditions as he finds them, turning the spotlight of pitiless publicity on the hidden nooks in the existing social structure. Such things will be revealed in his new work in such dazzling logic that it is thought probable the interests seeking to keep the woods worker in his former mentally, physically and morally enslaved state will attempt to suppress the book, but he will have behind him a hundred thousand woodsmen who seek to put an end to the old conditions and lift their heads and live like men.

AIM AT THIS MARK!

Here's a mark for other States to aim at! In the Realm of Wyoming there is a Klan in every town of more than 1000 population and some in the smaller towns. Wyoming, the baby realm of the Klan—it received its State organization only in February last—is one of the most compactly and completely organized of Klan States.

WONDERFUL SCENE ASTONISHES FOLK OF OREGON TOWN

Blazing Fiery Cross and Gathering of Klansmen Cause Excitement.

TWO "HANGINGS" REPORTED

Thousands of Hooded Men Take Part in Weird Open-Sky Ceremonial.

McMINNVILLE, Or., May 23.—(Special Dispatch.)—Pursuant to a recent proclamation by Imperial Wizard Dr. Hiram W. Evans, the local Klan lighted a fiery cross on the hills west of town on the evening of May 12 to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of our order. The usual interest, excitement and spread of wild stories resulted. To quote from one of the city papers: "The huge cross was visible from certain sections of the city and young men about town journeyed to see what was happening. 'I saw white-hooded figures all around and about the blazing cross, and it looked like thousands of hooded men were there,' said an onlooker. Other stories afloat were to the effect that three or five negroes were hanged, although the report does not relate whence came the negroes, or what was done with the carcasses; that some eight hundred were initiated into the order, and so on, ad infinitum. All this merely illustrates the power of the fanciful and will-o'-the-wisp imagination possessed by the average human being 'without regard to race, color, or previous condition of servitude.'"

Needless to say, there has been created in Klan affairs an interest that is causing investigation of the order's principles and purposes and bringing in numerous applications for membership. The Klan in this section is doing a great amount of constructive work. "I saw white-hooded figures all around and about the blazing cross, and it looked like thousands of hooded men were there," said an onlooker. Other stories afloat were to the effect that three or five negroes were hanged, although the report does not relate whence came the negroes, or what was done with the carcasses; that some eight hundred were initiated into the order, and so on, ad infinitum. All this merely illustrates the power of the fanciful and will-o'-the-wisp imagination possessed by the average human being "without regard to race, color, or previous condition of servitude.""

FAT BILL IS CAUGHT POCKETING A ROLL

Judge Has Been Receiving \$10,000 a Year of Carnegie's Tainted Money.

The National Socialist Party, which held a convention in New York last week, apparently has caught Fat Bill Taft with the goods, to use fittingly a burglarious underworld expression. By unanimous resolution they charge that the Stuffed Oracle of the Supreme Court for many years has been pocketing secretly an annual pension of \$10,000 from the Carnegie Corporation in recognition of "services rendered." The Socialists declare that the acceptance of an annuity from the wicked and predatory steel trust is a menace to the integrity of our courts, and they voice the natural demand that Fat Bill be impeached and kicked off the Supreme Bench. Nation-wide co-operation for this result was asked of all trade unions and patriotic bodies.

Alexander Cahan, the distinguished editor of the Jewish Daily Forward, scored a distinct triumph in the Socialist convention by denouncing Trotsky and Lenin of Russia and their peculiar brand of communism. Cahan declared the Russian Communists were fakery and grafters and that the American Socialists should stop temporizing with the Russian Soviet.