

NAILING THIEVES AND FOURFLUSHERS IN SELF DEFENSE

Denouncing H. J. Langoe and Associates in Fake "Western American."

PATIENCE REACHES LIMIT

"Americanized," Rednecked Foreigner Also Keeps Boozie in Apartment.

During the red-hot political campaign last October an obscure monthly publication called "THE NORTHMAN," issued by "The Northman Publishing Company," at Portland, suddenly changed its name to "THE WESTERN AMERICAN," for pecuniary reasons, and has been trying ever since, with less than 500 actual circulation, to make the public believe it is the real and only Western American.

The real Western American, official journal of the Ku Klux Klan in the Realm of Oregon, with offices at 408 Pittcock block, had been a going enterprise for several months, published every week at Astoria, with a large circulation in Portland and throughout the state of Oregon and a scattering list of subscribers in all parts of the Northwest and other sections. It has about 50,000 readers.

The editor of The Western American, who was fighting with all his might for the Public School Bill, indiscreetly had announced in a lodge meeting in Portland that adverse printing conditions in Astoria would compel him to move the paper to Portland, from which base a much larger circulation could be obtained and better service in general be given. A prattling gossip, serving as a spy, tipped the word to the outside and soon afterward "The Northman" was dubbed "The Western American" and filled with all kinds of "patriotic" flubdud designed to deceive such of the public as its small circulation could reach and to do what harm it could to the Public School Bill and the White Folks' ticket.

Postmaster "Unfriendly" to Us. The Western American protested at the Astoria postoffice against this brazen steal of name, and also to the Postoffice Department at Washington. The Astoria postmaster, one Haiderman, a wood dealer, happened to be on the other side of the political argument, doing what he could against the interests of the White Folks. He couldn't see wherein the theft of the paper's name by the Portland man was any offense against the postal regulations, and of course, he so represented it to the Postoffice Department. For this reason it was impossible to stop the theft by federal order, because, forsooth, it had occurred at the PORTLAND postoffice and The Western American was using the second-class mailing privilege through the ASTORIA postoffice. This argument was foolish because the paper had an extensive circulation in Portland, and was soliciting business there and was a newspaper of

general circulation. The "Northman" had less than 500 subscribers in Portland, and all concerned knew very well that this theft would result immediately in confused mail deliveries.

Begins Opening Our Mail

Sure enough, the editor of the "Northman" began receiving and opening the private personal mail of the editor of The Western American, and has continued to commit this unpardonable offense at every opportunity. Even when the address and the envelope markings show unmistakably that the letter is directed to the editor of The Western American, in the Pittcock block, this "Americanized" foreigner, H. J. Langoe, has opened it, thus "wising" himself to our private affairs, and keeping the money for subscriptions, sending his fake paper to our subscribers. Furthermore, the said H. J. Langoe sent out solicitors who represented themselves as agents of the real and only Western American, thus obtaining patronage by false pretenses.

Backed by "Wise Gazabos"

Langoe, alias Hansen, is head of "The Northman Publishing Co.," a questionable stock concern that has operated in Portland for many years, and which peddles "sharés" to suckers. It has only a few subscribers, yet L. R. Wheeler of The Portland Telegram and other "wise gazabos" who are striving to dominate Portland, find uses for the servile Langoe and his petty sheet. It is reported that Langoe, who is a rednecked "adopted citizen," has his editorial matter prepared by one of L. R. Wheeler's staff.

The intent of the Langoe publication is to deceive and defraud, and we warn all concerned.

The Langoe sheet publishes a full page directory of "The Portland Americanization Council," of which L. R. Wheeler is chairman; Jacob Kanaler, vice-president; Anne M. Mulhern, secretary, and himself, H. J. Langoe, TREASURER! If Langoe is as diligent in treasuring the funds of the "Americanization Council" as he has been in opening the valuable mail of The Western American, fraudulently claiming it as his own, the Council may not find its funds in a state of plethora. Langoe will find uses for it.

Booze Fighter, Too

Perhaps Langoe buys booze with The Western American money. We have proof that he KEEPS booze—and of a very bad quality—in his living quarters in the old Labbe roomery at Second and Washington. This is a hot tip for the prohibition sleuths.

On the door of his den in the Labbe building, this "Americanized" foreigner has a sign:

"The Western American, The Northman Publishing Co., Langoe Steamship Agency, WALK IN!"

And so said the spider to the fly. Someone WILL walk in some time and take 'em to the calaboose for having booze and for supplying others with it. This is his type and his idea of "good citizenship." Somehow Langoe gets away with it and rides around in an expensive automobile. His business is evidently that of catching suckers, capitalizing the alien influences, and Portland is full of them, as the fly-by-night promoters all exultantly declare.

"Good Citizenship," Forsooth! Langoe calls his publication "A magazine of good citizenship." Here is the title page of this brazen faker: "THE WESTERN AMERICAN, (continuing The Northman), a Magazine of Good Citizenship, the recognized

Americanization Journal for Oregon and the Pacific Northwest, published monthly by The Northman Publishing Company (Incorporated). Officers: H. J. Langoe, president; B. G. Skulason, secretary-treasurer; directors, G. B. Hegardt, B. G. Skulason, H. J. Langoe. Offices and publishing house, Labbe building, 227 1/2 Washington St., Portland."

The title page is an unconscionable fraud in more ways than one. In the first place, it never had any right to the title, The Western American. It is not a magazine of good citizenship, if the editor of it, H. J. Langoe, is a specimen of same. It lacks general circulation in "the Pacific Northwest," because it only prints a few copies—just enough to put up a front and enable Langoe to peddle his goods. It is not in any sense of the word a "publishing HOUSE," and Langoe has great difficulty in persuading any printer to publish his sheet as a job, for obvious reasons. Yet, this crafty fellow mysteriously is able to hold the support of such men as B. G. Skulason, who is associated in the law business with A. E. Clark, J. H. Middleton and Malcolm Clark.

Only in Self-Defense

We regret the self-defense necessity of publishing these facts, but The Western American has sustained financial loss and much annoyance, by the theft of its title, and by the continued theft of subscriptions and patronage.

Our patient protests to the Postoffice Department, and to Langoe and Skulason were unavailing. The department misunderstands the situation and these fakers seem to be entirely without scruples.

A fine man, indeed, to have for treasurer of the Portland Americanization Council—alleged also to be a defiant violator of the prohibition law. Let these men deny the charges, or take action in any way they may dare. We have submitted long enough to the continued outrages and the public should be warned of all such larcenous activities.

"Bird of the Same Feather"

Thinking that, possibly, an honest appeal might have some weight with an "ethical" lawyer, the editor of The Western American on Tuesday told Lawyer Skulason—Langoe's fellow-greaser—the facts set forth in this article, warning him in a friendly way that patience had ceased to be a virtue, and that if it were possible for him to repair the wrong out of court he now had a good opportunity.

He was told that the writer in other years had met A. E. Clark, his law partner, and believed him to be square; that surely a lawyer possessing any conception of the lofty ethics of the legal profession would spurn such conduct as Langoe was guilty of. Skulason, however, showed himself to be a bird of the same feather, because he whined that the proper place to settle the controversy was in court. That's the LAWYER of it—and down with all such lawyers!—who create trouble and thus obtain practice. This is severe, but it is entirely justified by Skulason's remarks in reply to a fair proposition. He did not object to the article.

Foreigners All Clubbed Up

Has it come to pass that these half-baked foreigners dominate our country and our public affairs to such an extent that they can get away with ANYTHING? It seems so, in some sections. In the old home section of the writer, where a foreigner is a rara avis and less than one-half of one per cent of the population, we never would think of taking such a

JEW LIAR IMPOSTER EXPOSED BY TEXANS

Robert A. Lee of Fort Worth No Kin to Illustrious Southern Family.

(Western American Bureau)

FORT WORTH, Texas, June 14.—The Ku Klux Klan issue was injected into the trial of oil fraud cases here this week which resulted in four admitted Klansmen being rejected for jury duty because of their Klan affiliation.

The defendants in the oil fraud cases were:

- Walter Marks.
- Philip Goldstein, alias Ralph P. Gibson.
- Nathan H. Sang, alias N. J. Lang.
- M. Hirsch, alias M. Haas.
- H. H. Schwarz.
- Charles Sherwin.
- Robert A. Lee.

All are French—in a gnat's eye.

The first four pleaded guilty, while the latter three swore by all that is good and holy they had never done a naughty act in their lives. Indeed, they were such paragons of virtue that they were almost afraid of themselves.

In drawing a jury to try the three who pleaded not guilty, counsel for the defense asked each talesman:

"Are you a member of the Ku Klux Klan?"

Four answered in the affirmative and were immediately rejected.

The Lee gentleman named above has been posing as a member of the famous Southern family of Robert Edward Lee. An authentic scion of that family is here for the trial with family records to prove he is a Jew, a liar and an impostor.

BEWARE OF KAMELIA — UNDER BAN OF KLAN

Beware of the "Kamelia," which certain Georgia grafters are trying to promote in this section. It has been excluded from affiliation of any kind with the Ku Klux Klan, because it could not stand the test of the Klan's basic principle—Non Silba sed Anthe. An official announcement concerning the Women of the Ku Klux Klan will be made in next week's issue.

case as this into court. The taxpayers

down there would tolerate such waste of good money. They keep a handy post. But this is a different section and a very different kind of burg. Here the fellow with the alien jargon, being in sufficient numbers, is clubbed up in such a way that he bosses the situation. It is intolerable to a free-born American! It is intolerable to one whose ancestors fought with Washington, Wayne and Greene for the freedom and independence of America.

The editor admits that this article is written in righteous indignation, because he has been robbed and outraged in a manner that no man would endure. How would you feel to have some crafty skunk opening your private mail? This is the only apology necessary for our 50,000 readers, all of whom are interested in justice, the square deal and the welfare of The Western American.

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