

KENTUCKY & O. P. HAS GONE HAYWIRE WITH A VENGEANCE

Condemns Klan as Sop to Catholics and Jews to Forestall Democrats.

Western American Bureau
 LEXINGTON, KY., July 13.—The Republican party of Kentucky has adopted a plank in its platform condemning the Ku Klux Klan as "un-American" and pledging officers elected by the Republicans to fight the organization. Charles I. Dawson was nominated for Governor on this ticket. The anti-Klan plank is regarded as one of the greatest surprises of the convention.

The move is looked on here as a strong Republican bid for the powerful Catholic vote in the Blue Grass State, which the Democratic party has held heretofore. It also is regarded as a sop thrown out to the Jews who con-

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trol the money-bags and therefore contributions to the party cause. Others advance the thought that the action taken is the outgrowth of the resentment born of the tobacco night riders of several years ago, who upset law and order in the State. It is believed the Republicans have harkened to the charge of the Catholics and the Jews that the Klan is a night-riding organization, utterly lawless in every particular and otherwise objectionable.

Special efforts are going to be made shortly, it is said, to start a campaign of education in Kentucky to remove this impression of the Klan.

INNOCENT AS LAMBS, OF COURSE THEY BE

That Roman Priest Boot-legger in Denver Seems to Be in for It.

Klan Secret Service
 DENVER, July 13.—"Innocent as lambs," is the general effect of the plea entered by the Rev. Walter A. Grace, Catholic priest, John Walsh, his brother-in-law, and Mrs. Katherine O'Connor, a prominent Denver society woman, when arraigned in court here last week.

Mr. Grace is charged with having forged the name of the Sister superior of a home for the aged to a large number of whisky receipts. Walsh and Mrs. O'Connor are charged with complicity in the fraud.

When the liquor had been obtained, it is charged that Mrs. O'Connor left the city with Mr. Grace and that they traveled together as man and wife to a large number of Eastern cities.

THIS POOR FELLOW SPEAKS YOUR VERY THOUGHT ON BOOZE

When You Hear "Wet" Yawp, Make the Loafer Eat This Clipping.

In the public press not long ago there appeared a poem written by a convict in Illinois. You will notice he has a brilliant intellect and evidently has enjoyed the blessings of home and yet you will observe a vein of despair in the few expressive lines. He says: "The saloon is sometimes rightly called a bar."

"A bar to Heaven, a door to Hell, Whoever named it, named it well, A bar to manliness and wealth, A door to want and broken health, A bar to honor, pride and fame, A door to grief and sin and shame.

A bar to all that is true and brave, A door to every drunkard's grave, A bar to honored, useful life, A door to brawling senseless strife, A bar to home, a bar to prayer, A door to darkness and despair, A bar to joys that home imparts, A door to tears and broken hearts, A bar to Heaven, a door to Hell, Whoever named it, named it well."

—From The Guardian of Liberty.

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HENRY FORD IDEA HIT BY WAR LORD

Enforcement of Dry Laws by Soldiers First Step Toward Despotism.

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 WASHINGTON, D. C., July 13.—Use of the army in enforcing the prohibition laws will be a most dangerous precedent to initiate, Secretary of War Weeks told members of the Army War College graduating class last week.

"I cannot believe the persons who advocate such unusual employment for the army, such as the enforcement of prohibition, have given serious thought to the possible consequences of such action," the secretary declared.

Mr. Weeks urged the officers graduating from the college to enter into the civic life of the communities to which they may be assigned, which marks a new era, in army life. Heretofore, army officers have held more or less coldly aloof from the citizenry of the communities and have taken no part in their civic and community affairs. This is believed to be the first step in

Gen. A. B. Booth

General A. B. Booth, Confederate veteran, original Klansman and member of the Imperial Kloneillum of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan since the inception of that order, died in New Orleans on the night of June 27 at 8:40 o'clock, after an illness of several months. General Booth was 50 years of age.

General A. B. Booth was born in Louisiana and made his home in New Orleans for many years. He served with distinction in the Confederate army during the Civil War and was mustered out as a General Officer. He was one of the three ranking officers of the United Confederate Veterans and for a long time has had charge of the archives of the organization.

His service as a Klansman was devoted and of great value to the order. He was a Mason and Past Master of his lodge. He is survived by a widow and one son and one daughter, all of New Orleans.

Imperial Wizard H. W. Evans has decreed that all Klan altars be draped in suitable mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of this distinguished Klansman who has left the Invisible Empire to enter the portals of the Empire Invisible.

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KLAN PRAYER WINS 127 TO CONFESS FAITH

With the quotation of a prayer from the naturalization ceremony ritual of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, an evangelist recently won 127 converts to Christianity during a service in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

The evangelist had just concluded one of his evening services and was about to call upon sinners in the audience to come forward, confess their wrong and accept Jesus Christ.

Without announcing his intention the evangelist began reciting the "God Give Us Men" prayer that marks the opening of the naturalization ceremony in the order of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

When he had completed the prayer he found that 127 men and women had come forward and knelt at the altar to confess their belief in the Savior.

"This is the largest number that has come forward at the close of any of my meetings," the evangelist said.

"That is one of the most powerful prayers I have ever heard and I was happy to see the results that it brought."—THE IMPERIAL NIGHT-HAWK, July 4.

BRITONS KICKING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Protest Against Harding Methods at Ellis Island Immigration Station.

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 WASHINGTON, D. C., July 13.—Conditions recently complained of on the floor of the House of Commons in England relative to the Ellis Island immigration station at New York are admitted by immigration officials here but with the terse comment that the Government is not running a hotel on the island.

The Britons complained that people of different classes were thrown roughly together at the immigration station and that little heed was paid to their ranks of life on the other side of the Atlantic.

Officials here called attention to the fact that there are eight classifications of immigrants held at the island as to sex and rank, and that beyond that they were unable to go because of the limitations of space.

It is intimated that a cure for the situation at Ellis Island, which seems to be bothering foreign nations, is for them to keep their people at home instead of dumping a lot of undesirables into this country.

MIND OUR OWN BUSINESS

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We are being continually asked to "rip up the Ku Klux Klan." Within the last two weeks we have been asked several times to go after them.

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The fact of the matter is that the best way for us to promote our own interests is to look after them to the exclusion of everything else. We don't know, as a Fraternity, anything about the Ku Klux Klan, nor do we know anything about the Knights of Pythias. Some of our members do, but so long as they are Masons when in Masonry their outside affiliations are not matters of our concern. If they violate Masonic law, let us try them for unmanly conduct, not for belonging to some other organization.

Harmony is the strength and support of all institutions. If we cannot meet our brother upon the square without insisting on modeling his views of extraneous matters according to our own opinions, then we are lacking somewhere in our Masonry.

RESERVED TABLES GET GUARDS' GOAT

Special Dispatch.

SALEM, Ore., July 11.—There will be no more "reserved tables" for the penitentiary officers, if the rank and file of the guards have their way about it. William Mullen, erstwhile principal keeper, now with Mill Moore as "efficiency expert," reserved his table in the officers' dining room, posting a sign, "Reserved." He and his guests dined there in state. The practice caused much comment and complaint. The official family inside the pen is, by rights, they say, equal in rank as to individuals and such reservations are not to be tolerated.

Equality is not expected to be complete, however, because the choicest food, including porterhouse steaks and pastry, is reserved for the Warden and his officers, while the guards get the "other stuff."

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