

IMPUDENT PRIEST HALTS EXERCISE OF SACRED RIGHT

Fine Example of Roman Tolerance in Jesuit-Ridden City of Denver.

Klan Secret Service
 DENVER, July 13.—Typical arrogant intolerance and hatred of the Ku Klux Klan of Catholic priests was strikingly exemplified here Wednesday night when the Rev. Mr. Walsh, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, objected to a Klan lecture and halted the meeting.

Dr. G. C. Minor of Atlanta had come to Denver to deliver the lecture and permission had been granted for the address by Rice W. Means, commissioner of public safety, with the proviso that it be called off if any objections were raised.

The meeting duly was advertised and the hall was filled to overflowing.

Dr. Minor appeared alone upon the stage and, in accordance with the agreement with Mr. Means, asked if there was any objection.

The intrepid priest, with an impudent and confident smirk on his face, arose and said he objected. Immediately, there were protests of indignation from all parts of the hall by those who wished the lecture to continue. One man said he had no brief for the Klan, but he wanted to hear its side of the question. The priest, however, remained firm in his objection and Mrs. Means called off the lecture and closed the hall.

Denver is up in arms over the occurrence and steps are going to be taken in the near future for another Klan lecture, which will not be based on the proviso of a single objection. Of course, the Catholics will jam the meeting and endeavor to break it up.

CAMPBELL—July 9 but measures will be taken to cope with them at the time.

In the meantime, the stock of the Klan here continues to rise by leaps and bounds. The action of the priest has had the effect of causing a flood of applications to come into local organization headquarters.

HERE'S A NEW WAY TO ECONOMIZE, HUH?

Special Dispatch.
 SALEM, Ore., July 12.—One of the officers of the Oregon Penitentiary, who keeps his automobile there for his personal use, had it taken into the prison garage, where the wheels were neatly painted and equipped with brand-new tires, etc., at State expense, according to reliable report. The name of the official is withheld, because he is a good fellow (to be absolutely honest about it), but the main fact is reported for the good of the taxpayers.

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PITY SMOKESCREEN FOR WILD FINANCIER

Priest Admits "Losing" More Than \$200,000 of His Church's Funds.

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 WASHINGTON, July 13.—Catholics here are engaged busily in building up a smoke screen of pity for "Monstignor" James H. O'Brien, Catholic priest and pastor of St. Peter's Catholic church here, who has admitted losing more than \$200,000 of the church's money through investment in fake stocks.

The Catholic system allows the priest to invest the church money as he sees fit without supervision of anyone, and when fabulous returns were promised him, he bit like an ordinary sucker and wrote generous checks for the skin-game men.

Ordinarily, when a person holding funds in trust for an organization does a like trick, he goes to jail, but the priest has pulled a "nervous-prostration" stunt and has been sent to a hospital in Baltimore, while his flock here is working night and day "digging-down" for money to make up the deficit and keep him out of jail.

Not only did he invest the church's money, but he signed notes which obligated the parish to still more which it did NOT have.

Appearances are that the priest never will be called to account for his misjudgment in handling the money.

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twittered by little birds throughout the State.

The real ruler and fixer, regarded as the grand cyclops and arbiter elegantiarum, is nobody but Will Moore, head of the Insurance department, who, since his appointment by Governor Pierce, according to reliable report, went to Eugene and at his hotel declared to whom concerned that anyone desiring a job under the Pierce administration should apply directly to HIM, but that "no Republicans need apply."

Mr. Moore's power as alleged governor-in-fact has attracted attention to the why and wherefore thereof. Religious affiliation, of course, has nothing to do with it, for he is quite independent that way, he being a Mason, his wife a Roman Catholic and his son having been educated in a Roman Catholic school. It is understood that he had no sympathy for the Public School Bill, upon which issue Pierce was elected Governor, for while the self-sacrificing Ku Klux were working might and main for the Bill and Pierce, Mr. Moore was MUM on the subject, and very quiet. He is a gum-shoe politician, however, preferring quiet methods, and was not expected to make a big noise.

Moore is a man past 50 and formerly was Collector of Customs.

TRUSTIES ROAMING ABOUT COUNTRYSIDE

SALEM, Ore., July 11.—Good citizens living in the neighborhood of a country store near the wood camp where convicts of the Oregon State Prison are at work, are complaining because some of the trustees are allowed to roam about at night, and because there are no gun guards with the convicts. The trustees are feared by citizens generally, because many of them are known to be murderers or rapists.

The last two trustees who ran away—a few days ago—stole an automobile and \$18 with which they made their getaway. The car was found wrecked near Oregon City. The men were not recaptured.

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fair here because, he alleged, the pastor of the Methodist church allowed three Klansmen to visit his church. He said he wrote of his astonishment at the Methodist pastor's action to the Methodist himself, and waited a week for a reply, before announcing his decision. That anyone could admit that a Klansman is a force for good seems to be beyond McGuane's comprehension.

Don't Rock the Boat

By C. L. LOCKE

Don't rock the boat when there's no need. Though you may easily swim ashore; Because you might the fishes feed, Beneath the water's rush and roar.

Don't rock the boat when love is in A fretful mood betokening show'ers; For when love's changing winds begin They may keep veering many hours.

Don't rock the boat of wedded life, But guide it with the greatest care; Don't fret the children nor the wife, But heed the warning, oh, beware!

Don't rock the boat of truth and right; Let justice be your rule and guide; E'er keep the flame of honor bright, And through life's breakers safely ride.

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HERE'S SOME FACTS TO HURL AT CHAMPS

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prisons" rather than "in the records of the more serious crimes."

The survey, which was made public recently by the information bureau of the prohibition unit, says the annual number of arrests for drunkenness in California declined from an average of 27,308 in the three years prior to prohibition to 14,485, in the three subsequent years, while the juvenile court cases declined from 1599 to 1538.

The Death Toll Compared.
 Deaths from alcoholism in the two years immediately following the beginning of prohibition enforcement, it says, averaged 53 a year, while in the five preceding years the average was 205. Alcohol insanity cases averaged 88 in the first two post-prohibition years, against 72 in the three pre-prohibition years. The increase in bank deposits in the three years succeeding prohibition, as compared with the three preceding, averaged 48 per cent, with the number of depositors gaining 37.7 per cent.

The Washington Times of November 5, 1922, stated that in Massachusetts some facts have been collected showing that among men drunkenness has diminished 55 per cent; among women, 69 per cent. Of every 100 men in prison before prohibition, 52 are now out of jail and at work. Of every 100 women in jail before prohibition, 60 are now free, free from drunkenness, crime and the prison stain. There are other facts brought out by the same investigation. The beneficent results that have occurred in Massa-

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chusetts have occurred in all the States.

One more witness, Gifford Gordon, came to the United States from Australia in 1921, with the express commission to scrutinize the operation of the prohibition amendment. He reports that his commission took him to every part of the country; that he traveled 25,000 miles, visiting almost every large city. He reports as follows:

ARRESTS FOR DRUNKENNESS

New York, 1915	22,635
New York, 1921	8,139
Decrease	14,496
San Francisco, 1915	17,354
San Francisco, 1921	5,817
Decrease	11,537
Detroit, 1916	17,409
Detroit, 1921	7,220
Decrease	10,189
Des Moines, 1914	4,425
Des Moines, 1921	1,949
Decrease	2,476

Families Get the Wages Now.
 The cities named are strategically situated in the East, the near West, the Middle West and the Far West of the country. They indicate a general decrease of offenses of the character of over 600,000 in the nation as a whole.

Twelve years before the amendment was enacted, there were 68 Neal Institutes for the treatment of 125,000 alcoholic patients. After two years of prohibition they had gone out of commission. In the same period 20 per cent of the nation's jails have had no prisoners, and in 80 per cent of them, the number of prisoners has been reduced from 15 to 80 per cent. Workmen and artisans have given to their homes, wives and children, the full wages from which once drink took its greedy toll.

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