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## SPECTACULAR 4-R MEET SATURDAY

### KLAN SHOULD HELP METHODISTS FIGHT FOR GREAT SCHOOL

They Have Outsmarted the Papal Autocrats, So Far, But They Need Aid.

### HEAR THE GODS LAUGHING

John Wesley's Heirs Put Pep Into the Pope—They Have His Little Old Goat.

Some time ago The Western American implored the Klansmen of America to adopt a plan by which every Klansman (meaning several millions of them) would donate two dollars a year, for five years, to the Methodist College for Boys on Monte Mario, at Rome, Italy. So popular was the idea, which first was suggested to the editor of this journal by Mr. P. S. Malcolm of Portland, a thirty-third degree Mason, that the Portland Klansmen in regular session adopted a ringing resolution favoring the proposal and calling upon their imperial officers to take the necessary action to provide the machinery for the huge annual donation.

The editor of this journal never starts anything which he cannot finish, and he still is working, determinedly, to accomplish this great constructive purpose. It shall be done! The Masons donate in the same way a small specific sum annually to build and maintain their chain of hospitals for crippled children a grand and glorious work indeed. The Klansmen will be doing an equally great thing by helping the Methodists establish and develop the great non-denominational training school for boys in the Eternal City.

The essential facts concerning the famous enterprise are given below in a special interview obtained for and first published by the world's greatest and best newspaper—the Christian Science Monitor. Every reader can find profit and increasing interest by absorbing the inspirational facts in this article. Note particularly the consummate skill exercised by these American world workers for civilization in obtaining from the Pope himself the legal title to the property upon Monte Mario, upon which he held a huge mortgage, Yankee skill and shrewdness never had a finer illustration, and it is one that makes the gods on high Olympus hold their sides in Jupiterian laughter. A Yankee Methodist Bishop got the Pope's Goat, and is keeping it, too.

LONDON, July 3.—The Methodist College on Monte Mario, the "Eighth Hill of Rome," the closing of which is threatened, according to reports in various newspapers by order of Benito Mussolini's government because of alleged feeling against it on the part of the Roman populace, was discussed in an exclusive interview with The Christian Science Monitor by H. C. Hoagland, the influential Methodist layman who was called in to supervise the running of the institution for several months last year when Dr. Tipple was away in America. Mr. Hoagland, who is particularly well informed on the various problems pertaining to the Methodist project, says he realizes that there is formidable opposition in Rome to the proposed enlargement of the college buildings on their present prominent site, but considers that this sentiment is mostly of inspired origin. (Continued on Page 5)

### DEPENDABLE SMITH CAN FIX YOUR CAR

DEPENDABLE SMITH (Walter G. Smith), who, Eddie Rickenbacker, the famous Ace, declares is "one of the best automotive mechanics in America," and whose widely known garage burned in the Great Fire in Astoria, now has charge of the Union Avenue Garage (100 per cent), owned by Mrs. Christine O'Brien, at 321 Weldier street, corner of Union avenue, East Side, and will do all kinds of auto repairing, rebuilding and reconditioning, at fair cash prices. Mr. Smith is assisted by Carl Westlin, also a fine mechanic, who was employed in the Smith Garage in Astoria. That's his right name, DEPENDABLE SMITH, and he is dependable in all things, a genuine Hundred Percent. He is a noted ex-service man (from the regular cavalry) and is an honored member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Tell your friends about his garage, at 321 Weldier street, corner Union avenue, telephone East 9322.

### MEACHAM IS FAMOUS FOR ITS HOSPITALITY

President Harding Never Will Forget the Warmth of His Welcome There.

President Warren G. Harding remembers vividly and often talks of Meacham, Oregon, and the splendid welcome given him there, and he remembers well the Refreshment Stand provided by Casteel and Stanley, enterprising merchants, who made extraordinary preparations to serve the crowds. This service was a brilliant success in every way. The keen-eyed President noted this enterprising stunt and smiled in huge satisfaction. He himself, is a first class business man. He was impressed by the firm's genial invitation, "Come On! Try Our Place." Another, "Koffee on the Oregon Peak," also struck the Presidential fancy. Casteel and Stanley deserve the gratitude of their community for such jam-up Hundred Percent Service, which is the right way to make a community grow. They made Meacham famous on this occasion. Who visits the White House hereafter and says Meacham, will find the President's welcome warm and all latchstrings hanging on the outside.

### FREE TEXT BOOKS TO BE CONSIDERED

Next Friday evening, July 27, there will be a meeting at the North Portland Library, on Killingsworth avenue, at which a debate will be held as to whether or not the State of Oregon shall purchase text books for the schools of Oregon on the open market. Everybody is invited.

### FREE-FOR-ALL ROW IN MOSQUITO STATE

Western American Bureau  
ASBURK PARK, N. J., July 26.—A free-for-all fight ensued when a Catholic mob attacked a party of Klansmen marching to the Methodist church here to hear the Rev. DeWitt Cobb, chaplain of the New Jersey State Senate. Several Klansmen were hurt in the scuffle and a number of rednecks took away many souvenirs of the occasion in the form of black eyes, shoe shins and vacant places in the teeth.

### PENDLETON, TENTION!

Pay no attention to that malleous little story about a case of wet goods. It is the baseless fabric of a dream.—Editor.

### AMERICA IS FACING FATE OF OLD ROME, EGYPT AND BABYLON

Damn That Man Locke All You Want To, But Read What He Says.

### HONORED SAGE OF OREGON

Protestants and Catholics of America Must Rise or Fall Together.

By C. L. LOCKE

Have you ever read the history of Persia, understandingly? If you have, you know that Persia went to her doom by the usury route and perished when one per cent of her people controlled all of her land.

Have you ever read the history of Egypt, understandingly? If you have, you know that at the time of her collapse, two per cent of her people controlled 97 per cent of her wealth.

Have you ever read the history of Babylon, understandingly? If you have, you know that Babylon was smothered, strangled, and died; wrapped in the deadly folds of the usurers' blanket, at which time two per cent of the people controlled all of the visible wealth of that country.

Why Europe Faces Ruin  
Do you know that when the Roman Empire expired 1800 persons controlled all of the then known world, and that the same usury system which destroyed those governments will destroy any people who permit the same lecherous system to control their finances?

Have you kept informed upon the general trend of conditions in Spain, Italy, France and other countries all over the earth? If you have, you know that they are all on the verge of bankruptcy and dissolution, solely because of having permitted a corporation to control their monetary affairs, keeping an ever-increasing flow of usury from the useful workers into the coffers of the big perpetual system.

We Must Improve, or Die  
Heretofore, people have always had opportunity to seek better conditions in some new country; but that is now impossible. Our people are the last of the world's hardy pioneers. We must either face conditions as they are, or jump into the Pacific Ocean.

Nowhere in Nature do we find anything at a standstill. Always there is growth, or decay. This is as true of nations as it is of other living things, and invariably the results trace back to a root cause.

### There Is Only One Remedy

A short time ago I received a letter from a friend who is now in England, but whose home is in New York. This man has been tried by all things that test character, and has never wavered in the maintenance of duty and honor. Statistics which he sent me show that 99 per cent of the English people are non-home owners, and 95 per cent of them are without capital. This condition has come about in England in the same way that similar conditions came about in the countries I have mentioned as having perished. One thing only can prevent the British nation from meeting becoming a papal subject, or from going to pieces upon the rocks of dissolution. And that is: THE NATIONALIZATION OF EXCHANGE AT COST.

America Now in Dire Peril  
And how about our own country? (Continued on Page 5)

### NOW THEY ARE MAD AND WON'T TELL IT

Western American Bureau  
RALEIGH, N. C., July 26.—The case against W. V. Goodard, formerly King Kleagle of the Realm of North Carolina, charged with embezzling more than \$15,000 from the Ku Klux Klan, is to escape trial in the courts here. Paul S. Etheridge, Imperial Kleagle of the Klan in Atlanta, has advised authorities here that the Klan will be unable to prosecute.

According to the authorities here, Mr. Etheridge states that the offense was committed under the Simmons regime of the Klan and that witnesses necessary for successful prosecution are not available, implying that the Simmons faction would not testify now that the case is being handled by the Evans administration.

The prosecutor says the case will be nolle prossed and that authority will be sought for taxing the Klan with the costs in the case.

### GIFFORD RETURNING.

Mr. Fred L. Gifford is due to arrive at his Portland headquarters Saturday, July 28.

### HUGE LOBBY LOAD OF SOLDIERS FALLS WITH A D-S THUD

Giant Barrel Overturns at the Benson and Exposes Something Truly Awful.

Angels and ministers of grace, DEPEND UP! What was that awful crash? What fierce and penetrating smell is this? What ancient memory aroused? It sounded like ten thousand window-lights shattered in collapse. And hearken, my children, to the irreverent laughter of the ribald multitude!

It was Friday, July 20, at exactly 2:15 of the clock. The scene was at the Benson Hotel, Broadway and Oak, Portland. Sydney Mann, the wealthy porter of the Benson, was out on the street busily supervising the loading of a huge motor lorry—one of the enormous, rakish, dome-to-the-ground affairs—with five or six gigantic hogheads, filled with something. Suddenly two truck wheels slipped, accidentally at the edge of the sidewalk, and one of the mysterious hogheads was overturned. It fell on the ground with a dull, sickening thud—the kind that Cub Reporters tell about—and with a crash that resounded for a mile. It sounded like the collapse of a glass factory. It was only a bottling works, however, for out rolled upon the street, or broke into flinders all kinds of booze bottles, and containers of all sizes. The smell that arose caused old-timers two blocks away to halt and sniff the air like bloodhounds. They batted their eyes, gazed at each other, extended their proboscis and said "Huh!" And when they located the disaster they wagged their heads and said "Uh-Huh." A few law-abiding ones, hurrying past the scene, said, "Where, O, Where, is the mystic Cleaver—the alleged Prohibition Sleuth?"

It was hogheads filled with "SOLDIERS," each with the lingering smell of the distillery, but lately emptied—THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS of them, enough to stock a large barroom. Where did the "soldiers" come from and whither bound? They were being loaded under the direction of Sydney Mann, porter of the stately and famous Benson. Is it POSSIBLE? Perish the suspicion. But there lay the fallen hoghead, its cargo of "soldiers" (Continued on Page 5)

### MR. KEEFE OUT OF PENNEY COMPANY; MYSTERY REVIEWED

Change of Management Means Greater Patronage and Prosperity for Store.

### LOSES FIGHT WITH EDITOR

Kaseys Still Bewildered. Can Klansmen Make Themselves Invisible, and How?

### Special Dispatch

ASTORIA, Ore., July 26.—The J. C. Penney Company has dispensed with the services of E. R. Keefe, manager of the big merchandise store here for the last seven years, and he is succeeded by a man who is said to be satisfactory to the big majority of the company's patrons. Mr. Keefe is an ardent Fourth Degree Knight of the Roman Catholic church. Before the great fire, during the early days of The Western American, then published in Astoria, Mr. Keefe was one of the K. C. committeemen who went to advertisers and advised and begged them to take their ads out of the paper because it was an exponent of the Ku Klux Klan. Mr. Keefe and his co-workers were unable to defeat the editor of The Western American, however, who continued serenely at his task of overcoming the enemies of the white man's organization.

The Penney Company's store, under Mr. Keefe's management, did not profit any, to say the least, through his activities as a Knight of Columbus. His retirement from the Company will mean a largely increased patronage and prosperity. On account of Mr. Keefe's KC enthusiasm, the report was spread that J. C. Penney himself is a Roman Knight, but this is now said to be untrue.

Planning Competition  
Mr. Keefe came here from Pendleton, Ore. He is now planning to go into business for himself, in competition here with J. C. Penney Company, and he probably will have an exclusively Roman Catholic patronage. The Romans here are small, numerically, but they make up in concentration what they lack in numbers, dealing exclusively with persons of their own faith. The Protestants now are learning to practice this virtue, using their enormous buying power for mutual profit and promotion.

Another man, a well-known usurer, who was alleged to have been associated with Mr. Keefe in the effort to boycott The Western American among the Astoria business men, emphatically protested his innocence when personally charged with it, but his guilt of this offense was so generally believed that it caused the defeat of a popular citizen whom he backed for a certain political position. In this fight he and Keefe and the whole Roman outfit were pitted against the Klan forces led by the editor of The Western American. The Klansmen won, overwhelmingly, in the several elections, and never met defeat in anything while Editor Dever lived in Astoria. He was able somehow to figure out their moves in advance.

### The Invisible Factor

For example: In the fierce and relentless majority fight a large group of business men met secretly one day in the Chamber of Commerce. None was admitted to the conference except the elect and trusted ones. A prominent (Continued on Page 5)

### MAKES KLAN ADDRESS FROM ROOF OF HOUSE

The Rev. W. A. Hamlett, prominent Texas minister, believes literally that the principles of the Klan should be preached from the housetops.

Visiting LaFayette, Ga., recently he addressed a large gathering in the public square, using the roof of a house as his lecture platform. A flag and a fiery cross were placed on the roof beside him by members of the LaFayette Klan.

Later Dr. Hamlett spoke to a large crowd in one of the public parks at Calhoun, Ga.—The IMPERIAL NIGHT-HAWK, July 4.

### ACADEMY OF CRIME IS UP FOR AUCTION

Western American Bureau  
NEW YORK, July 26.—Tammany Hall, headquarters of the Irish Catholic-Democratic political ring, is to be sold, according to announcement by John R. Voorhis, Grand Sachem of the Society of Tammany. The Hall on East 14th street has been the scene of many occasions that changed the course of the Nation. The sale of the hall will bring \$860,000. It is planned to move the office further uptown.

### MAYOR OF CONDON IS REAL AMERICAN

Some Day He Will Don Snowy White Robe and Be Fitted With a Hood.

### Correction

In a recent issue we had a news item from Dayville, Ore., telling how a little man named Snow—Mayor, or something or other—had outrageously prohibited the Klansmen of that city the use of the Community Hall, which was built by the citizens for the use of all alike in holding public meetings. The item erroneously stated that it was Mayor Snow of Condon, which made some of the Condon Mayor's friends mad, of course. Snow isn't Mayor of the beautiful, thriving and progressive city of Condon, and no such Roman stunt as he performed could be pulled off in Condon, where the folks are too white and square to permit such an outrage. Dr. Gaunt is Mayor of Condon—G-A-U-N-T. He's a real M. D., a wise, patient and toiling physician. He isn't with the Klan—yet—but he's a Klansman at heart and a white man, which means he is the best kind of American. While the Cross holds out to burn, the most reluctant may return. We'll put a white robe on him some day—a tailor-made one—and he will wear it with pride and grace. We may fit a hood on him, too. But that other fellow—Snow: He's reported to be a real, devout and loyal follower of the Roman Pope—which accounts for his action in pocketing the keys to the Community Hall and refusing to let white folks use their own property. He is Mayor of Dayville for the last time, too, everybody is reported as declaring.

Even the square Catholics won't stand for such conduct. Yes, lots of 'em are square and fair-minded, lovers of justice, good citizens, tolerating what Klansmen call Political Romanism because they cannot help it. They inherited that religion and they cannot be expected to overcome the Jesuits, who are now bossing the Roman Hierarchy. It takes the power of government, backed by a congress and an army, to halt the program of the Jesuits. The blood-red record of the Jesuits certainly ought to be sufficient warning to all Americans.

### SPECTACULAR OPEN AIR INITIATION AT MOUNT TABOR PARK

Royal Riders of Red Robe Invite You to Witness Splendid Spectacle.

### INVITE ALL FOREIGN BORN

Spirit Marvelous—Merchant Urges His Patrons to Trade With His Competitor.

Mount Tabor Park, Portland, will be the scene of the spectacular open-air initiation ceremonial of the Royal Riders of the Red Robe, Saturday evening, July 28, starting promptly at 9 o'clock. Take the street cars to 69th and Belmont, get off where the car turns to go over the hill, walk two blocks south to the Mount Tabor picnic grounds. Autos should go to 50th street on any main street going to Mount Tabor Park, then taking the park driveway to the picnic grounds.

There will be some magnificent lighting effects. Ice cream and other refreshments will be available for all. It is an open-air initiation and special invitation is extended to all foreign-born, naturalized American citizens, who stand for the Constitution of the United States and the American Flag, without any degree of allegiance to any foreign authority whatsoever.

The spirit of the Four R's is best illustrated by an incident which occurred in the meeting of the Portland Council last week. During the discussion of klansmanship, one of the members, a leading merchant, got up and boasted in the strongest terms for patronage for a competing merchant, whose place is only three or four doors away from his store. His own business is in healthy condition, he said, and he begged his friends to divert their trade for awhile to his competitor, who needed it more than he did, and who is also a Royal Rider and a splendid American. This act of loyalty evoked applause, of course, but it is common practice among the Royal Riders.

### CONNECTICUT KLAN ENFORCING THE LAWS

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 26.—Determined to put a stop to bootleggers and other law violators, the citizens of New Haven have organized a law enforcement body.

This movement is inspired by the New Haven Klan and is receiving great impetus. The state and federal enforcement authorities seem powerless to cope with the situation and it was rapidly going from bad to worse when the Klan took hold of it.

### PUBLIC CEREMONIAL IN ARKANSAS TOWN

BENTONVILLE, Ark., July 26.—A county-wide Klan meeting was held here on July 13. Two thousand Klansmen in Benton county and from Fayetteville and Springdale and other points in Washington county, were present.

A barbecue, ceremonial including administering the obligation in public, were features of the day. J. W. Moore, a national lecturer, of New Orleans, has just completed a lecture tour of this section.

Someone has discovered that it takes 140 nuts to hold a Ford together and only one to hold it in the road.