

HINT TO THE WISE SHOULD BE ENOUGH

"Cop" Who is Fond of Spreading the Blanket is Given Fair Warning.

Western American Special

SEASIDE, Ore., July 23.—Chief of Police E. L. McCauley of Seaside is doing splendid work in dealing with problems that develop in his department as a result of an enormous influx of summer tourists.

Despite the fact that at the present time there are more people in Seaside than any other season, there are fewer cases of drunkenness and fewer other violations of the law than ever before.

The good conditions prevailing are made possible by the personal organization work of Chief McCauley and his splendid way of co-operating with Sheriff Harley J. Slusher.

Since this is the first season that Sheriff Slusher's law-enforcing policy has been in vogue, he must be given due credit for better conditions throughout the county but his achievements are also made possible by co-operating with officers of the type of Seaside's Police Chief.

Chief McCauley also carries a deputy sheriff's commission and he has always been ready with his services, materially aiding in the apprehension of violators who were wanted for various offenses.

As to his own local problems, Chief McCauley handles them in a scientific way. He is handicapped by having only a small force, Dick Brown, popular and jovial patrolman, being the only regular man on the force besides the chief. During the summer season the local force is augmented by the addition of two or three extra patrolmen, but this number is not adequate for the greatly increased volume of work.

Chief McCauley never boasts about

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his work, nor makes any exaggerated claims about what is being done, as some officers are prone to do, and he is modest to the extent that of all the stills he has located in and about Seaside he has allowed others to lay claim, to having "captured" the stills, when in reality Chief McCauley was directly responsible for the findings.

There is one temporary officer in particular in Seaside who is always telling "How I got seven stills," etc., and if he does not cease at once this misrepresentation, a true and correct account of his record and pernicious activities will be forthcoming in an early issue of The Western American. "A hint to the wise" should be sufficient.

MASONS ASHAMED OF WRONG TO THIS HERO

Gilliam County Americans Indignant Because of Unfair and Bigoted Action.

One of the squarest and whitest citizens of Gilliam county, Oregon, Spud Helms, living at Condon, was stopped in his initiation into the Masonic lodge of that city recently, because one or two of the members of that lodge heard he was a Klansman. They don't know for sure whether he is or not, and it is none of their business, but they had a hunch, and they stopped him after he had passed all the tests.

Spud has a host of friends in Gilliam county and they sure are sore about it. One of them—a grand old farmer—telephoned this news to the editor of The Western American. He said a lot of things that it wouldn't do to print, for fear of starting a riot in Condon, but he declared over and over in language oriental that Spud Helms is worth all the Roman Masons in the country, all put together. He is a noble ex-service man—from the undefeated American Navy, Mr. Helms hasn't said a word and cannot be induced to talk about it. Some of the prominent Masons of Portland have heard about this outrage and they declare they are going to take it up, at the proper time and in the proper manner.

Uncle Sam, or the pope, which?

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ment man present had solemnly promised for his own good, to keep out of the fight, for the Klansman were able, and they wished, to disconnect him from a lucrative and pleasant position. Pressure was brought to bear upon him, however, and he slyly slipped into the meeting. Within a half-hour, after the secret conference ended and just as the citizen in question returned home, he was called to the telephone by Editor Dever, who indignantly warned him to remember that he was under the eye of scrutiny, and quoted things that had been said and described things that had been done in the secret conference. He was utterly flabbergasted and tried to lie out of it, but it was no use; the editor had the whole story, though he did not publish it afterward, for reasons of his own. He was playing a phonograph in Walter Smith's garage, two blocks away, while the conference was in progress.

No Place Exclusive

At another time the KC's met in force in an upstairs room of one of their number. The place was exclusive and the exits and entrances were guarded carefully, but Editor Dever, immediately after the meeting, knew in detail everything that had been said and done.

At another time the KC leaders met in a merchant's back room, and the Klan editor somehow had an eye and ear in their midst, for he was informed of what went on and immediately made moves to checkmate the KC game.

Many other instances could be given seeming to prove that the Klan's editor was able to make himself invisible, and be in several places at the same time. The Evening Budget, which loyally served the K C crowd then as it does now, about this time frantically denounced Editor Dever as "the Devil." It was moved to do this, most passionately, because Mr. Dever dared to quote Scripture in reference to certain opinions, describing them as vipers and snakes with great force, "How shall ye escape the damnation of hell?" He also somehow obtained proof-sheets of The Budget's editorials before the paper was printed and had suitable replies framed in advance.

There was much talk in certain circles, during the high voltage period

AMERICA IS FACING FATE OF OLD ROME

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We who have boasted of our great resources, energy and genius, should well consider this irrefutable fact: one per cent of our population now owns 65 per cent of the wealth of the United States, and CONTROLS vastly more than that amount. All this has come about in the last 50 years, because the people of the United States permitted their monetary exchange to be farmed out to the same big perpetual system which brought wreck and ruin to so many other peoples.

History's Most Tragic Remark

Do you ever read the Bible? If you do, you must know that Christ condemned and lashed the money-changers; and that two days before His crucifixion, He, departing from the Temple for the last time, turned to the priests and said: "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate!" Have you ever considered why Christ said that to the priests only? There is but one logical conclusion. He knew that the priesthood were the real rulers and that their edict had been given to their agents (the functioning government) to crucify Him.

Let's Put Tin Gods to Work!

Trace back or from, through the ages, and you will find that the same perpetual system, now functioning through the Roman hierarchy, is the root cause of ignorance, superstition, wars, debts, usury and nine-tenths of all human woes. WHY continue that system? Why continue to feed the frankenstein monster a barbarous toll of usury? Why not let the tin gods do some useful work?

Conditions now are such in the United States that our functioning government is almost entirely dictated by those who live by usury; a class who never create, but who take the wealth created by others and build up a colossal usury-bearing debt which presses ever more heavily upon those who do useful labor. WHY not re-verse the system?

We must reform, or die

We cannot continue this absurd, insane, dehumanizing system, with its arbitrary and ever-increasing increment of debt, as against the natural increment of wealth, without destroying ourselves. The production of wealth is limited by our producing capacity, but under the big perpetual system, debt is without limit.

The following quotation is given for the benefit of those timid and over-tolerant persons who strain at a gnat and swallow the camel. "It is the property of the citizen and not to the demand of the creditor of the State that the original faith of society is pledged. The claim of the citizen is prior in time, paramount in title, superior in equity."—Edmund Burke.

For the Portland Voters

I am wondering how many of the voters of Portland realized their predicament when voting upon the school bond measure at the recent election. Let me picture it, as I saw it: If the measure carried, we were damned by the usury involved. If the measure were defeated, our children were to be damned for lack of necessary education. The Pope had us, coming and going. No matter whether the measure carried or not, the people lose to the Big System.

Fathers and mothers of Portland and of the United States—especially those who consider themselves one hundred per cent American—it is up to you to realize that conditions are now such that it matters little what you do under the present monetary system. Invariably you must play into the plans and purposes of the Roman hierarchy and its financial oligarchy; daily you are doing something which brings you nearer the penance level.

All in the Same Boat

Protestants and Catholics are equally concerned in the preservation and prosperity of the United States. They must rise or fall together. The big perpetual system has robbed and debauched all peoples over whom it has had control. It will do the same thing here, if not stopped in the near future.

Damn That Man Locke all you want to, but remember this: I have seen all sorts of reforms tried and fail, and I challenge anyone to clearly and irrefutably prove my deductions not true.

Sacramento Klan, Realm of California, has staged two open-air ceremonies during the last month. One of them took the form of a parade held in the shadow of California's state capitol. The second was an open-air naturalization which was witnessed by thousands of curious aliens.

Greenville Klan No. 144, Realm of Texas, has opened a reading room where Klan publications, church news and general news are on file for the benefit of members. The institution is well patronized by Klansmen.

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forewarned of all this talk and of every move made, and each of the "big talkers" was quietly shadowed day and night by persons unknown to them. The editor himself seemed merry and unconcerned and was about town at all hours, but it was observed that he never traveled alone and also that he carried a long-barreled Colt gun, always in position for a quick draw. His particular guardian during this trying time was Walter Gobin Smith, a resourceful and daring war veteran, who often was suspected as the sleepless genius who enabled the editor to make himself "invisible" on important and secret occasions.

Editor Dever and Top Sergeant Smith, better known as Dependable Smith, were the active leaders in the political battle in Clatsop county, which resulted in a sweeping Klan victory and the utter destruction of the old-time machine, which until then had been all-powerful.

One Clue to the Mystery

The Klan's opponents here even yet are mystified by the bewildering methods which defeated and dismayed them. Some of them suspect, however, that Editor Dever and his co-workers, directed by Dependable Smith, early in the game had planted a number of dictaphones in strategic positions, with trusted men assigned to "listen in."

Editor Dever has admitted, in a recent talk, that the dictaphone figured in at least one instance—when the "enemy" conferred in a certain merchant's back room. "Directly beneath the room," he said, "I sat upon a cracker-box beside another man, and we listened in quiet glee, with receivers on our ears that would register a whisper, from start to finish. It was interesting and amusing, indeed. It was somewhat risky, of course, but desperate tactics of our opponents justified the method. A trapdoor and steps connected sub-Astoria, where we were, with the room in which the plotters were meeting, and there was danger that some cautious person might take a look below and walk into us. We were safe from physical harm, however, for the dependable Chief of our secret service stood beside the trapdoor with a drawn gun."

The editor smilingly declined to discuss the suspicion that he and Dependable Smith, or their co-workers, were responsible for compelling United States Senator Charles McNary to divide his time with a cow-bell fire alarm, attached beneath the platform, where it couldn't be found, while he was making his big speech for Roman Bente Olcott—the enemy of the Public School bill. Mr. Dever sat in the midst of the audience on this occasion, completely surrounded by Klansmen, grinning at the KC gunmen on the sidelines, and Walt Smith was busy in his garage, repairing an automobile. They are utterly innocent.

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The Klan of Burlington, Realm of Iowa, held its first open air ceremonial recently in the open fields eight miles from Burlington. A large number of aliens were naturalized.

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