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WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2.—The Carnegie foundation for the Advancement of Teaching reports that, in its opinion, public schools must be limited in number and scope because of gradually increasing tax burdens.

The National Education Association meets the charge that the nation is now, or is likely in the future, to spend "too much" on education, with facts, in the face of which, it contends argument is hardly necessary.

First asking these questions: "Is there justification for the belief that the cost of the public schools is enormous and is sorely taxing the ability of the American people to support them?"

"The nation in 1920 spent \$17 for luxuries for every dollar that it spent for education."

"It spent \$8.50 for other forms of public service for every dollar it spent for public elementary and secondary schools."

"The cost of all public elementary and secondary schools in 1922 was four-tenths of 1 per cent of the nation's wealth."

"The cost of all such schools in 1920 was less than 7 per cent of the amount of money lying in the savings accounts of the banks of the nation in 1921, a year of acute business depression."

JUDGE KENYON TAKES NEW RAP AT KLAN

ELDORA, IA., Aug. 2.—Judge W. S. Kenyon took occasion to wallop the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan during a recent address here. He was as strong in his denouncement as he was recently praising a Minnesota Catholic at a Knights of Columbus banquet.

CLAN ORGANIZER APPEARS AT NEWTON

NEWTON, IA., Aug. 2.—Klan organizers are reported to be accepting membership here. There has been no public meeting but it is understood that several Newton men have been approached on the matter and invited to become part of an organizing committee.

TEXAS NEGROES FIGHT BEACH RESTRICTIONS

GALVESTON, TEXAS, Aug. 2.—Negroes of Galveston have taken possession of the waterfront here and are now going after the beaches.

BILLY SUNDAY IS KLAN SUPPORTER

BECKLEY, W. VA., Aug. 2.—Billy Sunday, noted evangelist, tells the world in his unique and emphatic way that he endorses the Klan Creed and everything the order stands for.

Billy is busy saving souls here just now. A few nights ago a number of members of Beckley Klan No. 11 visited his meeting in full regalia bearing the American flag. They told the evangelist that they appreciated the work he was doing and slipped \$225 in the plate.

The crowd which thronged the huge tabernacle rose and cheered the visitors.

STORES DECORATED IN HONOR OF KLANS

COFFEYVILLE, KAN., Aug. 2.—When the Klan here paraded and held a big celebration last week, many stores were decorated in their honor and bore signs, "Welcome, Klansmen." Some day they will do this in New York.

Korrespondence Column

Korrespondents' Comment from all over the United States. What they say about The Western American. Enclose your Comment with your remittance.

Stanch Patriot. (Raw Meat) Sico, Ore., July 15, 1923. The Western American, L. A. Devere Editor.

Dear Sir: As I am highly elated over your sample copy of your interesting paper which I received and read, every word of news in it. Seeing it is 100 per cent American, also showing up the Catholics in their heinous raciality and boasting the K. K. K. I will enclose you a check for \$1.00 for the privilege of reading your paper six months.

Still, I am past 80 years of age and am overstocked with papers as I am taking The Menace, the Oregon Patriot, the Producers' Call, the Portland Journal, the Sico Tribune and four farm journals.

I so enjoyed reading your paper I will pass it around to some friend and boost it all the time, as I have been bitterly opposed to our enemy all my life and will continue to fight them till my last day.

Glory to your bravery! Go for blood! Respectfully yours, G. W. Findlay, Ohio, July 27, 1923.

The Western American, Portland, Oregon. Friends: Kindly mail a sample copy of The Western American to my address, and oblige. An enclosing poem as it was in Toledo, Ohio, in 1914:

(WE quote the last part) Hurrah for the Priest, Hurrah for the Bishop! Hurrah for the Friday when we all eat fish!

Hurrah for the Cardinal, Hurrah for the Pope! Hurrah for the holy Water and all the other dope! (Razberry!) G. R.

On Sale at Los Angeles, Cal., July 26, 1923. To The Western American, Portland, Oregon.

Please send me 100 papers, each week for the start. Send me a bill the first of each month. If you send me a subscription book, I will also take subscriptions. Yours, D. H.

Paper is interesting. Sweet Home, Ore., July 30, 1923. Western American Pub. Co., 407 Pittcock Block, Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sirs: Enclosed find money order for \$2, for which please send me The Western American for one year, beginning with the issue of August 2. I enjoy reading the paper; and have observed others learning a great deal about the Klan through your columns. The paper is interesting several in this community in this great American Order. May the good work go on. Yours sincerely, K. H.

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DEAR OLD "JIGGS" OF WARRETON PASSES; GOD REST HIS SOUL!

WHELEBY EDWARD BRIDGES, a noble and beloved Knight of the Ku Klux Klan, passed suddenly to his eternal reward, after a stroke of apoplexy, Sunday morning, July 29, 1923, at his home in Warrenton, Oregon. Mourning is general throughout Clatsop County, where nearly everyone knew him affectionately as "Jiggs, the Shoe Saver," for he was a shoemaker by the Grace of God. He was born in Ohio 20 years ago and had lived in Astoria for many years before the great flow of December 8, 1920, after which he established his home and business in Warrenton—the beautiful industrial city near the mouth of the Columbia river. He is survived by his widow and two stepsons, E. P. Steele of Astoria and A. L. Steele of Portland.

Besides being an honored Knight of the Ku Klux Klan, whose dependability and gentility were proverbial, Mr. Bridges was a member of the Masonic fraternity, Temple Lodge Astoria, and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The funeral was held Tuesday, July 31, from the parlors of the Masons and the of Karlson & Son, Astoria, under Klansmen. A large concourse of friends gathered for the last rites and many were the tokens of love and grief.

For two or three days Mr. Bridges had complained of a pain in his chest, and he remarked that he believed he would stop smoking. Port Commissioner G. Clifford Barlow visited Mr. Bridges Saturday night, July 28, and found him apparently in good health and his usual affable and cheerful self. There was no warning of the sudden summons. After chatting a few minutes, Commissioner Barlow left. Two hours later Mr. Bridges was dead. About 1 o'clock Mrs. Bridges observed her husband sleeping restlessly, but thought little of it. He was dying then. She telephoned to neighbors at 3 o'clock that something was wrong with her husband. It was determined that Mr. Bridges had been dead for two hours.

Klan papers in Ohio, please call 227.

IMPERIAL OFFICERS TO ATTEND CEREMONY

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Aug. 2.—This city will be the scene of a great Klan celebration and parade on the night of August 11. Imperial officers will make the trip from Atlanta for the occasion.

CLAN NATURALIZATION NEAR ST. PAUL, MINN.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Aug. 2.—Ku Klux Klansmen of St. Paul and Ramsey county held an outdoor meeting in a field near the Stillwater road.

CEREMONIAL HELD NEAR GLASFORD, ILL.

GLASFORD, ILL., Aug. 2.—The Ku Klux Klan held a big rally in this vicinity. Early in the evening large numbers of cars from Peoria, Pekin and the surrounding countryside were driven to the rendezvous, where the initiation of a large class took place. A portion of the ceremonial and the fiery cross was visible to persons at some distance away.

CATH. PROPAGANDA IN ADDRESS STOPPED

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Commencement exercises of the Buchanan high school were held here in the Methodist Episcopal church of Buchanan, minus the valedictory address, usually a most important part of such exercises. The unusual proceeding was occasioned because the valedictorian, the son of Edward J. McManus, an attendance officer of New York public schools, insisted upon injecting into his address Roman Catholic propaganda in the guise of a bitter attack on the Ku Klux Klan.

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\$40,000 NEGRO CATH. CHURCH IN CLEVELAND

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The church cost about \$40,000 and was dedicated by the Bishop in his sermon at the dedication to be as handsome an edifice "in its own way" as any in the diocese.

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NEGRO SOC'Y STARTS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2.—Newspapers announce that a big membership drive is being staged by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. This campaign is for the purpose of securing 25,000 members there.

KLAN CANDIDATES WIN ELECTION BATON ROUGE, LA., Aug. 2.—Carruth Jones, endorsed by the Ku Klux Klan for judge of the Twenty-second judicial district, galloped away from the field in the primary election here.

WATERLOO WILL HAVE NEW CATHOLIC PARISH STATE CENTER, IA., Aug. 2.—The Rev. N. J. Lentz, for some years pastor of the church here, has been transferred to Waterloo, where he is to organize a new parish at the East End.

TOPEKA TO CELEBRATE 5000 MEMBERSHIP TOPEKA, KAN., Aug. 2.—Celebrating the fact that there are now 5000 Klansmen in Topeka, a monster celebration will be held July 21. Klansmen from various parts of Missouri and Kansas will be on hand for the ceremonial and parade.

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