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GOVERNOR 'TENTION OREGON VETERANS ASK FOR A HEARING

Three or Four Pre-Election Promises Are Expected To Be Redeemed.

KICK IS ENTIRELY FRIENDLY

Non-Service Folks on State's Jobs While Ex-Service Men Starve or Beg.

Ex-service men throughout the state of Oregon are writing letters to the Western American imploring detailed publicity concerning the way that the bonus fund of \$30,000,000, voted for in June, 1923, is being handled by the State Bonus Commission and its employees. Without going into details at this time, we must counsel patience for a little while, for Governor Pierce is said to be mindful of his promises to the veterans, made prior to his election, and he soon will redeem them. The governor has been a very busy man since his inauguration, and only now is finding time to give personal attention to many constructive matters of state. He is said to regard his promises to the veterans as contracts of honor which he is bound to keep. The "boys" may expect action in a few days. TIME for the Governor! He patient yet awhile. War wounds aren't repaired in a day.

The Promises

The Governor's promises were these, according to a well known veteran:

1. That every person employed in the Bonus office should be an ex-service man entitled to receive the benefits of the Oregon Bonus law. (The office has employed instead, a job lot of men, women and girls, few of whom ever had any military experience, and the monthly payroll ran into thousands of dollars).
2. That he would see to it that preference were given to crippled and disabled Oregon ex-service men in all state employment for which they were qualified. (The complaint is general that all kinds of men, women and girls, who are not ex-service folk, are employed by the state on work that these veterans are qualified to do and at wages they would gladly accept).
3. That all things being equal, when a man's record shows that he is entitled to it, the Governor would give an ex-service man preference in all State employment for which he may have served.

Promises Must Be Kept

These three promises, upon which thousands of veterans have relied, are going to be kept by the Governor. It is said. These, at least, of the many pledges made to the nation's defenders, will be redeemed in the state of Oregon. The State Prison at Salem is said to be a fine place for a beginning. The next Warden, therefore, may be an ex-service man—one trained to handle men with military efficiency. In such a manner—considerate, but firm and unyielding—that no convict ever would dare to tell the Governor what to do and how to do it. The guard at the prison, numbering about fifty jobs, should be composed exclusively of picked ex-service men, the veterans and their friends declare, and with them in charge there will be no more disorder and no more escapes. Safety for the public will be established.

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KEEP SWEET BUT BE READY FOR A FIGHT

"Keep sweet, keep sweet—that's the only way— You will surely win the day, if you just keep sweet—"

Singing this fragment from the inspiring song as he busied himself with the day's work (probably to admonish the dour scribe in the inner office), one of the staff men of the Western American, on Tuesday seemed happy as a lark. His accounts balanced to the penny and his ledger looked good to all concerned. Fifteen minutes later he was enjoying a shave in a barber shop, when a negro bootblack, spotted by social familiarity with white men, dared to offer an unprovoked insult to the Klansman. He is well known as a generous friend of all colored folk, ready to help them along in any practical manner, but he could not stand for unprovoked insolence. The Keep Sweet sentiment was forgotten in a moment. His powerful right arm shot out, then he took the black man's head under his arm, punched him good and hard, slammed him upon the floor, sat astride of him and punched him some more, continuing the massage a la Dempsey until pulled off of the negro by the combined strength of several spectators.

Keep Sweet, always, but be ready to assert the pride and supremacy of the white race. Love the colored man, protect him in his rights, but keep him in his place. This is the race problem of America in miniature.

"WORLD" RETRACTS ANTI-KLAN STORY

Army Officer Brings Big Gotham Paper to Time With Proven Facts.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—A story recently printed by the New York World which gave the impression that the veterans' hospital at Tuskegee, Ala., was being used to cloak Klansmen and that 20 Klansmen were permitted to search the hospital for a negro, John H. Calhoun, whose life had been threatened, seems to amount to nothing more than another piece of anti-Klan propaganda on the part of this newspaper. On July 19, the World published a retraction of this article by printing the statement of Colonel Robert H. Stanley, U. S. A., in charge of the hospital:

"There is absolutely no foundation for the report that the Ku Klux Klan was furnished sheets from the hospital or entertained on the reservation. The parade did not approach within a mile and no attempt was made to come on government property. An officer of the United States Government would not countenance such proceedings and the report is such an evident untruth that a denial should be unnecessary." Thus the World is obliged to apologize once more because of its anti-Klan propaganda.

KNIGHTS GIVE PASTOR \$50 BEFORE SERMON

ATHENS, O., Aug. 9.—Rev. Daniel McGurk, pastor of the First M. E. church here, on July 22 delivered a sermon on "Romanism." As the pastor ascended the pulpit to begin the evening church service, five Klansmen, in full regalia, entered the church, marched to the pulpit, offered a short prayer, handed the pastor \$50, and silently departed.

As they left the church, the Klansmen were applauded by the congregation.

NAME PROHI CHIEF IN CROOKED FRAME UP WITH VIOLATOR

People of Reedsport Feel Outraged by George L. Cleaver's Action.

PLAYING SAME OLD GAME

Agrees to Drop Prosecution if Alleged Criminal Will Leave Town.

Below appears a dispatch from Reedsport, Ore., containing a charge against Prohibition Commissioner George L. Cleaver which, if true, will necessitate his immediate removal from office. The Western American has perfect confidence in the truth of the report, because Mr. Cleaver performed the same kind of outrageous stunt in Portland in the case of a Jewish bootlegger, M. Rosenkrantz, who, through Cleaver's peculiar policy, escaped trial and prosecution and paid only a joke "fine" of \$44.44.

Cleaver absolutely and positively refuses to move against the Portland bootleggers, and we can prove that he maintains this policy for what he conceives to be "political reasons." As a result, without co-operation and efficiency on the part of the State, the Portland bootleggers are giving the merry-go-round to the Governor's law enforcement proclamation, issued soon after he assumed office, and which was meant in good faith on the part of the Chief Executive. Governor Pierce does not know, or will not believe, what everyone else seems to know and believe, that Mr. Cleaver is utterly unfit for the position of Prohibition Commissioner, for many reasons, and that he is discrediting this vitally important branch of the State administration.

It is solely with a view to law enforcement and the maintenance of honor that The Western American gives publicity to these melancholy facts regarding Cleaver. We have a mass of evidence proving his inefficiency and unwillingness to enforce the law. He is drawing down a fat salary, while boosting his own game—the hydro electric scheme, recently reported. The law requires the Prohibition Commissioner to give all of his time to the State's work, but what's a law between friends these days?

Special Dispatch.

Reedsport, Ore., Aug. 9.—George L. Cleaver, State Prohibition Commissioner has caused great indignation among the best people of Reedsport and Douglas county by coming here a week ago and making an alleged agreement with Fred Schultzy, alleged notorious bootlegger, to drop a dozen or more well known charges against Schultzy and to suppress prosecution, provided Schultzy would leave town and stay away at least three years. Schultzy, who is the discredited marshal of Reedsport, declared Cleaver proposed this kind of a cock-eyed settlement and that he spurned it with a flat refusal. He doesn't believe Cleaver can convict him in court. Schultzy is alleged to have accepted bribes, and also is accused of selling moonshine and other violations of law—thirteen counts altogether. Before filing the charges, however, it is openly alleged that Cleaver made this amazing side agreement with Schultzy. Schultzy's motive was analyzed immediately by all who knew the facts and it is generally believed and declared that he did this to protect or at the instigation.

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WHOLE PART OF NEW STUFF ABOUT PRISON

Our Salem correspondent filed this week a whole raft of inside news concerning the Oregon State Pen, but it couldn't be set in time to print. It will probably be a feature of next week's issue, unless certain changes occur in the meantime. Our master likewise must await its turn.

PATRIOTS UNITED TO BIG CONVENTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 12.—Protestant and Catholic societies in all parts of the country have been invited to participate in the national convention of the American Protective Association and the American Federation of Patriotic Societies, to be held here September 12 to 15. Any Protestant church or patriotic organization may send representatives to the session. Among those expected to be represented are the Y.M.C.A., I. O. O. F., K. of P., Junior Order of U. A. M., Ku Klux Klan, Knights of Malta, and the Orangemen.

BORING IN THE WOODS RUINING BIG ORDER

Eastern Star Finding Out Menace of Roman Catholic Members.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—While members of the Order of the Eastern Star of this State have known for some time past of the friction existing among higher-up officials because of religious differences stirred up by a Roman Catholic element which has crept into the Order, they were never the less startled last week when they read in The Fellowship Forum of injunctive proceedings against the Order brought by Mrs. Clara S. Heisenbuttle, past grand matron and suspended member of the state board of trustees. Masons of the State generally are almost as much interested in the middle, brought about through Roman Catholic "boring-in" methods, as are members of the Eastern Star themselves.

What's Wrong With the Romans?

BY BISHOP WARREN A. CANDLER.

The trouble with the Roman Catholic church is that it seeks to be both a church and a political party. Its arrogant claims of being the only true Christian church, intolerant as they are, might be treated with indifference, but when for its head it asserts temporal power and civil authority, intruding itself by logical consequence into the political affairs of every country where it enters, a position is assumed which cannot be allowed any church whatsoever. If it must assume such a position its members must not complain if it is met with political opposition not offered to any other church. This is why such great men as Gladstone, Bismarck, Juarez, Garibaldi, Emile, Combes, Clemenceau, Briand, and other ruling statesmen of France have resisted its pretensions.

Since the Spanish-American War and the acquisition by the United States of colonies where Romanism has been the established religion, it has been more aggressive than ever before in our political affairs. The peril of Romanism to our institutions is not an imaginary danger conveyed by the heated brains of fanatics; it is a real and constant menace. It must be resisted in our country, as it has been resisted in England, Germany, France, Italy, Mexico, Portugal—as it has been resisted in every country where it has secured any considerable following. If it were willing to take its place as a church along with all the other churches it would be improper to meet it with any other attitude than that in which we meet all other churches; but it is not willing to be only a church. Putting itself in a class by its political animus, it must take all that such an improper position makes inevitable; it cannot claim the political exemption of a church while it asserts political claims as well as churchly prerogatives.

GIVE FULL CREDIT TO INNOCENT 'CUB' FOR FINE WRITE-UP

Jerry Riordan's Boy Has Nerve Enough to Tackle Any Grizzly.

IS 50 PER CENT METHODIST

Some Day We'll Fit Nice Little Nightie and Mask Helmet on Him.

Everyone in our family of 70,000 readers will be amused by the letter presented below from Master Edward Thoburn Stone of Vancouver, Wash., "an innocent youngster," who is devoting his fine talents to humorous and extraordinary and synthetic observations in behalf of the Roman Catholic Church. He is a Methodist, 100% a salt-lick-eating, love-feasting, shouting Methodist—and he's working for Jerry Riordan on the Clarke County Sun! He's a white boy, all right, and worth his weight in gold dollars to any community where he lives, if he were only properly informed concerning the Klan and the eternal fitness of things. And, believe ME, the cub can write, too. And he does it quite merrily. That's why no one is sore at him. The Klansmen laugh with him, and only wish he were altogether a Methodist instead of being a half-breed one.

Now, don't cry, son. The epithet "half-breed" applies only to your alleged Methodism. Some day, when you are older, you will kick yourself for having prostituted your juvenile talents to the base propaganda of the puffed-up little autocrat on the Tiber—for having been a pickle-peddling propagandist of political Romanism. All literary work of juveniles is interesting, especially when it bears as in this boy's case, every earmark of uncommon ability; it indicates the developing, expanding mind—the splendid maturity that is to come.

The boyish effort against the Klan was admirable, and no one is going to quarrel with a bumpy-headed kid—a (Continued on Page 2)

MAYOR FOR KLAN DEPTHS

Every member of the Ku Klux Klan is invited to attend the public meeting of the Klan here, Mayor H. A. Hart declared that he would resign his office as mayor "before introducing into the constitutional charter of Astoria citizens to free speech and peaceful assembly."

LEADER OF WOMEN UNMASKS ENEMIES

Thirty of the Sixty-two Civilized Nations Are Set Against Us.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Thirty of the 62 civilized nations of the world are potential enemies of the United States, declared Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, honorary president of the National League of Women voters, to women students at the summer session of Columbia university last week. Disarmament, she said, was essential to world peace and security and the necessity of a conference of all nations to solve present world difficulties was pointed out.

MAYOR SETS HOLIDAY FOR KLAN GATHERING

Douglas, Kan., Aug. 9.—An American celebration was held here all day July 25, a holiday being declared by the mayor. The ceremonies were conducted under the auspices of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and the local Klan band entertained throughout the day.

Rev. Cody delivered a patriotic address on Americanism, and at the close of the day a free supper was served, followed by a Klan parade, open-air ceremonial, and fireworks.

HOW THEY LOVE US!

The "Catholic" Citizen gives expression to this highly interesting and suggestive sentiment:

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