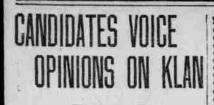
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### Colonel White Hits Row on Race and Religion.

## W. M. PIERCE TALKS TAXES

Messrs. Purdy and Starkweather Ku Kluxers Have Right to Organize.

(Continued From First Page.) of unprincipled political manipula-tors to make religious and racial antagonisms the outstanding issue in the present campaign. Nor have I failed to observe the efforts of paid political gangsters, some of them resurrected from the stinking sepul-chres of Oregon's rotten political past, dragging into the battle the ancient poison stink-pot of prejudice and dissent. Nor have I failed to see the swollen war-chests that reck of corporate greed and a lively antici-pation of favor to be had at the expense of the people of Oregon.

But I have not thought that the people of Oregon, whose soundness, virile patriotism and passionate love of state and country has asserted itself so sfrikingly in dark hours of threatened national disaster, could be swayed by the little maelstrom of a deliberate religious and political brawl kindled and fanned to white

heat in Portland. Your questionnaire confines the matter to the Ku Klux Klan, but very generously permits replies to assume a broader scope, which is a most fortunate and gratifying con-cession, since the Ku Klux Klan is only one group in the brawl. Your concession permits me to Your concession permits me to look the whole situation squarely in the face. There are two well de-fined warring camps in the brawl and those who are fanning the rum-pus expect to draw the lines so tightly that all other issues will be lost sight of in the wrangle. One camp is husy rallying support under

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## FOUR GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES DISCUSS THE KU KLUX KLAN ISSUE RAISED BY GOVERNOR OLCOTT.

Following are excerpts from letters to The Oregonian, written by candidates for governor in response to a request that each clearly define his attitude toward the Ku Klux Klan and Governor Olcott's denunciation of that organization. The responses of five other candidates were published in a previous issue. None now remains to be heard from

George A. White, republican candidate-My service as a citizen, in peace and in war, has taught me confidence in the undying loyalty of the average American and has brought me to view as loyalty of the average American and has brought me to view as enemies of our country those who would sow the seeds of group dissent and division. I have had, and now have, no intention of prostrating myself as an American citizen before any denomina-tional or anti-denominational or racial group for the purpose of winning political favor and support. Protestant, Catholic and Jew fell together in the common cause of America on the battlefields of France, united in the common creed of the constitution of the United States, and banded together in one inseparable bond under the Stars and Stripes. You ask if I belong to the Ku Klux Klan. I do not, I have not and will not.

Harvey G. Starkweather, democratic candidate-I do not believe the operations of the Ku Klux Klan are a manace to political freedom and public safety. I do not consider the klan and the things it stands for an issue in the primary campaign. The Ku Klux Klan has not, to my knowledge, indorsed me for office. I would not repudiate the indorsement of the klan should I receive it. I do not believe that the proclamation (issued by Governor Olant) is mucrated by the fact, but Les such that to may who Okcott) is warranted by the facts, but I am sure that no man who has been honored by the state of Oregon as has Governor Okcott would deliberately prostitute his great office by issuing over the scal of the state a proclamation designed to serve his private political ambitions.

Walter M. Pierce, democratic candidate-I hold that the para-mount and only issue at this time is the reduction of taxes and the shifting of a part of the burden of taxation from real estate to Intangible wealth, which now pays little or no taxes. As a demo-crat I cannot see why I should be asked to take part in the great split in the republican party. The only indorsement I have sought, or seek, is that of those who believe as I do that government should be simplified and taxes lowered and made equitable.

Will E. Purdy, democratic candidate—This extra stir by the governor at this time has been planned by the invisible leaders of the republican party for the purpose of befuddling the republicans of the state. The people must elect to the office of governor one who will take the kick out of moonshine and knock the hell out of those drawing state money without first earning it. I am not a member of the Ku Klux Klan. I know absolutely nothing about them except what I have read.

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money without first earning it. In conclusion, I will state that I am not a member of the Ku Klux Democrat Refuses to Take Part in

"Republican Row." Klan. I have never conversed with a member of that order to my knowl-edge. I have never seen any of their

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