Catholic Citizenship

ARTICLE TWO

Can You Justify Those Who Attack the Citizenship of Catholics by A MASS OF HAZY QUOTATIONS

from scattered members of an organization which in the United States alone has nearly twenty millions of adherents, especially when such quotations are almost invariably garbled, misinterpreted, or at best are but the private views of an individual? When you wish to know what the American Constitution stands for, do you go to Mr. Radical, Rev. Crank or Mrs. Anti-American? No, not when there are reliable channels to consult. Should not the citizenship of Catholics be judged by the consistent conduct and uniform patriotism of the great majority, rather than the misdeeds of an occasional individual? Is it not really criminal to invent fictitious quotations and numerous fake oaths to blacken the citizenship of Catholic citizens? If not criminal, then how designate such conduct? Yet this is being done every day in Oregon.

A MOST DRASTIC INSTANCE

of this kind is the **FAKE OATH** ascribed to the Knights of Columbus; thousands of copies have been circulated in Oregon. Did you read this fake oath, and did you think it genuine? If so, you were grossly deceived.

THE FAKE K. OF C. OATH

has been exposed and condemned in Congress; that is how it got into the Congressional Record, not because it was true but because it was a fake.

It has been condemned in many courts in the United States and Canada; e. g., in Philadelphia, Pa., in the Quarter Sessions Court, in the case of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania vs. Charles Megonegal and Clarence H. Stage, Jan. 30th, 1914; again, Waterville, Minn., in the case of State of Minnesota vs. A. M. Morrison and Garfield E. Morrison, July 29th, 1914; again, St. Johns, Newfoundland, in the District Court before Judge Knight against Charles A. Swift. In these and in various other courts defendants were found guilty of circulating the false, fictitious, FAKE OATH. During the war, the campaign of villification reached a low ebb. Lately in Oregon and elsewhere it has been revived with added impetus.

In October, 1914, the business men of Indianapolis, Indiana, appointed a committee of Non-Catholics, who investigated and condemned the imposture in the strongest terms. Surely some of our representative Portland Non-Catholics ought to be willing to make a similar investigation, if any of them think this oath is genuine.

In the same month the Masons of Los Angeles made a searching inquiry, and they reported the so-called oath to be a malicious forgery. Surely the Masons of Portland would be willing to show the same spirit of fairness, if any of them doubt that this oath is a fake.

WHAT THE MASONS SAID:

Hon. Paul J. McCormick,
Court House, Los Angeles.

My Dear Judge:

I take pleasure in handing you herewith the findings of the committee of Freemasons to whom you exhibited the ceremonials and pledges of the Order of Knights of Columbus.

I am very glad that I have been able, in a measure, to secure this refutation of a slanderous lie which has been widely circulated and which has been disseminated in many cases by well meaning, credulous and deluded persons.

I shall see to it that this report has wide circulation among Masons and you may use it in any way you deem best to bring about an understanding of the truth among men who, above all controversies and contensions, desire to know and to follow that which is right and true. Yours cordially,

W. R. HERVEY.

October 8, 1914.

We hereby certify that by authority of the highest officer of the Knights of Columbus in the State of California, who acted under instructions from the Supreme Officer of the Order in the United States, we were furnished a complete copy of all the work, ceremonies and pledges used by the Order, and that we carefully read, discussed and examined the same. We found that while the Order is in a sense a secret association, it is not an oath bound organization and that its ceremonies are comprised in four degrees which are intended to teach and inculcate principles that lie at the foundation of every great religion and every free state. Our examination of these ceremonials and obligations was made primarily for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not a certain alleged oath of the Knights of Columbus, which has been printed and widely circulated, was in fact used by the Order and whether if it was not used, any oath, obligation or pledge was used which was or would be offensive to Protestants or Masons, or those who are engaged in circulating a document of peculiar viciousness and wickedness. We find that neither the alleged oath nor any oath or pledge bearing the remotest resemblance thereto in matter, manner, spirit or purpose is used or forms a part of the ceremonies of any degree of the Knights of Columbus. The alleged oath is scurrilous, wicked and libelous and must be the invention of an impious and venomous mind. We find that the Order of Knights of Columbus, as shown by its rituals, is dedicated to the Catholic religion, charity and patriotism.

There is no propaganda proposed or taught against Protestants or Masons or persons not of Catholic faith. Indeed, Protestants and Masons are not referred to directly or indirectly in the ceremonials and pledges. The ceremonial of the Order teaches a high and noble patriotism, instills a love of country, inculcates a reverence for law and order, urges the conscientious and unselfish performance of civic duty and holds up the Constitution of our country as the richest and most precious possession of a Knight of the Order. We can find nothing in the entire ceremonials of the Order that to our minds could be objected to by any person.

MOTLEY HEWES FLINT,
33rd Degree Past Grand Master of Masons of California.
DANA REID WELLER,
32d Degree Past Grand Master of Masons of California.
WILLIAM RHODES HERVEY,
33d Degree Past Master and Master of Scottish Rite Lodge.
SAMUEL E. BURKE,
32d Degree Past Master and Inspector of Masonic District.

THE FAKE K. OF C. OATH

is a most drastic instance of a thousand and one similar forgeries and misrepresentations. From this one—draw your own conclusion. Space does not permit replying to all. Below is

THE REAL OBLIGATION

which the Knights of Columbus take. From the day the order was founded, there never has been a word in the ritual, ceremonial, promises or proceedings of the Order that conflicts with this: "I swear to support the Constitution of the United States. I pledge myself, as a Catholic citizen and Knight of Columbus, to enlighten myself fully upon my duties as a citizen and to conscientiously perform such duties entirely in the interest of my country and regardless of all personal consequences. I pledge myself to do all in my power to preserve the integrity and purity of the ballot and to promote reverence and respect for law and order. I promise to practice my religion openly and consistently but without ostentation and to so conduct myself in public affairs and in the exercise of public virtue as to reflect nothing but credit upon our Holy Church and to the end that she may flourish and our country prosper to the greater honor and glory of God."

Foregoing is the obligation which the Congressional Committee, the various courts and the Masons verified.

Article Three will appear later. Persons wishing to reply to or comment upon above, or procure further information on Catholic teachings and its relationship to Catholic citizenship are cordially invited to address E. E. Eberhard, Sec. Catholic Defense Guild, Drawer K, Milwaukie, Ore.

(Paid Adveritsement)

Thos. J. Humphreys, of Heppner, was here the last of the week and called on the Argus. Tom says he hardly knows the old town, it has improved so much since he left for other parts of Oregon. He had quite a visit with his old friends, Sump Weatherred, Gus Wehrung, Wes Roscow and the Schulmerich boys, Herman and George.

Hannah Robinson, whose arm was fractured in an auto collision near Tobias, on the highway, July 3, has sued W. A. Faye for damages. She claims that she was the loser of $400 for medical services and hospital care and she wants this sum, plus $5,000 general damages. She relates in her complaint that her shoulder is so badly racked that she will always be troubled.

Through their attorney, Thos. H. Tongue Jr., patrons of the new Union High School district No. 2, in the Sherwood section, have sued in the circuit court W. G. Cole, J. E. Morback, Herman Dittman, A. C. Kruger and J. C. Iler, asking Judge Bagley to grant a temporary injunction against the five defendants, restraining them from transacting any business or creating any debt against the district until a court hearing shall be held to determine the legality of their election as school directors of the said district. The complaint does not set forth the grounds of the charge of legality, this to be placed before the court when the hearing is on to make the injunction permanent.

JOHN D. KOCH

John D. Koch, of above Blooming, dropped dead in the yard of his home Thursday evening, July 13, about 7:30 o'clock. He had not been well for some years and had been a sufferer from heart trouble. The family notified a neighbor, Fred Goetze, as soon as Mr. Koch fell, and Mr. Goetze says there is no question but what death was instantaneous.

Mr. Koch was born in Oldenberg, Germany, Dec. 24, 1860. He came to the United States with his parents in 1871, settling in Wisconsin. He was married in that state, to Louise Kalisch, and he is survived by the widow and the following children:

Herman, at home; Franklin H. at home; E. L. Koch, of Fidrale; Alma, wife of Omar Vuylsteke, Hillsboro; Linda Koch, a teacher, and Mary Koch, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Koch came to Oregon in 1899 and since that date Blooming has been the home.

Deceased was a fine neighbor and a reliable citizen and had a host of friends who tender their sympathy to the stricken family.

The funeral took place Monday at the Blooming Lutheran church with Rev. Staebe officiating. Interment was under the dierction of Glenn Bell.

STOLEN LIBERTY BONDS SHOW UP IN FRISCO

Elmer Mays, of North Plains, Left for San Francisco Saturday

HAS PROOF OF PURCHASE

Party Asking for Quotations Gives First Clue to Bank Robbery

Elmer Mays, of the North Plains Commercial Bank, started for San Francisco, Saturday morning, taking with him proof of ownership of $2,500 worth of Liberty Bonds stolen from the bank early on the morning of December 31, 1920, when the bank's vault was opened by yeggmen and twenty safety boxes were looted. Hundreds of dollars worth of savings stamps, some currency, some jewelry and the Liberty Bonds were taken by the thieves, who broke the boxes on the road between Hillsboro and North Plains.

Not a clue had presented itself until the request was made for quotations as to market value of the U. S. paper. Fortunately for the owner of the bonds the San Francisco request was forwarded to a Portland firm which sold the bonds to the North Plains bank. The San Franncisco officials were notified by telegraph to hold or keep under surveillance the parties having the bonds.

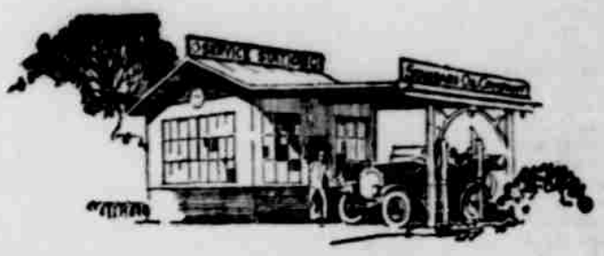
The fact that the Portland firm as well as the North Plains bank officials have the serial numbers of the bonds, makes it easy to prove ownership and unless there be some "innocent purchaser hurdle" encountered—which hardly appears possible—the owner of the U. S. paper will recover the property. The bonds were the property of Mrs. M. E. Mays.

Mr. Mays arrived in San Francisco Monday and proceeded to present his proofs of ownership.

NEAR EAST SUES

The Near East Relief, a corporation which has been collecting money and clothing for the Near East Relief for several years, is invading new fields, having entered circuit court. The complaint against Williard Skidmore relates that the defendant was in the Near East employ in the Caucasus mountain, Europe, and that it became necessary for him to return to his home in Portland. The Near East complainant alleges they advanced him the sum of $375 and took his promissory note therefor. The money enabled Skidmore to get home, but the plaintiff says he has never paid the money called for, altho approached several times.

Another suit filed is that of J. L. Culbertson vs. E. P. Newcombe, Adam Simpson and I. P. Bledsoe, prayer for judgment for $719 on a promissory note.



We Extend Our Thanks

Hundreds of motorists, residents in or about Hillsboro, and visitors to this center, have called for service at the new red, white and blue Standard Oil Service Station, Baseline and Third Streets, since its opening.

This patronage proves the correctness of our judgment that Hillsboro would appreciate the completely equipped metropolitan service of this station.

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Henry Meacham, of above Mountaindale, was down to the city Friday. Henry says that the deer crop is not very plentiful this year, altho a youngster occasionally gets in and feeds with the cattle on upper East Dairy.

License to wed has been granted Beryl Paullin and Elsie Zeigler.

Ira H. Lagasse, of Portland, and Olive Cowherd were united in marriage in this city July 17, Judge J. W. Goodin officiating.

Tony Sinay, of above Blooming, greeted friends in the city Monday afternoon.

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Peterson Brothers

HILLSBORO, OREGON

Frank Holcomb, of near Bethany, was a city caller Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Wood have been enjoying a vacation at Rockaway the past ten days.

Edw. C. Luce, deputy county clerk, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Luce, at the Grove, Sunday.

Mrs. Frederick Legler, nee Emelie Pevehouse, has returned to her home in Portland, after a two months' visit in Kansas City and various points in Oklahoma.

J. E. Zwickey, of below Newton, was an Argus caller Saturday.

Jos. Saunders, of Bethany, was greeting Hillsboro friends Monday morning.

J. B. and H. C. Downing, of below Beaverton, were in the city Friday.

A private letter from Portland reports that Mrs. H. R. Minnick, formerly Miss Ona Foord, of Hillsboro, is convalescent after an extended illness.