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*"Without or with offense to friends or foes
I sketch your world exactly as it goes."*—BYRON.

The Klan Celebration

The Ku Klux Klan held a monster parade at Washington Saturday with some 25,000 Knights of the Knights from all eastern states in line. The celebration was concluded with the burning of a fiery cross outside the city limits across the river, in the rain. The affair was a spectacular success, except only that three quarters of the advertised 100,000 marchers failed to show up.

There are those who protest such exhibitions, but the protests are as foolish as the parades. It is the constitutional privilege of 100 percent Americans to make fools of themselves whenever and wherever they desire, and this inalienable right should not be curtailed, at least not for the Nordics.

The melancholy part of these Kluxer celebrations to Klansmen is that they herald the passing of a dying delusion. The Klan contains within itself the germs of its own destruction and these parades are a final effort of the Wizards, Dragons and Kleagles to rekindle the waning enthusiasm and keep the graft alive—at least for a little while. It has been the history of the order that dissension, disintegration and decay follow the great celebrations, as night the day.

Where the Klan is new, it is a mushroom growth, but even the morons tire of punting up for the profit of politicians and the enrichment of the self-appointed. Baseless hate of one's inoffensive fellow citizens soon evaporates. If the Klan spreads like wild-fire, like wildfire it soon burns itself out. The south which gave it birth, and the west which cradled it, have seen it pass and in the east it will soon be interred in the cemetery of lost illusions.

A Beginning Made

A beginning has been made towards the acquisition by the municipality of the city water distributing system by the authorization of an advisory committee to consult with the council committee and an arbitration by engineers, of the plant's valuation. When this has been satisfactorily arrived at, the next step will be submission to the people of a bond issue to cover purchase price.

With the growth of the municipality, the need for city ownership is becoming every day more apparent, for only by it can needed extensions and enlargements be adequately financed. It is becoming increasingly difficult for private ownership to secure the capital necessitated for development and the money can not be secured upon anything like as favorable terms as the municipality can secure it. Moreover with the municipal ownership constantly threatened, private capital is reluctant to make such investment.

With the distributing plant secured, there will be plenty of time to decide upon a future source of supply, should a change be necessitated. The first step, however, is to buy the distributing system and then perfect it by necessary extensions.

Cinderella of a Day

"There is no fool like an old fool" and millionaire Edward A. Browning as fairy god-father has done his best to justify the adage, and has been properly bucced by the Cinderella he sought to assist, who turned out a mercenary little adventuress of 21 instead of a school girl of 16.

The aged realtor first advertises for a girl to adopt as his heiress, then adopts the first pretty applicant, without investigation. Then he buys her 50 gowns, a \$10,000 auto and places every luxury of the land at her disposal—upon the supposition that he is benefitting her. All this is done under glare of publicity that provokes official inquiry and proves the young woman an imposter.

Credit must be given the fairy god-father for discovering a new and original way for rich old men to make fools of themselves, with the best intentions in the world, of course. For the fortune she has lost, our Cinderella of a day cheerfully substitutes the capitalization of the notoriety she has won and will now bunko the public in press and film.

One Wife on Approval

By Violet Dare

A SHOE FOR LOUELLA

"Now, we'll go straight to Stanley's office," announced Louella, as Cynthia rejoined her in the living room. "I've been phoning him, and he said that he'd go to Noel Gardner's office and get your stock from Noel. And Stanley's going to take us to luncheon," she added, with a beaming smile.

"You don't want to talk to him, do you?" I suppose he just wants to ask if it's all right to let Stanley take the stock?"
"Tell him it is," answered Cynthia wearily. But evidently Noel was insistent; finally Louella jammed the receiver down on the book impatiently.
"He says he'll be at Stanley's office," she announced uneasily. "He was quite rude; acted as if I'd kept you from coming to the telephone."
Louella chattered gaily as they went downstairs and drove to her husband's office. Cynthia, staring out of the window, wondered if this change in her sister-in-law was wholly due to the desire to buy back the stock which Cynthia had bought from Madame Leland through Noel Gardner. What a simperton Louella must think her!

his office, as was Noel Gardner. Noel took Cynthia aside at once. "Cynthia, is it true that you're going to sell this stock in the subdivision back to Mrs. Leland?" he demanded.
"Yes."
"But—didn't you understand, stand what I told you this morning—that I've sold that land for a factory site, and that the stock has more than doubled in value as a result?"
Cynthia caught a glimpse of Louella's face over her shoulder. It was crimson. She smiled, of course. Louella hadn't supposed that she knew!

"Yes, I understand," Cynthia told Noel. "But I'm selling it for what I paid for it. Madame Leland wants it back."
Stanley was staring at her in black amazement. Noel was looking at her as if he thought Louella had hypnotized her.
"But—but are you sure?" Noel began again.
"Yes, absolutely sure. I want to sell the stock. Noel, it's quite all right," she told him.
He shook his head, and turning to Stanley, took out the stock certificates. Throughout the following transaction Cynthia caught Stanley staring at her more than once, and smiled to herself. Of course, he couldn't understand. When Gardner had gone he turned to her at once.
"This is a damned sporting thing to do, Cynthia," he exclaimed. "Of course mother didn't know when

she sold the stock that it was going up—"
"No, she thought it was worthless, that's why she was so willing to sell it," Cynthia cut in.
"And she didn't know you were buying it," Louella added. "Or she wouldn't have let you do so, of course. Mother would never let you suffer because she apparently had made a mistake."
Cynthia did not reply. She did not feel so confident of what Madame Leland would have done as Louella did.

"Jim's going to be awfully proud of you when he hears this," Stanley announced. "And when he gets home—"
Cynthia turned wearily away. "I wonder if you'd excuse me from luncheon with you today, Louella," she said. "I'm so tired—my shoulder still bothers me, you know."

Louella was most solicitous, but Cynthia insisted on returning home without her. She was tired of the whole Leland family. She would go home and write Jim that letter, she told herself, and then she'd slip away as she had planned to do the day she met Cecil and was enveloped into going on the mid-winter house party that had almost had such disastrous consequences.
But at home she found a telegram that changed her plans most decidedly.

"At St. Peter's hospital, San Francisco. Say nothing to family, but join me immediately if you can," it read.
And it was signed "Jim."
"Tomorrow—More Food for Scandal."

Medford Pre-cooling & Storage company, Medford, to sell stock in the sum of \$49,000.
Baker White Pine Lumber company, Baker, to sell bonds in the sum of \$500,000.

Collapse of Channel Swimmer Comes As Goal Is Nearly Her's

Boulogne, France, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Miss Lillian Harrison of Argentina, who was taken from the water in a state of collapse last night, when eight miles off Dover, while attempting to swim across the English channel, suffered a relapse after reaching her home at Reims today. The doctors said her condition was not serious, but that she would require adequate rest for some weeks.

Miss Gertrude Ederle, the American girl whose indomitable will week compelled her to postpone her attempt to swim the channel until August 18, has not yet resumed her training. She is remaining at her hotel and will not begin training in the water again until Thursday.

Miss Harrison, in addition to her physical relapse, is suffering from letdown in her morale, which was severely broken by her failure yesterday. She complains that she has had very bad luck, meeting unfavorable weather conditions on all four of her attempts to swim the channel. She vows she will never try it again.

Miss Harrison this afternoon appeared to be far from well and a doctor was summoned. Her father asserted he desires to have the advice of a physician as to whether it would be prudent for her to make further effort to swim the channel.

Her fourth attempt to swim the French to the English coast yesterday almost brought her

death through drowning, when she was within eight miles of the goal, Dover. She had been in the water for seven hours and five minutes and had reached a position better than any other reached by channel swimmers in the same elapsed time. Fortunately, the strong Egyptian swimmer, Isak Helmy, was at her side in the water when she collapsed.

With the words "catch me, Helmy—I am going down" she clutched the swimmer. She was semi-conscious when hauled aboard the accompanying tug. It was shortly after 7 o'clock that her unexpected collapse came when the flood tide seemingly was rapidly drawing her toward the English shore.

James Wolf, who is training Gertrude Ederle for her attempt to swim the channel, holds the opinion that Miss Harrison's collapse was due to lack of proper nutrition. She is a vegetarian and Wolf declared it was his belief that the diet on which she had been living, did not afford her the amount of nourishment which was necessary for any one undertaking such a strenuous swim as that across the channel.

Under the blue sky set the following permits were issued:
A. E. LaFar, Portland, to operate as stockbroker.
Medford Pre-cooling & Storage company, Medford, to sell bonds in the sum of \$79,000.

MOVE TO BUY WATER PLANT IS ENDORSED

(Continued from Page One.)

looking to the purchase 10 or 12 by the sense of the meeting that the works should be taken over was on a motion by R. J. Hendricks.

Deckabach Puts Motion

Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane, was conservative. He said he had not voted on the Hendricks' motion and wanted to know what was planned for the future before he expressed himself. He said he would not oppose municipal ownership, but pronounced the present water supply thoroughly safe from a health point of view.

F. G. Deckabach made a joint motion that engineers be mutually selected and that the advisory committee be named by Gray and Hicks. Dr. R. E. Morris at first opposed this, arguing that the company be allowed to name a price and then a committee be named to investigate this. Upon further explanation by Deckabach, however, Morris seconded his motion. John H. McNary opposed the selection of a committee, declaring it would not advance the movement in any way.

Appraisal Fund Needed

"The public service commission has made an appraisal of the plant," said McNary, "and this can be used as a basis. Let the city name an engineer, the company one and they a third." He pointed out that the engineers would demand compensation of about \$50 a day and that the job of appraisal would require 15 or 20 days.

stein went into the history of the movement to some extent, and said that Louis Lachmund made the biggest mistake of his life when, as mayor, he vetoed an ordinance looking to the purchase 10 or 12 years ago.

Mayor Giesy threw on further light by informing the meeting that he had had a conference earlier in the day with Mr. Park of the water company, and that they had agreed that the mutual selection of engineers would be the proper way to proceed. The mayor, however, insisted that there should be a consulting committee.

Procedure Reversed

This caused Deckabach to withdraw his motion, allowing McNary to move for the selection of engineers, Deckabach explaining that after the vote on McNary's motion he would renew his motion for the naming of a committee.

It was at this point that T. B. Kay spoke against the purchase on the general grounds that he was opposed to municipal ownership of utilities except in cases of emergency.

Leadore Greenbaum mentioned

Leadore Greenbaum mentioned the opposition to a bond issue if the question reaches an attempted purchase, but he contended that a bond issue would be good for the community, "a community safety valve" he called it.

Winslow for Condemnation

Walter Winslow threw in a new thought when he opposed the selection of engineers. He took the position that the decision of engineers would be unsatisfactory, that charges of graft would be made, and that the only fair way to arrive at a valuation is by condemnation in the courts where a jury of 12 would decide. It would be tried out in the federal court, he said.

D. J. Fry Sr., made a humorous talk, pointing out that the meeting was not for the purpose of tak-

ing conclusive action and that it was no time to get excited.

William J. Roberts, an engineer of Tacoma, was the next speaker. He saw fallacy in Winslow's remarks, declaring that even with condemnation an appraisal would have to be made. He opined that the selection of engineers to make an appraisal was the proper procedure, and that the verdict of a jury of 12 in condemnation proceedings would really be a figure decided upon engineers.

D'Arcy Endorses Move

Judge P. H. D'Arcy humorously referred to all that had been said as "wah wah." He expressed himself in favor of the move, however.

The votes were taken on the McNary and the Deckabach motions, both passing overwhelmingly.

Alderman Galloway wanted further light on the probability of getting a better water supply. He said he doubted if the people would vote to take over the system unless they were assured that would lead to the acquiring of a mountain water supply.

Alderman Wendroth, who made an investigation of the possibility of getting mountain water, said the general opinion was that the plant should be acquired and the mountain water question be left to a later decision. Because of local conditions on the North Santiam, he said the likelihood of getting water from that source had largely been given up, and that it might be necessary to go as far as Marion lake, which, he said, would be a big project.

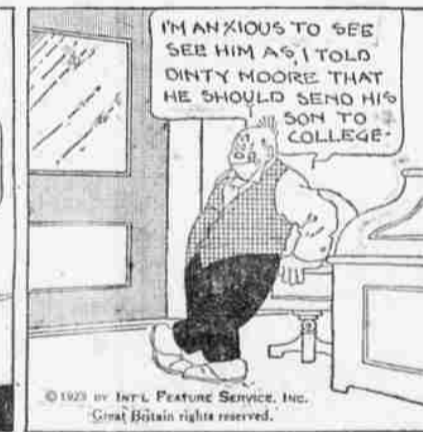
R. D. Cooper, the engineer who made the actual survey, said that while the little north fork of the Santiam had shown the best test of water by the state board of health there was doubt whether that watershed could be maintained and the purity of the water retained. This, he said, led to the possibility that it would be necessary to go to Marion lake.

By Chick Young

DUMB DORA



BRINGING UP FATHER



BARNEY GOOGLE

Too Many Chances to Take



MUTT AND JEFF

Looks Like Mutt Will Have to Inhale His Nourishment.

By Bud Fisher

