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NOT IN POLITICS

Recently an official lecturer for the Ku Klux Klan told an audience at the gymnasium that the Klan was not in politics. Yesterday a news report told of statements made in Washington by an imperial officer of the Klan in which he claimed for the organization the credit for the defeat of various candidates in the recent election. In Portland the Klan circulated a ticket of approved candidates; it takes credit for the defeat of Governor Oleott; according to all reports it plans a definite attempt to control the next Oregon legislature. This looks very much like "being in politics."

Apparently the statements and the doubts of the Klan officials do not track. In the face of such definite and well authenticated actions, it is foolish for any member, lecturer or otherwise, to assert that the Klan is not in politics. It very clearly is in, and the interesting thing is to know just why any contrary assertion should be made.

Perhaps the next lecturer will elucidate.

MR. PUP—SALESMAN

The other evening a bunch of us was seated in a hotel lobby, and there came wandering into our midst a half-grown pup. His pedigree was as mixed as a boarding house hash, and an X-ray to determine his spinal and other vertebrae would have been altogether superfluous.

A bellhop promptly escorted him to and through the door. In a few minutes he was back again, only to repeat the process.

Shortly thereafter he came trotting in through another door. He had a most ingratiating manner and he would stop before one or another of us with that look of appealing trustfulness that only children and pup dogs can put over.

Soon a hand was put out to give him a friendly pat, and the way that pup and the fellows warmed up to each other was remarkable; even his natural enemy, the bellhop, thawed out and slipped him a hunk of meat he had purloined from the kitchen.

That pup succeeded in being allowed to remain where it was warm, to get something to eat, and to make friends, because he was a salesman. He had nothing to sell but himself—and his visible stock in trade was far from A1, but he knew the fundamentals.

He realized he had a hard proposition to put over and that he could not sell unless he could get to the buyers, so he was persistent. Pitting him out once or twice meant nothing in his young life, and I really think that he had a sense of the advertising value—the attention-creating value—his "puttings out" and reappearance would create.

Even in the moments of stress during the putting-out processes he never forgot to be a gentleman. No; he was a wise dog; he departed each time quietly and philosophically, and reappeared the same way, with his tail wagging in gentle friendliness and his brown eyes searching into the faces of the humans about him, not boldly, not cringingly, but with quiet assuredness that commanded attention—and so he put his proposition across.—Exchange.

THE OUTGOING COUNCIL

In a few days the council which has administered the affairs of the city of Bend for the past two years will go out of office to be succeeded by a new set of men chosen at the November election. The Bulletin wishes now to take the opportunity of thanking and congratulating the members of the outgoing council for the services which they have rendered the city.

In saying that the council is to be congratulated on the quality of service which it has given, we are not unmindful of the fact that on two major issues which arose soon after it took charge of the city government we believed it made serious mistakes. We refer to the Gilson water franchise and to the women's protective division. On these we vigorously opposed the council. That our opposition was right was indicated by the action of the people in voting down the franchise and in forcing the adoption of the protective division ordinance. We think that the council, in its later action in respect to the protective division, has signally failed to observe its intent and to secure the best results possible under it. When we have said this, the sum of our criticism is complete.

On the other hand, and except for

these two matters, we feel that the council has given the city faithful and efficient service. The biggest achievement, secured with the important aid of Recorder Ross Farnham, has been the material reduction of the city debt. Old accounts have been collected and current expenses kept down. The result has been a material reduction in the warrant debt. Other achievements have been the street work under the direction of Mr. Innes, the development and operation of the camp ground under Mr. Leverett, and the conduct of the police and fire department under Mr. Gilbert.

The job is one which must be done. Those who are willing to undertake it usually get nothing but criticism for their errors and never a word of praise for their successes. We think that these men are entitled to praise, and we are glad to be able to say so.

NOBODY INTERESTED

Following the general election, the papers had many columns of news concerning the efforts various individuals were making to secure their choice as presiding officers of the house and the senate. There was much scurrying about. In the contest for the presidency of the senate, especially, partisans of one candidate or another were making hurried trips to interview senators-elect, telephoning at all hours to report, the progress of the campaign and to secure pledges of support. Now and again it was said that one man would be supported because he would help in the passage of legislation desired by certain interests, or that another was favored because he was pledged to certain other measures.

All this was quite proper and legitimate. No one can properly voice the slightest objection. We do think, however, that the people of the state would appreciate signs of equal activity in preparation for legislation of general interest and importance. All they have seen so far has been the fight to control the house and the senate organization on behalf of special interests.

A senator or representative anxious to do what he could to perfect the laws of the state could find scores of opportunities. Our statute books are now filled with a mass of ill-considered and undigested legislation. It would put the state many dollars ahead if this could be worked over and put in shape. For this sort of thing, however, there is no scramble. There is no particular interest on anyone's part to see the right thing done. It would be refreshing to see as much activity on behalf of all of us as for the few who want something for themselves.

New Southern Pacific advertising says "You never ask if the train will run today for you have learned to depend on it." Maybe you do not; but here in Bend you ask twice a day what time the train will get in.

Communications

HOTEL MAN MAKES STATEMENT

Bend, Ore., Dec. 27, 1922.
 To the Editor:
 An article appeared in last night's issue of The Bulletin, purporting to be an interview with Chief of Police Willard Houston, regarding the alleged misconduct of the Wright hotel in this city, and to that article I desire to make an open reply so that the good people of Bend may know the true situation.

I am operating this hotel under a lease from the owner, D. A. Boyd of Seattle, Washington, which has very near a year to run, and have been so operating, personally, since on or about the 13th day of August, 1922.

From that date down to, and including, the present time I have endeavored to conduct a clean and respectable house, and I honestly believe that I have done this with a large degree of success. It may be true that some few violators, or would-be violators, of the liquor law have taken rooms in the hotel, as they do in all hotels, not only in Bend, but elsewhere, but all of the peace officers of this city, including Willard Houston, have had my repeated assurances that if they ever knew that a law was being, or had been, violated in the Wright hotel, that they had free access, as far as I was concerned, at all times without a search or other warrant, and that I would aid them in every way I could to help them in the enforcement of the laws.

Many employes of the mills make their home and headquarters at the hotel and I feel that in justice to them, as well as myself, the public should know that Mr. Houston has made statements regarding the hotel, and its management, that are not warranted by the facts.
 Yours truly,
 J. A. ELLIOTT.

His Jacet.
 An English writer claims to have discovered the "ideal elegiac." It runs: "Here lies a man who would have laughed to read how he was epitaphed."

Fifteen Years Ago

(From the Columns of The Bulletin of December 27, 1907)

The body of Ed Hulbert was found Saturday evening, floating in the flume of the Clime Falls Power Co. He had died of heart failure.

It is stated on good authority that deeds are being prepared at Prineville for the sale of the townsite of Laidlaw to the Mount Hood Railroad & Power Co. This is the company that, it has been said, would build an electric road across Central Oregon to connect with a line in Nevada.

Two days of steady rain preceded Christmas. Hundreds of white swan are swimming on Silver lake in the early mornings, flying out to the marshes to feed for the greater part of the day and returning during the evening. A few gray swan are also seen.

Fred Wallace of Laidlaw was in Tumalo yesterday after a load of hay for Jack Wenandy of Bend.

William Bogell, proprietor of the Cove fruit farm, was in town yesterday. Mr. Bogell has had an exceptionally successful season this year, the yield of all kinds of fruits grown at the Cove having been unprecedented.

E. A. Smith has returned to Bend from several months' work on telephone line construction for the Pioneer Telegraph & Telephone Company.

The engineers of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co. are busy these days getting maps, field notes and reports ready to be filed at the land office at The Dalles, and with the state engineer.

Mrs. W. P. Myers was a visitor in Bend from Laidlaw Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wilcox were in Bend Wednesday night to attend the dance.

John Steidl left for Portland last Sunday morning, expecting to be gone for about two weeks.

What's Doing in the Country.

PROGRAM IS GIVEN AT SISTERS SCHOOL

SISTERS, Dec. 28.—A short school program was given by the intermediate and primary grades. A large crowd attended.

Perit Huntington, Earl Robbins and Vern Skelton hauled timber from the J. P. Duckett sawmill to the school house for the new barn to be built Wednesday.

Irel Harrington spent Monday with Cecile Robbins.

Ben Tone was a business visitor in Cloverdale Tuesday morning.

Miss Florence Royal went to Redmond Saturday to spend Christmas at her home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Edgington spent Christmas with Mrs. Edgington's sister, Mrs. Smith, in Plainview.

Howard Jacquet is spending the week with his cousin in Bend.

Among those from Cloverdale who attended the program at the church Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arnold and daughter, Lotise, Pauline and Raymond; Andrus, the Misses Aleatha and Juanita Hodson, and Thomas Harrison.

Ed Spoo, Vern Skelton and Alfred Sorenson spent the week end at the Spoo homestead on the lower desert.

A large number attended the turkey shoot at the Frank Arnold ranch in Cloverdale.

The Sisters Try Sewing club had its achievement party Thursday afternoon. Miss Velma Graham received first prize in first division, and Miss Thelma Zumwalt first prize in the second division. Mrs. George Aitken, Mrs. Lucy Winkle and Mrs. Lena Hartley were the judges.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Allen spent Christmas day with their son, Harold Allen, and wife, in Redmond.

Mrs. J. P. Duckett and Mrs. Joe Bolin and children were shopping in Sisters Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Golden of Redmond spent Christmas with Mrs. Golden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Woods.

A dance was given by the Hagan boys at the Allen dance hall Friday evening.

Mrs. Carl Woods and son, Claude, spent Saturday at Bend and Redmond.

Mrs. Lea Scarth and Mrs. Mears were callers at the home of Mrs. M. Harrington.

Miss Alice Taylor of Redmond spent several days at her home here during Christmas vacation. She returned to Redmond Monday.

TERRIFIC GALE LASHING OCEAN, 28 ARE VICTIMS

Five Ships Reported Lost on the Atlantic

EXPECT MORE LOSSES

Distress Signals Picked Out of Air, But Few of Laboring Vessels Able to Give Aid—Crew of Schooner Rescued

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Twenty-eight lives and five ships have been lost in the terrific gales and hurricanes raging on the Atlantic and along the English coast, according to reports received here today. It is expected that later reports will raise this toll.

The disturbances extended far into the ocean, battering even the biggest liners. All vessels are from on to three days late.

Ships limping into port today report that distress signals were picked from the air, but that the raging seas hindered their search for the vessels in trouble.

The crew of the disabled schooner Gordon Fudge of London was rescued at sea by the American freighter Menominee, despite mountainous waves which ripped across the steamer's decks.

Misunderstood.

He was in his first week at college, and when he went to the stationer's to buy a fountain pen he felt dejected that the young woman who waited on him should know that in spite of his youth he was no high-school boy.

When she handed him a sheet of paper he wrote on it, with many flourishes, in a large, bold hand, "Alma Mater, Alma Mater," eight or nine times.

The clerk watched him with a stammer, and at last she spoke, "Why don't you let her try it herself," she suggested, "and then if it doesn't suit, of course, we'll change it."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Swallows Cover World.

Swallows, it has been established by experiment, migrate from England to South Africa, 5,000 miles. A man in Berkshire, in 1921, fastened a mark on a swallow and turned it loose. The bird was reported as having been caught five months later at Jansenville, South Africa. Other marked swallows, liberated in England, have been reported from Natal, Orange Free State, Cape Province and the Transvaal.

Her Revised Grammar.

Teacher was endeavoring to make clear to the youngsters the grammatical tenses. "My father had money," she pointed out, "is in the past tense. Now, Grace, what tense would you be employing if you should say, 'My father has money?'"

"That would be 'pretense,'" said Grace, very soberly.—Exchange.

Tribe of Indians Marquette Met.

The first reference to the Missouri tribe of Indians made by a European was by Marquette in a letter written in 1670 to La Mettrie, his father superior, as Indians "who use canoes of wood." On Marquette's map appears the name and location of the "Ou Messour."

GIRL'S LETTER SENT OFFICERS ABSOLVES WEIR

"Jane Doe" Claims to Have Been on Houseboat

ACCUSES MRS. LEARY

Credence Placed in Letter Received by Portland Police Chief—Girl Invited to Appear and Tell Story

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—A girl signing herself "Jane Doe" wrote a letter to Chief of Police Jenkins today, declaring herself to be the girl involved in the alleged orgy aboard Cash Weir's houseboat on the night of September 23. The letter assured Chief Jenkins that she is still alive, accused Mrs. Helen Leary of mistreating her, and absolved Cash Weir and his son, Earl Weir, of complicity in her supposed death.

Mrs. Leary had accused the two Weirs of killing the girl and throwing her body in the Willamette river.

The police place credence in the letter and have invited the girl to come to police headquarters and tell the whole story.

SIGHT OF MONEY WON HIM

Prospector Refused \$100,000 for Mine, but Sold for \$10,000 Actual Gold Money.

Money's an odd sort of commodity and some persons know very little of actual cash from intimate acquaintance.

Harry Veness tells of an old sourdough of the Klondike, who had a valuable claim after several years of dangers and hardships in the North. He came to Seattle and operators who realized the value of his holdings had tried to buy him out for \$100,000, but it was no use, the prospector held on. Then came the wise man who made the deal, and for one-tenth of that sum. The stage-managed proposition was worked like this:

The operators cornered their man on the main street and induced him to accompany them to a dark little office off Marion street. There they talked Alaska and mining until they thought they had their man in the proper frame of mind. They opened up the subject of a deal and he admitted he had been offered \$100,000.

"And you'll never sell for that?" one said, and when the miner said "No" the would-be purchaser went to a table near by that was covered with a cloth and snatched the covering away. There, stacked in neat but careless appearing piles, was \$10,000 in bright, new shiny \$20 gold pieces.

"There's what we'll give you," shouted one of the operators as he saw the miner's eyes gleam. "You just sign the deed, and take the money."

And the miner, unused to money, carried away by the sight of real coin, signed.—Portland Oregonian.

Moral Sentiment First.

Science . . . necessitates a faith commensurate with the grander orbits and universal laws which it discloses. Yet it does not surprise the moral sentiment. That was older, and awaited expectant these larger insights.—Emerson.

FORMER MAYOR SUSPECTED OF DUAL IDENTITY

Reformer Arrested in Night Rider Investigation

GOVERNOR WILL QUIZ

Dr. B. M. McKoin, Held in Murder Probe, Fights Extradition and Invokes Habeas Corpus in Effort

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

MER ROUGE, Dec. 27.—Suspicion of dual identity brought the arrest of Dr. B. M. McKoin, former reform mayor of Mer Rouge, in Baltimore yesterday. Federal authorities claim to have made a discovery that while McKoin posed as a reformer, and performed errands of mercy by day and night as a physician, in another personality he led a band of hooded nightriders on deeds of terrorism.

He is being brought here for questioning by order of Governor Parker. Other evidence is being accumulated in the vicinity of Lake La Fourche.

Dr. McKoin will fight extradition to Louisiana. It was learned here today, and has retained counsel to effect his release on a writ of habeas corpus. McKoin is pleading innocence of all connection with the murders of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, declaring that he left Mer Rouge before the murders were committed, and with all evidence in his possession given to the grand jury for its investigation of alleged terrorism.

HELEN LEARY CHANGES TALE

Woman Now Says She Helped Kill Girl—Sanity Questioned

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Helen Leary told the police a third story today. She said she helped kill the girl named Betty, aged 22, in Cash Weir's houseboat on the night of September 23. She said she, the girl, and Cash scuffled and then Cash struck the girl with a piece of iron pipe, killing her.

Mrs. Leary was in a police launch today, seeking the place where she says the body was buried in the river, weighted with rocks.

Mrs. Leary at first had accused Weir of abusing the girl and causing her death.

District Attorney Myers this afternoon announced that he would have an alienist test Mrs. Leary's sanity.

Looking Death in the Face.

Death does not frighten me now. I think it is like taking chloroform; don't struggle against it, hold the hand of a friend, and it is not half bad with its promise of rest for me and heaven for you.—From "Words in Pain," letters written by a dying Englishwoman to her doctor.

May the New Year bring you happiness,
 365 days of health and prosperity.
 May it bring you new friends
 and pleasure.

This is our--
 "Happy New Year"
 to you.

The People's Store
 BEND, OREGON