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SCHOOL BILL ATTEMPTS TO REGULATE RELIGION

P. S. Malcolm, inspector-general of theScottish Rite Masons is publishing advertisements defending the compulsory school bill initiated by his society in conjunction with the Ku Klux Klan for the purpose of closing all private and church schools in the state and depriving parents of the right of supervising the education of their children, in which he denies that the bill is being initiated for religious purposes, but solely for the purpose of inculcating patriotism and establishing high standards of education.

This is camouflage. What has the supreme council of non-residents to do with Oregon's educational standard The bill is drawn and introduced for no other purpose than to strike at the Catholics. Incidentally, it strikes also at the Episcopalians, the Lutherns, the Adventists, the Mennonites, the Christian Scientists and other denominations maintaining schools at their own expense, as well as at non-denominational private schools. As a matter of fact there are just as high and perhaps higher standards of patriotism and education in these church and private schools as in public schools, and if people want to educate their children in religion as well, that is their privilege—at least it always has been in free America and we hope always will be, for when the state runs the family, freedom has flown.

Just why secret societies picked out Oregon to enact into statute their religious prejudices, is a mystery, unless it was figured that partnership with the Ku Klux Klan would put the scheme over in a state that is winning notoriety with its freak bills and its invisible government. If the bill passes Oregon will have the distinction of being the only state in the union which denies parents the fundamental right to choose the school, the teacher and the methods for educating their children. But since when has the state owned your child?

The invisible government method of public education was given a very thorough try-out in Germany before the war, the state being given dictatorial powers over the training of children, which destroyed freedom of thought and independence of character and made it possible for the mad monarch to plunge the world into a maelstorm of destruction. It is being given a full trial in Soviet Russia, where the child is treated as the word of the state and the control of family abolished. No quicker way could be evolved to destroy initiative and character, and all that has made America what it is.

The very title of the law is misleading, for there is already a school law, which makes education compulsory, and requires that all children be educated up to the standards of the public school and the supervisory officers apply the tests. Over 85 per cent of Oregon's population is native-born and three-quarters of the balance is naturalized so there exists no reason for the bill, except the desire to regulate the other fellow by cracking his religion.

Is invisible government from the cloister of a secret society, can dictate the school your child must go to and his course of study, how long will it be before some other secret society dictates what church you must go to? As long as our invisible government fanatics is in the uplift business, there is no saying where we will end once the bars are let down, and personal liberty destroyed.

Do you think it is going to attract population to Oregon to abolish parental rights?Do you think that people are seeking homes where the state has curtailed personal liberty? Do you think people are going to make investments in a state controlled by bigots who do not hesitate to confiscate investment in legitimate educational institutions? How many people come to Oregon because of educational advantages to their children?How many here will leave the state if denied the right to supervise their children's education? How many will we permanently close the door upon if we pass this freak bill? Far more than all the booster advertising and exposition bonding can ever bring in.—Salem Capital Journal.

RETURN FROM TRIP TO CRATER LAKE

Frank Gilliam, C. E. Woodson, Mrs. Silas Wright and Delbert Wright returned the first part of last week from a trip to Crater lake and other southern Oregon points.

It was Mr. Gilliam's first trip to the lake and he says the trip was well worth while. The party also visited Klamath Falls and went a few miles into California where they had business connected with the Silas Wright estate. Returning they again visited Crater lake going from there to Ashland and following the Pacific highway to Portland. The party made good time on the return trip driving from the lake to Roseburg the first day and from Roseburg to Hood River, a distance of 304 miles, the second day. Construction work is still under way at several points on the Pacific highway and time was lost in making detours and waiting for one way traffic.

FORD CARAVAN TO SPEND FOUR FULL DAY SHERE

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an illustration of the changes and progress brought about by the gas power driven appliances on the farm, the highway and the home.

The caravan has already visited more than fifty towns and cities. It has negotiated some difficult detours excessively bad "main traveled roads" grades and curves, yet the caravan has kept its numerous dates absolutely on time, and there is no doubt but that he show will reach Heppner as scheduled.

As many as seven thousand people have attended the Ford and Fordson shows at various points. "But," remarks Mr. Lalourell, "Heppner is out to break all records, not merely for one day, but for each of the three days of the big Rodeo and Caravan show. Either one of these is worthy of the biggest crowd in Heppner's history, but the combined shows give the people the chance of a lifetime and we certainly look for a whale of a crowd. What's more Heppner is well able to receive and entertain the crowd, and you can take it from me that there'll be something doing all the time, day and night, next Thursday Friday and Saturday."

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