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ANNUAL STATE COMMERCE MEET

January 5th has been selected as the date of the annual meeting of Oregon State Chamber of commerce, according to announcement by state chamber officials. Delegates from every commercial organization of the state will gather in Portland on that late for discussion of development

plans and for the election of state chamber officers for the ensuing year.

The outstanding feature of the annual meeting will be consideration of the state-wide development program proposed by the Oregon Development board. This program has already been adopted by the Portland chamber of commerce and the campaign to raise a fund of \$300,000 for development and advertising purposes for a two-year period will be under way on December 5th.

While this \$300,000 development fund will be raised entirely among the business interests of Portland, it will be expended in advertising the resources of Oregon, investigating and strengthening existing marketing organizations, land settlement and other state development work. As the state chamber has been designated as one of the organizations to undertake the actual work proposed under the development plan, it is expected that the coming annual meeting will be one of the most important in the history of the organization.

According to the by-laws of the state chamber, all commercial organizations in good standing are entitled to representation. Invitations are being sent throughout the state urging such organizations to appoint their delegates so that each section of the state will have a voice in the proceedings of the annual meeting.

KU KLUX KLAN IS DISOWNED BY CHURCHES

The following is reproduced from the Christian Union Herald:

The mistaken impression that the Ku Klux Klan deserves, and is receiving the support of the Protestant churches has led the Federal Council of the Churches to make its position clear and unmistakable. A full statement was made by the administrative committee of the council at its last meeting.

While not mentioning the Ku Klux Klan by name, the council's action declares that any organization whose membership is secret, oath-bound, and disguised, and which tends to foster racial or class prejudice, has no real right to speak in the name of the Christian church.

The statement is as follows: "The Administrative Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America records its strong conviction that the recent rise of organizations whose members are masked, oath-bound and unknown, and whose activities have the effect of arousing religious prejudice and racial antipathies, is fraught with grave consequences to the church and to society at large. Any organization whose activities tend to set class against class or race against race is consistent neither with the ideals of the churches nor with true patriotism, however vigorous or sincere may be its professions of religion and Americanism.

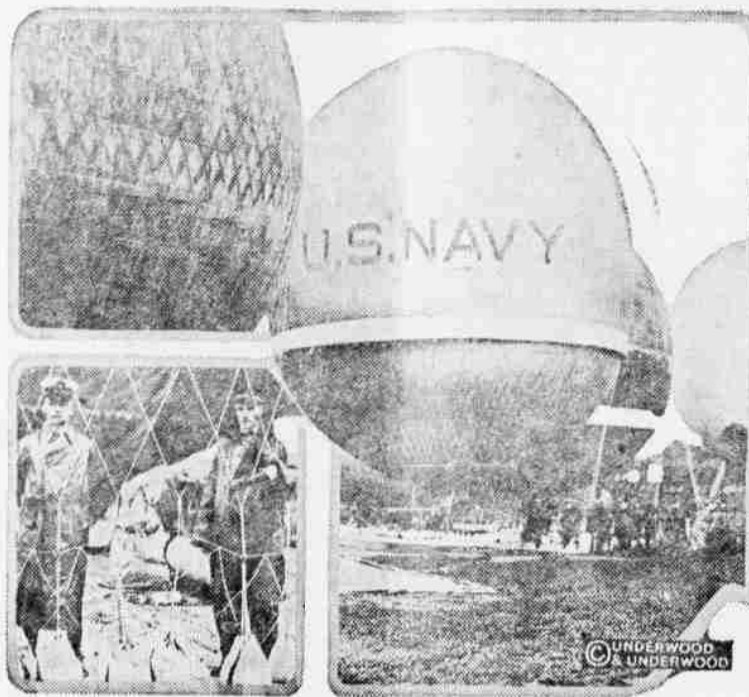
"Acts of lawlessness and immorality, however serious, can never be remedied by secret, private and unauthorized action. They must be handled by the state and by the recognized forces of education. For groups of individuals wearing masks and concealing their identity to pass judgment on men and women and to carry out humiliating measures of their own devising, is subversive of every principle of civilized government, and undermines respect for the established agencies of law and order.

"Any body of men, unidentified and banded together to achieve in a partisan spirit the purposes of a sectional, political, racial or sectarian group, is almost certain to fall into the very evils of mob rule against which the spirit of Christian democracy and Americanism makes vigorous and constant protest. Even if they resort to no unworthy deeds themselves their practice of carrying on their plans in disguise or under cover of darkness encourages others to do likewise, and so affords the opportunity for all manner of lawlessness to be carried on with impunity from arrest or punishment. However true it is that in some communities religious organizations seek a control over municipal administration which is undemocratic and highly undesirable, yet for another body of men, secret and oath-bound, to undertake to get control is equally intolerable, even if they seek with all sincerity to wrest it from the control of other groups.

"The Administrative Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches is opposed to any movement which overrides in the process of law and order, and which tends to complicate and make more difficult the work of co-operation between the various political, racial and religious groups in the republic. No such movements have the right to speak in the name of Protestantism and the churches are urged to exert every influence to check their spread."

When a bad man does a good thing, he gets very little credit for it.

Navy's Entry in Great Balloon Race



Above is shown the big navy balloon which it is hoped will win the international balloon race at Geneva, Switzerland, August 6. In the insert are shown left to right: Lieut. W. F. Reed, pilot, and chief rigger, James Shade.

The Women's Vote Will Play a Greater Part In National Elections

By MRS. PETER OLESEN, Dem. Candidate for U. S. Senate.



The Indiana and Pennsylvania primary election results are typical of what will probably happen west of those states.

In my campaigning thus far in Minnesota I have been astonished by the prairie fire spread of independent political thought. It is not a matter of parties. Party lines are falling away. People out here are less tied to party strings than they have been at any time in the last twenty years. They pride themselves on reading both sides of a question and framing their own conclusions. They are independent in their judgments. Today not only in Indiana and Pennsylvania voters want a change. Anything for a change, they say. How often have I heard this in my trips throughout the state. I have found widespread dissatisfaction with the present congress everywhere.

In the elections in Minnesota this fall I believe many voters will forget parties and vote independently for the candidates they think will honestly represent the common interests of the great majority.

The amazement of the country at the way women are using their franchise will grow. The women's vote is going to play a greater part in the selection of governmental representatives with the passing of every year.

The women found the vote a new thing two years ago. They were probably, in most cases, governed by the advice of men. Now they understand voting and they realize that the franchise is the citizens' badge of sovereignty, and when alone in the voting booth with their conscience and their God, they will vote right, as they have the light to see the right.

Here in Minnesota the League of Women Voters is a great help. Men voters have no similar organization that helps them as unselfishly and as intelligently as does this organization. It stands for no party organization, though it deals with the leading political questions of the day. It stands for what is best in civic life.

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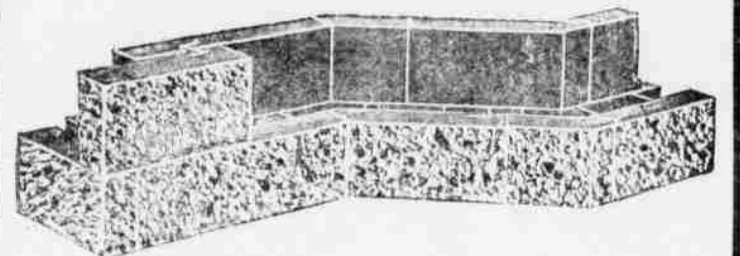
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