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**FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE**

There appears in this issue of the Herald an advertisement for a new organization, "The Minute Men of the Constitution." The advertisement explains itself and the thoughtful reader will not be surprised. It is the logical outcome of K. K. Klan activities. Those who believe in Klan methods should not forget that two can play at the same game. To fight fire with fire is one of the most commonly known means of defense.

Our neighboring town of Condon has been having much trouble due to klan activities, according to reports coming from that town, and the writer's information is correct, but from what we can learn the trouble these has culminated in a local minister being forced to leave town, and that was certainly a most unlawful act. What makes it more astounding it is supposed to have been perpetrated by those who are opposed to klan methods. However, the Herald is not disposed to judge harshly because it is not in possession of first hand information.

The Condon newspaper has refused to become involved in this controversy and some time ago published a notice to the effect that it would not print anything from either side. In fact most of the newspapers of the state have chosen that course including the Catholic papers that have reached the Herald desk. All newspapers suppress much and perhaps should do even more along that line but when anything affects our lives, our freedom, our business, our social relations, our public institutions, the facts should be given. That is news. It is what the subscriber pays for and what he has a right to demand.

The great mass of citizens, known as "the common people," want to do the right thing and will solve their problems wisely and well if they are not kept in ignorance of the main issues.

A word about this minister who is reported to have so incensed a large number of citizens that they "run him out of town."

Was he following the teachings of the lowly Nazarene—that superhuman whom all Christendom loves to call the Prince of Peace?

Would it not be well for the church he represents to investigate his alleged offense? If found guilty of fomenting strife and discord in a hitherto peaceful and law-abiding community, should he not be unfrocked?

**GASOLINE—AND OTHER THINGS**

Perhaps the plight of the farmers in eastern Oregon and other wheat-producing sections of the country is not due so much to the low price of wheat as it is to the high price of everything else.

Only a few years ago, before the world war sent prices kiting, 82 to 88 cents for wheat was considered a fair price because other commodities were nearer in proportion.

Lately there has been much talk about the price of gasoline and in some places in the middle west and south the price has tumbled to cents or more a gallon and all because the state of South Dakota took the bull by the horns and went into the gasoline business, buying in quantity from independent oil concerns and selling at a reasonable price to the people. In Kansas, also, the price tumbled to cents or more in a night.

If this can be done with the price of gasoline, why not with other commodities? Take farm machinery as an example. In spite of all the so-called trust busting of recent year the harvester trust goes serenely on charging all the traffic will bear and the farmer, with his 82-cent wheat crop ready to harvest must pay the outrageous prices demanded by the trust or let his crop rot in the field.

The same is true of practically everything the farmer has to buy. Shoes, clothing, sugar, tax receipts, in fact about everything that can be mentioned is still hovering around war-time levels while wheat and cattle have been so deflated as to cut out anything that looks like a profit to the grower.

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The 48th Year Opens September 25, 1923

A fine daughter was born to Mrs. Ezra Adkins last Friday afternoon.

**BIG WHEAT SHORTAGE MARKET AGENT SAYS**  
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failure the set-back of the movement for a long time. Of utmost importance are economical administration and competent management. Expenses must be held to the lowest possible point until the association grows and gains in strength and there must be men at the head who are capable of working out a sales agency that will get the products to the final consumers at the lowest possible retail price. There must be free buying and normal consumption in order to create demand and all possible unnecessary middle expenses must be eliminated if the grower is to get a living profit and the consumer a price that he will pay.

Clackamas county potato growers have a co-operative association well under way and are now signing up acreage. Washington and Yamhill counties are agitating the matter of following suit and as the other counties organize, they will doubtless merge under one selling agency. Some of the leaders foresee a state-wide organization.

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**Emperor Simmons Says Klan Now Is Withering**

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 18—William J. Simmons, emperor of the Ku Klux Klan, issued a statement today, according to the Atlanta Journal, in which he declared that the "Development and progress of the Ku Klux Klan is stopped and disintegration is setting in throughout the entire boundaries of the invisible empire, due to lack of leadership and want of constructive programmes and activity."

He declared, further, the story relates, that "men of largest influence have even become indifferent or withdrawn from the order."

Mr. Simmons today telegraphed Edward Young Clarke at Indianapolis, an offer of full and complete executive administration authority over all matters pertaining to the klan and the Kamelia, if Clark would return to Atlanta and assume control of the two great organizations, according to the story printed in the Atlanta Journal. The story said Emperor Simmons offered Mr. Clarke the title of sir knight supreme of the Order of Knights of Kamelia.

**Wool Growers Make Use of Federal Act**

The Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers, with offices at Portland, is the first cooperative marketing association to utilize the new Federal Intermediate Credit bank of Spokane under the agricultural credits act of 1923. The wool growers have arranged for a credit of up to \$400,000 for the purpose of making advances on wools to members. The Federal Intermediate Credit bank was represented by Ward M. Buckles, manager, and J. M. Hancox, attorney. The wool growers were represented, and K. A. Ward, general manager, and Arthur A. Goldsmith, attorney. One of the purposes of the agricultural credits act of 1923 was financing staple crops which could be warehoused, so as to permit of orderly marketing, and it was felt that the Pacific Wool-Growers was the ideal type of organization to avail itself of the act.

White brothers, wool growers of Palmer, Alaska, have joined the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers and have shipped their wool to Portland. This is the farthest North member of the association.

On the same day, another wool grower, T. J. Lea of Placerville, Cal., joined the association and shipped his wool to Portland. He is the farthest south member of the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers, an organization of 2600 wool growers of the four Northwestern states, who grade their wools in Portland and market through their association direct to mills.

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J. R. L. Haslam, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Sermon 11 a. m., 7:45 p. m.  
Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m.  
Tuesday evening our cottage prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Mikesel and Thursday evening at 7:45 at the church. The Lord is pouring out wonderful blessings in these services and out attendance is remarkable and increasing.

Our attendance at Sunday school and church is far better than a year ago and the pastor appreciates the interest and faithfulness shown. Surely God will bless such a loyal people.

Special music at both services on Sunday.

You are invited to come and see for yourself what God is doing for His people.

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