

When a Captain Becomes Admiral



The captain's gig and the admiral's barge were replaced by a whale-boat rowed by commissioned officers when Captain A. J. Siegmeyer left the U. S. S. California at Bremerton, Wash., to become an admiral. This manner of taking a departing officer ashore is one of the highest compliments in naval tradition.

KLAN POWER WANES

Lynch Davidson, Lieutenant Governor of Texas, Predicts Downfall

"The strength of the Ku Klux Klan is on the wane in Texas," said Lynch Davidson, lieutenant governor of Texas, a visitor here today en route for Crater lake and thence via Portland to Yellowstone park and eastern cities.

"In my own city of Houston," he said, "I am sure the Ku Klux movement is losing out rapidly, and I believe interest and membership are decreasing in other parts of the state."

There has been no official action against the Klan in Texas as there has been in California and Oregon, said the lieutenant governor but public opinion has been stirred by the press of the state and influential organizations and citizens to take a stand against the movement and it is dying out.

Davidson was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Lois. Mrs. Davidson and another daughter came as far as San Francisco but returned to Los Angeles from there.

Being in the lumber business he is much interested in the pine timber of this region. B. J. McCumber of San Francisco, well-known lumberman, accompanied him here and they are looking over some of the timber tracts and plants.

The Texan was evidently impressed with the country and obviously sincere in his comments upon the busy and prosperous appearance of the town.

GEO. M. BARTH JOINS STAFF OF MOE'S STORE

Geo. M. Barth arrived here Sunday night from Minneapolis to take charge of the advertising and window trimming at Moe's store. Barth is said to be a man of wide experience in all branches of the dry goods business. He has been connected with some of the largest stores in Minneapolis and other eastern cities and comes here highly recommended.

DEFEAT OF NEW OREGON SCHOOL BILL IS URGED

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been only 16,000 petitioners for the measure.

Purpose Misrepresented. It now is daily appearing, and we have written lists signed by petitioners, to the effect that they were induced to sign the petitions without knowing the meaning and purpose of the proposed bill, and by misrepresentation of its true purpose, and that they now desire to withdraw and cancel their signatures. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of these petitioners, if they had known that this was a bill intended to destroy every private school in the state, never would have signed the petitions. It was represented to them to be a bill simply to change the age limit for children in the elementary schools and to strengthen the existing law in regard to compulsory attendance in the schools, and there was no public understanding that the bill was meant to destroy all private education.

In addition to this fraudulent method of obtaining the submission of the bill to a vote, the authors of it attached to it a false title, calling it a "Compulsory Education Bill," when it ought to have been called "A Bill to Establish State Monopoly of Education."

Robert E. Smith of Portland, in the "Oregon Journal" of June 16, 1922, assumed entire responsibility for the authorship and initiation of the bill; in the name of the Scottish Rite Masons, or rather, of the southern jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite Masons, by virtue of a resolution adopted by that body in 1920—two years before this bill was proposed in Oregon, and by a body of men having absolutely no authority or jurisdiction to dictate to the voters of Oregon what they shall do with their public schools.

No Need for Law Here. In that same interview he declared that there was no particular danger in this state requiring the passage of such a law; that it would be impossible to put such a bill through in any one of the older and more populous states of the union, and that acting under the instruction of the supreme council of the Scottish Rite he was initiating this bill in Oregon to set an example for the rest of the country.

Now, this statement is an insult to the intelligence of the voters of this state, for it means either that the people out here are so few in number and so far in the back-woods that they can be humbugged into doing almost anything upon a plea of "patriotism"; or that they are so visionary and reckless that they are willing to try out any kind of an experiment at their own expense and for the benefit of men who want to introduce a new and untried system of education.

Why should the private schools of this state be destroyed? There has never been any complaint that they were violating the law, or teaching anything they ought not to teach, or in any way detracting from the citizenship and civilization of the state. The various religious denominations in this state, including Protestants, Catholics, and Jews, have been maintaining private schools in which exactly the same course of instruction is followed that is prescribed by the state, and taught in the public schools, and the state authorities exercise supervision over that course of instruction both in the private and in the public schools. But in addition to this state curriculum, these religious schools, teach the tenets of religious faith, and the system of morality based upon it which is believed in by the founders and patrons of the schools. This is their constitutional right, secured to them by the constitution of the United States, and by the constitution of every state in the union, including that of Oregon, for this is a land dedicated to the great American principle of liberty of conscience and absolute equality of freedom of religion among the people.

Moral Training Needed. Certainly no child is in any way injured by receiving religious and moral training, no matter what may be the particular sect of religion that imparts such instruction. Washington said, in his farewell address, that there can be no patriotism without morality, and no morality without religion; and the whole fabric of American civilization is founded upon, and its super-structure has been erected upon, the fundamental principles of religion and morality as taught by these denominational schools.

It has been held by every court in the union that ever had the question before it, that the right of a parent to educate his own child in whatever way and whatever faith he chooses is paramount to the right of the state, being a natural and inalienable right, conferred upon every man by virtue of the sacred duties and responsibilities of parenthood. So long as the private schools pursue substantially the same course of instruction that is prescribed in the state schools, every parent in this state, and in every state, has an inalienable right which no government can justly and reasonably take away from him, to educate his child in any system of religion and morality that he pleases, and this law would utterly destroy the most vital and fundamental principle of American government.

Opposed by Many Sects. Accordingly we find that in opposition to this bill there have been filed, with the secretary of state at Salem, strong arguments against it, by the Lutherans, the Seventh Day Adventists, the Catholics, the Episcopalians, the Presbyterians, the principles of the leading private schools, and a number of the prominent citizens and taxpayers of the city of Portland—of all shades of religious belief, and some of them with no religion and some of them leading Masons. In favor of the bill we find that the leading element is the secret organization known as the Ku Klux Klan, with its auxiliaries under the fantastical names of the "Ladies of the Invisible Empire," and the "royal riders of the red robe."

It is a waste of time and patience to talk about the Ku Klux. Their methods and motives are being exposed every day, and the records of the criminal courts of this and other states sufficiently demonstrate what kind of an organization they are.

Masonic Majority Against It. With them are allied certain officials and unless these gentlemen want to be linked up with the Ku Klux they will have to disavow sympathy and alliance with them. The great body of intelligent, self-respecting Masons of the state of Oregon are not in sympathy with this bill. Many of them have already so announced publicly and in the press, and it seems to be that if they wish to maintain the high standards that the Masonic fraternity has always boasted of maintaining, they ought to come out publicly and disavow being members of this conspiracy of lawless anti-religious forces.

All the talk that has been manufactured in behalf of this bill that it will protect Americanism, and promote Americanization, is simply a part of that kind of spurious appeal to patriotic sentiment that has been used, and abused, by every selfish and self-seeking interest in the country since the world war. The private schools are just as American, and teach Americanism just as well, and are engaged in the process of Americanization of the alien and foreigner, just as effectively as the public schools. There are as many nationalities represented in the private schools as in the public schools, and they are just as cosmopolitan and democratic in their methods and discipline as the state institutions.

LEADS TO SOVIETISM

The fact is that this bill is inspired by exactly the same principles and practices as those that have characterized Russian sovietism. In the Literary Digest of April 10, 1920 there was published an authentic interview with the commissioner for public instruction of the government of Soviet Russia, in which he said: "The private schools, these hot-beds for the cultivation of class distinction, were abolished or taken over by the state; that was one of our first and easiest tasks." That is precisely the language now being used by the Ku Klux Klan and the Scottish Rite officials in favor of this bill, and their object is exactly the same as that of the Soviets—to establish a despotic state monopoly of education, and ultimately to destroy religion as an element in our national life.

The state will publish and distribute to every voter a pamphlet containing the arguments for and against this bill. There is only one argument filed in favor of it, by a few Scottish Rite Masons, while there are seven against it, representing the best elements in the religious and social life of this state. Read

Autumn Style Display. Fall Brings the Clothes Question Again. "Where will I get that new suit—and get my money's worth?" Give us the privilege of demonstrating what splendid values are now possible in... KUPPENHEIMER & CO. Good Clothes. Your careful inspection of fabrics, styles and workmanship will quickly tell you that here your clothing dollar will pay dividends in endless satisfaction. The son or father can be equally well fitted in Kuppenheimer Good Clothes. K. K. K. STORE — — Leading Clothiers

MOVIE THRILLS, INCLUDING MOB SCENE AND PURSUIT (Continued from Page 1)

having liquor in his possession, total \$116, in addition to which he was given a 30-day suspended jail sentence.

Now get back to the Klamath avenue open air pavilion. This is where the mob scene comes in.

The principal actors in this scene were J. M. LaBeau, Peter McDonald and Louis Denehin. More about McDonald later.

These three were staging a rough-house, the officers said, apparently inspired by moonshine. The mob appeared when Officer McLoughlin sought to interfere and to arrest one of the three. At this juncture appeared Sheriff Low and between the two of them the three men were herded down to the police station, the mob followed at their heels. McLoughlin led the prisoners and Low followed in his trusty car, prepared to act in event of emergency.

Next scene, police station. Close-up, showing arrested trio paying fines of \$5 each.

The picture ends with a short scene staged at Ninth and Klamath at 12:30 today where Officer McLoughlin found the above Peter McDonald and a man who gave the stage name of "Snowball" reclining on the sidewalk within easy reach of a bottle smelling strongly of moonshine. One of the men was enjoying a nap and the other didn't know what he was doing, McLoughlin said.

Next scene: Fadeaway, showing Jailer Howard and McLoughlin carrying the two men to the police station in Howard's car. Watch for the next release!

Take this country as a whole and the politicians by and large, the reason the country is in a hole is that the politicians are at large, gargles Doc. Rambo.

TREES SHRUBS ROSE BUSHES BULBS Order them now for fall delivery. Klamath Flower Shop Cut Flowers — Plants Phone 559 554 Main St.

SCHOOL DAYS are just around the corner. Now is the time to outfit that boy or girl. Don't forget Holland shoes for boys are the best in Klamath county. We are showing a splendid line of Pumps for ladies in new advance fall styles. Shoes for the Little Ones Hosiery for the Entire Family Houston & Jester 515 Main St.

twice as old as the state of Washington, and only a little younger than the state of California; it has just as great natural resources, and attractions, and just as fine a class of people as either one of those commonwealths. But Oregon has only eight inhabitants to the square mile, while Washington has twenty and California has twenty-two. Can this state afford to adopt a law like this, which is at best an untried and a dangerous experiment, and for which there has been no public demand, and for which there is no public necessity? If it should be adopted in November it will furnish a sorry exhibit for Portland's world fair in 1925, for it will place this state out of harmony with the civilization of the entire country and mark Oregon, not as a progressive state, but as one that is willing to go back to the age of religious prescription and intolerance.

TONIGHT AT THE STRAND WHERE EVERYBODY GOES HOME OF THE HODKINSON FEATURES CONSTANCE TALMADGE —and— JOHNNY HINES —in— "THE STUDIO GIRL" THE REFORMED BANDIT AL JENNINGS AND A GOOD COMEDY Two Shows, 6:45 and 8:45 Admission 10c and 20c