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## TWILIGHT'S THINKINGS

HELPING THE FARMER  
STORY OF THE SPECTACLES  
DO YOU VOTE THAT WAY?  
A CHALLENGE AND  
REMINDER  
KLANSMEN, THE PROTEST-  
ANT CHURCHES NEED  
YOU

HELPING THE FARMER  
Have you noticed that politicians are overly zealous in their "efforts" to help the farmer, these days. Do you wonder why office-seekers are so much concerned about the "poor, starving agriculturist?" There is but one answer—the politicians think it is good politics.

Anyone who has investigated the financial status of the middle-west farmer, knows that something is wrong. Political pow-wows, however, rarely bring relief.

The way some word-smashers tear their hair you'd think that something constructive is being seriously attempted for the betterment of the rural economic situation. Beautiful phraseology and glowing statements of "what ought to be done" don't seem to bring anything that is even worth passing attention.

Politicians can't deceive the farmer very easily any more. He takes what he reads and hears with a generous amount of salt, as never before.

Some men in public life leave the impression, whenever they issue public statements, that the farmer is begging alms. In spite of the statements of "those high in financial circles," pointing to "ways and means for the solution of the general condition of insolvency prevailing in the agricultural states," the farmer is not a beggar. He merely wants a square deal, and he's out to get it.

The "rampaging of the middle-west farmer" is looked upon with apprehension by those who have waxed fat on the system which takes much but gives little.

The farmer is called a "dangerous radical" when he insists on a marketing system that assures to the producer just returns from investments and labor. Today the farmer of the middle west has no more control over market prices than King Tut. He is practically compelled to take what the big gamblers in agricultural products offer him.

IT WILL NOT ALWAYS BE THUS.

THE STORY OF THE SPECTACLES  
One day Lulu Johnson brought home a note from the school nurse wherein was given a recommendation that Lulu's eyes be taken care of immediately. When Lulu handed the note to her father, he watched him read the "message." Suddenly Mr. Johnson threw the card on the floor and bitterly promised the nurse a piece of his mind.

The next day Mr. Johnson went to the principal's office and there paid his respects to the "snooping nurse." "Mr. Johnson," said the principal, "I want you to look at this matter from the right angle."

"I'm not a fool," retorted the angry parent.

"How old is your daughter?" questioned the principal, ignoring Johnson's statement.

"Twelve years last November."

"Lulu is in the third grade, I believe, Mr. Johnson."

"Yes."

"She should be in the fifth or sixth grade, if she were as far advanced as most children of her age," the principal explained.

"My child is smart. The whole trouble is here in this school," hotly came back Mr. Johnson.

"The nurse thinks your daughter ought to be taken to an eye specialist."

"I don't care what the nurse thinks, my girl has a good pair of glasses," said Johnson.

"Who examined the eyes of your daughter, Mr. Johnson?"

"Dr. S., and he's a good eye specialist."

"But the nurse says that Lulu can see better without the glasses she has."

"That nurse is dead wrong, and I know what I'm talking about."

The principal reached for his desk phone.

"I'm going to call the doctor and ask him about this case."

"Don't trouble yourself, professor, I'll see him myself."

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## COOLIDGE GIVEN ENDORSEMENT BY GOPHER G. O. P.

Minnesota Republican Volunteer League Meets in Minneapolis

150 ATTEND DINNER

Will No Longer Take Orders From "Four or Five Men in the Cities"

The Minnesota Republican Volunteer league in a meeting held recently in the West hotel of Minneapolis, endorsed Coolidge for president. The club also endorsed the idea of a state elimination convention to pick candidates for the state offices, and asked the Republican state committee to call such a gathering.

Later in the same day on which the Republican Volunteer league held their meeting, the officers of the league were invited to come as dinner guests of the Hennepin County Republican club. They attended, and friendly relations between the two organizations were established. It is said that about 150 attended the dinner.

Comments President  
The Coolidge resolution, passed by the Volunteer league, commended the president for "his statesmanship, his wisdom, his honesty and his fearlessness in conducting the affairs of his high office," and endorsed his candidacy for the Republican nomination.

The other resolution endorsed the convention plan proposed by Sam Y. Gordon. Under it the convention would eliminate all but two candidates for each office, and both would then go on the primary ballot.

Senator L. E. Johnson, of Ivanhoe, president, and James A. Larson, of Walnut Grove, secretary of the Volunteer league, spoke at the dinner given by the Hennepin County Republican club. Senator Johnson said the league has no candidates and seeks only to re-establish the Republican party with the voters, who are tired, he said, of a party organization "taking orders from four or five men in the cities." There have been "one-head plays" in state affairs, he said, and unless there is a new deal the party will lose for several elections to come. Mr. Larson spoke for economy and tax reduction.

Former Mayor J. E. Meyers endorsed President Coolidge as the man who will give the country a square deal, and former Senator William A. Campbell declared him a man "big enough for the job." Judge W. M. Erickson of Red Wing urged co-operation.

## EDITOR ADDRESSES JACKSON KLANSMEN

Tennessee Klan Holds Many Enthusiastic Meetings—Grows Rapidly

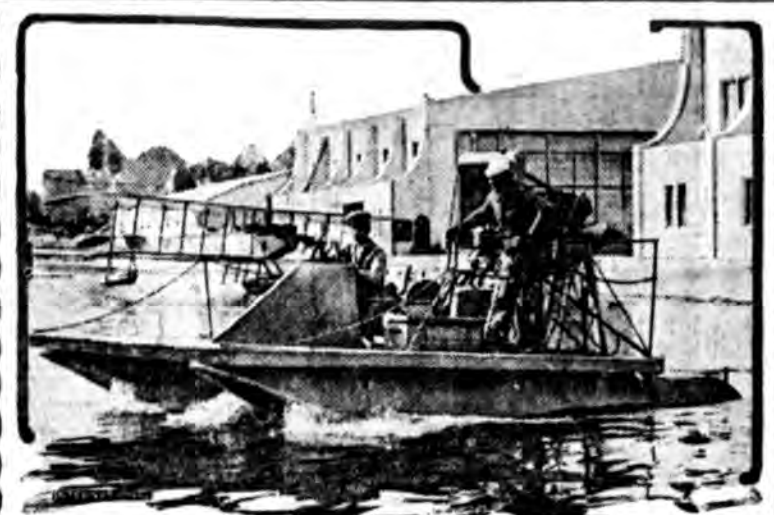
JACKSON, TENN., Feb. 25.—Jackson, Tennessee, has one of the best Klans in the state. Meetings are held once each week, and every other week the meeting is open for eligible men to attend in order to hear the principles of the Klan discussed. Last Friday night the editor of The Tennessee Fiery Cross addressed the meeting. A large audience heard for the first time the principles of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan from the man whose writings they had been reading through the columns of The Fiery Cross. The editor, predecessor of The Tennessee Fiery Cross for the past year.

Much interest was shown throughout the evening, and especially in that part of the address which expressed a plea for constructive effort on the part of every Klansman to build up love and American patriotism and get back to the constitution of the United States and the Christian principles upon which the Klan is founded.

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## New Navy Craft Is Constructed For Speed In Event of Emergency Need



NAVY'S NEW HIGH SPEED "SKOOTER"  
Illustrated herewith is the United States navy's new skooter boat. It is constructed for speed and to be used in coast guard work and naval activity. It is propelled with an airplane motor and can attain a speed of 60-miles an hour when desired. It is one of the fastest craft afloat in practical use. Tests were recently made at the naval air station at San Diego, California.

## SALVATION ARMY LEADER DENOUN PRESENT TREND TOWARD MODERNISM

(By TWILIGHT)

"Modernism's first havoc-wrecking blows at the heart of America's civilization are being struck," said Col. Alexander M. Damon, of Chicago, at dedicatory services held at the Salvation Army women's home and hospital, 1471 West Como avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

Colonel Damon, a Salvation Army worker for 34 years, has passed through experiences that make him an authority on social questions. He is also recognized as an able defender of fundamentalism against modernism.

"Modernism," said Colonel Damon, "has made the sporting page the Sunday gospel reading, and the golf club the house of worship." "It (modernism) tears down faith and scoffs at a personal God. It is not a religion," he continued. "Modernism is not based on the so-called discoveries of science. It merely is the most ancient of cults, older than Christianity, Buddhism or Confucianism, a place of refuge for those who have fallen away from God because they lack courage to abide by his law."

"It would establish a system of self-privilege as destructive to our present-day civilization as it was to the civilization of centuries long ago."

Founded on Christianity  
"America was founded on Christianity. Unless its people soon take cognizance of this, realizing that the constitution which is the backbone of the nation, presupposes fundamental Christianity and adherence to Chris-

## Donations Made to Two Churches by Klan in Stanford

STANFORD, ILL., Feb. 25.—At morning services of the Christian church here last Sunday, Klansmen in full uniform marched in just as services had commenced and presented the church with \$100 to be used in rebuilding their church which was destroyed by fire some time ago.

Their leader offered a prayer and the Klansmen left as silently as they came.

At the evening services of the Presbyterian church, the same date the same number of Klansmen in full uniform went and presented another \$100 toward the expense of re-decorating the church. The pastor offered a prayer and they left as silently as they came. To say the gifts were appreciated would be putting it mildly.

We are the new crusaders—the Klan—marching embattled against the Saracens of graft, illiteracy and crooked statecraft.

I have tried to think that the St. Paul mayor was really different but the usual run of politicians but by his own words he has revealed himself. I have found some people, obviously non-Protestant, who thought that the mayor was friendly in his views of the Ku Klux Klan and so expressed themselves as opposed to him. On questioning these people, I also found that they had "other reasons" for their refusal to support the mayor in his administration. It is very possible that "His Honor" received various "messages" which pointed to rumors purporting to show that Nelson is friendly toward the Ku Klux Klan, and so he, as it appears, jumped at conclusions which brought forth the "masterly oration" filled with sops for the "un-

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## SALVATION ARMY APPEALS TO MINNESOTA COUNTY SHERIFFS TO AID IN PREVENTING CAUSES OF IMMORALITY IN GOPHER STATE

## WOMEN OF KLAN TO BE ORGANIZED IN GOPHER STATE

Experienced Queen Kleagle Will Start Protestant Women's Movement

STARTED IN SMALL WAY

Principles Similar to Those of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

(By PASSERBY)

The state-wide organization of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan is already under way. The national headquarters of the women's organization has sent to Minnesota an official representative who will have charge of all organization work of the women's branch of the great Protestant movement.

The Queen Kleagle now in the state comes well recommended. She built a wonderfully effective organization in an eastern city and is well versed in the best methods used in building an organization such as the Women of the Ku Klux Klan. We are at liberty to state that the Queen Kleagle for the Realm of Minnesota is a minister's wife. She brings with her to assist in the great work ahead, her talented and charming daughter.

Although the women's organization is not a part of the Ku Klux Klan, the two have much in common. The Protestant women of this state have been awaiting the opportunity which is now theirs. Over the state are tens of thousands of Protestant women who seek to serve on as an effective basis as the Protestant men who are members of the Ku Klux Klan.

Heretofore in Minnesota, the Protestant women have had to organize without any assistance from the national headquarters of the women's organization. Considering the handicaps under which they have labored the women of the Gopher state are to be complimented for their success, thus far attained. We know that the women of this state will respond nearly immediately to the call of Americanism and Protestantism.

The Women of the Ku Klux Klan is of women, by women and for women. It is the only women's organization recognized by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The Women of the Ku Klux Klan believe in:

The tenets of the Christian religion; white supremacy; protection of pure American womanhood; closer relationship between capital and labor; preventing unwarranted strikes by foreign labor agitators; upholding the constitution of the United States of America; the promotion of pure Americanism; limitation of foreign immigration; education for worthy American citizenship; protection of the weak and innocent; defense of the helpless; relief of the injured and oppressed; the suffering and unfortunate; freedom of speech and press; public education, and separation of church and state.

All native-born, white, gentle, Protestant women are eligible for membership in the Women of the Ku Klux Klan. All those interested may seek information by writing to the office of The Fiery Cross, St. Paul, Minnesota.

State prohibition agents recently raided the plant of the Joy Products Company at Columbus, O., arrested a number of persons said to have been in the midst of a hilarious party, and ordered the brewery closed. The agents said beer of 4 per cent alcoholic content was found in six big vats, and samples of the liquor were taken.

son, where do you stand in the "solidity of your own mind?" You have ability that is needed in public office, but "the stump stutters" will bring you nothing.

Answer Them, Nelson  
The investigators of the Minnesota Fiery Cross are working night and day to get facts pertaining to your and other administrations of public officials of the Gopher state. I defy you to publicly and honestly answer the following questions:

Is the police department given orders to get law violators wherever or whenever they may be?  
Have policemen ever been "called on the carpet" for doing their duty?  
Did a policeman arrest, during your administration, a man that "wasn't wanted?"

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## Governor Preus Shows Little Interest in Oil Price Probe

Governor Bryan of Nebraska and Governor McMaster of South Dakota are fighting the oil, combines in an effort to bring down and keep down the price of gasoline, while Governor Preus sits not a finger nor raises a whisper. It seems that the Gopher state executive has adopted a policy of watchful waiting. Is he too proud to fight gasoline price jugglers? Investigations have revealed facts concerning the oil industry which are of such a nature as to make a thinking person grind his teeth with anger. Yet Jake speaks never a word on the subject of oil price manipulations.

## ST. PAUL ANNIVERSARY TO BE HELD MARCH 4

City Has Grown Wonderfully Since It Awoke to Its Possibilities

The seventieth anniversary of the incorporation of St. Paul as a city by the Minnesota territorial legislature will be celebrated March 4 and, it is said, will mark the beginning of a new industrial development. It took St. Paul 67 years to collect 234,000 inhabitants; in the last three, it has added approximately 65,000.

Citizens point to the city's breaking through the shell of tradition that has limited it to the ways and dimensions of "a big country town," and rapidly attaining the metropolitan dignity, becoming the capital of the state of Minnesota. There is nothing new in the many possibilities of development; they have been present for many years. But that these possibilities have been discovered by the people who have overlooked them for decades is fundamentally novel. It will be as much the realization of this awakening as the anniversary itself which will be celebrated in March.

The common opinion among those who prefer a reason for such phenomena is that the community just now is feeling the first real fruits of prohibition. Prohibition is doing remarkable work, according to sociologists. At the present rate of growth the population mark of 750,000 set by the city's leading enthusiasts is not as far distant as 300,000 was 70 years ago.

That the public are behind this growth is illustrated well by the fact that in less than two years \$16,500,000 in bonds has been voted for the extension of schools, roads and other improvements, and the people now are talking additional bond issues. How unusually this is can be readily perceived when it is explained that only a few administrations ago taxpayers were shocked because they were asked to authorize a \$25,000 bond issue.

St. Paul has traveled a great distance since the "Chapel of St. Paul," from which it derived its name, was built and consecrated; it has gained much since the town site was surveyed, platted and recorded, but what many of its citizens of the present consider most significant accomplishments are recorded within the last three years.

In spirit the Ku Klux Klan calls upon its members to surrender self for the good of the nation—to work hand in hand, as all loyal bodies, with the government. It hopes that we all, as good citizens, shall seek to subordinate our personal wishes to the needs and demands of the country as a whole.

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## DELINQUENCY OF JUVENILES SAID TO BE PREVALENT

"Petting Parties" and Joy-Riding Two Factors That Increase Crime

TAXES ARE INCREASED

Feeble-Mindedness and Social Disease Show Alarming Increase, Is Charge

"Petting parties" and joy-riding are causing an alarming increase in immorality throughout Minnesota, and "most drastic action" is needed to improve conditions, Colonel William S. Barker, divisional commander of the Salvation Army, said a few days ago in an appeal to Sheriff Earle Brown of Hennepin county and Sheriff John Wagener of Ramsey county.

In his appeal to county sheriffs, Colonel Barker asks official assistance in preventing the spread of juvenile delinquency in this state, citing "a deplorable increase in the number of insane, feeble-minded, diseased and criminally inclined persons," and holds that one result is "a proportionate increase in tax rates."

The appeal to Minnesota sheriffs was made in the form of a letter. The letter reads as follows:

"The Salvation Army needs your help. "One of the most serious problems confronting Minnesota is the combating of immorality, illegitimacy, and other resultant evils which bring a deplorable annual increase in the number of insane, feeble-minded, diseased and criminally inclined human beings—and a proportionate increase in the tax rate."

Illegitimate Cases Increasing  
"So great has been the increase in illegitimacy cases in the last several years that the Salvation Army has found it necessary to build an addition to its women's home and maternity hospital, and aid in providing proper physical, mental and moral care for unfortunate girls. This addition will be ready for occupancy soon."

"Investigation over a period of 24 months reveals that in a surprisingly great number of instances 'joy-riding' and 'auto petting parties' have been responsible for the plight of those admitted to the home. Some of these girl-mothers tell stories of having been the unwilling victims of automobile drivers from whom they accepted 'lifts,' but in all too many cases the girls' own love of motor car pleasure trips must be blamed."

"To the end that 1924 may see a reduction, instead of an increase, in the number of unmarried mothers in Minnesota, the Salvation Army urges that you take most drastic steps to curb automobile joy-riding, parking without lights and petting parties in your county."

In an interview at the women's home and hospital in St. Paul, it was said by Commandant Julia Thomas, superintendent, that the increase in illegitimacy "is but one phase of a serious situation."

Results of Moral Laxity  
"The spread of feeble-mindedness and so-called 'social diseases,' as a result of moral laxity, is of even greater importance to the community as a whole than the increase in the number of illegitimate cases."

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## Mayor of St. Paul Should Answer Some Questions

(By TWILIGHT)

In his Washington day address delivered at the St. Paul auditorium, Mayor Nelson attacked the Ku Klux Klan. He didn't for unknown reasons mention the Klan in so many words, but his references to the Heroin, Illinois, affair, left no doubt in the minds of his auditors what he was trying to say and what organization he was attempting to malign by calumnious charges.

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certain vote." (?) If Mayor Nelson is going to get anywhere politically, he will have to stand in the open, now that the keen eye of the Klan is everywhere and the Klan press ever ready to call a spade a spade.

"His Honor" is a member of a wonderful organization that is not loved by the same element that hates the Klan. Are you going to attack this organization next just to get a few votes? I wouldn't be a least bit surprised to see the St. Paul mayor playing with the "weather vane" so that he may learn how to quickly change with every wind that blows. Mayor Nelson, you can deceive yourself but you can't deceive the thinking citizen. Go ahead "your honor," play your game whatever it is.

Who hates the Ku Klux Klan? Do you know, Mr. Nelson. Let me tell you. Every criminal, every gambler, every thug, every libertine, every girl ruiner, every wife beater, every dope peddler, every moonshiner, every shyster lawyer, every white slaver is fighting the Ku Klux Klan.

In your heart, Mr. Nelson, you think the Ku Klux Klan a mighty fine organization. I honestly believe, but political victory has gone to your head. Are you "shooting your hot stuff" for the benefit of the Roman Catholic vote? If you are, you are wasting your efforts. Mr. Nelson, make a few investigations and you will soon learn that it doesn't pay to make political moves that are obvious and full of backfires just to get votes. Now I ask you, Mr. Nelson,

Are "known" booze joints operating in the city of St. Paul?

Why was Ewald removed from the purity squad?

The Minnesota Fiery Cross would like to know. Possibly it has a reason for seeking the answer.

Did it trouble you to see George Anderson get "thirty days in the works?"

Is Anderson's place still running wide open?

Why has Sudheimer delayed in the appointment of a chief of police?

Upon what are you going to base your request for re-election?

What have you done as mayor? Don't generalize in answering this question. Do you think that you can get Ku Klux Klan support and that of bootleggers also?

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# Hysteria Sweeping Washington Overtakes Many Celebrities in Its Path

## CONGRESS WILL HEED TAXPAYERS IN LEGISLATION

District Congresses to Be Held Throughout United States in Future

FIRST ON MARCH 15

Citizens' Councils to Discuss Fundamental Problems of Government

(Bureau of Publication and Education) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Borrowers of money, producers and other ultimate tax payers interested in the tax measure now pending before congress will be given an opportunity to express their views on this legislation before it is written into law. It is planned that a number of tax congresses will be held in all sections of the nation in the near future, as it is realized that this measure is up now in the house of representatives and will soon be up in the senate.

It is proposed to hold these meetings in Richmond, Va.; Asheville, N. C.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Portland, Oregon; Omaha, Neb.; Detroit, Mich.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Boston, Mass.; Dallas, Texas; and Jacksonville, Fla.

To Hold General Congress. Following the state congresses, a general congress will be held in Washington, when the findings of the body will be presented to the senate finance committee. Dates for holding these meetings have not been announced but will be fixed in the near future.

The meetings will be non-partisan, so it is stated, and the purpose of the gatherings will be to assemble accurate and comprehensive expressions of the people for the information of members of congress in dealing with the subject. It has been decided that the first meeting to be held at Richmond, Va., will be held on Saturday, March 15.

The invitations going out for these sectional meetings read as follows: "We invite those who borrow, those who lend, and those who invest in productive enterprises into a citizens council to discuss fundamental problems of government, and we are going to invite leading members of congress to join with us in these deliberations. The issue has no place in partisan politics, and our discussion will be economic and in the public interest."

Want Taxpayers' Views. All taxpayers are urged to attend these group meetings for the purpose of expressing their views on tax legislation now pending before congress. And in the house this week the members are voting. So far it looks like the Democrats aided and abetted by the Republican insurgents are carrying the day over the regular Republicans. The insurgents in the house and senate holding the balance of power, are using it whenever they see fit to do so and the majority party is at their mercy. It's an interesting situation.

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## President's Friend Is Buckeye Man; ger



HOKE DONTIAN

Mr. Donthian, a resident of Marion, Ohio, and a personal friend of the late President Harding, has been selected to manage President Coolidge's campaign for re-nomination in the Buckeye state. William M. Butler, national campaign manager, appointed Mr. Donthian to the post. He is well known throughout Ohio, in business as well as political circles.

## DAUGHERTY HOLDS ON TO CABINET POSITION

Attorney General Will Not Give Up Without Putting Up a Strong Fight

(Bureau of Publication and Education) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty is not going to quit the cabinet without a fight, so he says, and those who know him best believe what he says. The attorney general's inclination and present intention is to fight. He feels he has committed no wrong, he feels he is clear in the oil mess, and he believes his administration of the department of justice will stand the test of any investigation.

He has asked the senate committee to investigate all it pleases and he is urging it be done at once. Those who know Daugherty well admit he is a fighter and that he will not be forced out of his position without a cause being shown and proven against him.

## Bad Roads Hinder Klan Propagation

UNION, W. VA., Feb. 25.—Monroe county, which is strictly rural and which is one of the last counties in West Virginia to start in Klan work, is progressing nicely, according to reports of field men. Propagation in this county has been held back on account of bad roads. With the coming of spring when the highways will be traversable it is believed that propagation in this section will assure a more rapid stride.

## PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEE TO PROBE CREAGER LAND FRAUDS IS SELECTED

(Bureau of Publication and Education) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—The senate committee on postoffice and postroads has named a subcommittee to handle the Texas land fraud cases in pursuance of a resolution offered by Senator Heflin, of

## Cross Suspended In Air Blazes at Klemme, Iowa

KIEMME, IA., Feb. 20.—One of the most unique innovations in the burning of a fiery cross that has yet been tried, was carried out here last Thursday evening when the blazing emblem of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was suspended in mid-air on a wire stretched between two buildings. Apparently there was nothing supporting the cross, and it made a most impressive sight to the people in the street.

The cross was burned near a dance hall where a disorderly crowd is in the habit of congregating. Thursday most of those in the hall came out to view the cross. Five dancers, young men from Goodell, Iowa, a town near here, attempted to tear down the cross.

It was not until the town marshal learned of their activities that they ceased and were ordered to leave town.

Two aerial bombs were exploded, and it was only a few moments until hundreds of people filled the street.

## COUNTRY IS READY FOR TAX DECREASES

Time for Congress to Quit Playing Politics and Get Down to Brass Tacks

(Bureau of Publication and Education) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—The country is fanatical for tax reduction, no matter which party is sitting in the saddle, and people are heartily tired of both parties playing politics while the folks back home are bearing the burdens. Hence, the cry goes up: "Quit playing politics and give us a genuine tax reduction."

Aroused by the action of the Democratic caucus of the house of representatives in making the Garner rates in the pending tax measure a test of democracy, the American Bankers league, through its president, issued a statement calling upon its membership to repudiate the actions of any party caucus, by demanding of congress a non-partisan consideration of the measure.

"We challenge the authority of any group of congressmen to de-throne the judgment or despot the wisdom of their colleagues or to render invalid the constitutional right of a sovereign to instruct his representative in congress," the statement read.

"The Garner rates are no more of a test of democracy than they are a test of religion. Such procedure strikes down free institutions and makes us a government by politicians, instead of a government by the people. If this government is to maintain the confidence of the American people, congressmen must consult them on fundamental principles and must realize that those who pay the taxes have an equity in this legislation that cannot be bridged by a political caucus."

In other words its time to quit playing politics and get down to brass tacks. If we are going to have tax reduction its time for men of all parties to get together and put through the needed legislation. Members of congress are not fooling the people but they are coming to the way to get tax reduction is to vote it and quit making so many political speeches about it for home consumption in the coming political campaign.

Alabama. The personnel of the subcommittee is as follows: Senators Moses, of New Hampshire; Edge, of New Jersey; Oddie, of Nevada; Heflin, of Alabama; and Trammell, of Florida. The first three named are Republicans and the latter two belong to the Democratic party.

This is the subcommittee which R. B. Creager, Republican national committeeman for Texas, said would never be named as he gave out statement after statement to the press that Senator Heflin was only bluffing and that nothing would ever come of the investigation.

This subcommittee will meet in the near future, organize and begin holding hearings on the alleged Texas land frauds, whether Mr. Creager likes it or not. Creager is the man who charges all this mess up to the Ku Klux Klan, as his company is mixed up in the investigation, and naturally he does not like the notoriety and publicity.

Mr. Creager is also the man who says he is going to have the Republican and Democratic parties in national conventions assembled this coming summer insert planks in their respective platforms reading the Ku Klux Klan out of existence.

## American Reformation Discussed by Pastor

OELEWEIN, IA., Feb. 25.—Last Sunday, Rev. Mr. Foster of the Christian church deliver a sermon entitled, "The American Reformation." Frequent applause marked the address. At the close of the service he exhibited the national colors. He was congratulated by many for his stand for true Americanism, and for pointing out that Christianity and Americanism are synonymous.

## PRESIDENT LIVES UP TO HIS NAME OF COOL CALVIN

History Is Being Made in Words Since Oil Was Discovered on Potomac

VANDERLIP'S TALK

Borah Tells Daugherty to His Face He Is Embarrassment to Administration

(Bureau of Publication and Education) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—A good deal has been said from time to time about history being made in Washington. Now this word history has been changed to hysteria, and Washington is full of it ever since oil was discovered on the Potomac.

Hysteria has overtaken the secretary of the Navy Denby to resign his office after the senate tried its best to get him to resign. Now hysteria is after Attorney General Daugherty and it may get him as it did Denby before the end of the fight. Hysteria has besmirched prominent candidates for the presidency, it has soiled the fingers of young "Teddy" Roosevelt for the time being in his ambitions for the gubernatorial nomination in New York in which he had hoped to tread the path taken by his illustrious father. It has likewise involved one public officer, and it is said that a prominent U. S. senator has gotten into the senate committee here is not given to the public his name. The people will, no doubt, demand to know who he is just the same as the names of all the others have been made public. There is no legitimate reason why a senator should escape in this dragnet. This senator is said to have profited immensely in speculation in Sinclair oil stock on account of the tips he received through a brokerage house.

Mr. McAdoo may come back, but his coming is uncertain. One man of prominence says that "McAdoo is eligible but not available." That may hit the nail on the head right now.

A New Slogan

President Coolidge seems to have emerged from all this hysteria and oil excitement without being smeared to any great extent. Here is a new slogan originated by a Washington man the other day: "Calvin Coolidge trusts the country to trust him." That will be verified or disproven next November when the voters have their say at the polls.

Right now Attorney General Daugherty is in the spotlight on the American stage. Will he resign or will he not? That's the question the people are asking. He says he won't retire under fire. That's a good one if he can make it stick. Senator Wheeler, of Montana, is after him with a resolution and vitriolic attack in the senate. By the way, Montana seems to be coming to the front in these investigations. It was Senator Walsh, of Montana, who pushed matters in the oil cases and got Denby's goat in the wind-up. Now his colleague, Senator Wheeler, serving his first session in the senate, has started after the legal head of the government. Montana seems apparently a monopoly on starting such investigations, all of which makes good copy and interesting reading nowadays. Senator Borah, of Idaho, has joined Wheeler and others, and wants Daugherty to move on. The Idaho senator went up to the White House the other night and talked it over with the president, and much to his surprise found Mr. Daugherty present, but that did not stop the senator from Idaho, who never lacks courage in anything he undertakes, whether right or wrong. He told Mr. Daugherty to his face, in the presence of the president, so it is reported, that the country had a perfectly lost confidence in Mr. Daugherty and that he ought to get out and save embarrassment to the president. That was a little raw to say nothing of being unpleasant, but Borah thought it his duty to speak out in meetin' and he did.

Washington newspaper men seem to have reached the conclusion that at this time Mr. Daugherty has ceased to be an asset to the Coolidge administration and becomes a liability. Insult to Cummins

In reviving his resolution, Senator Wheeler has openly insulted Senator Cummins, president pro tem of the senate, by insisting on naming the committee to handle the Daugherty investigation according to the view expressed by some of the regular senators. It has always been the custom to have the chair name such committees, but in this instance Senator Wheeler wanted to name the members. The committee consists of himself as chairman; and Senators Brookheart, of Iowa; Jones, of Washington; McLean, of Connecticut; and Ashhurst, of Arizona.

Hysteria in Washington has created a new name for Frank A. Vanderlip, prominent banker of New York City, who testified here before the oil committee recently. He is now dubbed "Vanderlip" on account of the terrible break he made in trading the memory of a dead president. All of the ugly, nasty, must be stirred up over former President Harding selling his newspaper in Marion, Ohio, and trying to hook that deal up with the oil troubles, fell flatter than a founder. There wasn't the slightest foundation for such nasty rumors, and the truth came out in unquestionable testimony.

## Klan Plans to Educate Race, Negro Is Told

MONONGAH, W. VA., Feb. 25.—That the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is planning a program of protection for negroes against putrid politicians and is fighting for better educational facilities for colored races was made known here today when Mrs. Mary Lewis, an aged colored woman, of this city, made public a letter recently received from the great American organization setting forth the plan of the Klan.

The missive was written following the burning of several crosses and the explosion of many bombs in the vicinity of the Lewis home. In the note the Klan made it plain to the colored woman that it is the plan of the Klan to help and not oppress the colored race. Officials of the great American order stated in the letter that they believed putrid politicians throughout the country had used ignorant colored folks to further the plans of politicians at the polls.

Fairmont, W. Va., February 11, 1924.

Mrs. Mary Lewis.

"Monongah, W. Va.,  
Dear Madam:  
"The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan have on several occasions burned crosses and exploded some dynamite in your neighborhood, and have understood that you were uneasy and perhaps wanted to know why this was done.

"We take this method of giving you the enclosed cash token of friendship, first, to show that we do not hold any malice against the colored race, and more especially against you, and hope you will receive this little token from us not for its intrinsic value, but in the spirit in which it is given. It comes from men who are really interested in your race of people and are trying to help instead of oppress. We believe that the corrupt politicians of our country have used may of your people, who are ignorant, for their own political purposes, and we propose to see that you folks have an education and are protected from those who have used you for their own interests. Believing, of course, that the white race should and always will remain supreme.

"Second, we take this method of letting you know that you have many unknown friends in Monongah who are praying for a speedy recovery in this, your illness. With these thoughts in mind we hope that when there is a cross burned or dynamite exploded in your community, you will know that it is not meant for you or any of your race in particular.

"Very Sincerely yours,  
Fairmont Klan,  
"Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

from men who knew the inside of that newspaper deal.

This will serve as a valuable lesson to others who let their tongues wabble around on rumors circulated by scandal mongers who have nothing, not even a reputation, to lose. The surprise in this case is that a man of Mr. Vanderlip's standing and reputation should stoop to give utterance to ugly rumors which had no solid foundation. The committee made him look like thirty cents when he was on the witness stand, and he too has learned a lesson, but through a tremendous sacrifice to himself. It's bad enough to say such things about a living president, but when a man attacks the dead who cannot defend, it's stooping to a level to which no man, let alone a banker of prominence, cares to descend.

Insurgents Insurgers  
The house insurgents are again insurging by joining the house Democrats to defeat the Mellon income tax rates. The 17 insurgents spurned all the amendments offered, and voted with the Democrats, and they, holding the balance of power, gave the regular Republicans a licking to the tune of 222 to 196. The Garner Democratic income tax substitute was adopted instead. It provides normal rates of two per cent on incomes of less than \$5,000; four per cent on incomes between \$5,000 and \$8,000; 6 per cent on incomes exceeding \$8,000.

A graduated surtax scale beginning at 1 per cent on incomes between \$12,000 and \$14,000, up to a maximum of 44 per cent on incomes exceeding \$52,000. Exemption of \$2,000 for single persons and \$3,000 for heads of families.

## O'Brien County Klan Is Growing Rapidly

SHELDON, IA., Feb. 20.—Residents of this city and O'Brien county are flocking to the standard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, it became known here today.

Membership in the county organization is increasing by leaps and bounds. It will be but a few weeks until O'Brien county has one of the most active and effective organizations in Iowa.

This week The Iowa Fiery Cross was sold on the streets of Sheldon for the first time.

## Inscription Written On Fly-leaf of Bibles

TIFFIN, O., Feb. 26.—The following inscription was printed on the fly-leaf of Bibles distributed among Tiffin county, Ohio, schools recently by Knights of the Ku Klux Klan: "We believe the free public school to be the cornerstone of good government and that those who are seeking to destroy it are enemies of our republic and unworthy of citizenship."

## Thompson is Head of U.S. Trade Committee



SAMUEL H. THOMPSON  
Reproduced herewith is the latest photograph of Mr. Thompson, head of the Federal trade commission. Mr. Thompson has only recently taken up the duties of his office.

## MAYFIELD BALLOTS UNDER LOCK AND KEY

Disinterested Parties Selected to Make Count in Texas Contest

(Bureau of Publication and Education) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—Substantially all of the ballots obtainable in the Texas senatorial election contest have arrived in Washington where they are under lock and key and are being guarded day and night by three guardsmen, hired and paid by the United States senate. These guards work eight hours to a shift and they are armed to the teeth to enforce their authority. No one is permitted to enter the rooms where the ballots are kept except the guard while on duty.

Attorneys for Mr. Peddy, of Texas, who is contesting the seat held by Senator Mayfield of Texas, have agreed with attorneys for Senator Mayfield in selecting Washington men, disinterested parties, to count the ballots in the presence of the subcommittee of the senate committee on privileges and elections. This count begins tomorrow and it is estimated that it will take a full month to complete the count. Sessions are to be held daily, except Sunday, at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m., and it is predicted that these counters and the subcommittee will stick to the job until finished.

## COURT ACTION IN OIL CASES TO START SOON

Attorneys Pomerene and Roberts Confirmed by Senate to Prosecute

(Bureau of Publication and Education) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Now that the senate has confirmed both Atlee Pomerene, of Ohio, and Owen J. Roberts, of Philadelphia, as attorneys for the government in the prosecution of the noted oil cases, injunctions will be filed as quickly as possible to retain the Doherty interests and the Sinclair interests from extracting any further oil from the leased areas in Teapot Dome and Elk Hills reserves, it is announced.

After a conference with President Coolidge the attorneys said: "We are going to move swiftly in this matter, but with the proper amount of caution. Whatever we do, we want to be as near unchallengeable as possible. The biggest task ahead of us is to sift through the immense amount of evidence adduced to the Senate investigating committee and that is going to take some time."

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## CONGRESS MAKING INVESTIGATIONS OF 30 SUBJECTS

Teapot Dome Scandal Out-Shines All With Sensational Disclosures

BORAH PLAYS WITH RE

Wets Would Have Anti-Saloon League Probed as "Pernicious Political Machine"

(Bureau of Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Everything in Washington nowadays is investigation after investigation. Looks like we had turned into a government by investigation. No less than 30 formal investigations have been asked so far this session of congress and the end is not yet in sight. The Teapot Dome investigation has them all beaten so far as to sensational disclosures but there are others brewing that promise as big sensations when things get going, so it is predicted. The investigation of the Veterans' Bureau will reveal a lot of sorry stuff and abuse of power if it ever comes out in open congress like it is expected to.

Committees Busy.  
Secretary Denby is now out of the cabinet or at least he is going out and now the Democrats and insurgents are after Attorney General Daugherty. His scalp is now demanded. Senator Borah is digging into Russian propaganda in our country. Senator Copeland is investigating the alleged fake diploma mills. Senator Reed, of Missouri, is investigating the Bok peace plan. The investigation of Senator Mayfield's election to the senate from Texas is now under way and Senator Heflin has gotten under way his investigation of the alleged Texas land frauds.  
Over in the house end of the capitol the lower branch of congress too has caught the fever to investigate things. Fully 20 investigation have been sought in that body. Liquor seems to be a favorite topic of inquiry in the house.

Idle Six Years.  
Representative Blanton, of Texas, wants to call together the house committee on alcoholic liquors; this committee is said to never have held a meeting during its six years of existence. Blanton wants to probe the reports that high government officials in Washington are customers of the bootlegging fraternity. Representative Hill, of Maryland, would have a committee dig into alleged scandals in the U. S. Prohibition bureau. Representative Tinkham, of Massachusetts, another pronounced wet member, would investigate the Anti-Saloon League of America as a pernicious political influence.

Representative Jeffers, of Alabama, wants to probe certain income tax funds made by the treasury department. Representative Carter, of Oklahoma, would pry into the alleged wholesale swindling of Indians in his state. And Representative Bloom, of New York, would investigate the theater ticket speculators throughout the country.

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# KLAN'S EFFECT UPON COMMUNITY SAID TO BE FINAL TEST OF ITS JUSTIFICATION

## FROST COMPARES KLAN TO DAVID AND HIS SLING

Klan Does Not Advocate Boycott—Allows Individual Action

### TRADE WITH KLANSMEN

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The Ku Klux Klan, whatever its faults, has one quality much praised by moralists. It gets action, wasting no time in vain debate. In fact there is reason to believe that this admirable trait is the chief reason for the tremendous hostility it has aroused. Most of us endure very calmly all sorts of opinions or projects so long as they remain safely eloquent. It is when the ideas come to life and bite some one that loud anathemas arise. The Klan certainly gets this much tribute from its enemies.

The effect which the Klan produces on the community is the final test of the power and success of the whole movement, and to a large extent of its justification. Its whole purpose is to produce action; it makes almost no attempt to spread ideas outside its own actual or prospective members; its internal discussions are no disputations over theory. Often it cannot even state its own case clearly. Everything is aimed toward the single purpose of changing our community and national life; for this the Klan has built up its autocratic generalship, its solidly welded unity, its secrecy, its terrorism and its intense emotionalism. And because of all this heaped-up power and this singleness of purpose, the impact when the Klan does strike is terrific even though it is often invisible.

In its actual methods of reforming society, as well as in the general system and strategy described in the previous article, the Klan is seldom seen and never heard. It is often, perhaps usually, impossible even to know for certain that it is the Klan that acted, no matter how evident the results may be. The thing is done—that is all that can be known in any case. It is a heavy hand that strikes, yet it is as if a spectre held the weapon or directed the blow. Only through comparing what has happened in many different places

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can the methods by which the Klan acts be fairly clearly traced.

It should be understood that neither these methods nor most of the instances given in this article can be definitely proven to have any connection with the Klan. It is too well concealed; thus this report is based on "general information and belief." But because so many similar situations appear wherever the Klan exists and seldom appear elsewhere, the connection between the two must be assumed, even if it cannot be proved.

The means by which the Klan acts are ordinary enough in life both in America and elsewhere; most organizations and most persons use them constantly. They are deadly in the Klan's hands merely because of the power and skill with which it uses them—like David and his sling.

There is, for example, the feeling of a lurking menace which the Klan always manages to create in the popular mind. There is doubtless a menace, but the Klan "bluffs" the public far beyond its real strength or its real ruthlessness, just as we all try more or less to make those with whom we deal feel that we are a bit stronger or a bit more determined than we actually are. The Klan "works its bluff" to perfection. The ordinary citizen comes to believe that it is a cruel and determined monster of unknowable strength, working by diabolic methods through invisible agents, guided by infernal acumen and able to hurt him through every means that a man dreads. Since so much is unknown, his fears are always exaggerated.

There may not be, and in most Klan towns there never has been, any actual demonstration of force. But unless they are themselves attacked, men do not care to become involved in its trouble they cannot measure. This holds the bulk of any community neutral and leaves those whom the Klan does attack unsupported and undefended. Klan officials deny that they try to terrify people; I cannot say that they do, but this condition of being "bluffed" to a standstill is the first fact to be noted in any Klan community, and so far as my experience goes is never missing.

This fear of the Klan is often effective that no further weapon is called for; a decree has only to be issued to be obeyed. Probably a great many decrees which never come from the Klan are also issued and obeyed. But when there is resistance the Klan applies with scientific precision either social ostracism or a boycott or both. After a single demonstration of these there is seldom need of further direct action, and usually none is taken unless for definite punishment or to drive some person from the place.

Let me hasten to say that I am not accusing the Klan of illegal conspiracy in these measures. There is no order to Klansmen to ostracize or stop trading with the obnoxious persons; information is simply given that these persons are obnoxious. The distinction may seem small, but I believe this method has been declared legal in various cases where labor boycotts were involved. Klansmen are free to act on this information or not as they choose, but they all seem to choose to act. Let me quote Dr. Evans on this:

"I know of no case where speakers have advocated and pronounced official boycott. Where called to my attention and information is furnished they will be summarily removed. It is contrary to law and in violation of the principles of the Klan. This refers to a specifically defined illegal boycott.

"As to the conferring or withholding of patronage by Klansmen because of various attitudes of business or professional men, that is a very different matter. Vocational Klanishness—in other words the practice of doing business with Klansmen—is a tenet of the Klan as of every other fraternity, including the Rotary club and the Kiwanis club, which specifically means 'we trade.' It is to be expected that in cases where people are hostile to the Klan or are guilty of un-American practices or of serious misconduct, Klansmen will withhold patronage as individuals. It is become generally known that certain firms, for example, have discharged employees for no other reason than that they were Klansmen. It would naturally react against that firm with other

Klansmen. It is also natural that Klansmen and sometimes local Klans having information of this kind should disseminate it. But a Klansman is always free to act as he pleases on such information."

The first move of a Klan when it starts to clean up a town seems to be among its own members. It makes them behave; several have complained to me that since joining they were no longer allowed to drink! The Klan has rules of conduct and a system of trial and punishment inside itself which are most effective. Nor are the crimes it punishes only those against fellow members. There is little doubt that the level of conduct is raised among men who join.

The second move is against outsiders, usually against men or women who have offended against the Klan's moral ideas. These are rather strict being set by the same literal-minded, church-going class of decent people who have given us prohibition, demand strict observance of the Sabbath, and have no sympathy for any sexual indulgences. Often the victims are Catholics, Jews and aliens, but I have learned of no case in which there was not some definite charge of misconduct against them, as well as the general fact of their faith or race.

Bootleggers seem to be the favorite objects of attack; the Klan crusade against them at Herrin, Ill., has been widely advertised and has been imitated in hundreds of towns. I find that in some dozen places from which I have information the price of liquor—the best gauge of law enforcement—has risen from two to five hundred per cent since the Klan took hold. Dope peddlers came in for attention, social vice is censured, grafting officials are taken care of, places of amusement regulated, unfair business dealing punished. But there is also much effort put into regulating personal conduct. I have stories of Klan influence brought to bear on men who maintained illicit relations with women, who failed to support their families, drank or gambled too heavily, or in general "acted scandalously."

With most of these a warning, backed by their own fear of the Klan, brings prompt reformation. When this fails pressure is applied, running through ostracism and boycott up to measures which drive the culprit into exile in extreme cases. The whole procedure can be illustrated by a single case, which is typical in that even the victim himself does not know certainly that his enemy is the Klan. It occurred a few weeks ago in an eastern state in one of those communities where the original inhabitants have inbred, fallen rather low, and dropped much pretense of morality. The reformers seem to be new-comers, backed by a few of the better breed of old residents.

In the town which is the center of this community a young man who is steady hard working and fairly trustworthy, was living with a notoriously vicious woman. He was called to the phone one evening and advised to leave her. The speaker accused at some length, explained that the example was bad, made the proper bringing up of children to him, and so forth. A week was allowed for action. At the end of that time a second brief warning was given that he would regret it if he was not rid of the woman in three days.

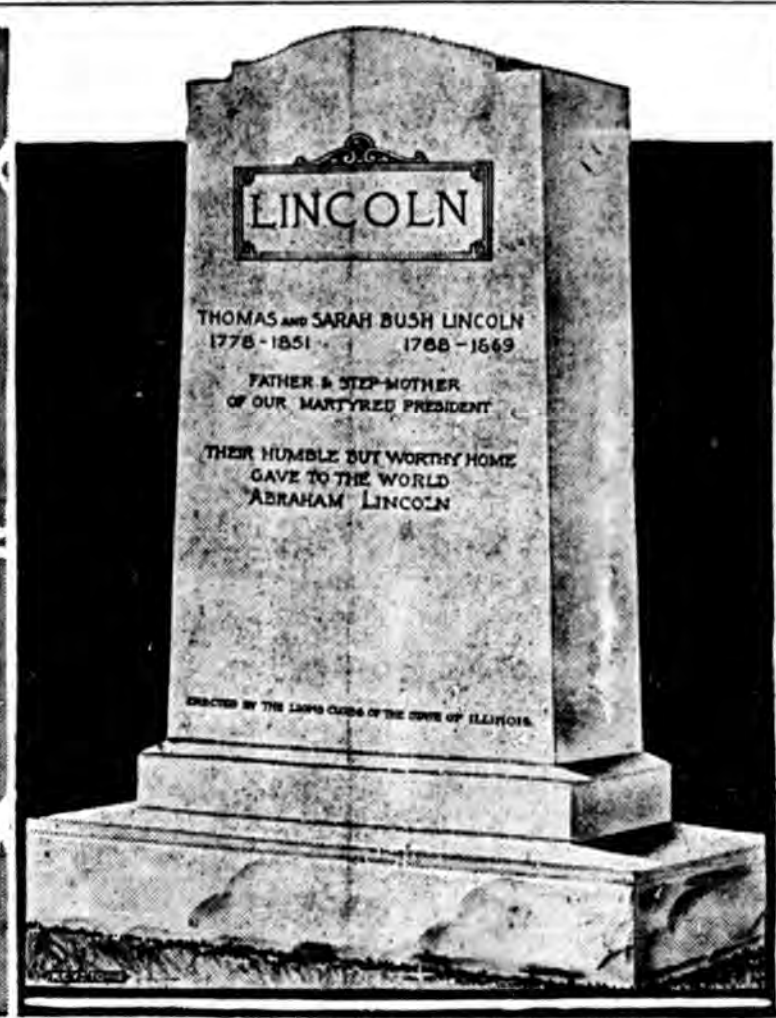
He kept her. On the fourth day he lost his job, for plausible reasons. The next day his landlord demanded an exorbitant raise in rent, for plausible reasons. He found that supplies were cut off. The milkman disappeared. The butcher's wagon failed to stop, and when he went to the stores he could get little attention. At some he was flatly told that his trade was not wanted. By the end of the week only one man would sell him food and this grocer—who had defied a telephone warning—was brought into town by the next week by the loss of nearly 70 per cent of his trade.

The fight—if it can be called that—was over inside of two weeks. The young man moved to a hotel some miles into the country, where friends were at hand. As this is written he is still out of work, living precariously on his friends' charity. Such further orders as have come over the telephones of that town have been instantly obeyed.

As an example of the use of the boycott in punishment, let me submit a list read at a meeting of the Klan in northern Ohio. It is written from memory and incomplete, but nearly enough exact to do for illustration. The speaker made no recommendation of action. He said, in effect:

"I wish to tell you some of the things your fellow townsmen have done. The Elite Clothing Store sells half-cotton goods as pure wool. Arthur Fredericks, a doctor, is a dope user. John Polaris, a restaurant keeper, has been trafficking in women. Michael O'Flynn's soft drink parlor sells white mule. Walter Peters got a slice of that paving contract graft. Jim Brady, the cigar store man, has a starving wife in Omaha, and is taking love to some girls here. Benjamin Strauss, the drygoods man, underpays his girls, and besides expects too much of them—you understand. Fred Fulton's drug store will give you the white stuff if you know the sign. John Barton joined the Klan just to get trade, and has been turned out." And so on. It was an amazing inclusive list and on its face showed neither race nor religious persecution. Klansmen there boast that more than sixty men and firms have been put out of business in that town for reasons like this. It seems to work, for when the crowd got back to town late at night, not one went into Polaris' restaurant, though it was empty. They were hungry and some

## Simple Tombstone Marks Graves of Parents of Abraham Lincoln, at Janesville, Illinois



STONE AT HEAD OF LINCOLN'S PARENTS' GRAVE  
Vandals and souvenir hunters had so chipped and marred the grave stone at the head of the burial place of Abraham Lincoln's father and step-mother at Janesville, Illinois, that

had to wait an hour to be served at other restaurants.

It should be noted that in cases like these the effective strength of the boycott is far greater than the Klan membership. This is due to the spread of information—or rumors—about the man under attack which bring in the support of many outsiders. These may be mere backbiting gossip, but they are more likely the development of "whispering campaigns" to a fine art.

A final means by the Klan in its clean-up is the laying of information before the regular law officers, and bringing pressure to bear on them. This is the only means officially sanctioned by the Klan of affecting conduct, and is being used increasingly. The fund of information the Klan gathers makes it extremely effective, both in inducing the officers to act and in providing evidence for them to act on. It is wholly commendable.

In some parts of the country there is a strong belief that even though night-riding has stopped, the Klan still murders men. Since no case of the kind has ever been proved, it is added that if the man detailed as executioner is ever brought to trial, the Klan through its influence with law officers and jury sees that he is acquitted. I cannot do more than report this belief. These rumors are to be expected in any section where shooting is common and are current concerning any powerful organization there. Possibly they are sometimes true, though I have never heard of one being proved. If any Klan has been guilty it has been perfectly successful in escaping justice. But if the charges are true they affect only about a quarter of the present Klan, for in the territory where the bulk of its strength now lies I have not found even a whisper of violence.

The question of how much legal officers favor Klansmen in places where the organization is strong is, however, a serious and universal one. Most people believe that there is little chance of a Klansman ever being brought to justice. This belief has somewhat weakened since Philip Fox was convicted of murder in Atlanta; incidentally the growth of the Klan jumped after this happened. The opponents who had confidently predicted that he would be freed and that the Klan would be broken up, supposed to have over Georgia courts found themselves caught in their own argument. My own opinion—I have met Fox and must admit a liking for him—is that the Klan does not control the Georgia courts and also that it made no effort to have Fox freed. But merely to see that he was fairly tried, I do know that his friends hoped he would be found insane—a plea frequently enough outside Klan circles.

Dr. Evans declares that the Klan does not try nor wish to control or influence any court. The Klansman's oath, he said, will not prevent his telling the truth about his membership in the Klan or anything else. To think that a judge would be influenced by fear of the Klan would be an indictment of that official, he says, and "there is no more need for a public official in the exercise of his duties to fear a Klansman than there is for him to fear the republican or democratic parties, if as much because both parties are in politics and the Klan is not."

In spite of this attitude and some vigorous efforts to convince law officers of it, there is evidence that in Klan counties it is hard to get convictions of Klansmen. One instance occurred at Macon, Ga., where several men were on trial for night-riding. The first man up was ac-

quitted, and when the second man was arraigned the Grand Dragon sent a message, which was read to the jury, that the Klan did not support him nor wish anything but justice. On the same evidence as in the first case the jury hung. It seems clear that in sending that message Gen. Forrest admitted his own belief that the first jury had been swayed by fear of the Klan.

There were similar cases in Tulsa, Okla., after the Klan strength there became manifest, and I was told that no Klansman had been convicted of anything since the Klan-supported administration took charge. This is hardly a record to be accounted for by the virtue of Klansmen. There can be no doubt, too, that any officials who owe their election to Klan support will be inclined by common gratitude to give Klansmen all the favors their consciences will allow; some official consciences are very elastic, and the gratitude of politicians is more than that of common men since re-election depends on it. So there is little doubt that the law in Klan communities is likely to favor Klansmen—as it does certain other classes in other places. But this is an evil of popular government, not chargeable to the Klan unless it puts pressure on the law officers, a matter almost impossible to prove.

On the whole, however, there is a good deal to show that the general effect of the Klan crusades has been good. The circuit judge quoted in a previous article told me that in his district the Klan had done "substantial justice;" an Oklahoma judge confirmed this. Both said that the general morality and decency had been improved. My own observations agree with this. This judgment is, of course entirely apart from any question of the good or evil of the methods employed.

The same thing is true of crimes, even of crimes of violence, in spite of the general beliefs about the Klan. The Klan information bureau has statistics which show a decrease in crime in the states where the Klan is strong. For Louisiana they show 30 per cent less crime in the last two years and in Texas about the same, together with an increase in convictions. Statistics from such a source are subject to challenge, of course; but it is certain that lynching, which might be supposed a peculiarly Klansmanish crime, has decreased more than half in the year of the Klan's great growth. There are several instances where Klans have helped sheriffs prevent mob violence.

While on the subject of crime it may be well to give Dr. Evans' statement about the Mer Rouge affair, since that is often cited as a complete condemnation of the Klan. This is the first official statement that has come from a Klan leader on the subject, and denies both that Klansmen were guilty or that the Klan refused to help the prosecution.

The true story of Mer Rouge has not been told," he said. "That is about all the Klan knows about it. It does not know who was guilty nor of what they were guilty. It does know that the prosecution of the case has been proceeding on a wrong theory and against the wrong men. It has been accused of not aiding the prosecution; it has had no information that it could give. Some such information, as yet unverified, has recently come to us. If that information proves correct it will be given to the authorities and the truth will be learned at last."

In all this Klan crusading there has been much talk of abuse of innocent people and of punishment in-

dicted for the mere fact of opposing the Klan when there were no charges of crime or misconduct. Here again the situation is foggy. Undoubtedly there have been cases of mob violence when there was no least justification for it, and many of these have occurred at times and places where the Klan was active. The Klan's denial of responsibility in such cases is not convincing, since the conditions which make such outrages possible, if not the outrages themselves, are due to the Klan. In fairness it must be added that the proportion of these cases to the total activities of the Klan is very small, and that most of them that I have heard of took place before the Evans reforms.

One more point: Dr. Evans and the other leaders are now trying to stop "meddling" with the private conduct of people, as they have stopped night-riding. The rule has been laid down that the Klan shall never take direct action, and that no case shall be acted upon except through the regular law officers under enacted statutes. Dr. Evans believes that "meddling" largely has been stopped, but I am forced to disagree with him. The cases I have cited are all recent and in northern and eastern states. There is reason to believe that the evil is decreasing considerably, but it is far from dead.

It will be observed that all these methods of the Klan, including the disapproval by the leaders, are entirely violence. It is hard to attack them in the abstract even on moral grounds since they are, in the last analysis, nothing more than an organized exercise of the right to like whom we please, associate with whom we please, and do business where we please. All of us do that. We have heard a good deal lately about the immense good to be done by public opinion and "social and economic pressure." Here we have it; the Klan has made it a science!

The objection, of course, is that this is private justice, outside the law, without trial or the chance for defense. True, but the same can be said of the personal verdicts and preferences which each of us passes and enforces daily. As to the use of rumors, we all act constantly on unproved rumors, and make people suffer from them. The Klan has organized both rumor and opinion and it would seem at first that there could be no very well-founded objection nor very strong condemnation for merely doing better things than we all do.

Yet there is objection. Almost everywhere that the Klan appears there soon develops very bitter opposition. This comes not merely from the vicious and criminal classes hit in the reform campaigns. That is to be expected and is a good symptom. It comes also, of course, from Catholics, Jews and aliens and has apparently resulted in strengthening the unity of these classes, thus producing an effect directly opposite to that at which the Klan aims. I say "apparently" because while there are many statements that this is the case I have been unable to obtain from the Knights of Columbus or the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan any answers to letters asking for the facts. But this opposition also was to be expected, and in so far as parts of these classes have been working for class or anti-American interests, it is also wholesome.

Entirely apart from this, however, there is strong opposition and intense feeling against the Klan in many places among the native, white Protestants to whom it is expected to appeal. The reasons for this are rather obscure, since it seems to be based only in small part on charges that the Klan has been unjust in individual cases, and is frequently accompanied by the admission that it

has done good. The reasons given are vague and not fundamental; disapproval of secrecy, of espionage, or the statement that "nobody's got any business doing such things."

There are many people, of course, who hate the Klan merely because they fear it, and never acknowledge that reason. But the real cause of the most serious opposition seems to me to lie in the complaint against meddling. On analysis it shows three sound reasons against the Klan methods, even against the modified methods the leaders are trying to enforce. The first is that public opinion and our own accustomed punishment of obnoxious persons are often unjust and unfair. It implies a right to judgment which cannot be well maintained, and are tempered by varying opinion in the community as a whole. The evils, overlooked and ignored in ordinary social relations, become magnified and self-condemning when they appear on a large and organized scale.

In the second place there is a vast difference between the pressure applied by the community as a whole and a similar pressure applied even in the same ways, by a part of the community which has arrogated full power to itself. In the third place there is no safeguard that the power of the Klan will not be perverted at any moment to all kinds of personal desires—spite, jealousy, revenge, ambition or plain meanness.

The objections to the Klan on the ground of secrecy and espionage are loud but very often do not ring true. Most of those I have heard have been from men who themselves belong to organizations more or less secret and more or less accustomed to use espionage. They are anxious for laws which will stop the Klan from using those weapons, but balk when any attempt is made to provide laws which will stop all organizations from using them. This probably accounts for the utility of all anti-Klan laws so far passed. There are, of course, a few men who are clear-sighted and public-spirited enough to see these things as evils in themselves. Many of them are fighting the Klan, but they do not single it out for hatred above other bodies.

At any rate, the opposition is there. In some places it has divided quiet communities into hostile factions. In others it is at present hidden, held down by fear of the Klan, but ready to spring into action if ever that fear dies. The Klan, I believe, will be stunned to find how great a baying will arise at its first sign of weakness. The storm which followed the collapse of the Know-Nothings made their name a hissing for two generations, and this will not be less. This suppressed hatred also makes it certain that if the Klan does start to break up, its fall will be even faster than its growth. Important as are these social activities of the Klan, its political power and its results in that field are even more so. It can only be through politics that it can carry out its official aims; it is only in politics that it can even make its social reforms permanent. The Klan denies that it is in politics, yet the same breath Dr. Evans declares that its program "must result in political action and be carried out in no other way." The Klan in politics and what it means in the government of America and particularly in the coming election, will be taken up in the next, and final article.

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### KLANS PROGRAM FOR 1924

1. Militant, old-fashioned Christianity and operative patriotism.
2. Back to the Constitution.
3. Enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment so long as it is a part of the Constitution.
4. Enforcement of present immigration laws and enactment of more stringent laws on immigration.

## Things Spiritual

"We say to any or all religions in the world: if you have anything religious, a God, a devil, a heaven or a hell, it is up to you to produce it or hereafter to keep silent and give up preaching what you know nothing about."

In these words speaks L. K. Washburn, an editorial contributor to The Truth Seeker, the National Freethought Weekly, organ of agnostics and atheists in the United States.

It is on such an argument as this, that freethought followers are opposed to Christianity, the Bible, and Jesus Christ.

Such a line of thought reminds one of the story in history centered about Galileo, the Medieval scientist and inventor of the telescope. Training his newly constructed instrument upon the planet Jupiter, Galileo saw for the first time the moons that travel about the giant world. He announced his wonderful discovery. Leaders of the church declared him a heretic, a crazy man. He was arrested by the Inquisition and threatened with torture and death.

"There are no moons around Jupiter," he was informed in so many words by the churchmen. "You can not see them with the naked eye and therefore they do not exist."

And since the agnostic can not see some physical manifestation of God, or heaven, he declares that neither exists.

But what folly. Even the churchmen of old were wiser in their argument than are the atheists of today. For the former were dealing with the physical manifestations of the physical universe, and were basing their conclusions thereupon, while the latter calls for the physical manifestation of things spiritual.

In man's inner self, in his moral conduct, in his attitude toward his neighbors, in his family relationships, in his attitude toward the All Supreme Being of the universe, whom we call God, is found the proof of the existence of a God.

Klansmen believe in God. Otherwise they would not be Klansmen. Klansmen believe in the Bible, or they would have no affiliation with the Klan. Klansmen are satisfied that a God exists, they are satisfied that a heaven and a hell exist. Klansmen see the hand of the Great Power in the destinies of their country and the destinies of their organization. And Klansmen have Jesus Christ as the master pilot of their fate as individuals and as Klansmen.

America would never have arisen to the place she holds today, had there not been a God watching over her destinies. America will not go on and fulfill her mission to humanity, if God is forgotten. Klansmen mean to so live that they can have a small part in the carrying out of His will. And proof of His existence—a personal God's omnipresence—is found in the fulfillment of His will.

## Mr. Eddy, Internationalist

Sherwood Eddy, international secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, should not be expected to appreciate anything strictly American, or anything nationalistic.

Therefore, his denunciation of the Ku Klux Klan at the Plymouth Congregational church in Des Moines last Sunday.

Mr. Eddy decried the influence of "rotten politics," he points the finger of scorn at the United States for being the nation in the world where crime is most widespread. He endeavors to link up the Klan with both these factors, not realizing that the Klan is fighting both, "tooth and toe-nail," to use an expression of the street.

The Klan is a factor in bringing about a class war in the United States which will make the Bolshevik revolution of Russia look like a sham battle. Mr. Eddy stated in effect. In the same breath, almost, he turns around and asserts:

"I am ten times as safe in the streets of Petrograd, Moscow or Berlin than I am in Chicago or New York."

Following that line of logic (?) a social revolution in this country should at least do away with some of the crime now prevalent and for which Mr. Eddy blames the Klan, and make our streets "safe" for him.

One statement that Mr. Eddy can not support with facts is this: "I blush to tell you that we (the United States) lead the whole world in race prejudice. There were last year 4,000 legal executions. This figure was exceeded by the number of lynchings."

That is not true. The Society for the Advancement of the Colored People in its annual report states that there were 61 lynchings in 1922 and only 25 in 1923. Where the well-known internationalist obtained his figures on lynchings in the United States being in excess of 4,000 is problematical. And it is a fact, admitted by this same colored organization, that lynchings have actually decreased where the strength of the Klan has grown.

But how about Poland, Hungary and old Russia? In these nations, of which Mr. Eddy seems to think more highly than he does of the United States, pogroms against the Jews have been carried on on a wholesale scale, before, since and during the war. It is a broad statement to make, that America leads the world in race hatred. And moreover, not true.

With at least one of Mr. Eddy's assertions, we are in full sympathy: "For God's sake let us not lead the world in hypocrisy. Let us face our problems squarely and manfully."

That is what the Ku Klux Klan and its members are doing more than any other organization or group of men today.

Why Mr. Eddy complain of the existing conditions in America and at the same time show his lack of tolerance, condemning an organization which is endeavoring sincerely, and successfully, to better these conditions, is one of the strange phases of an internationalist's psychological make-up.

### Representative From Atlanta in Tennessee

MEMPHIS, TENN., Feb. 25.—Very few states have the advantage of an Imperial Representative to preside and function in their state during its propagation period, but Tennessee has recently fallen heir to just such a blessing, which gives us every assurance that the Klan will be built up with the very best men of the state, and we have the word of the Imperial Representative that he has placed the mark at 250,000 members by August 1 in this state.

The first and largest drive is to begin in Memphis.

### Income Tax Returns Get Only Limited Publicity

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—Don't worry about your income tax returns being seen and read by every Tom, Dick and Harry. Limited publicity for income tax returns has been voted in the house of representatives. Inspection is only allowed by the house ways and means committee and the senate finance committee and any special committee of, either body.

## Sparks from the Fiery Cross

By JOHN EIGHT POINT

"The noblest motive is the public good."—Virgil

A Klansman should keep an open mind—but not to the wrong kind of stuff.

God hates hypocrisy, both in the Klan and out of it.

Wear your lodge atmosphere in your daily contact with life.

To live a godly life,  
To be a friend of man,  
Is one of the requirements  
In joining with the Klan.

Of course the Klansman believes in "still" legislation—there's the eighteenth amendment.

Klansman Joe says: "Stead o' complainin' that it is under a cloud, the United States Senate oughter be glad it has one to hide behind."

Teapot Dome and Boston Tea Party—some difference between ancient precedent and modern procedure.

A Klansman, whose mind runs to humor, sends us the following: "A red-hot K bought a radio. And quickly learned to tune her. He said that brickbats made him love Mob scenes from 'Julius Caesar.' Now, when his toilsome day is o'er, His rest, beyond compare, Is learning how to sing Klan songs To music in the air."

The true Klansman knows that it is a law of nature that power to do great things presupposes a willingness to do the minor necessary things.

Klansmen, take the world as you find it; but don't take all of it—leave some for the other fellow.

Some people are of the mental caliber that believes that when Klansmen go on a sleighing party their first question is: "Whom shall we slay?"

The thought of Evil's constant jeer To weak-kneed souls brings quakes and fear.

But men who join the Klan live right Because they walk in holy light. The love that casts out dread and wrong Is heard in each true Klansman's song.

And echoes o'er a land whose ways Are cleansed by Knights of Olden Days.

Klansmen, look out for the man who says he wants democracy—the chances are that what he desires most is a two-hour day and the automobile of his boss.

Europe's violent criticism of America doesn't seem to lessen the stream of immigrants that pours into the United States every month.

The athletic Klansman must keep his ear on the ground and his nose on the grindstone—both at the same time.

Information.  
(Dedicated to the extremely curious citizen.)

Absolute knowledge  
I have none,  
But my aunt's washerwoman's  
Uncle's son,  
Heard an Irish cop say  
On his beat,  
That he knew a fellow  
On easy street,  
Who had a brother,  
Who knew a friend,  
Who had heard it said  
In the Southeast End,  
That a certain person  
Knew a man,  
Who intended to join  
The Ku Klux Klan.

The one hundred per cent patriot can check graft in high places by checking the checks of the grafters.

It has been asserted by those who hate the Klan that it is an organization supported by the electricity of its leaders' declarations. That's somewhat shocking, to say the least.

The Klansman doesn't wish to discourage Congress—surely some laws it makes will "work," if properly enforced.

Back to undefiled patriotism—the sacrifice of personal self—the Klansman well knows, is the only sane solution of a problem that is becoming painful to the political economists. Many thinkers believe that all industrial civilization is at present headed for the abyss. Some propose Socialism or class war as a rejuvenating solution with domination of the world, finally, by America through a real unification of western Europe. But the Klansman has most interest in America's more immediate salvation. Some things can wait.

Dr. Stratton licked Dr. Potter in their recent debate. Thus, it seems, the case against evolution has been decided. Man did not come from a monkey. The complacent world has been spoken to by Mr. Bryan. But there are other more pertinent questions to be answered—for example: "If one-fourth of the insane in New York are aliens and if New York alone pays nearly five million dollars each year to care for its alien insane, why should we have immigration laws?" And here is another: "Why is Oscar Underwood?" When we know the answer to a few of these Sphinxian puzzles we shall be able to satisfy the intellectuals of every patriotic principality.

All-American Universities First. The inter-racial college proposed by Dean Collier, eminent geologist and twice president of Beloit Col-

lege may be all right—as an experiment in contrasts, though it will scarcely invite the world unity expected by its propagandists.

In an institution of the sort proposed, the students would become avatars of peace, returning finally to their respective countries profit-grounded in constructive ideation and soberly responsible for placing before their several races the high principles of humanitarianism and righteousness—as understood in America.

The basic thought is that such students should mingle together and endeavor to understand each other because the procurement of peace on earth must first be built upon an intelligent acquaintance. Neighbors sometimes quarrel, but they are less apt to do so when they really understand each other. Groups of people of varying intelligence, ideals, customs and so on, working together, have learned that peace and amity pay better than bricks and bullets—at least that is the theory.

Hence it is logical to believe that students from Spain, France, Belgium, Russia, Italy, Asia, and all the world, who might come to such an inter-racial school as proposed, and being one-pointed in their desire for the betterment of their fatherlands and races, could aid in the formation of a potential nucleus for ultimate, all-extensive, all-pervasive peace.

Noble in its purpose, the thoughtful Klansman can only regret that human nature will probably make the proposition seem wild and chimerical even to those who might profit most by the arrangement. An all-American university would do far more effectual service to the world in its training of the supreme race—the race that would neglect none of its duties toward its weaker brethren.

A Wish.  
I should like to see the Bible placed  
Where the Bible used to be,  
Upon the top of teacher's desk  
For every child to see;  
And I'd like to hear the teacher say,  
As my teacher used to do,  
"Before we play or work, dear ones,  
I want to read to you."

I should like to see the teacher stand  
Before the class again,  
And lift with reverent care the Book  
That makes God's purpose plain;  
And ere the youngsters went to work,  
I'd like to hear his voice  
Repeat those lines of truth and faith  
That makes one's soul rejoice.

I'd like to see her face light up  
At each resplendent Word,  
And watch the children's souls shine  
At the message they had heard;  
I'd like to see the sweet content  
Fill that dear room each nook,  
And know that joy had come to each  
When teacher read the Book.

Yes, I'd like to see the Bible placed  
Where the Bible used to be,  
And I'd like to hear it read aloud  
In the schoolrooms of the free,  
I want my children taught to know  
God's matchless gift of love—  
The Book of Books is Wisdom's gate  
To the bright schoolhouse above.

The 3 per cent feature of the immigration law does not affect people living in Mexico, Cuba, Newfoundland, Canada, Central American countries and adjacent islands. The law says that aliens are exempted who have lived in the countries named for one year immediately preceding the time of their admission to this country. Hence, any alien who has been denied admission to the United States because his country's immigration quota is exhausted can go to Mexico or Canada and by living there one year be admitted here irrespective of the 3 per cent clause. If he elects Canada and has any luck whatever as a bootleg artist he can cut this year short merely by a feat of normal agility and a little booze-whetted nerve.

Concerning Honesty.  
The gentle columnists of the country are chirping about honesty. We offer a few pertinent chirps with a chorus of our own.

Here's to the honest farmer  
Who never gets the roasts,  
Who never puts a false bottom  
In a berry box.  
—Florida Times Union.

Here's to the honest grocer,  
The man supremely grand,  
Who does not let the sugar  
Put a lot of sand.  
—Allentown Democrat.

Here's to the honest butcher,  
The grandest of the grand,  
Who when he weighs the liver,  
Does not weight his hand.  
—Waycross Journal.

Here's to the honest banker,  
We see him every day,  
He takes and gives your money,  
But never runs away.  
—Columbus Enquirer-Sun.

Here's to the honest mayor  
Without a streak of yellow;  
He scores the tricks of politics—  
There isn't such a fellow!

Illustrations are often an aid to decisions of one kind or other. Here is an illustration: In a large factory in one of the leading cities of Indiana, the other day three American-born citizens lost their jobs. These jobs were instantly filled by three aliens who had just arrived in the state, having gravitated at once from Ellis Island to the middle west to grow up with the country. The aliens secured the jobs because they were willing to work for much less money than the firm was paying the Americans.

This sounds sordid, but it is true. And the same thing is happening elsewhere throughout the country.

## College President's Tirade Against Youth Protested

WHEN Dr. Charles J. Smith, president of Roanoke College, New Salem, Virginia, described the modern girl as a "hard-drinking, cigarette puffing, licentious amazon," before the National Lutheran Educational conference in New York city, he started something, to say the least. When a storm of adverse criticism came back upon the statements made by Dr. Smith, he wrote a letter to The New York Times, making it clear that he did not refer in particular to the modern college girl, although delegates to the conference seemed to get that impression. He had reference to "a new type of the



American woman" and not the college woman or any section of the country.

Even church magazines have come back at Dr. Smith, declaring that the picture he has painted of modern youth is too pessimistic. The standards have changed in this generation as they have in the past, one publication declares. Yet the youth of today is no worse than the youth of yesterday, it is said.

The Reformed Church Messenger, for instance, writes: "Changed social customs have brought about new forms of indulgence and so-called pleasure seeking. But it would require a great deal more proof than we have so far seen to persuade us that essentially the college students of today are morally inferior to those of a generation ago."

But it is left to The United Presbyterian to refute Dr. Smith's assertions with statistics. They do not look well for the past generation.

"Statistics from 80 state institutions in 1921 show that out of a total enrollment of 151,461 students, 130,486 had religious affiliations, while 21,975 made no statement regarding their religious life. This is very encouraging when compared with our early history, when even though the colleges were church institutions, practically all students were outside the church. In Princeton from 1778 to 1782 there was but one professor of religion. At Bowdoin college in 1807 there was only one Christian. At Yale for four years there was but one, and but four or five in other years about the beginning of the century. Many of the students assumed the names of leading infidels and atheists. Often every student was a professed infidel, or at least outside the church. Bishop Meade, of Virginia, said in 1811 that William and Mary college was a hotbed of French infidelity, and that for many years in every educated young man whom he met he expected to find an infidel."

The lack of Christian thought in the colleges, the materialistic leanings of professors, and the getting away from the old-fashioned religion, are said to be contributing causes to present-day moral conditions.

But these conditions are rather the

fault of the elders than the youth. It is pointed out that it was the older generation that threw the proverbial monkey wrench into the machinery of the world's affairs and set it awry, and not the younger generation.

Even old Iowa, it would seem, has been invaded by the modern trend in things moral. We quote at length an editorial published recently in The Randolph Enterprise, when a young woman was seen nonchalantly smoking a cigarette on the streets of that community. The editorial follows:

"Social and moral evils and habits which are regarded as improper are known to exist and abound in the cities and in public elsewhere, but some of them seldom put in an appearance in small towns. Monday, an enclosed car carrying as a passenger a young lady, stopped on Main street and the young man proceeded to attend to business. His fair companion remained parked in the glass buggy and proceeded to while away her time while compelled to stop in this hick town by reading the comic section of a newspaper and inhaling the inspiration which seeps from the unlighted end of a cigarette. The performance, to her, seemed to come quite naturally, and no doubt she was not conscious of the fact that the villagers made unnecessary trips past her parking place to view the procedure. School children in passing viewed the beautiful damsel with all-seeing eyes, and wondered if all the bad things their mothers had told them about cigarettes were true. Land knows, he-men of the town set enough bad examples for our young folks, without having ladies also posing as models. At least the lady smokers of this town do not appear in public with their fags."

Chicago Klan Holds Colorful Masquerade Ball in City Armory

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 25.—Klansmen's most colorful and enjoyable Washington's birthday anniversary celebration was staged at the Broadway armory here last Friday night when more than 3000 Klansmen, Klanswomen and their friends participated in a mask ball.

While the official regalia was not worn, a costume presented to each guest by U. S. Grant club, the organization sponsoring the affair, included a peaked cap, with drop visors for the men, and madi gras masks for the ladies. These with the multi-hued costumes of the masqueraders gave a weird and mysterious air to the dancing thousands.

Among the guests of honor was the Grand Dragon of the Realm of Illinois. Guests were present from all sections of Illinois and from neighboring states.

While the mask ball had been given the widest publicity no effort was made to interfere with its presentation, and no disorder occurred during the affair. The police, the sheriff, the state constabulary, and the national guard all arranged to protect the guests.

Music Is Furnished by Ku Klux Klan Orchestra

INDEPENDENCE, KAN., Feb. 25.—Bad roads do not even obstruct the work of the local Klan. Despite unfavorable weather, a large attendance was reported at the meeting on February 18, when Charles McBrayer, of Kansas, Judge Clement A. Reed, of this place, spoke.

McBrayer spoke on what Klankraft is and what it should mean to every Klansman. Music was furnished by the 10-piece orchestra of the organization.

A KLANSMAN'S CREED

I believe in God and in the tenets of the Christian religion and that a godless nation can not long prosper.

I believe that a church that is not grounded on the principles of morality and justice is a mockery to God and man.

I believe that a church that does not have the welfare of the common people at heart is unworthy.

I believe in the eternal separation of Church and State.

I hold no allegiance to any foreign government, emperor, king, pope or any other foreign, political or religious power.

I hold my allegiance to the Stars and Stripes next to my allegiance to God alone.

I believe in just laws and liberty.

I believe in the upholding of the Constitution of these United States.

I believe that our Free Public School is the corner stone of good government and that those who are seeking to destroy it are enemies of our Republic and are unworthy of citizenship.

I believe in freedom of speech.

I believe in a free press uncontrolled by political parties or by religious sects.

I believe in law and order.

I believe in the protection of our pure womanhood.

I do not believe in mob violence, but I do believe that laws should be enacted to prevent the causes of mob violence.

I believe in a closer relationship of capital and labor.

I believe in the prevention of unwarranted strikes by foreign labor agitators.

I believe in the limitation of foreign immigration.

I am a native-born American citizen and I believe my rights in this country are superior to those of foreigners.

## 10,000 KLANSMEN PARADE STREETS OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Washington Birthday Celebration One of Greatest Held in South

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 22.—True Americans from midwestern states today honored the memory of the father of their country in this city, when Knights and Ladies of the Ku Klux Klan swept down upon the capitol city and participated in the greatest open air demonstration of the new year.

Despite the inclement weather reported from all parts of Oklahoma and a drizzling rain in the city proper which threatened for a time to be the harbinger of a snow storm, Klansmen and their families braved the elements and at nightfall, officials of the organization, by a check of records, reported more than 25,000 citizens of the Invisible Empire were in the city.

By special train, by automobiles in spite of muddy roads, they came by the thousands.

Washington's triumphant entry into Oklahoma at the head of the Continental armies and its effect on the enemy might be likened to the triumphant entry of these Klansmen in Oklahoma City to celebrate his natal day.

Accepting the challenge of newspapers and other opposing elements these Klansmen came in full regalia, but with faces uncovered that all who chose might gaze upon them and make the most of it.

No previous announcement of the Klan's intention to unmask was made by Grand Dragon, N. C. Jewett. The Klan chief wanted to surprise those opposed to the order. He did.

Curious throngs lined the streets from dawn until shortly before midnight when the festivities were brought to a close at the conclusion of the greatest parade in the history of the order.

"They won't dare show their faces," newspapers had said.

But Klansmen did dare—more than 10,000 of them.

The robed Knights began their peaceable invasion of the city at dawn when a vanguard of Southern Oklahomans, accompanied by their band, arrived shortly after five o'clock a. m.

Strains of "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here" gave residents of the city their first intimation that the Kluxers had begun to arrive.

By noon delegations registered at headquarters had increased to the tune of 10,000. At dusk the number swelled to 20,000, that number being only those who had registered officially.

No attempt was made to tally the thousands who came by automobile or interurban car. Neither was a check kept upon members of Oklahoma City Klan No. 1 who were not registered.

Promptly at nine o'clock a. m. the Klors were called to order. The Klavern of Oklahoma City Klan, where headquarters were established was filled to overflowing during the entire day by delegates and Klansmen.

With the exception of one hour when the meeting was adjourned for lunch, Klan leaders from Imperial and state headquarters thrilled those present with inspiring addresses upon the progress made nationally by the organization and by outlining plans for the future.

The meeting was adjourned at five o'clock. Between that time and nine o'clock when the procession of 10,000 robed Klansmen began their procession through the heart of the city still attired in full regalia "look in the sights" dinner or visited theaters where special performances had been arranged for.

Klansmen from Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and other surrounding states were present in the procession. Klansmen from 274 Oklahoma organizations were in line.

Grand Dragon N. C. Jewett, attired in official regalia, mounted, and accompanied by members of his staff, reviewed the marchers from a point in the heart of the city.

Oklaoma Klansmen saluted and cheered their chief as they passed. While the members wended their way through the city's street, an aviator, with his airplane decorated with an electric lighted fiery cross hovered overhead illuminating the heavens with an unusual pyrotechnic display.

Bursting bombs dropped by the birdman which followed a shower of silver stars brought forth cheers from the marching hordes which resounded through the city.

Even the curious populace—those not members of the organization—joined with Klansmen in cheering the aviator and otherwise letting it be known that they were in sympathy with the organization and the things for which it stands.

Sixteen special trains brought visiting Klansmen to the city. The train from Kay county, Oklahoma, was in charge of a train crew, which from engineer to brakeman, was attired in robes of the order.

Visitors and Oklahoma Klansmen voted the celebration one of the best of its kind ever held by the organization. The parade was the greatest ever held in the United States, all declared.

Thus did Oklahoma, on the birthday celebration of America's first great American give the lie to newspaper allegations that the Klan is not a vital factor in America today.

Thus did they answer a miserable wretch who several months ago—while drunk with the power of office—staged the most violent persecution of native born Americans since the country was founded.

Thus will the Klan ever answer the enemies of true Americanism.

## KANSAS KLAN NEARS MEMBERSHIP QUOTA

OSAWATOMIE, KAN., Feb. 25.—With the recent rapid growth of the local Klan, members believe that the membership high mark set by local leaders for April, will be reached.

One of the most distinctive activities of the local Knights has been the contribution of many dollars to the Protestant churches.

On Sunday evening, February 17, 11 Klansmen entered the church, where Evangelist Spolt was conducted services, marched down the aisle, lined up in front of the altar and repeated the Lord's prayer after which the Rev. Ray Lessig, pastor, and Evangelist Spolt, were presented with \$50. The Klansmen saluted a flag, planted at the foot of the altar, and marched out while the congregation sang "America."

Minister Reads Klan Creed Card in Church



## Sparks from the Fiery Cross

By JOHN EIGHT POINT

*"The noblest motive is the public good."*—VIRGIL

A successful Klansman is one who has worked, not shirked; tried not to cry, shouldered responsibility not dodged it; put his shoulder against the wheel not stood off and argued about relativity while all his wife's relations got the wrong slant on what one hundred per cent Americans were doing for their country.

**The Anti-Know Nothing Plank**  
If we desire unrestricted immigration with the doors of America open to floods of aliens—if we desire the Japanese among us, owning our soil and intermarrying with us—if we desire the wedding of church and state, our government dictated by an alien head, our theology polluted by foreign interpretation, our religious rights imperiled by an unyielding and relentless foe, we may be favorably interested in the resplendent efforts of a few who are seeking the destruction of America by endeavoring to revive the principles of the Anti-Know Nothing plank of 1856.

This plank, as we see it, was one of the most vicious and ill-balanced attempts ever made to strangle pure Americanism by political trickery. A modern repetition of the sentiment and method ought to crush the party making it because it is wholly alien to our most constructive national thought.

The vivid features of the 1856 declaration read as follows: "Every attempt to abridge the privileges of becoming citizens and the owners of soil among us ought to be resisted with the same spirit which swept the alien and sedition laws from our statute books." And whereas, since the foregoing declaration was uniformly adopted by our predecessors in national convention an adverse political and religious test has been secretly organized by a party claiming to be exclusively American, it is proper that American democracy should clearly declare its determined opposition to all secret political societies, by whatever name they may be called. And hence a political crusade in the nineteenth century, and in the United States of America, against Catholicism and foreign born is neither justified by the past history nor the future prospects of the country nor in unison with the spirit of toleration and enlarged freedom which peculiarly distinguished the American system of popular government."

In point of fact the Underwood recrudescence of the 1856 idea must be understood in its true relations. The Klan, as an organization is not in politics—the stone from the old sling flies wide—some Klansmen, however, are in politics, and they are willing to buy at any cost the continued liberty of the American people.

There are heroes in our common life Unknown to their daily tasks, Unmoved by praise or blame; Their motive is the common good; They have a noble creed; They are the nation's right hand men—Knights of the Worthy Deed.

We repeat again and again that the Klan specifically stands for restricted immigration, repatriation of church and state, and the maintenance of our public schools. That is its public commitment—to stand for these things without violence, without trickery, without self-abasement or self-praise, sans peur et sans reproche. And as we repeat this truism we stress the fact that Klansmen should make it clear to the outsiders that these are the principles of action and direction which we most jealously guard. All patriotic American fraternalists stand or should stand for the same things. Citizens who do not uphold such principles are not good Americans. It takes a "heap o' tellin'" to get these simple facts clear in the minds of many otherwise intelligent people.

In a weekly paper open to such contributors, one William Willard Howard says: "I have received word

that Anne Louise Howard, who has been grappling single-handed and alone since December, 1922, with the largest and most tragic relief problem in all Europe's dreary expanse of hunger, hatred and suspicion, recently was attacked and injured on one of the principal streets of her field of operation by a political and religious miscreant who might have done serious harm had his aim been better." And this causes the Klansman in ordinary to remark mildly: "If the lady had been at home toiling for America's needy millions, leaving Europe's problems to Europe herself she might possibly have escaped a bullet and encountered nothing more savage than a brickbat." Without abating our natural sympathy for our European brothers who have suffered, would it not be more to the practical point to spend a little of that energy now given to Russia upon our own hungry, destitute and ignorant children of the mills and mountains? What a noble gift to the nation to turn into American citizens the human waste product of our own broad land.

The Wheeling Intelligencer says: "The difficulty in turning immigrants into good Americans is to find a model to work by." Is that so? Abraham Lincoln is a pretty fair model.

Already there are splinters on several of the legislative blocks—and there are knot holes in most of the rest.

Shakespearean foreheads are going out of style owing to the teapot Dome investigations.

If the loan of arms of Mexico should eventually lead to the loan of troops, the Klansman might come to view the policy with wondering eyes. What would it mean to station American troops in small garrisons here and there throughout the length and breadth of Mexico? Would it not lay America open to the charge of imperialism? To extend the Platt amendment from Cuba to Mexico would be a serious responsibility and an experiment the outcome of which could not be guessed. As we see it, this problem is not really an American problem—and, as citizens, we can only be interested in what vitally maintains our national progress. Maintaining order in Mexico at the expenditure of national energy which might be better used in strengthening American bulwarks of statescraft and the enforcement of federal laws afford the Klansman a subject for debate.

"Race prejudice," says the San Diego Tribune, "is most acute in that part of the higher race that is nearest the lower." As usual the paragraph is wrong. Race prejudice is most acute in the imaginations of those who perpetually accuse somebody of building race antagonism. Three-fourths of the talk about race prejudice is bunk and one-fourth is premeditated malice on the part of people who are hunting trouble.

Coincidental with the rise of the Klan has been the reduction of the number of lynchings in the country. In 1923, the year when the Klan began a most victorious march in membership, the number of lynchings was 57 per cent less than in 1922, thus proving conclusively that the wisecracks who have connected thoughts of violence with every action upon the malicious utterances of Klan enemies. In point of fact the Klan, as a patriotic and social betterment organization devoted to broad ethical and educational ideals, influenced the country vitally last year toward cleaner and saner government locally and nationally. In this way it had its proper share in reducing serious acts of violence in the year 1923.

In a wide world photograph of Anton Lang, the protagonist is shown with inscrutable inquiring eyes and a pained, bewildered face. America is too much for him, evidently, and his hair flies about his shoulders in emotional gusts. Probably the Christ whom Anton endeavors to portray in the Oberammergau Passion Play would have a pained, bewildered face if he should come to America today.

Missouri proposes to amend her constitution. The Western Watchman, of St. Louis, a Catholic publication, is not altogether satisfied

with the amendment, and puts its side of them after the following unmistakable and characteristic manner: "It does not seem to require much stretching of the laws of interpretation to infer that according to the proposed change the general assembly may 'compel' the instruction of persons between the ages of 6 and 20 years in the public schools. If it means, or may be made to mean that, no defeat will be too ignominious for it."

### COUNTING-OUT GAME—MOTHER GOOSE MELODY

Mayor Davis, Mayor Durgan, Likewise Mayor Shank, Hold yourselves together, please, Smile to beat the bank—One I take and two I leave—Gee, but you are rank!

Mayor Davis, Mayor Durgan, Two where once were three; Here I find you where I left you, Come and play with me, One I take and one I leave—Counting mystery.

Mayor Davis, Mayor Durgan, Mayor Shank as well, In my game you're counted out, Heed the magic spell All the folks are saying it—"You may go to—thunder." Typo-graphic-ic blunder.

The attitude of a few of our neighbors who are fair-minded toward everything but the Klan reminds us of the methods of Nero. One can almost hear these tyrants say to their henchmen: "Gee, whizz! How dark it is on the back porch—Why don't you go out and light a couple of Klansmen?"

## TWILIGHT'S THINKINGS

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"I can't understand how Dr. S— made such a mistake as is revealed in this case. I think that if Lula could see better she would advance faster in school. I honestly think her defective eyes have kept her back in her work here. Lula has a good mind and should be doing better in her studies, Mr. Johnson. When did you say you had Lula's glasses fitted?"

"Don't know exactly, but I think it was three years ago. Dr. S— has practiced in this town only seven months."

"Maybe it wasn't Dr. S— that fitted them spectacles. Let me see; who was it?"

"I'll call Lula, Mr. Johnson."

Presently Lula came into the office, registering surprise when she saw her father.

"Lula," asked the principal, "where did you get those glasses you are wearing?"

"Daddy subscribed for some kind of a paper from a man, and he gave him the glasses for nothing."

**DO YOU VOTE THAT WAY?**

Some years ago the voters of Minnesota had ten proposed amendments to the state constitution on which to pass judgment. A long ballot needing some previous study to be intelligently "marked" was given to the voter as he stepped forward to "do his duty."

I had done my duty as a voter and was walking up the street toward home when I met a friend. Naturally our conversation drifted toward possible election results. Presently my friend asked me how I voted on "them fool amendments." I told him.

"I didn't go to all that trouble," said my friend, "I voted for the first amendment, and then took every other one down."

**A CHALLENGE AND A REMINDER**  
Behold the fiery cross as its scintillating light penetrates the darkness.

"Klansmen, what means this beautiful symbol?" comes the query from far and near.

The fiery cross is a dual symbol; emblematic of the Nazarene's glory, and the Light of the World.

The fiery cross is in one—a reminder and a challenge. The burning cross reminds the Klansman that to live unselfishly—"not for self but for others"—is a Christian's duty, and challenges him to go forth as an active follower of Jesus Christ, courageously fighting for that which is clean and good and beautiful.

**KLANSMEN, THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES NEED YOU**

In all the history of Protestantism there has never appeared an influence that has done so much for the Protestant churches as the Ku Klux Klan. Wherever the Klan is strong, the Protestant churches are stronger than they ever were before. A true Klansman realizes the necessity of the Protestant churches and understands that he must do his part, faithfully and well. A good Klansman is either a member of or does something definite toward the support of a Protestant church.

Klansmen, you who are neglecting your church, shake yourself out of your indifference and go to the aid of your church, financially and otherwise. Make every Sunday a "go-to-church" Sunday. Then there is work within the church that needs laymen. volunteer your services as a church-worker, don't wait to be coaxed. Klansmen, the Protestant churches need you.

## ILLINOIS KLANS AID IN CLEANING UP VICE RESORTS

Many Reports of Good Work Accomplished Reach Grand Dragon

### UNCOVER CONDITIONS

Chicago "Drinking and Murder" Parties Point to Police Inefficiency

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 25.—Klans throughout Illinois are rendering real service to the state, and to their communities in many ways, according to reports reaching the Grand Dragon's headquarters in Chicago.

A membership campaign now being conducted in certain sections is proving remarkably successful. The Klan's settlement of the Herrin trouble, and the active part played by members of the organization everywhere in enforcing the law, exposing vice, and curbing corruption in public and semi-public office has resulted in a reaction of the state's citizenship that expresses itself in application for membership.

Members of the organization in Chicago, according to revelations of liquor selling, gambling and "resort" running in this city, as revealed by the arrest of policemen and other officials for participation in "drinking and murder" parties, are conducting a quiet investigation that is expected to lead to many arrests in the near future.

**Other Sections Active**  
Rockford, East St. Louis, Peoria, and other cities throughout the state are the centers of Klan efforts for local cleanups. It is recognized that the persistent effort of the criminal element gradually weakens the nominal resistance of many public officials until criminality of all kind is permitted to flourish more or less openly.

Klansmen seem to feel that their unified opposition to crime will not only strengthen these officials who are inclined to serve the public well but will also be a great barrier to a general demoralization.

**Helping Each Other**  
Not content with an aggressive exhibition of their willingness to serve their state and their local communities, Klansmen throughout Illinois, according to reports reaching the Grand Dragon's office, are paying more and more attention to the practice of Klanishness.

**OLD FORTRESS NEAR ST. PAUL HISTORIC**

Building Has Seen Many Transformations in Over 100 Years

At the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, in a setting of natural beauty stands old Fort Snelling, "pioneer guardian of the northwest." No historic celebration, such as that being prepared for St. Paul's seventieth anniversary, would be complete without due recognition to the part this old fort played in the development of this section. Although little more than 100 years old, it nevertheless has witnessed some of the more extraordinary transformations that have occurred in any similar period in the history of the United States.

Within the walls of the fortress, now mellowed with age, is written a colorful and romantic chapter of the history of the frontier. On Sept. 10, 1820, the corner stone of what was then called Fort Anthony was laid. It was the extreme frontier of the northwest, with nothing but wild animals and savage tribes of Indians within hundreds of miles in any direction. Later the name was changed to Fort Snelling, in honor of the colonel under whose command the fort was built.

The round tower, still standing, is a part of the original fortification. It was built at the west end of the post as a guardhouse; but subsequently loopholes were pierced for musketry.

Among the notable names connected with the historical fort are those of Lieut. Zebulon Pike, the first man to bring the United States flag to Minnesota; Gen. Winifred Scott; Henry R. Schoolcraft, the historian; Constantine Beltrami, the Italian refugee; and Dred Scott—the slave whose case had a direct bearing on the Civil war—who based his claim of immunity upon his residence at the fort, which was on ground prohibited to slavery by the Missouri Compromise of 1820.

Reminiscences of the old fort include the coming of the Virginia and her passengers in 1823, the first steamboat to arrive at the point on the upper Mississippi. School and Sunday school was conducted in those early days in the basement room of the commanding officer's quarters. During the late war the old fort was used as a training camp for officers.

**Klansman Rides 22 Miles to Meeting on Bicycle**

MARQUETTE, KANS., Feb. 27.—Members of the local Klan claim the most enthusiastic Kluxer. He rides a bicycle 22 miles to attend the sessions. Temperature doesn't worry him. His chief concern is the failure of his wheel to always serve as a mud plow.

## Northern Minnesota Power Project Is Being Developed

DULUTH, MINN., Feb. 26.—Remarkable expansion is being shown in hydro-electric developments in northern Minnesota. The Minnesota Light & Power Company, recently organized, is pushing forward a program that is estimated will result in an outlay of \$20,000,000.

The company took over plants at Duluth, Cloquet, Little Falls and Blanchard Rapids. A new power dam is being built by the company at Fond-du-Lac. With its completion and other developments under way, the company will cover the whole of northern Minnesota.

## SALVATION ARMY SCORE IMMORALITY

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bers of unmarried mothers," Commandant Thomas said.

"Incurable and highly communicable diseases, feeble-mindedness and tendencies toward criminality, go hand in hand in an ever-increasing ratio, with and as a result of immorality and delinquency."

"The state's institutions for the insane, feeble-mindedness, delinquent and criminalistic annually are requiring the appropriations of more and more tax moneys for maintenance."

"In the last 10 years the number of feeble-minded persons in Minnesota has increased about 50 per cent, while in the last five years the number of children born of unmarried mothers has advanced 60 per cent."

"Such figures tell their own story, and while automobile joy riding and petting parties are only in part responsible for the increases, a determined state-wide effort to call a halt will have a very definite effect."

**SHOCK TROOPS**  
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## BIBLE CLASSES CONDUCTED IN CONNECTION WITH ST. PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR SEMESTER

By special arrangement with local school authorities, Bible instruction has been made available to pupils of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades of the Longfellow public school.

This is in the nature of an experiment, and on the measure of its success depends its future. It was started in January and will continue throughout the present semester at least.

Six denominations have co-operated in obtaining approval of Bible classes from city officials. Sponsors consider Bible instruction cul-

## DRY AMENDMENT NECESSARY SAY COMMISSIONERS

Major Roy A. Haynes Makes Addresses in Minnesota Twin Cities

### CONDITIONS IMPROVED

Klan Has Done Much to Make Law Partial Success, Which It Now Is

(By PASSERBY)  
Recently Major Roy A. Haynes, prohibition commissioner, visited the Twin Cities. While in Minneapolis he delivered addresses that were filled with thunderbolt statements. He said: "Every present and prospective condition of American life demands the eighteenth amendment and its enforcing legislation. The old order of things has passed away. Amid the powerful inventions, science, communication, travel, complexity and hurried life of today, we all know that sober bodies, steady nerves and sound judgment are indispensable to life. These conditions demand the prohibition of the use of intoxicating liquors."

**Business Improved**  
"It is my firm conviction that we have a more sober, clear-minded and consequently more efficient class of big business men and better citizens today than we had in pre-prohibition days," said Major Haynes.

At this point, however, he didn't mention the fact that "big business men" get all the booze they want one way or the other. As matters stand with the present prohibition law enforcement, to a man on the side lines, it looks very much as if the prohibition laws are for those who either can't afford to buy or don't want to take the chances that go with the drinking of cheaper "stuff" available.

"A sober citizenship stands out amidst the great resources of America as the economic challenge to the whole world," Haynes further stated.

"When the cities, the counties, the states assume their proper share of the law enforcement burden, to that degree will the federal officers be free to control the source of supply, the border and the coast. The first and most important thing you can do is to impress home the responsibility in the several communities. Give enforcement officials information of violations. If it is a small case, don't go to the federal officials with it. Take the matter up with your local authorities."

But when that doesn't do any good? Anyway, as a Klansman I'd like to see the prohibition laws enforced absolutely and impartially. Wet officers won't do it. That's a certainty. And when the commissioner of prohibition enforcement says that it was not expected enforcement would closely approximate 100 per cent success in "three, four ten or twelve years after the adoption of the law," one wonders and wonders and wonders.

If it wasn't for the Ku Klux Klan I doubt if present prohibition enforcement would be 20 per cent.

Dago dialect is a naturalized rival of Bostonese, every word being a sentence. For example: Nickybanan; tenacassadoza.

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## MARSHALLTOWN SCHOOL BOARD LEADER TALKS

Temporary Schools Are Described as "Coops" by President Mueller

### SURVEY IS PLANNED

Now 900 Pupils in Building Originally Erected for 500—Want New Structure

MARSHALLTOWN, IA., Feb. 25.—The following statement was printed in The Times-Republican of this place, recently. In it, H. C. Mueller, president of the Marshalltown school board sets down the educational conditions in his city in concise form. The school board here seeks the aid of all citizens in bettering conditions. The board president invites constructive criticism from voters.

The statement, because its contents will be of interest throughout the entire state, is printed herewith in full:

To the Tax Payers: It may be a little uncommon but not wholly indiscreet if I as president of the school board attempt to give a few facts pertaining to the board's work done in the past and some ideas of future needs.

We, no doubt, will all agree that no investment that ever has been made in Marshalltown pays such a great dividend considering training and development for the tasks of men and women of tomorrow, as we receive from our public school system.

There are problems that must be satisfactorily disposed of in order to maintain our place among the accredited high schools of the state.

The demand for a new high school at this time is paramount with all of us, considering our crowded condition and the fact that we must resort to the use of temporary buildings in our high school. Our present building was originally erected to accommodate 500 pupils but at this time we have, including the eighth grade, an enrollment of over 900.

This condition is only for the present, and not making any allowance for the increased requirement of 1926, which will be about as soon as any new program can be carried out.

The temporary "coops" which we are compelled to use are certainly nothing more than a "bridge-over" to our real need. Then, too, having no elevator service it is almost an unpardonable condition to compel

## CROSS BURNED ON ICE OF MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Burlington Klansmen, in Full Regalia, Distribute Papers

BURLINGTON, IA., Feb. 23.—A week ago tonight, members of the local Klan burned a fiery cross on the ice of the Mississippi river. Jefferson street, the main business street of the city, was crowded with the Saturday night crowd, when the blazing emblem of the Klan burst into flames in the middle of the stream.

Some fanatic took it upon himself to cut one of the wires holding up the cross, and it fell to the ice. Until that time it presented a beautiful sight, and thousands of people witnessed it.

At the same time, a large number of robed Klansmen appeared in the downtown district and distributed copies of The Iowa Fiery Cross. Burlington Klan is growing at a rapid rate. The burning of the cross and the appearance of the Klansmen has informed the people that the Klan is active in the city.

growing girls to climb five flights of stairs to some of their class rooms.

True we have same antiquated grade school buildings. To the Abbott and the Rogers must be given the credit as the pioneers of the structures of yesterday. At the time these buildings were erected it was not with the same demand and requirement that we would make today.

However all these grade schools were thoroughly repaired during the summer of 1923, under the direction of the building and grounds committee and by James Jensen, supervisor of the buildings. New fixtures were installed in all of these buildings at that time, making them, as we believe, temporarily satisfactory for the present need.

It is the purpose of the school board to have a survey and inspection made of all the grade school buildings to secure unbiased opinion as to where our immediate need may be.

Over a period of two years we have had the following building activities:

1. On July 1, 1922, we retired bonds to the amount of \$32,000.00 and on July 1, 1923, we retired \$15,000.00, making a total of \$47,000.00. Previous to that a total of \$8,000.00 in bonds was retired over a period of forty years.

2. Erected the Aaron Palmer building which took approximately \$25,000 in excess of the bond issue.

3. Expended \$6,500 on Franklin field.

4. Started a general renovation of seats in all buildings. All those east of Center street were taken care of last year, and we are planning to take care of those west of Center street during the coming year.

5. Bought ground for new high school site, having, with the exception of two lots, purchased the balance of lots necessary to complete the site from Palace court on the east to the rear of lots facing on South Twelfth street on the west, and from Boone street on the south to the rear of the lots facing on Church street on the north.

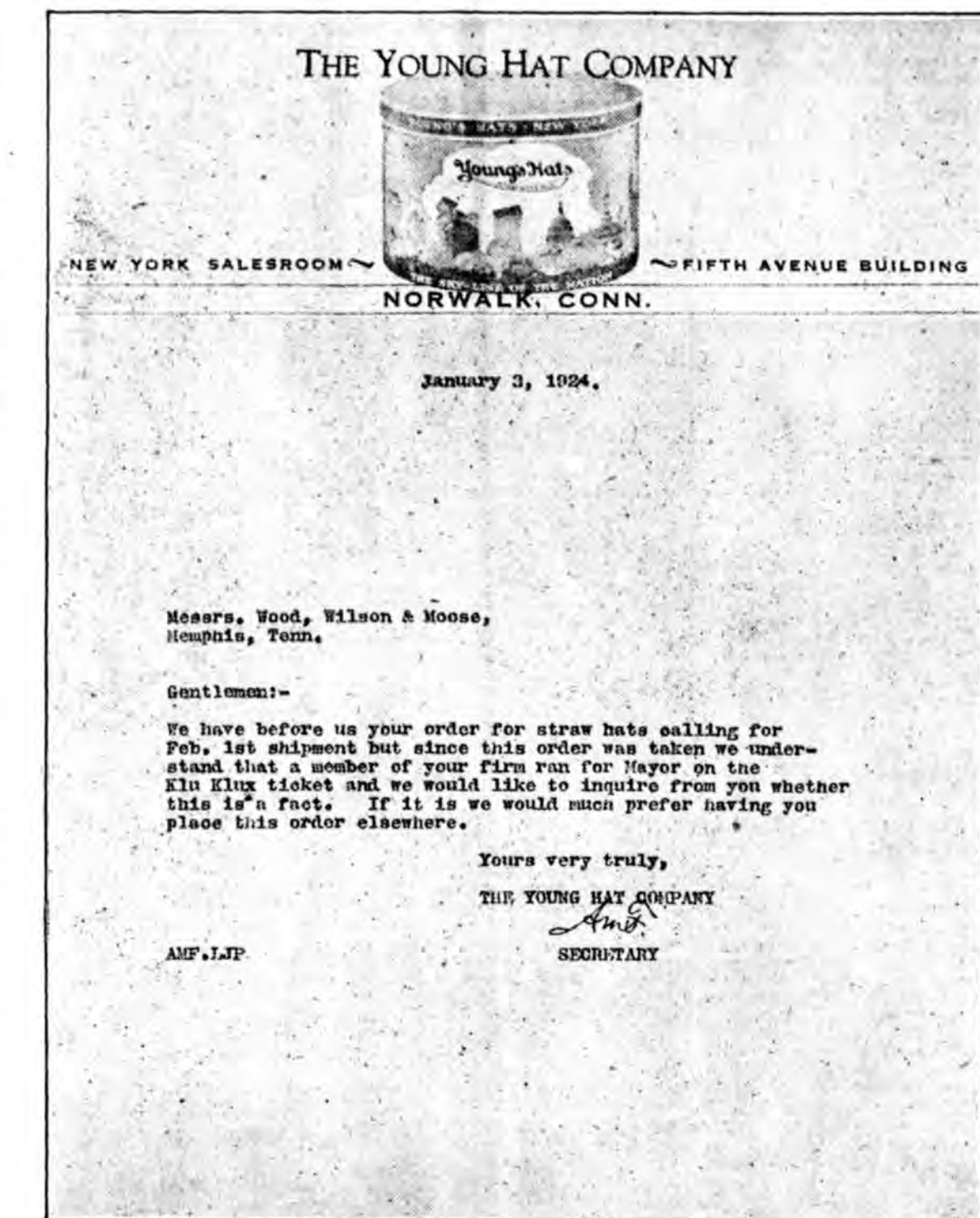
6. Employed a certified public accountant to examine all school expenditures and make suggestions in all matters of accounting that was deemed necessary to our system.

These are major propositions that the school board has had to work out besides innumerable smaller details that naturally must be cared for each month.

I desire to say to the public that the members of the school board continually invite and ask constructive criticism. Destructive criticism is always a barrier and hindrance to a perfected public school system. The school board likewise invites co-operation, which is the vital issue for the success of a well-governed, thoroughly organized school. Every committee on the board has exhibited a fine spirit in doing the tasks of its respective work with a view of unity for the whole board that is seldom found.

I therefore commend to the public the worthy and unbiased efforts of every member of the board and urge the sincere co-operation of every citizen in the tasks of maintaining the high standard of our public school system. H. C. Mueller, president school board.

## Young Hat Company Does Not Want Ku Klux Klan Trade, Letter to Memphis, Tennessee Firm, Discloses



Above is reproduced a letter sent to a Memphis, Tenn. retailer, from the Young Hat Company of Norwalk, Conn. It is quite evident from the communication that trade from members of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is not desired. It will be noticed that the author of the missive did not have sufficient courage to sign his full name, merely putting down his initials.

## What the Klan Is Doing in the Hilly State of West Virginia

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., Feb. 25.—The Women of the Ku Klux Klan, made their initial public appearance here recently when a dozen or more robed members of the feminine organization marched the aisle of the United Brethren church, North View, and presented the pastor, the Rev. T. E. Gainer with a donation.

SHINNISTON, W. VA., Feb. 25.—Hundreds of Klansmen packed the local Klan Klavern a recent evening when a national lecturer set forth the principles of the organization, and called attention to the fact that the Ku Klux Klan is not anti-Catholic, anti-Jew, or anti-Negro, but is strictly pro-Protestant in every sense of the word.

GRAFTON, W. VA., Feb. 25.—Hundreds of enthusiastic Klansmen wedged their way into the local Klavern recently when a national lecturer called attention to the fact that many Klansmen had misconceived the plan of the organization and set forth its teachings. He emphasized the fact that the Klan is not antagonistic to any race, color or creed.

DIANA, W. VA., Feb. 25.—This usually quiet little town turned out en masse a recent evening, when several dozen members of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan attired in full regalia of the order, paraded the village streets. The march started shortly after sundown and was preceded by heavy bombing on adjacent hillsides. It was the first public appearance of the organization in this town. Subsequent to the march, the robed members called at the home of the Rev. A. Paugh, pastor of a local Protestant church and left a donation.

WAYNE, W. VA., Feb. 18.—The great movement of the Ku Klux Klan is taking Wayne, Lincoln and Boone counties by storm. No movement in the history of this trinity of counties has ever swept this section with such force. A field man, who is in charge of this section, declares that every eligible man will be in the Klan ranks before the end of the ensuing summer.

BECKLEY, W. VA., Feb. 23.—One of the largest banquets ever staged in Raleigh county was put on here, last night, when Beckley Klan, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, gave a banquet to its retiring exalted cyclops. Covers were laid for 500 persons.

BERKELEY SPRINGS, W. VA., Feb. 25.—In order that its members might attend a special service at the local United Brethren church, a recent evening, at which the Rev. Le-max Childress, Cumberland, Md., delivered a sermon on "Americanism," Berkeley Springs Klan, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, adjourned a regular meeting by a unanimous vote. The special sermon and the Klan meeting night came simultaneously. Nearly

### KLANSWOMAN BURIED

LANCASTER, O., Feb. 26.—The largest funeral ever held at the English Lutheran church here was present at the services for Mrs. Dan Brandon recently, which were attended by the Women of the Klan, both at the church and at the grave.

Nobody can tell what a man will do toward cleaning up his home town by the noise he makes at church.

## RING OF OFFICIALS PROTECT CRIMINALS

Fairmont, W. Va., Vice Conditions Are Exposed—Klan Stands for Law

FAIRMONT, W. VA., Feb. 25.—Despite efforts of Marion county citizens to put an end to the manufacture of illicit liquor in Fairmont, Doc Bostic, colored king of local bootleggers, continues to make "moonshine" booze at his Pennsylvania Avenue joint, under the protection of the court house ring. The ring has made several attempts to destroy and discredit the Ku Klux Klan.

Bostic is a purveyor of bonds for dope peddlers. He has been arrested several times since September 28, last. Police have raided Bostic's place five times and found liquor each time. The largest amount found at any single raid was 18 gallons.

He was arraigned before United States Commissioner George Harry Gordon, Clarksburg, on a charge of having moonshine liquor in his possession. Mayor Buckley's men had raided his place and found the booze.

When arraigned before the commissioner, Bostic procured aid from the local court house and the federal government was unable to produce a case against him. He pleaded guilty to a liquor charge before a local magistrate and was sentenced to serve 30 days in the Marion county jail. It is alleged that he served only about 10 days.

Despite the fact that county officials are protecting criminals Judge Emmett M. Showalter and Sheriff Charleton, the two highest officers in Marion county, are openly opposed to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. They claim the Klan is an out-law organization and is attempting to usurp law enforcement.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan stand for law enforcement and are especially in favor of enforcement of the eighteenth amendment. It is said that Doc Bostic brags that he now "has it fixed" and people can call him on the "phone for liquor. With whom did Bostic fix it? How much did it cost if anything? Do the county officials really believe that the Ku Klux Klan is a lawless organization? The recent grand jury returned 163 indictments. So far as known none of those indicted were members of the Ku Klux Klan. The Ku Klux Klan, as an organization, does not protect any violations of the law.

### INITIATE 500 MEMBERS

ADRAIN, MICH., Feb. 26.—Five hundred candidates were initiated into the order of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at a meeting here last week. The big problem with the organization now is how to maintain a hall large enough to accommodate those who wish to attend the meetings.

## OKLAHOMA PEOPLE ARE NOT OPPOSED TO KU KLUX KLAN

Blake Making Futile Effort To Get 42,000 "Anti" Names on Petition

### NO REAL OPPOSITION

Immunity of Un-American Disproves Wild Charges Against American Order

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., Feb. 25.—There is not to be found 42,000 persons in the entire state of Oklahoma who wish to record themselves as opposed to the Ku Klux Klan.

There are approximately two and a quarter million people in this state.

Of this two and a quarter million the Klan has not even 40,000 ill wishers, no, nor yet 30,000.

For three long months Alrich Blake, with the assistance of the machinery of the anti-Klan association, has been scouring Oklahoma in a desperate and futile attempt to procure the necessary 42,000 signatures to his initiative petition for a law to unmask the Klan membership.

Two conclusions may be drawn from the complete and ultimate fiasco of Blake's campaign against the Klan.

The first is, that the people of Oklahoma are in sympathy with the Ku Klux Klan and its principles, and do not wish to see the organization damaged or handicapped in its work of uplift by an enforced publication of its membership.

The second is, that a great majority of the non-Klan population was not increased with the inflammatory abuse of Blake and Walton against the organization, and, therefore, unconcerned as to who the members are.

Perhaps both conclusions combine to explain Blake's failure.

However, the result of the canvass is an irrefutable proof that there is no organized or articulate public opposition to the Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma today.

It is anticipated that Blake will now come forward with an "alibi" that voters were fearful of "Klan intimidation" and therefore hesitant about signing their names to the petition.

That explanation will be scarcely convincing, since he himself, the Klan's arch enemy, has been free to bemoan and slander the order from one end of the state to another, without let or hindrance. In a number of counties where the local officials were Klansmen, public buildings and court rooms were thrown open to him for his anti-Klan meetings.

If conditions in Oklahoma had really been what Jack Walton and Blake and the Allen controlled press of the state and nation have been trying to delude us into believing, Alrich Blake would have been flogged, tarred and feathered, or possibly assassinated before he had canvassed two weeks.

So now, with Blake's "war on the Klan" safely over without any casualties, doubters outside the state may know at last with certainty that the conspiracy against the Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma was bottomed upon the most astounding and monstrous lie ever foisted upon the people of an enlightened nation!

Blake's fight is over. He was a valiant campaigner and we admire his pluck, if not his good sense and sound judgment.

But it was a losing fight from the beginning. One cannot long breast the current of progress and make headway. Blake, it is to be hoped has learned that, if nothing else.

It is a well known fact that Alrich Blake attempted to obtain membership in the Klan at Muskogee at the inception of the Klan in Oklahoma, but the Klan wanted none of him nor his kind. Forthwith "Sir" Alrich started his campaign of abuse and vilification of the organization, and, as stated, his latest venture has been a dismal failure.

The Klan had no objections to Blake's public fight upon the order. His was the right to make that fight and circulate his petition—the right of a free American citizen, the right which Klansmen, bound by their fealty to the constitution and the

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## Northern Counties Produce Best Iowa Corn

SPIRIT LAKE IA., Feb. 25.—One of the very interesting things brought out in the Iowa corn yield contest the past year is the fact that the northern sections of counties in Iowa, averaged more than the southern section. Another feature of special importance is finding a yellow corn which will equal the famous Silver King variety and may even prove a rival to it. Six out of the seven top yielding samples from the northern section were yellow varieties. A variety known as Smith's Yellow Dent yielded 61.5 bushels per acre in the official test compiled by the association. George Steen, of West Liberty, Ia., was the winner for the entire state on his Reedy's Yellow Dent, with 68.7 bushels per acre.

These corn yield tests are bringing out some very important facts concerning corn production and much effort is being put forth to secure a high yielding yellow corn for northern Iowa.

PORTSMOUTH, O., Feb. 26.—The arrest of nearly 200 Klansmen by orders of an alien chief of police here a few months ago has proved the greatest boost the Klan could have had. The Klansmen were arrested while parading and the chief was photographed marching in triumph at the head of the procession on the way to jail. Since the election was only a few days off, it is believed his action was a political move, but it backfired because the ex-chief is now said to be working as a day laborer.

The principles of the Klan make clear the fact that the man who denies Christ in politics will not be loyal to Him in anything else.

Klansmen, a word to the wise is enough—but you've got to choose the right word.

obligation of their order respected.

A little more than a year ago Alrich Blake, "the boy prodigy of Oklahoma politics" attained the important office of chief counsel to the state's executive.

With meteor like suddenness and brilliancy he flashed across the horizon of public affairs, and for a few days blazed to a height while the Walton luminary was at its perihelion.

The winds arose and the thunder resounded while a dark cloud of public wrath obscured the celestial spectacle.

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## INTEREST SHOWN BY PROTESTANTS IN ABBOTT TRIAL

Aged Carnegie Undertaker Faces Charge of First Degree Murder

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Trustees of Fredericksburg, Pa., Scored for Forbidding Klan Meeting

(BULLETIN)  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 19.—The Allegheny county grand jury at noon today returned two true bills charging Patrick McDermott, Carnegie undertaker, with murder and involuntary manslaughter, in connection with the killing of Klansman Thomas R. Abbott, of Atlasburg, Pa., Saturday night, August 25, 1923, when parading Klansmen were attacked in Carnegie.

Thirteen jurors voted for indictment. It is known that there were six Roman Catholics in the body. At least two Protestants, it is believed, voted against indicting McDermott. The remainder of the cases, in connection with the fatal Carnegie riot, will be heard before the grand jury Thursday of this week. The cases of approximately fourteen residents of Carnegie, charged in different instances with rioting and inciting to riot, will be heard at that time. Included in these are: John Conley, burress of Carnegie, charged with rioting and inciting to riot; Ira (alias Ike) Irving, Carnegie constable, also charged with rioting and inciting to riot; and McDermott, charged with rioting.

(BY ZEHER)  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 19.—Protestants in Pennsylvania and the nation at large await with interest the outcome of the grand jury hearings here this week, into the causes evolving out of the fatal riot at Carnegie, Pa., the night of August

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## Woman is Elected to Omaha School Board



**DR. JENNIE CALLFAS**  
Dr. Callfas is the first woman to be elected to the board of education at Omaha, Nebraska. Incidentally, she was the only woman serving on the staff of physicians at the World's Fair in St. Louis. She is a leader in politics among the Democratic women of Nebraska.

25, 1923, during which Klansman Thomas R. Abbott was killed, and a score of his comrades were injured when a parade of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was attacked.

The first to be heard is Patrick McDermott, aged Carnegie undertaker, who is charged with the murder of Klansman Abbott. His charge will be aired before the grand jury here Tuesday.

Thursday, 13 other residents of Carnegie, including McDermott, will be heard on charges of rioting and inciting to riot. Included in these are John Conley, of Carnegie, and Constable Ira (Ike) Irving. In addition to the above named, the following were held to the grand jury during early December by Justice of the Peace W. H. Prosser: Timothy O'Donnell, William Leacock, Michael F. Hayes, William N. Moiley, Raymond N. McKenna, James McIntyre, Anthony Scrowe, Steve Burdiss, "Butch" O'Donnell, Joseph Joyce, M. M. Flaherty, Lawrence Kemmel and Joseph Hayes.

A pre-spring gathering of Klansmen from all sections of western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and northern West Virginia was held at Coraopolis, Pa., near here, Saturday night, February 23. The huge parade, which consisted of robed members and interpretive floats, formed at the Coraopolis armory, and traversed the principal streets of the town. A large class of candidates was initiated into the order during the procession. Permits for the parade were granted.

Lebanon Klansmen are gratified at the stand by members of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America of Lebanon in passing a resolution branding the action of the board of trustees of Fredericksburg in refusing to permit a Klan meeting to be held there, as "unpleasant, thoughtless, unpatriotic, unfair and suspicious." A band of Lebanon Klansmen had gone to Fredericksburg to attend a Klan meeting, but found it occupied when they arrived, which was contrary to the agreements that had been given them.

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## KLAN GROWS IN MINGO COUNTY, W. VIRGINIA

Lanky Mountaineer of Ichabod Crane Type is Organizer in Williamson

WILLIAMSON, W. VA., Feb. 25.—Out of the fog of oblivion with a meagre membership of 35 into a haze of glory in a class with mighty movements, where organizations whose memberships are measured by the thousands, is the record made by Williamson Klan, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan during the past eight months.

A year ago a handful of straggling Klansmen were trying to hold a Klan together at Williamson. Today thousands of local Klansmen are looking for a hall large enough in which to hold Klan meetings.

Not unlike the widely advertised cereal "There's a Reason," The "Reason" is a tall lanky mountaineer of the Ichabod Crane type who earns his livelihood by preaching the gospel to the folks who inhabit the hills in Mingo county. This God fearing man heard of the great organization and, after investigation, became a member. He was so impressed with the work that he spread its teachings throughout the county. As a result Mingo county is now one of the fastest growing Klan counties in the state.

At Burch, a little town back in the hills, this able man has established a Klan and is now taking in members at the rate of more than 150 a week. Folks for miles around are going into Burch to hear the much trusted man tell about the Ku Klux Klan. The town has less than 2,000 population but a Klan of several hundred men has already been established.

## Is This Personal Klansman Creed?

By HY DOUGLASS

(The following is a copy of a paper found among the belongings of one Thomas Van Aistyne, an electrical engineer, who died at Hanley, Canada, in October, 1913. "Bank Notes," a publication for bankers, gives this copy, as a sublime statement of a man's personal creed. It seems to be fitted as a statement for each Klansman to make and live.)

To respect my country, my profession, and myself. To be honest and fair with my fellowmen, as I expect them to be honest and square with me.

To be a loyal citizen of the United States of America. To speak with praise, and act always as a trustworthy custodian of its good name.

To be a man whose name carries weight wherever it goes.

To base my expectations of reward on a solid foundation of service rendered.

To be willing to pay the price of success in honest effort.

To look upon my work as an opportunity to be seized with joy and made the most of, and not as a painful drudgery to be reluctantly endured.

To remember that success lies within myself—my own brain, my own ambition, my own courage and determination.

To expect difficulties and force my way through them.

To turn hard experience into capital for future use.

To carry an air of optimism in the presence of those I meet.

To dispel ill-temper with cheerfulness, kill doubts with strong conviction, and reduce active friction with an agreeable personality.

To make a study of my business.

To know my profession in every detail.

To mix brains with my efforts, and use system and method in my work.

To hoard days as a miser hoards dollars.

To make every hour bring me dividends, increased knowledge, or healthful recreation.

To keep my future unmortgaged by debts.

To save as well as earn.

To cut out expensive amusements until I can afford them.

To steer clear of dissipation, and guard my health of body and peace of mind as precious stock in trade.

Finally: To take a good grip on the joys of life.

To fight against nothing so hard as my own weakness and endeavor to grow in strength, a gentleman, a Christian.

So I may be courteous to men, faithful to friends, true to God, a fragrance in the path I tread.

Let Klansmen live such a creed and soon the spirit of a re-awakened America.

Let us remember that ours is a plain every-day selling proposition. Three rules of selling apply to us as well as to prunes and pickles. Rule one:—Possess the goods. Rule two:—Advertise them. Or in other words create an appetite for them. Rule three:—Deliver the goods as advertised.

Surely we can easily follow these three rules, as is evidenced by our activities as a movement in the last 12 months. The urge today is for each one individually to accept this truth and get out on the selling end of our work and deliver.

Let's Go!

The effect of liberal education is making itself felt as far as California. At Leland Stanford courses are to be given in "cheering." A good yell leader will receive credit for his vocal athletics. We wonder, though, how much credit is given the students who memorize a Bible verse each day and read the constitution once every year or so?

## CLANDESTINE NEWSPAPER PRINTED IN WEST VIRGINIA HILLS AT NIGHT

RHODELL, W. VA., Feb. 25.—Boy, page William Randolph Hearst.

Here in the forest fastness of Raleigh county an innovation in journalism has been introduced. It has Hearst's scandal sheets backed off the proverbial map, if possible, has more officers on its trail than Hearst ever had.

This new thing in journalism is a publication called The Moonlight News. It is printed at night and is also distributed under the cover of darkness, it is understood. The Moonlight News is posted on buildings, trees and so forth.

The identity of the editor and the reporter staff is a profound mystery. Most of the news is detailed accounts of law violations that transpire under the cover of darkness. And, there is some real, honest to goodness scandal. For instance, The News carried a story the other night to the effect that a certain married man was seen on such and such a road with a girl at

a certain time. The name of the man and the name of the girl was published.

While investigations have disclosed that the mystery paper publishes nothing but facts, officers are making an attempt to find the person or persons who are putting the paper out. The Ku Klux Klan has offered its support to the officers it is understood.

It was thought for a while that the Klan was instrumental in issuing the paper. It has been pointed out, however, that all Klan publications are printed over and above board and without fear nor favor. All official Ku Klux Klan publications are supervised by the Bureau of Education and Publication, Washington, D. C.

While officers are seeking in vain to find the publishers of The Moonlight News, the paper is still published spasmodically and is doing much toward ridding the community of an undesirable element, it is said.

## Fifty Years of Ups and Downs of Iowa Newspaper Life Told By J. F. Grawe of Waverly

February has Lincoln day, a Washington day, a Valentine day, and a groundhog day. For a short month it has great anniversary days for our country. But there is room for one which has been overlooked for half a century.

Ours is not much of an anniversary day when compared with the rest of our subscribers, that consolidation on the part of the proprietors of the two papers was one of the most sensible things they did since the war of the rebellion was won for the union.

Nearly all of the men and women with whom we commenced to march under the banner of Iowa country journalism have long since become footsore and weary, their cares have flown away, they have fallen out, and they are now resting in the shade of the green foliage of the trees on the banks on the other side of the river.

We had learned before then that we were good for nothing else, so we reasoned that maybe we might be good at newspapering.

Began Without Experience. We commenced newspapering without business experience of any kind. We knew nothing about the mechanical department of a newspaper office, and when we undertook to write we were in the same fix, or more so.

We were, however, under-taking to do. We came into newspapering about the same time that the grasshoppers and the chinch bugs came into the Iowa wheat fields. Hope we will not be remembered the way those hopper and bug years are remembered by some of the old settlers.

We owned and made the Nashua Post, such as it was, for nearly 17 years. During those years we were once arrested, charged with criminal libel. Another time we were sued for damages by a fellow who thought we owed him \$5,000 because, he said, we had lied about him, when we published that he turned his wife out of doors when he was drunk. The judge and jury before whom our cases were tried didn't see it the same way as our prosecutors saw it. And so we were not nucted nor jailed nor shot.

During those nopper and bug years, we took most anything on subscription, such as squashes, prairie chickens, sled length wood, old rails and soft soap.

To Waverly in 1890. In 1890 we bought the Bremer County Independent. We came down several times to look the ground over before we bought. One day we walked down town from the Illinois Central station with a man who was then in business on the west side. He told him that we thought of buying The Independent, and asked him what he thought of it. He told us frankly, without hesitating, that there was no field nor excuse nor room for us in Waverly with the Independent, because that paper was a dead corpse already and that it ought to have been decently interred long ago. Evidently the record and reputation we had made in Chickasaw county had reached Waverly ahead of us.

And so, we proceeded to make room for The Independent in Waverly, as well as for our interesting family.

During our first five years with The Independent we got cold feet many times. There were too many newspapers here. But all the time we thought The Independent was not the "too many." We gained a little all the time, but during the first 10 years here the gain was so small it could hardly be seen with the naked eye. Those 10 years were as great an affliction, for this writer, as the hoppers and bugs of the early 70's.

Many Ups and Downs. Tussled with all kinds of problems, great and small. We have encountered some awfully treacherous and soggy roads, sometimes afoot and alone, sometimes with the ox team and the lumber wagon. And lately we have been dumpped by that sometimes-balky modern contraption, the gas chariot. Getting stuck in the mud is a luxury compared with a dump from one of those chariots when two of them going in opposite directions at a speed of 40 miles an hour meet on the same track.

And yet, with it all, newspapering is a great game. We don't know where or how we could have found more fun and hard work. Newspapering and the public school are the two greatest games in this country.

And Old Glory shall wave a thousand years.

Consolidation in 1915.

In January, 1915, we bought the Waverly Republican of Will Tyrell and paid him his price. (Aside from that the transaction was an uncondi-

tional surrender on the part of both Generals Tyrell and Grawe.) The two papers were made one under the name Independent-Republican. The first number after this transaction was dated Jan. 28, 1915.

Judging by the treatment we have received at the hands of the good people of Bremer county, and the rest of our subscribers, that consolidation on the part of the proprietors of the two papers was one of the most sensible things they did since the war of the rebellion was won for the union.

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## PRISONERS' ESCAPE STOPPED BY SHERIFF

Men in Oklahoma County Jail Were Protesges of Late Governor

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 25.—An attempt to liberate four alleged murderers from the Oklahoma county jail was frustrated by Sheriff Tom Cavnar last Monday night. These four prisoners were the prime movers in the assassination of Paul McCarthy on November 19, 1922. Two of the principals were pardoned of former Governor Walton, and Sheriff Cavnar is the man who gave four of Walton's gunmen two minutes to get out of his office on the morning of October 2, when they had been ordered by the later impeached governor to prevent the election called for the purpose of allowing the legislature to meet at its own call, when any governor should be found derelict in his duties. The gunmen had one and a half minutes to spare in leaving the sheriff's office.

Two of the principals in the assassination of McCarthy have pleaded guilty and a third has been given a life sentence, the latter prisoner being convicted and sentenced to 40 years in the penitentiary for bank robbery. Two prisoners pleading guilty were given life terms in the penitentiary, and the fourth will go to trial on February 25 when the county attorney will ask the death penalty, the allegation being made that this fourth man is the brains of an underworld gang in Oklahoma county.

An anti-Klan plot is seen in an attempt to remove from the office of a surveyor, the Rev. William Brown, at Williamsburg, O. Brown was elected by a majority of more than 2,000 votes. He holds a survey as a surveyor, but the county commissioners have preferred charges of incompetence against him. He asserts he is suspected of being a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Klan is moral T. N. T.

At the close of the service an official of the Des Moines Ku Klux Klan, wearing the robes of his office, but with his hood off, addressed the congregation, following the presentation of a silk American flag.

The keynote of the Klansman's address was: "We must Americanize foreigners, or the foreigners will foreignize America."

In his sermon, Rev. Mr. Reeser held up George Washington as the ideal of American citizenship. He outlined the hardships through which the United States had passed during the time of its founding as an independent republic.

There were traitors in those days, and we have some of similar stripe

## Women is Head of Compensation Body



**MRS. BESSIE P. BRUEGGEEMAN**

Mrs. Brueggeman holds the distinction of being the only woman in the United States to be a chairman of an independent federal commission. She is head of the United States employees' compensation commission, and was appointed to that post by the late President Harding.

## MASONS URGED TO AID UNIVERSAL EDUCATION

Educated Child Will Not Be Bad Citizen, Says Inspector General

(Scottish Rite News Service)

WICHITA, KANS., Feb. 25.—In an address before the reunion of the Scottish Rite bodies, Thomas G. Fitch, 33rd degree, Inspector General of the Scottish Rite in Kansas declared: "The first duty of every Mason is to see that every boy and girl in the United States has equal educational advantages."

"Every Mason must take an interest in the schools of his community. He must see that the best advantages are provided not only for the children, but for the teachers."

"The boy or girl who is educated is not going to be a bad citizen. Every child in the United States is entitled to an education, and one of the goals of Scottish Rite Freemasonry is to see that he gets it."

"Educational advantages today are far better than they were twenty-five years ago, but we must not be content until all these advantages are within reach of the poorest child in the land."

## POLICE WATCH CLUBS

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Feb. 19.—Chief of Police Powell has stationed patrolmen at seven clubs in this city to watch for violations of the liquor and gambling laws. In a recent raid on the Progress Club, a Jewish organization, the porter is said to have tried to block the entrance of the police and he was arrested on a charge of interfering with an officer.

## KLAN HEARS LECTURE

MARSCOTT, W. VA., Feb. 26.—The local Methodist Episcopal church was jammed to capacity Monday evening last when a national lecturer for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan delivered an address on the principles of the great American organization. Scores of persons expressed a desire to join the movement following the speaking.

A resolution was adopted recently by the board of education of Youngstown, O., ordering the Bible read daily in the schools of the city. The only dissenting vote in the board was cast by James H. Nutt, Rabbi I. E. Philo, of the Rodef Sholem Temple, in a statement to The Fiery Cross, asserted the move to have the Bible read in the schools is undemocratic and he vigorously opposed it.

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOLS TO READ BIBLE DAILY

Plan Put Into Effect Similar to Law Now Before Iowa Legislature

ST. JOSEPH, MO., Feb. 25.—Literal excerpts from the Bible are to be read in the grade schools of St. Joseph without comment, under the provisions of a resolution adopted by the school board, providing:

"That the Superintendent of Public Schools of St. Joseph be requested to institute the reading of the Bible without comment in our grade schools:

"That in order, that American religious liberty may be safeguarded, any child presenting a written statement, signed by his parent or guardian, may be excused during such reading."

John W. Thalman, Superintendent of Schools, was instructed to purchase for each of the 450 grade school classrooms a copy of a book containing selected readings from the Bible.

## A Lesson From a Hymn

"Blest be the tie that binds," a tie of greater proportions than any earthly tie, a tie bigger than any fraternal obligation, a tie of God and love. "Our hearts in Christian love," sending out through the medium of Klankraft that love to whosoever shall seek. "The fellowship of kindred minds" as a unit in the great unified work, the work of making this world more closely approach the standard set by the Nazarene, "Is like to that above."

Klansmen, live the spirit of this hymn and you will be doing your share in approaching the standard. Go to church and take a friend. Send your children to Sabbath School. Practice the faith that you believe, and remember through it all:

"A charge to keep have I;

"A God to glorify;

"A never-dying soul to save,

"And fit it for the sky."

Interest in the activities of the Klan was quickened in Watska, Ill., last Friday night, when "Fighting Bob" Evans, of the Realm lecture corps, delivered a patriotic address at the Christian church in that city.

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# WATCHING POLITICIANS PROCRASTINATE

## News Notes From Klan's Washington Bureau

(Bureau of Publication and Education) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—A \$200,000 slush fund and coercion on employees are being used by big business interests to defeat the soldiers' bonus bill, John A. Quinn, national legion commander, charged here before the National Press club post. American Legion.

This is evidenced, he said, by letters from anti-bonus workers to large corporations and wealthy men. He stated that the Legion will present these letters to the senate bonus committee. He also charges that the league will scatter 25 organizers throughout the country to gain anti-bonus sentiment among the veterans. At the same time, 20,000,000 pamphlets will be distributed at a cost of \$200,000, Quinn said. Quinn called on President Coolidge and discussed the bonus measure with him. He congratulated the president on his stand against propaganda.

adopted by the house but the Garner provision subjecting stock dividends to the regular income tax rates adopted by a vote of 162 to 112.

Frank A. Munsey, the well-known newspaper publisher, is out with editorials calling on the public to save the Mellon tax plan from final defeat. He predicts the president will veto the Garner bill.

## LAW STUDENTS COUNT MAYFIELD'S BALLOTS

Senator Spencer Sarcastically Says Tabulation Will Take Five Years

(Bureau of Publication and Education) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—Men are busy nowadays counting the ballots in the contested senatorial election in Texas in November, 1922. The counting is being done on the first floor of the senate office building in Washington, under the supervision of the senate elections subcommittee appointed to investigate George E. B. Peddy's contest of the seat of Senator Mayfield.

Twenty-eight counties were put to work, all of them young men who are attending a law school here, their selections having been made by various senators, for the work. They began with the ballots of Anderson county, Texas, first. These were found so badly jumbled that it required about two days to complete the count. Senator Spencer, chairman of the committee, says that if all the other Texas counties are in the same shape, that it will take about five years to complete the count, and by that time Senator Mayfield's term will have expired. He added, however, that such was not the case, and he hopes to finish the count in about 30 days.

The ballots from about 240 Texas counties have been received in Washington, and they are under lock and key and guarded by three armed guards, one of whom is always on watch.

Col. Edward Thayer, of Indianapolis, sergeant-at-arms of the Republican National committee, is assisting the senate committee in looking after the counters and various details of the work. He also made a trip to Texas and kept tab on the 40 deputy sergeants-at-arms of the senate down there while they were gathering up the ballots and ballot boxes.

## Klansmen Attend Kansas Church, Leaving Token

KIMBALL, KAN., Feb. 25.—Presentation of an envelope containing a sum of money to the Rev. H. H. Jones, pastor of the United Brethren church, as a token of appreciation of good work, was made on the evening of February 17, when five Klansmen, the leader of whom carried an American flag, attended the service. The hooded men read a scripture lesson, led in prayer and marched out as the congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross."

ATLANTA, GA.—New Nathan Bedford Forrest Klan recently organized to take the place of old No. 1 which was generally referred to as "Atlanta Klan," the charter of which was revoked several weeks ago by Imperial decree, is sending out invitations to the Klan of Fulton and DeKalb counties to meet with it on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 24, in religious services. This will be the third of the series of regional meetings.

## Manilla Filipinos Protest Rule of American Government by Parade



"TO PROTEST" PARADE IN MANILLA

## Daily Index of American Congress

(Bureau of Publication and Education)

Monday, February 18

SENATE—Met at noon; recessed at 4:45 p. m.

After a debate of thirty minutes, the nomination of Owen J. Roberts, of Philadelphia, as special counsel for the government in the prosecution of the oil cases, was confirmed in open session by a vote of 68 to 8.

Rejected the nomination of Walter I. Cohen, a negro, to be comptroller of customs at New Orleans.

Confirmed the appointment of Joseph A. Tolbert as U. S. attorney for the western district of South Carolina.

Confirmed the nomination of Henry P. Fletcher, of Pennsylvania, present ambassador to Belgium, to be ambassador to Italy.

Ratified several minor treaties with small powers, including two with Chile, relating to publicity of customs documents and respecting the nomenclature for classification of merchandise.

Representatives of virtually every major railroad system of the country appeared before the Interstate Commerce committee when hearings were begun on pending bills to amend the "long and short haul" provisions of the transportation act.

The subcommittee of the postoffice committee designated to investigate Senator Heflin's charge of land fraud in Texas was appointed as follows: Senators Moses, of New Hampshire; Edge, of New Jersey; Odell, of Nevada; Heflin, of Alabama; and Trammell, of Florida.

The men selected to count the ballots in the Texas senatorial contest were given final instructions by Chairman Spencer, of the elections committee, and the counting begins on February 19.

HOUSE—Met at noon; adjourned at 5:45 p. m.

General debate on the tax reduction measure was concluded and an amendment proposed by Mr. Frear, Republican insurgent of Wisconsin, proposing to give the federal government power to tax state and municipal securities, was defeated, 140 to 67.

Republican organization speakers aired party differences during the debate of the day, insurgents being criticized for their stand.

Tuesday, February 19

SENATE—Met at noon; recessed at 5:45 p. m.

Senator Wheeler, Montana, in a speech, charged that friends of Attorney General Daugherty obtained money for services in connection with department of justice cases. He urged immediate consideration of his resolution of investigation, but action was blocked on objection by Senator Lodge, Massachusetts, and the resolution was referred to committee.

Senator Lodge's objection was based on the unusual procedure of the Montana senator in naming the personnel of the proposed investigators, stating that he had never known "a reflection of this kind to be passed on the presiding officer of the senate." The members designated by Senator Wheeler were himself as chairman; and Senators Brookhart, Iowa; Jones, Washington; McLean, Connecticut; Ashurst, Arizona.

Senator Bruce, Maryland, delivered a prepared address in opposition to the soldier bonus and precipitated a general discussion of the subject.

Minority Leader Robinson, in a brief speech, supported the bonus; Senator Heflin did the same; Senator Caraway, Arkansas, assailed the attitude taken by Senator Bruce, of Maryland; Senator Brookhart, Iowa, gave his approval to the statements made by the Arkansas senator.

Senator Edge, New Jersey, discussed the merchant marine, and Senator Harrison, Mississippi, delivered one of his typical political speeches, in which the naval oil leases were given considerable attention.

Senate adopted the resolution by Senator Harrison, Mississippi, ordering an inquiry into charges attributed to Col. Thomas W. Miller, alien property custodian, that the treason

prominent men in the independence movement have journeyed to Washington and laid their plans before public officials. The photograph reproduced above shows an "I Protest" parade in Manilla in which many natives took part recently.

urgency had "juggled" its estimates of the cost of the soldiers' bonus.

Chairman Reed, Pennsylvania, issued a call for a meeting of the Veterans committee for the purpose of inquiring into the situation in the New York office of the Veterans bureau.

HOUSE—Met at noon; adjourned at 5:35 p. m.

The democratic plan of tax reduction was adopted by a vote of 222 to 196, this being brought about through a combination of the solid Democratic vote and a group of insurgent Republicans. All efforts to amend the Garner proposal failed, and Republican leaders had no opportunity to effect a compromise.

Wednesday, February 20

SENATE—Met at noon; recessed at 5:50 p. m.

Senator Harrison, Mississippi, charged that the Literary Digest is spending \$400,000 to "influence congress" in favor of the Mellon tax reduction plan.

Adopted the Norris resolution calling upon the attorney general for information as to what the department of justice has done in the matter of securing the decrees of the federal courts of the District of Columbia in the case against Swift & Co.

Senators Dial and Ransdell engaged in extended discussion of the subject of cotton futures and legislation bearing upon that question.

In a speech advocating an inquiry into the operation of all exchanges, Senator King, Utah, declared that gambling in stocks and commodities has become a national vice.

Adopted a resolution by Senator Lenroot, chairman of the oil investigating committee, providing for the transfer to the contingent funds of the senate of the sum of \$125,000 to defray witnesses' fees and other expenses incurred by investigating committees may be promptly met.

Resumed consideration of the Interior department appropriation bill.

President Coolidge, at the request of the nominee, withdrew the name of George B. Christian, Jr., who was secretary to President Harding, and who had been nominated to be a member of the Federal Trade commission.

Harry Payne Whitney, of New York, was questioned in executive session by the oil investigating committee about possible stock transactions by public officials.

Senator Elkins, West Virginia, issued a statement that he had purchased stock in the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Company; that he purchased it without any knowledge with respect to the oil leases, just as he had purchased other stocks, and that he was perfectly willing to explain his stock transactions to the investigating committee.

HOUSE—Met at noon; adjourned at 5:50 p. m.

Under an amendment by Mr. Garner, of Texas, which was adopted, stock dividend profits would be made subject to regular income tax rates instead of a capital asset tax of 12½ per cent.

An amendment by Mr. Garner, Texas, to extend the definition of earned incomes allowed a 25 per cent reduction, as include compensation derived from combined personal service and capital, in order to benefit farmers and small merchants, was adopted, 141 to 134.

A proposal made by Mr. Black, of Texas, to make state and municipal securities taxable by the Federal government, was rejected by a vote of 155 to 47.

An amendment to allow all expenses resulting from medical treatment to be deducted from taxable income, was defeated, 104 to 24.

Chairman Johnson, of the Immigration committee, told the house he had received an "impudent" protest from the Roumanian legation against provisions of the proposed new immigration bill.

Creation of a Federal department of education was advocated before the Education committee by George T. Strayer, chairman of the National Education Association.

In a communication to Senator Colt and Representative Johnson, chairmen of the respective committees on Immigration, Secretary

Hughes outlined further the objections of the State department to details of pending immigration legislation, urging that the proposed legislation should avoid any "discrimination of which just complaint can be made."

The Rules committee decided to recommend to the house investigation of the Shipping Board and of the aircraft industry by two special committees, each to consist of seven members, to be named by the speaker.

Representative Andrew, Massachusetts, in a speech demanded early action by congress on the soldier bonus, declaring that "this belated settlement can not and will not be much longer delayed."

Thursday, February 21

SENATE—Met at noon; adjourned at 5:15 p. m.

Passed house resolution appropriating \$100,000 for expenses of special government counsel in the prosecution of oil cases.

Passed a bill granting the free use of the mails to Edith Bolling Wilson, widow of former President Wilson.

Considered the Interior department appropriation bill. By a vote of 40 to 35 the senate put in the bill an item of \$500,000 for Howard university, a negro school, which went out of the bill on a point of order in the house.

Senator Ashhurst, Arizona, charged that Senator Phipps, Colorado, as a member of the appropriations committee, had voted to reduce the appropriation for the Yuma irrigation project, while at the same time he was a stockholder in the Sierra High Power Company, which now supplies the district which would be served by the proposed government project.

Senator Phipps, Colorado, proposed an amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill for an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for the establishment of night flying in the air mail service.

As the count of ballots proceeds in the Mayfield contested election case challenges against hundreds of ballots already have been made by counsel, but the canvass of votes probably will not be concluded for a month or six weeks.

In a letter to Senator Pepper, of Pennsylvania it was stated by Attorney General Daugherty that his retirement, voluntary or otherwise, would be a confession of the truth of all the "baseless charges" against him, and added that he never would be a party to such a proceeding.

HOUSE—Met at 11 a. m.; adjourned at 4:50 p. m., out of respect to the memory of Representative Dupree, of Louisiana. Appropriate committees to attend the funeral were appointed by both the senate and the house.

A proposal to tax undistributed profits of corporations, offered by Mr. Frear, Wisconsin, was rejected by a vote of 170 to 51. The proposal was opposed by Democrats under the leadership of Mr. Garner, Texas, who argued that he did not want to change the measure to such an extent that the president would have reasons for a veto.

Adopted an amendment subjecting earnings on stock redeemed by corporations in liquidation proceedings to regular income tax rates rather than to the 12½ per cent capital gain tax.

An amendment by Representative Dickinson, Iowa, to make farmers' and mutual insurance companies exempt from tax by a viva voce vote. Exempting benevolent mutual life insurance associations not operated for profit also was adopted.

The unseating of Sol Bloom, Democrat from New York, was recommended by the elections committee, which reported that former Representative Walter M. Chandler, Republican contestant, had been defeated through fraud.

Friday, February 22

SENATE—Met at noon; recessed at 12:45 p. m.

Senator Willis, of Ohio, read Washington's farewell address.

A treaty with Belgium giving the United States equal privileges in East African territory mandated to Belgium and a treaty with the Netherlands extending the Root arbitration convention were ordered favorably reported by the Foreign Relations committee.

Chairman Moses announced an inquiry into charges of propaganda in connection with the tax reduction bill would be instituted as soon as the special committee reconvenes.

Senator Fess, of Ohio, introduced a resolution looking to a great celebration in 1932 of the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington. A similar resolution was introduced in the house by Representative Moore, of Virginia.

HOUSE—Met at noon; adjourned at 5:40 p. m.

Representative Moore, Virginia, read Washington's farewell address. By a vote of 158 to 100, the House voted to open Federal tax returns to inspection by any special congressional committee and by the Ways and

Means committee of the house and Finance committee of the senate.

On motion of Mr. Barkley, of Kentucky, the returns also were opened to the proper officers of any state, regardless of whether that state impose an income tax or not, the vote being 120 to 119 by tellers.

By a vote of 158 to 80, rejected a motion by Mr. Frear, of Wisconsin, to open tax returns to inspection of any one under proper rules and regulations.

The annual agricultural supply bill, carrying a total of \$56,758,513, was reported to the house. Of the total, \$17,700,000 would be available for good roads during the coming fiscal year.

Chairman Snell, of the Rules committee, formally reported the resolution of Mr. Davis, of Tennessee, calling for an investigation of the Shipping Board, to be conducted by a special committee of seven members.

Saturday, February 23

SENATE—Spent the day in consideration of the Interior department appropriation bill.

Also, several speeches were made by various senators as to Attorney General Daugherty remaining in his position in the cabinet.

HOUSE—Spent the day in further consideration of the tax reduction bill.

## Mayor Hired Men to Intimidate Klan is Charge

MANHATTAN, KANS., Feb. 25.—Learning of affidavits placed before the city commission by W. T. Brown, Kansas City, Mo., attorney, which stated that Mayor Jack C. Barber had conspired to incite a riot and disturbance of the peace by hiring six men of this place to throw eggs at a lecturer, who was speaking here last October under the auspices of the Ku Klux Klan, citizens of Manhattan are describing Mayor Barber's action as an attempt to imitate "Jack" Walton, deposed governor of Oklahoma.

Brown, as observer, told the commission that the Ku Klux Klan had been denied the right of free speech and peaceable assemblage in the public park, and in the community house, an affidavit referring to Mayor Barber's conversation previous to the egg throwing, he is quoted as saying, "Go ahead boys, and have all the fun you want to. They are breaking the law anyway, so do anything you want to, I am back of you. And whatever you do, nothing will happen to you." Another affidavit states that he paid the egg throwers \$1 each. The first affidavit was signed by seven men and the second by five men.

## Klan Lectures Build Up Much Enthusiasm

LAWRENCE, KAN., Feb. 25.—More enthusiasm for the task of keeping America American has been displayed here as a result of the delivery of a series of five lectures on the fundamentals of Americanism by Dr. Frank L. Loveland, Topeka, on Sunday afternoons at the Bowersock theater. The theater was crowded for each lecture.

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## STORY OF KIDNAPPING REFUTED BY KLANSMEN

Newspaper Says 40 or 50 Robbed Men, Absconded With Cripple

PITTSBURGH, PA., Feb. 23.—An instance of the readiness to lay blame for all lawless action at the door of the Klan was given here Tuesday with the publication on the first page of the Pittsburgh Sun, Democratic evening newspaper, of a story telling of the kidnapping of an aged cripple at Dravosburg by men wearing the robes of the Ku Klux Klan.

Forty or 50 robbed men, the story read, forcibly entered the humble home of the crippled man, dragged him from his bed, and caused his disappearance. The story told further of "shooting in the air" and other "bad acts." The reason 40 or 50 men would be required to remove a crippled man from his home was not given in the story, nor could it be sensed by intelligent readers of the paper.

However, Sam D. Rich, Imperial Representative, Realm of Pennsylvania, immediately denounced the action of the body of men and rightly declared that they were not members, had never been affiliated, and that their character, as evidenced by the alleged attack, would have prevented them from ever being members.

County detectives immediately began investigations and stated later that they had information that would probably lead to the arrest of seven of the men.

All of the other Pittsburgh papers buried the story in their news columns and were fair enough to lay the act to white-robed men, not Klansmen.

## KLANSMEN, KILLED IN EXPLOSION IS BURIED

INDEPENDENCE, KANS., Feb. 25.—The funeral of Klansman William Harrison Percival, who was killed Tuesday, February 12, near Altoona, while driving an Independent Torpedo factory truck containing 600 quarts of nitro-glycerine from Jefferson to Garnett, was held at the Christian church. The Rev. W. H. Cody, pastor of the Grace Methodist church, officiated.

Interment was made with the Klansmen and Odd Fellows here paying a devoted tribute to their departed brother. The services at the church and at the cemetery were very impressive, particularly the burial ritual as used by the Klan. After the service 12 officers placed a red rose on the casket and silently marched away.

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