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Disgraceful School Election That You May Know the Truth

The recent school election in District Nine, comprising mostly the city of Durango, opened the eyes of the people to what can be accomplished by a coalition between protestant politicians, the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and bootleggers and their attorneys with the foreign element in the community.

The Roman Catholic Church, while protesting that it is not in politics, ordered out its Catholic Nuns from their cloisters, and voted them like sheep, not under any legal name, but under the designation of "Sister" (using their religious name), which was permitted by the election judges. Unnaturalized foreigners, Mexicans and all the available bootleggers from all over the county, and it is said some outside the county, were also voted like sheep. The women workers for the "Big Four" candidates, Reynolds, Hobbins, Emigh and Kroeger, not only electioneered within the one hundred foot limit, but some of them, in defiance of law, and presuming on their sex, went into the polling place, and even into the booths, to show the poor ignorant Mexicans and foreigners they had hauled to the polls, and who could not read or write, how to mark their ballots for the "business men's ticket; marked sample ballots were left in the election booths where they could be washed by the great unwashed and unlettered adherents of the "Big Four" candidates, and it is said that one of the judges of election deposited certain ballots in the ballot box, after the voters who were afraid they might be caught voting illegally, hid themselves away to other green pastures without the formality of depositing their ballots after they had been numbered; and one of the judges, it is said, assisted illiterate Mexicans and foreigners to mark their ballots, which also was directly contrary to law. It is estimated that over two hundred fraudulent and illegal votes were cast, and that can easily be believed, for the supporters of the "Big Four" candidates imported a Mexican political boss from Ignacio, Colorado, to herd in the Mexican votes for their ticket, and it seems they were not at all particular whether the Mexicans lived in the school district or elsewhere. In fact it was reported early in the morning on election day that a certain legal luminary in Durango, whose zeal in the interest of the "Big Four" was more in evidence than his knowledge of the law, was advising his Mexican and bootlegger followers that the "bars were down" and if they were twenty-one years of age, they could vote at the school election, whether they were citizens of the United States or not. How he discovered, and why he stipulated, they had to be over twenty-one to entitle them to vote is a mystery, for some who were voted for the "Big Four" candidates it is said were under that age.

An observer could not help wonder—
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The KU KLUX KREED

We, the Order of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, reverentially acknowledge the majesty and supremacy of the Divine Being, and recognize the goodness and providence of the same.

We recognize our relation to the government of the United States of America, the supremacy of its constitution, the Union of States thereunder, and the Constitutional Laws thereof, and we shall be ever devoted to the sublime principles of a pure Americanism and valiant in the defense of its ideals and institutions.

We avow the distinction between the races of mankind as same has been decreed by the Creator, and we shall ever be true in the faithful maintenance of White Supremacy and will strenuously oppose any compromise thereof in any and all things.

We appreciate the intrinsic value of a real, practical fraternity relationship among men of kindred thought, purpose and ideals and the infinite benefits accruable therefrom, and we shall faithfully devote ourselves to the practice of an honorable Chauvinism that the life and living of each may be a constant blessing to others. "NON SILBA SED ANTHAK" (Not for Self but for Others).

Children Drafted By New School Board to Dig Up the Dandelions

A. W. Robbins, one of the "Big Four" elected on the school board, is already beginning to put some of his reforms into effect. He is said to have gone alone to the High School building a few days ago and ordered the teachers to dismiss all classes, so the pupils could go out and dig the yellow pests on the school lawn. It happened that Superintendent Smiley was absent at the time, and none of the other teachers would assume the responsibility of dismissing the children from their studies that they might get the exercise the doctor thought necessary for their well-being. But a day or two afterwards, Robbins again appeared, having rallied to his support the other members of the Board, and after a session with the Superintendent, orders were given that at certain times some of the classes should be dismissed, and the pupils put to digging dandelions. This they are compelled to do, whether they like it or not, and although many of the young girls fainted while working in the hot sun, and had to go to her home, the dandelion picking-fest still continues.

Is this the beginning of a series of petty persecutions against Superintendent Smiley to force his resignation? Think it over, you parents who do not compel your children to dig dandelions at home. Are you sending them to the High School to dig in the books, or out on the school grounds? It seems to us that the work of digging dandelions should be given to men who need it and be paid for. The

next thing we know, the school children may be required to do a little work on the lawns of the school board, as dandelions seem to be getting a strong hold there also.

Material the Klan Does Not Want

You meet this fellow every day. The fellow with the leadership bug. He's the bird that must do all the batting or he won't play. He is more to be pitied than censured for the only logical answer is that he is suffering from an ingrown sense of his own importance and intelligence. As a matter of fact his disease is an enlargement of his bump of conceit. He'd like for the Klan to come to him en masse and beg him to join the organization. The Klan begs no man to join its ranks and the above type of man is very poor Klan material.

There's another type of guy—the one that always plays safe. He desires to leave the impression that he is ultra conservative. He is the fence-rider that waits until the circus has been organized, all the real work done and all risks eliminated; then when the big parade comes down the road with the band playing he falls off the fence into the band wagon and grabs the bass-horn. You can bet that this geek joins no movement that is not to his own material advantage either politically, financially or socially. His motives are not Klan motives and his influence is a poor asset for any Klan.

The Truth Is the Keenest Weapon Drawn

The following has been carefully thought out through talks with Klansmen here and elsewhere and through conversation with protestant Americans who are not affiliated with the Klan nor prejudiced for or against it.

The great work of the Klan in behalf of patriotism, humanity, clean laws, clean politics, free public schools, free speech, freedom in religious belief and the separation of church and state cannot at this time be estimated and its value to America and Americans will probably not be known for several years yet to come.

All movements for the better have in the beginning met with strenuous opposition and antagonism. The history of our own country prove this to be true. The great work of the Klan is not merely in its beginning but well under way and is gaining by leaps and bounds against the most rabid opposition. With selfish and corrupt political cliques, law breakers, certain business and society organizations and with foreign political and religious influences aligned against it, the Klan moves forward toward a realization of its ideals. Fellow Klansmen, only dissent within the ranks of the Klan can prevent it from reaching its splendid objectives. That this dissent will come is the belief and desire of the opponents of the Klan. I cannot conceive that such will take place within our own Durango Klan. Let us strive to avoid the mistakes of some few local Klan organizations throughout the country. Let us strive to be tolerant and fraternal toward one another and keep down any and all selfish ambitions of a political, social and religious nature and we will succeed.

In putting out literature for the furtherance of our organization locally, let us consider the fact that it is influencing outsiders either for or against us. What is discussed within the confines of our own Klan is one thing, but when we put printed articles into the hands of the more or less disinterested public let such articles not portray hatred or be of such nature that they would be interpreted in that light. For instance, the Klan's stand against Romanism in politics and as affecting our public school system is being misunderstood by many who believe that the Klan is a religious order only and that this is a religious fight.

As a citizen of the Klan I stand for its principles, ideals and rulings regardless of my own opinions. I have written these facts rather than try to put them orally that they may be more clearly understood.

—A Klansman.

Some people are laying up treasures in Americanism at the rate of one rock a week—thrown at the Klan.

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KLUCKS

By Kal Ko Kan

An honest loss is more blessed than a dishonest gain.

Why the merchants will let a little handful of Catholics put the fear of the Pope in them when half the Klansmen in Durango would outnumber the entire Catholic population is a mystery. If figures were obtained from the merchants who have suffered (?) from Catholic Boycott it would be found that their businesses have increased at least one-third, as a result. Shh! Don't tell the Pope. We like it.

The good old paid up membership of Durango's (proud city) Catholic Church numbers about 250. There are, well some say 50, and some say 1500 Klansmen in Durango (the number is closer to the latter than the former). Wouldn't a boycott of Kluckers be sweet music! No! this isn't a threat nor a promise. The law of the land says it is against boycott and Kluckers are law abiding citizens. But they sometimes get pretty particular where they buy.

We would like to ask all good Kluckers to leave their cast off shoes at the office of the Durango Democrat for detektiff John Clark. It's scandalous the way John wears out shoes detektiffing the source of those mysterious klucks on certain nights.

It is rumored that John Clark was behind the recent clean up campaign. He detektiffed so much old cans and bailing wire in the alleys while attempting to detect Kluckers that he says he won't play hide and seek any more until the alleys are safe for night travel.

John might do some good by heading a clean up campaign of our city officers. There's another John, chief of detectives, who seems to have a little trouble seeing law violators. If all law breakers smelled like fermented corn this John would get 'em sure. Maybe a new chief wouldn't be a bad idea.

Speaking of detektiffs. There were three more (all one family) parked out in front of a certain place on a certain night, April 28th to be exact, in a nice big glass Irish gondola taking down the roll call of klansmen for papa Kipp. Bet they went home with writers cramp and a sick headache.

Did modesty prevent the flaming zero from adorning the hilltop the night after the school election? Or did it just simply have "nuthin" to burn on about. Neither! It's proud sponsors are still out of breath and rubbing their eyes, they are not quite sure yet just which way things did go. Wait till they wake up.

It must be a terrible blow to the proud "Mother Church" to think that for thirty or forty years she has "been boss of her own house" and then wake up to find a six-months-old baby dropping nice in the milk and grown too big to be spanked. Naughty little Kluckers. Scare the muzzer so.

Can you feature a protestant minister saying "It's a shame the way the Klan is making raids" when good people are getting down on their knees and thanking God for it? Folks, the Klan is not making raids but let's suggest that such a preacher turn his collar around backwards and ask his congregation to call him papa.

Wonder what became of a certain society lady's adopted Mexican baby? Oh! it was just borrowed for the occasion. Well, it might be worth caring for Grenser kids all day for a half dozen illegal votes.

Durango now has one of the finest school boards in its history but we can't understand why men of such prominence and high standing would allow such rotten tactics as were practiced in the election to support them. Sweet Kipp-ling, wouldn't there be a riot if somebody would don a white robe instead of a black one and go to vote under the assumed name of Brother Kal Ko Kan instead of Sister Angelica? But what's the difference?

Great Ghost of the Pope! Here's a record broken! It's rumored that Patrick Cyril Cummins claims to have kissed every Mexican kid in town on April 9th. Wonder what the occasion was? Sure, and bejabbers, wuz it worth it, Pat?

In order to drive a nail you have to hit it on the head.

Bully for Democrat

Three loud cheers for the Durango Democrat! Let every American accept their challenge of "no religious discrimination in our public schools," and cry with a loud voice, "So mote it be." When that good day comes, the Democrat and its friends will put their ticket for public school trustees in the field without the endorsement of a Catholic priest, to the exclusion of all Protestant ministers. And when that good day arrives all the gentlemen connected with the Democrat will put their children in the public schools where all American children belong. By all means let there be no religious discrimination in selecting a school for American children! Bully for the Democrat, and may it be able to fully practice what it so loudly preached in the recent election! We challenge the Democrat to start in to practice its preachments. By the way, who put the religious issue in the public schools of America, anyway?

JUST WHY WOMEN ARE SENTENCED BY OUR COURTS to the Convent of the Good Shepherd is beyond us. Is that Institution a jail? We note where Judge Edwin F. Hahn has just sentenced Margie Gardner to a six months term in the Convent or Home of the Good Shepherd. It does seem to us that the Romanists ought to be able to make converts and fasten their hold on the country sufficiently without any assistance from our courts. We protest against our courts tying up with the Roman Cath-

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ing how a man of the sterling integrity of R. P. Reynolds could stand by and see (if he did see) such frauds perpetrated in his behalf, without protest on his part. That fraudulent voting was rampant is a matter of common knowledge in the city. From the hang-dog expression on the faces of the other successful candidates during the next few days after the election, we must infer they were somewhat ashamed of the methods by which they were elected. It may be remembered by some that several years ago when John C. Shafroth was elected to the United States Senate, through frauds so glaring they were apparent to all good citizens, he promptly resigned his office, and refused to be a beneficiary of such iniquity. Our ear has been to the ground every day since the school election, but we have not heard even a rumor that any of the "Big Four" has resigned, or even contemplates resigning, although it is rumored that the holdover on the Board (who himself was elected by a political trick at a preceding school election) expects to resign shortly, as he will move to the country, and that an officer of one of our prominent Banks here will be appointed by the "Big Four" to fill the vacancy. We wonder why this person did not become a candidate and let the people have an opportunity to say by their vote whether they wanted him on the school board or not. It is well known that he wants to be a member of the Board, and would have been openly a candidate for director if he had thought he could be elected. Can it be that he thought it would be much safer for him to be appointed, as he was before? It would look that way to a man up a tree. We also wonder if the "Big Four" will have the nerve to appoint him if the holdover member should resign. We rather expect they will, and await with interest further developments. Surely he is entitled to some reward for the strenuous work he put in for their nomination and election.

The first thing the new school board did, was to hold a meeting, sharpen up their axe and decapitate Glenn A. Stokes, the present principal of the High School, and the most competent principal the High School has had in many years, and who was strongly recommended to the Board for reappointment by Superintendent Smiley. Their main objection to Mr. Stokes seems to have been that he was related to one of the candidates who had the temerity to run as a candidate against the "Big Four." It may also be that this was one of the reasons why this person wanted so much to be elected that he is said to have based his campaign upon an issue of

Your Questions to Be Answered

In our next issue will appear a "Question and Answer Column." Anyone wishing to submit questions should mail them to P. O. Box 206.

olic institutions. If people are guilty of crime, let them be duly sentenced to the legally constituted places of confinement. If they are not guilty, let them be given their liberty. It seems to us that any other policy is wholly unfair and unjust.

falsehoods and misrepresentations concerning other candidates and some who were supporting them. It was only a step further that such a campaign should be followed up with illegal votes and violations of law to secure an election. One thing is certain, though, and that is that if the campaign had been conducted fairly on election day and only legal votes had been cast, Messrs. Clements, Trainer and Mrs. Larrabee would have been elected by a large majority. As it was, with the many combinations and dishonest methods used against them, the result was much better than had been expected when the manner of conducting the election was discovered. The supporters of the "Big Four" will probably ask why the election was not contested if so much fraud was apparent. The answer is that the losing candidates could not see their way clear to spending a thousand dollars or more to take a contest proceeding through the courts. They probably felt that if the "Big Four" wanted the offices badly enough to obtain them in the way they did, they were welcome to them, and to the stigma following such an election.

And so, after viewing the Roman Catholic Church voting its nuns and priest, and all its available members working strenuously for the "Big Four" ticket, we are impelled to believe that Church is in politics. We noticed, however, that the next day after election, that Church inserted an advertisement in its personal organ in Durango, calling for bids for a new large parochial school to be erected near St. Columba's Church. And that causes us to ask why the Roman Catholic Hierarchy takes so much interest in our public school elections, while at the same time it maintains its own parochial schools, and will not permit its communicants to send their children under a certain age, to the public schools. Why vote its nuns in a body at a public school election, led by its papal priest, and followed by every member of the Church, when it denounces the public schools as godless, and as sinks of iniquity? If it is the intention of that Church to install a high school department in its proposed new parochial school, in which only its nuns will be permitted to teach, we feel impelled to hazard a guess that the only reason that church wants to control the public schools of this country is to furnish employment to Catholic school teachers who are not permitted to teach in the parochial schools, but who, through the control by the Roman Church of public-school boards and individual school directors, will be given employment in public schools to enable them to instill Roman Catholic doctrines and propaganda in the minds of protestant children, and thus advance another step in their instructions from the pope at Rome, to "Make America Catholic."

The day is not far distant when the people of this country will awaken to the dangers that threaten the public schools of this country, the foundation stone of our government and of our personal liberties, and then a different story will be written after our school elections. In the meantime, the people can only be patient, and in this section keep their eyes on the present school board of this district to see how far it will go in carrying out reported pre-election pledges made to the enemies of the public schools.

A SERMON ON SECRECY

All things are full of labor: Man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing it, nor the ear filled with hearing. Eccl. Ch. 1-8.

ALL THINGS ARE FULL OF LABOR

Noble citizens of the Invisible Empire, we gather not in our mysterious Klavern for light sport and merry-making, but for the more noble purpose of serving all mankind.

Non Sibba Sed Anthar—"Not for self but for others" is our worthy motto. We must not stoop to petty thoughts of self—low jealousies must be forgotten. The black garments of hate, deceit and immorality must be laid aside for the beautiful white robes of life and truth and purity.

Seoff not at labors for the signs of toil once despised by the great of the earth have now become the badge of a noble life. Once men would rather win a title and coat of arms than know the blessing of a life of work. Now men glory in achievement and think little of a title or a name.

Our land is filled with overthrowing with crooks and criminals. Our huge city forests are haunted by great sneaking human beasts. Our villages teem with the buzzing blood-sucking human insects. Sly yellow dogs and black, infest our land. Our homes and schools are menaced by a foreign pope, and we must fight these dangers relentlessly and ceaselessly.

This, then, is our great task, O Noble Knights and Ladies: To save our country and our schools and establish peace and harmony in our homes.

THE EYE IS NOT SATISFIED WITH SEEING

A few days ago I heard of a man (who is not a Klansman) who had been on a trip into Nebraska which covered several weeks time and took him into the smallest towns and largest cities.

"Everywhere," he said, "the work of the Ku Klux Klan was in evidence." Everywhere there were Klansmen—thousands of them—on the streets; in the big offices; in the theatres, churches, restaurants, hotels—everywhere! He knew they were there. But in all those weeks he never saw a single Klansman. He felt the presence of the Great Invisible Empire. He knew that all about him there were men and women of sterling character whose minds and hearts were filled with a divine purpose; whose eyes were all resting on one great goal. Who went about their work as one with a silent awesome power, like a noble river surging irresistibly on to the great ocean of achievement.

He felt strange. The situation was up-anny. He felt as though he were on the edge of a land within a land. There were men and women everywhere yet he could see them not. Here were his fellow men accomplishing a sublime task before his eyes, yet not one of them turned aside from their usual duties to do the job.

They were pleasant, happy, human folks, these people. They talked freely of the sunshine and the rain, but never of a Klansman or the working of the Klan. And then he knew wherein their power lay: Their hands and brains and ears were busy but their tongues spoke only of the things he knew and saw and heard.

NOR THE EAR FILLED WITH HEARING

If I were called upon to write, The Beatitudes of Klansmanship, I would write for the first:

Blessed is he who openeth his ears and letteth in the silver sound but keepeth his mouth shut fast that not one precious word might overflow for his shall be the joy of true Klansmanship.

Ears, Ears, Ears; everywhere there are ears. Wherever we go there are ears, thirsting and starving for those precious words that might drop from the careless tongue of a Klansman.

We stop on the street and greet a friend and behind us is an enemy ear. We glide into the dance and laughingly joke with our partner and around and about, behind and in front are ears pried open for the slightest word. Consider for a moment, our obligation. Could you conceive more noble, more Christian ideals than are set forth in our obligation and sworn to before God and man in the Holy Light of the Flery Cross?

After all, the one great object of our obligation aside from binding us together as Klansmen and Klanswomen, is to secure secrecy. What is Secrecy? The dictionary says "Secrecy is state or quality of being hidden; concealment; retirement; habit of keeping secrets." We know that secrecy is all this and more; secrecy is the sacred bond of Klansmanship. It is the mortar that binds us—men and women—into one solid body all-powerful in the land.

Secrecy is a beautiful trait too—it is the essence of friendship and "Friendship is the wine of life."

It is human nature that we must tell our troubles to someone—that we must "get it off our chest."

Oh, how good it is to be that friend who can be trusted. Down deep in our hearts we all despise and loathe the person who cannot keep a secret. We instinctively shun him. We fear him, not as a powerful king of the jungles but as a slimy reptile.

We as Klansmen and Klanswomen can and must be trusted. Our ears must be open to all and our mouths closed to all except citizens of the Invisible Empire. Then our enemies will fear and respect us knowing that in secrecy is strength and power.

The Citizens of the Invisible Empire are as one United by the sacred bond of Secrecy.

THE NEW AGE, A RATIONALISTIC JOURNAL, advocating the elimination of the Bible and denying even the existence of God, comes out recently in a strong appeal for "amalgamation" as the solution of the negro problem in the South. The Editor of this atheistic journal prophesies that by 3000 A. D. America will have but one race, an olive-tinted man, and woman resembling the mulatto of today and he affirms that this is not only the end to be expected but to be desired. I have noted that virtually all groups of infidels and anarchists stand upon this platform. However, God himself has fixed the boundaries of the races and this pipe-dream is impossible. Let this mixing process be enterprised as per the program of the Editor of The New Age and the result will be a barren race that will be self exterminating. The only hope for either the whites or the negroes is the absolute integrity of the two races.

Papal Encyclopedias in Schools

All parents of children in public schools, everywhere, are urged to investigate whether any Roman Catholic encyclopedia is included in the library, or books or reference in the public schools attended by their children.

Not one of these Roman Catholic encyclopedias deserves a place among the reference works of any public school, and if one is found, a formal request should be made to the proper school authorities for its prompt removal.

Every Roman Catholic encyclopedia, which the cunning, conniving, scheming, treacherous Jesuits are seeking to place in our public schools, is designed to belittle Protestantism and glorify Romanism, and to instill its teachings into the minds of children, at a time when the impressions made are more lasting.

Practically all references to the prominent Americans, who have made history for our country, are entirely omitted, no matter how high their positions may have been, unless they were Roman Catholics, and yet this set of Roman Catholic encyclopedias is lauded to the skies (by the Jesuits) for use in our public schools, because of its great "historical value" for use in educating public school children, and school boards are falling for this bunk and buying sets, while well-meaning individuals, who really have the interests of our public schools at heart, but have not learned the truth, have been induced in some instances to purchase and present sets of these Roman Catholic encyclopedias to public schools. Again we urge: whenever you live, investigate whether any Roman Catholic encyclopedia is in use in your public schools, and if you find one, file a protest against it and courteously, but firmly, demand its removal.—The National Observer.

POWER

Residents of Denver, who have been charmed by the beauty of our own electric fountain at City Park, may have an idea of the stupendous spectacle presented by Niagara Falls, similarly illuminated at night.

Twenty-four searchlights, each thirty-six inches in diameter, play upon the tumbling waters. The power for the searchlights comes from the falls itself.

For centuries the water tumbled over Niagara, and suggested little else than awesome admiration for a beautiful sight. For years, after it was realized that tremendous possibilities for doing the work of the world rested in that mighty plunge, it was held to be impossible ever to harness that unbelievable force.

For years the forces of American life have rushed down the river of history, with no particular aim nor directed effort. Recently an American organization, undertook the task of conserving that splendid and vital national consciousness. In a few short years, great power has come to that organization, and with that power greater responsibility.

Any great power project, has within it a menace. If it be not wisely, thoughtfully, intelligently managed and directed, the same power that builds will destroy.

In human affairs success is a most dangerous thing. Climbing the slow

A Few Pertinent Facts

The Catholic Church is used as a blind to befog the minds of the public to the activities of the Roman Catholic Government.

Holy Water can be bought from any Catholic priest.

They ought to use a bucket full, and wash the Roman Beast.

Do you know that West point and Annapolis is dominated by Catholics?

Whatever we pour into our Public Schools comes back a hundredfold to better life for us all.

Have you ever noticed that in the large cities where the Community Chest is in operation that there is a greater expenditure of money than before in putting up buildings to enlarge Catholic institutions? Funny isn't it?

When you welcome the Jesuits to America you bid farewell to Free Speech, Free Press and Liberty.

The greatest American problem is to learn how to have voters and taxpayers recognize the fact that the children of today will be the responsible government of tomorrow.

We need the old unity, we need the old patriotism and we need the old ideals in America.

From 15 per cent of the population Roman Catholics furnish more than 50 per cent of our prison population.

Maude Adams, a Protestant by faith, gives her \$130,000 Long Island estate to the Catholic Sisterhood. Maude may be a Protestant by faith but she should look up the meaning of the word "Protestant."

Of course you know that when a Catholic is married to a Protestant by the Roman Catholic Church, the babies to be are mortgaged to Rome by the possible parents.

Romanism and Reason, the two extremes.

Asks to ashes, all dust to dust, if the priests don't get you Purgatory first.

ladder of achievement a man or an organization is forced to develop poise and the purging self discipline that comes from bitter opposition.

Arrived, too often, the success is made dizzy at his own eminence.

The Klan has this advantage. It has history to guide it, it has human experience to point out dangers.

Its ultimate success as a force in America depends not upon its acquisition of power, but upon its use of that power. Its most dangerous moment will come when the opposition ceases, and the Klan is given rein to carry out its ideals.

Let the Klan take a lesson from Niagara. Not thirty-six but myriads of searchlights, should be turned upon its affairs, searchlights not fed from without but drawing their power from the organization itself.

Each Klansman, if he be true to his oath, will constantly examine his own life in the sharp light of truth, and see if he be actually living the life. Each official will turn that same light upon himself and upon his official acts and see if he be free from all selfishness, all thought of self aggrandizement. Every political servant elected to office upon his protestations of undivided love for his country, will place himself in the judgment seat, and see if he be humble and conscientiously fulfilling his destiny as a man.

Let there be light, sharp light, harsh light, purifying light.—Klipped.

Unnecessary Antithesis

In a pungent editorial in America (June 7, 1924), defending the parochial school, appears this statement:

Better far an illiterate with the love of God in his heart, or even a snob who for all his unlovely qualities strives to serve God, than a "democrat" who neither knows nor cares to know the law his Maker.

This is a perfectly good illustration of an editorial confusing of the issue by making an utterly irrelevant and extraneous assertion. The positiveness with which the affirmation is made tends to carry conviction and to divert attention from the real argument.

The editor has been lauding the Catholic school as an ideal school of democracy because it teaches religion, and the public school has been condemned as "pagan" because sectarian religion is barred from its courses of study. Then follows the statement above quoted.

Unless the advocate of the parochial school is willing to admit that the graduates of those schools are "illiterate" and are "snobs," the contention has no relevancy. Apparently the assertion is made to tickle the ears of the groundlings.

Let us examine the declaration as it stands. Any principle should be susceptible of examination wholly apart from its place in the argument.

"Illiterates with the love of God in their hearts" are responsible for all the fanatical excesses of history, from the martyrdom or the beautiful Hypatia, "the bright star of paganism," the brilliant philosopher of Alexandria, whose lecture room was invaded in the fifth century by a mob of ignorant and frenzied monks, who glutted their fury and vengeance by killing the glorious woman and raving the very flesh from her bones with oyster shells, to the dreadful night of St. Bartholomew, in 1572, when the saintly Coligny and more than 30,000 Huguenots were foully murdered, down to the most recent mobbing of Protestant processions in a twentieth century American city. No, indeed: we are not ready to admit any virtue in illiteracy even though it be tinged with the love of God. Ignorance and illiteracy give birth to superstition, fanaticism and persecution, and we are against them, forever and forever.

To our way of thinking, superstition in Spain and Austria is just as abhorrent as in China or Siam, and an ignorant Italian peasant viewing with veneration a vial of alleged milk from the breast of the Virgin Mary is just as pitiful as a Hindoo fakir loving himself with filth and ashes and lying on a bed of spikes, "for the love of God." Illiteracy, ignorance, superstition, fanaticism—all are children of darkness and are to be opposed and overcome wherever found.

We contend that the choice between illiteracy with the love of God in heart and a pagan democrat is gratuitous. Such an antithesis is quite unnecessary. There need be no illiteracy. There need be no snobishness. There need be no paganism.

The ideal is the clear-eyed, clear-thinking, intelligent citizen, well educated and enlightened, who loves these principles of generosity, rectitude, high-mindedness and altruism that make the true man. Love to God springs spontaneously from the heart of such a man.

This is the ideal of the education of the public school.

The Pope's World Tour

Rumors are afloat that the Pope of Rome expects to make a world tour in 1926. Is there not a deeper plot afoot than merely a trip around the world for the Pope? As our readers well know, it has been the plan of Rome for a long time to make America Catholic. At the present time Europe is practically bankrupt and the Roman hierarchy wants money. There is great wealth in the United States. It is the richest nation the world has ever known, therefore the Pope would like to have his throne here.

Now here is the scheme as it is seen by some well-informed people. The Pope will start on his world tour; while his visit to the United States is in progress, a well-planned upheaval will take place in Italy, and pseudo-Masons will 'take over the Vatican.' Then a cleverly staged play will be enacted for the benefit of the world at large, and the Pope 'will be without a home.' Then will the plot be transferred to America and a cry go up that America permit the Pope to remain here—at least until a 'haven' may be found for him. But under the plans he is to remain here.

Another part of the plan is to launch a gigantic campaign for Al Smith for President in 1928. With a Catholic President, the army and navy largely under the control of Rome, the Pope located here, it would be but a short time until their dreams of making America Catholic would materialize.

But there is a fly in the Roman ointment—the organization known as the Ku Klux Klan has arisen in the past few years. The millions of Klansmen and Klanswomen are awake to the schemes of the hierarchy. The Protestants of the United States have been asleep for a long time, but, thank God, they became aroused in time to save the nation. We would advise the Pope to go to Spain where they want him.

I should say sincerity, a deep, great genuine sincerity, is the first characteristic of all men in any way heroic.—Thomas Carlyle.

Lest We Forget

The fact that Congress is not just now in session is no reason why Americans should forget the American education bill.

America needs a law of that kind, and what America needs she will have.

The needs of America in education amount to this:

A Department of Education headed by a member of the President's Cabinet.

A National Council of Education, functioning with the Department of Education, but composed of heads of the 48 States—the State Superintendent or official performing similar duties, whatever his title may be—through whose combined wisdom a great and lasting American school system can be built up and maintained.

Uniform text books, so selected that they will serve American needs.

K. K. K. and What It Looks Like to me

The K stands for Knight, so noble and grand, And means what it says—the true Knight of the land."

The U stands for Union, and always means strength; For if a true Union, they can go the full length.

The second K. stands for the Order of Klan; When you meet a brother, extend him your hand.

The L is for Liberty, Loyalty, Love; Reminding us that we must have all the above.

The U is unbroken in the vows that we take, And if we are Klansmen we're always awake.

X is the letter that's quite hard to rhyme, But if we keep at it, we can hit it some time.

The K in the Klan stands for Kill all the wrong That a Klansman may find as he journeys along.

Then L is the letter we all do admire; For to Loyalty, Liberty and Love we aspire.

The A stands for "at it with vengeance and will"; To make of all, Klansmen, that never are still.

N stands for nothing new under the sun; Not even a Klucker—you ought to be one.

Then if you're an American, for her precepts you stand, Hop into our wagon and play in our band.

School terms of not less than six months in all rural districts.

A sufficient number of grammar schools and teachers to provide for at least a grammar school education for every boy and girl in America.

An American education bill, providing the basis for supplying these needs, will come before the next session of Congress. It will be supported by The Fellowship Forum and all the patriotic forces of America.

And it will pass. Talk to your Congressman and Senators. Let them fully understand what America demands—a grammar school education for every one of its boys and girls.—Fellowship Forum.

The Klan is not in Politics

People many times ask why the Klan takes part in politics. As a political organization the Klan is not in politics, for it is composed of all shades of political opinion. But America, being the greatest nation in the world with its whole structure built on a foundation of republicanism, is naturally a political nation. All our public officials are chosen by vote of the people, or nearly all of them. This makes it necessary that, for good government, every man and woman should take part in American political activities to a more or less extent. Not in holding office, perhaps, but in electing to office. Klansmen are like other individuals, they are deeply interested in right elec-

The Victory

Roman Catholic periodicals are exulting over the defeat in Washington and Michigan of the proposed legislation fashioned after the famous Oregon education bill, the purpose of which is to require that all children of grammar school age be educated in the public schools.

We do not begrudge them their joy nor offer any solemn excuses or explanations for the failure to carry the election. Let them cheer while they may. We rather imagine that King George and Lord North were very much elated over the news of the Battle of Bunker Hill. For was it not a victory for the red coats? Did not the pestiferous rebels suffer a crushing defeat? But Bunker Hill was the costliest victory ever achieved by British arms. It cleared the air, defined the issues, aroused the Colonies and compelled men to declare themselves, either Tory or Patriot.

We surmise somewhat the same result may follow this election. The friends of the public schools are not in the least discouraged nor disheartened. In the great battle for American, democratic, secular education, May 4th, 1925 was only a skirmish. It was only a reconnoissance. What matter if the outposts are driven in and the advance guards are forced to fall back, if the main army is forming and reinforcements are coming up?

We are enlisted for the war and it matters not whether the victory is attained next year or in the next century—some time the flag of free, popular democratic education must fly from the ramparts.

Tomorrow's triumph shall redeem the defeat of today.

They go a little further than that and insist on the best possible selection, for a Klansman puts his country and its government next to God himself. Owing an undivided allegiance, a Klansman cannot do else than be interested in the political developments of his community and his government and in that way he surely does "take a hand in politics." If he did not, he would not be worthy the name American or Klansman. The KLAN is not in politics; KLANSMEN are in politics as American citizens and their principles declare for clean politics, which shall help mightily in the upbuilding of American life. And why should not a Klansman be interested in politics, and why should he not take an active part in them? He stands for all that is big and patriotic in American affairs—he is an American above all. He owes no allegiance of any kind whatsoever to any other government, political or ecclesiastical; he salutes no flag but that of his country; he bows his knee to no temporal power; he asks no favors from and owes no obligation to any political or religious pope, potentate or hierarchy. His whole heart and life are given unreservedly to his country and he knows no thought but for his nation, his government and his home. His church, which is Protestant, professes and carries out the same ideals and principles. It is entirely separate from State and is willingly so. It has no axe to grind politically and craves no power except that of spreading the gospel of righteousness to all men. That, in short, is the Klansman. In heaven's name, then, what excuse would he have for NOT taking part in American politics?—Klipped.

WHY I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A KLANSMAN

Klansmen, I Greet You. At the time of writing this I am not a member of your admirable organization, but before any very considerable time has elapsed I hope to take your hands and greet you as brothers. Conditions over which I have no control constitute the only reasons why I may not seek that honor immediately.

Permit me to state my stand in this matter—my reasons for becoming a Klansman—in a short article which I hope to see published in your little paper known as THE DURANGO KLANSMAN. My reasons seem very clear and important to me, and may serve to decide some other way-er who is truly seeking the light.

First: Your publicly declared stand for our Country—for 100% Americanism. I have no greater ambition—and I have great ambitions, too—than to be known as an American, not 99.41 per cent pure, but 100% American. Can one entertain a greater ambition than that? I think not. I believe in America and Americans utterly. I believe in my Country completely and confidently. To quote some famous speaker, "My Country, may She ever be Right, but my Country—Right or Wrong." That is my stand on Americanism and I have no patience with anyone who believes otherwise.

Second: Your announced principle of Law Enforcement and Law Obedience. There are today thousands of laws upon our statute books, many of which were better repealed perhaps. But they are laws, and as such should be respected. If they are unpopular there is a corrective. They can and should be repealed. The Volstead Act—the enforcement act of the Eighteenth Amendment—is said to be unpopular but, as yet, no serious effort has been made toward repealing it. Queer, isn't it? There again the Klan scores heavily with me. By all means run down, or better yet, run out the worthless boot-legger and his equally valueless running mate, the "tinhorn gambler."

Third: Your beliefs in regard to immigration. By every means in our power let us keep America for Americans. Let us strain every nerve to prevent our Land from becoming Greater Italy, Greater Greece, Greater Bulgaria, Greater Austria, Greater Germany, Greater England or Greater Anything except Greater America. Much has been done along this line but much still remains to be done. Let us strive to close immigration entirely until such time as the alien in our Land have become real Americans.

Fourth: Your attitude toward the Jews. The mere fact that they do not accept Jesus Christ is not so greatly to their discredit, but it is sufficient to bar them from a Christian organization. The claim that they are debauching the youth of the Country through their control of the moving picture industry is chargeable to individuals rather than the race, hence, it has little weight.

Fifth: The placing of the Bible in every public school. I require more light on this subject, but it is not of great importance, though it might easily become a menace in some cases.

Sixth: The protection of women. To a gentleman, that is instinctive. No

further argument is necessary or even desirable.

Seventh, last but far from least: The stand which the Klan takes in regard to churches and politics. Here is a point to which I have given much study. Of course, no church interference can be tolerated in politics. Our Country must never come under the domination of any prelate—must never become priest-ridden. It is unthinkable. Any sort of religious squabble must be avoided at any cost except Nationalism, but if it must come, why then, I know upon which side I shall fight—mentally and, if necessary, physically.

This charge has been brought against the Catholic Church—rightfully or wrongfully? Let's see. We have just had a school election. Seven candidates made the race, four of them openly and actively supported by Catholicism, three of them, so the general public believes, by the Klan. After a terrific battle at the polls the four supported by the Catholics were elected by small majorities. Other powerful influences were at work, it is true, but if the Catholics had not voted solidly, would the result have been the same? Not likely.

Nor is that all. Practically every Catholic not only voted but he searched diligently for all sorts of anti-Klan voters and urged, even insisted, that they vote, and they weren't even careful to ascertain whether the voter was a legal voter or not, if well-founded rumor is to be believed. By such tactics they were able to win only by very small majorities. Is that church in politics? I'll say it is.

In the final analysis this has been the deciding factor with me. The charge that the Catholic Hierarchy is actively in politics is sufficiently well proved to me. Individually the Catholics are all right, collectively they are not. Many of them are my friends, but if they choose to cut me because of my beliefs—by that is just too bad. I shall be sorry but my love of Country and my wish to protect it against clerical aggression must come first.

If I have been too verbose, let my excuse be that I feel deeply on this subject. My true name is signed to this exposition and this sentence shall be sufficient authorization for the editor to use it, if he so desires.

Yours for a Carefully Conducted Country,

We wish to thank the author for the above article, and for his permission to use his name, but as it is our policy not to endanger our kind contributors, we have refrained from doing so.

A NATION MAY BE SAID TO CONSIST of its territory, its people and its laws. The territory is the only part which is of certain durability.

One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh; but the earth abideth forever.

It is of the utmost importance, to duly consider and estimate this enduring part. That portion of the earth's surface, which is owned and inhabited by the people of the United States, is well adapted to be the home of one national family, and it is not well adapted for two or more.—Abraham Lincoln.

Our Friends the Enemy

PART 1.

It is often said that "A man is known by the company he keeps." Is it not equally true that a man or an institution, is known by his enemies?

From the cave man days up through the struggling ages, to the present time, men and institutions have been known and judged, good or bad by their enemies.

Let a man set forth his principles and take his stand for or against a certain issue and immediately there springs up around and about him a multitude of enemies on whose toes he is stepping. If his stand is for the wrong, for the low, immoral things that all good people shun, then that man's enemies will be good people. If his stand is for the right, for the ideals and principles of good society, for the things which all honest, home loving, law-abiding people stand; then his enemies will be thieves, drunkards, gamblers, crooked politicians, and every element whose interests are contrary to clean society.

From the earliest days of the Ku Klux Klan its enemies have been the sewer rats of the country. It was organized just after the Civil War to put an end to the rotten politics which at that time controlled the war ridden South and to do away with the filthy carpet-baggers and licentious niggers. And today "The Spirit of the Ku Klux Klan still lives, and should live a priceless heritage to be sacredly treasured by all those who love their country, regardless of section and proud of its sacred traditions."

Today the Ku Klux Klan still lives and the it's original purpose has been accomplished there still remains more and greater work to do. Now, as then, it's enemies are the vile residue of the great human crucible, and they have multiplied a hundred fold.

Now, as in the days of old, the dis-solute negro is a bitter enemy of the Ku Klux Klan. Not because he is a negro but because his morals are not good. The Klan is not fighting the negro and attempting to deport them from our country, but the Klan is openly and vigorously against the intermingling of the negro and white blood. Those negroes who know and understand that the Klan stands, as regards their race, merely for white supremacy, love and respect the Klan knowing that so long as they respect the laws of our country they will be respected and protected in their rights as citizens.

The Ku Klux Klan is openly against all crooked politicians and shyster lawyers and will fight them as enemies until the last filthy dog of them is safely in his place. Our land is over ridden with their kind. Swindling the people with their crooked grafts and stuffing their pockets with the profits of their illicit traffic. Such people are our enemies.

On our statute books are many laws, some just, some unjust, but laws and as such they should be upheld and enforced. The Klan and every Klansman and Klanswoman is pledged to aid and assist the duly constituted officers of the law in enforcing these laws—just or unjust, so long as they are laws. Knowing this attitude of the Klan every criminal, gambler, thug, libertine, girl ruiner, home wrecker, wife beater, dope and whiskey peddler and every moonshiner in the land is fighting the

Invisible Empire in the interest of vice and crime.

Some of our most bitter enemies are these people and the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan will fight them as enemies until the last of the filthy gang is put safely in his proper place and our beloved country is wiped clean of these maggots of humanity.

(To be continued in next issue)

This Is Holy Year

"Holy Year!"

"For centuries past the Holy See has declared each twenty-fifth milestone in the course of time a Holy Year."

"Soon the highways of the world will be crowded with the children of God on their way to the See of Peter."

"Every American . . . who can afford it should turn his steps toward the Holy See in the year of our Lord 1925."

Thus run the pages of Catholic papers the country over, as if an old man in the Vatican could make the years of Almighty God holy or unholy! Holy City! Holy See! Holy Year!

Those things are holy which are pure. Any cross-roads town in America, blessed by the labor of men and the devotion of women and innocence of little children, is a holier city than Rome, blessed by the mummery of the Pope. Whatever is holy in Rome does not reside in the seven thousand rooms of the Vatican, but in the houses where men and women live and love and work under the blessing, not of the Pope, but of God.

"Holy See!" "Holy Cabbage Heads," if one may be permitted to quote Hordle John of the White Company.

"If holiness is to suck up sustenance," he said, "I can find hogs in that holiness that are holier."

But, beyond peradventure, 1925 is a holy year. So was 1924. So will 1926 be. No papal proclamation made them so. This year is given of God for the doing of good deeds and cannot be other than holy. But that man defies it, who treks to Rome to kow-tow before a faker who claims to be Saint Peter, or the essence of him. The pilgrimage of the Holy Year is not overseas to Rome, but to nearby places where human suffering may be diminished and human happiness increased, where a sick man longs for a kindly word, where a woman wants encouragement upon the difficult road of life, where a child needs a sympathetic touch of the hand to bring smiles to his face.

We are availing ourselves these latter times of our holy years in America. We can make this one holier than the last by fuller service. And we have no time to go trekking to Rome, to pour good American money into the coffers of the Pope to be sent back here to plague us and to undermine our institutions.—The Fellowship Forum.

"The papacy is the most horrible plague that my poor country is afflicted with. Eighteen centuries of falsehood, persecution, and burning at the stake, in complicity with all the tyrants of Italy, rendered the plague intolerable."—Garibaldi.

The world owes nobody anything except what he earns.

ELECTION COMMENTS

It caused many of our law abiding citizens to blush with shame when they saw the wives of our "prominent business men" vying with one another in hauling in their automobiles, bootleggers, foreigners and ignorant Mexicans to the polls to vote for the "Big Four" candidates.

Not less than two hundred and fifty-eight Mexicans were voted at the school election. As they had never before taken an interest in our public school elections, we pause to inquire what influence was back of their activity on May 4th? Perhaps the "Big Four" can answer.

Who said that the "Big Four" would reward the faithful workers for their ticket, by appointing four of them to be secretary of the school board, a position that pays about six hundred dollars per year? At any rate it is said there were four disappointed applicants. However, some one else had to be rewarded, and so the faithful workers were turned down.

Apropos of the above, did anyone notice how soon the new city council commenced to do business after the city election was over and new blood introduced into the City Council, by the vote of the people, instead of cooked-up appointments by the Council? We did, but we know of one provision of the city charter that is a dead letter, and considered as of no force or effect by the outgoing members of the council and two who remain in office, and that is the provision providing that a vacancy in the office of city commissioner shall exist if a commissioner is absent from the city for the period of sixty days. "It doesn't mean what it says" was the legal advice given. "We must read into it certain provisions that do not exist." It makes a lot of difference whose ox is gored, but the people are to be congratulated that at least two commissioners who can be depended upon were elected by the vote of the people. It was a fair and square election, too. No repeaters, no unnaturalized foreigners, no imported Mexicans from Ignacio and McPhee, Colorado nor illegal voters from Peris Peak voting. We did not notice even that the "Sisters" of the Roman Catholic Church were voted. How different from the recent school election, where no registration of voters was required by law. At the latter, the "bars were down," and all the sheep and goats, and some "nannies," got into the polls and were voted. But never again. The people know what to expect now and will be prepared for it. To be fore-warned is to be thrice armed.

We understand that a certain disgruntled former school teacher of this district was very active during the recent school election campaign—in fact, during the past two years—and wonder if she is endeavoring to be appointed by the new school board to the position made vacant by the refusal of the board to reappoint Mr. Stokes. We also wonder if the appointment will be made, and what will happen in a certain quarter when it is made. We look for fireworks in the vicinity of the High School building that will exceed in brilliancy and loudness the recent burning of flaming circles from material stolen from the athletic paraphernalia of the high school boys.

"Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." How true, and yet how sad. What will a woman not do when disappointed in her political aspirations? We know what she will do, and that she can stir up more trouble and resentment by her propaganda than seventy and seven can remedy in a decade. But when one knows what lies back of it all—"and lies, and lies, and lies"—Oh, what's the use?

From recent events we are led to remark that it takes more than a Masonic pin worn on the lapel of a man's coat, to make him a Mason. Any so-called Mason who for the purpose of advancing his own selfish interests, deliberately tells an untruth about another Mason, without any foundation whatever to base it upon, is unworthy the name, and ought to be kicked out of the order. And we have such a one in Durango, as we are told, but as he is only known as a Mason by the jewelry and regalia he wears, not much harm after all has been done to the fraternity. A wolf in sheep's clothing in the Masonic Order is soon discovered, and when discovered all worthy Masons would him as they would a pestilence. We are forced to believe, though, that he is not alone in this neck of the woods.

But what about the man who sends the partner of his joys and sorrows from house to house to spread falsehood and calumny about his political opponents and their friends? She is not much to be blamed though, for woman has always borne the burden of the sins of men. For him, we have only contempt of the most contemptuous kind.

One thing is certain, and that is that Annias and Sapphira have their prototypes in this day and age, and while the punishment of such is not death, there are some things worse than death, one of which is to lose the respect of right thinking men and women who know the truth.

Do not blame any secret fraternal order for the misdeeds and shortcomings of a few of its members. True fraternity was never learned by them, and will never be practiced by such members. To wear the insignia of such orders is their only object in becoming members, and when that is accomplished, they crave no more. Such men do not represent the great fraternalties they break into; they cannot be trusted and should be condemned. In fact, their own actions toward their fellow members constitute their own condemnation. They are marked men in the community. But avoid such men as you would avoid a rattlesnake. They are just as dangerous, and perhaps more so, because they do not warn before they strike. (Some one should send such men a rattle.)

And the "saddest tale of all" is the one told by one of the owners of the Durango Democrat, when after the vote at the school election was counted and announced, he chortled: "Well, that means the end of the Klan." Perhaps the wish was father to the thought, and we hope that now the end of the Klan has been accomplished, certain members of the Knights of Columbus will pull off their detective spy and silly young girls who have been watching the klanmen and klanwomen going to and from their

meetings, making lists to be read in "The Church," exhibited to passengers on the Silverton train, carried to Aztec and Farmington by their insurance solicitors, and so on ad nauseum. Well, we have a list of one hundred and sixty-four contributors to "The Church," and from the small amount some of them contribute (publicly), we fear the Klan will soon have to make a public donation to keep the church going, with its many side-lines.

When the Whip Cracks

Roman Catholic periodicals throughout the country are exulting over the defeat of the proposed child labor amendment submitted to popular referendum in Massachusetts. The vote stood 606,119 against and 247,221 for the amendment. The claim is made, and it is not contradicted, that this adverse vote was obtained by the active campaigning of the priests in response to instructions from their superiors.

Queer things happened during the campaign. At first Senator Walsh and Mayor Curley of Boston, both candidates for reelection, and both Roman Catholics, declared themselves in favor of the amendment. Then Cardinal O'Connell came out in a bitter denunciation of the anti-child-labor movement and called upon all loyal Catholics to vote against the measure. Curley turned a flip-flop and became an outspoken opponent of the proposed amendment, and Walsh lapsed into significant silence.

The snap of the hierarchal whip brought both candidates into line with spectacular suddenness.

This is another illustration of the way the church is not in politics.

Aliens Fight Prohibition

An arm is raised to knife the Constitution of the United States in one of its most vital parts. The Eighteenth Amendment is the object of this menace. The country is not behind it. It is the work of those who are deprived of piling up wealth on the weakness of their fellow men. There is nothing sincere in any movement based on the assumption that a law, which is for the benefit of the community as a whole, must be bad because it deprives a section of that community of the opportunity of preying upon the others. The burglar and the bootlegger, as violators of the law, are in the same category. They are as one in their opinion that those who seek to restrict their activities are doing them an injustice. Are we on the side of the burglar and bootlegger, or that of sound citizenship?

What America wants to do is to raise up a race of sane, sober men, men who will not only hold their own with those of other countries, but will excel all others in service and attainment. This has always been the ambition of every American citizen, and why should it be changed now, at the behest of a section by no means representative of public opinion, or men of American nationality?

We believe that if the opposition to prohibition were analyzed, it would be found that it is mainly alien. We believe that every true American is for it heart and soul. We believe that if prohibition were to be put before

Tolerance?

Durango, Colorado.
May 17, 1925

Mr. _____,
Durango, Colo.

Sir:

We have sufficient proof to convince us that you are editing and publishing The Durango Klansman, and as this paper is undesirable to us and the community, we hereby order you to cease publishing same and leave town within the next ten days. We will tolerate no trifling.

S. O. L.

The above letter as received by a Durango man a few days ago and given to the publishers of this paper, is a fair example of the broad minded "tolerance" of our friends of the flaming circle.

It seems they are prettily easily convinced, but they will have to get a little more proof, for the man who received it is not the Editor. He says, however, that if the coward that wrote it will make himself known, he will give him his answer personally.

The Klan Stands For the Bible In the Schools

We have just stood face to face with an old Bible upon which the President of the United States took his oath of office. It was his mother's Bible. Yes, it contained the story of the whale and Jonah, Daniel and the lions' den, the exit of the Israelites by way of a dry path through the sea, the fiery test of three Hebrews and other such wonderful accounts. And little Calvin Coolidge, at his mother's knee, believed that old book and accepted it as the very Word of God. He was elected President of the United States of America. Since then, two mothers raised two Jew boys in Chicago and the Bible was not a part of their education. They are now in the Penitentiary and ought to have been hanged until they were dead. Say what you will, but the tree is still known by its fruits and the world no more gathers great men from atheism and infidelity that a farmer gathers figs from thistles. The old Bible is worth its weight in diamonds in the life of any growing boy or girl.

the nation tomorrow, there would again be an overwhelming flood of public opinion in its favor. Although the friends of prohibition may not be so aggressive as its enemies, they are firmer in their convictions.

It is not in the wide open spaces that the defiance of the prohibition laws is the most prevalent, but in the crowded urban centers where alien influence and alien eagerness for money-getting is at work.

After its five years of trial, prohibition is not a failure. It is the people who have neglected to correspond with it who are the failures. If it took Christianity hundreds of years to obtain a footing, why should anyone consider five years sufficient for a tryout of the greatest reform since the introduction of Christianity itself? The good that has already come from it infinitely outweighs the evil, and the evils that are, do not arise from prohibition, but the failure to practice it.—Dearborn Independent.