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Durango Klan Chartered

Our Friends, The Enemy

Part 2.

In the big open field at Bowen on June 6th occurred the first open air meeting of Durango Klan No. 66. It was a joyful occasion, as the charter of the local Klan was presented and the members feel it is launched on a mission of patriotism as deep and fervent as it is pure.

In the midst of three huge fiery crosses, with hundreds of klansmen and klanswomen standing in reverent silence, the charter of the Durango Klan was offered and accepted. In vain would the most ardent enemy of the Klan have searched for tar, feathers and other supposed equipment of the order; in vain would he have looked for a gang of thugs and lawbreakers, and he would not have seen a slinking foreignborn bootlegger, gambler, wop or redneck in that crowd. It was an American crowd, holding aloft the Stars and Stripes that America may remain the "Home of the brave and the land of the free."

With swelling hearts these loyal and fearless American men and women accepted the patriotic responsibility of a self-governing body of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and amid the impressive light of the burning crosses and with the stars of heaven looking down in mute approbation, the solemn pledge of klansmanship was conferred on a large number of candidates.

Following the ceremony, the crowd entered their automobiles and upon reaching Durango, about 11 o'clock, gave the city a "silent parade." Exactly 104 automobiles went up Main street, turned at the head of North Durango hill, and returned down town. No robes, no masks were worn in this parade. If any of the occupants of those cars were ashamed of being there, he or she concealed the fact with absolute success. In the enjoyment of their constitutional rights, why should any American citizen be afraid of any power under heaven?

Join the Klan and get off the fence, you free born Americans.

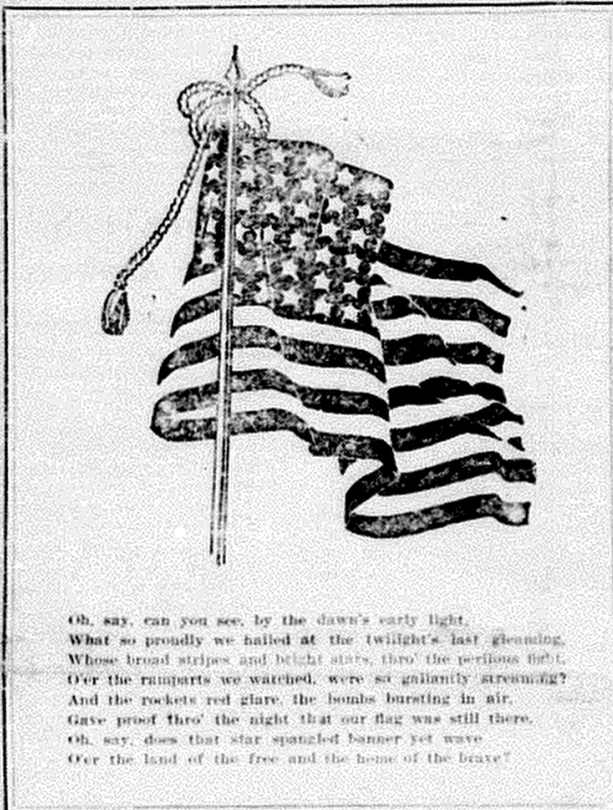
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Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there,
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Is Another Dark Age Coming?

Many folks may laugh and say such a thing is preposterous but today we are on the verge of just such a thing. And I believe any fair minded man or woman who thinks at all will see that such is true if they will take the facts and look into them for themselves.

By way of Introduction, let us see just how much hold Roman Catholicism has on our land. Today one person in every six is Roman Catholic while one hundred and fifty years ago one person in every one hundred and thirty-six was Roman Catholic. In the past one hundred and fifty years the Catholic population has increased more than eight hundred times while the general population has increased only thirty-five times. One hundred and fifty years ago there were 22,000 Catholics in the United States, today there are over eighteen million. In the Christian century of December 13th, 1923 a comparison is made in the different states between Catholicism and Protestantism.

It is stated that in DELAWARE, KANSAS and WEST VIRGINIA the Methodists are the leading religious sect. In ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, FLORIDA, GEORGIA, KENTUCKY, MISSISSIPPI, NORTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, TEXAS, and VIRGINIA the Baptists are the leading ones.

In UTAH and IDAHO the Mormons lead. Thus far only seventeen states have been listed. There remains thirty-one states, among them the larger states in the union, and in every one Roman Catholicism is the leading faith. Truly this is something that should make us think.

If we eliminate the five million negroes who are listed as Protestant the total Protestant affiliation will not be larger than the total Catholic membership. It is a known fact that America is becoming a nation of cities and every city is a Catholic stronghold. Enough by way of Introduction. Now we will see just how Rome is working to make America Catholic.

She is today the mistress of the Press; seeking to control the school; she already controls the Amusement world, and if we do not awake our Government will soon be in Catholic hands.

I. The Press under the Roman Heel

Scattered over our land are thousands of publications. These mould the thoughts of this and the coming generations. As we look them over we do not find many outstanding dailies that are standing for real truth and righteousness in our land.

But our big city dailies are filled (Continued on Page Four.)

Catholicism vs. Civil Law

James Neill, writing in the Kourier magazine for June, says: "The Ku Klux Klan of the United States was organized after the abolition of slavery for the purpose of protecting white women against the Negroes and to maintain the supremacy of the White Race. The Ku Klux Klan was completely disbanded as soon as the supremacy of the white race was secure all over the Southern States. But since then the church of Rome has become as great a menace to the U. S. A. as ever the Negroes were to the Southern States."

The reorganized Knights of the Ku Klux Klan have taken an open stand against the un-American doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. In fact the Catholic menace was, I believe, the real reason for the reorganization of the noble order that so valiantly served the stricken southern states just after the civil war.

Naturally then, of course, the Roman Catholic Church and its organized militia, the Knights of Columbus are the greatest enemies of the Ku Klux Klan today.

Since we acknowledge the enmity of the Roman Catholic Church let us consider for a moment, why the "Church" is our most bitter enemy.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are positively not fighting the Catholic Church as a Church nor as a religion. The Klan is not fighting the Catholic people because they are Catholics nor because of their religious beliefs. But the Klan is fighting the Roman Catholic "Church" as the greatest political machine in the world and because of its attitude towards American laws.

Many people do not, and it seems cannot, realize that the Roman Catholic Church is a menace to our Government.

Let us consider first the Roman attitude toward our Government, which of course pertains directly to our Governmental laws.

The Catholic layman is taught that "the Pope is Christ's vice-regent on earth" and that he (the Pope) "hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths, and Governments and that they may be safely destroyed" and that he is the one and only (earthly) ruler over heaven and hell and all that lies between. No law is a law unless laid down by the Pope. The laws of our Government are not to be obeyed if they conflict with the law of God as laid out by the Pope of Rome.

The following quotation is taken (Continued on Page Four.)

*Quoted from Knights of Columbus fourth degree oath.

Is Another Dark Age Coming? Our Friends, The Enemy

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with all the filth and smut of the earth. We see them always ready to blacken the name of every Protestant minister, but Rome is portrayed as an angel of light, the pages of these papers are always open to Rome for her damnable propaganda, and surely Rome is making good use of it.

The small town paper has not been quite as brazen as our city papers for business reasons, but you try to speak thru the press as you should be able to do and see how far you get! You will find out who controls our press. We have had some of that right here in Durango, Americans, Awake! The Press Is Fast Moulding Our Nation's Thought to Roman Catholicism.

2. Rome's Hands Upon Our Schools

We have just passed through a school election here in Durango that should convince any man beyond a shadow of a doubt that Rome wants to control our schools. But, we ask the question, why? Do not Roman Catholics have their own schools? Of course they do, but if Rome can gain control of the public school system it will be done away with and your boy and girl will be forced to go to a Roman School and will be taught Roman Dogma. The State of New Mexico is about eighty percent Roman Catholic and if things continue there as they have during the past five years the Public School system is gone in that state.

It is true that many things in our schools are not what they should be. The breakdown that comes from teaching false theories instead of facts is encouraged by Rome because if Rome can disorganize our present system thru false teachings Rome can then step in and say Education apart from the Church is a failure. So now let us try our hand and when this takes place it is the first step toward the Union of Church and State.

Americans, Awake and Defend our Public School System. Will You Stand for a Union of Church and State?

3. The Roman Controlled Amusement World

When you touch a man's pleasure you offend him more than if you had taken his pocket-book. The Roman Catholic powers realizing this decided to gain control of the amusement world so as to use it to their own ends. They realized that if they could control a man's amusements they would have a life long friend in the man. Rome went about to gain control in an odd way, wanting the Jew as an ally and also realizing that the Jew had the money and would sell his soul for the dollar. The Jew was encouraged to control the amusement world and today with out a shadow of a doubt he does. Almost every known amusement under the sun today is under Jewish control. The greatest enemy of all known amusements to man today is the Motion Picture Industry. Most plays are sexual and licentious and the tendency is to break down the morals of the human race. An example of this is seen in the new film being prepared for the public in New York, the title of which is "All God's Chillun Got Wings." The story is written by a Roman Catholic by the name of McNeill. The story presents Robert Owens, a jet black Negro, who falls in love with Mary Blair, the white

Message from the Imperial Wizard

Klansmen of America:

Last fall I placed before you a program for the year 1925. Our objective, in the abstract, is to help others—and help them for the common good. In order to insure a resurrection of profitable deeds, we must bury ourselves in service. We must be positive doers—not negative professors. Ours is a program of definiteness: To Honor the one flag; to promote the Public School; to serve the Protestant Churches; to fight for the sanctity of the home; to promote respect for the law.

Out of this five-fold objective, I now address you specially in behalf of Protestantism. This year is "Holy Year" among the adherents of the Roman Catholic Church. As many of them as are able, will visit the Vatican during 1925. For them during these months it is true that "All roads lead to Rome."

For the Klansmen of America, let all roads lead to Christ, be militant knights of the religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Inaugurate virile campaigns for neighborhood revivals. Get behind your pastors. Help them awaken the churches. If a revival is not scheduled in your locality, generate one by the power of the Conquering Christ within you. This is your privilege, as free men. Help to make this the greatest year in the history of our Nation.

(Signed) H. W. Evans,
Imperial Wizard.

—The Courier Magazine.

DUTY CALLS MEANS TO CAPITAL; ELKS FLAG DAY ROW IS AVERTED

altar. It looks as though this play is the bait to get the Negro for the Roman Church.

But we hardly believe the real Negro would stoop so low.

There are plays before the public similar to this one. "And Peter" is strictly Roman Catholic and is vile. This writer has never yet witnessed a picture but what a Protestant minister was made fun of. But when they did show the picture of a minister and wanted to give him respect it was a Roman Priest or a Jewish Rabbi. Where does this propaganda come from? We know it comes from Rome and the object is two-fold, to make a friend out of the Irreligious and to break down the Protestant Cause in order that Romanism might be built upon its ruins.

Americans, Awake! Let Us Not Put Our Money in the Jewish or Roman Coffins. Let us Rebel Against the Control of Our Amusements.

4. Rome And Our Laws

Is Rome a respecter of our laws? We hardly think so, for every Roman Catholic Paper takes a rap at the prohibition law, and Rome's whole attitude has been one of defiance of our laws. We have just passed thru a time when the Roman Priest in almost every Roman Church in the city of Denver have stood before their people and defied our laws. They have said "we will have our fermented wine regardless of law" and threatened to take up arms to defend their stand. It has only been about ten months ago that the Catholics were doing every thing in their power to put Al Smith in as President and the main issue was the eighteenth amendment. If Al Smith had been elected the very laws that he had sworn to uphold would have been destroyed. Catholicism in the last analysis is not for law but Despotism, with the Pope Supreme.

Americans, Awake! Let Us Uphold Our Laws And Protect Our Na-

Departure Wednesday night of United States Senator Rice W. Means for Washington, D. C., will avert, it is believed, the threatened scamp by the Elks club over extending of an invitation to Means to speak at the Elks' flag day celebration.

One element of the club objected to Means as the principal speaker because of his reputed klan affiliation.

Senator Means, it was stated, ordered cancellation of his speaking engagement with the Elks club and at other meetings.

It was announced Senator Means had been summoned to Washington owing to an accumulation of sub-committee work resulting from the recent death of Senator Selden P. Spencer of Missouri and the illness of Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa.

Senator Means is a member of the senate judiciary committee.—Denver Post.

Is Another Dark Age Coming? Not if we awake and do our part. But if we stave it off we will have to do a lot more than we have in the past. Not only Protestants will have to be getting themselves to the organ and come out and sing. At 3 o'clock and that if they don't, when the time comes for Rome to strike she will not spare you because you played into her hands. You will be the first to go as the fool that is now useless to us. As we read this article may we get back in our minds to what Rome has done in the past and remember that some never changes. Let the time readeth take heed. We are now on the edge of another dark Age.

Labor Attacks Klan and Reds

Greeley, Colo., June 3.—An attack upon the Ku Klux Klan and the Workers Communist party as the

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from The Great Encyclopedic Letters of Pope Leo XIII. The Page referred to is the page in the above named book: "But if the laws of the state are manifestly at variance with divine law, containing enactments hurtful to the church, or conveying in junctions hurtful to the duties imposed by religion, or if they violate them in person of the Supreme Pontiff, the authority of Jesus Christ, then truly to resist becomes a positive duty, to obey a crime."—Page 185.

And the following quotations are some of the leading provisions of Roman Catholic Canon Law as given by Dr. G. F. Von Schulte, professor of Canonical Law at Prague:

"VIII. The Pope has the right to annul state laws, treaties, constitutions, etc.; to absolve from obedience thereto, as soon as they seem detrimental to the rights of the church or those of the clergy.

"XII. The Pope can annul all legal relations of those in sin, especially their marriage."

And so we could quote pages of laws, edicts, declarations and bulls laid down by Popes to the effect that the "Pope's word is law on the earth and that no Civil Government prince, King or potentate has any right to make or enforce laws without the sanction of the Pope of Rome.

How can any sane, free thinking person allow himself to be duped into believing that any human being on earth with earthly traits, greases and passions, as every other man and woman on earth, is the supreme ruler over all?

The Pope of Rome is not sent to rule over the peoples and nations of the earth by Almighty God, nor Jesus Christ, but is elected to his "office" by an insignificant few catholic cardinals, human (?) beings "seven as you and I", and has no right to interfere in any way with laws of state.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are for the enforcement of the laws of the United States as they now exist, without the interference of any church, king, prince, potentate or pope. And by taking this stand have made an enemy, not of the Catholic Church as a church, nor of the Catholic religion, but of the Roman Political Machine.

(To be continued in next issue.)

principal enemies of organized labor was made at Wednesday's session of the Colorado State Federation of Labor convention. The attack was made in the address of Paul I. Smith, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor. He declared that organized labor is opposed to control of the machinery of government by any group, whether it be Wall street or the K. K. K. At times Smith's address was greeted with cheers. Much of the day was put in hearing reports on various subjects including that which listed firms "unfair" to organized labor. After Smith's address the convention went on record by passing a resolution condemning both the Ku Klux Klan and the Workers Communist party.

Another resolution urged the employing of a full time educational director in the Colorado-Wyoming field. This resolution will be referred to the Wyoming federation.—Pueblo Chieftain, June 4, 1925.

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The Constitutionals

Why the Durango Klansman

Only two Durango people were named as members of the new political party, which hopes to destroy the Klan and the Republican Party, in the State of Colorado. We have no doubt there are a few others hiding out in the brush near this vicinity, but very few. If the "Knights of the Flaming Circle" are absorbed in the new organization, they will find pleasant company; eye, congenial company in the persons of Dr. Robbins and Grant Sanders, the Durango Directors mentioned by the Denver Post. If there is anything in the old saying that "fools rush in where angels fear to tread," it may apply in this instance at least to one of the new directors. But politics makes strange bedfellows, and when a Democrat and a Republican, like the proverbial lion and lamb, lie down together, to obtain and hold political offices, it behooves the common people to not only "watch and wait," but to be up and doing. Such unholy combinations do not usually result in benefit to the people, and we say that this Constitutional Party was organized for no other purpose than that of placing a lot of political has-beens back into office.

A glance at the list of officers and directors as published in the Post, tells the whole story. The Constitutionals have adopted as their slogan "Fight the Klan" and whisper to each other "Give us Office." The prayer of the Klan is "Give us Men," and thank God, we have MEN, and we do not want anything but MEN. The Constitutional Party can have all the rest. This paper will smoke out some of the Constitutionals now in hiding in this section, before the Winter is over. One of them, and the brains back of the movement locally. (If what he has in his head can be called brains), for business reasons, is keeping his identity secret—or thinks he is. But pawaw, what if he is a Federal Officer Holder? What if he does hate the Klan? He can never join the Klan. He knows he is not eligible, although he is a native born, white, gentle. He does not possess the other qualifications. And so he fights the Klan. The Klan will pursue the even tenor of its way, without fear or favor, for the cause of the Klan is just. It is unselfish in its objects and desires. It believes in "America for Americans"; it believes in just laws and their enforcement; it believes in the purity of the women of this country; it believes in white supremacy; it is not politically ambitious and it is not a political organization. What do the Constitutionals? What do they believe in, and what will they do if they succeed in killing the Republican and the Democratic Parties? Dr. Robbins has the floor, and as he is such an eminent (?) Republican we would like to hear what he has to say in support of the move to do away with the two old parties. What do the real party leaders here think about

THE BOY

Edgar A. Guest

This I have learned from a boy,
He will follow wherever you go,
In the pleasure you seem to enjoy
The keenest of interest he'll show;
He'll talk as you talk, and he'll be
A blend of his mother and you,
And in much that he does you will see
The things you have taught him to do.

From the boy you can learn of the dad,
His habits, his methods, his ways,
He'll pick up the good, and the bad
And carry them on thru the days;
For he sees with an eye that is keen
Both the worst and the best of your traits,
And faithful to all he has seen
It is you whom the lad imitates.

I look at my own boy and see,
Sometimes to my shame and regret,
An exact reproduction of me
And the sorry example I've set;
So watchful his eye and so swift
To repeat any trait I display

That I dare not now carelessly drift
For fear I may lead him astray.

So the man with a boy at his side
Must hew to the line and be true,
For he cannot by talking divide
The right and the wrong he may do;
And this I have found as a fact,
Young eyes copy well what they see,
For the boy like his father shall act
And the boy like his father shall be.

KU KLUX KLAN KEEPING DURANGO KLEAN

A woman remarked to a friend the other day that her husband was a drinking man, and before the Klan was organized here he could always get his liquor, but now it was almost impossible for him to buy any. She said she is for the Klan because it is making the bootleggers hide out.

The Klan believes in assisting the officers of the law to enforce the law. It hews to the line, let the chips fall where they may. Wherever the Klan is organized the community is cleaner and more progressive, and lawbreakers are less in evidence—and still some people oppose the Klan!

Law enforcement depends mainly upon honest officers, courts and juries. All three are necessary in the arresting, prosecution, trying and convicting of criminals. If one of the

this movement abetted by Dr. Robbins and his unknown cohorts? Has either of the two parties suffered a real loss by their activities. Have the Constitutionals gained anything?

three falls in the duties devolving upon that particular branch of the law, then the efforts of the remainder are of no avail. During the last term of the County Court of La Plata County, every guilty bootlegger tried by jury was convicted and received a just sentence. Clement L. Russell, as Judge of that Court, was eminently fair in his rulings and in his sentences. The jury drawn from the Box was unprejudiced, and gave each of the defendants a fair hearing, and when convinced of their guilt, did not quibble or compromise, but brought in verdicts of guilty. These men are entitled to the thanks of every good citizen in this County. We hope future juries will prove as fair and as true to their duties as citizens and jurors. We believe the people of this County want the laws enforced, and when men of the standing and stamina of this last jury panel, take a decided stand for right and for justice, it will not be long until the bootleggers in this section will look for greener pastures in which to ply

This paper is published and paid for by the members of the Durango Klan, and has and expects no revenue except from sales of the paper, on the street, and through voluntary subscriptions. It fills a need in the San Juan Basin, because it is fair and fearless in its criticism of happenings and news. It is not controlled by any clique of advertisers, because it has no advertisements, and will not accept any. The paper stands absolutely for law enforcement, especially the laws on our statute books concerning intoxicating liquor and gambling. The entire strength of the Klan is behind the officers of the law and the courts in making the San Juan Basin a cleaner and better place to live. We believe in law enforcement; we believe in assisting the officers of the law in obtaining evidence leading to arrest and conviction of lawbreakers. This paper has no friends to reward and no enemies to punish. Any member of the Ku Klux Klan who is guilty of law violation, will find no sympathy here, but we will be doubly vigilant in his prosecution, for as a Klansman he is more guilty than one outside the Order, because he has not only violated the law, but his obligation as a Klansman as well. As Klansmen, we are everywhere, in business, in social functions, in other secret societies, we have many ears with which to hear and many eyes with which to see. Nothing can escape us, if we are vigilant, and what the influence of the Klan has done for Durango already, it will do for every town and community in southwestern Colorado. This paper will make enemies, in fact it has made enemies, but it will be loved for the enemies it makes. Its friends are legion, and the good work will go on.

Sunday Dances

The Sunday dances at near-by resorts are objectionable because their tendency is to break down the American Sabbath, our day of rest and worship, and they are not conducive to the best and highest interest of our young people. The Sabbath has held a large influence for good in the American life, and we are not ready to surrender it to European atheism and immorality, and to American greed and dissipation. The men and women who made this nation had high regard for our day of rest and worship.

The jury panel was composed of the following citizens and taxpayers: P. H. Craig, L. B. Mason, B. M. Lair, Peter Carstain, Val Mourer, E. C. Phillips, C. D. Daniels, James Hahn, Harry E. Fry, Arthur Boughan, F. L. Covert, Charles Arnsperger, William Sanders, Elmer Fleisher, Morris Ballard, John Newlan, Thomas Lloyd, Wm. G. Hunt, Tom Tattershall, A. W. Barnes.

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KLUCKS

By Kai Ho Kan

"Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

"Why inside and outside guards at secret society meetings? Will people break in or members break out?" The foregoing appeared in bold letters on the front page of a recent issue of the Durango Democrat. Surely ye editor never wrote it because he has disgraced the Square and Compass for some time and ought to know. And his assistant? How can the K C or the Sons have Liberty without him?

It must surely be elevating and inspiring to be a member of an order that has no other reason for being than to oppose and attempt to kill another order. The Klan may consider its members insignificant and unimportant enough to hide them under a sheet, but the world knows that even the priests respect our teachings and principles.

For our "friends the enemy" life seems to be just one disappointment after another. First it was the hope that the Klan would not be organized at all; then it was the fond and lingering hope that it would not live long; after that it was the brave boast that they were cowards and were afraid to parade with or without robes or masks and the cowards dared to go unmasked; then—day of days!—a great bomb exploded within the ranks and the Klan was doomed forever! Wrong again! The Fiery Cross once more lit up the heavens and the faces of our "friends" stretched out so long they could eat oats out of a churn. Great day of disappointment, the Klan in Durango still lives.

If one will but read between the lines of the articles in the Denver Post in regard to the Klan split in Denver, the "subtle hand of Rome" can be plainly seen. A blind man could see that the truth is not being printed and that the Post is boosting the Minute Men of America as a frantic effort to cause a wider breach in the Klan ranks. If the Minute Men do become a reality watch the Post fight both orders. Of course if Rome retains control it will be all right. Our big brother the Post thinks he can kid everybody.

"We would like to suggest that the man who sent five dollars to the Klan with instructions to "buy cigars for the boys" scare up another five and join the Noble Order. It would be a greater expression of gratitude for our good work and we need worthy men.

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Psalm 19-1.

WHY DO BUSINESS MEN UPHOLD BOOTLEGGERS?

We notice by newspaper reports that conventions of business men are adopting resolutions commending officers of the law and the courts for their faithful administration of the law relating to bootleggers. Here in Durango we have a class of business men who are not doing anything to assist the officers of the law or courts in enforcing the prohibition laws, but on the other hand are appearing in court as witnesses for the bootleggers, giving testimony concerning their alleged good character in the community, and thus attempting to influence the court to lighten their sentences after conviction by verdict of a jury. Why these business men place themselves in such an unenviable position in the community is more than we can understand. One of them was highly insulted when asked on the witness stand if he was in favor of the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment, and on vigorous protest of the attorney for the bootleggers, he was not required to answer the question. However, every man in the courtroom knew that he was not in favor of it, or he would not have been a "character witness" for a convicted violator of the law. From this time on, this paper will publish the names of these "character witnesses" for convicted bootleggers. If they can stand this publicity, we can, and we think the people ought to know what is going on in this community in the protection of law violators. One thing is certain, and that is that the newspapers of this community who rely upon the advertising given them by business men, are not going to publish any news which might lose their papers a little patronage. This paper has no advertisers and it is not controlled by any influence that loss of patronage can affect. It will tell the truth without fear or favor, and no man or set of men in this community are too big to get their share of just criticism and publicity. "We are for Men."

The Bible in the Public Schools

At least a start was made last week toward a national consideration of restoring the Bible to the public schools of America when the subject was brought up for discussion by National Educational Association at its annual convention, which was held this year in Indianapolis. The older generation will remember that in their school days the day's study began by a reading of the Scriptures, either from the Old or the New Testament. In certain school districts where the Jews were in position to make effective objections the New Testament was quietly abolished by tolerant Americans in due course of time. The Roman corporation saw the point and it was not long before pressure was brought to bear to eliminate the Bible from the schools completely. Thus thru the combined influence of the Roman Catholics and the Jews the Bible was banished from the public school, one of the most important of the foundations of the American government.

A delegate to the convention arose at one of the sessions and spoke briefly in opposition to the principles of teaching religion in the public schools.

Means and Stapleton Not Re-Installed in Klan

Regardless of all reports in the daily press and otherwise, Rice W. Means and Ben Stapleton were NOT re-instated in the Ku Klux Klan of Denver.

His remarks brought forth one of the liveliest discussions of the convention. The debate lasted for an hour and a half with nearly half the crowd at the session taking part. No sooner would an advocate of the teaching of religion in the schools complete an argument in favor of it, than an opponent would jump up and denounce the idea vigorously.

The debate was terminated when a delegate made a motion that the department go on record asking the officials of the N. E. A. to appoint a committee to investigate the question of teaching religion in the schools, to determine whether the principle is feasible and, if it is, how it best could be carried out in the schools of the nation.

When the motion was put, it was carried with only a few dissenting spoken against the theory. The act will be reported at a general session of the convention.

The argument of opponents of religious teaching, to the effect that denominationalism would be sure to creep into the teaching, to the dissatisfaction of members of various faiths, was countered by arguments of the advocates who said no person could be offended by the teaching of the Bible to their children.

It was argued rather heatedly by some that the teaching of religion should be confined to the churches, while others asserted that those who most needed religious training do not go to church.

One delegate said that in the normal school with which he is connected, four members of a class of fifty-five did not know of the parable of the prodigal son.

Another delegate digressed from the question long enough to deplore the fact that not all sessions of the N. E. A. convention are opened with prayer.

"Why even the sessions of the congress of the United States are opened with prayer," he said, amid laughter of the delegates.

At least it would seem that advocates of the Bible in the schools have made a distinct advancement if they can induce open-minded individuals that there should be a fair and candid consideration as to whether it is fair to the youth of America to even hear readings from the Book which is acknowledged by the intelligent Christian and pagan alike, to be the greatest and the First Book of the World. —The National Courier.

THE MANCOS TIMES REMARKS:

"The booze makers and liquor traffickers are having a hard time in Durango. No less than seven or eight bootleggers have been convicted during the past few days, and one George Limeberger was last week tried for owning and operating a still and convicted and sent to the pen for two

The World's Greatest Man

Archbishop Michael J. Curley, of Baltimore, has again attacked the immigration law, and in his frenzy to make a point in favor of the immigrant, has belittled Americans. These immigrants, we are told by the Baltimore prelate, are "the greatest people in the world." Personally, we do not believe this. But assuming that they are, why are not the countries from which they came "the greatest in the world?" Do not great people make great countries? It is just possible that Archbishop Curley believes they are the greatest countries in the world. Then we might ask, if they are the greatest, why doesn't the archbishop take up his residence in one of them? And, why do these immigrants coming to America, leave those great countries?

A great people progresses; they advance and achieve. Otherwise, they would not be a great people. Will Archbishop Curley kindly point out the great progress they have made? It is quite true that Italy furnishes all the popes—in fact she is so busy furnishing popes that she has no time to build school houses—but this can hardly be taken as a mark of great distinction by thinking people. Spain furnishes an unlimited amount of ignorance—but it takes an unlimited imagination to place such an achievement in the light of progress. Portugal furnished the tongue which Brazil uses—not in school houses, of course, for eighty per cent of Brazilians are illiterate—but it takes something more than this to prove a country is great. The Balkan States furnish revolutions, intrigues and bloody wars, but the world is tired of war. The Roman hierarchy has been instrumental in starting so many wars that the world is satiated with warfare.

Hungary is furnishing agents to come to America to confer with Irish priests and cardinals in regard to conducting trips to an Italian Holy Year celebration, but this can hardly be construed as any great mark of greatness on the part of Hungary. No more than Poland can claim distinction because immigrants from that country, now residing in America, are taking the advice of Roman agents in this country, and urging their children to grow up in America as "good Polish citizens." Of course, if this "nerve" makes a great people, we must concede Archbishop Curley is correct.

And, basing "nerve" or in other words, "gall," as the foundation of greatness, we concede Archbishop Curley to be the greatest man in the world.—Protestant Herald.

years and three months. It would seem that a court record like that would be effectual in discouraging this traffic, but some people will risk almost anything in order to make a living without working for it."

This writer noticed the difference in Durango while there this week, and we were informed that the chance for the better was due to the activities of the Klan. We also noticed a big difference in the general moral tone of Cortez, which is also credited to the Klan. And it's rumored down in that country that the Klan is getting to be strong out here and the Dove Creek country is soon due for a house-cleaning.—Inland Empire, June 26.

Our Friends the Enemy

PART 3.

Rome and the American Public School

Let us now consider the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church toward the greatest of all American institutions, The Public School.

The call "Make America Catholic" rings in our ears and expresses the fondest hopes and dreams of the Vatican. In what better way can the dream of the Roman Pontiff be realized than to dominate and control our public schools?

Little children are the plastic clay from which the great statue of America is moulded. What better place could there be to work in the poisonous designs of Romanism than in the very building material of the nation? What better plan to lay the cornerstone of Catholicism than in the very foundation of our great nation, The Public Schools?

The things that are taught us as children usually remain with us throughout our lives and control our thoughts and actions to the grave. If we are taught that we are not to think for ourselves in religious and political matters when we are children and are continually taught this doctrine until our school days are over it is quite safe to assume that such will be our belief through all our natural life.

Since it is the desire of the Roman Catholic Church to control the entire world it must naturally control both religion and education in order to accomplish this end. If the control of education can be gained, control of religion will follow as a matter of course, since religion is spiritual education.

But as far as spiritual education is concerned the Roman Church is only interested in it as a means of attaining political control of the world through education. Religion is considered merely as a cloak with which to cover their political aspirations. If control of the Public School system can be gained Religion will continue to serve nicely as a means of instilling fear and superstition in the young and plastic minds of the new generations, along with the education that is necessary to earn a livelihood for the individual and gold for the coffers of the Roman Vault.

The Catholic World for April 1870 says: "We do not indeed prize as highly as some of our countrymen seem to do the simple ability to read, write and cipher. The best ordered and administered state is that in which the few are well educated and the many are trained to obedience, are willing to be directed, content to follow, and do not aspire to be leaders. We believe the peasantry in the old Catholic countries two centuries ago were better educated although for the most part unable to read and write, than are the great body of the American people today."

For hundreds of years the Roman Catholic Machine has been teaching Ignorance and Suppression in order that their program of world control might be carried out fully and completely and not only America but the World be made Catholic.

It is the sin of Rome to bring down

our public school system in order to eventually do completely away with it. This she is attempting to accomplish by encouraging the teaching of false theories and encouraging immorality in the schools. This is being accomplished by placing Catholic teachers in our schools.

The priests are ever vigilant in undermining and attempting to break down the system by continually preaching to their congregations of the worthlessness of the public schools and making the best of every opportunity to take advantage of the Press in spreading their gospel of "Down with the public schools."

In the St. Columbas' year book for 1914 edited and published by Rev. M. F. Callanan and printed in Durango, Colorado, appears the following: "Two years ago the Year Book ventured to assert that our elaborate public school system was a failure. Then not a few of our readers exclaimed in astonishment and chagrin, 'Who is this writer, that dares to criticize the palladium of our liberties?' Since those days criticisms from every quarter have been so numerous that few of the system's enthusiastic admirers would call it an unqualified success."

On every side and from every quarter Rome is continually pounding at the foundation and the superstructure of our government in an effort to disrupt the nation by disrupting its very soul, the American Public School.

And when the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan band themselves together to fight for our great nation through the greatest of all American institutions, the cry of Intolerance is raised by the Popes and Priests and the Roman Catholic Church, enemy of humanity and Christianity becomes the enemy of the Klan.

Parochial Schools

There is no very great objection to the parochial school when it is open to state inspection, using state text books, supplied with teachers bearing state requirements for teaching, meeting all state standards, and with an American flag on display. Protestant church schools meet these requirements and they ask for no public funds. We stand all the time for moral and religious instruction for the American child, in whatever school he may be, but there are other fundamentals of citizenship that must be given under truly American environment.

THE AMERICAN MERCURY, A PUBLICATION devoted to anarchy, contains an interesting article from Clarence Darrow, the atheist lawyer who defended Loeb and Leopold. Darrow says: "It is impossible to immediately rescind the Volstead Act, but the law should be made inoperative, and if a large number of people violate it and disregard it, public opinion will recognize that it can not be enforced and it will ultimately become a dead letter." What a tragedy that such a man should be permitted to practice law in American Courts. If about a hundred such criminal lawyers from over this nation were marched out and shot at sunrise, it would do more for the enforcement of law and the defense of justice than any reform I can think of.—Exchange.

THE CRIME WAVE— ITS CAUSE AND CURE

Leslie Garretson

"Crime is one of America's outstanding industries," according to Mr. A. C. Bedford, the Standard Oil chief. He says that last year \$2,075,000,000 was taken in holdups, burglaries and confidence games and that another round total of \$100,000,000 was stolen through forgeries. These statistics are not complete, of course, but they serve as a pretty good barometer of our crime budget. When we add the collateral cost of detection and punishment we are faced with the appalling fact that the total crime-bill last year equaled our national budget,—\$3,500,000,000.

According to cold statistics, crime in America is on the increase. W. E. Collet, general secretary of the Colorado Prison Association, declared recently: "Crime has grown fifteen times faster than the general population in the United States during a biennial term." He also said that, "twenty-five years ago, crime cost us \$900,000,000 and now the cost has increased to \$10,000,000,000."

We blush to acknowledge that America has such a record. While we have been boasting about our American civilization and progress, we have overlooked some of our national sins, which have so increased that "our trespasses have grown up into the heavens."

Quoting from the Pathfinder of April 11, 1925, we read: "There are about 10,000 murders in this country a year. . . . Chicago has a murder a day. New York has twelve times as many murders as London, and hold-ups are every-day occurrences in almost every state. Over 8,000 persons were reported missing in New York City last year. The Los Angeles crime commission finds that seven per cent of the county jail inmates are college graduates and against six and one-half per cent in ordinary civil life; twelve and one-half per cent had college training and forty-five per cent are high-school graduates."

Crime has reached such proportions in the United States that a great number of the newspapers have agreed to stop printing crime news on the front page. Many people are urging that more publicity be given to jail sentences, thus emphasizing the penalty of crime. The astounding and humiliating fact is, that we are breeding criminals. I read recently that seventy per cent of so-called financial crimes are now committed by juveniles, whereas a generation ago the criminals were men, many of them in the fifties and sixties.

A prominent religious worker in New York City said recently that nothing impressed him so much as "the pagan character of the family and home life of the present." I think we must agree with him. When we think of the delinquency of parents these days, and the fact that so many men have been retired from public offices because of dishonesty, we doubt that the young people are altogether to blame.

The question is often asked, "What is the real cause of the crime wave of this age?" Mr. Bedford, quoted above, who is a Baptist of some note and a director in the Brooklyn Y. W. C. A., and who has given much time and money to religious work, blames the churches to a great extent. He says, "They have not kept abreast of

the times and have lost out to the automobile and the moving pictures." A late report says that between 10,000,000 and 15,000,000 people patronize the moving pictures each day—about as many as enter our churches in the course of a week. This is another record of which America should be ashamed.

We have our immigrant troubles; failure to enforce the prohibition law is doing its deadly work; and there is the post-war moral breakdown. But we agree with Mr. Bedford that the moving pictures are producing an awful harvest in that they "glorify murder and shameless misconduct." The increasing use of automobiles has a far-reaching effect on the country, making it easy to fall into sin and crime. Then there are the dances, the gambling houses, pool-rooms, bad literature, Sunday ball games and other sports, all of which contribute to the world's gigantic list of evils.

The world is upside down and we are living in an age of jazz-mania. The problem of crime in America is bigger than most people think. It is a problem not alone for the lawyers and criminal courts, but for the churches and the American people in the homes. Unless we make haste to get back to the Bible and Christianize the family life of our great nation, God's judgments shall overtake us and we shall go down as other nations have gone down, never to rise again.—The Good Citizen.

The Greatest Force In American Life

The Protestant churches today are, as they have always been, the greatest force in American public and social life. Unattached though they are to the state and government, they have been a dominating influence from the day the first colonists landed upon these shores.

These have grown relatively and absolutely with the increase in population. "Growth," says someone, "is the best proof of life that the church can ever show."

There was a growth in 1924 of more than 600,000 church members. This great gain was made in spite of the fust between the Modernists and the Fundamentalists. The Klan has sought to promote the growth in Protestant church membership throughout the country by holding before its members true Christian ideals as a part of the propaganda essential for promoting the growth of patriotic feeling and for making good American citizens.—Protestant Herald.

A MILK DEALER IN BUFFALO, whose name was posted by Mayor Schwab, Roman Catholic Mayor of that city, who posted the names of 4,000 Klansmen, which list had been stolen by a Knight of Columbus who had joined the Klan for that purpose, declared that he lost 108 customers the first day after the appearance of his name on the posted list. When it comes to boycott, Rome and the Jew make a combination unexcelled.—Exchange.

Love keeps the cold out better than a cloak.—Henry W. Longfellow

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La Veta Pass, Colo.
July 14, 1925

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Choose for Thyself

By Bob Shuler

Go with the tide, young man, go with the tide,

Thousands will grip your hand, walk by your side;

Smile at the wrongs that crush,

Wink at the lies, nor blush

When in the slime and slush

Virtue her face shall hide.

Stand ever right, young man, stand ever right,

Lonely you'll be and sad in such a fight;

Strike for the good and true,

March with the un-bought few,

Clouds will hang over you

With not a star in sight.

Ah, but 'twere best, young man, for-

ever best,

Best to go down alone in such a quest;

Best to be cursed, and lie

Bleeding while foes march by,

Than that thy soul should die,

Treason-stained and distressed!

TWO-THIRDS OF THE AGGREGATE POPULATION of the leading cities of the United States is of foreign stock. Approximately one-fifth of the population of Chicago and New York and only about one-third of the population of Boston are of native white ancestry. How long can Anglo-Saxon civilization survive with these facts not only facing us, but facing us in increasing proportion? If Boston has become a foreign city, what hope is there for any American city? And what is the remedy? Indeed, is it not too late to find a remedy? These are serious questions. Only a fool will pass them by smilingly. The cities go in front in the making or unmaking of a civilization. They are the feeders of idealism to the rural sections and smaller towns. What can we expect with our cities foreign?—Exchange.

"The public school is a vicious system of education, which undermines the religion of youth."—Card, Gibbons.

Another Slanderous Attack Upon The Ku Klux Klan is Refuted**HOUSTON PAPER'S GRATUITOUS INSULT TO TEXAS COMMUNITY RESENTED BY LOCAL EDITOR.**

LUFKIN, TEXAS.—An editorial in a recent issue of the Houston Chronicle affords a most striking example of methods that have been employed by enemies of the Ku Klux Klan to blacken and discredit it throughout the country among those people who may not happen to be conversant with the principles and ideals of the order. And, incidentally, an editorial in the Lufkin News, a small daily newspaper published here, completely refutes every allegation the Houston editorial contained and also affords an example of just how ungrateful are some of the attacks made upon the Klan.

The chief trouble about it is that the Houston paper has a wide circulation in which its slanders will be read and by some, believed, while the refutation, the truth, is printed in a small paper, with a limited circulation, so that thousands who will read the slander will not have opportunity to get the truth.

Slanderous Editorial

In the course of its editorial, the Houston paper said of Lufkin, of course attributing the conditions it said existed, to the Klan:

"Then there is the little town of Lufkin, in Angelina County, where several floggings have occurred and which needs the help of a fearless East Texas paper to go after the criminals and some of the officers who bow more to the invisible empire than to the law. . . . In a town the size of Lufkin a few men well organized can put terror and fear into the hearts of many. They frequently control the courts, the pulpit and the constabulary. Quite naturally the town suffers, but those birds of prey care naught just so they collect dues, spy on their neighbors and meet in secret to regurgitate everybody's morals but their own."

By way of exposing the slander, the Lufkin News said editorially in commenting:

The Truth

"Had the Chronicle editor gone to the darkest corner of Russia and obtained information about that most distressed country from the most disreputable bolshevik there, he could have secured no more reliable information about Russia than he assumes to have about Lufkin. The trouble with the writer of the above paragraph is that his mind is so diseased on one particular subject that it is hard indeed for him to think or write of anything else.

"The Chronicle editor would have the outside world believe that this entire community is dominated by a 'ruthless, boycotting, intimidating, lawless, secret organization,' which 'controls the courts, pulpits and constabulary.' Of course, the Chronicle does not exactly charge that such conditions exist in Lufkin, except by innuendo. That is a terrible arraignment of a community or any town, and one which should be vigorously resented by every respectable citizen of Lufkin, whose people are as honorable, upright, intelligent, religious and law-abiding as any people anywhere, and who stand ready at all times to match morals with the holler-than-thou editor of the Chronicle anywhere, any time,

In fact, a baser slander could hardly be uttered."

That the editor of the Lufkin News is not biased is evident from the fact that he made it clear that not only does he hold no brief for the Klan, but is opposed to it.—Fellowship Forum.

Offers Insult To Womanhood

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.

—The people of Australia were aroused to a keen sense of indignation recently by a slur cast upon the Protestant women of the Island Continent by the Roman Catholic Archbishop Kelly, who in the public press was quoted as saying:

"Don't let Catholic women be as other women—anaemic creatures, filled with lustful desires and thoughts."

So outraged did the Protestant people of the community become at this gratuitous insult to the Protestant womanhood of Australia that various suggestions have been brought forward as to steps to curb such speech, and to, if possible, hold the Roman Archbishop to accountability. Scores of letters of protest against the Archbishop, together with denunciations, have appeared in the public press. One of them was a reminder to the insulting priest to "remember that you live in a Protestant country," while another suggested that "the Government will have to put down Archbishop Kelly's attacks." Another suggested that it was "time that action was taken against Dr. Kelley for using language calculated to provoke a breach of the peace," while another suggested that the Archbishop "go back to his own priest-ridden Ireland."

Ever since Parliament passed the bill fixing penalties for Romanists who slur Protestant manhood and womanhood by asserting that marriages performed outside the Roman church are not legal marriages and that children born to such unions are illegitimate, the Roman priesthood in Australia has been in a state bordering on frenzy, and has lost no opportunity to offer insults when they thought they could get away with it. But it remained for the head of the Roman hierarchy here to reach the climax of insulting remarks when he denounced all non-Catholic women as "lustful."—Fellowship Forum.

Lest We Forget— American Education for all Americans

The Fellowship Forum for May 9, 1925, has a timely editorial under the above caption. We, as fallen human beings, are prone to forget it. It is not so much that we do not know, but we fail to remember a thing that is not immediately confronting us. The editorial is as follows:

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

TOLERANCE

Recently a well-known Roman Catholic layman broadcasted a message to the people, in which he made an appeal for tolerance. There was discoverable a tactful assumption on the part of the distinguished gentleman that the intolerance was wholly on the part of Protestants, while Roman Catholics were the unflinching exemplars of the lauded virtue.

Perhaps there is no word that is more misused than the word tolerance. There is the sense in which there can be no toleration of wrong, error or falsehood, and it is the duty of every good citizen to combat these enemies of the human mind at all times. The trouble with our Roman Catholic friends is that they arrogate to themselves the sole right to judge what is wrong and what is right, and also assume the authority not only to attack the alleged error but to visit summary punishment upon the individual who, in their judgment, is guilty of holding wrong opinions. Falsehood and mischievous ideas are overcome by reason, moral suasion and presentation of incontrovertible facts. Until such evidence is forthcoming, men have the right to engage in the fullest, freest discussion. This is true tolerance.

Freemasonry stands unwaveringly in defense of the privilege of citizens to exercise the right of free assembly, free speech and free discussion, under proper conditions, without let or hindrance from anyone; but we demand that citizens, even though they have a Protestant purpose, shall be safeguarded and protected in their right to parade, under proper police regulations, and shall be permitted to meet to discuss any proper question even though it may be offensive to the Roman hierarchy.

We submit that Catholic laymen who desire to indulge in homilies on tolerance will find a ready market for their wares within the confines of their own communion, and we commend the principle of tolerance to the very earnest consideration of our Roman Catholic citizens.—The New Age Magazine.

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

The needs of American 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.

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.

And it will pass.

Talk to your Congressman and Senators. Let them understand what America demands—a grammar school education for every one of its boys and girls."