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"Corruption In Politics" Will Be Cry of Public During Present Campaign

Hoover's Marriage by Priest Should be Political Boost; Public Ought to Know About Private and Public Records Before Voting for Nations Executive

Now that the campaign is on, we may look for the usual cries of "corruption in politics" every time a candidate spends a little actual cash to promote his personal interests in election. It seems to be the pastime of the pessimists—and we languidly live through their spasms every time a presidential race is run. It costs a lot of money to advertise, and electing a President of the United States is one of the biggest business enterprises of the land. Unless the press is used widely as well as wisely, many local rumors, false reports, deliberate campaign lies, and slanderous statements will go on and grow into opposition and hindrance to the direct will of the people.

For instance we have just been hearing idle tales about the religious affiliation of the Hoovers. Many voters who are ardent Protestants have been told that the Hoovers "are Catholics"—and while these folks will not vote for Smith because he is a Roman Catholic, they will remain at home and thus by their silence give half a vote each to Smith.

Unless space is used to correct this rumor, Hoover will be the sufferer at the polls.

The bare fact of Hoover's being married as he was, by a local Roman Catholic priest, in a section of the country where he and his prospective bride had sought long and in vain for a Protestant preacher to unite them, ought to be a feather in Hoover's political cap. It proves that he is not a hide-bound sectarian, and that he believes in the Constitutional rights of everybody, even the Roman Catholic priests. The laws of this country which grant the right of uniting couples in marriage to Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists and all other sects, also grants that privilege to the Jewish Rabbis and the Roman Catholic priests. Nobody ever objected to that. What we have kicked about is that the Roman Catholic priests have NOT recognized the same rights to other denominational preachers. When Secretary Hoover, a young man in Mexico, (if our memory serves us correctly) which was then overwhelmingly Roman Catholic country, and engaged in his business as an engineer, decided to get married he and the present Mrs. Hoover determined to locate a parson and have the nuptial knot duly tied. After prancing all over the country without locating a preacher of their own faith and order or of a Protestant sect, they went to the village Catholic priest and were married. The fact that neither of them was or is a Roman Catholic (Mr. Hoover and Mrs. Hoover are both Quakers) assures us that they were not married in the Roman Catholic church. For the Roman church does NOT permit priests to marry Protestants inside any of their churches. It was not a Catholic marriage, and the priest merely performed the legalized ceremony assigned to all sects by the laws of the country. We strongly think that neither Secretary Hoover nor his wife has ever been inside of a Roman Catholic church to attend a religious service. But even if they had, that would not make them Roman Catholics. Many Protestants slip into Catholic churches, either through curiosity or to hear the music that always is a special feature of the Roman churches.

This is merely one incident to the necessity of large expenditures in national campaigns in order to keep the voters posted.

With 120,000,000 people in the United States, even a postal card to every one would cost a king's ransom. And it costs a lot more than a post card to get the facts before the voting public.

We take little stock in these campaign cries of "corrupt expenditures to influence elections." Votes are not put on the market as so many would have everybody believe. It is a reflection on the integrity and patriotism of the voters themselves to intimate that they can be so easily bought or bribed.

Let the candidates spend and be spent, if it means more light upon their public and private records.

For we are convinced that the more the general public knows about Herbert Hoover and his associates on the national ticket the more the landslide for Hoover and Curtis will grow between now and the November Democratic suicide.—Yellow Jacket.

Appointments of Gov. Al Smith in New York State

Of 21 Judges Named All Were Members of the Roman Church

Supreme Court Justice Eighth Judicial District, Phillip A. Laing—Roman Catholic.

Justice City Court, N. Y. C., Thomas T. Rely—Roman Catholic.

Justice Court General Sessions, N. Y. County, Alfred J. Talley—Roman Catholic.

County Judge, Onondaga County, James J. Barrett—Roman Catholic.

Supreme Court Justice, First Judicial District, Edward J. McGoldrick—Roman Catholic.

Supreme Court Justice, First Judicial District, William P. Burr—Roman Catholic.

Supreme Court Justice, First Judicial District, Edward J. Glennon—Roman Catholic.

Supreme Court Justice, Eighth Judicial District, Thomas J. Dowd—Roman Catholic.

Supreme Court Justice, Third Judicial District, James V. Coffey—Roman Catholic.

Supreme Court Justice, Fifth Judicial District, M. J. Larkin—Roman Catholic.

Supreme Court Justice, Sixth Judicial District, David F. Lee—Roman Catholic.

Supreme Court Justice, Eighth Judicial District, W. P. Brennan—Roman Catholic.

Supreme Court Justice, First Judicial District, Thomas W. Churchill—Roman Catholic.

Associate Judge, Court of Appeals, John F. O'Brien—Roman Catholic.

Supreme Court Justice, Eighth Judicial District, P. A. Sullivan—Roman Catholic.

Judge Court of Claims, James A. Parsons—Roman Catholic.

County Judge, Jefferson County, John Conboy—Roman Catholic.

County Judge (Special), Orange County, Henry Hunter—Roman Catholic.

Surrogate, Oswego County, Joseph P. O'Conner—Roman Catholic.

Special County Judge and Surrogate, Sullivan County, William Deckleman—Roman Catholic.

Judge Court of General Sessions New York County, George L. Donnellan—Roman Catholic.

GOD GIVE US MEN!

"God give us men! The Invisible Empire demands strong Minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands,

Men whom lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;

Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor; men who will not lie;

Men who can stand before a demagogue and damn his treacherous flattering without winking!

Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog

In public duty and private thinking; For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,

Their large professions and little deeds Mingle in selfish strife, Lo, freedom weeps,

Wrong rules the land, and waiting justice sleeps,

God give us men! Men who serve not for selfish booty, But real men, courageous, who flinch not at duty;

Men of dependable character; men of

TAMMANY "NOT IN POLITICS"

For the luva-mike, please don't split your lip laughing at the heading of this idiotorial. That's not a joke: We take it from a somber sober statement made by one of Tammany's dignified chieftains before the United States Senate Committee. He said:

"Tammany is purely a benevolent machine and takes no part in politics."

Mebbe that's what they'll all believe—after they see the way the voters swat Smith and Tammany's cast-iron cheek at the November election.

When the landslide is over and the majority for the G. O. P. is counted up, it won't be difficult to make almost anybody believe that "Tammany takes no part in politics."

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Judge—Sam, this is a serious charge
against you. Have you anything to
say in your defense?

Sam (haughtily)—Yob Hono^r, I not
only denies the allegation, but I also
declares the alligator is wrong.—Mis-
souri Outlaw.

Page Noah Webster

Colored Customer: Ah wants a quote
of sanctified milk.

Storekeeper: What you-all mean is
pacified milk.

Customer: Look heah, small one,
when Ah needs inflammation, Ah'll
specify.

A Letter to Our Readers

FELLOW AMERICANS:

Through deceit, political intrigue, and the use of money drawn from questionable sources, RUM and Romanism have captured the Presidential nomination from what was once the great Democratic Party. To add to their nefarious work and to serve as a sort of cloak to their unfair artifices, this same agency has named for the Vice Presidency one who formerly traveled the road of Protestantism and Masonry with love and affection, but who recently volunteered to chastise Senator J. Thomas Heflin when the latter was fighting, single handed, in the United States Senate, against efforts on the part of the Roman Catholic Political Machine to involve this Country with Mexico, because the Mexican Government was fighting to separate the Church and State.

The failure on the part of Mr. Smith of New York to accept the platform laid down by the representatives of the Democratic Party at Houston, in respect to the 18th amendment, in our estimation places the Great Democratic Party in the Discard and places in its stead the principles of Smith, or we might say the principles of his church, when we take into consideration the fact that Mr. Smith has always gone to his church for council, when confronted with difficulties. An example of this could be referred to the Smith-Marshall controversy carried on in the Atlantic Monthly some few months back.

If protestantism is not dead it will accept the challenge of this Tammany Hall trained New Yorker who declares his intentions to nullify the 18th amendment if elected President of the United States, and will carry the fight right into the enemy's camp and never rest until victory for righteous government has been achieved.

WE MUST TURN ON THE LIGHT so that the people may know the record of this man who after taking the party's power to get the nomination, openly throws the Party's platform in the discard and tries to ride into the White House on his own Wagon.

Help us to turn on this Light. Help us to spread the news. Subscribe for the Night-Hawk. Buy bundle lots. Give them to your friends. We will turn them out by the thousand if you will only see that they are distributed to the people.

Let there be light. The truth shall make you free.

Yours,

EDITOR.

The Preacher's Side of The Question

By R. A. L.

Repeatedly my friends among the Klans folk of the community have poured out the vials of their bitterness to me concerning the cowardice, or blindness, or something else of the Protestant Ministry who dare not, or care not, to take a firm stand for the truth and join in the fight against the alien encroachments of the Papacy. I have tried as frequently to show them that the fault is not all on the part of the preachers. I do not defend my brethren in such a failure. But ~~of the "Cloth" (whatever that~~ means) I can perhaps tell these embittered Klansmen something of the reason why numbers of men who are heart and soul in accord with the fight against the Menace are not fighting shoulder to shoulder with the Klan if not actually lining up in its membership.

In the first place there are in most all of our Protestant Churches a number of members who because of business reasons or family entanglements are disposed to be friendly (or as they express it, "tolerant") to the Papal Church and blind to its political ramifications and ambitions. And at the same time there are a number of splendid Klansmen and women who, though setting themselves as adamant in the defense of that which they call Protestant Americanism, are not to be found as active members in any Protestant Church. They hang to some denomination, or even to some local church, but the hanging is done by so thin a cord that the church or denomination is largely in ignorance of their sympathy. I say to the Klansman, "Line up with your church, get busy in its work, support its programme,

become in very truth an active member. Then let your Pastor know where you stand, assure him of your support should he get into the fight. And see to it that he has every bit of literature you can get your hands on."

Here is another phase of the preacher's side of it. Suppose I should get up in my pulpit, as I have, and preach a straight forward sermon dealing with some phases of the subject. If they should know of it some of the boys would no doubt come out to hear the address. But should trouble fall as the result of that sermon it would not likely come that night. It may not even arrive fully for a week or a month afterwards. And then, there I am left high and dry to face the music alone. If you want preachers to turn the searchlight of truth onto Rome more generally, stand by them afterward. If you have no church home, join theirs. To just attend is not enough, you have no voice in the government of the church as an adherent. Thus when the axe descends, the head of that preacher rolls into the basket, while Jesuistic Romanism and weak-spined Protestants wield the axe, and you, look impotently on.

A third come-back: Some preachers have lost financial support by taking a solidly American Protestant stand. That means bitter struggle for the pastor, and not infrequently privation and suffering for himself and family. There again is a challenge to Klannishness. Go on in and support the men who have dared to join you in the fight for a free America. And if he needs protection, do your part to see to it that he gets it.

Spend your vacation at Woodward Lake, 7 miles north of Ionia, Michigan's Klan Kamp, owned and operated by the Ku Klux Klan Realm of Michigan. You are welcome. K I G Y. The Ku Klux Klan of Montcalm Co.

What Protestant Christianity Means to Me

Almighty God so arranged the universe that all the agencies created and set in motion by Him, work in harmony one with another to promote enduring happiness and consistent progress.

When the correlated machinery of the universe had worked in accordance with God's design for a period of time, Almighty God set up through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, His machinery of redemption for fallen man.

I see in Protestant Christianity an opportunity for us to serve the world through a consecrated Christlike life founded upon the moral Code and exemplifying the sacrificial service of our Saviour.

For good to support good is natural—for good to ever combat evil is necessary and right. For man to walk in the paths of righteousness, the paths must be passable; the boundaries of the paths must be set. 'Tis not enough to know the right—'tis far better to do right.

As our Lord Jesus Christ, is the Klansman's criterion of character, so Christianity for me means to follow the teachings of Christ.

The great question for me is—what would Christ do? For illustration, not long since a delegation requested me to take a certain stand as between disputants in our organization. I did not know from the limited facts before me what stand to take. I asked the committee what stand would Jesus take. They told me, but explained that the other disputant was abler than the one whom Jesus would choose.

No leader or teacher of mankind has ever been able in the entire course of human history to devise a method of conduct the equal of the one the Christ would pursue, hence Protestant Christianity means to me an opportunity to serve a needful world through the application of Christ's principles, unfettered by human limitations or human dogmas.

Deep seated within the human breast, an agent of the Almighty will give to every human being, on request, an unerring report as to God's will and purpose; as to Christ's program.

Protestantism means a protest against man's assumption of God's prerogative. Ever protesting against this sacrilege, endeavoring so far in my weakness I can to follow Christ's program, I depend upon the redemptive love of Christ for my future salvation.

No set program can ever take the place of consecrated service; no man-made permit will serve as an entrance ticket to the joys of Heaven if my conception of God's universe and Christ's part therein is true.

HIRAM W. EVANS,

Imperial Wizard, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Michigan's Politicians Favor Roman Catholics In State Appointments

Seem to Call on Protestants During Campaigns and Want Votes
but After Election Are Not Only Forgotten but Ignored—
Plums Go to Roman Catholics

LANSING, MICH.—The outstanding feature in Michigan in a political way is the manner in which so many of the politicians and officeholders play to the grandstand for Roman Catholic votes. Protestants control when they stick together and work together and every once in a while they become nauseated with the crawling political leaders to the Roman Catholics and then the Protestants get mad and are up and at 'em and the Protestants always win under such circumstances.

Father McClorey Discloses Views About Marriage

Detroit Priest Discloses the
Catholic Rules on Marriage
According to the
New Canon Law

In the editorial section of the Detroit Times recently there appeared an article by the Rev. John A. McClorey of the University of Detroit, wherein he discloses the Catholic rules on marriage according to the new Canon law of 1918.

Our interpretation of this article leads us to believe that the hierarchy is trying to place the Church above the Government in this country, or as we take it, they infer that our laws are not of any importance and are not legal even when in conflict with those of a foreign Church potentate.

Quoting Rev. McClorey in this article, he said:

"Moreover a marriage which is proved to have been contracted without dispensation, by a baptized Christian and a non-baptized person, before the new Canon Law of 1918 may be declared null and void, on sufficient proof of the fact. I say, 'Before the new Canon Law of 1918,' because since that legislation, such marriages are valid, even without dispensation, except where the Christian contracting party is a Catholic.

In the case of a Catholic, any attempted marriage with a non baptized person, without a dispensation, or indeed any marriage with any person whatsoever, entered into without the presence of the proper Pastor or his delegate, is not only forbidden, but null and void."

If our marriage laws are all null and void unless performed by a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, just what do all the laws of this country amount to? If a Favorite Son of that same Church gets to be the chief executive of this nation what respect will he have for those laws that his superiors claim are not legal? Can the people, either Protestant or Catholic of the United States, afford to let a super-government of this nature get the controlling position of its government?

Al Smith, of New York, it is told made his own son go to a priest and re-marry after he already had been married by a magistrate, telling him that he was not married at all. Will a man that takes his Oath of office, swearing to uphold the laws of this country, and claims openly that parts of these same laws are no laws at all because his ecclesiastical church government in a foreign land makes laws contrary to his country's laws, will he abide by and enforce the other laws of his country, or will he go altogether by the laws of his Church instead? Can the people of America take the chance?

If the marriage laws of America are not legal what will the other laws of the nation amount to if an ecclesiastical political government gets in power? Americans let's take heed! Don't follow in the footsteps of poor Spain who has been in papal bondage for hundreds of years. One time Spain was one of the most prosperous and foremost nations of the world and today, we are told that 80% of the people of Spain can neither read nor write.

Why take a chance unless they can show us something better than we already have? America has the ideal government of the world today, there is none better. Let's keep America for Americans!

It will be remembered that back in 1924 Governor Alex A. Groesbeck appeared to be in sympathy with the Roman Catholic crowd and the political machine was successful in splitting up and scattering the Protestant vote. Remembering the outcome of the 1924 fight the Protestant voters went to the polls the next time and defeated Groesbeck by a majority of 160,000 votes.

The Roman Catholic political machine played its usual trick of making the present administration believe that they were responsible for the defeat of Groesbeck. Since they have been able to get this thing over one Roman Catholic nun has been appointed to State office, although Roman Catholics claim not to be in politics. One member of the Order of St. Gregory has been elevated to the Supreme Court. This man's name was Flannigan (he is recently deceased). Then Mr. O'Brien, another member of the order of St. Gregory, was elevated to the circuit bench in Detroit. Arthur D. Wood, a Roman Catholic, was named chairman of the pardon board and his committee handles all the pardons in Michigan. Sidney Doyle, a brother of Monsignor Doyle, Roman Catholic, was named a member of the State Securities Commission. Another man by the name of Hagerdon, prominent Roman Catholic and member of the Knights of Columbus, from Bay City, was named as State Drug Inspector. And Thomas W. Bigger, Roman Catholic, of Marshall, Mich., was put on the State Athletic Commission.

During the past year, a Greek society called on Governor Green desiring to obtain an appointment for a young Greek lawyer and they were told that their group was rather small and a more powerful group had to be recognized. Protestants are wondering if this group referred to by the Governor does not mean the Roman Catholic crowd.

The klan has not been consulted in the matter of making appointments Michigan seem to have the impression that Protestants can be called on during a campaign or before an election and thereafter ignored. An outstanding example of this attitude is the recent election of a mayor in Detroit. A Roman Catholic Mayor staged every method he could think of to attract Roman Catholic votes. Cardinal Hayes in the city of Detroit had his picture in the Detroit papers about him every day, and as a last resort Bishop Gallagher's picture appeared in all of the metropolitan papers. He and the cardinal were defending the Roman Catholic Mayor, John Smith, and claiming that some bigoted crowd was after John Smith. The result was that the election fight developed into a Klan vs. Roman Catholic scrap and the klan came out victorious. Leaflets were distributed all over Detroit with John Smith's picture on them accusing the klan of working quietly and secretly (just as if the klan did not have that right), and to victory. It is said that the defeat of Mayor Smith has weakened to a great extent the chances of his bosom friend, Governor Green.

It is this same Governor Green who went down into Indiana just a few days ago to make speeches against United States Senator Jim Watson, and the Governor took another trimming down there. The Hoosiers did not like his interference from outside of their State and they took a delight in sending the Michigan Governor back home with his power again weakened. He took another trimming and scampered back home to think over his mistakes.

OUR LODGE

Why, sure! Our lodge just runs itself.
There's not much work to do,
The By-laws here look after that;
Why worry, me and you?
The Chancellor may do a bit,
But a very little mite;
Just phone calls every now and then,
And at meeting every night.
The officers keep sitting 'round
Arranging plans and such,
'Bout seven days in every week—

There is only one United States and its value to the world consists in its being and remaining American in spirit, ideal and action. Any deletion of its Americanism would increase the international calamity.

You Will Never Be Sorry

For telling the truth.

For living a pure life.

For doing your very best.

For confessing your sins.

For being kind to the poor.

For being honest.

For living the Christian life.

—Hugh C. Gresham.

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The entertainment job's a joke,
It makes a fellow grin.
The artists that we hear each night,
Why, they just happen in.
The "paper" doesn't mean a thing—
The printer does it all.
A big machine just puts them out,
You call that work? It's gall.
And all the Master of Finance does
Is see that dues are paid,
And keep our members up to date,
It's a cinch, if one was ever made.
Why, sure! Our lodge runs itself,
It's the best that ever "wuz."
You think so? Just try it once—
You'll say "The H—L it does."

—Borrowed with adaptations.

CAN SMITH CARRY NEW YORK STATE

(Reprint from Congressional Record)

Smith can not carry New York for President this fall!

Analyze the New York vote in 1924, and this overlooked fact will come clearly into view. There was a well-known "Cal & Al" trade between the Republican machine and Tammany in New York State in 1924. The result was that Cal was given approximately 150,000 Democratic votes for President in exchange for approximately the same number of Republican votes for Al for governor. The result of this corrupt trade was that Cal carried the State by 850,000 and All carried it by a little over 100,000. Except for this corrupt trade Al would not have won. There can be no such trade if Al is nominated for President. Nothing to trade. You see the Republican machine wants to control nationally, while Tammany is concerned primarily about winning in New York City especially, and in the State incidentally. Tammany would be more apt to trade against Al this fall than for him. This one reason Al can not win New York for President this fall.

Another reason Al can not possibly carry New York this fall is in the fact that in 1924 the Tammany machine which was back of him got out 95 per cent of the registered vote in New York City, while only 75 percent of the registered State vote outside New York went to the polls. In other words 500,000 up-State voters, largely dry and Republican, did not vote, because they had no choice on the dry question because both Al and his Republican opponent, Roosevelt were wet and these disgusted up-State voters simply stayed at home. You bet they would come out this fall if Al were nominated, because they would then have a chance to express themselves. The Republicans will nominate a dry for President, no doubt about that, and even if Al could carry his Tammany infested city by as big a majority as he did in 1924 (which is impossible), those up-State Republicans would come down on him like a thousand of bricks. I would expect to see Al lose New York by from 300,000 to 600,000 votes.

Isn't his losing New York State, in consideration of the above facts and circumstances, as plain to you as the nose on your face? Then let's not be foolish.

In the above paragraphs I have touched only the high spots about the situation. Below is a more complete analysis of the figures and of the conditions. I give it out of consideration for those who are interested enough to do a little pondering and a little thinking for themselves. (Most of us prefer to have somebody else do our thinking and make up our minds for us.)

In new York in 1924 Coolidge had 1,820,000 presidential votes; Davis, 950,000; all others, 486,000; total, 3,256,000. Coolidge's plurality over Davis, 870,000; majority over all, 384,000.

For governor, Smith had 1,627,000 votes; Roosevelt, 1,518,000, and Thomas, 100,000; total 3,245,000.

Eleven thousand presidential votes had therefore no choice for governor. Assuming these were on the Coolidge ballots, there were then 1,809,000 Coolidge ballots which voted for a governor, of which 1,518,000 were for Roosevelt and 291,000 for Smith.

Thomas, the Socialist, got 100,000 of LaFolette's Socialist votes, which leaves 386,000 that went to Smith; 950,000 Davis votes went to Smith.

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ballots 386,000
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Smith votes on Coolidge
ballots 291,000

Total 1,627,000

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In other words, about 145,000 of Al's Tammany alleged Democrats voted for a stand-pat Republican (Coolidge) against a Democratic presidential candidate (Davis), and about 145,000 stand-pat Coolidge Republicans voted for a Tammany Democrat for governor against a Progressive Republican (Roosevelt.)

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Party principles cut no figure. It was not principle but political pie that controlled.

Except for this corrupt trading of votes, Roosevelt would have had 1,518,000 plus 145,000, or 1,663,000 votes; and Smith would have had 1,627,000 minus 145,000, or 1,483,000. Thus the pretendedly invincible Smith would have been defeated even for the governorship by 181,000 votes. It is on this doubly discreditable foundation that the political myth of Alfred E. Smith being able to carry New York for the Presidency has been built up. Except for this fraud he would have lost the governorship, and if, like Davis, Smith had been running for the Presidency, he would not only have gained 145,000 votes but far worse; he would have lost another 145,000 votes and only had 1,338,000 votes, and been defeated by Coolidge 482,000, even if he had gotten 386,000 LaFollette votes, or, failing this vote, would have been defeated by 868,000.

Except for this fraud Coolidge would have had 1,820,000, less 145,000, or 1,675,000—only a few more than his Republican colleague, Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., as in reason we should expect.

About 145,000 Coolidge Republicans thus bore witness, in voting for Alfred E. Smith, to his unfitness to lead Jeffersonian Democrats, and about 145,000 stand-pat Tammanyites, in voting for Coolidge, bore witness to Tammany's unfitness to lead the national Democracy.

The Democratic candidate, Davis, for the Presidency, was thus betrayed by Al's friends in 1924.

In the four counties of New York, Kings, Queens, and the Bronx, the

tiger's den, this treachery is most conspicuous (see World Almanac, 1928, pp. 824-846. For here Smith got 913,000 while his Democratic colleague, Davis, got only 473,000. If Davis had got all the other presidential votes except Coolidge's, he would have gotten 285,340 additional, or a total of 758,020, showing that Smith in the tiger's den got 200,000 over his Democratic colleague, Davis, and Coolidge got over 200,000 over his Republican colleague, Roosevelt. So that in the tiger's own den there was a trade of a 100,000 votes from Al to Cal and from Cal to Al. The governorship was worth the presidency to Tammany. They knew exactly what they wanted and got it. Therefore, "Cal and Al".

The Coolidge vote in these four counties was 608,103; the Roosevelt vote 404,116.

In 1920 the trading of votes in New York State between the Tammany supporters and the stand-pat Republican machine was still more monumental. For, in these same four counties Alfred E. Smith got 356,000 more than his Democratic colleague, Cox, and the Republican, Harding, got 389,000 more votes than his Republican colleague, Miller. In New York State, in 1920, Smith got 480,000 over his Democratic colleague, Cox, and Harding got 500,000 more than his Republican colleague, Miller. (Thirty-one thousand presidential voters had no choice for governor.) It is again clear that in 1920, about 240,000 of Smith's supporters voted for the Republican presidential candidate and about 240,000 of the Harding Republicans withdrew their votes from the Republican, Miller, and gave them to the Democrat, Smith. Even under this handicap, of a fraudulent vote of 480,000 to Miller's disadvantage, he defeated Smith.

In 1920 and in 1924, Tammany wanted the governorship of New York and the Republican machine wanted the Presidency of the United States, and got it, as far as the New York electoral vote was concerned, by the simple expedient of trading votes with Al Smith's supporter's.

Unfortunately for the political myth of Al Smith, it is entirely clear that this political cooperation and exchange is not reversible.

In 1928 Tammany will need the governorship of New York as urgently as in 1920 and 1924, and will be compelled to pay the price of giving Tammany's votes to the Republican machine, in exchange for Republican machine votes to "Dear old Tammany" for governorship.

In 1928 the Republicans will urgently need the New York electoral vote and will be willing to sell the governorship to Tammany for it, but it will not sell the Presidency, even if Tammany might desire it. But Tammany must absolutely have the governorship of New York, for its whole commercialized structure of politics depends on the control of New York City and New York State.

With iron logic, it follows, that Al Smith can not overcome the 384,000 over-all majority of Coolidge, in 1924, plus the LaFollette presidential vote of 386,000. If Smith could be actually nominated, he would be in the same plight as Davis was in 1924.

In 1924 Tammany got out 95 per cent of the vote in New York City and environs, and had no reserve vote, while the up-State New York registration shows that over 500,000 registered voters did not vote. They were largely dries, who had no choice between Roosevelt and Smith, both of whom were wet. As the Republicans will nominate a dry for President, Smith would have to overcome this additional handicap.

Nothing has occurred to add to Al Smith's strength since 1924. He is no wetter now than he was then. Much has occurred to weaken him through

Nothing has occurred to add to Al Smith's strength since 1924. He is no wetter now than he was then. Much has occurred to weaken him through the sweeping reorganization of the old powerful prohibition forces, the churches, and the women, the law enforcement league, etc. They regard Alfred E. Smith as a nullificationist, as well as a wringing wet, because of his approval of the act of 1920, legalizing light wines and beers in New York State, an act which the Supreme Court of the United States declared was unconstitutional; because of his support of the plank of the Democratic State platform, proposing that Congress should violate the Constitution of the United State by modifying the Volstead Act with an amendment, allowing light wines and beer; and because, above all, of his withdrawal of the State of New York from the support of the Volstead Act by his approving the repeal of the Mullan-Gage law. Governor Smith can not carry New York, much less overcome the 7,000,000 national handicap of 1924.

The corrupt history of Tammany, under Tweed, Croker, and Murphy, and its record of commercialized politics, makes it impossible to conceive that the American people would turn the White House over to Tammany, or deliver the United States Treasury to Tammany's wild Indians.

Be it forever remembered by those Democrats, whose thinkers still think, that never have the Democrats carried a national election except when it defied the vicious commercialized leadership of Tammany, as it did when Tilden ran and was elected; when Grover Cleveland three times denounced Tammany and was three times nominated and twice elected; and when Woodrow Wilson, vigorously opposed by Tammany, was twice nominated and twice elected.

The Democrats can not hope to carry New York or the country until it purges itself of Tammany, with its evil repute, and nominates an untainted Jeffersonian Democrat with no Hamiltonian stripes who will be acceptable and the national constitutional prohibition policy.

The Democrats tried to compromise in 1920 and 1924 and met two terrible defeats. Naturally, for the conservatives preferred Harding to Cox, and Coolidge to Davis, while the progressive felt no enthusiasm for Cox or Davis, and the drys were alienated from both these gentlemen (who now appear in the public prints as approving wet Smith.)

Thinking Democrats, whose thinkers still think, should not be misled by the lavishly financed campaign to sell Tammany to the Democracy. This wholesale use of money, with its agents traversing every State in the Union, writ-

ing books and magazine articles, filling the public press, using the moving pictures and the radio, and telling the impoverished Democracy that if Smith is nominated they need not worry about financing the campaign, should be a warning of the real powers behind this Tammany movement.

The Democracy must fight these powers or fail in its duty and opportunity.

The cheapest way to insure the election of a Republican in 1928 is to finance and nominate Smith. The Republican politicians know it, and commend Smith with more cordiality than sincerity, because they know that if the Democrats can be split on the wet issue, on the Tammany issue, on the nullification issue, on immigration, or on a religious issue, Democratic defeat is a certainty.

**GOVERNOR SMITH CAN NOT
CARRY NEW YORK IN 1928.**

A GRAND DRAGON'S LETTER

I wonder if you appreciate just what the Night-Hawk, broadcast throughout the land, can do toward stopping Al Smith and the forces behind him?

Let me quote a paragraph from the November issue of the Kourier Magazine:

"For it Smith's opposition to prohibition does not count, why is it that every bootlegger and all who want booze-at-any-price will support him? If his nullification does not count, why is it that he is assured of the aid of every enemy of the Constitution? If his Romanism will make no difference, why is the Roman hierarchy giving him such vociferous endorsement? If his alienism will not affect his administration, then why do the alien-minded and unassimilated undesirables rally around him? If the corrupt bosses do not expect to profit by his election, why are they ready to give him the backing of the entire criminal, degenerate and vicious spawn of the slums?"

No more impenetrable wall can be raised than to place this text in the hands of every Protestant American. No summary can be more complete, and none more concise. I tell you that if the Protestant Americans could all read that one paragraph, Al Smith would never set foot inside the White House as our President, and, what is more important, the forces backing him would receive a well deserved setback never to be forgotten.

You have seen long miles of carefully mustered phrases marshalled by the anti-American forces for the purpose of booming Smith, and, in Dr. Evans' words 'out of their own mouths are these propagandists confounded.'

They are counter-checked and confounded by that small paragraph which is the KEY to all of the newspaper talk! That paragraph is like a stone from the sling of David! It is like the reversing lever which turns the wheels of mighty machinery in the opposite direction!

Neither you, I, nor the average member, can equal or surpass that wonderful paragraph, but **THERE IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DO.** That is to **PUT THE NIGHT-HAWK IN THE HANDS OF THE PROTESTANT WORLD!** Remember, **ANYBODY** can subscribe to the Night-Hawk, it is not necessary to confine the subscription lists to members.

In addition, there is no better way of showing our appreciation to our Imperial Wizard and to the Editor of our wonderful paper.

THE MINISTER AND THE KLAN

(The author of the article suggests that Klansmen might ask local ministers to read this, especially those who are not members).

My purpose in writing this article is in no sense an apology or defense of the Klan. It is rather an humble confession of error and a plea for fair and broad-minded consideration.

If I were a chronic joiner, I should not attempt this statement for I often feel a sense of shame when I hear brother ministers admit that they repeatedly join organizations to get who and what they can from them. If there is a prejudice (and I believe there is), I am prejudiced against habitual or frequent "joining," and although, like yourself, I am frequently invited or solicited for membership here and there, I have refrained from almost all of the offers.

At the time the Klan was enjoying its unparalleled numerical growth, I was living in a state which was almost without organizations, surrounded by an overshadowing Catholic influence and fed up by a press which was hostile beyond the point of bitterness, and unfair misrepresentation. I refused, unwittingly, to give the order a fair hearing in the jury of my own heart. I was wise enough to say little or nothing, but, inwardly, set up an imaginary barrier between myself and an organization that was portrayed as was the Klan by the press, magazine and hearsay.

My regret is that it took a new environment and a series of events covering months before I would allow a fair trial in my own heart. My regret is like that of Paul, the regret of wasted time and opportunity.

As I set about to introspect, I can sum up the main reasons for urging you, my brother, walking in a common cause, to add to the symbols you already bear the fiery cross. The uplifted symbol of the Klansman will not be something new, but something which you already have, vitalized in a new way, perhaps an answer to many a prayer that you have breathed, hardly knowing why.

1. The central theme of the organization is 'Jesus Christ, the criterion of character.' I regret to confess that I know some Churches that are not as faithful in teaching the Christ as is the Klan. The spiritual life of the order is growing. Recently, I came from my hotel room in an eastern city, surprised at the number of men hurrying in the direction of a large theatre. Curious, I fell in line and soon found myself with some six thousand other men in an early morn-

ing Klan prayer-meeting. I felt rather rebellious in facing a small summer congregation in a large city Church and chagrined that another organization was more successful in promoting vitalized religion in that city than the Church—the Bride of Christ. The Klan is much more than a numerical and political force—it is also a spiritual force that must be reckoned with and which needs you as a director, that we may always keep our eyes fixed upon Jesus, the criterion of character.

2. The Klan is the right arm of Protestantism. I realize that much is being said about the encroachment of lodges in wresting away marriage, burial and what not from the Church. I feel it as you do. The Klan is not and will not be a party to any such scheme. It rather provides a common meeting place and a general background that makes a Klansman a better member and worker in your Church and mine. If you have not found this true, I have. Be fair enough not to condemn a nation-wide-organization by one small sample you have limited knowledge of. The Churches of our city have found religious discrimination and had it not been for relief gained through the Klan, we hardly know where we might have been. This may not be your individual problem but if it is not, you must recognize your good fortune and give place for those who are less fortunate. We cannot set out to enter local state or national politics denominationally, but we must have a mode of Protestant defense or aggression as the case may be. The Klan is the common meeting-ground for all worthy purposes.

3. The methods of the Klan are Christlike. You must chose between our testimony concerning ourselves or the slanders of those who hate us. It is here that the most vicious and unfair misrepresentations have been made. I could not blame you severely if you stumble here, for it is here that I lived in an illusion for months, fed up by a malicious press, and confirmed by an uninformed but determined public opinion. When you are inside the fold, you will understand just as you say to the men of the world who stay out of our Churches because their errors 'get right in your heart and these apparent mistakes will have vanished.'

4. The educational policy of the Klan is constructive. Just as the Church has learned so recently that positive teaching of good is better than negations concerning evil, so the Klan has ceased to so emphaize the dangers in opposition, in favor of the opportunity for positive Americanism and Protestant Christianity. You have heard that the Klan is built on 'hate.' It may be true but in the same sense that Church is built upon the hatred of sin. Most of us wish that our Churches would hate sin more. The Klan bears no malice for its opponents and not one of them is harmed, however we are striking a death blow at the sin of un-American and religious oppression.

5. The Klan offers a place for your leadership. Ministers are forced more and more to be executives. ~~The man~~ who can successfully handle a large Church must have about the same amount of vision and executive skill as the man who leads a large business organization. Your talent along this line can be invested in the Klan, without impairing your usefulness in the Church. The wise minister does not make the mistake of confining his talents between four walls. The Klan will appreciate your counsel, influence and talents.

6. The Klan offers a safe and worthy place for your outside friendships. Only the most narrow-minded man cares to meet intimately those who agree with him and are affiliated with him, sectarianly. In the strain of the modern pastorate, one does well to let-up from the constant routine of duties in connection with his own work, and meet others, socially. You will likely be surprised to find many in the Klavern that you did not know would be there. You will find some who are looking for ministers "just like you". You will find many with similar sympathies and similar cravings. Perhaps you will find some, as I have, who will develop into most substantial helpers in your own work, some who were there just waiting for you to come for them.

7. There one other thing that the Klan will do for you, and in the same measure that you invest in it. It will shape your preaching, intensify your appeal and greatly broaden your vision. It was my joy to step into one of the largest gatherings of Christian people held this summer in a central state, and the first sentence that I heard from the lips of the speaker who was closing his address, gave away the fact that he had informed himself about the Klan with the result of an intensive interets and membership. Some knew where the secret of his appeal came from. Others did not. You owe it to yourself and your mission in life, to be 'on fire.' The Klansman's Christ can be yours and His cross will burn in your heart as it does from a thousand hills. "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."

Vain Effort To Dis- credit Klan Record

It is natural during a campaign in which the Ku Klux Klan is standing against the forces of alienism, Romanism, and booze, the period just before the primaries has seen wild efforts on the part of these powerful interests to discredit it, and to fasten upon it unfounded charges of crime and violence. No reputable person has come forward to give any testimony in this direction, but others have, and their so-called evidence has been given wide publicity before any court has had a chance to decide whether they are even entitled to be heard as witnesses. And, it can be said, no respectable and truthful man will be found to say the things the propagandists want said.

The enemies of the Klan have brought various suits—to oust it from Indiana, Pennsylvania, and so forth. In support of these suits they have taken depositions hither and yon. Depositions are not evidence till they have been accepted by a court; a witness may say almost anything he wishes in them with little danger to himself. They offer a splendid chance to spread false accusations, or to work off grievance, or to earn the good will of some one with an axe to grind.

One of these propagandist depositions came from a certain Pat Emmons. He had, it is true, been a Klansman. He worked on commission as a Kleagle, ingratiated himself with the men he enlisted and got himself elected secretary of an organization he had built. Shortly he was found to have absorbed its resources, and, at the request of the outraged membership, the national administration removed him. It was then that he turned on the Klan and developed his so-called conscientious objections about it. When it became clear that he was for the Klan only so long as there was a living in it for him, the Klan did not choose to bid for his services and loyalty on that basis.

Most interesting is the illegal deposition made by D. S. Stephenson, once Grand Dragon of Indiana, who was banished for gross misconduct, and later convicted of murder of a girl and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. He made the "deposition" in his cell. He told the usual tales of murder, sudden death, lawlessness and political corruption. It there is any truth in them—which is doubtful—it dates back to what he calls the "idealistic" regime of Col. Simmons for Stephenson held office only a few months in the administration of the present Imperial Wizard, and has been in the penitentiary for murder during most of it. The most interesting part of his story is his description of the Klan's alleged attempts to "frame" men whom it wished to discredit. He claims that he, himself, was the victim of such a frame-up. His hope that enough of his story will be believed so that he can apply for a pardon can be read between every two lines of his "testimony."

Now in "Colliers" we find that W. J. Simmons the founder of the Ku Klux Klan and who was thrown out because of his crookedness, is telling how he "put over the Klan" and also that it was stolen from him.

There is one peculiar thing about all these yarns. At the time all the things they charged were supposed to be hapening there were throughout the country any number of public officials and newspapers bitterly hostile to the Klan, and perfectly willing to lie about it if given the faintest excuse. In fact, they made the most of every outrage that could by any possibility be traced to the Klan or any of its members; hundreds of charges of lawlessness were made against the Klan in cases where there was no connection whatever. If the acts of terrorism which are now charged had ever been committed, there would have been full publicity given them, and a storm of protest that would have rung from one end of the country to the other. The curious thing is that no such thing happened; that there is no record of all this terrorism at the time it is supposed to have occurred.

A Letter From a New York Citizen

The following letter written by a man who signed himself American Democrat appeared in a recent edition of The Fellowship Forum and coming from a citizen of Governor Al Smith's State we will pass it on to our Night-Hawk readers.

Sounds Warning To Americans

The wet Governor of New York has been nominated for the great and honorable position of Chief Executive of these United States. The very sound of it causes a chill or resentful apprehension!

Has the fatal day come when we, as in the days of Russia's darkest distress, must—as did she—bow before this Democratic Convention, I as a Democrat, would take my solemn oath that the "railroading" through of this nomination was done by the picked delegates of a faction too well known to take the space to name—and money talked!

Are the great Democrats of this country willing to stand by and see their glory crushed by the steam-roller tactics of a corrupt system? It remains to be seen. And I take liberty of asserting that an overwhelming majority of my fellow members will give their first Republican vote—as I shall do—to Herbert Hoover, and work untiringly for his election.

Slavery has been abolished in America and true Americans do not again propose to take on its poke by the election of a pawn in the hands of the pope of Rome.

Is the land of Washington, Lincoln, and Wilson to be sold at the auction block of a Romanized Tammany? Will true Democrats barter the very liberty that our party swore throughout its history to uphold? Rather let the party die an honorable death—than that an honest Democrat be forced to bow his head in shame; because his misguided brothers prefer to sell their souls to Rome rather than go down in defeat in 1928! And in this line I place the farm state Republicans and ask if they too are willing to crucify their liberty and that of the coming generations upon the cross of dissatisfaction of the stand taken by the present Administration, and refuse to give heed to the fact that the Republican candidate has already made known his desire and willingness to adjust their troubles and give them relief. Would they, I ask, sell their birth-right for a mess of pottage? If so—they are unworthy of the name American.

The Democratic Convention at Houston was a fixed affair, but though some of the people may be fooled some of the time they cannot be fooled all of the time. Neither are they misled

by the Tammany leaders veiled announcement: "We are for law enforcement."

Another tool in the hands of the "mighty" is the nominee for Vice-President, Senator Robinson, and I am constrained to say that as a chairman of a great convention, he was to be deplored! Not only did he show discourtesy to numberless speakers by his deliberate neglect to demand order when the din of conversation rose above all efforts to be heard, but he may as well have thrown his gavel into the scrap basket for all the use he made of it. His chairmanship was in marked contrast to that of Senator Walsh in Madison Square Garden four years ago.

But the issue is not that of convention chairmanship, it goes farther into the vitals of the well being of the nation for that! Protestant Americans, take your stand! And to those of you who would choose to be known as "tolerant" let me impress upon you an all important fact: though Rome clamors for "tolerance"—who, may I ask, has shown the least tolerance?

The Constitution of the United States calls for religious freedom, all to practice their religion in their own manner, not seeking to inflict their creed upon another. In this Rome does not, never has and never will live up to the Constitution of the land she wishes to drag down into the mire in company with her other weak, enslaved domains. What Protestant church seeks to exploit itself, assuming that it is the one and only means through which salvation can be attained? None. This is real tolerance.

But — from the Roman church comes the blatant and insulting statement that all people joined in wedlock other than by a Catholic priest are "not legally married, and the children are illegitimate." By what name may we call such an assertion — does it smack of tolerance?" When priests of that institution forbid their members from entering a Protestant church claiming it to be a sin—this too—God forbid!—is the essence of tolerance!

Let them first weed their own gardens before they attempt to perform that duty for others. Let them practice tolerance before they plead its cause. And then we would have a member of this "tolerant" order in the White House? This man who must needs go to a priest for advice ere he answers a question put to him bearing upon his policy in connection with the Constitution! And all his future advice will come from the same source.

George Breman, of Illinois, said several days ago in reference to prohibition: "Smith himself is the platform and the words don't count." Therefore the introduction of a formal dry plank in the platform need not necessarily bind Smith to a strict adherence to the 18th Amendment, it does not mean anything to him. It is easily seen that they must pacify both sides—the wets and the dries—in order to win votes. Having done that, with Al Smith in the White House, the people could find themselves playing a "Puss in the Corner" game with the overlord of Tammany, dodging the dry issue on a slippery plank that is dry on one end and soaking on the other, while the farmer would find himself on the outside waiting to be heard, and keep on waiting. For we are not dealing with the fair-minded of the party, we are up against an unscrupulous machine whose corruptions and schemes should be too well known to make the people of this country —

waiting. For we are not dealing with the fair-minded of the party, we are up against an unscrupulous machine whose corruptions and schemes should be too well known to make the people of this country swallow an ounce of their political soothing syrup.

I call to the people of the Corn Belt! Do not allow all your personal prejudice and internal trouble to swamp your clearer judgement and overrule your common sense. There is too much at stake! Your liberty and that of your children depends upon placing your community above everything else. For once, you will have the fight of your lives to get Rome out! I, as a Democrat urge you to think well before you endanger your liberty by placing it in the hands of the Tammany Hall candidate! Local politics are of one color, national politics are of quite another. And as a New Yorker, born in the State and a resident in the city since early childhood, I warn the people of the far states not to let distance color their imagination or lend enchantment! If they could be here to know and see the plotting and the scheming to win those credulous Americans by fair or foul means, they would open their eyes before it was too late.

Herbert Hoover is a humanitarian, do not be blinded by the insidious propaganda of his enemies, they are working for, and only in the interests of Tammany and Rome. My country comes first; my politics second, in a crucial hour. See to it, fellow Americans, East West, North and South, that you prove your right to the honored name you bear.

AN AMERICAN DEMOCRAT.

New York City.

MUST HAVE KINFOLKS HERE

On the islands of the Southern part of South America lives the lowest race of beings on earth. They have no homes; they wander from one place to another in crude boats which they hew out of logs and which they turn over on themselves as protection for the night on land. They maintain no residences, pay no taxes, and when food is scarce the men kill their women and children and take whatever food they can find for themselves. When storms threaten them on water, they destroy their own offspring and wives to lighten the load on their boats. Their crude motto of being is, "For Self and Not for Others"—the very antithesis of the maxim of the Man of Nazareth, "Non-Silba, Sed Anthar", not for self but for others.

Yes, beloved, they are the lineal descendants of the Roman Catholics who siezed and settled South America ages ago, and what they are doing today is what the Popes of Rome have done since the "true Church" usurped the livery of heaven to serve the Pope and the Devil in.

FACTS ABOUT PROHIBITION

By R. N. Holsaple

NOTE—The article, "Facts About Prohibition," in this month's Night-Hawk was given to us by its Author, Mr. Holsaple, himself, and is not a re-printed article.

PROHIBITION WAS NOT SLIPPED OVER. After 50 years of agitation the 18th Amendment was submitted to the states by a vote of 282 to 128 in the House and 65 to 20 in the Senate. This Congress was elected five months before America entered the World War after a campaign in which submission of the Prohibition Amendment was made an issue in the various districts. The 18th Amendment was ratified by 46 states. Over 80% of the members of the various State Legislatures voted for this ratification; 33 States had adopted prohibition by their own action before the country went dry; 90% of the territory occupied by 67% of our people was dry.

PROHIBITION HAS NOT INCREASED CRIME. The latest United States Census figures show a decrease of 37.7% in commitments for crime since 1910. In New York City the crimes of murder, assault, robbery and burglary totalled 15,855 in 1915, and only 6,763 in 1927.

"The general volume of crime is on the downward trend in the United States"—(Sanford Bates, President American Prison Association.)

PROHIBITION HAS NOT INCREASED DRUNKENNESS. The latest United States Census Bureau report shows a decrease of 55.3 per 100,000 population in imprisonments for drunkenness since 1910; 90% of the Keeley Cures and Neal Institutes have been closed.

DEATHS FROM ALCOHOLISM ARE FEWER THAN BEFORE PROHIBITION. United States Census Bureau figures show that deaths from alcoholism during the years 1901-1917 were 56 per 1,000,000 of our population. Under National Prohibition the highest in any year (1926) has been 39 per 1,000,000.

THE COST OF ENFORCEMENT PAID BY VIOLATORS. Fines and penalties collected through aggressive enforcement exceeds the cost. In Ohio during the year ending September 1, 1926, fines of liquor law violators totalled \$1,154,927. The cost to the taxpayers was only \$137,320.

In Illinois, 43 counties spent a total of \$47,560 and collected \$300,811; in California, 40 counties spent \$51,000 and collected \$434,000; in Nebraska, \$362,438.91 was collected at a cost of \$70,000; in Huron County, Michigan, the Sheriff's office cost \$2,517.85 for liquor law enforcement in 14 months and \$7,050.00 in fines were paid.

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State	Year	Majority	
		For Pro- hibition	Year Against Beer and Wine
Colorado	1914	11,572	1916 85,792
Oregon	1914	36,480	1916 54,626
Wash.	1914	18,632	1916 146,566
Ohio	1918	25,759	1922 189,472
Mich.	1916	68,624	1919 207,520

BEER AND WINE LAWS HAVE NEVER BEEN A SUCCESS. Beer and wine laws were tried, proved to be a failure and were repealed in Massachusetts, Georgia, Iowa, North Carolina and Rhode Island. Beer and wine laws have never solved the drink problem in any state or nation.

THE PEOPLE HAVE NOT DESERTED PROHIBITION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. The people by their votes in four National primaries and elections since 1920 have at each one increased the strong dry majority in Congress.

The trend of public opinion is shown by the record of votes on legally effective referendum propositions in states that have voted more than once since 1920:

State	Year	Majority
California	1920	65,062 WET
	1922	33,943 DRY
	1926	63,167 DRY
Massachusetts	1922	103,876 WET
	1924	4,147 DRY

The Prohibition Reorganization and Civil Service bill was adopted by a vote of 275 to 86 in the U. S. House of Representatives, and 71 to 6 in the Senate.

AMERICA HAS PROSPERED UNDER PROHIBITION. Savings deposits in the United States \$1,347,000,000 in 1927 and in Michigan alone savings increased \$49,469,657 the same year. Since America went dry the savings deposits of the nation have increased \$9,000,000,000, an increase of 60%—(Girard Trust Co.)

LIFE INSURANCE business has increased 130%, \$51,000,000,000 in new business having been written since 1920.

WAGE EARNERS receive \$8,000,000,000 more per year, FARMERS sell 45% more milk and buy three times as much machinery, WORKING PEOPLE now produce more, buy more, save more and live better than in saloon days.

Fewer babies die than before Prohibition.

All this would be overturned if beer and wine were adopted or Prohibition weakened.—Published by The MICHIGAN ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE, 522-526 McKerchy Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

NO SUBSTITUTE FOR HOME

President Coolidge, addressing a convention of Boy Scouts, said: "I am convinced that there is no substitute for the influences of the home and of religion. Those take hold of the innermost nature of the individual and play a very dominant part in the formation of personality and character. This most necessary and most valuable service has to be performed by the parents, or it is not performed at all. It is the root of family life. . . . Parents can not shift their responsibility."

CAN A ROMAN CATHOLIC BE A PRESIDENT

By D. F. Y.

Over 150 years ago the original thirteen United States of America agreed to a Declaration of Independence that freed the inhabitants of the then primeval country from religious intolerance and unjust burdens of taxation. During this cycle of time this country has grown and prospered under a form of government that in many respects differs widely from that of other nations and countries. And at no time since the signing of the American Magna Charta has there been any good reason to embark from the wise and manly precepts set out in that great document.

The Constitution that grew out of that Declaration was a magnificent aggregation of conservative thought and courageous determination. The Constitution itself contained but seven articles. In all the years since its adoption there have been but nineteen amendments to it, making in all twenty six articles, and none of the original articles or the amendments that have been made have come in conflict with the Declaration of independence.

For more than a century and a half this country has continued to grow, to prosper and to take a distinctive position in the commercial, political and economic affairs of the world. It has steered clear of foreign alignments and religious ties that wrought dire distress and disaster in other ages and in different nations. During all these years of our national development no Roman Catholic has been President of these United States.

The very underlying cause for declaring independence was the growing desire and determination of the American colonists to throw off the political bonds of a royalty-ridden country that burdened its citizens with taxes to support kings, princes and potentates in regal splendor. The religious intolerance of these one-man countries was odious and unbearable to the God-fearing people who sought relief and freedom in the wilds of America. And in this undeveloped territory government developed, expanded and gathered strength until its citizens were able to gain their absolute freedom through the arbitrament of the sword from the entangling yokes of monarchical and fanatical foreign nations. But it was only after a long and bloody war that our ideal government was well established. George Washington, who had successfully headed our conquering army, admirably upheld these ideals. He served two terms as President of the nation, and probably could have been elected again and again, but he refused a re-nomination for a third term. He remembered too well the principles for which he fought and realized that a third term would have smattered of regal powers. He feared that such a course would possibly have caused the people to drop into a system that was so contrary to true American ideals and principles.

The American Constitution was adopted in the twelfth year after the Declaration of Independence was agreed to and subsequent to the gain-

this theme there are three co-ordinate bodies acting for the people and serving as their agents and subject to their wishes. The idea is thus made plain that the people, and not kings, princes, foreign states and potentates shall rule this country. The three branches of the government, each managed by agents of the people, are legislative, judicial and executive. The legislature makes laws, the courts interpret them and the President and governors execute them. This identical ideal of Americanism is manifest in the very first article of the Constitution. Here it is stipulated that "no person shall be a United States senator unless he shall have been nine years a resident of the United States." Again, "No person except a natural born citizen shall be eligible to the office of President." Still in accord with the "for Americans only" principle that pervades this spirit of government, section 9 sets out that "no title of nobility shall be granted by the United States" and "no person holding any office of profit or trust shall accept any present - - - from any king, prince or foreign state." And, according to section 10, a like inhibition is placed upon the separate states.

What more could have been said or done to demonstrate the intent and purpose of perpetuating this country and this nation for Americans and their posterity? Back in the days when native Americans were not numerous there was a requirement that a senator must have been a resident for at least nine years. And no one can be President of these United States unless he is a natural born citizen. What does that demand mean unless it carries with it the necessity of selecting a person who has no bent, leaning interest whatever in any other country, nation or power, but rather one who is loyal, patriotic and a trustworthy American born? Was it not distinctly and specifically intended that the people of this country should for all time discard all semblance of royalty and throw off all allegiance to kings, princes and foreign states? Was there not established a rule of action against apeing royalty when it was agreed that the United States should grant no title of nobility? Did not the inhibition against the acceptance by any citizen holding any office of trust or profit of any gift from any king, prince or foreign state go far toward setting our people up as entirely separate in state and religion

from all foreign nations?

Does not Roman Catholics wherever found owe allegiance to the pope of Rome? And if they do, is a member of that religion eligible under the Constitution of the United States to the office of President? If the members of the Roman Catholic Church deny that they owe allegiance to a foreign power, an allegiance that is more potent and compelling than any respect or deference owing to family, friend or country, how do they explain this excerpt from page 43, Christian Doctrine, a Roman Catholic catechism for schools and colleges:

"I acknowledge in the pope an authority before which my soul bows and yet suffers no humiliation."

On page 72, Christian Doctrine, under the caption of "Catholic Faith," we have this:

"God made known all that we must believe and do only to the Catholic Church."

Again, on page 75, of the same authority, appears this:

"Our faith is entire when we believe all the truths which the Catholic Church teaches, as contained in the Holy Scriptures or **traditions** (italics mine)."

And still again, on page 87:

"It is the will of God that all men should be Catholics, because it is only in the Roman Catholic Church that they can learn the will of God."

Consider how foolish, yet how vicious these statements are! This authority would have people believe that special and exclusive favors were shown to the Roman Catholic Church by God. How do such beliefs and teachings comport with our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution which a Roman Catholic President would be sworn to support and enforce?

In 1791, during George Washington's administration, the first amendment to the Constitution was put into force. In this article it was stipulated that - -

'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.'

The President was an Episcopalian, a member of a Church usually designated Protestant, though in reality the Established Church of England, yet he was willing to allow people to worship or not worship as they pleased. In his actions we observe an example of religious tolerance in its highest sense. Could or would a Catholic President, believing as he is taught to believe, that "God made known that we must believe and do only to the Catholic Church," that "our faith is entire when we believe all the truths which the Catholic Church teaches," and that "It is the will of God that all men should be Catholics," refrain from establishing that religion which he is taught to believe is God-given? Could or would he deny himself the privilege and satisfaction of prohibiting the free exercise of Jewish and Protestant religious rites? Could or would he, now commander-in-chief of the army, navy and air forces of the government, restrain himself from yielding to the impulse to turn over to the pope of Rome, who he acknowledges as an authority before which his soul bows and yet suffers no humiliation, our great American commonwealth, with all its inherent riches and international power?

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Upon assuming office the President takes this oath or affirmation:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

Every strict Roman Catholic expresses this sentiment:

"I acknowledge in the pope an authority before which my soul bows and yet suffers no humiliation."

If a Roman Catholic were President and the pope of Rome were to demand of him to turn over to the Church the government of the United States, which obligation would he consider most binding? If the Roman Catholic's soul bows before the pope without humiliation he must feel that an inanimate object, would be overlooked and, if a sin is thereby committed, absolution given by the pope, the titular head of a "foreign state." What remorse of conscience would a Roman Catholic President have over trampling upon the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States and turning the Capitol over to become an auxiliary Vatican when he is - -

"Bound to believe that God has given his church the power of granting indulgences and that indulgences are salutary to the Christian,"

And that the - -

"Right to grant indulgences belongs especially to Our Holy Father, the pope, who, as successor of St. Peter, has received from Christ the keys of the kingdom of heaven?"—
Page 394, Christian Doctrine.

According to Article six of the Constitution - -

"No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."

Does that mean that the voters shall not inquire whether a candidate is a Protestant, Jew, Catholic or infidel? Voters do consider those points, but that was not the intent and purpose of the framers of the Constitution. Fresh in the minds of these patriots were the activities of the Catholics as far back as the time of John. In the thirteenth century, according to Hume and Smallett's History of England:

"Innocent immediately absolved John's subjects from their oaths of fidelity and allegiance; declared every one excommunicated who held any intercourse with him; deposed him from the throne, and offered the crown of England to the King of France." " * * * When Pandolf, the pope's legate, represented to him the certainty of his ruin, * * * John agreed to all the conditions Pandolf was pleased to impose." " * * * He resigned England and Ireland to God, to St. Peter and St. Paul and to Pope Innocent and his successors in the apostolic chair."

With these recollections fresh in their minds, the American pioneers determined to make it as humanly impossible as needs be for any person fearing excommunication by the pope

of Rome or trusting in absolution or indulgences by this foreign potentate to ever become Chief Executive of these United States.

In "Japan and Its Regeneration", written by a missionary in Japan, we find this:

"In 1583 four nobles were sent by the Christian daimyos of Kyushu to Europe as an embassy to Pope Gregory XIII to declare themselves vassals of the Holy See; and at the same time the subjects of these same daimyos were ordered to embrace Christianity or go into exile."

Thus it is seen that down through all the ages the "big stick" of the Roman Catholic Church and State. Of these things and many others of more recent date and of a more personal character our forefathers were quite well aware.

The secular history of our own country from the beginning to the end of the seventeenth century needs no repetition for the thoughtful, honest and intelligent people of our nation to comprehend the reason for the framers of our government forbidding the establishment of any religion in this country and forbidding a religious test for holding office in our government. It has been stated that out of the entire population of the United States 55 percent do not belong to any church and the remaining 45 per cent belong largely to Protestant churches, with Catholics, Jews and other sects following. So if the President had to belong to some church, the minority would have been ruling the majority.

With the light before them, is there any wonder that our forefathers should have put up bulwarks that would prevent incidents taking place in our country such as occurred to King George of England and to the subjects of the daimyos of Japan, as well as the massacre of the Huguenots and other atrocities? With the light before us, are we justified in taking the chance that our President would prove to be as weak and vacillating as King John?

Finally, can a Roman Catholic be trusted to maintain his loyalty and patriotism against his Church when his sectarian sentiments and obligations bind him so solemnly and steadfastly to his Church—an institution which holds out hopes and assurances that he can be absolved from the sin of wrong-doing—a Church whose religious history of past centuries points to such precedents as cited occurring throughout the world?

For more than 150 years this country has never had a Roman Catholic President. Protestantism has blossomed forth and Judaism has expanded throughout the land without ever a breath of intolerance ever being uttered. And during all these years our nation has grown better and better, until today we are looked up to as the greatest government on the face of the earth.

Only a few years ago the flower of American youth went abroad and fought valiantly for Democracy. The fields of Flanders ran red with their lifeblood, but along with their mausoleums were created tombstones of

kings, dynasties and empires.' So does any sane, honest, loyal American for one moment believe that the blood of these patriots would yield to the jeopardizing of Democracy—the possible creation of a dynasty—in our own "Land of the Free and Home of the Brave?"

Can a Roman Catholic be President and be true to American ideals. Can the leopard change its spots? Trust the red-blooded American people, the greatest fighting machine the world has ever known, good people and true, God-fearing, to fight clear of foreign alliances, political entanglements and religious intolerance!

A DIRTY DEAL

Al Smith Propagandists Creating Sentiment against Hoover

A number of cases come to our attention that someone is starting stories about Herbert Hoover, in relation to his record as Food Administrator during the world war.

If the American Farmers would look into this matter and find out for themselves just how the matter stands, instead of believing all they hear, they would find some very interesting information.

Space will not permit us to enumerate all that Hoover and the Republicans with him have done, but we expect all of those achievements to be told by the press as the campaign progresses.

But during the slump that always follows War prosperity, when Hoover was in a position to have settled down to rest and let things go their own meandering manner, Hoover won the undenyng gratitude of every genuine farmer in the Food Administration, which Collier's Weekly calls Hoover's greatest service for his country. Says Collier's of this feature, in a review written by William Allen White, Sage of the Kansas farms:

"Hoover did during the war, for the American farmer, a service so magnificent that if it had been done by a Roosevelt or a McKinley, the American farmer would have been Hoover's everlasting friend. As it is, and because he (Hoover) did this service greedy only for results and not with a sense of votes, today his enemies feel that his relation to the American farmer during the war is the weak spot in Hoover's shield—a gorgeously ironic situation.

"Here's what he did: When he went into the Food Administration, he found our European allies organizing a buying pool. The American farmer was confronted with one buyer who assumed to make the market. The European buyer was beating down the price of wheat toward \$1.50 from the \$3.50 where it had risen before the Allies consolidated the purchasing power Hoover, as head of the Food Administration, asked President Wilson to appoint a commission of 40 farmers representing 40 different agricultural organizations—every organization in America. These farmers, thru their accredited representatives, set the price of wheat as high as they

felt it could be maintained in competition with the South American products. The farmers unanimously agreed on \$2.00 at Chicago as a fair price for 1917; in 1918 they fixed the price at \$2.00 a bushel." Mr. White goes on:

"But after the war the price was threatened. It was then that Hoover's genius as an organizer was revealed. The sudden termination of the war had piled up tremendous American food surpluses, indeed 240,000 tons of foodstuffs, including 70,000,000 pounds of pork, in the United States. Hoover presumed, of course, that this American surplus would be sold to starving Germany. He went to Europe first to sell that surplus to the Allies and the Germans, and second to maintain the war price for American farmers." We all remember what happened. In December, 1918, after the hostilities had ceased, the allies **OVER HOOVER'S BITTER PROTEST**, maintained the German blockade. Hoover violently protested for he realized that the American surplus would demolish the price and leave the farmers the losers of the war. When nothing else could be done—get this, all you carping critics of Hoover's attitude toward the farmers,—**HOOVER PROCEEDED TO BUY THAT SURPLUS HIMSELF WITH MONEY FROM THE GRAIN CORPORATION**, with funds from the Allies, from every possible source, and sell for the financial salvation of the American farmers against the dumping of that after-war surplus on American markets, Hoover had to fight against the Allies and Norway's, Sweeden's Denmark's, Holland's and Switzerland's land's blockade; the Supreme War Council repulsed Hoover—he was bitterly opposed on all sides until it looked like a human impossibility to win—yet **AFTER THREE MONTHS THE GERMAN BLOCKADE WAS TAKEN OFF**, and into this vacuum Hoover poured the stores he had bought, American farm produce, meat and grain—and thus held the American farmer's prices up to a living scale. Experts announced then and repeat today that if Hoover had not accomplished this great effort, "The American farmers' products would have wrecked, the market would have been smashed, and hogs which were selling at \$14. would have dropped to \$4.—if Hoover had not held the market by standing in the breach himself."

This is merely a few instances of Hoover's sacrifice of his own comfort, time and money to help the farmers.

How does that sound to Farmer Friend?

The Democratic Party is the only institution we ever heard of that pleads bankruptcy of candidates in advance and then asks voters to accept its biggest liability as their candidate for President!

She—This is my new evening dress I'm wearing tonight. Isn't it a poem?

He—Judging from its shortness, I should say it's an epigram.

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THE POTTER PUBLIC SCHOOL DECISION

There has been a great deal of discussion of the recent decision of Attorney General W. W. Potter with regard to religious teaching in the public school and there seems to be a great deal of misinformation floating about which is very misleading as to the full meaning of the decision and whether or not it actually disbars the Bible from the public school. That our readers may know the situation this paper has obtained a full text of the decision, and quotes the salient point for correct information.

Dr. W. K. Wilson, member of the board of education of Lansing asked the following two questions:

"Can a school board use public buildings either during school hours or at other times, for giving courses in religious subjects, these courses being taught by use of text books that are probably sectarian in a technical sense, since they advance the claims of the Christian religion and stress the doctrines of the Protestant churches?"

"Can a school board use public funds to purchase or to aid in the purchase of such text books? Can it pay the salary of teachers giving such instruction? Can the time of the public school pupils during school hours be devoted to such studies?"

Mr. Potter in rendering his opinion bases it upon Section 3 of Article II of the Constitution of 1908 of the State of Michigan, which provides,—

"Every person shall be at liberty to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. No person shall be compelled to attend, or, against his consent, to contribute to the erection or support of any place of religious worship, or to pay tithes, taxes or other rates for the support of any minister of the gospel or teacher of religion. No money shall be appropriated or drawn from the treasury for the benefit of any religious sect or society, theological or religious seminary; nor shall property belonging to the state be appropriated for any such purpose. The civil and political rights, privileges and capacities of no person shall be diminished or enlarged on account of his religious belief."

And further cites Section 20 of Chapter 2, Part 2, of Act 319, Public Acts of 1927, which provides:

"No school district shall apply any of the moneys received by it from the primary school interest fund or from any and all other sources for the support and maintenance of any school of a sectarian character, whether the same be under the control of any religious society or made by the school district board."

After citing cases which have gone to the supreme courts of Michigan, Iowa, and Ohio, and referring to a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Attorney General sums up by saying "I conclude,—

1. That sectarian textbooks may not be used in the public schools;
2. That the school board has not authority to establish or continue courses of teaching sectarian religious subjects;
3. The school board has no right to use public school buildings for the purpose of giving religious instruction;
4. Any text book which stresses the doctrines of the Protestant church or any other church, cannot under the law be legally used in the public schools;
5. Public funds cannot be used by the school board to purchase or aid in purchasing text books of a religious or sectarian character; I may add,
8. Any member of the school board who participates in diverting public funds to an illegal use may be held liable personally and on his official bond for such diversion; and
9. Inasmuch as the payment of public funds of the school district for religious instruction is prohibited, the payment of such money by the school board would constitute a misdemeanor because it would be an act prohibited by law, and where no other penalty is prescribed, would constitute a misdemeanor."

It will be seen by these quotations that Mr. Potter was discussing the teaching of sectarian religion in the schools, and not the teaching of the Bible from the standpoint of literature, and the history of the development of the ideals of the human race,

If the Bible is to be barred from the public schools, we had better also bar the teaching of the constitution of our state because it is founded upon the precepts of the Bible. The preamble says—"We, the people of the State of Michigan, GRATEFUL TO ALMIGHTY GOD for the blessings of freedom and earnestly desiring to secure those blessings undiminished to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution."

If we bar from the schools the only book that tells us anything about God, or gives us any idea of what He wants us to know or to do, it seems to me that would be prima facie evidence as the learned lawyers say, that our gratitude, that is mentioned in the preamble, is scarcely skin deep and that the clause in the preamble was put in as a kind of complimentary mention of God, while as a matter of fact, we don't want our posterity to know anything about God or His teachings.

In section one of Article eleven of the constitution, under the caption Education, we find this statement—"Religion, morality, and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."

Now if religion and knowledge of God are necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, why in the name of common sense, bar from the means of education, the only book that gives mankind the outline and general plan of the work of God, the teaching of religion and the philosophy of morality in life that has stood the test of centuries and furnished to mankind more comfort and a better philosophy of life than all other things combined.

If we bar the Bible from the public schools, we must throw out every standard encyclopedia because they deal very largely with religion and the problems of the Bible, and we should amend our constitution so as to throw out the preamble and the clause that says that religion and morality are necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind.

God must think that we are almighty inconsistent to express our gratitude and say that His teachings are necessary and then bar His work or a discussion of His work from our education institutions and thus prevent our children being rightly informed upon the most vital questions of life as set forth in the Bible, and especially in the teachings of Jesus Christ which form the fundamental basis of our constitution and are so important that our courts will not permit a man to testify in court unless he raises his right hand and pledges in the name of God to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth.—Alma Record, Feb. 23, 1928.

CONTRADICTING MUSSOLINI

The wet newspapers seem never to tire of saying that in beer-drinking and wine-using countries "the people do not get drunk," the purpose being, of course, to use it as an argument for bringing about a change in our prohibition law that would permit the sale of "light wines and beer" in the United States.

So far as Italy is concerned, one of the most outstanding wine-drinking countries in the world, Mussolini has "mussed things all up" for the wets in the United States, and has placed them in the position of contradicting the dictator of Italy.

Mussolini has succeeded in bringing prosperity to his country, and he says that because the people have more money, they are "getting drunk on wine", and dying of alcoholism. Cheap as wine is in Italy, the people were formerly too poor to buy much of it, even at the low prices prevailing; therefore they did not drink enough of it to become intoxicated. Now that they have money, many of them spend it for drink and become intoxicated. Because of this condition which he declares prevails, Mussolini has closed 25,000 wine shops, and threatens to close as many more as may be necessary to keep the people of his country sober.

Wine is intoxicating. Mussolini has spoken. If this is a slander on Italy, on wine, and on personal liberty, the wets are advised to take it up with him.—Will H. Brown.

PROTESTANT FAVORS

ROMAN CHURCH

A case comes to our attention of a township officer in a small un-incorporated village in Gratiot County who tried to favor a Roman church instead of looking to best interests of

his community.

It seems there is a street running between the Catholic Church and the priest's residence in this village. Being an un-incorporated village it comes under the laws of the township where it is located. The priest of this church wanted to close this street in order that the church would have a better lawn and more land. The township officer mentioned, tried his best to have this street closed. He called a meeting of the township board, petitioned the highway commissioner and did his best to have the road closed.

But the people of the town decided to keep all of their streets and got busy. It was found that if there had been any work done on the road in six years, it could not be closed.

On looking up the records it was found that within the last two years here had been a tile drain laid across this street at the expense of the township and for the express purpose of draining the basement of the priest's residence.

We wonder just why some people will work for certain interests. Again we wonder if money has anything to do with it?

THE FIERY CROSS

By E. C.

It stands for light that Jesus spread
In teaching and through sacrifice
That light which streams from over-
head

Dispelling darkness, greed and vice,
It stands for faith, which like a fire
Burns steady in the patriot soul

In time of crisis flaming higher
To light us toward the sacred goal.
It speaks its message from the hill
Though Midnight blackness wraps the
earth,

And proves that men are watchful still
O'er principles their sires gave birth.

KNIGHTS OF THE GREAT FOREST

By A Great Titan

Knights—of the Great Forest! What a word picture can be drawn from these few words. Knighthood is a holy thing that has come down to us from the ages. Centuries ago Knights gave their all for a Holy Cause and considered the things of life as naught compared to the mission of Knighthood. To be a true Knight was the aim in life of all those devoted to unselfish service for others and for a Cause.

A true Knight not only gave his all but he expected nothing in return except the knowledge of a worthy deed, well done. Chivalry, courtesy, friendliness, kindness, yes, Godliness; these were the things that distinguished the Knight from his fellowman. What a wealth of tradition is thrown about that word "Knight" and what a mantle of responsibility falls today upon the one who would assume the title. As did Sir Galahad, in days of old, go forth in search of the Holy Grail, so must the modern Knight go forth, armed with the spirit of devotion to God, Country, Home and Fellow-Klansmen; following the path of duty in helping perpetuate for God and Our Country those things so dear to the heart of all true Americans. To us, our mission is as holy as that of the seekers after Truth throughout all the ages; as holy as the mission of the Knight Crusaders in whose footsteps we follow. Knights.

Have you ever stood in the aisles of a great forest and meditated upon the wonders of God's handiwork so beautifully portrayed in the tall, stately trees that surround you? Every one a monument to Nature and Nature's God. Through the storms of years they have stood undaunted. Perhaps they have bowed their magnificent head now and again to the winds of adversity; perhaps they have had to stand the test of fire; perhaps they have had to fight for their very existence! but how wonderful now in their victory! There is a feeling of power in each that their roots dip down deep into the Earth and are fastened securely; so securely that, though storms may come and winds blow, the tree will depend upon its roots, knowing that they will stand fast until, in God's own Providence, it has accomplished its mission and run its course. Deep foundations—a strong super-structure—a wonderful thing of beauty. A Great Forest!

What then must we who bear the name, "Knights of the Great Forest" do to make ourselves worthy of this distinction? We have stood the storms of the past and have come through gloriously victorious. What then of the future? Shall we not take from the examples shown above a lesson that we can inculcate into our daily lives. Let us, like the Knights of old, serve with re-newed devotion; serve for the glory of serving; let us, as did the, seek first the Kingdom of God, knowing that all these other things will be added unto us. Let us have Chivalry, Courtesy, Friendliness and kindness as we press forward on our Holy Crusade as true Knights of the Fiery Cross. Let us stand as tall, sun-crowned trees; with our foundation deeply rooted in the principles of the Christian Protestant Faith; strong, upstanding, a monument to God's handiwork upon Earth, Truly—Knights—of the Great Forest!

"Stand fast therefore in the Liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."—Galatians 5:1.

AIMING AT THE BULL'S EYE

The Klan believes in a **FREE** education system without reservation; in the **EQUALITY** of the sexes without hesitation; in spiritual **RIGHTS**, without competition.

Our Constitution grants us Religious liberty, Civil liberty, and Political liberty. But that does not mean liberty to destroy another's rights.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand," said the Christ. The Klan is for a united America, standing on the national Constitution, holding forth an open Bible, and overshadowed by the Stars and Stripes

The Klan is being made to go through the fire, and though the furnace be heated seven times its wonted degree, the Klan will emerge triumphant without even the smell of smoke upon its garments, for with it is One like unto the Son of Man.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." It is the heart that counts. The Klan is a Movement with a heart.

The perfect trinity of Man: Body, Mind, Spirit. Physical, Mental, Spiritual. Government, Schools, Churches. May they ever be kept **FREE!**

There is a theory that would place the church over the state. There is another theory that would place the state over the church. Another theory, the Protestant idea, considers all men Spiritually equal. The Klan favors the Protestant idea.

If, "A man is known by the company he keeps," it is equally true that one is known by the company one keeps away from. Note the classes fighting the Klan, then draw your own conclusions.

Conditions often demand and justify secrecy of plans in the making. Banks do not reveal their plans until launched. Governments plan in secret for the good of their citizens. Secrecy is not necessarily evil. Christ resorted to secrecy from necessity. No one sees the root of a tree as it grows. It is the fruit that counts.

The Klan believes in the Bible. The Klan believes in the American Public Schools. The Klan believes in the Bible in the American Public Schools.

The Klan is a **Protest** of Americans against the un-American elements being injected into our national body to its undoing. Therefore, Klansmen are **American Protestants**.

Polyglot-ism; Communism; Socialism; Sacredotalism; Americanism. The Klan chooses Americanism. What is your choice?

It America be not weakened by outside interferences, and be allowed to grow from within, she will develop into a national body that will bless the world. To weaken her is to cause the world to suffer.

The logical line of true Americanism is the shortest distance between the Declaration of Independence and the materialization of the ideal of our forefathers.

KURRANT KOMENT

The Editor's Own Column

Despite repeated disclaimers from the Roman Catholic Church and the Catholic Hierarchy, that the pope is interested in the election of a Roman Catholic President of the United States, the vatican IS in politics and is highly interested in the election of Al Smith of New York for President.

To prove this statement we quote a special copyrighted article to the Chicago Tribune from Rome and appearing in the Detroit Free Press recently.

In this article there are enumerated the benefits which it is claimed Italy and Catholicism would gain from an administration under Al Smith.

This article reprinted from the strongest Roman Catholic Publication in Italy, the "United Cattolica" says in part; "The Democratic party will triumph in the name of Smith" and concludes by observing that "Religion in America today, is no longer the religion of the forefathers" and what is needed is the "Yeast of Catholicism" and that the election of Smith would be a "token" of this "Necessary Christian rebirth" following the "Moral decay" into which it is asserted the United States has fallen.

We notice that of late, that the officials of the hierarchy are getting very bold, and in many instances they are coming right out and openly owning up to just what the Ku Klux Klan have been telling about them all the time.

One instance more is brought out in an article in the Editorial section of the Detroit Times of June 30, wherein, the Rev. John A. McClorey gives the Catholic idea of marriage and divorce.

The Rev. Fr. tells us in his article that according to the new Canon law of 1918, that any marriage contracted between a Christian and a non-baptized person is no marriage at all, and that a marriage not performed by a proper pastor (priest) is also not a marriage.

According to that, we protestants are sure in some mess, as our parents have been married for the last few hundred years.

We see that the Rev. Geo. Garner is holding Revival Tent Meetings at Detroit and we wish Bro. Garner success. When Bro. Garner was in Detroit in 1926, his tent was burned to the ground, by a mob of fanatical papests led by a Roman Catholic priest.

But we understand that Detroit is a different city now, it has a real protestant for a Mayor now and he is sure making some record in law enforcement.

Your editor recently while on a call at Muskegon, visited the Lake Harbor camp grounds, which is under the direction of Paul Rader the noted Chicago Radio evangelist. These Christian people are doing a wonderful work and have a fine place to go for an outing. With a 100 room bath house, a cafateria, plenty of parking space for campers, one half mile of white sand beach, it is a delightful place to go.

Woodward Lake, the Michigan Klan Kamp north of Ionia is also looking fine this season, and Michigan Klansmen and their friends should spend at least a Sunday or two at their fine little resort.

Rev. and Mrs. Patterson of Bay City have been having a fine turnout at the Christian Revival held at the K I G Y Kamp at Woodward Lake. This meeting was under the auspices of the W K K K and we compliment Rev. and Mrs. Patterson as well as Mrs. Bishop for the good they have done in the state.

The State Klonvocation at Jackson was a decided success. Five brass bands were very much in evidence and drill teams and other contests made up the programme of the day. Sen. J. Thos. Helfin of Alabama was the speaker of the day and it is estimated that 10,000 people heard his wonderful speach.

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The organization backing the election of Al Smith are using many different ways to put over propagan-da. One way is to post men out on trunk line roads, where they stop prosperous looking men in large auto-mobiles and ask for rides. These men are picked men of education and persuasive personality who are school-ed for the part. They proceeded to influence the driver to vote for Al Smith in every way they can, and from every angle possible. We have had some cases come to our attention and we know what we are talking about.

We are glad to report that we show a gain in membership of 125% over one year ago, and we are not stopping at that.

Scripture Cake Recipe

(This cake can not be made with-out reading the Bible.)

	Chapt.	Verse.
1 cup Judges.....	5	25
3 cups Jeremiah.....	6	20
2 cups I Samuel.....	30	17
1 cup Genesis.....	24	17
3½ cups I Kings.....	4	22
1 tablespoonful Exodus...	32	20
6 of Isiah.....	10	14
Pinch of Leviticus.....	2	13
To taste of I Kings.....	10	10

Do as the above tells you to do and you will get fine results.

This is a fruit cake.—Submitted by Mrs. Rosalie Bruner, 2445 Chase St., Anderson, Ind.

Polyglot-ism; Communism; Socialism; Sacredotalism; Americanism. The Klan chooses Americanism. What is your choice?

It America be not weakened by outside interferences, and be allowed to grow from within, she will develop into a national body that will bless the world. To weaken her is to cause the world to suffer.

The logical line of true Americanism is the shortest distance between the Declaration of Independence and the materialization of the ideal of our forefathers.

KURRANT KOMENT

The Editor's Own Column

Despite repeated disclaimers from the Roman Catholic Church and the Catholic Hierarchy, that the pope is interested in the election of a Roman Catholic President of the United States, the vatican IS in politics and is highly interested in the election of Al Smith of New York for President.

To prove this statement we quote a special copyrighted article to the Chicago Tribune from Rome and appearing in the Detroit Free Press recently.

In this article there are enumerated the benefits which it is claimed Italy and Catholicism would gain from an administration under Al Smith.

This article reprinted from the strongest Roman Catholic Publication in Italy, the "United Cattolica" says in part; "The Democratic party will triumph in the name of Smith" and concludes by observing that "Religion in America today, is no longer the religion of the forefathers" and what is needed is the "Yeast of Catholicism" and that the election of Smith would be a "token" of this "Necessary Christian rebirth" following the "Moral decay" into which it is asserted the United States has fallen.

We notice that of late, that the officials of the hierarchy are getting very bold, and in many instances they are coming right out and openly owning up to just what the Ku Klux Klan have been telling about them all the time.

One instance more is brought out in an article in the Editorial section of the Detroit Times of June 30, wherein, the Rev. John A. McClorey gives the Catholic idea of marriage and divorce.

The Rev. Fr. tells us in his article that according to the new Canon law of 1918, that any marriage contracted between a Christian and a non-baptized person is no marriage at all, and that a marriage not performed by a proper pastor (priest) is also not a marriage.

According to that, we protestants are sure in some mess, as our parents have been married for the last few hundred years.

We see that the Rev. Geo. Garner is holding Revival Tent Meetings at Detroit and we wish Bro. Garner success. When Bro. Garner was in Detroit in 1926, his tent was burned to the ground, by a mob of fanatical papests led by a Roman Catholic priest.

But we understand that Detroit is a different city now, it has a real protestant for a Mayor now and he is sure making some record in law enforcement.

Your editor recently while on a call at Muskgegon, visited the Lake Harbor camp grounds, which is under the direction of Paul Rader the noted Chicago Radio evangelist. These Christian people are doing a wonderful work and have a fine place to go for an outing. With a 100 room bath house, a cafateria, plenty of parking space for campers, one half mile of white sand beach, it is a delightful place to go.

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Rev. and Mrs. Patterson of Bay City have been having a fine turnout at the Christian Revival held at the K I G Y Kamp at Woodward Lake. This meeting was under the auspices of the W K K K and we compliment Rev. and Mrs. Patterson as well as Mrs. Bishop for the good they have done in the state.

The State Klonvocation at Jackson was a decided success. Five brass bands were very much in evidence and drill teams and other contests made up the programme of the day. Sen. J. Thos. Helfin of Alabama was the speaker of the day and it is estimated that 10,000 people heard his wonderful speech.

The organization backing the election of Al Smith are using many different ways to put over propagan-da. One way is to post men out on trunk line roads, where they stop prosperous looking men in large automobiles and ask for rides. These men are picked men of education and persuasive personality who are schooled for the part. They proceeded to influence the driver to vote for Al Smith in every way they can, and from every angle possible. We have had some cases come to our attention and we know what we are talking about.

We are glad to report that we show a gain in membership of 125% over one year ago, and we are not stopping at that.

Scripture Cake Recipe

(This cake can not be made without reading the Bible.)

	Chapt.	Verse.
1 cup Judges.....	5	25
3 cups Jeremiah.....	6	20
2 cups I Samuel.....	30	17
1 cup Genesis.....	24	17
3½ cups I Kings.....	4	22
1 tablespoonful Exodus...	32	20
6 of Isiah	10	14
Pinch of Leviticus	2	13
To taste of I Kings	10	10

Do as the above tells you to do and you will get fine results.

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LET US WORK TOGETHER

By a Great Klaliff

"We have just enough religion to hate each other devoutly but not enough to love." So said J. J. Cornelius, former professor of Philosophy of Lucknow University, of I quite agree with him. The term religion as used by Mr. Cornelius does not apply to the religion of the pulpit, but to that which we have within us which governs our behavior and attitudes toward our fellowmen. We have not yet learned to love, as long as we can glory in our friend and neighbor's downfall and take a fiendish delight in attributing his fall to egotism, or selfish ambition. Probably his so-called fall was but a temporary setback due to the natural law on consequence, but we use the event to prove any prediction which we, perhaps, prompted by jealousy, have made concerning him.

When he most sorely needs our aid and sympathy, he must gaze from his casement upon a cruel and unkind world, where once dwelt his friends with manifestations of goodwill and protestations of affection. We worship the glowing fire but spurn the dying embers, when, by our breath we might blow into them new life and fan them, once again, into a bright and glowing flame.

If we had more true religion inside, we would mentally wish success everlasting for each other and in wishing, we would contribute that much to the good of the world; for thoughts are things. If each one would live in the faith that the world is on his side instead of believing that it is on the side of the other fellow, and believe so long as he is true to the best that is in him, this will remain so. Then the world will be with him—for he will be with the world!

This great country of ours needs every Klansman, Klanswoman, and Crusader, rich or poor, strong or weak, and needs one and every bit of every one; body, mind and spirit. Let us then resolve to think more kindly of our brother Klansmen, to put aside the petty jealousies and evil desires, and present ourselves a living sacrifice, strong in body, clean in mind, with undaunted spirit, to the service of our country, our homes, each other and humanity!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

I would greatly appreciate information concerning the ancestry of Al Smith. It is rumored here that Smith's name was originally Schmidt; that his father was a German immigrant and not Irish. Will you advise me the truth of this rumor?

The following was printed in the May 19 issue of The Fellowship Forum: "The only information we have is that the Gaelic American, an Irish paper printed in New York, stated in one of its issues that Governor Al Smith was the son of a German American father and an Irish American mother, and that the ancestors of Al Smith on his father's side spelled their name Schmidt."

Is Mr. Raskob, chairman of the General Motors Acceptance, also Mr. Fisher, of the Fisher Body Company, are Roman Catholic?

Both these men are Roman Catholics.

It is rumored here that Rerbert Hoover was married by a Roman Catholic priest and afterward by a Protestant minister?

As there was no official in the town where Mr. and Mrs. Hoover were married, qualified to perform the marriage ceremony except the Roman Catholic priest, who had a commission to perform civil marriages, such a ceremony was performed. We have never heard of any other ceremony being performed afterward.

Has Governor Smith appointed any Protestants to office?

Yes. Also many Roman Catholics.

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To settle a dispute please tell me whether it is true that of all the appointments of Governor Al Smith only one has been a Roman Catholic?

We have a list of 21 judges appointed by Smith which appears to be accurate, all of whom were Roman Catholics.

How many United States Senators are there who are Roman Catholic?

Five United States Senators are Roman Catholic; Ashurst, of Arizona; Ransdell and Broussard, of Louisiana; Walsh, of Massachusetts, and Walsh, of Montana.

Is the Mayor of New York City a Roman Catholic?

Mayor "Jimmie Walker" is a Roman Catholic and a Knight of Columbus.

FUNNY BONES

If you associate with devils during your waking hours you need not expect angels to visit you in your dreams.

Alexander Greenleaf Jackson, a pillar of the colored church, was entertaining at dinner the pastor and some prominent members. After grace, Alexander began to carve the chicken, and the pastor waxed facetious.

"Brudder Jackson," he asked, smilingly, "do the white folks around you keep chickens?"

Alexander pried loose the second wing. "No, sah," he responded, "dey does not; but dey suttingly tries hard enuff."

Undiscovered church history from an examination paper in Los Angeles high school; "The Protestant Reformation was when the Protestant broke away from the Catholic Church and began to forgive their own sins."—**Christian Register.**

A countryman came to Boston to visit some relatives and to see the sights. He remained until patience on the part of his hosts, a married couple, ceased to be a virtue.

"Don't you think, my dear fellow," remarked the husband one day, "that your wife and children must miss you?"

Hadn't thought of that," was the reply. "Thanks for the suggestion; I'll send for them."

An English manufacturer of motor-car tires was the guest of a gathering of commercial men and, in responding to a toast, said: "I have no desire or intention to inflict upon you a long speech, for it is well known in our trade that the longer the spoke the bigger the tire."—Tit-Bits.

The story is told of the late Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, that in catechizing a little girl he asked her to explain matrimony. "It is a state of terrible torment," she said cheerfully, "which those who enter are compelled to undergo for a time to prepare them for a better and brighter world." Her parish priest remonstrated. "No, my dear, that is a definition of Purgatory." "Leave her alone," said the Archbishop; "maybe she is right. What do you and I know about it?"—St. Joseph's Monthly, (Catholic) Pineville, La.

Set Pat Wondering

Pat was developing a tendency to hang around the corner saloon and otherwise dissipate. His wife asked the parish priest to reprimand him.

"Father," said Pat, meeting the priest shortly thereafter, "pwhat is lumbago?"

"Lumbago, Pat," said the priest sternly, seeing a chance to point a moral, "is a terrible disease which comes from drinking up booze and chasing around nights."

GRATIOT PEPPER

Any sort of fool politician can ask questions, but it requires a statesman to answer them.

The spectacle of a minister of the gospel trying to warm up a cocktail candidate is about as much at variance with the eternal fitness of things as the sight of a well-known barnyard beetle doing his Charleston on a center table.

Hercules cleansed the Augean stables by running a river thru them, but according to the Smith-ocrats he should have performed that great exploit by flushing them from the sewer pipes of Tammany Hall.

The outcome of a marriage depends a good deal on the income.

At the massacre of St. Bartholomew, in Paris, more than 100,000 Protestant men, women and children, of all classes and conditions were murdered in a single night. This was the Popish religion in actual practice. And today, certain cati-cornered, pie-chasing politicians and editorial scribblers call a person a "bigot" who even refers to this reign of religious hellishness.

He that lies down with dogs will get up with fleas.

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A lot of different tools come under the head of sin, but a lie is the handle that fits them all.

"Is that so?" asked the bewildered Pat. "It says in the pa-aper that the pope has lumbago."

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