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Intolerance

Bigots must predominate in the citizenry of Oklahoma or else transient residents are allowed to sign petitions to initiate legislation.

How can it be argued otherwise when it is stated that 30,000 signatures were secured overnight in support of a proposition to wipe out of the State Constitution the provision insuring religious freedom and to insert in its stead the following:

"The legislature shall provide for compulsory attendance at some public school supported wholly by public taxation, and in which instruction shall be wholly in the English language, of all children in the state who are of school age for at least five months of the year until they have completed the eighth grade; provided, that this shall not apply to children suffering from bodily or mental infirmity; and provided further, that such children may attend other schools during those parts of the year when public schools supported wholly by public taxation and in which instruction is wholly in the English language are not in session, or after having attended such public schools supported wholly by public taxation and in which instruction is wholly in the English language for at least five months in each school year."

It is stated that there are 350,000 non-Catholics to 30,000 Catholics in Oklahoma. But it does not seem possible that there are a majority of the citizens of Oklahoma who would deprive their fellow-citizens who are Catholics of the religious liberty accorded them by the Constitution of the United States.
Or is the United States Constitution to be a dead letter?

Take Off The Masks

Governor Hardwick of Georgia has openly opposed the Ku Klux Klan which makes him a marked man by the Tom Watsons and the Florida Cats.

The Washington Herald goes a step further than Governor Hardwick and would just about ruin the K. K. K.'s because they thrive on mystery and many a man would not belong if he knew other men belonged and vice versa or he would not want the community to know he belongs.

The Herald's remedy is "Take off the masks!"

No K. K. K. could lead his cohorts into a city or village or hamlet, abuse this man or woman—if the woman be one who has had the misfortune to fall, perhaps her betrayer is behind one of the masks and seeks to rid himself of trouble—and get away with it because no one knew—all members of a mob look alike in white gown, hood and mask.
Make it a felony to wear masks, whether to perpetrate a crime, play a joke or serve a warning.
The laws of the Ku Klux Klan would be drawn if all its members were made to unmask.

Tit For Tat

The newspaper organ of Clinton N. Howard prints this peculiar editorial on "Coffee".

The first coffee sold in England was put on the market in 1652 by Pasqua Rosee, merchant, in St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill.

For 20 years a campaign of great violence was conducted against coffee. English public affairs lunatics were so convinced that coffee ruined the health and corrupted manners, morals and politics, that at times the authorities had to drift with the current and suppress its sale.

In "The Women's Petition Against Coffee," circulated in 1674, the belief was set forth that coffee drinkers would breed a race of "apes and pygmies."

English coffee merchants had to plug for 50 years to create their market. How many modern American business men would have that much patience?

Growing the crop takes a long time. The harvest is short. That is the way with nearly every human life.

Fate is a jester. Usually there isn't any harvest to speak of. Decidedly is this so in the case of the man who, desiring to enjoy great wealth, wears himself out in accumulating it and wakes up at the grave's edge to find that he has the gold, but is too old to enjoy it.

We are forever planning what we are going to do tomorrow or next Christmas or a year from now. Many of us live too much in a future that never comes. The future is mostly an illusion.

Quite Right

We feel quite sure that the many friends of District Attorney William F. Love and Chief of Police Joseph M. Quigley coincide with the "Democrat & Chronicle" when it says:

The promptness and vigor with which the public officials of this community are grappling with the problem of enforcing the prohibition law is the best possible evidence that these officials realize their responsibilities, and that they do not stand in awe of bootleggers any more than they do of any other lawless element in the community.

Strong efforts have been made by persons interested in advancing their own selfish political fortunes to discredit the city administration in the eyes of the public. This, of course, was not the purpose of Mr. Howard or those associated with him, and it is impossible to believe that those who are familiar with the personal character and standing in private life of the men in public office here could be led to believe that they were capable of shielding lawbreakers of any class or type. The district-attorney's office and city officials are working energetically for the single purpose of closing all illegal resorts. The work is difficult, for the men engaged in the bootlegging business are resourceful and are not to be driven out of business without a struggle.

The public, therefore, must stand firmly behind the officials of the law. It must also be borne in mind that the desired goal cannot be reached instantly.
If the clubs have violated the prohibition law—by all means let the police enforce the law. There should be no respecter of persons by the law enforcing agency.

Let there be coal! If the strikers and mine owners deprive the American people of fuel, light, heat, power and, thereby, increase unemployment, the people will rise in their might and put both sides out of commission for all time.
Bishop Gabriels, Bishop Cusack, Bishop Grimes. The three New York prelates of what might be styled the old school have passed to their last reward.

Good!

Governor Miller told the heads of state departments last winter that they must not exceed in annual expenditures the total amount appropriated by the Legislature for their divisions under penalty of dismissal.

It turns out that a Secretary of the Governor incurred expenditures—legal to be sure and value was received therefor, which ran the total expenses of the Executive Department \$8,000 above the amount appropriated by the Legislature of 1922.

Naturally, the Governor could not dismiss himself, being elected by the people, but he did see to it that the Secretary responsible therefor was separated from the State payroll. And he drew a check on his own personal bank account for \$8,000 so the State treasury was reimbursed and the Executive appropriation was not exceeded. The Governor's salary is only \$10,000 a year so Governor Miller will not have much left of his salary this year.

The Governor has shown a fine public spirit. But what would have happened if our present Governor was not comparatively well-to-do?

Clinton Howard, Sheriff? Well, why not have the man who says public officers do not know how to perform their duties, tackle the job. He might be able to succeed where present officers have failed. If he failed, then it might prove the present men were not so bad.

The striking workers and their equally obstinate employers are hastening the day when it will be made illegal to strike. When that day comes the business agents and organizers will be out of their lucrative jobs.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Sunday, August 6.—The Transfiguration of Our Lord, commemorating the occasion on which Jesus took Peter, James and John to Mount Thabor and revealed Himself to them in all His glory.
Monday, Aug. 7.—St. Cajetan, known as the "hunter of souls". He joined the confraternity of St. Jerome, whose members were drawn from the lowest classes, although he was himself noble. He was first to introduce the Forty Hours' Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. He died in 1547.

Tuesday, Aug. 8.—St. Syriacus and companions, martyrs, who suffered death for the faith under the Emperor Diocletian.
Wednesday, Aug. 9.—St. Romanus, who was a soldier of Rome at the time of the martyrdom of St. Laurence. He was moved to embrace the faith, which he formally professed and was himself beheaded.

Thursday, Aug. 10.—St. Lawrence, chief among the seven deacons of the Roman Church. He promised to show the prefect of Rome the great treasures of the Church and gathered together the poor, the infirm and the crippled to point them out as the chief treasures. He was roasted over a slow fire but made mock of his pains. Many miracles have been wrought through his intercession.

Friday, Aug. 11.—Sts. Tibertius and Susanna, martyrs. Tibertius was beheaded on the Latician Road, three miles from Rome. St. Susanna suffered at the beginning of Diocletian's reign. The American Church in Rome is dedicated to her honor.

Saturday, Aug. 12.—St. Clare, Abbess, who founded her order in a miserable house outside of Assisi and later was joined by her sister, her mother and many noble ladies. They went barefoot, observed perpetual abstinence, constant silence and perfect poverty. During her illness of twenty-eight years the Holy Eucharist

was her only support and spinning linen for the altar the only work of her hands. She died in 1253.

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