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Kill It Outright

Information at hand would indicate that the Ku Klux Klans have not made any appreciable progress in Rochester.

Most men hate to be blacklisted in business, social or professional way.

Business and professional men, even if they were inclined to be bigoted and felt like abusing the Pope, are perfectly willing to take in Catholic Dollars or Dollars from Catholics, or from Jews.

Were it known that they affiliated with an organization that absolutely opposed the staying in the United States of all Catholics, all Jews, all Negroes, and all foreigners, it would not require peeling of a boycott or blacklist to keep Catholic custom and Catholic Dollars away from the emporium of such a snake in the grass.

For this reason the Klan has had "sledding" in Rochester as men want to retain their business, professional and social standing.

But let's go farther. Let's make it absolutely impossible for the Ku Klux Klan to exist in Rochester.

Politics

It is apparent that recent elections have set the political pot boiling.

Already there are applicants galore for the official posts the defeated party's adherents are expected to vacate.

As a apology to defeat, the fledgling lieutenants of a departed and beloved leader, are chirping up in concert extolling their own ability to fill the dead leader's shoes.

Just as in days gone by citizens' movements are in the making with the avowed aim of overturning the local form of government, cutting politics out of local matters, substituting a commission or a city manager for the mayor and common council and formulating a panacea for the ills of municipal administration.

Down at Albany the lawmakers are in the usual turmoil when the Governor and Senate and Assembly are of different political faith.

It looks like the open season for politics and politicians of the old-fashioned variety.

Well, many a man has learned two things, by reason of the coal shortage this winter how to save coal bills by reduction of consumption; second, that it does not always pay to economize in consumption the year coal is plentiful because that only reduces percentage of what you may expect in a year when coal is scarce.

Really, there has been no armistice in Southern Europe. Those Kinglets and Queenlets are fighting like sparring roosters.

Michener courts are not likely to be over-run by any compulsory school attendance for all of their members.

Food For Thought

One of the favorite jibes of the bigots against the Catholic Council's Illinois Bureau recalls Church is that the Pope wants to install the Catholic as the state religion as in Europe.

Of course this is far from the truth. In Germany the Protestant was the State sect and where this led Germany. But the stronger and better argument against any union of Church and State is found in the following morsels.

Despatch from Cologne to National Catholic Welfare Council's News Service: Cologne, Dec. 4.—Protestantism in Germany seems to be in a great danger of a total collapse as a result of the overthrow of the monarchies that formerly made up the empire.

Ever since the reformation in the sixteenth century, thoughtful men among both Protestants and Catholics have worked to bring about a reconciliation between children of the two camps into which the Christian world was divided.

But the power of kings and princes in Germany was great and it usually exerted on the side of Protestantism. For the last 70 years the kings of Prussia, later became kaisers, have been at the head of the Protestant "Landeskirche."

Now, however, the revolution has smashed all the thrones of the former empire and there are no rulers to protect and strengthen Protestantism, which, having grown accustomed to that support does not possess its former inherent strength and power.

Protestant theologians during the period of state support have ruined the dogmatic foundations of their churches, and science and rationalism have gotten in their work to such an extent that even P. Altgeld, democratic nominee for governor, demanding the repeal of the Edwards' bill, swept the chain forged by Luther, has been broken down.

Atheism, free-thinking, Theosophy, Anthroposophy, and innumerable other cults have been making thousands of converts in the ranks of Protestantism. Even such sects as the Buddhists and Brahmins have made great gains.

Sex Hygiene

Very Rev. John B. Creeden, S. J., president of Georgetown University, does not believe in the promiscuous dispensing of sex information by every Tom, Dick and Harry. Parents or the family physician is the vehicle of information of which he approves.

Addressing an organization of medical men Father Creeden declared there is no place in this country for the large group of women who, he said, seem to have a morbid desire to speak and write for the public on sex subjects.

He paid a high tribute to the medical profession, saying that in all his experience he had never heard of a physician who refused to take a charity case in an emergency.

Referring to the various theories as to the origin of man Father Creeden said: "I have no quarrel with the scientific man who believes in the theory of evolution and is ready to prove his position, but at the same time, I have no respect for the believer in evolution who says any man who does not agree with him is a fool."

Governor Alfred E. Smith is a stickler not only that his family shall be in attendance upon Mass on Sundays and holidays but that they be punctual.

It is not the best paying advertisement in the calendar to be listed as an active and energetic adherent of the Ku Klux Klan.

Fraternal societies with nothing ulterior in ceremonial or obligation should make no objection to publishing or certifying lists of their members.

History Recalled

The National Catholic Welfare Council's Illinois Bureau recalls that just about a quarter of a century ago the bigots in the West set about a campaign in Wisconsin and Illinois to compel attendance upon the public schools of all children and were so far successful that laws to this effect were passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

Reaction was swift as the following Chicago despatch recalls: Chicago, Ill.—Old time political leaders of Illinois and Wisconsin, viewing the history of Oregon's compulsory school law, recall what happened in those states a trifle more than a score of years ago, and predict a similar reaction in the coast state.

In 1899 almost duplicate bills compelling the attendance of all children at the public schools, or the two camps into which the Christian world was divided. But by the public officials, were enacted and approved by the governor of Illinois and Wisconsin.

In Illinois the so-called "Little Red School House" bill, sponsored by a state official named Ed- later became kaisers, compelled all parents under penalty to send their children to public schools. In Wisconsin the Bennett law was not quite so dramatic in its wording, but similar in its effect. It required parents to send their children to public schools, or to private schools approved by the public school authorities.

The wave of popular protest following the enactment of the law, prevented their enforcement, and at the following election, in 1892, the bills were made campaign issues. In Illinois John P. Altgeld, democratic nominee for governor, demanding the repeal of the Edwards' bill, swept into office by an unprecedented vote, and in Wisconsin, George W. Peck, democratic opposing the enforcement of the Bennett law, was elected by a tremendous vote in a state normally heavily republican. Both laws were repealed as soon as the new legislatures met.

Rochesterians responded royally to the appeal for St. Mary's Hospital. In return we should respond generously to the appeal of 1923 for the Highland, General and Homeopathic Hospitals.

There are many who continue to recall with pleasure the little kindly acts done by the late "Jack" Robertson.

New Years Resolutions are all right in their way.

If Dr. Murlins diabetes serum is all that is claimed for it, what a boon to sufferers?

If censorship is needed over movies, it is equally needed over newspapers and magazines, likewise the theater.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

The financial statement of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church from January 1st, 1922 to January 1st, 1923 was issued last Sunday.

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