



AMERICANISM AND HOW NOT TO PRESERVE IT.

The following is an editorial reprinted from a recent issue of the Christian Advocate, a leading Methodist publication. The editorial is well worth the reading and studying regardless of your opinion of the Klan. It follows in full:

The old Ku Klux Klan originated in the South, and lived its day of terror. The new Klan was born in the same section, adopted the old regalia and nomenclature, and appealed to the same spirit of prejudice. In the South its force is spent. The men of character who were lured into it have withdrawn, leaving only the rabble to carry on. If it had held to the original line of action it would have had no re-birth in the North. But its ostensible leaders have built a new organization on the old model upon another group of fears.

Distraught and dislike of the Jew is deep-rooted in the mind and heart of the "Nordic" races, and the old-fashioned American does not relish having his country become either the market place or the playground of a people who—with noble exceptions—often exhibit traits which make them distasteful as neighbors or associates, and which in some of their manifestations—as in their monopoly of the amusement field—tend to destroy the finest ideals of the American character. In some sections and under some circumstances bewildered and alarmed Americans have joined the Klan as a means of putting a curb upon what they would call the Semitic peril. This anti-Jewish sentiment is practically world-wide. In Europe it has caused bloody outbreaks from the middle ages to the pogroms of the present day. Germany is seething with it today. But it is not a thing for Christians to cultivate, if they really want to be Christ's men.

Then there is the substantial grievance against the Catholics, better described as "political Romanism." The growing arrogance of a church which is subject to a foreign pontiff and which is bound by no scruples in its declared policy of making America Catholic must inevitably provoke hostility among people who enjoy the Protestant heritage of spiritual and intellectual freedom. Both the aims and the methods of the Roman hierarchy have rightfully alarmed large numbers of the American people. They feel that the foundations of the republic may be undermined by an educational organization which withdraws a million or more children from the public schools and gives them a colored and distorted view of American history. They believe that such schools cannot but divide and weaken the body of American citizenship. They believe, furthermore, and upon strong evidence that the nation-wide organization of an order of Catholic men under the direction and control of a priesthood which is taught to regard the utterances of the Roman Church as paramount, is at least a potential menace to the continued existence of those dear liberties which have been purchased at bitter cost. Events which took place during and after the war have deepened the feeling of suspicion of the political machinations and manifestations of Rome in America. This feeling, it should be said, is quite apart from the general feeling of tolerance and respect for the Roman Church in its spiritual and charitable ministries. In the minds of most sober-minded Protestants the two aspects are distinct.

To these deep-seated and growing feelings of distrust of the Jew and political Romanism, the new Ku Klux Klan makes its appeal. It offers a handy and sharp-edged weapon where very few exist, for combating the spread of both these things which many people all over the land look upon as no less subversive of true Americanism than was the "Negro domination" against which the White Hoods first began their night-riding half a century ago.

Why then do we oppose the Klan and advise good men to refuse to enter it? It is not that we do not share the Klansman's disgust at the prospect of an America debauched with a swinish commercialism. It is not that we have not observed with rising apprehension the encroachments, now bold, now stealthy, of the Roman power in America and in other lands. We are awake and have on occasions awakened others to these perils. But we are convinced that a government of America by the "invisible empire" which the Klan invokes would be quite as subversive of democratic freedom. Any political organization which acts under the veil of secrecy is a breach of democracy. Any organization which builds its structure on a wholesale declaration of intolerance is un-American. Any organization whose workings tend to divide citizens into castes and classes is unpatriotic. Any organization whose operation, whether intentionally or otherwise, tends to generate feelings of hatred between racial or religious

groups cannot be harmonized with the brotherliness of Christ.

The Hon. Moorfield Storey of Boston, one of the most distinguished citizens of New England, a great public-minded citizen, and a lawyer whose talents have been recognized by election to the presidency of the Bar Association of his city, State and nation, has recently spoken of the growth of lawlessness, its current manifestations and its inevitably disastrous consequences, in language which we commend to every thoughtful American who may be solicited to ally himself with organizations which, while professedly aimed at securing obedience to the law, are in their ultimate effect substituting private interpretation and mob violence for the regularly ordained statute. Mr. Storey says:

"We must awaken to the very serious condition which confronts the country. Never was the law so generally flouted. Not only does the South deny the Negro his right as a citizen to vote, but it counts him as a voter in order to determine how many representatives in Congress and how many votes in the Electoral College it is entitled to, and casts his vote for him. Not only does it deny him protection for his life and his property, but it does not try to punish the inhuman cruelties which he is compelled to endure. The leaders of this people, political, religious and educational, have so long been blind to these courses that we have not realized how they have gradually undermined regard for the law all over the country. And now we find a large body of our countrymen, respectable men, many of whom are doubtless inspired by the spirit of lynching, organized to disregard the law and the constitutional rights of their fellow citizens, and arrogate to themselves the right to punish at their pleasure any man or woman without trial for any cause which they think proper. They adopt all kinds of childish titles, they are careful to disguise themselves, and add to their influence by the assumption of secrecy. They openly assert their right to war in various ways upon the Catholics, Jews and the Negroes. The organization cannot last, but its mere existence shows how slight a hold respect for the law has on our people. No gift of prophecy is needed to foretell what disastrous consequences must follow unless our law-abiding citizens rouse themselves and insist that all laws must be enforced, and that whoever breaks any law must if detected face certain punishment."

Say what its defenders may regarding the high aims of the Klan; discourse never so eloquently on the grievances of the hundred per cent American against the newcomers who threaten all that he holds dear, the fact remains that the Klan does not strengthen but weakens the republic which it loves and doubtless desires to defend. Granted that for the moment it may check the progress of the threatened evils, is it not clear that its very activities will generate counter-activities on similar lines? Does not this invite a collision the outcome of which is fearful to contemplate? If Christian men and women will approach the admittedly serious questions of the day in the mind of Christ they will find other ways of dealing with them than this which for the moment is deluding many good people.

Difficult to Destroy Booze.

It's harder to get rid of liquor in Lancaster county than it is to get it. So says Assistant District Attorney S. V. Hosterman, who has just drawn up fifty-six detailed petitions to be given to the court, asking that an order be handed down disposing of liquor setled in the past year by the state police there.

A separate petition is needed in each case. A blanket petition recently presented to the court was rejected. The court, however, has ignored the destruction of some bootleg rum by the city police without an order. After confiscating the stuff, an ambitious officer poured it into the sewer.

Orphans' Home Sends Warning.

The Loysville Orphans' Home management, a Lutheran institution, sent out a warning not to patronize boys who are selling goods under the pretense of adding that institution. The Home, the authorities state, never sends out boys or girls to solicit or sell for the benefit of the Home.

When John Loudon Macadam, in 1819, began to experiment with broken stone for building roads, he met with such opposition from the "stand-pat" road builders who contended that the expense would be prohibitive and that anyway, broken stone in courses of assorted sizes was no better than broken stone of one size in one course. Macadam's greatest monument is the dropping of the capital letter in his name and making it the label for all roads built of crushed rock laid in courses of different sizes.

The play entitled "The Deacon" by the local high school, will be given in Grange Arena, this (Thursday) evening. This is a postponed date from last week.

BELLEFONTE MAN DIES OF HIS INJURIES

Beating Alleged to Have Been Administered Because He Did Not Allow Poor Shells to Pass Inspection Proves Fatal After Seven Years.

Harold L. Hollabaugh, of Bellefonte, died Saturday morning as a result of injuries received in 1917 when three men employed in a shell factory at Pittsburgh attacked him for not allowing defective shells to pass inspection.

Mr. Hollabaugh was inspector in the shell factory during the war. The three men became angry when he discarded defective shells made by them one night and beat him badly, leaving him in the street for dead.

He was found by a passerby and taken to a hospital, where he recovered somewhat. He suffered injuries to his head, however, that physicians were unable to help. He was later brought to his home in Bellefonte, where he has been since.

He was born in Coleville in 1892, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hollabaugh. He is survived by his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Fred, of Bellefonte; Elliott, Oleta and Allison, at home; Ivan, at Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Harry Crissman, of Pleasant Gap; Mrs. H. H. Veigler, of Clearfield.

Opening the Highways.

A crew of local men under the supervision of I. A. Sweetwood began opening the State Highway between the Millfin-Centre county line in Seven Mountains to State College and beyond via Centre Hall and Pleasant Gap, on Wednesday of last week. A snow plow pushed by a heavy truck carrying several tons of stone for ballast, and a complement of a half-dozen men did the work. By Sunday the road between these points was well opened and travel over it by auto comparatively easy. The snow fall, all told, was fourteen to eighteen inches, but in many places the winds had carried the snow and formed drifts more than twice that depth. Where only the natural fall of snow was to contend with, the work was not difficult, but where drifts were encountered the process was slow.

Owing to the road between Millheim and Old Fort having been taken out of the primary class, no effort whatever was made by the state to remove the snow.

Bairfoot's Addition.

What may some day, and probably in the very near future, be known as Bairfoot's Addition to Centre Hall, was opened a few days ago when the first lot was sold by Mrs. F. O. Bairfoot to John F. Kramer, the concrete block manufacturer. The location lies to the north side of Church street and west to the public school house, a very desirable place for living. Mr. Kramer contemplates the erection of a concrete block house for his own use.

Stump Home Not Sold.

The Alvin Stump home, located west of Old Fort on the Earlytown road, offered for sale on Saturday, was not sold. The highest bid having been \$1600 offered by Edward Page, considered several hundred dollars too low. The property has been leased to John H. Isler, of Tusseyville, who will occupy the place. The personal property sold at the sale brought very fair prices. E. M. Smith, the auctioneer, proved equal to the demand of the occasion.

Woman Dies in Store.

Mrs. Howard Fields, 31 years old, died suddenly in McMeen's department store in Lewistown late Friday afternoon from acute Bright's disease. The deceased resided with her husband at Leekport, five miles west of Lewistown and went to town to consult a physician, who advised her to return home at once. She had stopped at the store and was in the act of purchasing a pair of articles when death came.

Not for Bonniwell.

This paper is not a Bonniwell booster. It has no use for him. He has been a bi-partisan office holder in Philadelphia for many years. He is now a judge, elected by Republicans, not by Democrats. Any Democrat who gets first page and editorial endorsement by the Republican newspapers now tooting for Bonniwell for National Committeeman is fit only for the Democratic scrap heap. A Democrat true to his party and its principles is never lauded by the Republican papers who are declaring the virtues of this pronounced "wet."

The Builders' Exhibit.

The exhibit of building material and fixtures for the home is to be made by a large number of dealers in State College I. O. O. F. hall, March 6, 7 and 8. The installation of fixtures, heating plants, and all hardware necessary to complete the project will be shown.

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BABY'S CONDITION SHOWN BY ITS WEIGHT

Dr. Child Says Mothers Should Weigh Babies Regularly — Boys Only Slightly Heavier Than Girls.

Weighing of babies as an important factor in enabling mothers to keep close touch on their health, is the subject on which Dr. Dorothy Child, Philadelphia, writes this week's health talk for the State Health Department. Dr. Child points out that while gain of weight is a valuable index of the child's condition, too much confidence must not be placed in it. Dr. Child's talk follows:

Condition of a baby is shown by weight, by state of muscles and long bones, by size of the fontanel (the soft spot at the top of the baby's head) by the condition of the teeth, the color of the skin and mucous membranes, etc. It is easy for the doctor to judge these factors by comparing a child with hundreds of others—but the mother can get most information from weighing, if done regularly.

She should begin at birth, twice a week for the first month, (if the baby be frail, weigh every day) then weekly until one year old. During the second year, twice monthly. Weigh at the same hour of the day, without clothing, or with the same weight of clothing.

The average full term normal baby weighing between 6 and 9 pounds at birth (Dr. Holt's figures)—Boys, 7.55 lbs., girls, 7.15 lbs.) should gain at least four ounces a week during the first six months. At one year the weight should be two and one-half times the birth weight, the rate and steadiness of gain being more important than actual weight at any one time.

Rev. Dr. Spangler Dead.

Rev. Dr. Alexander H. Spangler died at the Harrisburg Hospital at noon on Wednesday of last week after an operation. He was born at Shanksville, Pa., seventy-two years ago and left law to enter the Lutheran ministry 40 years ago. After administering to the parishes at New Bloomfield and Port Royal, he was assigned to the Logan circuit with headquarters at Yeagerstown, twenty-nine years ago. He was elected by the synod to a life-time pastorate when he celebrated his twenty-fifth year on the circuit.

Funeral service was held in the Lutheran church, Yeagerstown, on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Dr. Spangler was chairman of the Board of Trustees of Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, and a trustee of the Loysville Orphan Home. His wife, formerly Miss Kathryn Long, of New Bloomfield, survives, with three sons, Rev. L. Spangler, Newport; Thaddeus Spangler, Lewistown, and Hirschland Spangler, editor of the American Stockman, Pittsburgh.

Chicago Subscriber Recalls "Old Days" in the Loop.

Chicago, Feb. 19, 1924.

Dear Editor: I am enclosing an express order for \$1.50 for renewal of my subscription for the Reporter. I feel the news is more interesting to me reading my paper when I know it is paid for in advance. The news is more complete than a letter from home, as it covers a large area of old acquaintances.

For instance, an article in the Reporter, issue of January 17, J. H. Jordan, of McConnell, Ill. That article put the writer back to fond recollections of those days and can well remember the Jordan family in the log house by the little saw mill, and especially William Mulbarger, the young man that always laughed at anything said to him about hunting. Would he remember how we played hunting around the Loop school house for deer? All us young boys of the school tried to catch this deer at recess. The deer came down the gap between the school house and Dan Kerr's field, and went over, through or under, all us boys trying to catch him. That "deer's" name was George Meiss, the merchant at Colyer.

Would John Dauberman, the butcher, recollect the time the writer shook him off the top of a fence at camp meeting, near the Stone Mill? Would J. S. Howe, Frank Smith, Ed. Crawford, Ruben Colyer, with the writer, remember our quartette singing on the east porch of Colyer, now the residence of George Meiss—the above about forty years ago?

Yours truly,
A. W. SHADOW.
[Mr. Shadow is now engaged in the grocery business at 3926 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago.—Ed.]

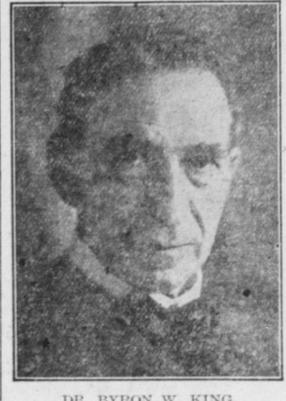
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This exhibit will show in brief, the construction of buildings from the foundation to and including the roof. Entertainment will be furnished by the high school orchestra, and no dull moments will be in evidence. No admission fee will be charged.

DR. BYRON KING WILL LECTURE IN CENTRE HALL.

Great American Orator, from Pittsburgh, Comes Here Under Auspices of Local Dramatic Club.—Date, Tuesday, March 11th, at 7:30 P. M.

The Dramatic Club of Centre Hall is very fortunate indeed to have the honor of procuring for the people of this community the greatest orator of the twentieth century, Byron W. King, A. M., Ph. D. Dr. King is a student, teacher, reader, lecturer and worker. He is one who believes "it is better to be useful than to be handsome."

To show you something of Dr. King's ability he recites twelve pages of



DR. BYRON W. KING.

Shakespeare, line for line; 5000 poems and sketches, 1000 Bible readings, and is the author of several standard books of poems and oratory and voice culture, used in every part of the world. He is president of the largest school of oratory in the United States. He has an unique way of presenting his theme, an excellent voice, good action, and fine dramatic talent.

His subject for Tuesday night, March 11, in the Grange hall at 7:30 is "All the World's a Stage and We Are the Actors." Don't miss this extraordinary treat. The admission is 50 cents for adults including reserved seats; 35 cents for general admission, and 25 cents for children 12 years old and under, reserved. Get your tickets from any member of the dramatic club.

Note: Dr. King will give a free lecture to the students of the grammar and high school in the afternoon of the same date at the request of an expense of the Dramatic Club.

Long Timber for Trip Hammer.

Some tall white pine trees are being cut in lower Penna Valley by L. L. Weaver, a lumberman and auto dealer. Recently several trees were cut that were much too long for "squaring" up on the mill and these were dressed with a broad-axe. The pieces will be used in the construction of a crude trip-hammer, the long piece to be the arm on which a ton-sledge will be fastened for the purpose of breaking into more convenient form for handling large pieces of scrap iron.

The pieces of timber referred to consist of one 16 in. x 16 in., 45 feet long; one 12 in. x 12 in., 60 feet long; one 12 in. x 12 in., 68 feet long; two timbers 12 inches square at the top and 14 inches square at the butt, 80 feet long.

Sheriff Not Ousted.

The recount of the ballot box from Mill Hill borough made no change in the standing of the recently elected sheriff of Clinton county, R. M. Hanna, who will retain the office.

Judge Eugene H. Baird acted as judge of election and in the recount it was found that Hanna's majority was reduced from eighteen to seven. There was no evidence of any irregularities in the first count of the vote.

Since the President has a k.d. Attorney General Daugherty as one of his Ohio delegates to the Cleveland convention it will make it all the more difficult for him to ask his resignation as a cabinet member. Daugherty appears to have the kind of a hold on Coolidge that hurts when you let go.

"WHAT MAKES A MAN?"
Fraternity and Lodge Night
at
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
CENTRE HALL
SUNDAY NIGHT, 7:30
Sermon by the Pastor.
REV. M. C. DRUMM
Everybody Welcome.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Franklin Earnest, Jr., has become news editor of the Millfinburg Telegraph under the ownership of C. A. Knies.

On his return home from the cemetery W. N. Auman, of Millheim, fell in such a manner as to fracture the bone in his left arm above the elbow.

Andrew Smith, a student at Dickinson College, Carlisle, was a guest at the Frank D. Lee home over Sunday. The young man is a nephew of Mrs. Lee.

Three hogs killed by W. H. Meyer, the Millheim drayman, averaged 493 pounds in weight. The individual weights of the hogs were 531, 490 and 455 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Musser, of West Union, Iowa, attended the funeral of Mr. Musser's sister, Mrs. Junie A. Walter, in Millheim, and returned home a few days later.

Rev. S. R. Brown, pastor of the Millburg Presbyterian church, has accepted a call to the Laboratory church, Washington. He will enter upon his new field in March.

Bellefonte is to have a new garage which will be erected by H. J. Thompson of Curwensville, former manager of the Penn Central Light and Power Company. Beside the garage there will be erected on the property on High street, other buildings and improvements.

The Presbyterian congregation in Bellefonte purchased the Joseph L. Montgomery home on Allegheny street, to be used as a manse, for the consideration of about \$13,000. The old manse has been purchased by Mrs. Samuel Showers, the sum paid having been \$12,000.

The Bellefonte Fuel and Supply company, managed by Gordon Montgomery, was purchased by David Chambers and daughter, Miss Verna, and former county treasurer L. Frank Mayes. The sale price is said to have been between forty and forty-five thousand dollars.

Rev. Wilson P. Ard, pastor of the Bellefonte Lutheran church, received an appointment last week as chaplain in the Officers' Reserve Corps with the rank of first lieutenant. Rev. Ard was a Y. M. C. A. worker during the World War, being located at one of the southern training camps.

A Millheim girl who will be recalled as Miss Maude E. Bellman, fell here to \$15,000 recently. Miss Bellman is now Mrs. Patton and lives in Rockford, Illinois, to which place she removed with her family from Millheim. The inheritance came through the death of Miss Sue Sanders, who for some time just prior to her death made her home with Mrs. Patton.

In Clinton county a program of consolidating rural schools has been adopted. Where this has been accomplished the high schools now in existence will give the pupils their last year of schooling. The construction of state highways and the fact that these highways are being kept open during the winter have been large factors in making consolidation workable in rural sections.

Cracking cars and rushing about to get from the Breen garage in Millheim, the large number of cars stored there during the time fire was destroying the Meeker garage nearby, so heavily drew on the physical strength of Stuart M. Breen that he almost collapsed. He was obliged to retire to his home and bed, but after a few days the ill effects of the over-exertion had pretty well disappeared.

In a letter to Ralph Luse, in Centre Hall, Omec Kauwell, who is located at 529 Court Street, Los Angeles, California, informs him that he was recently married and as evidence sent a photograph of a pretty little woman he now calls his own. Mr. Cauwell left here about ten years ago, and finally located on the Pacific Coast where he is employed in a furniture factory. He also stated he had the pleasure of meeting William Bailey, who lives eighteen miles distant from him at Santa Monica, where he is engaged in the real estate business.

On Thursday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. H. Leigh Elbright most delightfully entertained the members of the Men's Organized Bible Class of the Lutheran church. The two ministers present were Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick and Rev. J. F. Binzman, the former pastor of the Presbyterian church and the latter the shepherd of the Evangelical church in Centre Hall, who had been invited as speakers for the occasion. The evening was very pleasantly and profitably spent from both a religious and social standpoint. The physical man was not in any way neglected for Mrs. Elbright had prepared and served a great abundance of refreshments fit for kings.