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## Alleged Bloody Oath of the Knights of Columbus.

Following is the alleged oath taken by the Knights of Columbus. It is said to have been photographed from the oath taken from the hall of that organization in Greensboro. It is given as reprinted from the Congressional Record Sixty-Second Congress Third Session, Vol. 49, pp. 3216-17, Feb. 15, 1913:

"I, ———, now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the holy apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul, and all the saints, sacred hosts of heaven, and to you my Ghostly Father, the superior general of the Society of Jesus, founded by St. Ignatius, in the pontification of Paul the III, and continued to the present, do by the womb of the Virgin, the Matrix of God, and the rod of Jesus Christ, declare and swear, that his Holiness, the Pope, is Christ's viceregent and is the true and only head of the Catholic or Universal Church throughout the earth, and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given His Holiness by my Saviour, Jesus Christ, he hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, States, commonwealths and governments that they may be safely destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his Holiness' right and custom against all userspers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatever, especially the Lutheran Church of Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and the new pretended authority and Churches of England and Scotland, and the branches of some now established in Ireland, and on the continent of America and elsewhere and all adherents in regard that they may be unsupervised and heretical, opposing the sacred Mother Church of Rome.

"I now denounce and disown any allegiance as due to any heretical king, prince or state, named Protestant or Liberals, or obedience to any of their laws, magistracies or officials."

"I do further declare that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his Holiness' agents, in any place where I should be, in Switzerland, Germany, Holland, or America, or in any other territory I shall come to, and do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestant or Masonic doctrines, and destroy all of their pretended powers, legal or otherwise.

"I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding I am dispensed with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the Mother Church's interest; to keep secret and private all her agent's counsels from time to time, as they entrust me and not divulge, directly or indirectly by word, writing or circumstances whatever, but to execute all that should be proposed, given in charge, or discover unto me, by my Ghostly Father or any of his sacred order.

"I do further promise and declare that I will have no opinion or will of my own or any mental reservation whatsoever, even as a corpse or cadaver, (perinde ac cadaver) but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the militia of the Pope and of Jesus Christ.

"That I will go to any part of the world whithersoever I may be sent, to the frozen regions of the North, or the burning sands of the desert of Africa, or the jungles of India, to the center of civilization of Europe, or to the wild

haunts of the barbarous savages of America without murmuring or repining and will be submissive in all things whatsoever is communicated to me.

"I do further promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretly and openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Masons, as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth; and that I will spare neither age, sex or condition, and that I will burn, hang, waste, boil, flay strangle and bury alive these infamous heretics; rip up the stomachs and wombs of the women, and crush their infants' heads against the walls, in order to annihilate their execrable race. That when the same cannot be done openly I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulation cord, the steel of the poniard, or the leaden bullet, regardless of the honor, rank dignity or authority of the persons whatever be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed to do so, by any agent of the Pope or Superior of the Brotherhood of the Holy Father of the Society of Jesus.

"In confirmation of which I hereby dedicate my life, soul and all corporal powers, and with the dagger which I now receive I will subscribe my name, written in my blood, in testimony thereof; and should I prove false or weaken in my determination, may my brethren and fellow soldiers of the Pope cut off my hands and my feet and my throat from ear to ear, my belly opened and sulphur burned therein with all the punishment that can be inflicted upon me by demons in eternal hell forever.

"That I will in voting always vote for a Knight of Columbus in preference to a Protestant—especially one of the Masons—and that I will leave my party so to do; that if two Catholics are on the ticket I will satisfy myself which is the better supporter of the Mother Church and vote accordingly.

"That I will not deal with or employ a Protestant if in my power to deal with or employ a Catholic. That I will place Catholic girls in Protestant families of the heretics.

"That I will provide myself with arms and ammunition that I may be in readiness when the word is passed, or I am commanded to defend the church either as an individual or with the militia of the Pope.

"All of which I, ——— do swear by the blessed Trinity and the blessed Sacrament which I am now to receive, to perform and on my part to keep this my oath.

"In testimony thereof, I take the most holy and blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, and witness the same further, with my name written with the point of this dagger, dipped in my own blood, and seal, in the face of this Holy Sacrament.

"Signature \_\_\_\_\_"  
In Nebraska Blizzard.

Friend T. M. Greer, formerly of Watauga, but now of Bloomfield, Neb., in remitting to The Democrat, writes:

"We are enjoying good health at present. Just had one of the worst blizzards for ten or fifteen years. It started on the night of Feb. 12, and lasted until about noon on the 15th. We have snow drifts in our yard from twelve to fifteen feet deep. This part of the country suffered some in the loss of stock, however, we were fortunate enough as not to lose any."

## Pointed Paragraphs from Wilson's Boston Speech.

The proudest thing I have to report to you is that this great country of ours is trusted through out the world.

The conference seems to you to go slowly... but I wonder if you realize the complexity of the task which has been undertaken.

Every interest seeks out, first of all, when it reaches Paris, the representatives of the United States.

The most wonderful fact in history—there is no nation in Europe that suspects the motives of the United States.

Everybody praises the American soldier with the feeling that in praising him he is subtracting from the credit of no one else.

I have uttered as the objects of this great war, ideas, and nothing but ideals, and the war has been won by that inspiration.

Men have testified to me in Europe that our men were possessed by something that they would call a religious fervor.

If America were at this juncture to fail the world, what would come of it?

America is the hope of the world, and if she does not justify that hope, the results are, unthinkable.

Think of the utter blackness that would fall on the world—"America has failed."

The arrangements of the present peace cannot stand a generation unless they are guaranteed by the united forces of the civilized world.

The burden of this war fell... upon the victims' homes everywhere, where women were toiling in hope that their men would come back.

I have no more doubt of the verdict of America in this matter (the league of nations) than I have doubt of the blood that is in me.

The peoples who constitute the nations of the world... are in the saddle.

## Put Reminiscences in Pamphlet Form.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT: It has given me much pleasure to read from the pages of The Democrat the "Personal Reminiscences of the Civil War" by Mr. L. N. Perkins. These articles have certainly been a treat for every reader of your paper. I congratulate Mr. Perkins for the story he has so interestingly written.

It will not be many years until we will have no living heroes of the Civil war to tell us of their experiences. For this reason I hope that Mr. Perkins will have this and his Story of his Cowboy Life published in pamphlet form, at least. I would like to have one for my library, as it would not be complete without it. I feel sure that every reader of The Democrat will want one.

You will find enclosed check for another year's subscription.

G. C. GREEN,  
Newport News, Va.

## Watauga Lady Weds in Charlotte.

Miss Ada Wilcox, daughter of Rev. B. F. Wilcox, of Shulls Mills, a former student of the Appalachian Training School, later of Brown's Business College, Charlotte, N. C., was married to Mr. Edd M. Cranford, son of Post Master M. W. Cranford at Davidson, N. C. The groom is a graduate of Davidson College, and while holding a position in Charlotte, met his future wife. They were married at the bride's boarding place. After the marriage they left for Davidson, N. C., the groom's home where they will spend their honey moon.

## Senator Vest's Tribute to the Dog.

(Republished by Request.)

The best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter whom he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The one absolutely unselfish friend that a man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog. Gentlemen of the jury, a man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fierce, if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies, and when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in his embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his grave-side will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even in death.

## Valle Crucis Items.

Miss Boyd Caudell, who has a position in Washington, spent last weeks with home folks at Valle Crucis.

Mr. Bob Campbell, who has been at Camp Sevier, is again at his old job, clerking in W. W. Mast's store. Mr. James Farthing of Beaver Dams, who has been at Camp Greene, is again on his job in the Valle Crucis Bank. We are indeed glad to have the popular young soldiers back in the valley again.

Mr. Bynum Taylor has bought an interest in the Watauga Garage. He has also bought a pretty cottage where he and Mrs. Taylor, formerly Miss Jennie Whitehead, will move right soon. The people of Valle Crucis are indeed glad to have the popular young couple locate in their midst.

Miss Thompson, principal of the Valle Crucis High School, gave a Colonial party for the 8th and 9th grades on Sat. night, Feb. 22. Most of the students were dressed in Colonial costume. Refreshments were served and old-fashioned games were played. The party was enjoyed by all.

No man can produce great things who is not thoroughly sincere in dealing with himself.—Lowell.

## Training School Lore.

(Too late for last issue.)

A committee from the Legislature visited the Training School Monday afternoon and evening. We were glad to have those gentlemen with us. They were Senators Williamson and Cooper, and Representative Holton, Jones and Griffin.

Supt. B. B. Dougherty returned to Raleigh the first of the week in the interest of the School.

During the past week talks were made as follows: Professor Greene on the dog law recently passed by the Legislature; Prof. Creer on the movement to preserve the old revival and folk lore songs, after which many of them were sung, first by a double quartet and then by the entire school; Miss Matney made an interesting talk on the origin of art; on Saturday the time was given to singing patriotic and other songs in honor of Washington's birth day and the song week that was being observed by the schools throughout the country.

A recent writer brought out a fine example of mother influence in our country. The writer states that when a French soldier was about to die he called for his wife, a British soldier wanted his sweet heart, but an American boy wanted his mother. This incident shows the wonderful mother influence, an opportunity, and a responsibility of motherhood that comparatively few fully realize and many do not comprehend. We could not wish them higher distinction than is thus conferred upon them. They could attain to higher though they should reach the highest political or other other honors. The latter sink into insignificance when compared with the former.

If those U. S. Senators, who are so severely criticising the President and League of Nations, realized what little influence they are having on people who think and what contempt they are bringing upon themselves it would seem that they would have sense enough to at least be quiet. Mr. Taft gave them a severe jolt when he called them "Little Americans" and said he would not trust them over night. It seems that he has sized them up about right.

The second number of the "Pines Echo Magazine was given in the auditorium on Monday evening. The exercises began with greetings by the Editor-in-Chief, Miss Gertrude Alexander, and was following by an original play by the Juniors. Then came an essay, editorials, stories, poems, one from each class, interspersed by songs from each class, and closing with jokes, all of which was of a highly creditable nature, testifying the efficiency of the work in English, and withal was very entertaining. We shall look forward with interest to the next number of the Magazine.

Don't forget that the war bills must be paid: Keep your War Savings Stamps and buy more.

North Carolina is sure to get there as soon as she has the modern highways on which to strike the pace. Other people can come into our midst as soon as they can come on good roads.—Wilmington Star.

## FOR THE CHILDREN.

Too much care cannot be exercised in selecting a cough medicine for children. It should be pleasant to take, contain no harmful drug and most effectual in curing their coughs and colds. Long experience has taught that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy meets these conditions. It is a favorite with many mothers.

## GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Charles W. Bagby has been nominated by President Wilson to be postmaster at Hickory, N. C.

Edgar Ring of Mt. Airy, N. C. who had been reported killed in action, returned to his home last week.

More than 250,000 men were in the secret service during the war. Nearly 40,000 slackers and deserters were rounded up and inducted into service.

A. Mitchell Palmer was nominated to be Attorney General last Thursday, the 27th inst. Mr. Palmer is a native of Stroudsburg, Pa., and is 47 years old.

Next fall William Howard Taft will return to Yale University as a member of the faculty. He dropped his work as professor of law when he was called to war duties.

Representative Fredrick H. Gillett, of Massachusetts, was nominated on the first ballot by the Republican conference last Thursday night as a party candidate for speaker in the next House of Representatives.

Joseph Blalock of Badin, N. C. was given a term on the roads, and was fined \$225 for running a gambling house. After his trial in police court he tried to assault Chief Love. He was dragged into the bar and fined \$250 more for contempt of court.

Of 12 brothers who entered the army, eight have been killed in action, one lost an arm and leg, another lost both arms, another had an arm amputated, and the last has been reported wounded, degree undetermined. This is the record of the family of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gilson of San Antonio, Texas.

Cornelius Fisk aged 18 years, of New York, who deserted from the Navy to join the Marines, is now being held as a prisoner on the steamer President Grant. Fiske deserted from the Navy because of a desire to see active service in the trenches, and this desire put the boy in prison. He took part in the fighting at Chateau Thierry, Belleau wood and Soissons.

The office and the finishing and packing buildings of the Lenoir Chair Manufacturing Company were destroyed by fire Wednesday night, the 26th inst. \$8000 worth of leather and fifteen cars of finished chairs were a complete loss. The machine room and building, and the power plant did not suffer any damage. The entire loss amounted to about \$30,000. The plant will resume operations at once.

The Lenoir News says: "O. B. Keister, general superintendent of southeastern district railroads arrived here one day last week on his private car, accompanied by Manager L. T. Nichols of the C. & N. W. They left immediately for Edgemont on Motor G. They returned during the afternoon and continued on to Hickory. Mr. Keister is the Federal railroad man in charge of this district, which comprises the C. C. & O., Southern, C. & N. W. and other roads. His trip to Edgemont yesterday and his recent trip here, coupled with the fact that there is some considerable railroad improvements now being made between here and Edgemont, causes no little speculation. There seems to be a general feeling that something is in store for continuing the Carolina & Northwestern across the mountain."

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