

CAME NEAR LYNCHING TEED.

Excited Citizens Needed Only a Leader Last Night.

HUSBANDS WHOSE HOMES IMPOSTER HAD WRECKED TOLD EXPERIENCES THAT WORKED MASS MEETING AT NORMAL PARK INTO A FRENZY.

(FROM THE CHICAGO TIMES.)

It was just touch and go last night whether the residents of Normal Park who attended a mass meeting in Thornton hall to denounce "Korosh" Teed would not rise in a body, demolish the Teedian branch "heaven" at Sunlight flats, roll the angels, cherubims, and seraphims in the mud, and tar and feather the resident "princes," and "lights," and other directors of the alleged harem. Public feeling was at fever heat, and one more red hot call to preserve the sanctity of family ties or the direct invitation of a leader would have brought matters to an immediate issue.

By 8 o'clock the hall was packed to the doors with a representative attendance of the best manhood of the district and a dozen women stood at the entrances eagerly listening to the speeches and resolutions. At least four hundred persons were in the hall. W. C. Shaw, chairman of the committee that interviewed Teed at the Washington Heights "heaven" Tuesday night, reported what Korosh had replied to the questions put by the committee. Mr. Shaw commented freely on Mr. Teed's responses. The speaker's announcement of Teed's arrest in the morning on a charge of criminal intimacy with Mrs. Thomas Cole, and his inability up to 5 o'clock to furnish \$2,500 bonds to secure his release was received with loud cheers.

Mr. Shaw read a letter from Attorney W. H. Hill, which tore Teed's character into shreds. Teed's record was shown up, and the writer denounced the Teedian and Schweinfurthen "heavens" to be simply schemes to build up fortunes of the credulity of weak married women and to rob young girls of their virtue and character. Mr. Hill did not advocate any violence, but believed that if these leaders defied the law it might be necessary to resort to other methods to rid the community of the debauchees and home-robbers.

Mr. Shaw reported that he had that afternoon seen Royal O. Spear, a former disciple of Teed, who had told him that while he had no positive proof of Teed's immorality he was sure on circumstantial evidence that Teed was guilty. Spear said he believed in Teed's doctrines, but not in Teed. Extracts from the Flaming Sword, the Koroshian paper published to spread the doctrine were next read by Mr. Shaw. Many of them are unfit for publication and place the Flaming Sword under the ban of the postal authorities as coming under the class of indecent literature.

A letter from W. H. Cheney was also read, and again Teed was given particular fits. The writer thought Teed to be fit only for jail. Though 77 years of age, Mr. Cheney said, he would take a shot gun and give Teed a through-rate ticket to hades if Teed ever lured one of his female relatives into his heaven. These remarks were frequently applauded.

Sidney Miller, who is suing Teed for alienating the affections of his wife, gave an account of Teedian tactics in wheedling weak-minded young women into his "heaven." When his wife first met Teed in Chicago five years ago, she attended his lectures and for \$50 received an endowment of immortality. Fourteen others also have taken \$50 worth each of immortality from Teed at the same time, but these fourteen have all died since then. Miller's wife left him two years ago at the enticement of Teed and his acolytes. Teed frequently visited his home and broke it up.

The speaker said he had once questioned one of the "angels" if she thought it would be wrong for Teed to be intimate with any of the angels. She replied, "Of course not. Teed is Christ and can do no wrong. He can be intimate with any 'angel' and not sin." (Shouts and yells from the audience.)

Mr. Shaw then read a letter from Frank Diesel, a commission merchant, at 701 North Halstead street, giving Thomas Cole, the man who caused

Teed's arrest for intimacy with his wife, a very high character for sobriety, industry and ability. Cole worked for Diesel seven years and was still in his employ. Cole, who is a chunky, good-looking, rather undersized, well dressed young man, proved to be quite an orator. He said, "If Teed had come here claiming he was the devil instead of Christ he would be justified in his claims. Eight years ago I married in this city Annie Croston, as good a woman as ever was born. I was poor and so was she. I had to work for a living, but we were happy and contented until Teed's paper, the Flaming Sword, was brought into my house by a meddling old woman about two years ago. Soon after my wife changed and she had some friends from Teed's place in the house all the time. One of these told me my name was St. Thomas because I denied Teed being Christ. Teed never came to my house. If he had and I had caught him there he would never have gone into another. That low liar and scoundrel singles out some poor man's wife and says to her: 'My dear don't be your husband's prostitute.' The villain, he only means, 'My dear be mine.' Well, Teed won my wife into heaven and two years ago she left me, taking all my furniture and my little 5-year old son, Walter.

"Teed calls himself Christ! Well, no one ever read in the bible of our Christ skirmishing about California and marrying widows with \$250,000. Did our Christ ever take another man's wife on his knee? If I can do down Teed I'll do it, if it costs me my life. (Much applause.) A man who breaks up a home is worse than a murderer. I denounce Teed as a liar, a thief, a scoundrel. Boycott Teed and his Flaming Sword."

Mr. Cole had the full sympathy of the audience as he left the platform.

E. S. Metcalf, employed in the office of the special assessment attorney in the city hall, read a letter from Gen. Reynolds, a real estate dealer, describing how Teed had enticed his wife into the College of Life, where she died; that he had seen Mrs. Reynolds come out of Teed's room at night, and that before she entered the College Mrs. Reynolds gave Teed her monthly allowance of \$75 until Mr. Reynolds found it out and stopped the remittance.

The audience was becoming worked up and much excited over the recital of Teed's doings and cries of "Tar and feather him!" "Hang him!" "Crucify him!" were heard all over the hall.

"What shall we do," began Mr. Metcalf in a passionate way that increased until every one was on the tiptoe of excitement, and becoming more and more aroused as the speaker proceeded.

"This devil has presumed to settle here. In the name of Christ he defies public sentiment and flaunts in your face that your wives are prostitutes and you debauchees. In the name of God are you men, or are you so dead to honor that you will not resent it? That gray haired old rascal should be driven out of society and into the fields like a wild beast. Let us protect ourselves. Shame on the man, old or young, who will not risk his life to save his mother, sister, daughter or wife from the clutches of this demon of lust." (Cheers and yells of "Lynch him!" "Stone him!")

"I tell you this damned rascal must get up and out of here." There was a general surge of the audience toward the platform, all shouting that some of Teed's disciples were present and should be attended to.

"No, no!" cried Mr. Shaw at the top of his voice. "No! Let them come up here and take front seats. Don't hurt them—use no violence."

When the noise subsided Mr. Metcalf urged that Teed be told to go, and go quickly. He offered a resolution that as sufficient evidence had been introduced to prove Teed an imposter, no less than Schweinfurth, that a committee of five be appointed to rid Normal Park of Charles R. Teed, alias Cyrus Teed, alias Korosh Teed.

The committee was increased to 20 and the resolution carried with a shout. When Mr. Shaw called for the nays, one Mr. C. W. Vail, an adherent of Teed, walked to the platform and said "No." Vail was booed and yelled at. One muscular citizen walked up to Vail and said for one-half cent he would send him to the hospital for repairs. Vail subsided very completely.

Mr. Shaw then called for volunteers for the committee and the following

were quickly selected: N. P. Keeler, E. S. Metcalf, Victor Anderson, Gustav Carlson, J. Saunders, E. M. Pratt, E. Elias, J. G. King, W. S. Shaw, Dr. J. F. Wilson, C. Parker, C. P. Cline, M. G. Harvey, M. T. Jones, H. G. Herbert, A. A. Frazier, E. F. Stevens, J. H. Rapp, D. Freeman and A. C. Blederman.

Teed, after his arrest, was taken before Justice Everett late yesterday afternoon. His long, flowing beard was missing and he looked a very dejected specimen of self-alleged divinity. His attorney, C. W. Greenfield, was with him. Attorney W. L. Hill stated that Teed was arrested on a charge of criminal intimacy with Mrs. Annie Cole, the wife of Thomas Cole, who has also sued Teed for \$100,000 damages. He asked that Teed's bond be fixed \$5,000. After some discussion the ball was reduced to \$2,500. It took Teed till 9 o'clock in the evening to secure the bond, with W. B. Townig as security.

—We either have it, can get it for you, or it isn't made. Hunter's.

THE PROGRESSIVE LYING PARTY PLATFORM.

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- 1. All men are born equal and shall bend the knee and bow down in the presence of Korosh.
2. Public office is a public trust and you should get trusted wherever you can.
3. That the county should be conducted on the communistic order, and all funds of the people should be held by Korosh and no questions asked.
4. That the man who squeals and wants a shoveling for his money should be given a chunk of salt fish and turned out into the cold world.
5. Every candidate should place his resignation in the hands of Korosh, so that in the remote event of his being elected, Korosh will hold the trump card, and turn him down if he is not fully prepared to serve Korosh.
6. We are undoubtedly opposed to taxation if we can get the other fellows to pay the taxes.
7. We favor a system of taxation so that it will no longer be a burden for the Koroshians to pay their debts.
8. We believe that the rivers, bays, and lakes within the county belong to Korosh, and that every citizen who fishes in these waters should be taxed \$2.50 for the privilege.
9. We are opposed to the division of the county, but favor taking all of DeSoto into Lee County as part of Korosh's plan to include this territory within the bounds of the incorporation of Estero.
10. We favor making every part of the county accessible by building good roads, provided we gain control of the Board of County Commissioners, but if the Democrats elect the Board then it is our duty to charge them with stealing the public funds every time they build a mile of road.
11. We believe that the Board of County Commissioners should be composed of men who above all else will dispense the revenues of the county according to the suggestions of Korosh.
12. We believe that all efforts at education are vain unless the teachings of Korosh are introduced into every school in the county. Let the youth be taught that the highest standard of government is only to be attained by turning everything over to Korosh.
13. It is the duty of every candidate to lie so fast and frequent that the truth can never get within one hundred miles of him.

Letter to W. M. Hendry, Fort Myers, Fla.

Dear Sir: Here's honesty for you! N. Dakota has a pure paint law. Prof. Ladd, the state chemist, analyzes a certain paint "contains only lead and zinc and is strictly pure," and finds it no lead at all, a resinous oil, and benzine. It is, however, full measure and contains no water. That's like the man on trial for killing his grandmother; proved that he didn't set fire to the house. No, lead, but zinc and barytes, resinous oil, and benzine—"strictly pure lead and zinc paint!" Pure paint is lead-zinc-and-oil; but that isn't all; there is such a thing as proportion and make. The strongest paint is Devco. North Dakota is doing a handsome thing in holding these confidence-people up to scorn. She gives their names as well as their works. Yours truly, F W DEVCO & CO

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UPHOLD GOVERNOR'S

From the Ocala Banner. Broward's vision of the of the Everglades is as end a picture in any of the real. Okeechobee is the large any state of our Union, at an elevation of twenty-one sea level. It would not require much of an engineer lower its waters. Seven hundred thousand acres inundated by its overflow reclaimed by the lowering. Governor Broward makes ment that these lands are on earth and will produce and abundance all sort cal and semi-tropical fruits, cereals and flowering pl climate is as mild as any "mer" anywhere. The land, while it will in quantity very much mo prairie lands of the west, many times more measured and cents because the prod much more valuable on their rarity.

If the Governor's vision true cities will be built shores of Lake Okeechobee foot of the land will be put tivation and beautiful hon dotted over these seven hundred thousand acres of lands. The lakes and cana navigated by steamers and will be great enough to att work of railways. Great cities, rivaling Ch waukee, St. Paul and Minn spring into existence and th lected Everglades will be richest spot on the surfa globe.

This, at least, is Govern ard's vision. Let us hope that it may p thing more than the phan of a dream. Let us hope outline of the vivid pictur come true.

In all other lands peninsu the densest population here? Why should Florida ception to the rule?

Engineers, who have givt ject careful and laborious tion, say that the drainage erglades is entirely feasible. Why should they make t ments, with their reputatio if the scheme is a visionary?

Pioneers—such men as B dry, whose names stands for integrity—say that if the drained, are rich enough any other land in Florida picture so vividly and drawn by Governor Brow that of a dreamer, but need attempted to be made real.

Is it worth the trial? When good men differ to find out the truth? other way that we know make the attempt and let show for itself.

It is at least admitted Okeechobee can be lower so will prevent the overflo loosahatchee river, and w assured it will bring under the whole of the Caloosaha ley.

The finest orange grove fruit groves that we have already line the banks of stream and the bringing of valley under cultivation than repay the attempt to Everglades even if no other suits shall follow.

It costs us, who live in nothing, and as all the peop in the drainage section are try the experiment, why not the opportunity to do so?

See what was done in H is now being done in Loui many predicted the failure seps in digging the Suez ca how many advocates had Field and Edison and Marc Let's hold up the Govern The beautiful picture he worth a trial.

Its failure will forever much agitated question and means the annexation of a to the State's domain.

—Intelligent salespeople choose. Hunter's D

—All the magazines, New Florida dailies at Stone's Fort Myers Jewelry Comp

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