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K. K. ATTEND K. O. C. INITIATION

MASKED KKK TO ENTERTAIN

OBSERVER INSIDE K-C LODGE REVEALS WHOLE CEREMONIAL

Secret Work of Anti-Klan Organization to Be Published.

FIRST TWO DEGREES GIVEN

Third, With Startling Details, to Be Feature in Next Week's Paper.

ONE of the expert operatives of the Western American intelligence bureau, who is welcomed on occasions in KC lodges (in retaliation for attempted but futile spy-work in the Ku Klux Klan), has submitted a report giving all the inside details of initiation ceremonies in the KC lodges, and a startling eye-witness description of the Third Degree, together with the secret work of the organization. This report will be published in two or three installments, the first herewith.

Anonymous notes threatening vengeance upon the editor of the Western American, which are coming in quite regularly, will only inspire editorial zeal in making still greater disclosures, which otherwise might have been withheld. The removal of the present editor would be bad luck for the KC's, because a less considerate one is in training for the job. We will print this report, and many others like it, so that the public may judge between the Klan and the KC's, comparing their merits as American orders.

Knights of Columbus initiate candidates in classes of ten or more, and none is allowed to enter until all initiation fees and dues for the first year have been paid. This makes at least \$150 per class, with \$100 of it going to the deputy who has charge of the council. These applicants must be vouched for by the priest of their parish before they are allowed to go ahead, and these certificates by the priests eliminate all examinations in the ante-room.

The First degree is merely the test of faith of the applicant and to impress upon him the "responsibility" of the profession of faith.

FIRST DEGREE.

GRAND KNIGHT: Captain of the Guard, you will take your guards to the ante-room and lead in the candidates.

The lights of the council chamber then are dimmed and an organ begins to play low, while the candidates file in, their superstitious souls filled with dread and awe. At the same time, the council is singing some hymn which has been approved by the Pope.

As they enter they are guided into a line about the walls. With one light burning dimly above the altar, the Grand Knight approaches the altar and says:

Gentlemen, before you may go further into the Knights of Columbus, it is necessary for you to make an act of faith. Let everyone answer for himself.

Q. Do you believe in God?
A. I do.

WONDERFUL SINGER WINNING APPLAUSE

Elizabeth Ray Nelson, who is winning great applause in the Singers' Popularity Contest at the Blue Mouse Theatre will sing on February 10, 11, 12 and 13, and on March 7, 8 and 9.

Miss Nelson is said by competent critics to have a wonderful voice, deserving of the highest praise.

The Singers' Contest promises to become enlivened in the next few weeks. Talent of the highest order is being discovered.

CAMARETTA MEMBERS ENJOY INITIAL BALL

The members of the Camaretta Club and their friends had a joyous dance on February 2 in Pythian Temple, the first of a series that promises great enjoyment throughout the year. The attendance was excellent, the music and the floor the very best. The spirit of joy prevailed the through throughout the evening.

Cards were enjoyed by many. A delightful musical selection was rendered by Mr. Paul Holmes, accompanied by Miss Anna Steel, and evoked prolonged applause.

Another evening of informal dancing is promised for an early date.

WALTER EDDY GOES TO ETERNAL REWARD

Gallant Soldier, Faithful Mason, Sterling Citizen of Portland, Mourned

Captain Walter E. Eddy, who passed away Jan. 27, 1923, at the age of 51 years, was the Worshipful Master of Lents Masonic lodge. He was also affiliated with Scout Young Camp No. 2, Spanish-American War Veterans and was chairman of the Republican central committee, besides being a member of the Grotto and Multnomah Camp No. 77, W. O. W.

The body was laid at rest Thursday. The funeral was held from the Woodmen of the World hall, East Sixth and East Alder. Rev. E. A. Smith of Lents Baptist Church officiated.

Two services were held at the Portland Crematorium, where the body was placed. Scout Young Camp, United Spanish War Veterans, in which Mr. Eddy was commander, held one, and the Lents Masonic order held the other.

A firing squad from Vancouver barracks saluted the memory of Mr. Eddy, who served as an officer in Battery A, Ohio Light Artillery, in 1898.

ASTORIA OFFICIALS COMING FEB. 17TH

Mayor O. B. Setters of Astoria, while in Portland yesterday, gave assurances that he will head a large delegation of Astoria municipal officials and other citizens in attendance at the great Klan entertainment in the Municipal Auditorium at Portland, February 17 at 8 p. m. "We will be there with bells on," the Mayor said, "and we hope to meet similar municipal delegations from other Oregon and Washington towns. It certainly ought to be a joyous and memorable occasion."

MRS. HADLEY STILL AHEAD IN CONTEST; LINE UP FOR FINAL

Vote Totals Begin to Soar as End Looms in Sight.

STEADY EFFORTS WIN NOW

Excitement Tense as Leaders Extend Themselves for Finish and Victory.

MRS. BERTHA M. HADLEY, who from the first, took the lead in the Western American's big subscription campaign, still maintains that that lead, but Mabel Jones, who entered the race late, is crowding her closely, with Mrs. Fred Armbruster third. Mrs. Armbruster, who has been ill, lost second place to Mabel Jones last week, but again is running true to form.

Sheriff Slusher of Astoria made a great spurt this week and crowded out all contenders for fourth place.

Captain A. D. Monteith also made remarkable gains at the close of this first period. The race is beginning to become tense and next week may witness other remarkable changes.

BILLY IS SUFFERING ATTACK OF BIG-HEAD

Anti-Catholic Exploiter Trying to Organize Good Thing of His Own.

Developments during the last week in the Western American big automobile prize contest have been the most sensational and spectacular yet recorded. Hundreds of thousands of votes were cast; first one candidate would hold away for supremacy, then another; battles were fought, won and lost and the race waged fast and furious.

Yet, so closely arrayed and with honors so evenly divided up to this stage of the game, it depends entirely upon the results obtained by each individual candidate between now and the finish as to who the ultimate winners will be. Hence, the struggle for supremacy will be fought out during the "second period," terminating at 9 o'clock Wednesday night, February 28.

Now for a whirlwind finish! Now for sensations and surprises. Present leaders must increase their vote totals mightily if they wish to "finish in the money." As may be seen by glancing at the vote totals this week, all of the candidates are entirely too close to be safe, so developments are bound to happen.

It is in your win if you will. This is the final test. These are the days that test resourcefulness; here is where your courage upholds you and takes the stiffness out of your knees and leaves you trilling in the dust—an "also-ran." Sometimes, too, your supreme courage urges you on even when you tire, but that is the game's fight of all.

Votes will pile up rapidly during the next three weeks; that is, while the "second period" schedule is in effect. The liveliest part of the competition is now at hand; and, while all candidates are on exactly the same footing at the same time those who want to—and WILL—are afforded the opportunity of the contest to forge ahead and corral the winning votes.

K. C. USING MONEY FOR ROMAN PURPOSE

The Knights of Columbus headquarters in New York City this week announced the following:

Pope Benedict has personally examined and approved the plans made by a Roman construction concern for the first playground to be erected in Rome by the Knights of Columbus on Vatican property. Commissioner Edward L. Hearn of the K. O. C. reports that the Pope's knowledge of the technical details of engineering surprised the men who had drawn up the plan, which calls for a modern American playground with complete gymnastic apparatus.

The ground will be the principal unit in the K. O. C. Roman recreational program, on which the Knights have voted to spend \$1,000,000 under the auspices of the Holy See. The Pope has announced that he will watch the progress made by his unit from the Papal apartment in the Vatican Palace.

The \$1,000,000 gift from the Knights of Columbus which is referred to, is a portion of the money received by the Knights during the war, and which they now seem willing to spend only for Catholic purposes. The other organizations which were entrusted with the disposition of war chest funds have long since rendered satisfactory statements in regard to their trusteeships.

R. H. SAWYER QUILTS AS HEAD OF LOTIE DAVIS IN COMMAND

Noted Lecturer and Organizer Resigns as Supreme Grand Counsellor.

GREAT WORK TO GO AHEAD

Women's Order, Now National in Activity, in Excellent Condition.

"Supreme Grand Council, Ladies of the Invisible Empire, Incorporated, Portland, Oregon, February 3, 1923.

"Mr. R. H. Sawyer, Supreme Grand Secretary, Ladies of the Invisible Empire, Portland, Oregon.

"Dear Sir:

"I hereby present to you, and through you to the Grand Counsellors, Deputy Counsellors, Motner Counsellors, Officers and members of our great order my resignation as Supreme Grand Counsellor, the same to take effect at once.

"To you, with whom it has been my very great pleasure to have been associated in this wonderful work it will be unnecessary to attempt to express my regret at this action, but that there may be no groundless rumors started by our persistent enemies to the injury of our order, I hope that you will convey to our members everywhere my unwillingness to sever my official relations with them, and that I would not do so but for the insistent demands of another work to which I must devote my entire time and attention.

"In severing connection with this splendid organization, it is with best wishes for the happiness and success of every member of it and the sincere hope that they will ever keep in mind the great truth which I sought to emphasize in our Ritual: The success of our order, our nation, and our race depends upon 'Faith in God, confidence in each other, and the maintenance of peace and harmony in all our deliberations. Yours for America first of all.

(Signed) R. H. SAWYER, Supreme Grand Counsellor.

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 7.—There has been much complaint about the Presbyterian preacher (W. S. Gilbert) who got away with \$104.15 from the distress relief fund, as a charge by his church for cheap table-ware loaned for use in feeding the homeless after the conflagration of Dec. 8, although his church is one of the wealthiest in Western Oregon and had lost nothing in the fire.

PREACHER TRIES TO GIVE AWAY BIG SUM

"Divine" Leader of The Ten in Astoria Wants to Hand Y. M. C. A. \$5000.

The charge of \$104.15 was recommended by Preacher Gilbert and then signed by him as chairman of the relief committee of Ten and paid by check out of the distress fund. Meanwhile many homeless and needy families are in want and \$104.15 would have brought blessings to them, if used properly.

Preacher Gilbert also caused public amazement by trying to persuade the committee of Ten to give \$5000 of the relief money to the local Y. M. C. A., which had lost nothing in the fire, but which, to the contrary, has been making big profits since the fire from the use of the "Y" building and various services.

W. F. McGregor, one of the Ten, objected strenuously to any such donation, saying the committee would have to attend to both the "KK" and the "KC" if any such gifts were made.

C. R. Higgins, the banker, another of the Ten, who is president of the "Y," was said to favor the gift proposal at first, but when the vote was taken the entire committee was against Gilbert's gift proposition.

The public generally concedes that C. R. Higgins, George W. Sanborn and W. F. McGregor have made honest efforts to give service of the right kind during the after-fire emergency.

on the magnificent work for which you have laid the solid foundation:

"You can rest assured in whatever work you embark, you will always have the good will and loyal support of the thousands of members of this organization.

"With assurances of my highest respects, and kindest personal regards, I am, Yours for America first of all.

(Signed) R. M. DAVIS, Supreme Grand Secretary.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 7.—A bill was introduced in the House of Representatives of the New Hampshire legislature during the week which, if passed, would prohibit the Ku Klux Klan from calling a meeting for any purpose whatsoever, unless said meeting has been approved by the Klansman.

The speaker protested to the House against "frivolous bills."

PRIEST DEFENDING KU KLUX KLANSMEN

Marlboro, Mass., Jan. 30.—A report circulated here recently to the effect that a Ku Klux Klan letter threatening the destruction by fire of the St. Anne's Academy building on Broad street, had been received, was denied by the Rev. F. X. Laraviere, senior curate of St. Mary's Church. Father Laraviere is in charge in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. L. M. Levesque.

He said: "I inquired of the sister superior and she said no letter threatening the church or anyone had been received by her."

Speaking of the recent fires in churches and other buildings in Canada, he said out of 36 fires 25 were due to negligence. He said the fires in St. Boniface College and the University of Montreal were of unknown origin and that most of these fires occurred before the Ku Klux Klan came into the public eye.

BIG ENTERTAINMENT FOR EVERYBODY ON MAR. 17, PORTLAND

Splendid Program of Music and Fun Now Being Prepared.

JOYOUS TIME IS ASSURED

Great Violinist to Play—Singers of First Rank—Band in Regalia.

Kessel-Kieckheaf-Kaminix, the exalted impresario of the KKK for service on special occasions, has arrived in Portland to perfect arrangements for a magnificent benefit entertainment to feed and clothe the unfortunates of Portland—proceeds for charity only—at the Municipal Auditorium, February 17 at 8 p. m.

All Portland invited. Admission \$1, including tax.

About 75 persons, many of them singers and players of national and local fame, will take part in the program, which will consist of overtures, concerts, humorous sketches, funny chatter, soloists, all types of high-class entertainment, with instrumental and vocal music of the very finest kind.

A lady violinist whose artistic skill is said by critics to be marvelous will render several numbers.

One of the features of the program will be the playing of a great band of 30 pieces, all in full Klan or Royal Rider regalia. The costumes will include the masks, so that the public may see for itself just what a Klansman's mask is like. The Royal Riders serving as escort on this occasion will also be arrayed in their gorgeous robes.

Free dancing for all will follow the joyous program.

Tickets for the entertainment will be on sale at The Western American offices, in the Pittcock block; at the American Shoe Shine Parlor, 92 Sixth street; at Englund and Henderson's, Sixth and Pine; at Klan Headquarters, 453 Pittcock block, and at Bozlee and Carver's, 112 First street.

Forest Bozlee has been employed as an expert to perfect the arrangements for the entertainment. Tell all your friends.

Get your tickets to the joyous and spectacular Klan entertainment in the Auditorium, February 17. Everybody \$1.00. For CHARITY.

TREAT FOR LITTLE ONES SATURDAY

The Western American will be host Saturday afternoon to about a hundred selected children at the Blue Mouse Theatre, and they are said to be joyously boosting for Lieutenant Crane in the Singers' Popularity Contest. Mr. Crane is a great favorite with the youngsters, and he has promised to sing for them on this occasion. Mr. Crang of the Police Bureau is immensely popular with old and young and reaches the heart with his melodies. He is the candidate of the city employees.