

BAILEY WILL LIVE TO GOOD OLD AGE: THANK HIS DOCTOR

Famous War Veteran and Cartoonist "Brought Back" by Heroic Surgeon.

THOUSANDS ARE REJOICING

Remarkable Surgical and Medical Work Saves Life of Popular Portland Man.

William E. Bailey of Portland is improving rapidly at Sellwood hospital and is going to get well.

For about two weeks the hearts of all Klansmen in Portland and other Oregon cities and districts have been heavy with anxiety concerning the critical illness of Mr. Bailey, the brilliant cartoonist of The Western American staff, who was stricken with illness which was the after-effect of a previous attack years ago of cerebro-spinal meningitis.

For several days there seemed little hope for his recovery. Gloom pervaded Oregon fraternal circles, for Mr. Bailey is widely known and popular, not only on account of his remarkable

amateur cartoons but for his sterling character and charming personality. He is, besides, a noted veteran of two wars, having served with distinction in the Philippines and in France-Flanders during the world struggle. He was with the fighting marines and gained fame as the captor of "Hard-boiled" Smith, the line officer who was so cruel to unfortunate soldiers.

Mr. Bailey's life was saved by the skillful surgical work and medical treatment of Dr. Ghormley, of Ghormley and Morgensen, physicians and surgeons, surgical work of such delicacy and performed by Dr. Ghormley with such consummate skill as to be regarded as "most remarkable" by the nurses and his fellow practitioners. The surgical and medical treatment, combined with sleepless attention on the part of physician and nurses, saved Mr. Bailey's life, for which thousands of fraternalists and ex-service men are grateful beyond expression.

Dr. Ghormley sacrificed himself unflinchingly, losing meals and sleep, throughout the critical period of the patient's illness, fighting death at every step through the long days and nights, and he conquered. Besides his keen professional interest in a surgical case of importance, he is Mr. Bailey's close personal friend. The patient was given up to die, but Dr. Ghormley declared, "He shall live!"

Dr. Ghormley, himself, is a war veteran, having served in the navy as physician and surgeon.

The attendants at Sellwood hospital have been saying, "Who is this famous man, Bailey? From the incessant and anxious inquiries one would guess him to be a popular statesman or millionaire." He is simply "dear old Bill Bailey," prince of good fellows and a steadfast friend. "To know him is to love him."

Deprecating all praise of his courage in passing through "the Valley of the Shadow," Mr. Bailey said: "Forget it, boys, and look after other fellows out here who are more in need, and don't forget to tell 'em about the heroic work that Dr. Ghormley has done for me. He is a life saver, indeed. I was almost gone, but he brought me back."

Mr. Bailey will be able to sit up and possibly to return home in a week or ten days, "if he can be kept quiet and in bed." He is "concentrating some" on cartoon ideas for use in the coming presidential campaign. Visitors are now welcome, for a brief call.

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Following the Fiery Cross in the East

By A. H. BELL

While the New York World and the Hearst papers in the East are spreading lying propaganda about the Klan, the Klansmen, Riders and Ladies are reading the Western American and getting the truth.

They are now going to ram a Catholic Encyclopedia down our children's throats in New York. The Catholic Encyclopedia is to be placed in the public schools. Such a thing could never happen in the West and will not happen in the East very much longer, now that the Klans and kindred organizations are on the job.

Asbury Park, N. J., had a big meeting of Klansmen January 22. Dr. C., a Klan lecturer, attended and inspired the men, who pledged themselves to get five hundred new Klansmen within thirty days.

The Klans in Pennsylvania are growing and have become a big factor in cleaning out the corruptness in that state.

A large Fiery Cross was the cause of much comment by the citizens of Red Bank, N. J., on January 20. It was seen to blaze up at 9 p. m. on the top of a large hill on the outskirts of the town. As there are Klansmen, Riders and Ladies in Red Bank, the general public is undecided who is to "blame" for the affair.

A forty-foot Fiery Cross was burned upon the top of Garret Rock, overlooking the main street of Patterson, N. J., on January 13, on which date the local chapter of the R.R.R.R. held its first meeting.

An open meeting was held in Belmar, N. J., during the first part of February at the public school. Five hundred aliens listened to a well-known speaker tell the truth about the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Open meetings to be held during the next few days are: Royal Riders' meeting at the Silver Lake Church, Silver Lake, N. J.; Ladies of the Invisible Empire, in Newark, N. J., and Ku Klux meeting in Red Bank, N. J.

A lone member of the Royal Riders of the Red Robe in full regalia was seen visiting the homes of the ministers in Kearny and Arlington. This was the first appearance of a member of the 4 R's in those two cities and much comment was caused.

Betsy Ross Council No. 1, Patterson, N. J., has collected a nice sum of money to be used to buy linen for the "linen shower" of the General Hospital.

Edward Young Clarke, Imperial Grand of the Ku Klux Klan, made a flying visit to New York City recently and the Gotham Klan has showed increased activities since his unexpected appearance.

All the Ladies in this section who were fortunate enough to secure the Western American in which appeared the photograph of Dr. Sawyer, the Supreme Grand Counselor, are anxious to get a look at the original. No doubt Dr. Sawyer will be getting requests for autographed photographs from the "ladies in white" here in the East.

The Lakewood Provisional Klan is in great shape. It looks as if Lakewood will be one of the largest Klans in South Jersey.

The Klans around Butler, N. J., are great hands for burning large fiery crosses on the hills. Butler is surrounded by a woody country and it must be an easy matter to secure lumber.

Harrison, N. J., sure does hate the followers of the fiery cross. It has now passed a city ordinance that no Klansman can visit a church. The poor Klansmen are now forbidden to go to church service in this un-American city.

The following little poem from the "This and That" column in the 'Rail Splitter' should be used in every state: If you can't be a Klansman, on account of your birth, Be a Rider and help in the fight. Or else be a L.O.T.I.E., and fight for the cause, But FIGHT for the cause that is RIGHT. If you can't be a Sun, be a Star, Be a Patriot whatever you are.

After each meeting of the Royal Riders of the Red Robe in Patterson, N. J., a certain lady of the Invisible Empire, who is also the wife of a sincere Rider, invites the men in Red to

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Shreveport, Louisiana, will have a class of more than 600 ladies in a few days, and delegates will attend from Oil City, Mooringsport, Vivian, Homer, Bethany and other surrounding towns.

New Orleans, Louisiana, the only Catholic city in the South, will hear of the L.O.T.I.E. the first of March when a large class will be obligated there.

There is a story going around regarding our great Secretary of State, Mr. Hughes, who on a visit to Rome was invited both by the Pope and the faculty of the Methodist College to visit them, and Mr. Hughes visited the Methodist College first. This aroused the ire of the Pope, who wrote to Mr. Hughes, informing him he was tempted to withdraw his invitation. Mr. Hughes also is noted for his note-writing now and then, and on receipt of the Pope's message he wrote to the Pope, informing him he did not ask for the invitation in the first place. Needless to say, the invitation was not cancelled. It is a great pity we have not more Americans in office like Mr. Hughes, who will not bow to the dictates of Rome.

The Ladies want to meet and congratulate personally Mr. A. H. Bell, who has such forceful articles in his "This and That" column in the wonderful little paper from Illinois, "The Rail-Splitter."

The following Oregon Councils of the Ladies of the Invisible Empire were granted Charters in the last few days: Grants Pass, Ashland, Eugene, Roseburg, Astoria and Beaverton.

This organization and others formed on similar lines are rapidly enlightening the minds of the people in regard to the foreign influences at work in our country.

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