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K-C. DEFIANCE OF OREGON LAWS REBUKED BY STATE'S BIG LEADERS

KLAN CHIEFTAINS OF NORTHWEST IN GREAT GATHERING

Splendid Work of Organization in Idaho and Washington Planned

IMPERIAL WIZARD GREET

"Smiling Skies of Future Unmarred by Clouds of Doubt or Distrust"

Following is given an official account of an historic gathering of Klan leaders at Seattle, which will be of intense interest to Klansmen everywhere, all of whom are interested in the organization work now being done in the Evergreen State.

Following is an outline of the proceedings of the Informal Klorigero held at Seattle on February 19 and 20:

MONDAY A. M., FEBRUARY 19
First Informal Klorigero, Realms of Idaho and Washington, assembled in response to Kall of Major Luther I. Powell, King Kleagle of the Pacific Northwest Domain, held at the Klavern of Seattle Klan Number Four, opened by Chairman, Exalted Cyclops Seattle Klan Number Four, 10:35, the Dark Day of the Wonderful Week in the Gloomy Month, Year of the Klan LVI and of the Year of the Reincarnation VII.—Profane Era February 19, 1123.

10:40—Klign of Seattle Klan Number Four offered prayer—"The Prelude to All Important Undertakings." Singing of "America," led by Kleagle of Seattle Klan Number Four.

Address of Welcome to all present, by Chairman of Klorigero.

Response to Welcome, by representative from Boise Klan.

10:50—Klansmen reported: Giving name, rank, Klan represented and short talk on progress of their various bodies.

11:55—Publicity—Feasibility of a magazine or Domain newspaper which would supply authentic information to all Klansmen in Pacific Northwest Domain.

12:30—Luncheon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30—Continuation of reporting of existing conditions in Klans in Pacific Northwest Domain, by various representatives.

3:00—Discussion of Klorigero, their problems and work in the field by King Kleagle L. I. Powell.

4:00—The Way of the Klavern, by Kleagle Orvin R. Smith.

5:30—Adjournment.

TUESDAY A. M., FEBRUARY 20
Second Session of Informal Klorigero called 10:00 A. M. on the Deadly Day of the Wonderful Week, in the Gloomy Month, year of the Klan LVI and of the Year of the Reincarnation VII.—Profane Era, February 20, 1923; Chairman, Exalted Cyclops, Seattle Klan Number Four, presiding.

10:00—Prayer, by the Grand Lecturer, Klansman C. C. Curtis, Exalted (Continued on Page 7)

GIFFORD ON TOUR LIKE A LIBERATOR

Fred L. Gifford, Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, Realm of Oregon, is on an extensive state tour this week, and telephonic reports indicate he is receiving everywhere a joyous and enthusiastic welcome. His tour, though intended to be kept as quiet as possible, somehow became known and soon afterward was like that of a liberator among his own people. He is due to return to his Portland headquarters in a day or two. The essential news of his tour will appear in The Western American next week.

WOULD-BE BOSS OF AMERICA ARRIVES

Sits Upon Throne, Holding Golden Staff, While Subjects Worship.

Western American Special.

N. Y. Mar. 7.—Extraordinary precautions were taken to guard St. Patrick's cathedral in Fifth avenue during the ceremonies of welcome to Archbishop Pumanon-Rondi, the new apostolic delegate to Washington. Fifty uniformed policemen surrounded the edifice, while detectives mingled with the assemblage. The ceremonies were attended by characteristic splendor and pomp. The apostolic delegate sat upon a throne in the sanctuary of the cathedral, holding a golden staff. Opposite sat Archbishop Hayes. The edifice was thronged with clergy, parishioners and hundreds of nuns and parochial school children who carried miniature American flags.

NEW YORK PAPISTS STEAL KLAN TOKEN

Pope's Police in Rome-Ridden Gotham Commit Dastardly Outrage.

Western American Special.

New York, March 8.—The "land of the free and the home of the brave." It may be the home of the brave, all right but as far as being the land of the free is concerned, this neck of it seems to be the land of the Pope.

On Washington's Birthday, two Klansmen in robes in a taxicab drove up to Washington monument here and placed a large and beautiful wreath among those that already had been placed there to honor the Father of his Country. Shortly afterward, the police patrol drove up and confiscated the Klan's wreath and drove back to the police station where the wreath was destroyed.

This high handed Hylianistic and papist act has stirred people here even to a greater fury against the enemies of the Klan. Men who otherwise would be apathetic toward the Klan are driven to its defense with a sense of fighting an injustice, and they find its ideals noble and in full accord with the principles of the republic.

SHERIFF SLUSHER DOING WONDERFUL WORK FOR PEOPLE

Clatsop County Officer Arresting Boozé and Dope Peddlers Wholesale.

AVERAGING ONE EACH DAY

Should Be Put in Charge of State and Federal Clean-up in Northwest.

All Oregon is proud of Sheriff Harley J. Slusher of Clatsop county, whose record of efficiency in law enforcement has eclipsed all others in this section, past or present. The people of Clatsop county are proud of him, indeed. They justly declare he is a big man, in the right place, and his fame as a law enforcer and able administrator is growing every day.

Sheriff Slusher averaged one arrest a day in February—28 in 28 days. Men keep on violating the prohibition law, and he keeps on arresting them, without fear or favor. Moonrats and dopesters are in terror all the time in Clatsop county. This is Sheriff Slusher's peculiar system of "education." In addition to ordinary work, the sheriff made six arrests for the immigration officers and took care of four cases of insanity during the month. Among other arrests were: two for peddling "dope," two for bad checks, two for non-support, and one man was caught for the municipal authorities.

Two hundred meals were served to prisoners, who are fed twice daily. This unexampled efficiency is accomplished by the sheriff, working hard personally, and a small force of deputies, of whom there is one field deputy, Lewis M. Klotzing. Mr. Klotzing's battling average is like that of the sheriff, and necessarily must be so, or he couldn't hold the job.

Sheriff Slusher began the new month by arresting two opium peddlers and raiding a den, in which he found a great quantity of dope and smoking paraphernalia. As evidence of the cleverness of Sheriff Slusher, note the following from a report in the Astoria Evening Budget:

"As evidence of the cleverness of the traffickers, the two cards of opium given Salmi (one of the fiends) were inside the wrapper of a well-known brand of cigarettes, and in Sing's room (the other fiend) a large can of empty cigarette papers was unearthed. It is believed that Sing is a big dealer in drugs, and that he used the cigarette packages to conceal his operations on the streets, as ordinarily the passing of a cigarette package between two persons would not attract notice."

All law-abiding Oregonians salute Sheriff Slusher. He should be put in charge of a state and federal clean-up of booze and narcotics in the Pacific Northwest. He knows how to get results and has the will and the courage to do his duty.

Those "doctors of divinity" who lean toward papacy are in dire need of having their divinity doctors.



HARLEY J. SLUSHER, Sheriff of Clatsop county, famous for efficiency in law enforcement. He is averaging one arrest a day in February. He is a terror to law-breakers, but is immensely popular with the decent people.

FINAL DASH IN BIG SUB CONTEST NEAR. ALL FINISH STRONG

Winners To Be Announced at Lumbermen's Bank March 10 at 10 P. M.

Saturday night, March 10, at 10 o'clock sharp, the great subscription contest of The Western American closes and the successful candidates will be announced at the Lumbermen's Trust Company, where the sealed money-box now reposes for the deposits of the candidates who are determined to finish, and finish strong.

The Contest Manager of The Western American is entirely in the dark as to what the candidates are doing this week and will not know who the successful ones are until the final votes are counted, which will be around midnight Saturday night.

Frank W. Cameron, Contest Manager, who has been in charge of the contest for the last nine weeks, warns all the contestants that if they fail in keeping their places it is because the others are better campaigners. Advertising cards will be supplied to any candidate of friends in the final dash for victory.

KLAN SINGERS IN BAPTIST SERVICE

By cordial invitation of the pastor of the First Baptist church in The Dalles, Ore., the Klan quartet in that city sang in an impressive church service the other day. The pastor is known to all as an independent Protestant American, honest and unafraid. He was born in Northern Ireland; He sees and tells of the need for the Royal Riders of the Red Robe throughout America—to make the melting-pot function as true-hearted Americans want it to do.

The Methodist preacher at The Dalles, ignorant of the facts, is reported to be damning the Klan, in contrast with the Christian work of the Baptist minister.

200 SACKS SPINDS ROT IN ASTORIA; MANY ARE HUNGRY

Inhuman Treatment of Fire-Stricken People is Now Under Investigation.

ALMIGHTY TEN MUST GO!

Prosecution May Follow, if Report is True, for Public Welfare.

On receiving the special dispatch, given below, from a trusted news-gatherer, the editor of The Western American immediately telephoned the facts to Sheriff Harley J. Slusher. With his invariable promptness and efficiency, he investigated and found that the potatoes were there, as reported. He then obtained authority from the Committee of Ten to distribute the potatoes among the needy. The Sheriff declined to say a word beyond the simple statement that the potatoes were there and that he had authority to distribute them at once.

We Speak for the People

The Western American has something to say, however. Hundreds of needy families wanted those potatoes, which should have been advertised for distribution, if necessary. To let them lie in a warehouse three months and rot was the acme of brutal cruelty and outrageous indifference to social welfare. In some communities, "service" of this kind would bring condign punishment, and it is believed the committee can be prosecuted under the Oregon laws if the potatoes spoiled during the three months holding.

What Kind of Men Are They?

Can any group of men claim to be honest and decent, and be guilty of the offense against public welfare implied by these facts? How can the red-blooded men of Astoria—if there are any—tolerate such high-handed misconduct on the part of a group of brazen-faced butts? Such "patience" passes belief.

The whole Oregon and American public demands an explanation of this inhuman outrage. The potatoes were donated to the needy and the hungry. The committee let them lie in the warehouse and rot, evidently in the interest of food profiteers, and contemptuously indifferent to the cries of starving children. By the eternal gods, this is the limit!

The Astorians should rise up en masse and discharge the Almighty Ten from any further "service" to the stricken community. The brazen outfit ought to be hurled out of power by proclamation of the Mayor, backed by every white man in the city of Astoria, and if any little possum-eared, cowardly city official gets in the way of such righteous action, he also should go into the discard.

Jesus James, the outlaw; Judas Iscariot and Benedict Arnold were gentlemen, saints and patriots in comparison with an outfit that would hold donated food in a warehouse until it

ANOTHER ANTI-KLAN BILL IS "MURDERED"

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 28.—Charles Cutton of Reynolds county, author of the bill to outlaw the Ku Klux Klan in Missouri, told the house committee on criminal jurisprudence tonight he wanted his bill reported, dead or alive. The committee then voted to kill it. The bill has been slumbering in committee several weeks. Cutton's bill made it a felony, punishable by imprisonment for two years in the penitentiary, or a fine of \$1000, to wear a mask, robe, winding sheet or any other thing for concealing the identity.

GET IN AND HELP FAVORITE SINGERS

Vote for Crane, Nelson, Warnock or Holm in Blue Mouse Contest.

Every patriotic American who attends the Blue Mouse Theatre is urged to vote for one of the four following candidates in the Singers' Popularity Contest for cash prizes to be awarded April 6:

LIEUTENANT ROBERT L. CRANE, ELIZABETH RAY NELSON, LYMAN WARNOCK, PAUL HOLM.

The last count of the vote stood: Mike Brennan, 1505; Margaret Carney, 1794; Robert L. Crane, 1705; Elizabeth Ray Nelson, 1248; Paul Holm, 1120; Lyman Warnock, 1150. There are 15 other candidates, but the race for first honors seems to be between Mike Brennan and Lieutenant Crane, with Elizabeth Ray Nelson a strong contender. Brennan and all his friends are making a major effort to capture the money, and a strong campaign is also waged for Margaret Carney.

The Blue Mouse Theatre is conducting the Popularity Singing Contest to select the most popular Portland singer; the decision to be left with the theatre audience. Each paid admission to the theatre entitles you to one ballot, which may be cast for any one contestant at any time during the contest, regardless of whether the person you vote for is singing at the time or not. The theatre offers \$1000 in four cash prizes, the first prize being \$500 to the singer having the most ballots in his or her favor at the end of the contest.

All ballots count, no matter how and where obtained, whether at the theatre or from your friends who have been there and not voted. Ballots may be voted at the theatre any time before the close of the contest, April 6.

Mrs. Nelson will sing at the theatre March 7, 8 and 9. Lieutenant Crane will sing on April 4, 5 and 6. It will require team-work to defeat Mike Brennan, and Margaret Carney now stands second.

ANOTHER ESCAPED MONK TELLS STORY

STOCKTON, CAL., March 7.—Mr. Erickson, another escaped monk, has been lecturing here to large audiences which sat spellbound while he told of his horrible experiences. His lecture is altogether Protestant, prophetic and patriotic, and illustrated with convincing pictures.

ANSWER TO SCOTT ANARCHY DECISIVE AT GREAT BANQUET

More Than Six Hundred Attend in Honor of Klan's Grand Dragon.

GOVERNOR IS A SPEAKER

Mayor Baker of Portland Delivers Ringing Address on True Americanism.

By FRANK W. CAMERON.

On Washington's Birthday, in Portland, metropolis of Oregon and financial capital of the Pacific Northwest, Joseph Scott, of Los Angeles, Cal., dubbed by the Roman Pope as "Knight of St. Gregory," supreme head of the Knights of Columbus, delivered an anarchistic tirade before a Catholic audience which included a large class of newly-fledged "soldiers of the pope," in which he reviled all Klansmen, denounced the Oregon Public School Law, which was adopted recently by an overwhelming majority of the people, and declared that K-C would furnish men and munitions for resistance to the school law; that the Oregon authorities "could not build jails large enough and often enough" to hold the pope's soldiers.

Here is the Answer.

On Saturday, March 3, at the Chamber of Commerce, in Portland, more than 600 of the best citizens in the State of Oregon attended a grand patriotic banquet in honor of Fred L. Gifford, Grand Dragon of the Invisible Empire, Realm of Oregon. Every invitation that was tendered was accepted courteously; no person declining the honor—and this is authoritative.

The Roman Telegram of Portland, in a mendacious statement, reported that a "Masonic chief" declined. This was a lie of whole cloth. The eminent citizen referred to was ill and had been ill for several days, but was in hearty sympathy with the occasion and appreciated the honor of his invitation. This was also true of a distinguished newspaper editor, who was ill, but who sent regrets and felicitations. Scores of unsolicited messages of enthusiastic greetings were received, both before and after the banquet.

Distinguished Men Present.

Governor Walter M. Pierce, Mayor George L. Baker of Portland, Mayor O. B. Setters of Astoria, Sheriff Harley J. Slusher of Clatsop county, the Mayor of Salem (Oregon's second and capital city), Colonel Sam H. Webb of Astoria, Police Chief William Dethier of Astoria, City Attorney Joseph Mannix of Astoria, a large delegation of prominent men from Vancouver, Wash., and many widely known men from various parts of the state were among the guests and many of them talked eloquently, all demanding law enforcement and respect for law and order; true Americanism and good citizenship.

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