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PRIEST BOOTLEGGER IS CAUGHT

BUY TICKET QUICKLY TO BIG ASTORIA BALL

"Reo, the Incomparable Six," Fully Equipped, Value \$1895, Western American Prize Won by Sheriff Slusher, To Be Given Away by Him on This Joyous Occasion

GRAND DANCE FOR ALL KLANSMEN

Pacific Klan No. 2 Preparing Social Celebration To Mark Rise From Ruins of Great Fire of December 8—Every Klan Is Expected To Help Good Cause

EVERY KLANSMAN and every Klansman's friend in the Pacific Northwest is cordially and earnestly invited to attend a grand ball to be given in Astoria, under auspices of the famous Pacific Klan No. 2, on a date to be announced in a few days. Preparations are being made, under the direction of Exalted Cyclops Arch McLean, for thousands of visitors and for social entertainment upon an unexampled scale.

Tickets for the great social celebration, which marks the rapid rise of the Astoria Klan and of the city from the ruins of the conflagration of December 8 last, are now on sale in Astoria and Portland, at 50 cents each, and one of these fortunate ticket buyers is going to be awarded, as a gracious gift, the "Incomparable Reo Six" automobile, grand prize in The Western American's recent subscription contest, which was won by Sheriff Harley J. Slusher of Clatsop County, and which was presented by him to Pacific Klan No. 2, to be used for any purpose designed for the good of the whole community. This was his only stipulation. The method of awarding this magnificent gift will be determined by judges appointed by the committee on the night of the grand ball. A record is being kept of the name and address of every ticket buyer and each ticket is numbered for record purposes, so that the one who receives the car need not necessarily attend the ball, but everyone who can possibly do so is urged to be there, assured of a joyous time.

The Reo is fully equipped, brand new, and valued at \$1895. It is a beautiful and luxurious automobile, good enough for any American king or multimillionaire.

Roy Larsen of Portland, who is a good hand at such work, has volunteered, as a courtesy, to handle the distribution of the tickets to the ball everywhere outside of Astoria. He is now supplying the Portland Klansmen and their friends from his office, 453 Pittock Block, Telephone 4371. Mr. Larsen will supply tickets to all the Klans of the Northwest. Every faithful Klansman is expected to dispose of a book of 20 tickets.

The proceeds from the sale of tickets will go exclusively to the exchequer of Pacific Klan No. 2, for use in paying indebtedness and in restoring lost regalia.

All Klansmen in Oregon, Washington and Idaho are earnestly requested to lend a hand in this good cause, "not for self, but for others," thus quickly to restore the power for usefulness of the Astoria Klan, which won fame for its undying loyalty and unexampled efficiency throughout the year 1922.

The Seattle Klan are expected to send a heavy delegation; likewise those of Idaho. It goes without saying that Oregon will be there in force.

The grand ball will probably be given in the vast Pier No. 2, which can accommodate thousands, or in one of the other available buildings. It will be a memorable occasion in the Klan history of this section and one of the notable social events of the year.

Don't delay until the tickets are exhausted. A large number will be sold, but there's a limit. There is no limit to the generous spirit of Klannishness (helpfulness) which will make this effort a distinct success.

ANGELS OF MERCY BLESSING THE KLAN

Western American Special.
MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., April 11.—Bartow Seymour, cashier of the Westchester County National bank, of Peekskill, has confirmed a report that the Ku Klux Klan of Peekskill has given \$100 to the fund to build a new memorial building at the Peekskill hospital.

Mr. Seymour, fund treasurer, received \$100 in gold and a letter which said: "We know of no institution, except the Christian church, which reflects Christ's spirit more than a hospital. Within its walls are indeed angels of mercy."

BOSTON TEA PARTY ALSO WORE MASKS

Klansmen Willing to Unmask but No One Can Make Em.

Western American Special.
HATON ROUGE, LA., April 11.—Vigorously asserting that "the Ku Klux Klan is willing to remove its mask, and will do it provided the governor of the state will ask the Klan to withdraw," Judge W. C. Barnette at a meeting here addressed 3000 supporters of the organization.

Defining the Klan's position in Louisiana, Judge Barnette said: "The Klan is a spiritual organization of Protestants with as much right to organize as the Knights of Columbus. We have no quarrel to raise with them, and we will ask them not to quarrel with us. If the Ku Klux Klan is a bad thing, it will die out in the face of public opinion. If it is good, the governor and all his militia cannot put it out of business."

"Those opposed to us say that we are a masked organization. So was the Boston tea party. If the objection to us is the mask we are willing to unmask, but we don't want the governor to snatch it off. If the governor says PLEASE we'll take it off. He says he'll 'tear it off' and we just won't let him."

FAMOUS NEWSPAPER IN FINE NEW HOME

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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—The Fellowship Forum, national Masonic newspaper published here, has moved its home from 616 Twelfth street northwest to 219 G street northwest—a commodious building in which The Forum will establish a great printing establishment. When alterations are made in the new place, a home warming will be held to which all friends of the famous newspaper will be invited.

NO CATHOLIC EVER TO BE PRESIDENT

Western American Special.
PORTLAND, ME., April 11.—"You are never going to see a Catholic president of the United States," declared Professor F. E. Farnsworth at a meeting of more than 4000 men and women in the city hall conducted under the auspices of the Ku Klux Klan. Previous to this declaration, the speaker had referred to the efforts of the Roman Catholic politicians of New York to make Governor Al Smith the Democratic presidential candidate in 1924.

PRIESTLY MOONRAT CAUGHT IN DENVER AFTER LONG CHASE

"Reverend Father" Must Stand Trial for Forging Name of "Sister"

WHOLESALE BOOZE DEALER

Mother Superior Will Have To Explain About Big Liquor Transactions

We caught him! Score again for the Klan's incomparable intelligence service. Two weeks ago we told the suffering public about the Reverend Father Walter J. ... who is accused of forging the name of "Sister" Germaine, "mother superior" of the Home for the Aged at Denver, to all kinds of house permits. He's caught! He has been in close hiding and was captured Monday and arraigned before United States Commissioner Poole of Denver. He entered a technical plea of "not guilty" and gave bond for \$500. He will be prosecuted to the limit of the law, unless all signs fail. The Denver Klansmen are on the job.

Grace was pastor of the Shrine of St. Anne at Arvada, Colo. He admitted having taken a swing around the circle while the sleuths were on his trail, and while the sleepless "eyes and ears" of the law-enforcing Klan were on the lookout for him everywhere. His peregrinations included Washington, where he probably told his troubles to the Pope's chief of staff, thence to Philadelphia, Baltimore, Harrisburg, Pa., and other places. He knew he was sure to be caught and came back to Denver to face the music.

Many barrels of whiskey are said to be involved in the forgeries and the "mother superior" is going to have to do some tall explaining as to why she requires so much booze.

GREAT ORDER WILL STAND BY THE KLAN

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SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, April 11.—Bushnell council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics has adopted resolutions approving the principles of the Ku Klux Klan and supporting Klansman W. M. Courtney in his fight for better local government.

YOU WANT TO KNOW DRUNKEN SENATOR?

Do you remember some dispatches along toward the recent close of Congress about a Senator who tried to answer roll-call while so drunk he couldn't hardly stand up? We know the name of the statesman, and if we decide to publish the facts it will make the people's hair stand on end like the quills on the back of the fretful porcupine. This item is for the said Senator's benefit. He will be good to white folks from now on, or we will send him on a voyage up Salt Creek. "A hint to the wise."

GATENS LOYAL TOOL OF ROMAN PONTIFF

W. N. Gatens, a has-been judge in Portland and once quite well known in ward politics, recently presided at a meeting of "Shinn Feiners" and a delegation of money-seekers from "Ould Erin" in Hibernia hall, Portland, at which the poor dupes gave up \$900 in cash "for the relief of the poor Irish prisoners and their dependents." What's the matter with Secretaries of State Hughes that he permits these trouble-makers and nerry grafters to enter this country? They are here to capitalize prejudice and to stir up unwelcome animosity between the United States and Great Britain. Out with them, bag and baggage! And remember Gatens.

GREAT LECTURES ON MAY 2 AND 3

For Klansmen and Friends May 2: for Everybody on May 3.

By order and arrangement of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the Rev. James R. Johnson, Exalted Cyclops of Portland Klan No. 1, will deliver a lecture the evening of May 2 in the Municipal Auditorium, Portland, exclusively to Klansmen and their invited friends on Klankraft and "The Roman Catholic Church in Politics," and on the evening following, May 3, the Exalted Cyclops will deliver his famous lecture, "The Seven Fundamentals of Our National Life," to the general public, free and open to all.

Archbishop Christie, "Sir" Joe Scott and all other Catholics and Knights of Columbus are especially invited and are assured of a courteous welcome. Ladies are also invited to the May 3 lecture.

Mr. Johnson, who is a noted orator and social worker, was commandeered for this volunteer service by authority of the Klan, and all arrangements are being made officially.

All newspaper men and opponents of the Klan are cordially invited to attend the lecture of May 3, and a special invitation to them for the exclusive lecture of May 2 may be obtained by personal application to the secretary, 453 Pittock Block.

Klansmen outside of Portland are urged to hear these two lectures, if possible. It will be a treat unexampled and an occasion never-to-be forgotten.

OFFICE OF "LOTIE" 407 PITTOCK BLOCK

Mrs. Maybelle Jette, Mother Counselor of the Ladies of the Invisible Empire, has established a commodious office at 407 Pittock Block for the daily transaction of official business. Telephone Broadway 1873.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE DESTROYS CHURCH

Clinton Kelly Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church was burned by an incendiary last Sunday night. The fire was started, after the evening service, in a section of the edifice where there had been no fire for more than three weeks. The insurance of \$8000 will be used as a nucleus for a fluey building. Every incendiary who set the fire.

KLAN CHIEFS BATTLE OVER WOMEN'S PLANS

Deposed Imperial Organizer, E. Y. Clarke, Causes Rumpus in Atlanta by Persuading Emperor Emeritus to Launch Premature Order of Protestant Women as Auxiliary of Invisible Empire

HARMONY IS ASSURED AT KLVONVOCATION

Meanwhile Every Klansman Will Stand by Imperial Wizard Evans in Proper Exercise of his Executive Duties and Rights, as Agreed in Last Meeting of Supreme Officers

So many inquiries are coming in from all directions concerning the Atlanta controversy over the women's organization, that the Editor decided it was necessary, in the absence of the Grand Dragon, to assume responsibility for giving the facts, as presented below. Mr. Gifford is making an official visit to several Klans of the State. He has not been in Portland for some time, beyond remarking that the question should have been settled within the Klan without court action and that harmony soon would be restored.

AT THE LAST KLVONVOCATION of the Ku Klux Klan Dr. H. W. Evans of Texas, an eminently able business and professional man, was duly elected to the exalted office of Imperial Wizard. Colonel Simmons, who "touched the corpse of the Klan of the Sixties and it sprang into life," was elected to the emeritus office of Emperor. The duties and powers of each were specifically defined. The Emperor legally has nothing to do with the administrative affairs of the Order.

The recent friendly contention regarding the organization of a woman's auxiliary upon national lines apparently was due to the machinations of E. Y. Clarke, who was deposed by Dr. Evans as Imperial Organizer. Mr. Clarke apparently is trying again to invade the organizing field, with the mistaken assistance of Colonel Simmons, and to launch prematurely a woman's organization, after the supreme authority of the Klvonvocation had stated specifically that this question was to be deferred until May 23, when it will be decided, constitutionally and harmoniously, at a session of the Grand Dragons and Imperial officers.

Owing to the continual unfavorable publicity which the organization received through its connection with E. Y. Clarke, and due to the immense saving of the Order as a whole in being able to supply lecturers and other services for the various States, Imperial Wizard Evans deemed it advisable to sever Mr. Clarke's connection with the Ku Klux Klan.

The SEARCHLIGHT, a popular weekly which has a large circulation among the Klansmen, naturally is supporting the Clarke-Simmons attempt to launch a woman's organization regardless of Klan law, because THE SEARCHLIGHT is controlled by Messrs. Simmons and Clarke.

The enemies of the Klan are rejoicing, of course, over what seems to be a serious quarrel between high chieftains of the organization, but their gloating will be of short duration. Brothers often quarrel, and sometimes even fight. There's an old saying of the bystander, observing brothers in a scrimmage: "Fight, you're no kin!" But it doesn't apply to the Klansmen. They are a fighting group, all right, and it is a militant organization, but they fight it out and then make up, more devoted brothers and better friends than ever.

It is common down South for kinsmen to fight, on more or less regular occasions. After the battle, however, comes the reunion and the lovefeast, and all join hands and sing the old vernacular ballad:

"Ef yo' an' yo' folks love we an' us folks
Like we an' us folks love yo' an' yo' folks,
There never was folks loved folks like we folks do."

That's the way it will be in this case. The Klansmen may fight occasionally among themselves, forgetting momentarily their duty of devotion, but when the bugle blows and the muster-drum beats they will rally in solid ranks behind Old Glory and the Fiery Cross.

The Klan is an unbeatable, unbreakable and mighty Order, and its members are closer to each other than those of any other fraternity in the history of the world.