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JUNIOR KNIGHTS TO BE ORGANIZED IF PLANS ARE OK

Grand Dragon Fred L. Gifford Proposes Great Order for Young Americans.

HUGE MEMBERSHIP CERTAIN

Plans to Be Laid Before Supreme Officers of the Klan in May.

Fred L. Gifford, Grand Dragon of the Klan in the Realm of Oregon, has perfected the preliminary plans for the organization of a great Klan Auxiliary for Protestant boys, 12 to 18 years old and will lay the proposal before the Klionclium of the Order, composed of the Imperial officers and Grand Dragons, in Atlanta the last week in May.

Major L. I. Powell, King Kliongle of the Realms of Washington and Idaho, Exalted Cyclops Johnson of Portland Klan No. 1, and other high-ranking officers of the Order in the Northwest, have given enthusiastic approval to the basic idea and shortly will confer with Grand Dragon Gifford regarding the proposal.

In Portland alone, under Mr. Gifford's leadership, a membership of many thousands quickly can be enrolled, and the boys soon would be an auxiliary of enormous importance to the general Klan movement.

"Our boys need the training, discipline and experience which can be provided for them in such an auxiliary," said Mr. Gifford. "It would result soon in that greatest of all objects—Better Boys—the masters of our posterity. It would inculcate in them an intense patriotism, true love of country, reverence for good men and women, respect for age and experience, the imperative necessity of truthfulness, promptness, dependability and all the many virtues. It would teach them to respect the Bible and the Flag, to understand the Constitution, to obey the laws—to be good men and self-sacrificing patriots. In such a work, with an auxiliary embodying the ideals of the Klan and a Ritual of unmatched beauty, simplicity and impressiveness, every boy in the country and every man of good character would rejoice to give hearty co-operation."

It is understood the proposal provides that every American boy between ages 12 and 18, who believes in true Americanism as Klansmen define it, shall be eligible, and that on reaching the age of 18 the Junior will be graduated into the great Klan itself, with honors according to his Junior record. The name proposed is The Junior Knights of the Invisible Empire.

It is proposed that eminent Klansmen shall supervise the work of the Junior Grand Lodge, but that all officers of the Order, from First President down, shall be boys, nominated and elected by referendum vote of the membership. All of the best features of the George Republic, the Order of De Molay and other boys' fraternities are said to be embodied in the preliminary plans drawn up by Mr. Gifford. It is believed the Klan Klionclium will approve of the proposal with enthusiasm.

Learning of the Grand Dragon's ideas, The Western American management immediately gave enthusiastic approval and offered to make the paper the national official journal of the Junior Knights. If this is done, The Western American will be enlarged in size and its circulation will be increased enormously with the growth of the Junior Order. All depends, of course, upon the action of the Klionclium in May.

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LITTLE KLANSMAN IN GREAT DEMAND

Cameron Swamped With Orders for Silver Insignia of Great Fraternity.

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NOTED EDUCATOR FIGHTS FOR KLAN

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 3.—Dr. A. McKendrie Meldrum, A. M., D. D., of the faculty of Spokane University, delivered a series of three lectures, March 28, 29 and 30, at the Kaylor Grand Theatre here under the auspices of the Ku Klux Klan. The theatre, which has a seating capacity of 1200, was filled on each occasion.

Although not a Klansman, Dr. Meldrum has a wide knowledge of the principles and ideals for which the organization stands, and few speakers are able to hold the attention and interest of their audience as did the lecturer. He chose as his subject, "The Klan and the Flag," "America for Americans," and "Protestantism Triumphant." Many who heard the latter address said it was one of the most powerful sermons ever preached in Walla Walla.

Dr. Meldrum dealt at length with conditions in Europe, gave much historical data on the various religious creeds, and told of the difficulties experienced in separating the church from the state in various European countries.



OREGON'S YOUNGEST GRAND-MOTHER.

Mrs. Maybelle Jette, Mother Counselor of the L. O. T. I. E., at Imperial Headquarters, Portland, is said to be the youngest grandmother in the Oregon country. She is well, not more than 33 summers old, and looks 25. She is an executive, however, and, best of all, she is the mother of a girl who married a youth, and eleven months later they presented her with a most charming grandson. Mrs. Jette is beloved by hosts of friends among the fraternity women of Portland. She is a little lady of distinctive personality, and the youngest looking grandmother in "seventeen states."

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them," says Mr. Cameron. "Neither does it mean that those who do wear them are Klansmen; many women are buying them, some the ear-rings and others the rings, while the men are wearing the watch charms, stickpins and buttons," he says.

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MAINE PATRIOTS HEAR THE TRUTH

Western American Special.

LEWISTON, ME., April 11.—In an hour and a half address on Klankcraft, Professor F. E. Farnsworth, of Portland, made serious charges against the Irish Roman Catholics in particular and the entire Roman Catholic church in general and also what he termed the "papal press."

He charged that The Associated Press is controlled by the Catholics and that all the news carried by this organization is censored with the Roman viewpoint in mind.

CATHOLICS TRYING TO LIE OUT OF JOE SCOTT'S DEFIANCE

Pretending Now That "Sir" Joe Meant Only "Passive Resistance" to Law.

Archbishop Christie's mendacious organ, The Catholic Sentinel, declares in a leading editorial that "Sir" Joe Scott only advocated "passive resistance" against the Oregon public school law, in his anarchistic utterances at Portland on Washington's Birthday.

There is no use lying about it, after Scott himself, in his letter in this issue, reiterates what he said, in substance—that the Romans intend to use force majeure. In his speech he declared, amid great Roman applause, that the people of Oregon could not build jails "large enough and often enough" to hold the Papal rebels. By "often enough" he evidently meant that the K. C.'s for whom he spoke would destroy the prisons faster than they could be built.

What else could he have meant? It was a threat of such abominable nature that if uttered by a "wobbly" of lesser degree it would have brought a penalty of several years in the penitentiary under the state's syndicalism or conspiracy laws.

What is the K. C. program of rebellion but a conspiracy against the peace and dignity of the State of Oregon? Isn't it indictable under several laws, and cannot some of these self-declared outlaws be sent to the penitentiary?

What are prisons for? Are the people of Oregon such spineless puppets,

FINE ITALIAN HAND OF POPE IN FIGHT BETWEEN KLANSMEN

Priest Lets Cat Out of Bag, Stand by the Imperial Wizard.

Western American Special.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—National Catholic Welfare Council headquarters officials here are jubilant over the unfortunate controversy in Atlanta between Colonel Simmons and Dr. Evans. One priest has openly predicted that this is "the beginning of the end" of the Klan and that at the proper time the Council will strike the final blow that will put the Klan entirely out of business.

Another priest declared in a conversation with a friend, which was overheard by a Klansman and reported to your correspondent, that the Catholics had more to do with bringing about this breach at Atlanta than the average person would imagine. The priest did not go into details, but his quiet assurance led to the belief that probably the fine Italian hand of the Pope really is in the mess.

Prominent Klansmen here are warning Klansmen that no matter how they feel personally in regard to the row, and no matter on which side they may stand, to present a solid front to the public, for only in that way, they say, "can we maintain the rigid organization we have."

No Klansmen have left here for Atlanta to assist in the fight, it being felt that the fewer hands in the pie the less bitter will be the regrets when it is all over, as it is earnestly hoped it will be when the judge makes his ruling in the case.

such spaniels and lickspittles, as to take such an insult without blinking? "Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! We know not what course others may take, but as for the Klansmen, give us Liberty and Justice and Equality, or give us death!"

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