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WOMAN QUESTION MUST BE DECIDED AT A CONVENTION

Recommended by Committee That New Organization Be Established.

IMPERIAL WIZARD ACTING Will of Klans to Be Learned Prior to Kloneilium in May.

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ATLANTA, Ga., April 18.—Dr. H. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, announced Tuesday that the committee appointed the National Kloneilium last November to consider and investigate the matter of formation of a woman's organization under the supervision of the Klan was ready to report. The report of the committee will be a recommendation that a woman's organization be established, supervised and assisted in every way by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Before passing the matter for final action to the Imperial Kloneilium, the Imperial Wizard will ask the Exalted Cyclops, or heads of the Klans in each realm, to meet and elect two delegates to a convention. The Grand Dragons and Great Titans of organized Realms and King, Kloneilium of States will also attend the convention, time and place of which is not yet set.

In this way the opinion of the Klans of the Nation will be expressed on this particular subject. Then, after having received the expressions of the Klans and of the committee heretofore appointed, the Imperial Wizard will call the Imperial Kloneilium to meet and formally take whatever action has been decided by the Klans themselves through their duly delegated representatives.

HARDING A KNIGHT OF HOLY SEPULCHER

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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Pope Pius is passing out, thick and fast, his high orders of honor and merit to American public men of both parties. President Harding has been made a Knight of the Order of the Holy Sepulcher. He has received the insignia of the order—a gold cross and crown. Within the cross is a splinter of wood said to have been taken from the true cross upon which Jesus Christ was crucified.

MRS. SKIFFINGTON KNOWN IN SEATTLE

This Hannah Sheehy-Skiffington, who was in Portland a few days ago on a money-collecting expedition "for the poor Irish prisoners and their dependents," distinguished herself disgracefully late in 1918 at Seattle by howling anathemas against Great Britain—our loyal Allies in the world war—in the outdoor bear-pit, where several thousand nondescript undesirables, including one "Colonel" C. E. S. Wood, anarchist, of Portland, had gathered for the purpose of obstructing the war. Hannah and White Sadler, the notorious anarchist, occupied the same platform and Kate was "pinched" by the police.

VETERANS PROMISE TO HALT "WOBBLES"

In a ringing resolution introduced by a former cavalry officer, Walter Gobin Smith, seconded by William E. Bailey, a well known hero of the Eleventh Marines in France, World War Post No. 907, Veterans of Foreign Wars, last Thursday night, at a largely attended meeting in Portland, pledged all the help necessary to keep the "wobblers" on the straight and narrow path of strict law and order, if they pull their threatened strike in the woods and at the mills on May 1.

The Veterans also declared they would support the Oregon state authorities "in the enforcement of all constitutional laws, and to uphold, at any cost, the peace and dignity of the people."

The resolution evoked great enthusiasm.

Every man in the big audience was a veteran of foreign wars, and many distinguished ex-soldiers were present.

GET YOUR TICKET TO A RARE TREAT

Exalted Cyclops Johnson to "Turn Loose" on May 2 and 3.

Exalted Cyclops James R. Johnson of Portland Klan No. 1, noted social worker and Protestant lecturer, will deliver an address to Klansmen and their invited friends in the Municipal Auditorium at Portland on the evening of May 2. Newspaper men and other interested persons who desire to hear this lecture on "Klanism, and the Roman Church in Politics," can obtain tickets by special request to the Klan Secretary, 453 Pittock Block.

On the evening of May 3, Mr. Johnson will lecture to the public, admission free to all, on "The Seven Fundamentals of Our National Life."

Before coming to Oregon, many years ago, Mr. Johnson was a noted legislator in the State of Alabama. He successfully combated the reactionary tendencies of Bourbonism and was the author of several beneficent laws, including the regulation of child labor, which later became part of the Constitution of that state. He is an eloquent orator and speaks without notes. These two lectures will be worth hearing and will be long remembered for results in this community.

THE DALLES 'LOTIE' TEAM-WORK PERFECT

They Put on Program That Reflects Great Credit Upon All.

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THE DALLES, April 18.—The Dalles council of the Ladies of the Invisible Empire put on a program last Friday night that would have been a credit to a much older and stronger organization. Forty ladies, in the regulation robe and regalia used by that Order, appeared on the program.

The presiding officer was attended by a representative of the K. K. K. and the R. R. E. A., all in full regalia.

After a delightful hour of music and song, the Rev. J. T. Keating gave a short talk on the subject "Our National Trinity."

The program closed with a drill that was put on in perfect form by 23 members of The Dalles council.

HERE'S A CHANCE FOR YOU TO HAVE REAL JOLLY TIME

And at Same Time You May Receive Magnificent Gift.

TO GIVE AWAY A REO CAR

Grand Kluxer Ball at Astoria for Benefit of Stricken Klan.

Klansmen who are helping Roy Larsen in the distribution of tickets to the Grand Kluxer Ball in Astoria, to be held at an early date, are requested to get rid of the tickets as fast as possible and report to Mr. Larsen, who must figure on arrangements for the event.

One of these ticket purchasers will receive as a gift the incomparable Sport Model Reo, fully equipped, sold by the Northwest Auto Company of Portland, which was won by Sheriff Harley J. Slusher of Clatsop County in a recent subscription contest of The Western American, and which he generously donated to a patriotic society of Astoria for use in any way to bring the greatest good.

Every ticket to the Astoria Ball, which will be under the auspices of Pacific Klan No. 2, will be numbered and the name of each buyer will be recorded.

The method of awarding the splendid gift to some fortunate ticket buyer will be determined by judges appointed by the committee on the night of the ball. The recipient of the car need not necessarily attend the ball, but everyone who possibly can do so, is urged to be there and everyone is assured of a jolly time.

Mr. Larsen has distributed the tickets throughout Oregon and Washington. Seattle is expected to send a delegation, including Major Luther I. Powell, King Kloneilium of the Realms of Washington and Idaho, and his family. Grand Dragon Fred L. Gifford will head a big Oregon delegation.

Don't delay in buying your tickets, and reporting on sales.

The proceeds of the ball will be used for the benefit of the Astoria Klan, which was hard hit by the conflagration of December 8, last.

DEATH KNELL IS HEARD IN TEXAS

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DALLAS, TEXAS, April 18.—The Republican party always has been a negligible quantity in Texas, but now it has rung the death knell of an already sick organization. R. B. Creager, state chairman, has announced he will obtain the dismissal by the federal government of every United States employe in the state who is a member of the Ku Klux Klan. Creager is leading the fight against Senator Mayfield.

MIGHTY FARM BLOC IS IN THE SADDLE

Western American Special.
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—The death of Senator Samuel D. Nicholson of Colorado has assured the farm bloc of the Senate of another vote which will place it securely in the saddle in the next Congress. It is assured Governor W. E. Sweet of Colorado will name a Democrat to the post, and the Democrat naturally will join the bloc, the most powerful rebel body in the Senate.

Former President Woodrow Wilson's action in urging the selection of Ruston Thompson has not made a good impression here, as it is held the matter is one for the decision of the Colorado governor, rather than for national attention of any sort.

UNFAIR USE MADE OF KINDLY LETTER

Western American Special.
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Certain educational forces here are engaged in a terrific row. The National Literary Society, headed by Dr. A. R. Harrison, proposed to build a National Literary Hall of Fame and wrote to Dr. John J. Tigert, United States Commissioner of Education, asking for his indorsement of the move.

Dr. Tigert wrote Dr. Harrison a letter of commendation of the plan, with the distinct understanding his letter was not to be used in connection with raising money. Dr. Tigert now has withdrawn his approval, alleging Dr. Harrison deleted the last paragraph of his letter banning its use in a "drive" to raise \$5,000,000 to build the Hall of Fame.

Secretary of Labor Davis also gave his indorsement to the strength of that given by Dr. Tigert.

JOYOUS KLANSMEN PLAY JOKE ON K. G.

Dismayed "Coons" See Fiery Cross Bazing in Their Back Yard.

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CINCINNATI, O., April 18.—A meeting of Community Chest workers came to an abrupt ending, the other night, when a fiery cross burst into flames, shortly after 9 o'clock, in front of the Knights of Columbus hall, at 35th Warsaw avenue, Price Hill.

Attracted by the glare of the flames playing on the window, and believing the building was on fire, the workers, of whom there were about 150, rushed out through the door, to find the burning cross firmly implanted in the lawn. It stood about eight feet high and the flames were leaping into the air, sending a glow in every direction. Under the direction of John Cronin, chairman of the meeting, water was obtained and thrown on the blaze, but in spite of this it continued to burn for a long time, attracting a crowd.

The police rushed to the scene. An investigation failed to reveal any trace of those who had planted the cross.

The cross was roughly constructed from boards, in which cotton had been stuffed. It had then been saturated with oil.

K. K. WINS DEBATE IN G. W. UNIVERSITY

Great Audience Convinced That the Klan Is Truly Constructive.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Four members of the Ku Klux Klan, three of them attired in their mystic regalia, entered Lisner Hall of George Washington University last Thursday night and explained to a large audience of men and women the principles and purposes of the Order.

The lecture was given by Dr. J. H. Hawkins, Imperial Lecturer, of Atlanta, under auspices of the Free Lance Society, which previously had debated the question, "Resolved that the Ku Klux Klan is a constructive organization."

The affirmative side won.
Note.—In foregoing dispatch, do not confuse the George Washington University with the Georgetown University. The former is supported largely by Masons and the latter is strictly a Catholic college operated by the Jesuit Society.—Editor.

KLANSMEN VICTORS IN CHATTANOOGA'S MUNICIPAL BATTLE

"Kike - Catholic - Nigger" Combination Is Smashed by White Men.

POWER OF RING IS BROKEN

Gangsters Swear in Negro Children as Twenty-one Years of Age.

Western American Special.
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 18.—Winning the election on April 10 of a Mayor, City Attorney, Municipal Judge and a Commissioner, thereby smashing the long-established power of a ring that was supported by the Roman Catholics, Jews and negroes, the Chattanooga Klansmen are rejoicing themselves and are receiving the grateful plaudits and congratulations of all the best people in this city and section.

The other three Commissioners favored by the Klans were elected, but for illegal voting on the part of the ringsters. They even voted negro children, swearing them in as 21 years old.

The biggest victory was the defeat of the big red-faced Roman Catholic city judge, who has played the role of lawbreaker for the last 15 years. He was said to own all the negroes on Ninth street—the black district. Vote stealing was heavy in the negro wards.

Five thousand Klansmen were on guard in all parts of the city, and Klansmen from all towns within 50 miles were here and ready for service.

The results: For city judge—McGaughey, backed by Klansmen, 6375; Fleming, Roman Catholic, 5622.
For Commissioner—Frazier, Catholic, 6441; Bass, Catholic, 6102; Washburn, Jew, 6091; Herron, Catholic, 6089.

The preceding four were the incumbents, who were considered unbeatable on account of their solidarity and their command of the negro vote. Herron was defeated by Hood, backed by White Men, who received 6131 votes. The three defeated White Men, Barker, Hill and Able, received, respectively, 5884, 5841 and 5594 votes.

The whole community is rejoicing over the prospect of a cleaner city, higher civic ideals, and the restoration to a great extent of the rule of the best citizens. The Klan here is growing now like a green bay tree on the Nile.

UNPOPULAR STORE GROWS DESPERATE

PORTLAND—One of the largest department stores, owned by Catholic capital and operated by Jews, which began a boycott on the Klan some time ago and which later was put on the unfair list by organized labor for "labor-skimming," is making desperate efforts to regain some of its lost trade by putting demonstrations in every show window to attract the crowds. The crowds gather but do not buy. Most of the crowd is outside of the building.

KLANSMEN AIDING SALVATION ARMY

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ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 18.—Donation of \$100 was made by the local Ku Klux Klan last week to the Salvation Army, according to an announcement made by the Salvation Army officials, who acknowledged the gift with thanks.

The following letter accompanied the gift: "We hereby subscribe \$100 to the Salvation Army, and we trust this drive will be slighted by none, for we who have it to give know that it will be used for a noble purpose, to uplift the downtrodden. We know it will be instrumental in bringing them home, that they may know what it means to have the light of God shining in their souls."

"May God see fit to enable them to go onward with their noble work."

Faithfully,
"ALEXANDRIA KU KLUX KLAN."

PINCH DAUGHTER OF GREAT AUTHOR

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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—The family of former Representative Andrew J. Volstead of Minnesota, author of the most famous literary...

limelight again. This time it was through the efforts of the head of the house, but due solely to the hurry-up proclivities of the winsome daughter of the house—Laura Volstead.

A party was given in her honor a few nights ago and during the day she had to run to town for some little feminine fable without which no woman is well dressed. She was driving her own car and a rude policeman thought she was going too fast, so he pinched her for speeding.

Now there is a rule here that if one is pinched for speeding one may post collateral, or surety bond, with the arresting policeman instead of going to the police station. Usually the collateral is \$2 to \$10. In this case, the policeman exacted \$2 as collateral from Miss Volstead.

The following morning when her name was called in police court along with the names of non-believers in her father's famous literary effort, she failed to respond. The collateral was forfeited.

CAUGHT WITH DOPE HOWLS KLAN FRAME

Western American Special.
ALBANY, N. Y., April 18.—Several days ago the narcotic squad found a box full of drugs in the possession of State Senator John A. Hastings of Brooklyn, and promptly arrested him under the Harrison act.

The Senator put up a loud and fearful cry that the Ku Klux Klan framed him, inspired by his activity for anti-Klan legislation in the assembly here.

New York State Klan officials here, questioned regarding Hastings' ridiculous charge, said first they scarcely knew who Hastings was; second, they did not know he had been active in anti-Klan legislation; third, they were not interested in framing anyone, that there were plenty of laws being broken by Klan opponents without the Klan breaking others by framing somebody.

It was intimated that if Hastings gave more time to constructive legislation than to trying to tear down something he might be able to keep out of trouble.

IMPERIAL WIZARD SENDS GREETINGS AND EXPLANATION

Official Statement by Telegraph Shows Clarke as Trouble-Maker.

EVANS STOPS HUGE GRAFT

Puts Klan Upon Business Basis, Despite Self-Seeking Leeches.

—By H. W. EVANS,

Imperial Wizard, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 18.—I confidently expect that within the next few days the courts of Georgia will have finally decided that the constitution and by-laws of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, adopted by Klansmen of the Nation in convention assembled, are valid, and that the votes of Klansmen which elected me Imperial Wizard last November were legal. Such a ratification of the proceedings of the recent national convention of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan...

The property of the Klan is my official custody was taken from me temporarily by a writ of injunction issued by a Fulton county court, on complaint of Colonel William J. Simmons that he was in full and lawful possession of the property and that I was laying some pretended claim thereto. By a later ruling I was recognized as Imperial Wizard, and with a board of two other persons, Colonel W. J. Simmons and J. M. George, continue to exercise my office, awaiting the final ruling of the courts.

I am, without a shadow of a doubt, the Imperial Wizard, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, duly elected at the National Kloneilium held in Atlanta, Ga., November 1922, and as such officer I will, to the best of my ability, discharge my duties to the fullest extent.

So far as I know, I have no personal enemies within the Klan, and the present opposition has developed because I cancelled a contract with Edward Young Clarke for propagating the Institution throughout the country. Under this contract Mr. Clarke received \$3 for every new member taken into the order and under my authority as Imperial Wizard, given me by the Constitution and by-laws, I cancelled that contract and diverted this money into Klan channels. Every dollar now received by the Propagation Department is turned back into Klan work.

I determined when I assumed my high office that the organization should not be used to exploit private fortunes, and in that lies the secret of the present opposition to me and the attempt on the part of a few Atlanta people to gain control of the Order and its treasury.

It has been my contention, and is my present position, that the Klan treasury belongs to the Klans of the Nation and that the money therein should be used in extending the boundaries of the Invisible Empire.

The attempt to prove that William Joseph Simmons is the present Imperial Wizard is absurd. The records of the Kloneilium clearly show that Colonel Simmons resigned the office of Imperial Wizard and that at his suggestion I was unanimously elected in his place.

At the time of his resignation as (Continued on Page 7.)