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HAIL, WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN!

WOMEN OF KU KLUX KLAN IS MIGHTIEST ORDER OF ITS KIND

Greatest in Membership and Social Power Throughout the United States.

MILLIONS ARE LINING UP

Native-Born American Women, Devoted to Constitution and the Flag.

Fred L. Gifford, Imperial Representative of the Klan, in charge of the Western section, and Grand Dragon of the Realm of Oregon, was guest of honor at a largely attended meeting of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan in Pythian Temple Tuesday. It was a rather informal meeting of former members and officers of the Ladies of the Invisible Empire, whose organization lately was merged into the official auxiliary of the Klan.

After the enthusiastic welcome, Mr. Gifford delivered a verbal report of the establishment of the great order for the Women of the Klan and then was started a questionnaire lasting nearly two hours. He replied to all kinds of questions, giving exact advice concerning the new Order, and discussing frankly with the women many subjects in which they are vitally interested.

Ovation to Mrs. Gifford.

Mrs. Fred L. Gifford, who was in the audience, was acclaimed and welcomed as the Second Vice-President of the Women's Order, to serve until it is well under way throughout the country. Mrs. Gifford was with her husband at the recent convention in Washington, D. C., and was familiar with the details of the merger of various orders which made the Women of the Ku Klux Klan the greatest federation of women in the world.

It was explained that the Women's Order is an exact counterpart of the Klan itself, with no difference whatever except that of gender. They will use the same constitution, ritual, regalia and methods. This news delighted the women, who were eager to know every detail of the merger. Mr. Gifford explained, withholding nothing, and said that the two or three spies who were in the audience were welcome to report, from the house-tops if they desired, everything they heard at this meeting.

Head of the New Order.

Mrs. Lulu A. Markwell, 1422 Rock street, Little Rock, Ark., is the Imperial Commander of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan. She has been a national figure in women's clubs and public welfare work and is a former national head of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Markwell is a lady of middle age, wealthy and socially powerful. She is famed as a leader of consummate skill in woman's work. Mrs. Gifford had just received a letter from Mrs. Markwell, as follows:

Little Rock, Ark., June 9, 1923.
Mrs. Mae E. Gifford, Portland, Ore.
Dear Co-Workers: Am glad to tell you that today we received our "Charter" for the "Women of the Ku Klux Klan," we are now ready to begin active organizing work, and it seems to me that the outlook is boundless.

This great organization of which you are an honored officer, is really a federation of women's orders. For we were fortunate, (Continued on Page 2)

PAY NO MONEY TO 'LOTIE' OFFICIALS; MERGER IS A FACT

While in Washington, D. C., a few days ago, R. H. Davis, former owner and "supreme grand counselor" of the Ladies of the Invisible Empire, signed an agreement transferring and giving up forever all right, title and interest to and in the "LOTIE" organization. The WOMEN OF THE KU KLUX KLAN at that time was officially launched, with the full backing of the Klan. For these reasons, no one has a right to collect dues, or fees of any kind, for or in behalf of the defunct "LOTIE," which ceased to exist as part of the Klan movement when Mr. Davis signed the transfer and agreed to the merger, together with other heads of women's organizations, who took the same action. The headquarters of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan is at 407 Pittcock Block, in charge of Mrs. Maybelle Jette, now acting as Exalted Cyclops.

FISHERMEN, HUSH! THE SILVER HORDE IS A WORLD SIGHT

Annual Output from Columbia River Amounts to Many Millions Annually.

From the waters of the Columbia River is taken the highest and most valuable grade of salmon known—the Royal Chinook. There is no other place in the world where this grade of salmon is found. The fishing interests, centering about Astoria, are known the world over and the salmon packed here is a staple article of food in every civilized country.

Fishing has been the chief industry here for more than fifty years. Millions of dollars are invested in canneries and fishing equipment and employment is given to several thousand men. The annual output of canned salmon is about 600,000 cases and together with pickled, fresh and frozen fish, is valued at approximately \$6,000,000.

Authorities in the fishing industry here say that by scientific propagation the annual output of salmon easily can be doubled.

The State fish hatchery at Clatskanie, about 15 miles from Astoria, occupying about 20 acres, turns loose four million to five million Royal Chinook "babies" every year. Silver-sides and steelheads also are propagated. The thingallies are released in September or October. Great numbers are eaten by birds, trout, carp, etc., or perish from other causes, while the remainder live for a year at the mouth of the Columbia, at the shore feeding grounds, and then go down to the sea. After three years in the great deep they return to the river as the "Silver Horde." The great hatchery at Clatskanie is one of the interesting sights in this section. One good feed for the baby fish requires many tons of cooked mush, composed of liver and salmon eggs.

The State hatcheries in 1922 released 25 to 30 million thingallies. In July these "babies" were in fine condition and all prospects were favorable for successful propagation and progress. Clatsop County is the fisherman's paradise. Nearly every quarter section of land in the county has its lake or stream, and nearly all trout streams—pure mountain water.

BIG BOOM COMING SAYS AGE OF AGES E. RICKENBACKER

With Reaping of Golden Crops, Best Times Ever Known to Begin.

FACTS OF THE SITUATION

Famous Flyer Says Country Has Every Reason to Be Hopeful.

Walter Gobin Smith, a well known ex-soldier and former auto race driver, of Portland, has received from Captain Eddie V. Rickenbacker, his lifelong friend and former comrade, a communication declaring that a real business boom will start throughout the country about August 1. "Business will continue good as it is now until about August 1, and then—the real boom will start," says the Ace of Aces.

Mr. Smith allowed the communication to be quoted because, he said, it might put some pep into doubtful business men.

Rickenbacker Knows Conditions. As director of sales, as well as vice-president of the great automobile concern that bears his name, Captain Rickenbacker is said to be the most traveled executive in the industry as well as one of the ablest and most conservative.

In this regard he runs true to form, for his official record as an aviator in war service, showed more hours in the air, more miles covered than any other flyer on either side of the line in the length of time he was in action.

Captain Rickenbacker has made two transcontinental round trips this year, and in addition has covered the New England and southeastern states and Texas, visiting not only the larger distributors, but innumerable associate distributors of his products in the smaller towns.

Demand Above Average.

"In the eastern states, and as far west as Chicago, business is excellent—no abnormal demand, but still greater than the average for this time of the year.

"In fact, the demand kept up at a remarkable rate right through last fall and winter, contrary to the prediction of superficial observers, who insisted there would be a lull after July 1."

"Such prophets overlook the fact that this long since became an all-year-round business. Since the advent of the closed car it has ceased to be a seasonal business.

"Neither the middle west nor the south has been buying, however, the last three years. They were pretty hard hit by labor costs and prices for their products.

"Most farmers, too, had loaded up with more land than they could swing at war prices.

"They have now liquidated, and are not only in a buying mood, but are able to buy.

"Weather conditions guarantee bumper crops again, and if European conditions can be stabilized they again will receive high prices for grain, livestock and other products.

"Cotton already is at a figure that means affluence for the grower.

"On my last trip, I found a wonderful change west of the Mississippi and more recently discovered the same

HYPOCRITES USING "SACRAMENTAL" WINE

Churches Must Put an End to the Special Privilege Booze Permit.

Inquiry has shown that the average American citizen disapproves of the use of fermented wine in religious observances of any kind, and the practice is being condemned in unmeasured terms all over the country. The national rabbinical conference recently condemned the use of fermented wine in the sacrament, or for any religious purpose, and called on all rabbis to help enforce the national prohibition law.

There is, therefore, no excuse for the use of the "sacramental" permit system, whereby the boozing priest or minister obtains a supply of "wet goods" for himself and the drinkers of his congregation. The permit system, under which thousands of priests, rabbis and ministers are obtaining high wines and selling same to thirsty toppers at fancy prices, thus enriching themselves and their churches, surely was devised by the devil in hell, for the purpose of leading the people into a vicious and deadly habit. The Amendment, an evasion of legal responsibility, a makeshift for the criminal bootlegger, an excuse for the toper, and justification for the clamor against present conditions.

If the churches approve of the "sacramental" permit system, then down with prohibition, and away with the Eighteenth Amendment! We are for prohibition and for strict enforcement, but we denounce as monstrous injustice and intolerable outrage any system of special booze privilege in the name of religion. The Mormons long have set a fine example by using pure water in the sacrament. The winebibber clericals should profit by their example.

If one group of the people is permitted to have wine, for any reason or purpose whatever, let all alike have it, without partiality. Every true American demands "equal and exact justice for all, special privilege to none."

MRS. FAY NOT IN.

In behalf of mutual interests vitally affected, The Western American notifies all concerned that Mrs. Ida Viola Fay, of Portland and Forest Grove, has no connection whatever with the Women of the Ku Klux Klan. She was recently suspended from membership in the Ladies of the Invisible Empire.

Campaign Slogan.

A popular campaign slogan for either political party in the next national campaign would be "America for Americans." It should prove a good vote getter in more respects than one.

symptoms south of the Ohio, and in all the cotton states.

"California is Eldorado again. A week there would make an optimist out of the most confirmed crab.

"Everybody west of the Rockies seems to want a new automobile. If we are to judge by the urgent telegrams we get every day.

"But, after all, the vast expanse of the rich grain and stock growing country we call the 'middle west,' is economically as well as geographically, the backbone of America, and that empire is just coming into its own.

"That is why I predict that, with the reaping of the golden crops, from August 1 on, we will see business begin to boom as we of this generation have never seen it before."

GIFFORD WELCOMED BY PORTLAND KLAN; BRINGS GOOD NEWS

Beloved Imperial Representative and Grand Dragon of Oregon Home Again.

EVERY KLANSMAN SALUTES

Great Constructive Work for National Order Finished in East.

WHEREAS, Fred L. Gifford, the beloved Imperial Representative of the Ku Klux Klan and Grand Dragon of the Realm of Oregon, has just returned home after several weeks of arduous and self-sacrificing work for the common cause, having rendered great constructive service to the Order upon a national scale, endeavoring to bring about the unification of the Ku Klux Klan, and the establishment of the Order in the State and National affairs of the Order, with the devotion and confidence merited by his unexampled record of devoted service and by his consummate skill in promoting the Cause.

Adopted unanimously by Portland Klan No. 1 at a largely attended regular meeting, June 18.

Entirely Unnecessary

The ovation was magnificent. The great audience stood at salute when Grand Dragon Gifford was ushered into the hall. As of old, as always, he was the hero, the pride of the great Portland Klan, in whose leadership all hopes are centered.

In a calm, dispassionate and pleasant conversational manner the Grand Dragon told of his recent visits to the South and East on Klan business. He explained the new regime, headed by Imperial Wizard Dr. H. W. Evans, in which all graft has been eliminated. He told of the Klondike at Washington, D. C., and its constructive work, and of the establishment of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan. The publication of his verbal report is not permissible, for obvious reasons. It was thoroughly constructive, however, and highly inspirational.

There was every evidence that no resolution of confidence and esteem was necessary to attest Mr. Gifford's leadership. The resolution given above was introduced and adopted solely in answer to certain recent libels by the Portland Telegram.

LADIES' OFFICE AT 407 PITCOCK BLOCK

The headquarters and business office of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan No. 1, in charge of Mrs. Maybelle Jette, the Mother Counsellor, is at 407 Pittcock Block, telephone Broadway 1873, where all business pertaining to the local Klavern is transacted. All members are advised to pay no attention to contrary rumors set afloat by enemies of their Cause. The Portland Klavern is prosperous and progressive and just now is undertaking a constructive program of honorable achievement which is sure to benefit all concerned.

PIERCE AND KOZER VISITORS AT HOTEL OXFORD, SAYS BOOK

The register of the Oxford Hotel, 413½ Washington street, records the signatures of Governor Walter M. Pierce and Secretary of State Sam H. Koser as guests of that hostelry the afternoon and night of May 24. The State's high executives have been traveling a lot, lately.

HERE'S THE IDEA

Chattanooga Klan No. 4, Realm of Tennessee, has inaugurated a beneficiary degree, which is a form of mutual insurance operating for the immediate financial relief of Klansmen's families in the event of a member's death.

A fee of \$2.50 is charged to join this degree and when a beneficiary member dies his wife or other beneficiary receives immediately one-half of the principle held in trust or an amount equal to one dollar from each beneficiary degree Klansman. Each beneficiary degree member is then assessed \$1.10 to replenish the beneficiary fund.

The plan is a simple one and can be adopted by any Klan with little or no trouble.

WHAT CLEVELAND'S MAYOR SAID TO THE WOULD-BE JEW BOSS

"I'll tell you just where I stand on the Ku Klux Klan. If you think I am going to enforce or try to enforce any flimsy old ordinance passed by this council you are mistaken.

"It is not my duty as mayor to prevent any meeting as long as it doesn't violate any law or valid ordinance. If there are any violations it is your simply duty, Mr. Finkle, to go down to the prosecutor and present your facts.

"I don't intend to tag along after anybody to find out what they are doing. I'm not going to do it, for you or anybody else, Mr. Finkle.

"And I'm not going to permit the police of this city to crawl down chimneys, bust open doors, or break in windows to find out what is going on. I'm not going to do it.

"I ask you, Mr. Finkle, if you know of any violations of any valid ordinance, to produce your proof in my office tomorrow morning. Then I'll act.

"I don't have any more right to break into a Ku Klux meeting than I have to break into a Knights of Pythias, Mason, Hibernian, Knights of Columbus or Hebrew organization meeting.

"I am not a member of the Ku Klux Klan and I am not a member of any Hebrew organization, and I don't know what they do in their meetings and I don't allow to excite myself in trying to find out just because there is a flimsy ordinance on the books.

"I am sorry, I can't agree with Mr. Finkle, but I am mayor of the whole city, not the mayor of a few and I intend to look out for everybody as long as I am mayor.

"I am sorry that this talk disturbed the discipline of the council meeting, Mr. President, but I believe from the applause the most of the people believe as I do and not with Mr. Finkle. Let Mr. Finkle furnish his proof to the police prosecutor and beat around the bush. Any organization, the Ku Klux included, can meet in Cleveland so long as I am mayor unless it violates the law and then is the time to get excited."

GREAT GATHERING OF KLAN LEADERS MONDAY, JUNE 25

In Pythian Temple, to Receive Direct Report from Imperial Representative.

REGULAR MEETING FOLLOWS

Every Member of Portland Klan No. 1 Urged to Attend Monday Night.

Official delegates from every Klan in the State of Oregon, including many holding the rank of Exalted Cyclops, Kligrapp, etc., will gather in Portland Monday morning, June 25, in a hall in the Pythian Temple, West Park and Yamhill streets, for the purpose of receiving a direct verbal report from Fred L. Gifford, Imperial Representative and Grand Dragon of the Realm of Oregon.

The delegates to the World War Veterans Convention will also be present at the night meeting.

News of vital importance will be announced and explained in detail Monday night. Every member of the Portland Klan is urged to attend, and to be there early if he wants a good seat.

No one will be allowed to leave the hall, after the Klavern is opened, except by special permission and on urgent business. The full ceremonial will be used throughout the meeting, which will mark a new era of constructive activity and general progress of the Order.

NOTICE TO PROTESTANT CLERGYMEN.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is an American order devoted to the interests of Protestant Christianity, patriotism and good government.

We have the welfare and progress of every Protestant pastor and every Protestant congregation in the United States at heart.

For this reason we wish every Protestant minister to become fully acquainted with the aims, ideals, principles and activities of this great order, whether affiliated with it or not.

The Klan has nothing to conceal from Protestant Americans and has done nothing for which excuses are necessary.

To every Protestant minister, who is interested in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and who wishes to keep in touch with the work which the order is doing, a copy of the official publication of the Klan will be mailed weekly without cost.

Any Protestant minister interested should send his name and address, with the denomination of his church, to The Imperial Night-Hawk, Post-office Box 1204, Atlanta, Ga., and he will at once be placed on the mailing list.

POLITICIANS GATHER.

The Imperial Hotel lobby was thronged Wednesday with well known politicians and persons of the would-be politician type, including several busy fixers. The activities of the "bunch" are being watched carefully and every man is under the eye of scrutiny. Governor Pierce was expected, some of them said, while others replied, "Who cares?"