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GOOD WILL REIGNS IN PORTLAND KLAN AND FOR EVERYONE

True Klankraft Upon Higher Plane Under Leadership of Gifford and Others.

PLANNING IMPORTANT WORK

Membership in Oregon and Throughout Northwest Soon to Be Doubled.

The regular weekly Klan meeting in Portland Monday night was joyous, constructive and satisfying to the great audience which filled the Klan hall in Pythian Temple. Some important work for the common good of all citizens, to be accomplished without publicity and by methods possible only for the Klan, was discussed in detail and reduced to program.

Fred L. Gifford, Grand Dragon of Oregon, aroused enthusiasm, as usual, with a stirring address on Klankraft upon the higher plane, and how to win through all obstructions to the goal of true success. He was given the usual spontaneous ovation. Mr. Gifford said the next few months would show a great gain in membership, probably doubling the Klan numerically throughout Oregon and the whole Northwest. All reports from every quarter gave assurance of constructive effort and proportionate progress.

The basic principles of the Klan are now being enforced with uncompromising rigor. The "hate stuff" is taboo, absolutely. Instead of inveighing against evil, all members are being constrained to devote every effort to the promotion of good, remembering that the good in all men is a thousand times greater than the evil and needs only to be awakened by proper appeal—an appeal to the highest motive to which they will respond.

The spirit of brotherly love and tolerance is now so general and so powerful within the Ku Klux Klan, under the splendid leadership of men like Dr. Evans, our Imperial Wizard, and Fred L. Gifford of Oregon, that even the devil himself, if he were hammered too hard by an overzealous member, might find a defender among the listening Knights. "Give the devil his due," he would say, manfully, "for once he was an archangel," etc. Even Benedict Arnold had his fine traits—he won the great battle of Saratoga and turned the tide of revolution for liberty.

Sargent S. Prentiss, the great Southern orator, while "teed up" once upon a time before the Confederate war, delivered a magnificent address in defense of a lowly bedbug, which his roommate, another statesman, had captured in the act of biting him. Mr. Prentiss' friend was about to slay the bedbug, and he saved him. Said bedbug was placed upon trial for his life. A kangaroo court was organized, composed of numerous guests at the tavern. A judge and jury were selected, also sheriff and bailiffs. The bedbug was placed in a snuffbox upon a chair in the dock. It was charged with all kinds of crimes and outrages. The prosecutor, also a noted orator, did his best to win conviction. The mighty Prentiss defended, with all his wealth of eloquence, impassioned oratory, logic and law. And the bedbug was acquitted triumphantly. "Go on, bug, and eat him up," said the merry Prentiss, after the trial, tossing the insect inside his friend's shirt.

The same spirit of good nature and tolerance now reigns within the Klan.

KLETZING MANAGER WESTERN AMERICAN

LEWIS M. KLETZING, formerly of Portland but who has lived in Astoria for several years, took charge as manager of The Western American on July 1. He is a young married man and his parents reside in Portland.

Mr. Kletzing is widely known because of his newspaper work, and recently because, as Chief Deputy Sheriff under Harley J. Slusher of Clatsop county, he cleaned up the moonshiners and bootleggers in a manner never excelled anywhere. The work netted large sums in fines. His personal activities struck terror to the hearts of evil-doers. He resigned his position at the earnest solicitation of the editor and the directors of The Western American.

Mr. Kletzing is a first-class newspaper man, specializing in business management. He fills the long-felt need and completes the nucleus of a hard-pulling team.

GOVERNOR PROMISES TO ENFORCE THE LAW

Outrages Against Klan to Cease in Mosquito State, Says Executive.

Special Dispatch.

TRENTON, N. J., July 5.—Governor Silzer will give the Klansmen of New Jersey all the protection they want from the armed Catholic mobs that have been attacking wantonly the peaceful Ku Klux meetings throughout the State.

He was appealed to formally a few days ago by Klan leaders and he immediately issued a statement that if the Klan leaders came to him unmasked and asked for protection, and would talk the matter over with him fully and freely, he would give them all the protection they needed and desired.

Hardly had the ink dried on the newspapers carrying the stories before the leaders in the State appeared here at the State house and asked for an interview with the Governor.

The conference lasted for more than an hour and when the Klansmen left the office of the Executive, they said they were satisfied with the reception and with the promises made by the Governor.

FOURTH DEGREE K. C. WINS AT WASHINGTON

Special Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 5.—Daniel J. Callahan, Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, today was elected president of the District of Columbia Board of Education. Mr. Callahan is Supreme Treasurer of the Knights of Columbus. The District is, in all essential respects, completely under the domination of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and the capital city of America, including officialdom, is as much under the papal influence as is the capital of Italy. The election of Mr. Callahan naturally was expected.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 5.—The Ku Klux Klan is in style here now. The city authorities have ordered that bare legs not be exposed on the beach here. The order is that garments must be worn that completely cover the body and limbs. Inasmuch as the Ku Klux regalia covers not only the entire body but the head as well, it is believed the Order will be considerably in favor with the authorities as "what a costume should be."

There are going to be some high jinks in the Portland Klan meeting next Monday night. Everybody, be there, early, prompt.

HARDING AT MERCY OF ROMAN CATHOLIC GUARD EVERYWHERE

Klan's Secret Service Discloses Facts Concerning President's Bodyguard.

ONE MASON IN THE GROUP

Here's Some Information That May Be Immensely Useful Some Time.

Klan Secret Service.

CHICAGO, July 5.—President Harding is completely surrounded by and is at the mercy of Roman Catholics every day and every night, it has been disclosed here through an investigation of the personnel of his secret service bodyguard.

The guard follows:

R. L. JERVIS, chief, affiliations unknown.

E. W. STARTLING, affiliation unknown.

W. A. LANDYQVIST, Catholic.

W. G. FERGUSON, Catholic.

J. A. HALEY, Catholic.

GEORGE C. DRESCHER, Catholic.

J. Q. SLYKE, Mason.

C. W. FREDERICKS, Catholic.

They Get Best of Things.

Jervis has no religion, at least he has never professed any. However, he is said to lean decidedly to the Catholics and, whenever the opportunity presents itself, they get the best of things, especially on trips away from Washington. He probably has not entered a church with the President three times and always manages to surround the President with Catholics who come out of Protestant churches and make stirring remarks. He was made chief of the White House detail by Joseph P. Tumulty, when the latter was secretary to President Wilson. He has lived with W. H. Moran, chief of the secret service, and is the oldest man in point of service at the White House. At one time he was supposed to have been engaged to Mr. Moran's daughter. He does not seem to care about anything and his men do about as they please. Some to work at what-over hour they like with any excuse and get off on foolish excuses when they choose. He is often away from his office two or three days at a time and says he goes on fishing trips.

Starting a "Back-Patters."

E. W. Startling, the other unknown, was appointed to the secret service in 1915 and went immediately to the White House. He was formerly a freight car detective on a little South- (Continued on Page 2)

WELCOME KLETZING TO PORTLAND AGAIN

At a large gathering of mutual friends Monday night Lewis M. Kletzing, formerly of Astoria, was given a royal welcome home to Portland. He was introduced eloquently, much to his astonishment, by Grand Dragon Fred L. Gifford, who eulogized "Lew" as "an American of sterling virtue, without fear and without reproach."

Mr. Kletzing was too embarrassed by the surprise to gather his wits for a speech, but managed to express his appreciation and to say that the motto of The Western American, of which he is business manager, hereafter will be "We Serve-U."

Mr. Kletzing is the redoubtable law-enforcer who, as Chief Deputy Sheriff of Clatsop county, put the moonshiners on the run and the bootleggers on the bum and the fear of the law into all evildoers.

JOHNSON TO ANSWER CATHOLIC LECTURER

Rev. James R. Johnson, Exalted Cyclops of Portland Klan No. 1, will deliver a public lecture on Klankraft at Oak Grove, near Portland, the evening of Friday, July 13, in reply to an attack upon him and his cause by the Reverend Doran, a Roman Catholic lecturer. A warm session is probable, oratorically speaking, but good-nature will prevail at the finish.

Both of these ministers (who are like game roosters) are said to be well matched in debating ability. Many would like to see them joust cap-a-pie, catch-as-catch-can, in the Portland auditorium before the assembled multitude. Maybe such a match can be arranged. Mr. Doran is the challenger? Let's hear from him.

GIFFORD TO HELP IN BIG CEREMONY AT COQUILLE CITY

Class Numbering Hundreds Waiting—Splendid Welcome Awaiting Chief.

Fred L. Gifford, Imperial Representative and Oregon Grand Dragon, will leave Thursday for Coquille, Coos county, to take part in a brilliant outdoor initiation ceremonial the night of July 6 in which several hundred good Americans will become novitiate Klansmen. This fact—a class of this size—tells its own story of splendid progress in that wondrous section of Oregon. Returning to his Portland headquarters, Mr. Gifford will pack his war-bags, with his usual systematic haste, and leave on July 10 for Asheville, North Carolina, to attend the national convention of the Grand Dragons of the Klan.

At this convention some great constructive work is going to be done, affecting vitally the program and welfare of the movement. One or two projects, in which Mr. Gifford is the leading figure, are of national and international scope and importance. The Imperial Wizard, Dr. Hiram W. Evans, and the other Imperial officers will attend the convention. Asheville, N. C., was selected as the place of meeting because of the disagreeable summer climate at Washington.

The meeting will be "covered" by the regular press associations and the open news of it may be found in the daily newspapers. The inside information will be disclosed within the Klaverns by the Grand Dragons and other officials, in due season.

Mr. Gifford said he hoped this would be his last necessary journey east of the Rockies this year. Traveling under summer conditions, especially in the South, and at the same time keeping in contact with many points in the West by telegraph, is not in any way enjoyable and requires the sacrifice of sleep and comfort.

Preparations are reported perfected at Coquille to give the Grand Dragon a splendid welcome—something like that accorded to Harding in Portland.

KLANSMEN TO HELP FOUR R INITIATION

Several hundred Portland Klansmen, returning a similar compliment, will attend in full regalia at an early date a spectacular outdoor initiation ceremonial of the Royal Riders of the Red Robe. Details later.

The Portland Klan also is planning another risant and more gorgeous open air ceremonial—perhaps also a graveyard proposition—for the near future, announcement of which will be given to the press.

USURY IS WORLD'S GREATEST MENACE. HERE'S THE TRUTH

Distinguished Thinker Hits Terrific Blow at Our Chief Curse.

APPEALS TO THINKING MEN

America Now Has 24 Million Families, 13 Million Without Homes.

By C. L. LOCKE.

In the June, 1921, issue of "Money," a pamphlet published at 2 E. Twenty-third street, New York city, is given in full Mr. Holden's land money bill, a casual reading of which at once makes plain its cumbersomeness, its red tape, its creation of department heads, army of clerks, inestimable costs for legal advice, notary service, record findings and filings, and, more than all else, its lack of justice and equity.

"Prove all things, hold fast that which is good," is a fine old maxim; we, having ever at hand an infallible method with which to test all human effort, whether of thought, word or act, or, if individual or social.

-The Natural Laws.

The natural laws are: primitive, immediate, universal, invariable, evident. (Continued on Page 3.)

NEW BUSINESS LINE-UP OF WESTERN AMERICAN ASSURES BIG RESULTS

Effective from July 1, a new business policy has been inaugurated with the advent of a new Business Manager. This week and hereafter the date of publication of The Western American will be every Friday instead of Thursday, and the mailing service is being arranged so that every paper will be delivered to the home on Friday, the date of publication. Mail service will be continued but much quicker delivery will result from an earlier placing of The Western American in the postoffices in the various parts of the Northwest.

A fast auto delivery service will be maintained from Portland to Seaside, making delivery at all postoffices enroute. The auto will leave from the Western American office at 7 o'clock a. m. on Friday of each week, and will arrive in Seaside shortly after 12 o'clock noon.

Papers will be placed on sale at an increased number of newsstands and newsboys also will work in the larger cities.

Mail delivery will be checked carefully to all other districts and anyone not receiving The Western American, promptly, will confer a favor by reporting to the business office.

All correspondence will receive immediate attention.

Visitors are urged to remember that Mondays and Tuesdays are the busy days of the week for the editor and we prefer to visit after the paper is off the press. However, all callers will be welcomed with courteous attention, as has always been the policy.

The editor, now being absorbed in the issues of State and Nation-wide interest, will not have much time to devote to personal difficulties, and he will hold in abeyance, for the present, a mass of accumulated facts concerning personal welfare, and fight harder for the Nation-wide success of the greatest movement ever conceived.

Here's to the continued development and further propagation of the Cause.

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR CHARITY BALL

Get your tickets for the joyous dance in Redmen's hall, East Ninth and Hawthorne, Portland, the evening of July 14, under auspices of the Cameratta club. The Klansmen and Klanwomen are backing the affair, as individuals, because the proceeds will be used for social relief work, without regard to race or creed.

One of Oregon's most charming matrons, holding high social rank in Portland, and one of the city's noted fraternity leaders, will lead the grand march. Perfect weather is hoped for, but Dr. J. R. Johnson, the Exalted Cyclops of Portland Klan, who never fails to root for a charity ball, has expressed his fear that a dark cloud might develop on that joyous occasion. He promised to invoke the aid of Jupiter Pluvius and keep the dark clouds at a distance.

But the moon is always smiling, or the sun is always shining when the Klansmen attend a charity ball.

CABINET OFFICIALS RESTING FOR AWHILE

Official Washington Adjourns Business While Chief Executive Is Gone.

Special Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 5.—The departure of President and Mrs. Harding for the West last week has broken the social whirl here for the last two months. Cabinet members not of the presidential party have plans for vacations. Secretaries Wallace, Work and Hoover accompany the President. Mr. Hoover, who is now on his way West will join the party on the Pacific Coast. Mr. Wallace boarded the train at Chicago.

Secretary Hughes is due to make a few speeches, but most of his time, during the absence of the President, will be passed in Washington. He has taken a place in the country and is prepared for summer days.

Secretary Weeks has plans for a sojourn in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Attorney General Daugherty will recuperate at Atlantic City and other resorts. He has been ill several months but is recovering.

Postmaster General New expects to pass a few weeks in Indiana. There is no place like the old Hoosier State for him when the time for rest is possible.

Secretary Davis expects to remain on the job, but will take week-end trips on business about the country.

Secretary Mellon will pass his vacation in Europe.

PRaised AND DAMNED BY FRIENDS AND FOES

Special Dispatch.

FREEMONT, L. I., July 5.—The Klan was praised and damned during the same hour here last Sunday night. At the First Methodist church, the Rev. Walter E. Thompson (pastor), preached a sermon in which he unqualifiedly placed his seal of approval on the Klan as it exists today and upon the principles for which it strives. He stated most emphatically that anyone who is not in sympathy with Klan ideals is un-American to the extreme.

On the other hand, at the Elks Club, two blocks from the Methodist church, Captain Irving O'Hay called the Klan un-American in all of its aspects. It is not known here where O'Hay got his title of Captain, but it is known that he is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus.

Most of the Elks in this part of the country are Knights of Columbus.

SAVING THE BOYS OREGON'S NOBLEST, BEST-PAYING TASK

Teaching Unfortunates How to Think Straight and to Live Right.

GILBERT DOING VAST GOOD

This Wise Appointment by Governor Pierce Stands Out in Bold Relief.

BY LEM A. DEVER.

Our boys—the masters of posterity—are the hope of the race. They deserve all that we can do for them—especially the unfortunate lads. After a close study at Denver, of the Ben Lindsey methods of handling boys, together with a long post-graduate course in boyology, one quickly appreciates and estimates highly the enlightened system used by Superintendent L. M. Gilbert in the Oregon State Training School. Whatever one may think of the Governor's other appointments, the reinstatement of Mr. Gilbert stands out in bold relief as an act of wisdom, as well as justice. He knows how to handle boys. He demonstrates daily that "ev'ry gate that bars to hate will open wide to love."

After a day at the school, with the boys, one is convinced beyond doubt that the Gilbert system loses nothing in comparison with the Lindsey methods, for it brings out all the latent good in the youngsters; it appeals to the highest motives to which they will respond; it rouses their ambition for usefulness and true manhood.

The article which follows will give our readers an understanding of the purpose of the Oregon Training School for Boys. The concluding article next week will include an account of a day with boys, telling how they live, what they think, and describing actual conditions. The serious purpose of making this use of our space is to inform our great family of 50,000 readers of the essential facts relating to a reclamation work in which every good citizen has a deep heart-interest, and to make them better acquainted with a truly noble and efficient public servant—Superintendent L. M. Gilbert.

Each Boy a Separate Problem.

The purpose of the Boys' Training School is to effect a positive and resultful elevation in the moral concepts of each boy committed to its care. Each boy is a separate problem to be dealt with by specially adapted means. Again, the purpose of the school is to make self-respect to him, in all the implications which the term has for more fortunate people, altogether possible and worth while. The purpose is to show the boys the practical advantages which accrue to keeping out of jail, and to living on the plane of law-abiding citizens. The purpose is to prevent boys who already have got a serious wrong start in life from becoming criminals.

Average One Year at School.

During 26 years, since the institution was founded, it has cared for about 2500 boys. In a sparsely settled State like Oregon such a figure is of significance. One year, on the average, was taken from the lives of these lads and devoted to the regimen of the school. It would be interesting to discover from these men what effect their stay at the school has had on their after life.

Three things bear on the Training School's purpose of final good to the (Continued on Page 2)