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PEN A HAPPY RESORT FOR RAPISTS

Fatten Bad Criminals on Special Privilege

GREATEST SESSION OF EXECUTIVES IN HISTORY OF ORDER

Grand Dragons and Great Titans from All Over the U. S. Planning Progress.

FRED GIFFORD ON HIS WAY

Famous Oregon Leader to Speaker on Work for the American Boy.

One of the greatest constructive meetings in the history of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan will take place at Astoria, Oregon, July 16, 17 and 18, when Grand Dragons and Great Titans from the organized realms of the Invisible Empire will meet and discuss plans for the advancement of the principles of this great American order. Fred L. Gifford of Oregon will be there.

This annual meeting is in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan which was adopted at the national Klionvocation in November, 1922. It is the first meeting of the sort in the history of the Klan and it is expected that much good will result.

The state officials of the order during their three days' session will exchange ideas for the furtherance of Klankraft and will discuss methods of mutual co-operation and the problems now confronting the Klan.

Imperial Wizard Dr. H. W. Evans and other Imperial Officers will be present at the meetings and each representative in attendance will express his ideas regarding constructive policies which may be put into effect.

The full program for the meeting is as follows:

Morning Session, July 16.

PRELIMINARY.

Registration.

Invocation and Scripture reading.

"Purposes and Objects of Meeting," Brown Harwood, Imperial Klakiz.

"Where Do We Go From Here?" Dr. H. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard.

"National Policy," Grand Dragon of Texas.

Afternoon Session, July 16.

CITIZENSHIP.

"Responsibility of Citizenship," Great Titan of Texas.

"Origin and Operations of the Constitution of the United States of America," Member of Imperial Klioncillum from Indiana.

"Harmony between the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan," Grand Dragon of Illinois.

"Interpretation of the Constitution of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan," Paul S. Etheridge, Imperial Klionel.

Morning Session, July 17.

KLANKRAFT.

"History of the Original Ku Klux Klan," Grand Dragon of Georgia.

"The Definition of Klankraft and How to Disseminate It," Grand Dragon of Oklahoma.

"A Spiritual Interpretation of Klankraft," Grand Dragon of Mississippi.

"The Officers of a Klan and Their Responsibility to Law Enforcement," Great Titan of Texas.

"The Klansman's Obligation as a

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HIST. S-S-S-HI ARMY OF STAR MEN ACTIVE

Ninety-eight male sluths and one female, all wearing their shoes backward and their hats tilted at a Great Oe teckative, are now said to be wearing large tin stars and carrying a pasted-on commission as State Special Agents of Governor Pierce; under the supervision of Pierce's generalissimo, one G. L. Cleaver, who has offices in the Northwestern Bank Building, Portland, but as far as known there have been no arrests of boot-leggers, to speak of, since Cleaver took charge.

The booze peddlers are having a high old time in Portland, and Cleaver's policy of inactivity and lax prosecution has so prospered them that they are like a bunch of fattenin' hogs, too rich and lazy to hustle; they don't have to. In the meantime, Cleaver, the Prohi Chief Sluth, is said to be very active in the promotion of his "hydro-electric" scheme for the development of the cheapest power enterprise in local history.

GOD AND OLD NICK COMPETE ACTIVELY AT THE STATE PEN

Wild Baseball and Solemn Baptizing Going on at the Same Time.

SALEM, Ore., July 12.—Governor Weepiwat Pierce has introduced some novelties in the State Pen management that keeps all observers on the tip-toe of expectancy and puts pep into the Young Idea. For example:

Sunday has become a day of amusement and recreation at the State's great summer and winter resort for "cons." A solemn religious service was held on a recent Sunday and, much to the preacher's satisfaction, there were four converts: four penitent souls among the convicts determined to "get right." The services were held by the Rev. R. L. Putnam, pastor of the Bungalow Christian church. Two of the convicts were baptized. While they were going through this solemn ceremony, Warden Johnson Smith had a spectacular baseball game in progress in the prison yard, a great crowd was rooting, and the prison band was playing "Hot Time" for the occasion. The baptism and the ball game were going at the same time. Here's the question:

If Pierce and his Warden give no recognition to religious efforts among the prisoners, especially on Sunday, how in the name of God do they expect the convicts to change their way of thinking and living?

BOGOTA MISSIONARY HERE SUNDAY, JULY 15

The Rev. T. C. Blitchet, for six years a missionary in Bogota, Colombia, S. A., will speak next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock at Millard Avenue Presbyterian church. His subject will be "The Priest Who Passed By," based upon the scriptural text of the Good Samaritan. His sermon will be a study of conditions in Bogota, Colombia. Henry Littow will be the singer of the morning, accompanied by Miss Edna Burton at the piano.

50c INVESTMENT WINS FINE AUTO AT GRAND DANCE

Astoria Florist Is Happy Owner of Western American Sport Model Reo.

AFFAIR IS A HUGE SUCCESS

Pacific Klan No. 2, Led by Arch McLean, Shows How to Do Things.

Western American Special.

ASTORIA, Oregon, July 10.—Friday night, July 6, long will be remembered as a redletter day for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Pacific Klan No. 2.

The Ku Klux Klan ball held in Seaside at the Bungalow dance hall was a grand success and was attended by upward of two thousand persons. The big Reo Incomparable Sport Model Six auto, final ownership of which has been in question for some little time past, has become the property of Gus A. Erickson, an Astoria florist, who was the lucky stockholder in the enterprise, Number 1458. His membership was only fifty cents.

About twenty Knights, dressed in full regalia, gowns and hoods, with the masks lifted, served as official ticket sellers, gate keepers and inside patrol. A huge fiery cross that could be seen from all parts of the city was mounted high on top of Lundgren's grocery store, opposite the dance hall. The appearance of the Cross, together with the robed Knights, made an impression that long will be remembered.

H. E. Hadley of Portland, Henry Thiel of Astoria and Roy Williams of Seaside were chosen by the committee as judges to determine the method of awarding the car, and they decided to let a pretty little lady, Joyce Murray, of Spokane, Wash., pick the winner.

Arch McLean, Exalted Cyclops of Pacific Klan Number Two, who was in charge of the big affair, reported that about six thousand tickets had been sold, and that the ball was a grand success financially, as well as socially. The proceeds of the evening will be used to help rehabilitate the Astoria Klan, which suffered much loss as a result of the fire there last December.

Much credit is due to Arch McLean for the masterful way he handled the details of the entire affair. Of the six thousand tickets disposed of, about half were sold by Cyclops McLean, personally, who devoted his entire time for the last two months to putting the ball over. Mr. McLean stayed behind the scenes during the dance, but the effect of his organization of the work was everywhere in evidence.

The selection of the judges by the committee was entirely satisfactory, as the most popular choices were made. H. E. Hadley, the Portland judge, is a popular merchant at Burlington Station. Henry Thiel, Astoria judge, is one of the widely known Thiel Brothers, of Thiel Brothers restaurant. Roy Williams, Seaside judge, is a prominent Seaside business man and a brother of Seaside's mayor.

EDITOR GETS FACTS; BLAME NO ONE ELSE

In this issue, on this page, the readers will find "special dispatches" from Salem relating to the mismanagement of the State Pen by Governor "Weepy" M. Pierce. The Pen is directly under his own control and he is, personally, to be held responsible. On reading these dispatches the ones hit might suspect "leaks" in certain quarters, and "double-crossing." To protect the innocent from being made the "goat," the Editor of The Western American frankly states that he personally went to Salem one day last week and personally investigated the situation to the extent that limited time would permit. The facts given in these dispatches are the partial result. The editor is solely to "blame" and personally assumes the full responsibility. Furthermore, he has lot of additional facts, which are withheld only because of lack of time and space.

ALL BLUFFS ARE CALLED.

The "hit dogs" McLean and Pierce are given below, as compiled by Lieut. Augustus G. Smith, one of the outstanding figures in the history of America.

The effect of prohibition enforcement in California, according to a survey by S. F. Rutter, State Director, based on juvenile court statistics and testimony of probation officers, divorce court judges, and welfare commissions, is "most apparent in that broad region of wretchedness and unhappiness which intervenes between private domestic happiness and public

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HERE'S SOME FACTS TO HURL AT CHAMPS OF BEER AND WINES

General Miles Tells Why the People Never Will Modify Prohibition.

BENEFITS ARE INCALCULABLE

Homes, Wives and Children Get Wages Once Taken by Greedy Saloonists.

Startling, but gratifying, are the facts given below, as compiled by Lieut. Augustus G. Smith, one of the outstanding figures in the history of America.

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MOORE CREATES JOB FOR FRIEND MULLEN

Another Modern Woodman Is Taken Care of by the Almighty Mr. Moore.

Special Dispatch.

Salem, Ore., July 11.—A nice soft berth has been created by Governor Pierce's controllers, Will Moore and others, for William Mullen, of the Modern Woodmen clique, who until a few days ago was principal keeper at the State Pen under Warden Johnson Smith.

George I. Smith, the present parole officer, who was secretary of the Pierce-for-Governor Club in Portland, was slated by Judge Crawford, manager of Pierce's campaign, for a position in the State Insurance department at a salary of \$250 a month. Will Moore claimed that he abolished that position, however, in the interest of economy. Mr. Moore then created the office of "efficiency expert" and appointed William Mullen. The abolishing of the office was "camouflage," according to the inside observers. At any rate, the State is paying Mr. Mullen \$250 a month, and it is a job which, in general belief, easily could be eliminated to advantage.

Mr. Mullen was not active in campaigning for Pierce. While the Ku Klux were working might and main for the success of "Weeping Walter," Mr. Mullen was busy promoting a Modern Woodmen carnival of some kind, in which auto prizes were awarded in Portland. Mr. Mullen formerly worked for Fred Curry, State manager of the Modern Woodmen, in their Portland office. He was formerly an entertainment promoter.

IS IT RIGHT TO USE CONVICTS ON SUNDAY?

SALEM, Ore., July 12.—The Constitution says that the primary purpose of the State Pen is the reformation of its inmates, which is causing many observers to wonder at certain practices by Pierce officials. For example: The Salvation Army, or some religious sect, holds divine services at the Pen every Sunday morning. Despite this sacred benefit, Fred Curry, head of the Fair Board, on two different Sundays lately took about forty "cons" to the State Fair Grounds and worked them there all day, when free labor was available. He does this, presumably, by Governor Pierce's orders in the interest of economy.

There's some grim comment on this practice in certain observant quarters.

CONVICTS STRIKE LIKE OUTSIDE MEN AND WIN OUT, TOO

Guard Shoots Trusty at Salem Pen, Whereupon the Prisoners Refuse to Work.

Special Dispatch.

SALEM, Ore., July 11.—"Efficiency" methods now in vogue at the Oregon State Prison, under Warden Johnson S. Smith, were illustrated a few days ago, when one of the guards, James Bilyu, shot a trusty in the foot with a rifle. The bullet made a dangerous and painful wound. The trusty was crossing the mill-race, which is the established deadline within the walls. A trusty wearing a trusty's hat (the kind free men wear) is entitled to go in or out of the walls at any time, according to the prison rules.

The trusty on this occasion crossed over the stream and the guard fired. Great excitement ensued. The convict gangs working on the flume and in the brick yard, hearing of the shooting, immediately struck and refused to work. This defiance continued for an hour and a half, while the convicts were demanding that the guard be fired. Warden Smith finally yielded and withdrew the guard, who, after two or three days, was placed on the first in-relief.

This was the second strike that the convicts have had, while they were under the supervision of William Mullen, the Principal Keeper, acting on the orders of Warden Smith, who is carrying out the policy of Governor Pierce. The previous time the convicts flatly refused to go to a wood camp to work because they disliked a certain guard. The Warden yielded and another guard was substituted.

REMEMBER THIS MAN, WHO BUTCHERED GIRL

SALEM, Ore., July 12.—Thomas Lottiso, life-term convict, who slaughtered his English war bride in Portland about two years ago, shooting her brutally while she lay on the ground, is now the privileged chauffeur of Warden Johnson Smith at the State Pen, driving the big cars around outside, going wherever he wants to go.

There are eight life-term murderers among the prison trusties. They include John Bruno Kawacinski, who murdered his shipmate on Portland Heights.

RAPISTS ENJOYING SPECIAL PRIVILEGE UNDER GOV. PIERCE

Eighteen RAPISTS and 19 MURDERERS Observed in One Gang of Trusties.

ASTOUNDING REVELATIONS

Conditions at State Pen Call for Instant and Drastic Action by the People.

Special Dispatch.

SALEM, Ore., July 12.—Forty-five trusties walked out at the front gate at the Oregon Pen recently and in the crowd were observed and counted 18 rapists and 19 murderers. They were assigned to easy outdoor work, with special privileges, while minor criminals were kept inside. All of the crimes of these major convicts were atrocious, but those of the rapists were of the fiendish, inhuman and unspeakable kind that make the devil in hell shudder and marvel. The list of trusties picked by Governor Pierce, through his warden, Johnson Smith, include the following:

W. Langford, rapist.
Midas Maier, rapist.
Jesse Poyser, rapist.
Charles L. Brooks, rapist.
Frank Scott, rapist.
James Kinzer, rapist.
Matt Wisner, rapist.
W. C. Wilkinson, rapist.
P. M. Losey, rapist.
James J. Smith, rapist.
Mack Cavin, rapist.
A. D. Huntley, rapist.
Harry Brink, rapist.
F. Faulkner, rapist.
There are others.

The scores of convicts who are running away and not being caught are all trusties. They are allowed outside the walls, being sent to the wood yards, the farm, the lumber camps, the brick yard, on various activities outside, where they have many opportunities to escape.

Observers declare this system of Governor Pierce is an outrage upon the public; that it is fraught with grave menace, and that it cannot be tolerated. In prisons with standardized management, the trusties are chosen by criminologists, or men of sound judgment and ripe experience, with the utmost care. Major criminals, especially rapists and murderers, are rarely included in the privileged class. Instead, the trusties are usually prisoners who are paying the penalty for some minor crime, who can be let loose with safety to the public.

Think of the mothers and fathers of the victims of these abominable rapists—think of their anguish, their wrecked lives, their blasted hopes. Think of the women and girls—many of the latter mere children—who were the innocent victims of these fiends—think of the physical and mental agonies they suffered—their lifelong misery.

Think, then, of Pierce, the Governor, who picks for his trusties the rapists and murderers who have caused such woe and desolation, and

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