

LEBANON "GO FORUM"

By WILL DIGEM

Editor's Note: Owing to certain conditions reported to be developing in the vicinity of Lebanon, Oregon, an investigation was made and it was found advisable to send a special writer to Lebanon every week to gather material for write-ups that will appear in this column each week.

Will Digem, our Special Representative, will be in Lebanon the latter part of each week, and he will investigate matters pertaining to the public welfare. We wish to warn the wrongdoers and suspects of Lebanon and vicinity that William yields a wicked pen. Anyone desiring to get in touch with this special writer may do so by addressing him in care of The Western American, Portland.

Sitting down upon the baldheaded Row, drinking in every word and phrase from the lips of that Renowned Ku Klux Orator, V. K. Allison, was one, Reverend Rinehart, Evangelical Preacher of Naperville, Illinois, at Sweet Home, Monday night, when the Prominent Exalted Cyclops of Lebanon talked before a record-breaking attendance and held his audience to a high pitch of interest during the talk. The Lebanon Ku Kluxer took Mr. Rinehart's flimsy arguments one after another, which the aforesaid anti-Klan lecturer had used on the preceding Saturday evening in the same meeting place, and after thoroughly saturating them with 100 per cent Truth, and firing them with his natural eloquence of speech, they resembled the Charred Remains of a Goat's Eye.

remained unmoved. Mr. Allison challenged him to defend Social Equality. At the close of the lecture, in reply to Saturday evening's disturbance by the Reverend Rinehart, the latter mounted the platform and most humbly and in a pitiful voice, asked that Reverend Allison have mercy on him for his being so ignorant of the meaning and lofty ideals of the K.K.K., inasmuch as the Food for his lecture had been gleaned from Catholic literature.

It is well to quash the opponent's arguments, but it is a Real Victory to have your anti-Klan Convert beg for mercy and enlightenment in the real truths of a Real 100 Per Cent American Institution: Long live the Klan!

Attired in their robes and hoods, several Klansmen, including your humble Will Digem, departed from the city in automobiles Friday evening, prior to regular meeting of the Saniam Camp of Lebanon, motoring to the Big Brother Farm near this city for the purpose of bestowing upon that great work the sum of \$25 to be used as the boys and the management saw fit. Chester A. Lyons, the Instigator and Manager, showed the Klansmen the various object-lessons and workings of the Farm. We were more than pleased with the good work that Mr. Lyons is accomplishing with boys selected from the slums of the cities. When Mr. Lyons' lessons bear fruit, the boys will become Christ-worshipping, 100 per cent American citizens.

ABLE DEFENSE OF KLAN AT WATERLOO

WATERLOO, IA., Aug. 2.—Several hundred invited residents of this city were afforded an opportunity to hear a significant and truthful lecture about the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan when Rev. N. C. Carpenter, of Des Moines, spoke here last Wednesday night in the Knights of Pythias hall.

Rev. Carpenter wore the white robe and pointed cap of the organization but was devoid of a mask. Two masked figures were posted at the door as sentries. "I'm here, because I'm sold, ladies and gentlemen, absolutely on the Ku Klux Klan," he declared. Those Opposed Denying the accusation of some alleged enemies of the order that the Ku Klux Klan is a notorious band of outlaws, Rev. Carpenter said there were just three primary sources of opposition:

- 1. Those ignorant of what the organization stands for. In this connection the speaker declared there was a yellow streak in a man's back who would criticize an organization he knew nothing about.
2. Those who have been misinformed.
3. Those who "do know every principle for which the order stands, but who are un-American."

SUIT AGAINST KLAN FAILS TO MATERIALIZE

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Aug. 2.—Suits which, according to published statements, were to have been filed in the Pulaski chancery court against James A. Comer, grand dragon of the Arkansas Ku Klux Klan, asking an audit of Klan books for Arkansas, and an injunction to prevent use of the Klan ritual by the Ladies of the Ku Klux Klan, failed to materialize, and officials of the "Simmons faction" of the Klan and attorneys representing that faction stated that they had no knowledge of the proposed suits.

5000 TAKE IN 300 AT BYRON, ILL.

BYRON, ILL., Aug. 2.—Byron residents witnessed a parade of more than 5000 members of the Ku Klux Klan through the streets of the village at midnight Friday. At a coronation later in the woods adjacent to the neighboring city 300 new members of the masked order were initiated. Many Byron residents witnessed the coronation rites.

PRIEST GETS \$1830 YEAR-AS FIRE CHIEF

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Rev. Edward P. Costello, of the Church of Assumption, Brooklyn, has been named chaplain of the fire department of the borough. The added title of honorary battalion chief gives him a salary of \$1830 a year.

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WATCHER ON TOWER MAKES SLIGHT ERROR

"The WATCHER ON THE TOWER," published weekly at Seattle by Major Powell, is carrying a Klan Directory of the Pacific Northwest Domain in which the following appears: "Luther Powell Klan No. 1, 453 Pittcock Block, Portland, Oregon." This is an error. There is no such Klan. It was called Luther Powell Klan No. 1 during the early provisional days, but after being chartered it was officially named PORTLAND KLAN NO. 1. The WATCHER'S Directory also contains this: "King Kleagle, The Realm of California, the Walker auditorium, Los Angeles, Cal." This also is an error, insofar as it may indicate that the Pacific Northwest Domain has anything to do with the Realm of California. The Western American regrets the necessity of having to make this correction, in answer to inquiries, and to add that Major Powell, King Kleagle in charge of organization work in Washington and Idaho, has jurisdiction in those two States over provisional Klans, only. After charters are delivered, the Klans are absolutely independent and self-governing bodies.

The Klan's affairs in the Realm of Oregon, as everyone well knows, are exclusively in the hands of Fred L. Gifford, Grand Dragon, whose headquarters are at 405 Pittcock Block, Portland. Mr. Gifford is also the highest ranking Klan officers west of the Rockies, being Imperial Representative, with authority to act for the Imperial Wizard in all emergent matters. Portland Klan No. 1, like all other chartered Klans, has an exclusively local management, subject only to the executive authority of the Exalted Cyclops and the Grand Dragon of the Realm. "The Watcher on the Tower" will be glad, of course, to make the necessary correction. Errors in editing will occur.

\$260,000 SHRINE HOME FOR CRIPPLES

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Aug. 2.—The New England unit of the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children is to be erected here at a cost of \$260,000. The unit will consist of a two-story administration building with detached wings and will be fireproof. Provision will be made for 50 beds and an orthopedic surgeon will be in charge. Requirements for admission are possibility of improvement, normal mentality and the inability of the patients to pay for services rendered. Treatment is given regardless of religious creed or fraternal affiliations.

ORDER DENIES THREAT TO ILLINOIS WOMAN

QUINCY, ILL., Aug. 2.—A local newspaper has received a letter from Quincy Klansmen stating that the order was not the author of a note received by a Mrs. Cook threatening her unless she evicted a tenant.

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What Canadians Demand!

In Canada the people already are demanding federal ownership of all public utilities, nationalization of banking and credit, initiative, referendum, recall, equal pay for equal work, no court to be legally competent to declare acts of Parliament unconstitutional, pensions for mothers, old age pensions, government control of cold storage, and several other reform provisions.

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Mountain of Obligations

While seemingly not a part of my subject, still, the HOARDED GOLD now in the United States is very pertinent and needs to be understood by people, generally. The last Regional Bank statement which I have gives the bullion value of this gold as approximately three billion dollars, only one billion fifty-eight million of which can in any sense be considered as belonging to the United States; and this amount is buried under a mountain of obligations. Recent claims are that there is now more than four billion dollars gold in this country, but that report I have not yet verified.

Warning of Great Prophet

Two other reports come to me, which should cause the people of America great concern: First, that one of the great meat packing industries has passed into the control of the Big System; second, the bars are down and the way now open for Jesuit control of the great Baptist University of Chicago.

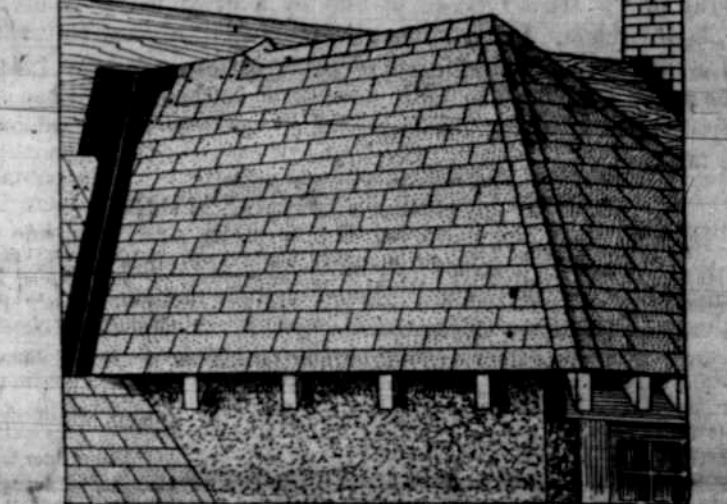
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