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PENDLETON MINISTER UPHOLDS KLAN BANNER

REV. W. A. GRESSMAN SPOKE FRIDAY EVENING

Says All Trouble Is Caused By Opponents of the Invisible Empire

Rev. W. A. Gressman, pastor of the First Christian church of Pendleton, and an ardent supporter of the Ku Klux Klan, delivered his lecture, "The Truth About the Ku Klux Klan," in the I. O. O. F. hall last Friday evening to a large and representative audience. The crowd was representative of Heppner being composed of adherents of all churches including the Catholic as well as many who adhere to no creed. An attentive and respectful hearing was accorded the speaker who, for more than two hours, kept the close attention of his audience.

Mr. Gressman is an able speaker and to his credit he said he indulged in no vituperation or abuse of those who disagree with him and the organization he represents, and in enlisting propagandists for the cause those in authority made no mistake in selecting him.

Mr. Gressman opened his lecture by saying that he was there to tell the truth and nothing but the truth about the Ku Klux Klan, and if he told the whole truth and nothing but the truth, it is surely a lily-white organization of exceptional purity and sanctity.

In setting forth the principles of the Klan the speaker stressed 100 per cent Americanism as the first and cardinal principle. None but white, male, native born Gentile persons are admitted to membership and although the application blank does not explicitly bar members of the Catholic church, it is generally understood and was so stated by the speaker that they are also placed in the discard.

Mr. Gressman claimed that the Klan has been much misrepresented by the newspapers and practically denied every word of criticism or censure that has been spoken or published against the organization. His statements along that line, however, were not backed by any particular proof and stand only as his own allegations regarding the truth or falsity of such criticisms.

In referring to the recent trouble in Louisiana, Mr. Gressman stated that if he were to give his private opinion about the alleged murders there he would say the men were not murdered at all but are still living. No proof of this private opinion was offered. The speaker also pointed out that in cases brought against Klan members in the courts no convictions had been obtained, but he did not add that in all such cases the communities had previously been strongly organized by the Klan and that the presence of several members of the organization on the jury might, naturally, militate against securing convictions of other members.

Mr. Gressman read excerpts from the Herald's editorial of April 17 in which this writer quoted statements made to the editor by reputable citizens of Heppner regarding the Klan and in which a plea was made against sowing seeds of discord and strife in this community and for a continuance of harmony and good will among the people of Morrow county regardless of race or creed.

The speaker did not question the Herald's statements in the article except regarding the strife and discord that have been engendered in Pendleton since the advent of Klan organizers and while admitting the strife he placed the blame all on a Pendleton newspaper which he said started a campaign against the Klan and to "clean up" the city and county. In fact he averred that in all cases of trouble the opponents of the Klan were at fault. In effect the speaker said that the Klan has a certain goal in view and that in reaching that goal nobody is supposed to get in their way. A woman was speaking to a friend about her happy marriage. "We have never had one word of discord, never one moment of strife or misunderstanding," she said, "because I have always allowed my husband to do and say exactly what he pleased."

At the conclusion of the lecture, Mr. Gressman asked for questions from the audience and one man asked if Jesus were on earth today could he be a member of the Klan? The speaker answered at some length, saying that nothing in the principles of the Klan would prevent such membership, but the inference was, as gathered by this writer that, because of his race, the meek and lowly Nazarene could not become a member. Although the speaker had previously stated that the Klan exalts and glorifies Christ and the Christian religion, yet it would appear that because the man Jesus, who founded that religion, was born of Jewish parents and not in these United States, he would be barred by his followers from becoming a member of their exclusive organization.

ODDFELLOWS' LODGE LAYS CORNERSTONE

The 104th anniversary of the founding of Oddfellowship was commemorated in Portland last Thursday by the laying of the cornerstone of the new Oddfellows' temple of the local lodges. With several thousand guests, local and visiting dignitaries, members of the order, nobles of the Muscovite and representatives of the Rebekah lodge participating on the southwest corner of Tenth and Salmon streets, was formally presented by the lodgemen at 8:00 o'clock.

The cornerstone was laid by S. F. Bowman of Pendleton, grand master of the grand lodge of Oregon. Briefly he characterized the dedication as symbolic of the strength and growth of the order in the state, dropping over the stone the water, significant of purity; flowers, symbolic of friendship, and grain, in token of truth.

"This order is one which stands for true fellowship, recognizes but one flag—that of America—and teaches the doctrine of true citizenship," declared Mayor Baker, orator of the occasion, who pointed to the growth of the lodge to the inclusion of 2,500,000 members since its inception in Baltimore in 1819.

WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS HOLDS PATRIOTIC EXERCISES

At the regular meeting of the Women's Relief Corps on Wednesday, April 25th, a very interesting program was given.

The month of April has a number of patriotic anniversaries. The 6th is Grand Army Day, the date of the battle of Shiloh, and also the day on which the United States entered the world war in 1917.

It was on the 12th that Fort Sumpter was fired on, the opening gun of the four long, bloody years of the Civil war.

The 9th is known as "Lexington Day," for on that date in 1775, was "fired the shot heard round the world," in the first battle of the Revolutionary war.

The 27th is the birthday of General Grant.

Each of these days, high lights in American history, was given its tribute. A brief sketch of the battle of Shiloh, a short story of the life of General Grant, and a trip to the historic old battlefields of Lexington and Concord were some of the numbers enjoyed.

Appropriate patriotic music was rendered by Mrs. Mahoney, musician of the corps.

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FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

In describing the high aims and ideals of the Ku Klux Klan in his lecture last Friday evening, Rev. Mr. Gressman was emphatic in affirming that one of the Great Principles for which the Klan stands is Freedom of the Press.

Later in his address in quoting and commenting on an editorial recently appearing in the Herald, the reverend gentleman stated that in all cases where trouble has arisen in communities after the Klan was organized that it was started by those who opposed the Klan, referring specifically to the conditions in Pendleton after the Klan came into being there. "A certain newspaper published in Pendleton," the speaker said, "was the cause of all the trouble because it started a campaign to oppose the Klan and to clean up the town." One particular heinous crime he laid at the newspaper's door was that it printed the names of alleged members of the Klan at Pendleton, "and," the speaker continued, with a smile and a shrug which indicated that he fully approved of the proceedings, "a lot of fellows went into that editor's place and gave him a choking." In this case the Klan evidently set aside one of their ideals, the freedom of the press, and adopted freedom of action or "direct action" as it is usually known when speaking of the I. W. W.

Several months ago when the Herald first took a stand against the organization of any society in Morrow county that would tend to promote discord and dissension and religious bigotry and strife, a friend of this paper who was supposed to be a member of the Klan at Pendleton, advised the Herald in a friendly way and, as he believed, for the good of the paper and its publisher, to cut out all criticism of or opposition to the Klan, the implication being that something serious might happen to the paper or its publisher if the opposition was continued.

Rev. Mr. Gressman, in his lecture, frequently compared the Klan with the Odd Fellows, Masons, Knight of Pythias, Elks and other fraternal orders but this writer has yet to hear of a case where an editor got choked or otherwise mal-treated for publishing the statement that some particular citizen or citizens were members of these orders. In fact, our observation has been that in most cases members of any of the above-named orders are proud of their membership.

OREGON GIRL DEBATERS WIN OVER WASHINGTON

Honors went to the University of Oregon at Eugene last Friday evening when the Oregon girls' debating team, composed of Misses Margaret Woodson, of Heppner, and Mildred Bateman, of Milton, won a unanimous decision over the Washington team in the intercollegiate debate.

The question discussed was: Resolved that the federal constitution should be so amended as to permit national legislation regulating marriage and divorce.

Miss Woodson, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Woodson, is a junior at the University but, nevertheless, was able to make the team last winter. The fact that both the winners are eastern Oregon girls brings double honor to the huckleberry country.

CHILD DROWNS IN IRRIGATING DITCH

Devert, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Kopp, was drowned in an irrigating ditch yesterday afternoon at a point about three miles this side of Heppner Junction.

Mr. Kopp is employed by the Warren Construction Co. on highway work and moved his family from Heppner last Sunday to be near his work.

The body was brought here last evening and the funeral will be held from the Christian church this afternoon at 2:30.

Jack Mulligan, music magnate of Pendleton, Heppner, Condon and perhaps other eastern Oregon towns, was here Thursday accompanied by Mr. Davis, of Portland, representative of the Brunswick Phonograph company.

BENEDICTS VS. BACHELORS TO PLAY BALL HERE

Bert Stone, the well known promoter of sports, is brewing a run of home-made trouble for himself and a lot of his married friends by seeking to arrange a ball game between the married and single men of Heppner.

Mr. Stone has issued a defy to the bachelor club and intimates that the old married men are the only athletes in town and that they can and will "eat 'em alive" if they can get the singles corralled on Gentry field. No date for the game has been set but it is hinted that the single men are ready to accept the challenge and that they are thirsting for benedict blood.

LOCAL TEAM DEFEATS UMATILLA NINE SUNDAY

Last Sunday was a poor day for base ball but in spite of the chilling wind and clouds of dust the Heppner and Umatilla teams put on a good game.

The visitors failed to score until the fourth inning and the home team made a tally in the first and second innings then rested on their laurels until the fifth when they brought in two more, rounding out their day's work with a final score in the seventh. Umatilla got one score in the fourth and another in the ninth making it a 2 to 4 game.

Several car loads of Umatilla fans drove over for the game and they backed their team with a fine line of rooting. They are a good lot of sports and their team has nothing to be ashamed of in their work here.

Heppner team will play at Ione next Sunday when a good, warm game is expected.

ELKS ELECT NEW SECRETARY

At a regular meeting of Heppner lodge of Elks last Thursday evening Orve Rasmuss was elected secretary of the lodge to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Gay M. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson has served the lodge as secretary for several years with a high degree of efficiency but after being appointed clerk a month ago he decided that the duties of that office would require all of his time and attention so tendered his resignation as secretary of the Elks.

Mr. Rasmuss was elected by a substantial vote Thursday night and his elevation to the office will no doubt give general satisfaction to the members.

A TRIP TO FREEZEOUT

The Herald man enjoyed a ride to "Freezeout" last Wednesday with Jack Hynd and his two daughters, Misses Annie and Violet. Freezeout ranch is a 3400-acre stock ranch owned by Hynd Bros. and constitutes an important link in the chain of ranches owned by the firm extending from Cecil to Uklab. The Freezeout ranch is one of the best grazing tracts in this section and the grass this spring is worth looking at. About 150 head of cattle are being ranged there now and many of them are "hog fat" and fully ready for the market. About 50 acres of grain hay is coming on so that a supply of hay will hereafter be on hand for emergencies in the early spring and late fall as stock is stopped there for a while while enroute to and from the summer range on the forest reserve.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Scott are in charge of the business at Freezeout and since taking charge there a year ago Mr. Scott has wrought many changes in new fencing and other improvements.

C. H. Latourell came over from Boardman Wednesday and stopped long enough to build himself a new fishing rod of just the right strength and construction to land the big fellows. While working on the new rod at his desk in the garage Thursday three fine, big trout landed on his desk with a flop. "Just look at that," declaimed Charlie, "they are after" this rod before I have it put together and a fly attached. I'm sure some fisherman, kid."

BISHOP REMINGTON VISITED HERE SUNDAY

EASTERN OREGON PRELATE RECEIVES HEARTY RECEPTION

Hopes to Place Regular Resident Minister Here At An Early Date

Rev. W. P. Remington, recently appointed bishop of the eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church, made his first visit to Heppner last Saturday and Sunday and received a most cordial welcome from members of the Episcopal congregation here as well as from citizens and business men generally.

The bishop is an affable gentleman and makes an excellent impression on first acquaintance and he seems more than pleased with his new field, where magnificent distances and a fertile field offers a real man's job to whoever occupies the bishop's house.

An informal reception was tendered Bishop Remington Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Irwin when a large number of the townspeople paid their respects to the distinguished guest.

Capacity audiences greeted the bishop at the Episcopal church Sunday morning and evening when regular church services were held and eloquent and helpful sermons were delivered.

To a representative of the Herald Bishop Remington expressed himself as much pleased with his new field. When he first came to Oregon to take charge of the work he was forcibly impressed with the small number of ministers available for the big field. He went east and spent several weeks recruiting men for the work and was so successful that he now expects to be able to place a man at Heppner in the near future to have permanent charge of the work in Morrow county.

The bishop is a native of Pennsylvania, received his education at one of the big universities of Virginia and has been located in the middle west for a number of years. Like most live wire, virile men the bishop says he loves the west and the people of the west and the farther he penetrates into the western country the better he likes it.

He expects to make frequent and regular visits to Heppner and his influence in all parts of his field will be exerted towards the spiritual and material advancement of the several communities.

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Ione, April 30.—Mrs. M. E. Cotter left on Tuesday morning for a visit with her brother, Joe Mason, at Prineville.

Mrs. Holmes Holman and little daughter of North Yakima are visiting in Ione with relatives and friends.

Misses Zoe Farren, Vera Elgleman, Esther Logan and Lillie Allinger were the C. E. delegates from Ione to the convention at The Dalles.

The Ku Klux lectures given Thursday evening by the Rev. Gressman of Pendleton was attended by a fair-sized crowd and was favorably received.

In spite of the unfavorable condition of the weather Sunday, a number of Ione fans made the trip to Condon to see the game. The score was 7-2 in favor of Condon. Captain Arch Cochran had the misfortune to lose a thumb nail in the first inning.

W. E. Bullard returned from The Dalles with a new car which he purchased there.

Ben Morgan and family of Morgan were Ione visitors on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Powell of Eugene filled the pulpit at the Christian church on Sunday.

Ione friends have received announcements this week of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mason of Prineville.

Heppner postoffice will be raised to the second class on July 1st, according to information given the Herald by Postmaster Smead.

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