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BITTER TRUTH ABOUT THE KLAN

Under the above caption the Portland Telegram publishes the following interesting editorial about the Ku Klux Klan as organized in this state. The Klan is, just now, one of the most talked of things in this state and as the policy of the Herald is always to give its readers the news about matters of interest we reproduce the Telegram article:

Gradually, but surely, the people are awakening to the fact that the Ku Klux Klan has been dragged into religious and racial politics to feather the nests of its leaders, and that since the day of its birth the organization has been used for this purpose.

W. C. Elford, until recently secretary for the Oregon Federation of Patriotic Societies, is the latest to make this discovery.

In his recent statement to the press on the subject, Elford asserts that it was the purpose of Fred L. Gifford, grand dragon of the Klan, to use the Klan and the Federation of Patriotic Societies to dominate politics in the state in the interest of the public utility corporations, and that it was this that precipitated the present feud between Gifford and the federation.

Elford prefaces his statement with the declaration that prior to becoming the head of the Klan, Gifford was superintendent of construction for the Northwestern Electric company.

The statement then recites that W. D. Quinn, second in command to Gifford in the Klan, is connected with the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, and that the two used the Klan to advance the cause of the public utility corporations in the recall election of two public service commissioners in 1922, and in the election of a commissioner favored by the utilities in the general election of the same year.

When the Federation of Patriotic Societies refused to become a party to the grand dragon's scheme to control the politics of the state in the interest of the public utility corporations, Gifford and his lieutenants declared war on the federation, asserts Elford.

"He had declared that he would support the Federation of Patriotic Societies, and its ticket in the primary of 1922, but from then on the Ku Klux Klan was going to dominate politics in Oregon," reads, in part, Elford's statement.

"He further stated that if the Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias, or any of the other lodges connected with the patriotic societies, 'won't play ball, we will picket their halls, and spot klansmen who visit them, and see to it that such klansmen are properly punished.'

"Soon after Gifford had made this threat a wrecking crew came into existence for the purpose of smashing the orange lodges, and thus striking at the very foundation of the federation.

"The result of the work of the wrecking crew has been an organization of clandestine orange lodges, known as Kirkland lodges. It is some of the members of these clandestine lodges that brought court action against the secretary of the federation seeking to oust him from his position."

The Telegram thinks it is interesting to review these statements. The same reasons which prompted Mr. Elford to split with the Klan were among those which prompted The Telegram at the outset to take its stand against the Klan.

It was for these same reasons that The Telegram opposed the gubernatorial candidacy in the 1922 primary of Senator Charles Hall, candidate of the Klan and a creature of the public utility corporations.

It was for these same reasons that The Telegram opposed the gubernatorial candidacy of Governor Pierce, who was also the candidate of the Klan, and whose administration has proven such a disappointment to his former backers.

It was for these same reasons that The Telegram fought the Pierce-Hall consolidation bill in the last legislature—a measure that had been deliberately designed to give the Klan control of the political machinery of the state.

The Telegram is glad that Elford and his associates are awake to the program of the Klan. There is no need blinking fact that the political machinations on the inside of the Klan have proved a bitter disappointment to many honest and well meaning citizens who thought they were doing a patriotic deed in joining the organization. The Klan is by its political nature bound to injure the causes of the program which it set out to aid.

It will be only a matter of time until the people as a whole will fully awaken to the un-American method of the Klan, and when they do, the Klan will disappear from the political horizon as suddenly as it appeared.

BOARDMAN

A meeting of the Alumnae was held Tuesday night at the home of Lauren Cumins. Only a few members were present, but a basket ball team was organized among the boys, and a dance was planned to be given in the near future. Mrs. Cumins served a dainty lunch at the close of the meeting.

Earl Cramer spent the week end with his family in Portland. Season were played in the home

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Wednesday, December 26, 1923,

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Dated and first published this 11th day of December, 1923.

G. W. HUX

"gym" Friday evening with Uma Ballenger and family motored to Ulla. Both the girls and the boys won from Umatilla. Also our eighth grade double-header team won.

Mrs. Albright is in Everett, Washington where she was called by the death of her brother-in-law, following an operation. At this time her sister was in the hospital, having previously been operated on for appendicitis.

Jack Gorham and H. E. Warren were official visitors in Heppner Thursday.

Mrs. Watkins and Mac were up from Portland Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murchie and J. E.

It pays to advertise in the Herald.

Biddle-Kirk

Miss Alice Kirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kirk, of Heppner, and Mr. Otis Biddle, of Gooseberry, were united in marriage here December 8th, Judge W. F. Campbell, of the county court performing the ceremony. The happy couple will reside in the Gooseberry district, where the groom is engaged in farming.

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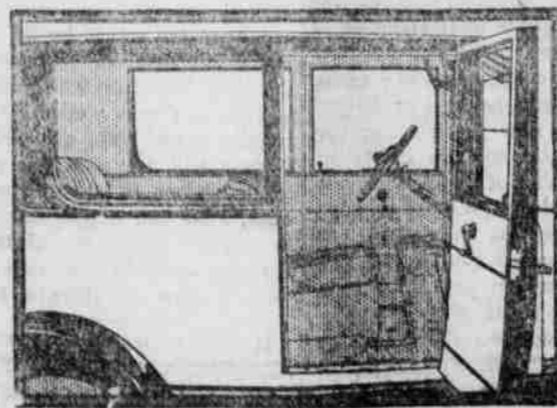
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HARDMAN

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Friday afternoon Mr. Geo. Blackman of Heppner spoke to the

his trip to Alaska. The students and visitors were very interested in his talk.

Christmas Eve the Sunday school will give a program in the high school auditorium. The program will be followed by a community Christmas tree.

A dance will be given after the Christmas tree. A midnight supper will be served by some of the women