

VAN OGLE SEEKING "WINDY" STEVENS IS
BIG POLITICAL JOB AGAIN SHOWN UPKlan Prosecutor
Seeks Appointment
As District Attorney

Mums the Word Just Now, But It Is Believed
Senator Jim Watson Is Preparing Another of His Practical Jokes
on Home People.

Well, the nerve of some people's cats.
Van Ogle wants to be United States District Attorney for the State of Indiana.

And the joke of it is that it is not out of the range of possibility that he may get it, so take a like-saving swig from Judge Dearth's bottle of Winter Pep (guaranteed not to kick) and get yourself all set for the shock, if it does happen to come.

Ogle's ambition to succeed Homer Elliott as district attorney has been discreetly concealed, for reasons that are apparent, but the secret leaked out Wednesday.

COL. SIMMONS SAYS
ORDER KNIGHTS OF
KU KLUX KLAN DEAD

Founder Avers His New Organization Is Now Increasing.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 9.—"Daddy of the Ku Klux Klan" is now vigorously engaged in an effort to kill his offspring. He seems to be meeting with some success in his endeavor and there are those in the inner circle of the order who believe that the "Knights of the Flaming Sword of the Hidden Host" may be an instrument for its slaughter.

Col. William Joseph Simmons, the founder and former Imperial Wizard of the revived Ku Klux Klan, is touring the South in a tremendous effort to draw off from the order which he fathered the thousands who joined it and to carry them into his new organization.

The basis of the Flaming Swords-men is to be love instead of hatred, which animates the Klansmen, says Colonel Simmons. He has many aides in his drive, which had been expected to culminate late in October in a tremendous meeting at Mount Yonah, in northeast Georgia, at which 30,000 were expected to assemble, but the colonel's illness caused the session to be called off and a smaller Atlanta gathering substituted.

The Colonel recently visited Chattanooga in his campaign with the Klansmen. They held a meeting, attended by about 500 of them, and he delivered himself of over two hours of enthusiastic oratory.

"Boys," he declared in a rising voice, "I'm your daddy! It's your daddy talking to you—your real daddy—and not a wet nurse!"

At this remark the assembly loudly cheered.

"Love! That's what your daddy taught you," he continued, "and they've sent men out to teach you to hate, hate, hate. They've even told you that if you come to hear me that you'd be banished. Is that according to the right of free speech and peaceful assembly that has been guaranteed you? Boys, if you get a certificate of banishment from the present Ku Klux Klan, buy a frame and frame it. It is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon you."

Colonel Simmons said he was "the only living man who had the true principles of Klanscraft," adding that he had never "given these true principles to the old order." He described himself as "the saddest man on earth" because his real principles had been ignored.

Defends Own Record

Simmons vigorously defended his record in his litigation with the Klan. He said he had been double-crossed by his Klan enemies. "No man can

He and his friends have been busily plugging away and there seems to be no telling how far they may have gotten. The plan originated here with Billy Williams, Mrs. Gill and Sheriff Hoffman. They toted their little idea to Lawrence Cartwright, of Portland, republican district chairman, and it went over with him.

MUMS THE WORD

If the thing is to be done, it is to be done quickly, and with no previous cannonading and red fire to let the world in general know that the Campbells are coming. The plan was to get Senator Watson to shoot the recommendation through to Attorney General Stone before he leaves that office to go on the supreme bench, and have the appointment made by Saturday.

The attorney general displayed his subservience to the wishes of Senator Watson by naming Baltzell for the federal bench to succeed Anderson, so quick action is demanded if Van Ogle is to get the job as head of the department of justice.

Of course it may be that the Post-Democrat is slightly biased and prejudiced, but there is a bare possibility that there are others that would gas at the possibility of Ogle's appointment, in spite of the high esteem in which he seems to be held by Billy Williams, Sheriff Hoffman and Mrs. Gill.

In this connection it seems that these worthy promoters are basely forgetful of their political crony, and co-worker, the Honorable Robert Graves, who ought to be entitled to a full partnership in the great enterprise of elevating their common friend, Van Ogle.

Thanks to the devotion and loyalty of Prosecutor Ogle, Bob has been undisturbed for three years in the operation of a place of business where colored patrons spend long and strenuous hours vainly attempting to talk Bob's trained dice into proper compliance with their financial desires, with the result that they walk, and are happy if they have a wheelbarrow to push, while Bob wears a hundred candle power headlight and rides on rubber.

WHAT A JOKE

Senator Watson has perpetrated many side-splitting practical jokes on the people of Indiana, but there are some who assert that he will strain his luck and will have to do all the laughing himself if he permits himself to become a party to this dark lantern Ogle adventure. Surely, in looking over the field of Hoosier Kluxers, the senator can be persuaded to find some other kookoo shyster to take the job. There's Wilbur Ryman, for instance. Wilbur wants the job and needs it, since the suckers quit joining the Klan, and the kleagle business became unremunerative.

There seems to be no hope that President Coolidge will interfere in the slightest in any Klan program (Continued to Page Four)

The War Is On

For nearly three years the Post-Democrat has been engaged in exposing the crimes, fallacies and idiocies of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Klan has fought back, not openly and decently, like an honorable opponent should, but unfairly, and always in the dark.

This is the only newspaper in Indiana that had the audacity to put all its eggs in an anti-klan basket and risk exposure to the stink pots and poison gas of the Klan.

Other newspapers occasionally took a mild rap at the Klan, but the Post-Democrat still has the same baskets and the same eggs and will hang on until the job is finished.

The editor of this newspaper knows what it means to suffer actual physical attack by masked night-prowlers, has forced criminal prosecution time and again in courts presided over by klansmen, has twice suffered imprisonment in the county jail, spent three days on the penal farm and has three criminal cases appealed to the supreme court.

In addition, these bold hundred percenters, who prate about free speech and then try to throttle it, have attacked the business of the paper from every angle and have been successful in depriving us of thousands of dollars in revenue.

Through threats would-be advertisers have been frightened to the extent that they withhold their advertising and every possible plan has been devised to derive us out of business.

A year ago last September a counterfeit democrat newspaper was started in opposition to the Post-Democrat. It lasted a year, gasped and died but during the year it took probably three thousand dollars worth of legal advertising that we would have otherwise received.

Even now a conspiracy is on foot to rob this newspaper of hundreds of dollars worth of business to which it is legally entitled, but the conspiracy will be defeated because of its utter illegality and because the public who lend themselves to the plot would in the end have the entire amount to pay out of their own pockets.

If the Post-Democrat is to continue in existence, it is absolutely necessary for its friends in Muncie and other sections of the state to rally to its support.

"Tolerance," published by the American Unity League, has gone out of existence. The Post-Democrat is the only publication left in Indiana to fight the battles of those who oppose the Klan.

The legislature now in session is composed preponderantly of klansmen. Walter Bossert, grand dragon of the Indiana Klan, has boldly published his announced purpose of ramming through the legislature the carefully prepared program of the Ku Klux Klan.

Are you going to fight, or will you lie down like a bunch of whipped puppies and permit this program to go through without lifting a hand in defense?

The Post-Democrat is in a position to publish and disseminate an exposure of the ramifications of the most astounding plot to enslave a free state that was ever devised by the mind of man.

Some think the Klan is dead. IT IS NOT. For three years it has been merely on dress parade. Behind it all were designing men who sought power. They now control the destinies of the state. Indiana has been selected by Wizard Evans as the laboratory for Klan experimentation.

Unless the people are sufficiently aroused the whirling dervishes of the Ku Klux Klan will translate into LAW the evil mutterings of a misled multitude of fanatics.

This is no time to go to sleep. It is time for action. The Post-Democrat is here at your service to do your fighting. We know where to shoot and what to shoot at, but it will take plenty of ammunition.

We should have thousands of new subscribers. Enlist in this fight. Don't be a slacker.

"Sugar Jim" Barnes Wants
To Be Mayor of Logansport

Notorious War Profiteer, Now Innkeeper and Prime Kookoo, Foolishly Thinks He Is Big Enough To Fill the Job; "City of Bridges" Wants a Democratic Mayor; Judge West, Real Protector of Womanhood, Railroaded To Federal Prison and Dies of Broken Heart; Reading of Dime Novels About the Literary Effort of the Average Klansman; a Couple of Nit-Wits.

Logansport, Jan. 9.—The Post-Democrat news hound dug up a little information that might interest our readers. There is a drift floating around "The City of Bridges", that Sugar Jim Barnes will try to make the race for Mayor, next May, in the event that Blizzard and his Kluxer friends feel that he can not get the

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NEW KLAN TROUBLE
STARTS IN NILES

Street Car Conductor Is Wounded In Front of Dance Hall Used by Kluckers.

Niles, O.—Trouble between the Ku Klux Klan and anti-klan forces, dormant since the fatal riots last fall, broke out again Wednesday night when Earl Jones, a street car conductor was seriously wounded as he stood in front of a hall within which was being held a New Year's eve dance of the Trumbull county Klan.

Several shots were also fired at a large electric "fiery cross" which was displayed in front of the hall.

Police reserves were called out and

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Says City Is Broke;
Now Says City Is
In Good Condition

As a Matter of Fact City Is In Bad Shape and Is
Rapidly Growing Worse Under
Rule of Klanarchists.

Newark, O., Jan. 9.—Once more has W. H. N. Stevens, Klanarchist mayor of Newark, by his own testimony, proved himself to be a lair. No proof was needed, so far as that is concerned, but Mr. Stevens kindly supplied it, in order that any possible doubt might be removed.

Some weeks ago Stevens said the city was broke, although this statement was denied by his Service Director, one Clamorous Verbose Fulk.

Fulk said the city had plenty of money and proved it by stopping all street repairs, saying there was no money to pay for them. Get that?

Then in order to prove that the city had no money, Fulk proceeded to transform the city building into a lot of private offices for his department, so he could have an excuse for spending city money which the city didn't have. Try that one on your Victrola.

To come back to Stevens, "Windy" claimed the city was broke, but now asserts that the old town is financially able to spend \$150,000 for water extensions and \$80,000 for a fire alarm system. Where has he been hiding these assets?

Is it not a fact that the Klan hopes to pay for its new club house out of the graft it could make out of this work? The "fake" subway proposition is as dead as Pontius Pilate and the Klan knows it—hence the desire to start water works extensions, etc.

No one denies that these extensions are needed. But a whole lot of people are not going to take Stevens' word for it that the city is financially able to put it across just now. And besides that, the people are not going to trust Stevens and his gang with the expenditure of a couple of hundred thousand dollars.

Why does Stevens want to spend \$4,000 or \$5,000 to move the city prison, if the city is hard up. Is it just because he likes to spend other people's money or is there a bunch of kale in it for him. The taxpayers would like to know.

Another question the taxpayers would like answered is: What was the reason for juggling the figures of the Safety Department apportionment?

Does any one believe that such financial acrobats should be permitted to spend a couple of hundred thousand dollars of Newark's money? Nay, nay, Windy.

Stevens says he asked council nearly a year ago for these "water extensions. One councilman told me he was a d—d liar. Another one used stronger language in qualifying liar, while a third merely said Stevens was crazy.

Newark people right now are paying a tax levy of 21.80 mills more than six mills higher than is allowed by law.

Explain, Mr. Stevens, how can Newark issue more bonds right at this time?

KLAN MOVES TO WEST END;

DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS GLAD

The Klanarchists observed the last day of 1924 by moving their collection of shimmies and dunce caps to their new headquarters in the west end, much to the relief of the downtown merchants and in greater measure to the disgust of the residents of that portion of the west end which they will pollute with their presence.

Real estate values in the west end have already slumped, and the people of that section are seriously concerned. However, their inconvenience will be of short duration, because the Klan will be unable to finance the deal to completion. As the organization continues to disintegrate, the koin will be harder to collect and payments will cease. And that the Klan is on its last legs in this community is proven by this attempt to fool the few

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MASONIC LEADER
REPUDIATES K K K

California Grand Master Issues Statement To Members.

Most Worshipful Arthur Saxe Critchfield, Grand Master of Masons in the State of California, in his annual address at the Grand Lodge session made the following statements regarding Masonry and the Ku Klux Klan.

"There is one untoward situation that has given me concern during the entire year, one to which I have given much thought, and that is the activity of the organization known as the Ku Klux Klan, and the many incidents which have occurred during the year leading me to the conclusion that this organization is undoubtedly attempting to make it appear that there is some relationship between it and the Masonic fraternity.

"It ought not be necessary to state that Masonry has no connection whatsoever with this organization, nor will Masonry in California tolerate any act which may have a tendency to give color to any seeming connection. It has always been the traditional policy of Masonry never to mingle in the affairs of other organizations and also never to permit other organizations to mingle in its affairs.

"During the year it has been necessary for me to write many letters on this subject. From this correspondence and from my contact with certain lodges in the jurisdiction there is indisputable evidence that certain Klan members are endeavoring to mix the affairs of Masonry with those of the Klan, thereby causing discord and confusion in the Craft and also creating in the minds of the public as well as in the minds of some of our members a wrong impression as to the actual standing of Masonry in this regard. It must be understood that such action is most objectionable. No discord or confusion must be permitted to enter the Craft, and many acts which have such tendency must be summarily dealt with. The interest of Masonry lies in every member avoiding every possible occurrence which might give color to any relationship between the Masonic fraternity and this other organization. In all of the letters which it has been necessary to write on the subject, I have stressed this necessity.

"I also feel that this time it might be desirable to again quote Masonic standing on matters of toleration. This may seem superfluous, as Masonry's standing in this is so well known, is older than Grand Lodges, is one of the landmarks of the Order, and yet I believe that whatever ear may have been given by any Mason to the teachings of the other organization is due to the lack of comprehension of Masonry's standing on this question. It is surprising that this should be the situation, because from the very first degree to the last we are taught the necessity of toleration."—The Tablet.