

DENIES USE OF AUDITORIUM TO LECTURER FOR SACRED CAUSE

Roman Sympathizers of Educational Body Draw Fire of Patriotic Editor—Sees It as Blow to Free Speech.

DIFFICULT FOR NEW TRUTH TO BE LEARNED

Every Conceivable Obstacle Placed in Path of Movement by Papal System for Fear It Will Be Crushed.

(Special to The Courier.)
Elyria, O., Jan. 19.—Great indignation and much adverse comment has been caused here by the refusal of the local school board to permit taxpayers the use of the local auditorium even though those entitled to its use had complied with all their requirements.

Commenting on the board's refusal the Elyria Telegram says editorially:

"They had given refuge and shelter to the man who was minister, who was coming under the auspices of the Ku Klux Klan, to deliver a lecture along their lines."

Willing to Pay Price.

"We understand that in each one of these cases, the lecturer or those representing them paid in part or were willing to pay the regular price for the auditorium, so that the refusal of the privilege to speak was not on the ground of failure to meet the cost that has been stipulated; but entirely on the ground of the nature of their message, as judged by the one case by the subject and description and in the other by the ones who asked for the privilege."

"We are not personally interested in either of these lecturers or the substance of their lecture to the extent of even mentioning them, were to speak. We have no objection to their lectures, to the fundamental rights which our Constitution guarantees. We are interested in the right of free press, free speech and the right of assembly. And we wonder where a people, who believed that God had disclosed the truth and are sufficiently confident of it to stand before a public audience and express themselves in regard to it, then in the auditorium of a public school, should not be allowed the time and the air of the school for the weighing of evidence and for the discovery of truth as the entire object of all educational system."

Truth Has Hard Road.

"Every great truth that we have witnessed it be in what is taught in the department of physics or in the department of geography or in any other science, with the exception of pure mathematics, has been brought to the world after great trials on the part of those who have been thoughtful enough and determined enough to examine the evidence and make an investigation and then bold enough to promote their findings to the world for the purpose of unfettering the mind. A great deal of error has been presented to the world under the guise of truth. Error and truth are presented side by side to the human intellect and it is the business of the mind to seek the evidence, make comparisons and in the language of the Scriptures, 'Cling to that which is good.'

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Protect Sanctity of American Home Is Pastor's Plea

Evils of Jazz Era Demand Closer Watch Than Ever, Speaker Asserts.

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Hamilton, O., Jan. 19.—One of the greatest meetings in the history of the 11 million county Klan was held in the Klavern last Wednesday night.

The organization had played several patriotic numbers while the members were singing hymns and the meeting was open to the public.

The principal speaker was a local editor whose topic was "The American Home." He emphasized the necessity for parents to guard the sanctity of the home more closely than ever before, because of evils which have come with the so-called "Jazz Era."

When an invitation was extended to Americans who were not already members to join in a score responded and were accepted for membership.

The Klavern has, however, been growing more rapidly than ever before and has accomplished much toward making this city a better place in which to live.

GALLIPOLIS WOMEN BIVE BIG PIE SUPPER

(Special to The Courier.)
Gallipolis, O., Jan. 19.—The women of the Klan gave an old-time supper for the men of the organization here recently, and realized a substantial sum with which to carry on their work.

The Klavern is composed of almost every known variety. It was meeting night for both units, and after the meeting closed, the men marched in a body to the women's headquarters where the pies were awaiting them. Even Klavern members around the affair generously and it is said the women are still counting their money.

WOOD COUNTY UNIT HAS QUESTION BOX

(Special to The Courier.)
Bowling Green, O., Jan. 19.—Wood county Klan No. 107 held an enthusiastic meeting last Thursday night at the K. of P. hall, and heard an inspiring speech by the Great Titan of this province. About 250 Klan men were present.

One of the principal features of the meeting was the introduction of a "question box" which was the means of getting much valuable Klan information.

The Klan recently initiated a new class, and also ready for the K. of P. to be a

part of the Klan.

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WHERE NEEDY ALWAYS FIND WELCOME



AMERICANS ON GUARD AS ROME VARIES SYSTEM

Knights of Columbus Magnanimously Promise Not to Modest Protest Organization.

BOW BEFORE INEVITABLE

Assurance That Mob Violence Will Cease Regarded With Suspicion.

(Special to The Courier.)
Parry du Chien, Wis., Jan. 19.—The Klan of this city will hold its future meetings without fear of obstruction promises the Knights of Columbus.

Despite many threats several meetings of the order had been held before the Catholic decision was reached. Many more were scheduled.

Recently the field representative of the Klan was called into the office of the Knights of Columbus to be questioned as to the purpose of meeting for the purpose of unfettering the mind. A short deal of error has been presented to the world under the guise of truth. Error and truth are presented side by side to the human intellect and it is the business of the mind to seek the evidence, make comparisons and in the language of the Scriptures, "Cling to that which is good."

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On Lookout Now

American citizens here are so grateful over this opportunity to exercise their constitutional rights that they are all on the lookout for some move that may be made.

Before a Christmas celebration or entertainment starts have the band tell it to them that they have a representative present who will inspect the church extinguishers.

The practice is still prevalent in many rural districts of lighting candles on Christmas trees. The teachers are anxious that the children have the prettiest possible tree that can be obtained. If the band is holding a string of electric bulbs, and there is no current, rent an ordinary storage battery from a service station, the tree can be lighted safely and surely, and the lights kept burning.

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Would Hold School Heads Responsible for Tragedies

Chicago, Jan. 19.—That the responsibility for such disasters as that recently at Hobart, Okla., in which thirty-six persons met death when a school building was burned, should be laid at the door of educational authorities is the opinion of W. H. Weathers of Magnolia, Ill. In a letter to The Illinois Courier, he points out that school authorities who permit such conditions to exist are—or at least should be held—criminally responsible.

of the board of education here for many years." Mr. Weathers writes.

"Such disasters as that of Hobart of course are not the fault of the school authorities, but the responsibility for the safety of the children lies with the school authorities."

See that the state law is obeyed as to exits and other safeguards.

See that all screens over windows are hinged at the top and hooked at the bottom so that releasing latches, so that all windows may be used as exits in emergencies.

See that chemical extinguishers are placed in every room and that the teachers and older pupils know how to use them.

See that the boards of education supervise the arrangement of Christmas trees and stage settings for entertainments, so far as fire prevention is concerned.

Urge Safe Lights.

Induce the boards to furnish electric lights for Christmas trees, and string them where current is not available for such use.

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Application of Patriotic Spirit Promises to Eliminate Feeling of Jealousy.

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Yorkville, Ill., Jan. 19.—That the Kendall county Klan is going to exert a powerful and effective influence in eliminating the jealousies that may exist in the rivalry between Yorkville and Plano is the belief of Klansmen, expressed at a meeting of the county organization last week.

Groups from both the local units are working to end the friendless and hostile relations between the two communities and it is anticipated that such petty jealousies as may have existed in the past will be eliminated through the practice of true Klanishness and by their influence among the members of the Klan.

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Protestants Are Urged to Stand Up For Their Faith

Speaker Tells Protestant Audience They Might Take Pointers From Enemy.

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Paola, Kas., Jan. 19.—"Protestants can learn many good lessons from those who fight them the hardest," declared a prominent man recently as he addressed a group of citizens. "Catholics have not yet enemies, but Protestants have, and they know more about chauvinism than you do, and you can bet your sweet life of, and they know how to practice it," he further stated.

Since the start of the American order, the little city has the lesson of dealing with persons of the Roman church has been dwelt on and emphasized more, probably, than any other by the spokesman for the old world hierarchy. In their protestant faith, however, the speaker has learned, and it was only natural that a prominent business man should talk about the conditions when he was called upon to address a group of representative citizens.

"There are too many Protestants," he said in closing his speech, "who are even a little backward in admitting they are not Roman Catholics. It is high time we take a few lessons from those who fight us the hardest."

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YORKVILLE AND PLANO WORKING IN HARMONY

Great Order Is Warmly Greeted by Real Citizens of Hawks.

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Hawkins, Wis., Jan. 19.—At a recent invitational meeting, at which a national speaker explained the ideals and purposes of the Klan, several prominent Rusk county business and professional men were added to the membership. Every man in the audience heartily endorsed the statements of the speaker, and several signified their intention to become members of the fast growing American order.

Hawkins has, probably, one of the first grade and high schools in the northern part of Wisconsin, considering the size of the town. It also boasts a box factory which employs many men who are asso- ciated with the Klan. Hawkins is practically all of the American citizens of the community. Having a better class of people in the community, and having a deputy sheriff and marshal who do their duty to see that the laws are enforced. Hawkins is practically free of the bootlegger and moonshiner who infest practically every community within the state of Wisconsin.

The speaker, therefore, to reestablish the friendship between the two nations, which was not broken, but was ruptured, by the hasty action.

President Burton declared, "It is for both sides to have patience. For both sides to have the desire to gather data about the whole question."

"The most disastrous phase of the government's action," according to President Burton, is the fact that it seems to have the entire democratic movement in the United States.

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