

Every Day, In Every Way, the Klan Grows Bigger and Better



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"NOT FOR SELF, BUT FOR OTHERS"

ONE WAY TO HELP STRICKEN ASTORIA

Heartfelt sympathy for fire-stricken Astoria and a desire to help in the solution of its reconstruction problems, impel the proposal that follows.

For reasons well understood by all Astorians and requiring no further publicity, the Committee of Ten has outlived its usefulness. The civic burden now will be taken up by the city commission, composed of the Mayor and four commissioners. To lighten their burden through general and generous co-operation, a larger advisory committee could be organized, advantageously, including representatives of all the property owners in the burned district, without regard to race, creed, or previous condition of politics. This community group, serving as a town grand jury in considering various phases of reconstruction, could be very helpful to the city commission in mobilizing all the positive and constructive forces for team-work. For a beginning, The Western American respectfully submits a proposal to organize a committee of twenty-five, of which fifteen should constitute a quorum for debate and business, as follows:

Hon. John H. Smith, chairman; Messrs. William P. O'Brien, W. F. McGregor, Charles W. Karlson, Sr., Dr. C. W. Barr, Dr. Jay Tuttle, Sam H. Webb, Theodore L. Gaul, Joseph Roman, Frank Patton, Edward E. Gray, Olaf Anderson, Sr., Sven Lönberg, Gustav A. Hellberg, E. R. Keefe, Morton Nelson, F. N. Whitman, Joseph Strauss, W. Clement, William Madison, Mike Gorman, S. S. Gordon, Walter Gobin Smith, Martin Franciscovich, and J. V. Burns.

Other groups of twenty-five, equally able and representative, doubtless could be selected, but no one can deny that these men, if united and harmonious in their efforts for Greater Astoria, could give effective aid to the city commission in its work for the common good.

The Roman Catholics cannot claim, now or hereafter, that the Protestant Klansmen were unwilling to co-operate with them in rebuilding the city and restoring prosperity.

TRUTH FINALLY COMING OUT

A nationally famous weekly publication, after publishing all derogatory gleanings concerning the Ku Klux Klan, now seems to have concluded that it may be as well to publish some of the wholesome truths concerning it. Admitting that not one of the claims against the Klan has as yet been proven, it also prints excerpts wherein the Klan is compared with other secret orders, most striking of which is the Knights of Columbus, to the Klan's advantage.

The worthy purposes which the Klan aims to accomplish and stand for are also enumerated, and already we see false accusations and bitter animosities towards our Order dissolving in thin air, and in their stead, the gleaming rays of acknowledgement and approval are showing above the horizon of doubt and persecution.

OREGON JOURNAL UNDER SCRUTINY

One must admire the efficiency of the publicity system maintained through the dailies by the organized Catholics and Jews, who dominate with patronage most of the newspapers and control their policies, absolutely.

Of late the hierarchy-synagogue combination has been using the motion pictures and also the illustrated supplements of the kept dailies. For example:

Last Sunday's Oregon Journal had a page of photographs, carefully arranged to give the best effect, in which the hierarchy scored several times. At the top of the page appeared a large group of officials who are conducting the Roman inquisition in Louisiana, including one man, a special prosecutor, who recently threw up his assignment in disgust. The editorial caption stated that the Klan was held responsible for the Mer Rouge murders—a statement wholly unjustifiable. Immediately beneath the defamatory anti-Klan picture appeared a beautiful picture of the Pope of Rome and his cardinals in a consistory, whatever that is; still another papal group at the right, and at the bottom, for lagniappe, full measure and running over, appeared an enlarged and retouched group of "rednecks" with Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes and Mrs. Hughes emerging from St. Patrick's cathedral, where, the caption stated

with gusto, they had just been attending a memorial mass in honor of a departed Polish politician.

A few days ago the Oregon Journal editor, presumably Mr. Irvine, gathered together, with the help of "Old Brains" (the shears) all the derogatory and scandalous editorial comment against the Klan which he could find in the kept dailies and presented the mess as a feature in the center of his editorial page, surmounted with a heading defamatory of the Klan on the subject of the Mer Rouge alleged murders.

Thousands of Klansmen for some time have been boosting for the Oregon Journal, having been advised that it was trying to be fair. Their support resulted in a continuous stream of patronage which continues.

What is Editor Irvine trying to do or thinking about or is he thinking at all? There's a limit, even to Klan patience, and this kind of treatment will not be tolerated.

MELTING-POT SLOPPING OVER

Mr. William Allen White asks, "What's the matter with America?" in Colliers.

"We assume all men are equal, but, granted the presence of the moron in our country, what makes them worse than their fellow half-wits of Europe? What is our distinction? We fashioned this blooming land for men who are mental adults. The European statesmen took account of the weak-witted in making their institutions. We Americans assume all men are created equal. It was a good enough assumption in Jefferson's day, but our blood is changing.

"In another hundred years we shall have an America for which our fathers did not die, by a long shot. We may come back to the U. S. A. and find, not the land of the Pilgrims' Pride, but Italy, Greece, or the Balkans, or all three, gorgeously blended.

"The melting-pot is not melting; it's boiling—yes, slopping over!"

EDITORIAL RATS BIDDING FOR FAVOR

Paid liner rates, as usual, for editorial support in the nation-wide barrage against the Klan, the "kept" dailies and magazines now are charging boldly that the Klan and Klansmen were responsible for the two alleged murders in Louisiana. Slander of that kind never is promoted except for cash, or its equivalent. It is slander of the most wicked and venomous kind, and it comes under the ban of the laws against criminal libel.

The editorials and "news stories" carrying the atrocious slander declare that the members of the alleged mob were dressed as Klansmen. The testimony describes them as wearing black masks, overalls and unionalls. Many of the more villainous editorial slanderers refer to the Louisiana inquisition as a trial before a jury, knowing well that it is not a trial at all, nor in any sense of the word a trial, but only a hearing or presentation of one side of the case, and no witnesses are allowed to be cross-questioned. All the testimony so far adduced may be refuted and all persons accused or suspected may be vindicated legally and in the minds of all fair-minded persons.

Every little editorial rat in the country is bidding for the patronage of the enemies of the Klan, bending the "pregnant hinges of the knee that thrift may follow fawning." Of such vermin are the staffs of the kept press composed and this is a fact now known to all men.

The editorial barrage against the Klan will be futile as usual. Time and investigation always vindicate a just cause. The forces aligned against the Klan are well identified. They are weak and ineffective, because their motives are corrupt, and the American public cannot long be deceived.

The Klan and Klansmen are entirely guiltless in the alleged crimes in Louisiana. Whoever makes a contrary statement is, by the evidence, a liar and a slanderer.

IMMIGRANTS INFERIOR LABORERS

Mr. Ethelbert Stewart, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, in the Monthly Labor Review (Washington, D. C.) Page 312, Review of Reviews, says:

"Common labor in the United States may be less efficient than it was thirty or forty years ago, but it is no longer American. In such industries as the iron and steel, coal mining, railroad construction, brick making, and textile mills, and a great many other of our basic industries, immigrant labor of low grade efficiency was sought for, and the industries in consequence overrun by races physically weak, as, for example, the Italian, untrained in any industrial occupation, as was practically all of the southwestern Europe immigration. These men are physically weak. They have neither the immediate strength nor the endurance to stand up under hard labor that the common labor of forty years ago possessed, and as a result of this inability of immigrant labor to stand the work it did not prove cheap, and machinery has largely taken the place of common labor."

SPEAKING FOR THE STRICKEN ONES

What must be thought of a civic committee, assuming to act for a stricken city, that picks out the biggest numbskull in the community and sends him to Washington, D. C., with a big wad of "relief" money for expenses, to obtain federal aid from the Congress, instead of entrusting that delicate task to the experienced representatives and senators from this State, who were competent and perfectly willing to function, and who understand the situation as well as anyone?

Lobbying is unnecessary in such emergencies, and it hurts, in fact, for obvious reasons. The wasting of relief money for such a purpose is almost as bad as letting a wealthy church, or rather its preacher, collect a large sum from the relief fund to cover the use of dishes and other cheap tableware borrowed to serve a stricken people in a time of emergency.

Is it any wonder that many preachers and churches have become objects of ridicule, distrust and suspicion?

Woe unto you, hypocrites, grafters! How shall ye escape the damnation of hell?

Beloved Grand Dragon of the Invisible Empire, Realm of Oregon, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan



GRAND DRAGON FRED L. GIFFORD returned Wednesday from Seattle, where he delivered the charter of Seattle Klan, No. 4, at a ceremonial meeting of spectacular proportions.

Arriving at his Portland headquarters, he did a rushing business for about four hours, clearing up accumulated mail and matters requiring executive attention, and then left for Eastern Oregon, where he will be kept busy attending gatherings of Klansmen at various towns, until probably Saturday evening. He expected to return to Portland Monday, January 29. The Grand Dragon's offices at 403 Pittcock block will be open during his absence with clerical business as usual. Telephone 3836. Mr. Gifford was given a royal welcome in the Puget Sound metropolis. Klans all over the State are inviting him to visit and he is trying to arrange an itinerary for a swing around the circle in the Northwest. Meanwhile his constructive plans for a strong State and regional organization are being worked out as rapidly as conditions will permit. He undertook this work but recently and results already are gratifying. The Klansmen everywhere are getting acquainted with "The Little Giant of Oregon," whom all delight to honor for his sterling worth—a Klansman without fear, without hypocrisy, and without reproach.

OUR GLORIOUS EMBLEM

Lift up your eyes, behold a banner
Yet today as in the past,
Ever guided by an Unseen Hand,
List to unseen feet now marching
Quickened, by a bugle's blast—
That falls on ears attune throughout the land.

Blest Emblem of a people
Joined as one in secret band,
Who have none above you,
Pledged only to love you—
Starry Flag, guide your sons
In the ranks of the Klan.

'Neath your folds true Klansmen gather,
Heeding not the traitor's cry,
Fearless hearts are beating all for thee,
Who by one clear call are summoned
By that Spirit from on high,
Scions of an ancient race made free.

Thou Flag of our Fathers' country,
Precious heritage of man,
Though your foes hate you,
And would hyphenate you,
We'll be true, though we die
In the ranks of the Klan.

—E. I. M.

America is not perfect, but taken as a whole, it is nearer perfect than any other country. Be thankful for occasional grumbling. It indicates a desire for perfection, the only force that can bring steady improvement.—Portland Daily News.

AID THIS GOOD LADY WHO CREATES BEAUTY

Possesses Marvelous Art of Making Artificial Flowers Exactly Like Real

There's a good lady in Portland, Mrs. B. C. Shroy, living at 735 Marguerite avenue, a widow with three small children, who possesses a marvelous talent for making artificial flowers, ferns and plants of all colors and tints. In this way she is trying to make a living. If the well-to-do people only knew the magic of this lady's nimble fingers—how she transforms tissue paper and other material into duplicates of the loveliest flowers, so perfectly done that the finished product looks exactly like the real—her mail would be burdened with orders. As it is, only a few know of her wondrous art and business is poor, in consequence.

If she could sell twenty dozen roses a week, it would mean an independent living for herself and the three little ones.

Mrs. Shroy's artificial flowers make lovely decoration for the business place, office, or home, and are ideally adapted to decorative schemes for public halls or ballrooms.

If Mrs. Shroy were a rich woman, she would be famous in society for such a talent. Given her a trial order, and tell your neighbors about it.

PENDLETON KLANSMEN PLANNING PROGRESS

Western American Special.
Pendleton, Ore., Jan. 24.—With the usual enthusiasm that always attends success the Pendleton Klan is preparing to put on a drive to double its membership and with the right quality, thus to make easier the Klan's ambitious plans for mutual betterment work and for the general good of the entire community. The Klan is already the leading lodge in this city and section any many applications are awaiting investigation.

The Meier & Frank Store Has Been Declared Unfair by the Central Labor Council