

WORK INCREASES SO RAPIDLY THAT CENTRAL IS NECESSARY AT THE WASHINGTON CAPITAL

Western American Special.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31.—The five District of Columbia Klans are preparing to institute a City Association of Cyclops and Kilgrapp, which will maintain a downtown office for the administration of business for the Klans, separate and aside from the King Kleagle's office, who has his hands full with propagation work.

The office will not be for public contact and will not be designed to supplant in the least the public touch of the King Kleagle, but merely to coordinate the efforts of the Klan organizations.

It is proposed to employ a secretary or a deputy Kilgrapp, who will serve all Klans alike and keep the books of all the Klans and collect the dues of all the Klans. The official Kilgrapp

of each Klan will assign to this employed secretary his fees as remuneration, which will be augmented by necessary appropriations from the Klans to make up a reasonable salary.

This will afford members a place where they can drop in any time that is convenient to pay their dues. There has been much complaint at not being able to find the Kilgrapp at all times, due to the fact that most of them here have businesses and are compelled to be on the go.

An employment service also will be maintained to find jobs for Klansmen who are out of work and to find good Klansmen as employees for Klansmen who are employers. Notices of meetings also will be posted in this office, and it will be used as a means to coordinate the efforts of all the Klans to prevent duplication.

ROYAL RIDERS OF THE RED ROBE

*Pro Deo et Patria.
(For God and Country.)*

BUILD UP FOUR R's—TRAITORS BEWARE!

Every naturalized American citizen, who is altogether loyal to this country, without any reservation whatsoever, should try to obtain membership in that great new patriotic society, The Royal Riders of the Red Robe, which is destined to do a splendid work in the promotion of true Americanism and for the betterment of the welfare of the naturalized Americans.

Other fraternities, one in particular, are devoted to the Protestant cause, as against the Roman Catholic political hierarchy, but are international in form and scope and have for their purpose the one all-important item of opposition to Roman Catholicism. These orders accomplish much good, in places, and they are entitled to fraternal goodwill and co-operation, but there is only one strictly American Order, with the exception of the Ku Klux Klan, that is devoted altogether to the welfare of our country, to the exclusion of all other considerations, and that is The Royal Riders of the Red Robe. Other societies have connections and affiliations overseas, while the "Four R's" is exclusively American, and none but the citizen of good character and record can become a member. It was founded exclusively for the betterment and protection of the naturalized American citizens, and it already is doing a wonderful work. Within five years it doubtless will have millions of members, for the benefits are direct and substantial.

In some places there is an apparent effort on the part of international societies, which otherwise are working with the Klan, along collateral lines, to oppose and hamper the promotion of the Royal Riders. Let all concerned take notice now, and keep the warning in mind ever afterward, that the Royal Riders and its powerful friends will not longer tolerate such opposition and un-called-for interference with their beneficent work. Reprisals can be and will be made, in sweeping fashion, if such opposition is not halted at once. Treachery, born of jealousy, is the meanest and most despicable kind, and it will be punished in this case, as a matter of loyalty, with merciless severity.

The Royal Riders is here to stay, and already has grown great and strong. Potentially, it outvalues every other organization, because it has the best opportunity to promote Americanism and has the finest facilities for this practical work. Let knockers against the "Four R's" beware. They will find themselves, if they persist, under the full glare of the spotlight, with their hypocrisy and treachery exposed. It will be a cold, sad day for the borers—from within when the friends of the "Four R's" decide upon drastic action.

Everyone wants harmony, but harmony without treachery, without disloyalty, without hypocrisy and without reproach. Harmony that must be purchased is contemptible. The trouble-makers and borers—from within in all of the great fraternities are always howling loudest for "h-a-r-m-o-n-y," like the mendicant hag whining "c-h-a-r-i-t-y," while their own traitorous acts make harmony difficult and at times impossible.

*The man who wins is the man who hears
The curse of the envious in his ears,
But who goes his way with his head held high
And passes the wrecks of the failures by—
For he is the man who wins.*

Hope lights the pathway of ambition to the heights of achievement.

Impressive Warning to Slanderers

Get this, ye scallawag editors—ye who have been publishing the scandalous slanders of the Chicago Tribune (special dispatches by greased wire) and the "I. N. S."—Hearst's dirty yellow stuff:

The Fellowship Forum, of Washington, D. C., a great national fraternal newspaper that speaks for three million militant Freemasons and for millions of other independent and loyal Americans, is proclaiming its special dispatches from Louisiana with these banner headlines:

"Louisiana Klansmen Are On the Side of Law and Order. They offer their services in ferreting out the mystery of the Mer Rouge murders."

Has it occurred to the scallawag editors of the newspapers which have been using the infamous, slanderous reports aforesaid, that they are indictable under the criminal laws, and that the newspapers which mistakenly employ them can be made to pay all they are worth in civil damages?

"A hint to the wise is sufficient," but fools learn only from experience.

THE ENGLISHMAN*

Born in the flesh and bred in the bone,
Some of us harbor still
A new world pride: and we flaunt, or hide
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We claim our place as a separate race,
Or a self-created clan:
Till there comes a day when we like to say,
"We are kin of the Englishman."

For under the front that seems so cold
And the voice that is wont to storm,
We are certain to find a big, broad mind
And a heart that is soft and warm.
And he carries his woes in a lordly way,
As only the great souls can:
And it makes us glad when in truth we say,
"We are kin of the Englishman."

He slams his door in the face of the world,
If he thinks the world too bold.
He will even curse; but he opens his purse
To the poor and the sick and the old.
He is slow in giving to woman the vote,
And slow to pick up her fan;
But he gives her room in an hour of doom,
And dies—like an Englishman.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

*Written on board S. S. Olympic, April 29, 1912, after the Titanic disaster. Reproduced here from the original MS., appearing first in The British-Californian, of San Francisco.

CURB HARLOT PRESS IS PEOPLE'S DEMAND

Hurlburt of Multnomah County, Ore., Offers Bill With Much Needed Teeth

The Western American endorses heartily the Hurlburt newspaper bill, urging its passage as a public necessity; furthermore, would urge the author to amend his bill, or introduce another, providing a system of licensing newspaper publishers, editors, reporters and writers, giving them professional standing, as in the case of lawyers, doctors and other professional men, and requiring above all, that the licensee be an American citizen. An apprentice system should be included. This legislation would be beneficial in a high degree in the general Americanization movement in which the Ku Klux Klan is interested.

Newspapers will have to have a care what they print, should a bill introduced in the house by Hurlburt Monday afternoon become a law, says the Oregon Journal.

The bill provides in general terms that any newspaper which prints any false statement about any person or ORGANIZATION or candidate for office shall be forced to print the truth, as offered under oath by the affected party, in the next edition or within 48 hours after the repudiating article is offered.

It is provided that this article must be printed in the same color of ink, the same size of type, in the same portion of the paper and given the same circulation as the original article. Such articles may be offered by the newspaper in mitigation of damages in a libel suit to show absence of malice.

Any paper refusing to print such an article is to be made liable to a fine of not more than \$1000 and the person refusing to print to a fine not exceeding \$500.

Any newspaper editor or writer who attempts to influence any official or member of the legislature or candidate for office, to do or not to do anything, under threat of disclosing matters derogatory to him, is to be guilty of a felony and punishable by a fine of not to exceed \$1000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

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TILLAMOOK FAITHFUL IN SERVICE PROGRAM

Adopts Resolution Giving Loyal Support to Imperial and State Officers

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Jan. 31.—At the regular klonkave of Klan No. 8 of Tillamook, Ore., the following resolution was adopted unanimously and the Kilgrapp was instructed to forward same to The Western American for publication:

"RESOLVED, That Tillamook Klan No. 8 of Tillamook, Oregon, go on record expressing their loyalty and full support to the Imperial and State officers of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

Klan progress in this district is remarkable, and the Order is doing a great deal of good. Everyone realizes the necessity of perfecting the service system of the organization, to be able to meet the emergencies now visible in the near future. Faith is firm in the ability of Grand Dragon Gifford to work out the constructive plans of the state organization, by which the Klan's program of achievement for 1923-24 will be assured.

GERMAN CATHOLICS OF MINN. ARE REFORMING

Thirteen German Catholic societies in St. Paul, Minn., representing a membership of 4,000, recently took the very interesting, encouraging and possibly significant step of publicly endorsing the issue of \$5,000,000 in public school bonds says the Kansas City Freeman.

Kansas City recently voted on a similar issue, but it is not of record that the Irish Catholics of this city, who number very many more than 4,000, went on record as endorsing the bonds for increasing the efficiency of the public school system. They did not go to the length of openly opposing them, but it is safe to venture that much of the opposition came from Irish Catholic sources.

All patriotic Americans must commend the spirit of the German Catholics of St. Paul in arraying themselves against the traditional and persistent attitude of the Roman Catholic Church with respect to the public school system of this country.

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