

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



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"NOT FOR SELF, BUT FOR OTHERS"

A KLANSMAN'S CREED

- I believe in God and in the tenets of the Christian religion and that a Godless nation cannot long prosper.
- I believe that a Church that is not grounded on the principles of morality and justice is a mockery to God and to man.
- I believe that a Church that does not have the welfare of the common people at heart, is unworthy.
- I believe in the eternal separation of Church and State.
- I hold no allegiance to any foreign government, Emperor, King, Pope or any other foreign, political or religious power.
- I hold my allegiance to the Stars and Stripes next to my allegiance to God alone.
- I believe in just laws and liberty.
- I believe in the upholding of the Constitution of these United States.
- I believe that our free Public School is the cornerstone of good Government and that those who are seeking to destroy it are enemies of our Republic and are unworthy of citizenship.
- I believe in freedom of speech.
- I believe in a free press uncontrolled by political parties or by religious sects.
- I believe in law and order.
- I believe in the protection of our pure womanhood.
- I do not believe in mob violence but I do believe that laws should be enacted to prevent the causes of mob violence.
- I believe in a closer relationship of capital and labor.
- I believe in the prevention of unwarranted strikes by foreign labor agitators.
- I believe in the limitation of foreign immigration.
- I am a nativeborn American citizen and I believe my rights in this country are superior to those of foreigners.

ALL DIABETICS PLEASE REPORT.

Do you know of a Klansman, or a member of a Klansman's family, who is afflicted with diabetes? If so, send the name and address to the editor of The WESTERN AMERICAN, in confidence. If the sufferer is poor and needy, ways and means will be found to provide curative treatment.

Ever since the beginning of the Christian era the doctors vainly have been seeking a cure for diabetes. Apparently, it has been found. This is an astounding piece of inspirational news, but it is evidently true, since it is backed by the assurances of the American Medical Association and by scientific authorities which reasonably cannot be questioned.

Dr. F. G. Banting of the Western University, London, Ontario, has given the world of science the new triumph through his discovery of "Insulin," a guaranteed cure for diabetes. About one person in 100 is afflicted with this disease, until now regarded as practically incurable by medical means. The full account of the discovery was published in the Sunday Oregonian of May 20. All persons interested should get a copy of that paper.

Dr. Leo Rieen of Portland has been appointed to take charge of the diabetic patients in the Multnomah County Hospital.

Only a small amount of "Insulin" is available at this time, says the announcement, and the treatment is costly. Only a few patients at a time can be taken care of in Portland, unless there is some outside financial assistance.

The remedy, which was discovered last October, has proved so effective, Dr. Rieen declares, that patients in the last stages of the disease have been revived and now are able to do a day's work.

This may be a life-saving piece of news for some unfortunate brother. Don't forget it, and pass your paper on with the item marked. The woods are full of big-hearted Americans who would be glad to contribute to a fund to save the lives of diabetic sufferers who themselves cannot defray the expense.

KLANSMEN ARE BACKING THIS CAUSE.

Every good Klansman, being interested in human betterment, is backing the proposal in Portland to establish a community psychiatric clinic, in co-operation with the National Committee on Mental Hygiene, to make effective the newly provided special classes for educationally exceptional children. This clinic would cost the city only \$15,000 a year, and that would mean less than \$15 for each of the mentally handicapped children now in the

Portland schools, most of whom, it is believed, could be restored to normal grading through the new classes.

The Klansmen keenly desire to co-operate constructively with the Parent-Teacher circles and civic clubs in this laudable improvement work.

The proposed psychiatric clinic would serve for the whole State, finding out the mental condition and physical needs of each individual backward child and suiting treatment to each case. The clinic would be a splendid investment from every standpoint, according to the announced plans, and its work would be co-ordinated with that of the Children's Farm Home and all other similar institutions.

The Klansmen may be depended upon to do all they can to help meet the needs of children whose mental or physical handicaps require specialized training. There are now more than 1100 children in the public schools of Portland who are retarded three or four years, each costing the city more than \$70 a year. It is proposed to establish a scientific school for the training and development of all deficient children. The immediate results would be the saving of the children, economy for the taxpayers, and greater progress for the well and normal children who are now associated with the backward ones.

GOOD NEWS FOR ALL KLANSMEN.

Usefulness is the only measure of worth. Mutually beneficial service to the members and to society is the acid test of every fraternity. By this test the Klan ranks high, for its constant aim is to safeguard the interests and promote the welfare of every member.

The Order is young yet and, though enormous in numbers, has but begun to grow and to develop a leadership worthy of its mission. It has a monumental work to do. Its leaders abominate the religious "hate stuff" and the personal and factional antagonisms of politics. They know a multitude of ways by which the Klansmen, united and powerful, can serve each other and the general public, "with malice toward none and with charity for all."

The membership is composed of average men from all walks in life, with here and there a great outstanding character, or a genius in some line of constructive achievement. Every meeting of the Klan is productive of many ideas for the common good and the "hate stuff" is taboo. The spirit of the living Christ dominates the Klan in policy, purpose and methods.

One of the necessary auxiliaries, which probably will be organized at a meeting of high officials in the east in June, is the creation of a cumulative fund within each chartered Klan, by annual assessment, for the adequate relief of sick and distressed members, funeral expenses, involuntary unemployment and other individual emergencies. This service can be and will be established without additional operating expense and upon a strictly non-profit basis.

Another auxiliary that presses for attention is the creation of a scientific employment system, listing the needs of members, keeping in close touch with them, promptly finding suitable jobs, without additional operating cost.

All of this service already is given to some extent in every Klan, but it is going to be systematized and made scientific—the most efficient membership service to be found in American fraternalism. Plans for these and other auxiliaries were outlined months ago by Fred L. Gifford, the State Klan leader of Oregon and highest ranking officer in the West, but he has been kept so busy with increasing duties, far and near, that his constructive program has had to wait.

The coming meeting of executives in the east, in June, undoubtedly will be productive of great results. Mr. Gifford is due to return the last of this week, but will stay at home only a few hours, leaving then for an important conference on the Atlantic seaboard. He may be gone the best part of a month, but will keep in close touch with Oregon affairs. On his return, to resume his State-wide development work, the wheels of progress will turn with unexampled power and speed.

KLANSMAN EULOGIZES KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS.

Portland Klan No. 1 protests, quite properly, in a resolution, unanimously adopted May 21, against the proposed appointment of Mr. William Pigott of Seattle as a member of the United States Shipping Board. The resolution speaks for itself; in another column of this issue.

During the debate on the question a Klansman, who formerly lived in Seattle, said something like this:

"I know Mr. William Pigott to be a noble and true-hearted American, but unfortunately he is a Roman Catholic and a Knight of Columbus, and therefore doesn't fit into the Shipping Board. Without realizing his error or the inconsistency of his policy, he undoubtedly would follow the program of the merchant marine as advised by Admiral Benson. The insidious influence of an inherited religion which requires blind obedience to political Romanism sways and controls even men of strong character and of strict integrity, like Mr. Pigott. This kind of devotion to the Pope has been drilled into the minds of the Catholics since childhood, now finding expression in unquestioning obedience through material interest or by the action of the subconscious mind. For this reason I support the resolution. It would be too risky to have two Jews and three Knights of Columbus on the Shipping Board. They already have control. The resignation of Mr. Chamberlain leaves only one Mason on the Board, and no Klansman."

Now is the time to protest against the appointment by the President of another papist, and it is to be hoped that Senator Charles McNary will interest himself, actively, in having the President select a Protestant, one who will measure up to the needs of the position. This action by Senator McNary, if effective, might cover a multitude of sins.

WHO WILL LEAVE?

The Jews and Catholics have sworn that the Klan shall be driven from America.

Do you feel like being kicked out of your own country by that aggregation of half-baked foreigners?

If not, sit down and think who you are spending your money with.

STRAIGHT TALK TO ALL PROTESTANTS.

Protestant solidarity in social betterment work, which is the fundamental aim of the Klan, will bring continual showers of blessings upon all the people throughout the land. The Klan is striving, constructively, to bring about this solidarity, which never has been consummated and which until now seemed an impossible achievement.

The Protestants are split into numerous sects, each intent upon its own peculiar sectarian program, while the Roman Catholics—be it said to their honor for having horse-sense—have maintained a high degree of solidarity and clannishness, and the same is true of the Jews.

While the Protestants wasted endless time, money and opportunities in useless wrangling over silly dogmas and differences, neglecting even to build rescue homes for their own deficient and defenseless children, the Roman Catholics conserved their time, money and opportunities and by unity of effort and efficient leadership established and maintained the hospitals, children's homes and other social betterment auxiliaries, which today are used necessarily by the Protestants. In the face of these facts, isn't it the acme of ignorant bigotry and inconsistency, to say the least, for grand-standing Protestants to criticize and lambast the Roman Catholics for having these useful institutions? Their hospitals, homes and various houses of refuge, imperfect as they are and lacking many essentials, according to our Protestant ideals, were built primarily for the benefit of Catholics but are used by all alike. Until we have better and non-sectarian institutions, we should keep our mouths shut, for shame.

We Protestants are to blame for our evasion of duty, for our criminal neglect of defenseless children, for our failure to use intelligently the power of numbers in establishing the needed institutions. The intelligent Klansman has nothing but contempt for the ignorant and silly ass who gets up on his hind legs at every opportunity and howls anathema at "the Pope" because his church is united and powerful and is making progress through the social service institutions which are necessarily used by the Protestants. Quit roaring at "the Pope" and get busy, or he will keep us forever inhaling his dust.

Throughout the last year, in and around Portland, three hundred or more Protestant children were cared for in Roman Catholic institutions! That fact should be enough to shut any bigot's mouth, however brainless he may be.

This is straight talk. What are you going to do about it? Jaw-wagging won't do any good. This great movement for Protestant solidarity cannot be promoted by brainless boobs. We have the leadership inside the Klan and we are going to use it. We are going to have less yawp and more constructive work all along the line. The Klansmen demand intelligent and steady effort to achieve definite and commendable ends—not for self but for others. They abhor jaw-waggers, the Pope-baiters, the "nigger"-haters and the Jew chasers. The Klansmen, especially those of Oregon, having a splendid leadership within their own ranks, are undertaking a great program of constructive achievement, and will not be diverted by the hue and cry about minor and non-essential issues.

For the whole of the last year Mrs. Ada Unruh of Portland and other devoted souls have been striving to awaken the Protestant people to a realization of the need of an adequate children's farm home, established upon a non-sectarian basis. The Klan approved at once and gave initial help. The W. C. T. U. took up the noble cause. The State legislature appropriated \$25,000. The site for the institution was obtained long ago. The property includes 245 acres of land—some of the best in Oregon—one-third upland, one-third bottom and the rest in pasture and timber. It is a fine farm, equipped as such, ready for use, located three and a half miles north and east of Corvallis on the Benton county side of the river.

Due to the heroic efforts of Mrs. Unruh, the promotion of the enterprise is being continued with a spirit that wins success. Two buildings are going up and will be completed and ready for occupancy before the first of July. These will provide homes for about forty children. Ground is laid out for sixteen cottages and there is ample space for twenty or more, as resources allow. The need is imperative and the Protestant people alone, if united in good work, could develop this noble enterprise into a million-dollar institution.

The Klansmen, under the State leadership of Mr. Fred L. Gifford, are now planning ways and means of giving proper support to this splendid cause, with a view to providing funds for building a double Klan Cottage—a home for twenty boys and twenty girls. This is the least that should be done, they declare. If the Masons will build a double cottage, likewise the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Orangemen and other fraternities—one double cottage each—with funds easily raised by unified effort, this great institutional work will be done, the victory achieved, the promotion ended at the angle of repose. The angels in heaven then will rejoice. This consummation will wipe out in part the stigma of Protestant guilt for gross neglect of duty, which has imposed agonies of needless suffering upon the innocent and the defenseless.

Persons wishing to contribute to the Children's Farm Home should remit to Mrs. Ada Unruh, Financial Secretary, 615 Stock Exchange, Portland, Telephone Main 0227. The Treasurer of the Home enterprise, is Mr. Herman Hirschberg of Independence, Ore., a popular and big-hearted Jewish banker, whose assigned position in this social service enterprise is an attest of its non-sectarian character.

The aim is to provide proper home care and training for all the dependent and deficient children of Oregon, now being handled inadequately at the rate of about 2500 a year.

Further delay in this matter would be unpardonable. It is the cry of needy children; it shall be heard. Action must follow. Results must come. The Klansmen invite and insist upon co-operation with all other Protestant fraternal bodies. Are any of these and their individual members so callous of heart, so selfish and indifferent, as to merit the terrible rebuke of the Master?—"Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of these, my little ones, ye did it not unto me."

KLANITORIAL

By N. S. Sedantha

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THE Ku Klux Klan does not need and will not tolerate a czar. It does not need an outstanding "hero" or dominating figure. It is a fraternal order, of, by and for its members, and the idea of one man controlling a large part of the country, or aspiring to do such, is repugnant to the very essence of Klan principles.

When Dr. Evans, the Imperial Wizard, goes out of office, he will become again a plain Klansman just like the rest of us. He does not aspire to be a dominating factor. He wants every Klansman to be on the same plane, and on the same plane they will be as long as he is Imperial Wizard.

LAST week I observed that "there is a dark cloud rising for the Klan and it is coming from Columbus." I meant that the threat of domination by "The Old Man, Himself," so-called, is a threat against the sovereignty of the Klansman Himself. This man aspires to set himself up as a mentor for all Klansmen and is seeking to spread his petty authority to all parts of the Nation.

Klansmen will repel this assault on their integrity. The men who have had the hardihood to become Klansmen in the face of terrific opposition and persecution will not tamely submit to being made vassals by a jackal who would subvert the most noble Order of all time to gratify his own personal vanity for power.

I HAVE no desire to banish Mr. Stephenson from the Ku Klux Klan, but I do call on all Klansmen to join me in protesting to the Imperial Wizard against this assumption of authority which lies with the Imperial Wizard alone and which even he cannot delegate.

The Klansmen last fall elected Dr. Evans as Imperial Wizard. That election has been confirmed as legal by the courts of Georgia under whose laws the Order is incorporated. There was nothing done at that Klansman that could be construed as electing Mr. Stephenson to any office that would warrant the assumption of such authority. Authority, such as he has assumed, belong to the Klansmen at large. It is theirs and theirs only to delegate to whom they choose. They chose to delegate it to Dr. Evans and he is not unmindful of that trust, and I, for one, do not believe he has delegated it to Stephenson or anyone else. The best way to begin placing Mr. Stephenson where he belongs is to ignore these "orders" of his. When you get one, Mr. Kleagle, or Mr. Cyclops, tear it up and throw it away. Your headquarters is in Atlanta, and that is the only place, besides your own Klan, where you get orders. Columbus means but little in this great Nation.

BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU SENT THE EDITOR THE PRICE OF A SUBSCRIPTION YET? THE POSTOFFICE HAS NOT GRANTED FREE POSTAGE.

I UNDERSTAND Tommie Dixon, Jr., is trying to sell stock in a moving picture concern that is trying to produce a picture based on his story "The Traitor." Dixon also wrote "The Klansman," a story woven about a few incidents of the Ku Klux Klan. Recently, Mr. Dixon, on a public platform, denounced the Klan as a fraud and a fake. His main reason was that what he said was "so" because he said so.

I am somewhat of a student of the history of the Ku Klux Klan myself and I can find no record of where Thomas Dixon, Jr., has been appointed the official guardian of the traditions of the Klan, or that it was left in trust to him by General Nathan Bedford Forrest, who founded it.

Klansmen should go slow in subscribing to this stock, promoted by a man who would kill the Order, if he could, and who fondly thought that when he spoke, the Klan would go a-sizzling out into the Great Beyond.

Alfred C. Fuller, president of the Fuller Brush Company, says Klansmen are "fools and radicals." I may be a fool and a radical but I don't like to be called one. Consequently, when I go home tonight I will chuck the Fuller brush I bought from a peddler out of the window, and I might be tempted to chuck the Fuller peddler out of the same window when he comes around again.