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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.

KLAN UPHOLDS THE LAW

Every Klansman has assumed a binding oath to "help, aid and assist at all times, and in all places, the duly constituted officers of the law, in the proper performance of their legal duties." The Constitution of this Order says in part: "The objects of this Order shall be, to aid and assist in the execution of all constitutional laws, and to preserve the honor and dignity of the State by opposing tyranny, in any and every form or degree, from any and every source whatsoever, by a fearless and faithful administration of justice "Through Due Process of Law." No Klan will take or attempt to take the law into its own hands, at any time or for any purpose.

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
Realm of Oregon.

NEGATIVES RARE IN THE KLAN

In every large lodge there are numbers of peevish persons, who, actuated by negative qualities, to their own hurt, constantly suspect ulterior motives in the constructive work of others. As boys at school such persons were fond of tattling to teacher and of presenting her with posies and the big red apple. In lodge work the negative critic, when found in numbers, reminds one of a cow's tail matted and heavy with cockle-burrs; she knocks herself down every time she swings at the flies. Thank fortune, negative critics are rare in the Klan. Wherever found, in any lodge, they are as troublesome and as unwelcome as a cockle-burr in the hair.

OPPOSED TO SPECTACULAR PARADING

After advising with highly placed leaders, and considering all sides of the proposition, a great majority of the Portland Klansmen were found to be opposed to the idea of a spectacular parade in regalia. Fear had nothing to do with this decision, for fear is a negative quality entirely minus in the average Klansman. Fear of all kinds withers and dies under the training which a Klansman must undergo.

The mass parade idea is taboo in Portland, for reasons which are based upon legal authority, in the first place, and respectful consideration of the rights and feelings of others who are not members of or in sympathy with the Klan, who perhaps might not understand the good nature and amiable motives of the paraders.

Outdoor ceremonials, upon reserved ground, will be held from

time to time, of course, because no hall is large enough to accommodate some of the initiation meetings and because the outdoor weather is favorable to comfort.

Another reason for vetoing the parade idea is that there are so many thousands of Klansmen in and around Portland that their mobilization would require careful prearrangement and organized effort, causing inconvenience to many and possibly confusion, and the spectacle, while satisfying to the curious multitude, thrilling and enjoyable, would not be worth the expense and the effort.

KLAN TO GIVE MILLIONS FOR EDUCATION

Militant Protestantism has won a signal victory at Rome. Read this dispatch: "A large university of the American Methodist Episcopal Church soon will begin pushing itself into the skyline of Monte Mario, the eighth and highest hill of Rome. It will tower far above the majestic dome of St. Peter's and the Vatican, which lie almost directly at its base. It will be the most conspicuous group of buildings in the Eternal City."

American Protestantism now challenges the Roman hierarchy at its central citadel. Every influence was used vainly by the Pope to prevent the establishment of the Methodist college, which will make a specialty of educating young men, to be Protestant leaders for Italy and Southern Europe. The Freemasons of Italy loyally have supported the enterprise, while Mussolini, the black-shirted Fascist Premier, who also is a "Thirty-third degree" Mason of the Italian variety, has been co-operating with the papal party. Mussolini's newspaper, Popolo d'Italia, says: "The Italian government asks the Roman people if they know how to stop the carrying out of the indecent program of the Methodists."

That is a tremendous "IF." If the Italian government should dislodge the Methodists from Rome, at the dictation of the Pope, the Protestants of America immediately would make reprisals that easily might cause the papal throne to totter and the political hierarchy to fall in everlasting ruin. If Premier Mussolini and his master the Pope know which side their bread is buttered on, they will avoid extreme measures in dealing with the Methodists, who are a power of first magnitude in America.

Several weeks ago Portland-Klan No. 1 unanimously adopted a resolution proposing that the Imperial Wizard be requested to obtain a donation of one dollar a year from every Klansman, to be contributed annually, for a period of five years, to the building and maintenance fund of the Protestant university on Monte Mario. This support would assure speedy development. Came immediately afterward from the highest Methodist authorities to the editor of The WESTERN AMERICAN letters expressing grateful thanks for the constructive interest of the Portland Klan. It is probable that the \$1 per capita per annum donation will be approved and made a reality at the convention of the Klan officials in June. This will be the greatest conceivable way of promoting internationally the cause of Protestantism, and at the same time gain a magnificent advertisement of the constructive principles and purpose of the Klan.

Every true Klansman gladly will give a dollar a year to this noble cause, and the dollar thus invested will return cumulative dividends beyond estimation.

All true Protestants will rejoice in the opportunity to support the proposition, for it is non-sectarian and from every viewpoint noble and practicable.

Every Klansman will be willing to save nickels and pennies to the amount of one dollar, and the annual donation thus obtained probably will run into millions without imposing the slightest hardship upon anyone.

It is by the practical and prompt use of the power of numbers, through fraternal unity and co-operation, that the Klan can become the mightiest power for good.

GOOD EXAMPLE IN LOYALTY

Roman Catholics generally set a good example in loyalty. This story illustrates it: Old Pat lay dying of the "flu," which the doctor diagnosed as the Spanish influenza. The sufferer's wife said: "Pat, old dear, the doctor says ye are goin' West within forty-eight hours. It's the Spanish flu, and ye are havin'. Let me sind for Father O'Hara now." "Nix!" said Pat, "niveir do ye sind for the blessed Father, but bring me the Methody minister from across the strate." The wife held up her hands in horror. "A Methody minister, Pat! Ye can't mane it? 'Tis only a priest can see ye safely out." "Ah, I know," said Pat, resignedly, "but do ye suppose I want to give the Spanish fluency to His Riverence?"

Two Funerals Ensued.—One day last week, says a dispatch to The Western American, Isaac Cohen drove his tin lizzie through a funeral procession of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The dispatch added: "He would have been 39 years old on his next birthday." That reminds us of an incident occurring in Nashville, Tenn. A courtly Southerner, in a crowded car, got up to give his seat to a lady with a baby. A low-browed stranger promptly dropped into the seat. The newspaper report gave no details, except to state that "the remains were shipped to Chicago."

PITY THE BENIGHTED BIGOTIST

From a Catholic source this saying is taken: "When you attack others, you speak to thousands of eager ears; when you defend others, few care to listen."

In reply to the document in which this was found, our Catholic neighbors are assured that the Klan consistently has refused to employ or support the professional defamers of whom they complain. It was apparent to the Klansmen generally that the said defamers were out for the coin; that they were animated by the base motive of cupidity, and that their claims were largely hum-

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.

bug. The same attitude acquits the "Four R's" and the Ladies of the Invisible Empire from any degree of complicity in the propaganda of profiteers.

The Catholics are well able to defend themselves and it is not our purpose or inclination to do it, but the Klansman wants every Catholic to know that we are promoting no war upon anyone's religion, but take issue only with what we rightly term Political Romanism. Persons who go beyond this limit are not acting or thinking as Klansmen, but belong to a large class, now being diminished by experience and education, for which we will coin a categorical name—the Benighted Bigotist—composed of ignorant, narrow-minded and prejudiced bigots, with beams in their eyes as big as Oregon saw-logs, but able, they foolishly imagine, to see the moles in the eyes of their brethren.

Let the Romans take care of their own Bigotist, and the Klansmen will do the same; and, above all, let's try to be big, broad-gauge Americans, devoted exclusively to the Constitution and the Flag.

VOICE OF AMERICA.

"God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands!
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor, men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatterings without winking;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking;
For while the rabble with their thumb-worn creeds,
Their large professions and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife; Lo, Freedom weeps!
Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps!"

TO THE LONG-TAILED RAT

Thou hard-hearted and selfish, unklannish employer, read this warning and ponder:

The next thing that probably may happen to you, for labor-skinning—meaning starvation wages and long hours, including Sunday—will be a front-page advertisement of your un-American crime against labor, adorned, if possible, with a picture of your ugly "mug."

You are not a Klansman, who employs a Klansman at starvation wages and requires him to work more than eight hours a day, including Sunday.

Get this now, thou rat-brained labor-skinner, thou miller of human souls and bodies: The Klan will not harbor the selfish varmint—meaning vermin—that exacts the last ounce of energy and the last drop of sweat from the worthy and honest laborer and grinds him or her down to the last miserable penny, thus coining profits for the heartless employer out of the misfortune of the worker, who toils in order to live. We have several alleged labor-skinners under the Eye of Scrutiny, and if reports of their rapacity and selfishness prove true, we will tan their dirty hides until they howl for mercy.

The Klansmen are not a bunch of scabs, but, to the contrary, they subscribe wholeheartedly to the humanities of the platform of the American Federation of Labor, especially referring to the eight-hour day, less hours in some trades, and to collective bargaining, equal pay for men and women doing the same kind of work, Sunday and holidays off, or double pay for overtime, and a fair wage for all workers, organized or unorganized.

No labor-skinner can hide himself in the Klan, nor use Klan prestige and protection in any manner. The Klan is, in fact, a mighty organization of American working men, bound together for mutual benefit and protection, determined to uphold the American standard of living, and it has a far more effective method of dealing with labor-skinners than have the labor unions and their Federation.

Many employers in Portland, including a few who falsely call themselves Klansmen, but who are not worthy of recognition as such, are grinding down labor to the very last notch. Why don't they employ Asiatics—ten cents a day and a bowl of rice? Some of them would, if they dared.

No man can be a Klansman and a long-tailed rat.

BE PREPARED, O AMERICA!

What is the meaning of the sudden alarm in England and America, which finds expression in anxious surveys of the national means of defense? We know, but this is no time for detailed discussion of it.

America must be prepared, for forfeit peace and liberty; and it behooves us to maintain the closest possible friendship with Great Britain.

The great test of the white race is coming swiftly. It must be united, at least in sympathy. The Americans and the British will do the fighting. The white man's civilization is at stake. The safety of the Nation is involved. The Pacific must be made safe and the honor of America must be upheld at any cost.

We are not alarmists, but know whereof we speak, having studied conditions, close up, in the Far East and the Orient.

When the test comes, all America will thank God for the Klan. It will serve the people as never any Order served before.

Now, consider this fact: All history warns us that when the economic interests of two great powers converge sharply in a crisis, aggravated by racial dislike, the result is always WAR. That crisis is coming, and soon.

Now is the time for every patriot to watch the press dispatches and study events, and to stand by the President in the upbuilding of our army, navy and merchant marine.

PECULIAR OBJECTS OF THE KLAN.

The Klan is an institution of chivalry, humanity, justice and patriotism; embodying in its genius and principles all that is chivalric in conduct, noble in sentiment, generous in manhood, and patriotic in purpose. Its peculiar objects are:

First, to protect the weak, the innocent and the defenseless from indignities, wrongs and outrages of the lawless, the violent and the brutal; to relieve the injured and the oppressed; to succor the suffering and unfortunate, especially widows and orphans.

Second, to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, and all laws passed in conformity thereto, and to protect the States and the people thereof from all invasion of their rights from any source whatsoever.

Third, to aid and assist in the execution of all constitutional laws, and to preserve the honor and dignity of the State by opposing tyranny in any and every form and degree, from any and every source whatsoever, by a fearless and faithful administration of justice through due process of law; and to meet promptly and properly every behest of Duty without fear and without reproach.

KLANITORIAL

By N. S. Sedanthar

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THE legislature of New York has decided to put the Klan out of business. It has passed a law against the Klan, compelling it to file a list of its members, with all the secret work, with the secretary of state. That this law does not apply to other secret orders renders it one of the most flagrant pieces of class legislation ever passed in a free country.

It is the very essence of a Papal bull, and no doubt, was written on the banks of the Tiber itself. The law will be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States before it will be complied with, if it is not set aside long before it ever gets there. Great principles rest on the outcome of this litigation.

That this law should stand, the legislature might pass a law declaring the Baptist church to be a menace to the community. It might bar from the state the United States mail, or forbid the President visiting it. Class legislation, once started, knows no bounds and has no limits. The very bulwark of the nation rests on the absence of class legislation.

They will not find the Klan an easy victim. It is one organization that will not sit supinely back and be persecuted. Klansmen, wherever they are, and whoever they may be, will rise and fight. They did it yesterday, they are doing it today, and they will do it tomorrow.

This headline in a newspaper greeted me this week: "Strange Animal Life in Kansas Aeon's Ago." I wondered why the headline writer picked aeon's ago to use in connection with strange animal life there, when Henry Jaw Allon and "Me" White still survive?

Catholic charities are getting quite a jolt in Rhode Island. A bill has passed the Senate looting off their grave from the state treasury. I have no kick against Catholic charities. They do a wonderful work, for a purpose, of course, but they do it just the same. But where they make their big mistake is that they crowd other charities from the pork barrel. They didn't want Protestant charities to get in, so the Senators decided to choke them all off. The Plantation state is painfully small, but it does things in a big way.

I HAVE an idea: Every week I see dozens of little items about where some Klan has visited a minister in its own bailwick and has given him anywhere from \$10 to \$100. That's fine. Does the Klan lots of good and does the preacher more to get it.

But listen: These small debts don't go very far. They are soon spent and the need for more money is as great as before, and the Klan can't keep on giving that way every week and every month. It would bleed them dry. So let's put these little testimonials to some great big national practical and lasting use.

LET'S lump all that money into a vast national fund for some great big wonderful work, like endowing a university, or a hospital, although I think a university would be better, for everybody could take advantage of it. In the case of a hospital only the immediate locality could benefit.

Let's appoint or elect a trustee, preferably a bank, and put all that gift money into it for a year and let it grow. Then let's all have a meeting, everybody that put something into it, and decide what we are going to do with it. Come to Washington for that meeting. We'd be awfully glad to see you and we'd treat you fine. But that's a detail. The thing now is to start that fund and to get some more ideas about what to do with this money.

YOU write me a letter, Mr. Klansman, and let me know what you think. Just address it to N. S. Sedanthar, care this newspaper, and the editor will forward it right to me. Try to think of something that would be national in scope so the whole country could profit by it. I may have a new suggestion as to what to do with it next week. I believe the ministers who have been getting this money will be glad to forgo it if assured something bigger will be done with it. I'd like to hear from them, too.