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"NOT FOR SELF, BUT FOR OTHERS"

REPLY TO OUR BELOVED CHIEFTAIN.

Answering the Imperial Wizard's invitation to all Klansmen to make suggestions of constructive policies for the furtherance of the Klan's principles and purposes, The Western American respectfully would state that its files will show a multiplicity of ideas and suggestions, many of which already have become realities, and now submits the following:

- 1—A donation of one dollar a year for five years by every Klansman for the creation of a fund with which to establish The University of America, under Protestant management, for the higher education of all young white men, regardless of religious belief.
- 2—A donation of fifty cents a year by every Klansman for a period of five years as the Klan's contribution to the Methodist College for Boys on Monte Mario at Rome.
- 3—The organization of a ten-million-dollar stock company, owned exclusively by Klansmen, Masons and other Protestant fraternity men, for the establishment of daily newspapers at centers of population throughout the country.
- 4—Promotion of a motion picture producing corporation, which also shall establish and maintain one first-class cinema theatre in every city and town of importance in America.
- 5—Promotion of a Beneficiary Degree to provide emergency relief and insurance for Klansmen.
- 6—An inspection tour by the Imperial Wizard once a year, visiting the Klan centers in every Realm.
- 7—Establishment of a first-class publicity bureau at Washington, D. C., for the dissemination of authoritative Klan news to the press of the country and to provide the Klan press with a news service, thus to overcome falsehood with truth and to inform all America of the principles, purposes and activities of the Klan.
- 8—Establishment of the permanent Imperial headquarters at Denver, Colorado, to facilitate the national work and for other obvious reasons.
- 9—Adoption of a policy of pitiless publicity in defense of the Klan in every case of a Klansman banished for treason to the Order.
- 10—Establishment of the Knights of the Junior Order of the Invisible Empire, for Protestant boys between ages 13 and 18.
- 11—Promotion of a movement in every Realm for the establishment of a Home for the Aged, both men and women—Klansmen and their wives or widows.
- 12—Promotion of a university extension system, or correspondence school, teaching the various essential courses, using every Klan as a class and dissemination center.

LET'S INSURE AGAINST SUFFERING.

Answering the insistent demand among the Oregon Klansmen for some form of mutual insurance for the immediate financial relief of Klansmen's families in the event of a member's death, for continuing relief in case of accident disability, and for temporary assistance during involuntary unemployment, we would suggest a beneficiary degree, to be inaugurated by each Klan desiring it, adopting a simple and safe plan which can be understood thoroughly, without any element of chance or profit-making for anyone.

The beneficiary degree can be established, under official supervision, by the adoption of the necessary bylaws, without additional operating expense. A fee of about \$2.50 should be charged to join this degree, and when a beneficiary member dies, his wife, or other beneficiary should receive immediately one-half of the principal held in trust, or an amount equal to one dollar from each beneficiary degree Klansman up to a fixed maximum. Each beneficiary degree member then should be assessed to replenish the beneficiary fund.

From the beneficiary fund, after it had reached the requisite amount, loans of \$20 to \$500 could be made under conditions of safety without impairing the availability of the fund, and benefits during involuntary unemployment, caused by accident, illness or misfortune, could be paid.

The Women of the Ku Klux Klan can provide the same system. These merely are suggestions of easily practicable ways and means of filling a long-felt and serious need. A similar plan has been adopted by Chattanooga Klan No. 4, Realm of Tennessee, and the results are reported to be most gratifying. With its great and active membership Portland Klan No. 1, and many other Oregon Klans, easily can establish the beneficiary degree, and there's plenty of talent and loyalty to make it a financial success. Wealthy as these Klans are, so potentially powerful in

numbers and spirit of achievement, it is absurd and unnecessary for any member to be in need of relief and in distress during illness or involuntary unemployment, or for any member's family to be embarrassed by lack of funds after his death.

The Klansmen of Portland easily can establish a mutual savings fund whereby every member would be safe at all times from the fear of distress and suffering through poverty. Grand Dragon Fred L. Gifford worked out a plan some time ago—something including the above suggestions—and on his return from the East, in a few days, undoubtedly will perfect the proposal and give it the necessary life and impetus.

If you are in favor of this idea, Klansmen, don't whisper it to yourself, but tell the Exalted Cyclops about it, and urge ACTION. It is easy for creative minds to plan and propose, easy to resolve and applaud suggestions, but without executive action the best laid plans will fail and be forgotten. In the Oregon Klan, already famous for great achievements under the matchless leadership of Mr. Gifford, the rule is to suit the word to action and action to the word. Get busy and DO SOMETHING for mutual benefit—not for self but for others.

KNOWEST THOU THE MORMONS?

Do the Mormons place the authority of their church above that of the State?

The editor is asked, insistently, to answer this question. Speaking for himself, not officially for the Klan, he will say that, in his opinion, based upon personal experience, information and belief, they do not place the authority of their church above that of the State; furthermore, that the Mormons in general, in communities where they predominate, such as Ogden and Salt Lake, are fine, patriotic American citizens, good and kindly neighbors, self-sacrificing in civic promotion work, co-operating with non-Mormons for the common good, often electing Gentiles to political positions of power and trust. Above all, Jesus Christ is their criterion of character, not Brigham Young. They are wondrous kind to the stranger, helpful and hospitable.

The element of fanaticism, which "hath no stopping-place short of heaven or of hell," runs all through the religious activities of the Mormon church, of course, but it is a benevolent fanaticism, aiming at the fruition of visions and dreams and the consummation of ideals which to the blind eye of Faith seem reasonable and certain. They have revelations; indeed they do. It is a Faith, however, born of "listening love, which hears the rustle of a wing." As such it is to be respected; moreover, don't blame the latter-day Mormons for the existence of their hierarchy, for the blood of their martyrs was the seed of the church. The hierarchy, by the way, is altogether American. Their support of it, at all costs, is the subconscious effect of thought and experience quite beyond all human control.

It is a pity, a common regret, that Klansmen cannot co-operate with each other as efficiently as the Mormons do; they excel even the Catholics and Jews in this respect.

On Tuesday a female traveling lecturer visited the editor, soliciting publicity for a series of meetings which she desired to hold, at which, she said, attired in her "Temple robes," she would tell the listening multitudes all about the "horrors" of the Mormon church. She declared that the Mormons and the Catholics are leagued together against America; that she was an ex-Mormon, but bound to the Mormon people by every tie of birth, family, and affection; and she was traveling around denouncing their church for pay. The lady replied curtly to several searching questions, but was mum when bluntly informed of what the Editor personally knew of the Mormon people. She soon gathered the impression that she had come to the wrong shop; that we were "fed up" on profiteering "ex-sisters" of every kind, especially the type that gads about in "Temple robes," at so much per gad. "No use talking with YOU," she said, and flounced out. And the sister was right, ab-so-TIVELY! We are off of that breed for life. The Klansmen are not boosting that kind of publicity; not with the help of The Western American, which dares to print the Truth without fear or favor, and which calls its soul its own. (A certain Loud Talker has said, said he, that he would give us a jolly good beaten" if we printed anything like this. Poor goof, he hates the Mormons—poisons himself with it and would poison others. Here it is, old-bully—cold turkey! It is part of this job to get "beat up"—not for self but for others.

NATIVE BORN

For the first time in a coon's age we get a genuine kick out of the Portland News, in the beautiful poem, reprinted below, by Berton Braley. The sentiment of that poem makes us feel more jaded than we've felt since we kissed Black Mammy good-bye some thirty years ago—God bless her! Cut it out and paste it in your scrapbook:

Now I haven't a kick at the foreign strain
That's helped to settle our broad domain,
The roads at times are a trifle rotten,
Away down here in the land of cotton
And some of the villages might be bettered
And lots of the people are quite unlettered,
And their clothes, at seasons, are badly worn,
But the folks, God Bless 'Em, are Native Born!

Spartansburg, S. C.

But nevertheless it's here confessed
I like American natives best;
I know their feelings, as they know mine,
For we all are built on the same design.

It's nice to know, when you chance to greet
A fellow citizen on the street,
That he will not waggle his head and say,
"No spik de English," and turn away,
But will smile and answer you, old or young,
In the tangy words of your native tongue,
It makes a stranger feel less forlorn
To chatter awhile with the native born.

South of the Mason and Dixon line
In the land of waffles and southern pine,
They mostly spring from the self-same sod
That their dads and their dad's granddaddies trod,
And I may be narrow and due for scorn,
But I sure am strong for the Native Born!
—Berton Braley.

RAILROAD WORKERS DECEIVED

Mr. Raymond Lonergan, who regularly contributes a column to "LABOR," the official weekly newspaper of the railroad labor unions, published at Washington, D. C., launched the expected attack upon Major-General Leonard Wood, Governor-General of the Philippines, in the May 19 issue of that excellent journal. He declares that the General is subservient to the big international bankers, who, having invested in the industries of the Philippines, want all their products to enter the United States free of duty; that "the moment the Filipinos set up a government of their own, our tariff wall will begin to work and the international bankers will lose millions in revenue every year."

Nonsense! If the said bankers are as powerful as Mr. Lonergan imagines them to be, they easily could fix the tariff to suit themselves.

Anyone who has visited the Philippines, as the writer did in the summer of 1919, impartially studying the people and conditions, will come inevitably to these conclusions: (1) That the Filipinos are not yet ready for independence; (2) that the United States needs the Philippines to safeguard its interests in the Far East.

The writer arrived in Manila with the same silly idea that Mr. Lonergan holds, but the preconceived belief that the Filipinos are ready for complete self-government, and that possible war with Japan is a mere bugaboo, soon was reversed by first-hand knowledge of actual conditions. Manuel Quezon, the Filipino leader who is lauded by "LABOR" as a liberator, is the person really identified with the exploiting interests which are intent upon "high grading" the resources of the islands, and every fair-minded observer who has studied conditions, on the ground, will back up this statement as the truth. The Americans, by heroic service and at huge expense, are maintaining and extending the white man's civilization throughout the islands, and chaos would come soon if they were withdrawn. The Philippines is America's rightful share of the White Man's Burden in the Orient, and Japan is waiting, like a great beast of prey, for America to lay this burden down. It will never happen. The million-dollar slush fund now being spent in the States by Quezon and company may cause quite a stir in the press, but propaganda cannot change the trend of events and the economic necessity of holding the Philippines.

No man has done more for the Filipinos than General Wood, and the facts will prove this statement in the next few months. It is absurd for anyone authoritatively to discuss this question who has not personally visited the far-away islands, and it is unfair and preposterous to charge General Wood with "despicable" tyranny without knowing all the facts from the American viewpoint. Patriotic loyalty should forbid such unfairness.

"LABOR," whose policy is dictated by six men, selected from sixteen railroad unions, also is promoting the folly of public ownership of the railroads as "the only solution." In this they are indeed blind leaders of the blind, for that way lies the road to national ruin. It is a pity that the railroad unions leaders should be so unreasonable as to commit their followers to such folly. The railroad workers are a fine, patriotic and substantial group of good Americans, taken as a whole, and their common sense, after awhile, will convince them that no "bunch of politicians" ever will be able to operate the railroads. The attempt would mean industrial chaos. It is significant that all the countries of Europe which were "liberated" by the war now are striving strenuously to give away their nationally owned railroads to capitalists of any group who will undertake to relieve the state of the unbearable burden of public ownership and guarantee to keep the lines in operation. This includes Germany.

Before the railroad workers are led further into the public ownership folly, they should make an impartial survey of railroad conditions in every country, and then compare the results with the American system. The result would make them the strongest opponents of the public ownership idea. They should obtain and study the facts and cease to be the thoughtless victims of designing demagogues and rattle-brained "economists."

LEST WE FORGET—LEST WE FORGET.

Oh, what has become of the Committee of Ten?
We haven't heard from 'em in the Lord knows when.
Are they waiting for the interest on their Fund to grow,
So that they can "divvy" it thus-and-so?
'Tis a sad, sad thought and a downright pity,
That we should forget that wonderful Committee.
Now in all good faith and with the best of wishes,
We must ask Colonel Gilbert how about those DISHES?
'Twas a Hundred and Four Dollars and FIFTEEN CENTS,
For the use of church crockery at great expense.
Come through with a statement, O Committee of Ten,
With the help of your Parson—hooray, and Amen!
We feel another spasm coming on—gimme room!—
Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn—
See if you can wake in the early morn
The Committee of Ten, asleep at the switch—
Preacher broke some dishes, whole bunch in the ditch.
Daily meetings before were held with glee,
Now not a thing can one hear or see.
Come, Little Boy Blue, blow your horn ahead,
Let's have the funeral and bury the dead.

TOTAL DEPRAVITY is the only possible diagnosis of The Portland Telegram, which persists in publishing atrocious lies and slanders about the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. It declares in a leading editorial, for example, that "the Order is now outlawed in most of the Northern States."

With all due consideration for the managing editor of The Telegram, who is only a hired man, the editor of The Western American strikes over his head at the infernal scoundrel who is responsible for the policy of the wretched "rag" and says this: that the charge is an infamous and cowardly lie, and that the maker of it is an infamous and cowardly liar. A man who will take this in the public prints will steal sheep, burn his neighbor's barn, or commit any crime of total depravity. An editor who will fully lies and slanders, for the purpose of destroying good reputation and stirring up trouble between neighbors, ought to be driven out of the profession and sent to the penitentiary.

ASTORIANS, VOTE! AND PUT LAUGHLIN AND HOOVER OVER

Two Ideal Candidates Are Named for the School Board Full Terms.

Every good citizen of Astoria is urged to turn out and vote at the school election to be held next Monday, June 18.

Of the five candidates in the field, C. H. Hoover and A. W. Laughlin have received the endorsement of the Oregon Good Government League and they are entitled to the support of every citizen of Astoria who is interested in the improvement and development of Astoria, public schools.

Both Mr. Hoover and Mr. Laughlin will have children in school in Astoria during the coming school year and both are interested vitally in clean morals. Both men are active church members, MASONS and members of various other fraternal and civic organizations.

While both C. H. Hoover and A. W. Laughlin are not Klansmen, they are mighty good Americans and know how to build up the public school system, and are entitled to the unqualified support of every good citizen in Astoria.

Mr. Hoover, who resides with his family at Fourth and Grand avenue, needs no introduction to the people of Astoria. Besides having a host of friends in the various organizations to which he belongs, he is widely known in business circles as an honest, broadminded, capable man who strives always for the betterment of the community. Mr. Hoover is engaged in the lumber industry of Clatsop county. This is his first try for any public office, although he has lived in Astoria many years and often has been urged to run.

A. W. Laughlin, who resides at Sixth and Grand avenue, is the popular manager of the Lower Columbia Co-operative Creamery, having moved his family to Astoria when he was elected to that position about one and one-half years ago. Before coming to Astoria, Mr. Laughlin was a member of the school board at Shanikawac, Wash., and his previous experience of this work makes him an ideal candidate for the position of Astoria school director. Mr. Laughlin has made an enviable record in his own business, is highly capable, and has an intelligent, comprehensive method of performing any task he undertakes. He has a large family of children in the Astoria schools and is interested intensely in the betterment of the greatest of the American institutions—the public school.

Remember, it is absolutely necessary to vote a straight ticket for the two men selected by the Oregon Good Government League, because, if a number would choose one and then not vote for the other, it might result in the defeat of both. Two are to be elected. Every real, red-blooded white man is urged to work actively for the election of C. H. Hoover and A. W. Laughlin.

YOUNGEST GRANDMA RECEIVES VISITOR

Mrs. Maybelle Jette, Mother Counselor of the Ladies of the Invisible Empire, who also has the distinction of being the youngest grandmother in the state of Oregon, welcomed a visit Tuesday by her baby grandson, Arthur LaVerne Feller, whom she introduced proudly to visitors at her offices, 407 Pittcock block, as a "born Klansman, and defender of the Protestant Cause." The youngster smiled and koo-kooed in a manner indicative of his pride of rank. His youthful parents declare the young Klansman is the champion of his age in the Realm of Oregon, a real Hundred Percenter. They are ardent advocates of a recent idea, for an order of Babies of the Invisible Empire—to promote better babies and more of them.

THREE ASTORIA MEN NOT MEMBERS OF KK

For the information of all concerned at Astoria, it is necessary to state upon authority that Messrs. O. C. Narvestad, Henry Filer, J. A. Buchanan and Walter T. Eakin have no connection whatever with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and that they have no knowledge of the affairs of this Order.