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"NOT FOR SELF, BUT FOR OTHERS"

PERMANENT POLICY OF THE KLAN PRESS.

For many years, working actively as editor, reporter, special writer and observer throughout America and a large part of the foreign world, the writer has held tenaciously the idea that it is unscientific folly to recognize evil or the negative qualities in any form. Through all these years, at intervals, he has tried to make others realize that the recognition of evil and resistance to it is folly, and that it defeats high purpose and constructive progress. It is apparent to every intelligent person that spiritual love is the greatest power in the universe—the love that finds expression in goodwill toward all men, everything and everybody; that contentment and success are impossible without some degree of harmony with the Infinite, and the greater the harmony, the greater the power and progress.

It is one thing to know the truth, in this difficult world, living among the warring elements of good and evil, however, and quite another to practice it in daily life.

We strive toward the ideal, but it is like walking—constant falling and constant recovery. The sole trouble is that we don't keep right with God. If we conscientiously determine to do what God wants us to do, and accept Jesus Christ as our guide, we cannot fail in any undertaking.

If the Ku Klux Klan, now great in numbers, is to achieve the vast good and reach the exalted goal upon which all hearts are fixed, it must have Christ as the Supreme Imperial Pilot.

The purpose in proclaiming this truth is to notify all concerned that The Western American hereafter is going to make a determined effort to live up to the ideal of the Fiery Cross. This means that there shall be no further recognition of evil in any form in the columns of this journal, and that every effort will be made to develop and encourage the good in all men. There shall not be another line of malignant criticism. When it does appear, the present editor's name will be off of the masthead and another man will sit at his desk. In making this decision the editor knows well the task it may involve, and he contritely accepts the responsibility for all the errors that have been made in recognizing evil, in this paper, for the fierce and relentless warfare and bitter criticism which erroneously were designed to expose treason, punish treachery, and halt the progress of evil. The motives were good, but the methods were un-Christian and unscientific.

Jesus Christ is the Klansman's criterion: The Western American is the official journal of the Klan; it must be made, therefore, as nearly ideal in purpose, contents and policy as human ingenuity and devotion can make it. Editing a paper for the approval of Christ, regardless of the pulls this way and that way, crushing the human propensity to lambast opponents, is a tough job even for a lefty-souled Christian, and many times more difficult for an ordinary, hard-boiled newspaper man.

No apologies are due to individuals who have suffered criticism in these columns; they deserved it and far more than they got—now there we go again—do you see how hard it is to write in the way that our Master would approve? An ideal journal, the kind we have in view, ought to have an angel for editor, with cherubim and seraphim to guard him, and sometimes Michael with his shining sword.

Nevertheless, and notwithstanding all these handicaps, The Western American is going to be as nearly true to the Christ ideal, in purpose, contents and policy, as it is humanly possible to make it. This is a dangerous experiment, of course, for the average man doesn't want kind of journal; even many of the Klansmen may kick, though they worship under the Fiery Cross and Christ is their criterion of character.

The divine principles upon which this decision is based are set forth in many books of the highest worth, besides the Holy Bible. Readers who want the details should obtain a remarkable book by Christian D. Larson, entitled "The Pathway of Roses," issued by The New Literature Publishing Company, Los Angeles, Cal., and obtainable in any public library. In this book, and in all such works, these truths and principles may be found:

When the individual mind is in such perfect harmony with the Supreme mind that the divine will can be given full and free expression, the will of the individual mind becomes invincible. The secret, therefore, of developing a powerful will is found herein, and here alone.

The true will is never domineering nor antagonistic; neither does it ever apply the force of resistance. If you are antagonistic, or have a tendency to resist everything that is not to your liking, it is proof conclusive that you are not in harmony with divine will. You are misdirecting your power, and are forming obstacles and pitfalls for yourself.

The divine will does not attempt to overcome evils and ob-

stacles with antagonistic or domineering forces. The divine will does not fight wrong; it transforms wrong. It works in silence and serenity, but goes so deeply into the elements of things that it undermines the very first causes of all adverse or detrimental conditions. It does not resist the surface, but goes calmly beneath the surface and transforms those undercurrents from which surface conditions proceed.

To live the life of God, think the thought of God, and with the will of God—that is the secret path to the highly developed individuality; and it is such an individuality that becomes a master mind, a son of the Most High. When the individual mind declares, "Thy will be done," consciousness must fully recognize the presence of Supreme power, and must realize, with depth of thought and feeling, that Supreme power invariably leads to higher ground—the world of freedom and superior existence.

The good that is inherent in others is infinitely greater than all their faults, shortcomings, or imperfections; therefore, we can readily forgive them for all of these. There is more in man than the undeveloped surface, and it is this MORE that we will recognize, love and admire. When anything goes wrong, we will not criticize or complain; we cannot criticize anyone without harming everybody concerned, ourselves included; nor can we think well of anyone without helping everybody concerned, ourselves included. And everybody wants the best to happen to everybody.

When we feel inclined to lambast some institution, or person, or group, recognized as inimical to our cause, we should remember this sage advice of Christian D. Larson:

"We should never try to eliminate evil. To resist evil, to give thought to evil, or to work against evil, is to give more life and power to the very thing which you wish to remove. Overcome evil with good, but do not array the good against the evil, thinking that overcoming implies resistance or warfare. To overcome is to rise out of, forgetting the lesser by giving the whole of life to the greater. The purpose of life is to grow eternally into the greater good. Aim to fulfill this purpose and evil of every description will disappear. THERE IS NO WRONG IN THE WORLD THAT DEMANDS OUR ATTENTION. The good alone deserves our attention, and when the good receives all our attention, evil cannot exist any more. Build for the right; inspire every soul with an irresistible desire for the right, and everything you do will add to the power that makes for freedom. Think of the good, speak of the good, work for the good, live for the good, and the good only, and your life will be a light wherein darkness can never be."

We may philosophize learnedly about the beauty of spiritual thought, but that will serve no purpose unless the truth that is contained in our spiritual thought is stamped upon every word we express. We all realize the power of words; whenever we speak we send a life-current through every part of the body; and if the words spoken are expressions of material belief, we give conditions of weakness to the body, and at times even disease. When we stamp every word, not with human thought, but with divine thought, every word will convey to the person the very spirit of life, power and wholeness. Through the power of speech a person can bring upon himself every wrong in the world; and through the same power he can bring upon himself every good in the world. Through the right use of words, uttered or unexpressed, a person can attain or obtain anything. Words are living forces; they create according to their nature, and they attract their kind. When we become as scrupulous about our words as we are about our clothes we shall become a superior race.

Our purpose will be to develop faith among the Klansmen—the kind that moves mountains—to transform hope into faith.

Every person in the world, whatever his present position may be; can begin today, and through the power of faith, work himself up into any attainment or realization he may have in mind. Whatever his goal, he can reach it, if he works in faith. This may seem to be a strong statement, but Jesus Christ declared it was so; and it is certainly high time that we begin to believe and practice the great truths this Master Mind proclaimed.

Like the tempest-tossed ship at sea, the Klan is often beset by the winds of adversity, which mercilessly rage around us, and like the sailors of old we sometimes fear lest we perish. There will be no fear and no peril, if we keep the Christ on board. Wherever we may be, wherever we may go, whatever we may do, we shall be safe and the haven assured, if Christ, the Master, is with us. He will answer at our call, and the winds and the waves will obey.

We have found a perfect remedy for fear, because he who knows that Christ is always in the ship will fear nothing. To him no ill can come whatever. Though the approaching storm may sweep everything before it, its fury will be dissipated into nothing when it comes to the ship where the Christ is awake. But the Christ is in every ship, and He will come forth in every ship and utterly put to naught the impending danger. Whatever our position in life may be, or whatever we may be called upon to do, when we know that the Christ is with us we may proceed calmly, peacefully and serenely in the full conviction that nothing but good will come. There will be nothing to fear. The turning of the tide may sometimes be delayed, even until the eleventh hour, but the turn will come without fail. We must go to the Christ first; then He will come to us and answer our prayer, whatever that prayer may be. We must place ourselves in touch with Supreme power first; then that power will come with us; and when Supreme power is with us we have nothing to fear. When the power of the Supreme is on our side, all things will be on our side; and God will be with us the very moment we choose to be with God.

The Klan has great purposes to carry through; a sublime mission to achieve. It must keep right with God. Christ must be the Supreme Imperial Pilot. Otherwise, we shall fail and meet disaster. We must cease giving recognition to evil, and cease warfare upon the resistance to evil. We must concentrate all of our energies upon the doing of good, promoting the great constructive ideas which are awaiting executive action; centering all thought and all effort upon convincing the world, by our works, that the Klan is a mighty force for good, with Christ as the Supreme Imperial Pilot. We must keep too busy proving by works the goodness and benefits of the Klan, to spare any time for the contemplation of evil. In the true light of the Fiery Cross, darkness cannot be, and evil will disappear when we establish the good.

A POSER FOR GOVERNOR PIERCE.

When Governor Pierce, State Lecturer of the Modern Woodmen of America, or anyone else, solicits you to join a fraternal insurance society, ask him this question: Are your available assets one hundred per cent of the required reserve? In the case of the Modern Woodmen of America, according to the last available figures, they had eight and four-tenths cents for every dollar of the required reserve, or \$8.40 for every \$100 of assets they should have had on hand. This evidently means that the Modern Woodmen and many other fraternal societies will have to provide for the future by making increased assessments and continuing to make them until they get into the hundred per cent class—the point of insurance safety.

Many of the fraternal societies are financially all right. These include the Woodmen of the World, the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of Columbus, the Lutheran Brotherhood, the Maccabees, the National Fraternal Society for the Deaf (if you happen to be that way), the Sons of Norway, the Slovenian National Benefit Society, the Polish Association of America, and others listed in another column of this issue.

Why aren't ALL of the fraternal societies regulated properly and required to maintain an adequate reserve? The only apparent answer is that the delinquent ones use the rabbitfoot of influence in the legislature and State insurance department, pleading that they are fraternal, benevolent and all that kind of buncombe. It is a business proposition, purely. A man joins an insurance society to get protection for his dependent family. It is in his behalf that we are talking about this.

If the official reports of valuations on fraternal benefit societies as of December 21, 1921, are correct, showing that 74 of those listed are facing a deficit of nearly a half BILLION dollars, it is high time for a nation-wide investigation, for this would seem to be the biggest graft and fake of its kind on record.

The people won't stand for it. If an insurance concern cannot maintain the required reserve, it ought to be put out of business without partiality and without remorse, for it is monstrous to allow any outfit, fraternal or otherwise, to jeopardize the welfare of innocent women and children.

The delinquent fraternal societies figure this way—here we have so many sheep, all lined up, so many thousands of them, and we shall get so much wool at shearing time, worth so much money—without considering the uncertainties as to death, weather, wolves and the wool market. They capitalize on future wool and phantom sheep. Foolish business! Bad sheepherding! Like the good old shepherd dog, we say BOW-WOW!

The old line companies are compelled to toe the mark with adequate reserves. Let all the fraternal societies be required to do the same, for the protection of everybody, and let them advertise, like any other open and above board business concern.

The Catholic Sentinel recently commented dolefully on Klan activities which it feared might keep the Brotherhood of American Yeomen from establishing in Oregon its proposed ten million dollar home of some kind. We replied that the Yeomen home would be welcome in our midst and we were for it, world without end. It now appears, from official figures, that the bulk of the Yeomen's insurance is in the inadequate rate class, having only three and a half cents for every dollar they should have in the required reserve, or \$3.50 for every \$100; and that they had about three million dollars in assets available for the payment of future death claims, against about a hundred and ten millions in benefits promised.

We don't want to do any concern an injustice, and our columns are open for a discussion of this subject. This is a problem that requires investigation and strict regulation by the State authorities.

DOW V. WALKER MAKING GOOD

County Commissioner Dow V. Walker is making good. His common-sense plan of dividing the work of the Board so that each member may have certain particular duties, for which he alone may be held responsible by the Board and the public, was made effective June 27. With team-work now, progress and harmony are assured. The one who refuses to co-operate will be challenging a rebuke from the taxpayers.

The Walker system of dividing the work and fixing responsibilities embodies the basic principle of the commission form of government.

Under the department plan the handling of "patronage" will be simplified, efficiency in routine work will be possible, and there will be an end of passing the buck.

Commissioner Walker truly says that "everybody's business is nobody's business."

The work was apportioned by Chairman Rudeen as follows: No. 1, bridges and highways, Chairman Rudeen; No. 2, institutions and relief, Rankin; No. 3, finance and property, Walker.

There's a report that Commissioner Rankin "won't play ball" with his two colleagues under the new system. His friends are hoping this report isn't true. He is quoted as declaring he will continue "looking after ALL departments." Any such attempt would be regarded as meddling with work for which others are held responsible. Team-work is what the people want.

Commissioner Walker didn't draw the department which probably would have been his personal preference—that of institutions and relief, for which his experience has qualified him especially—but he amiably accepted the work of finance and property and let Mr. Rankin have the greater opportunity of winning the popular favor which would be assured through efficient handling of institutions and relief.

Angels and ministers of grace defend us, but we sure feel "mad," sometimes. Militant publicity is the medicine for balking officials, and it ought to be used when needed. If we had our way unrestrainedly, a number of State gazabos, led by His Excellency, would be visiting the newspapers and waiting in the ante-room while they dolefully pleaded, with Uncle Remus: "My honey, my love, my heart's delight, hit's a mighty long way on a rainy night—lemme in!"

A tea-kettle sings when it is full of water, said a pious friend, while condoling with the editor. After pondering his statement, he added: "But who in hell wants to be a tea-kettle?"

KLANITORIAL

By N. S. Sedanthar

I HAVE a letter from a preacher. The editor sent it to me with the notation that he is a "regular ho-man preacher." Therefore, the letter from this preacher makes me feel good, and I am going to write him a letter, too.

"I like preachers, for through them we are to save America, and if Klansmen will only stand back of their preachers in their works for good, America cannot go wrong."

BROTHER, DID YOU BUY IT FROM A KLANSMAN? He SELLS IT. LET'S PATRONIZE HIM.

FIGHTING PASTOR DEFENDING KLAN

Western American Bureau.
CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., June 27.—Rev. Ira E. Edwards, a Klan minister, buried a challenge last week, to enemies of the Ku Klux Klan, to meet him in a public debate. Frank Miles, a brave soldier, and editor of the Iowa Legionnaire shrank from the prospect of meeting a Klansman on the platform and refused for all the legionnaires.

EASY MONEY SHARKS GET RICH PICKINGS

Western American Bureau.
NEW YORK, June 27.—Easy money artists have been operating in Washington and other suburbs, calling at homes and collecting money under the pretense that such funds were being used in opposing the Ku Klux Klan. It is said they found equally good pickings in Knights of Columbus and Masonic homes. The raid on the Caseys was spoiled by a warning from the Romish priest who told his parishioners to shut the door in the faces of such fakers.

Nutmeggers Rally.

Western American Bureau.
MERIDEN, Conn., June 27.—Two hundred and fifty were inducted into the mysteries of the Klan at a recent ceremonial here attended by more than 2000 Klansmen.

Busy in Delaware.

Western American Bureau.
SMYRNA, Del., June 27.—A big open air ceremonial was held here on June 19, under auspices of Caesar Rodney Klan No. 4.

Klan Gives Bread.

Western American Bureau.
KEWANEE, Ill., June 27.—Thirty-five dozen buns were donated to the Kewanee public hospital by the Klan of this place recently.

Sacramentans Join

Western American Bureau.
SACRAMENTO, Cal., June 27.—Several hundred new members have been added to the Klan here in the last few weeks, according to a report just published.

Meeting Outdoors.

Western American Bureau.
CAMBRIDGE, Ill., June 27.—The first outdoor Klan ceremonial of the season around here has just been held by the Klan of this county.

Money for Pastor.

Western American Bureau.
MILAN, Ill., June 27.—Fifty dollars was the amount of a donation made to the Rev. John Leckie, pastor of the Methodist church, by four Klansmen who recently appeared at his church.

Attending Church.

Western American Bureau.
EMIRICKVILLE, Pa., June 27.—A Hundred and fifty aliens were naturalized here last week at a ceremonial which more than 1000 Klansmen attended.

Naturalize Aliens.

Western American Bureau.
DALLAS, Tex., June 27.—The Klan at this place has just naturalized more than 100 aliens at a big ceremonial.

Michigan Awake.

Western American Bureau.
DETROIT, Mich., June 27.—More than 500 candidates were naturalized at a grand open air ceremonial here on Thursday night of the past week. It is said 10,000 attended.

Build Huge Hall.

Western American Bureau.
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 27.—A Klavern to cost \$50,000 is in contemplation here by Little Rock Klan No. 1. The construction of the home will be financed by the sale of shares of stock at \$25 each. The Klavern, when finished, will seat 7500 persons.