

INVOKED THE SPIRIT OF ORIGINAL KLAN AND CONQUER EVERY OPPONENT TODAY

Thirty-five Picked Klansmen Overawe Thousands in the Old Days, Showing What Dauntless Men Can Do When Right Is on Their Side—Here's a Thrilling True Story for Old and Young Americans.

American historians an hundred years from now will record the Klan achievements in the Sixties and Twenties as a bright and inspiring chapter in the evolution of the greatest Nation the world has ever known.

One of the thrilling incidents which the historians will record as typical of the spirit of the Klan in the Sixties will be the final order of the Grand Wizard for the dissolution of the mysterious and powerful organization in 1870.

Follows now an authoritative account of this inspiring incident, written by Mr. R. J. Brunson in April, 1913, in a volume of facts concerning the Klan which he alone could write, perhaps, being one of the surviving founders and famous organizers.

"When the mission of the Ku Klux Klan in reclaiming the South from the carpetbag rule had been finished, the disbanding of its members was attended with weird ceremonies, still fresh in the memory of many of the faithful men.

"The original Klan was organized to protect the homes and the liberties of the South. White, the symbol of purity, was the most appropriate color of their uniform.

"The order for the dissolution of the Klan issued by General Forrest was in every way characteristic of the man. When the whites had redeemed six Southern States from negro rule, in 1870, the Grand Wizard knew that his mission was accomplished, and issued an order at once that the Klan be disbanded.

"Thirty-five picked men, mounted, armed, and in full Ku Klux regalia for both horses and men, were selected for the ceremony and ordered to parade boldly through the streets of Nashville.

"On they rode up the hill and passed the capitol, round which the camp-fires of a thousand soldiers burned brightly, and not a hand was lifted against them.

"Before the Klansmen reached Broad street the police began to-summon citizens to aid in their arrest. On reaching Broad street, John Morton, who rode at the head of the squadron, observed a line of police drawn across the street, with the evident intention to stop or arrest the riders.

"What shall we do, Mart?" "Turn into Vine street," he quickly replied, "and pass around them."

"NO!" came the order from Morton, "ride straight through without a change of gait!"

"And they did! The astonished police, dumbfounded at the boldness of the strange men, opened their lines, and the white horsemen rode slowly through without a word.

"In their last march down Broad street they passed a frame building used as a carpetbag military armory. It was full of negroes. Directly in front of the building Morton halted his line of white figures, drew them up at dress parade, rode up to the door and knocked. The negroes rushed to the doors and windows, and seeing in the bright moonlight the grim figures of the dreaded Klan, they forgot the two hundred friendly police and the three thousand reconstruction soldiers guarding Nashville. Making a wild and disorderly break for the rear, they went

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