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THE PROVINCE OF AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

The province of newspapers—more particularly perhaps of independent newspapers—is to give out information, not advice, to the public. True, not all matter that might pass under the head of information should be printed. Some such is unprintable, some is unmailable and still more is of such a nature that to give it publicity would be cruel, needless and often detrimental to the best interests of the community.

It is hardly to be expected that a partisan republican newspaper will laud the virtues of a democrat or his party—at least until after he is dead—nor do we expect the democrats to be very busy throwing bouquets at the republicans. Such action might prove detrimental to their party and to the pie counter.

However, there are many questions of vital importance to the community and the country at large that the public should be informed about and that is where the independent newspaper can be of value to its public.

It may be a matter of good roads, or the county unit system for elementary schools, or it may be the Ku Klux Klan. No matter what the issue it is only fair to the public that their newspapers should give them whatever information is obtainable on any subject. The majority of people want to do the right thing and if they have full information on any given question affecting the public weal they may be depended upon to do the right thing in most cases. Believing this to be true the policy of the Herald is to give all the information possible on questions concerning the welfare of Morrow county and its columns have always been open to anybody who may have an opinion to express on either side. Of course, the editor of the Herald has his own opinions on most questions and when the occasion arises he expresses them. This has been the attitude of the Herald on the klan issue. In this regard the Herald is different from most Oregon newspapers. For some reason most Oregon newspapers are silent as clans on the klan question, leaving that organization a clear field in which to secretly promulgate their propaganda.

It has been said of the Herald that it has been "fighting the klan." This is not true, unless telling the truth about the klan is fighting. This newspaper has only been trying to give the news—information—about the organization concerning its workings in other counties and states, believing that if informed on the subject the public would, at least, investigate the klan very thoroughly before joining it. In but two cases has the Herald received any communications favorable to the klan, and while both of these were anonymous and therefore not entitled to consideration, space was given to each.

According to all information that has been published from different parts of the country it seems to be quite evident that the purpose of the klan is first to enrich the head officials, second to control the government of the United States as well as of every state and county, and then to set aside that provision of the constitution which guarantees religious liberty to every citizen.

According to all available information from communities where the klan has gained a foothold to the extent of controlling the administration of state, county or city government it has borne bitter fruit in stirring up animosity and strife. Neighborhoods in which people of all shades of political and religious belief have lived in harmony and as friends and neighbors have been rent asunder and ill feeling has been created, old time friends have become enemies, strife and discord have held sway and in some instances crimes and outrages have been committed. Does Morrow county want such conditions to obtain here?

A pamphlet written by W. C. Witcher, of Fort Worth, Texas, and for sale by him, which has recently come to the attention of the writer, purports to give a true analysis of the inner workings of the klan, including the oaths, obligations and instructions to initiates, which is well worth the attention of every citizen who is interested in getting both sides of this question. The Herald can not vouch for the accuracy of the statements but the fact that the book has been circulated by the thousands through the mails and otherwise and that we have heard of no denials nor libel suits from the klan is in its favor.

The klan calls itself "The Invisible Empire" and as such it seems to propose to become an invisible government in this country. Its members are bound to conceal the identity of every other member and, according to Mr. Witcher's book, one part of the binding oath taken by every clansman is to "keep the secret of any other clansman when the same is committed to me in the sacred bonds of klansmanship, the crime of violating this sacred oath, treason against the United States of America, rape and malicious murder alone excepted." In other words, if a clansman should commit a crime other than the four above excepted, he might tell another clansman all about it and he would be barred from revealing it before a grand jury or anywhere else.

Another statement made by Mr. Witcher is that the initiates are instructed that "vocational" klanship means that every clansman must patronize other klansmen in all cases where possible to the exclusion of others in the same line of business who are not members of the order. This, if true, amounts to an "invisible" boycott which is not good medicine for any business community.

Persons who are opposed to the klan are generally inclined to soft pedal on the subject and "let it alone," seeming to forget that the invisible empire works in secret behind barred doors, masks and robes. Such a policy on the part of those who do not believe in an invisible government in this county or state should suit the klan fine. They can go quietly ahead and take what they want and about all left the other side will be to wake up some morning and realize that it's too late to lock the barn after the equine

CECIL

E. W. Erickson of Grass Valley Master Jackie Hynd of Heppner were the guests of the Cecil "Mayor" on Sunday at Butterby Flats.

Hermann Havercoast of The Willows was visiting friends in Fourmile on Sunday.

Frank Connor and George and Charlie Chandler and lady friends represented Cecil at the dance held in Eightmile school house on Sunday evening.

Miss Violet Hynd, student of Heppner high school, spent the week

end "down on the farm" at Cecil. Clifford Hendriksen of the Moore ranch spent a few hours at the home of his brother, Oral, at Ewing, on Tuesday, before leaving for Arlington.

J. W. Osborn of Fairview ranch put work aside for a few hours on Friday to enable him to pay a business trip to the county seat. J. W. declares the wheat prospects are looking good at present in his part of the county. Arthur Turner and H. J. Streeter are helping him to plough up more land on his various ranches around Cecil.

All spring work is going ahead around Cecil. Nearly all gardens are planted. A heavy frost struck Cecil vicinity on March 8th.

Krebs Bros. are busy shipping several cars of wheat from Minor and Hynds' warehouse at Cecil.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Cline and son, Floyd, of Cecil, were visiting in Arlington on Saturday.

W. A. Thomas of Dotheboy's Hill spent Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chandler at Willow Creek ranch and was much interested at all the latest improvements which Mr. Chandler has put up on his ranch.

R. E. Duncan of Busy Bee ranch has not been seen in Cecil since his fine ducks arrived from Iowa. We do hope that R. E. has not sunk to the bottom of Willow Creek for the last time, while teaching the ducks to swim.

W. H. Chandler of Willow Creek ranch was doing the sights of the Egg City on Tuesday.

Walter Pope of Cecil was calling in Ione on Wednesday.

Mrs. Hazel Logan of Fourmile was called to Ione on Wednesday through the illness of her daughter, Miss Estor, student of Ione high school.

C. Henriksen and son George of Strawberry ranch were doing business in Fourmile on Monday.

Cecil Ahalt, who has been residing in Los Angeles for some months, arrived in Cecil on Wednesday and intends spending his vacation visiting friends in Morrow county.

Al. Troedson of Grandview ranch has returned from Shepherds Springs feeling much better and more like work. Al is spending his spare time calling on all his sick neighbors. We are glad to hear that W. G. Palmater and family of Windybrook are now improving quickly from their recent sickness.

boys of The Last Camp left on Friday for Portland, where they will visit for a few days.

Mrs. Melville Logan, who has been visiting in Portland for several months, returned to her home at The Willows on Friday. Mrs. Logan was accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maden, of Portland.

Archdeacon Goldie of Cove expects to hold evening service in Cecil Hall on March 16th at 7:30. Everyone welcome.

Gene Penland of Heppner arrived at The Shepherds Rest during the week. Hank, the cook, still alive and smiling, has no intention of leaving his men hungry, even if R. A. T. brings the whole town of Heppner to The Shepherds Rest to be fed.

Elma Tyler of Rhea Siding is visiting his pal, Noel Streeter, and a grand and glorious time they are having. What they don't know about Cecil when their visit is over won't be worth knowing at any price.

Dr. Johnson reports the birth of a fine 7½ pound son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Demauro, at Irripon March 4th.

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