

A GOLD BRICK PROPOSITION, FOOLISH AND WICKED

Governor Bickett Characterizes the "Loyal Order of Klansmen", Which Is Being Promoted by Extensive Advertising.

A gold brick proposition, transparently impossible, very foolish and desperately wicked is Governor Bickett's denunciation of the Loyal Order of Klansmen, an organization being promoted by extensive advertising which, according to information reaching the Governor has caused considerable alarm amongst the thoughtful people of both races.

Convinced of all this, Governor Bickett sees in the whole scheme an appeal to race prejudice. In a statement to the people of North Carolina, he is urging them to frown upon any attempt to capitalize that prejudice.

With display advertisements, the Loyal Order of Klansmen is putting before the people its claims for members, and contained in those advertisements and in the literature of the order are the skull and cross bones, stamped about with the words "Ku Klux Klan." A description of the character of the order puts it down as "social, fraternal, military, patriotic and protective—A Southern Order for Southern Gentlemen." But Governor Bickett insists that it is trying to underwrite the government of the State and of the United States.

According to the propaganda of the Loyal Order of Klansmen, it was organized in 1248 by the Scotch people; combined in 1492 with the Irish; organized first in America in 1806; prominent in 1812 when the Mexicans were driven across the border; and in 1868 it saved the Southland.

A local range of the Loyal Order of Klansmen is proposed for Raleigh and it is announced that Director General Texas A. B. Ritchie, who pulled automobiles around by his neck and splintered stout boards over his head in a demonstration of physical roughness at an automobile show in Raleigh a year or more ago, will be in Raleigh Thursday and Friday, July 3 and 4, for consultation over the matter.

"Running through the whole scheme", says Gov. Bickett in his statement, "is a wicked appeal to race prejudice. There is a hark back to the lawless times that followed the Civil war and there is paraded before the mind of the reader the terrors of those dark days. The very name that is written on the death head is a subtle appeal to the fears and to the prejudice of our people.

"There is no need," he continues, "for any secret order to enforce the law of this land and the appeal to race prejudice is as silly as it is sinful. Just now all of us need to be considerate and kind and trustful in our dealings with the negro. The best and wisest men in both races are working to strengthen the ties of friendship and of peace and lay broad and deep foundations of an enduring peace and prosperity for both races." The statement of the Governor follows:

"A number of leading papers in the State have been carrying full page or half page advertisements of the Loyal Order of Klansmen. These advertisements also contain a large death head with cross bones, and on the death head is stamped the words 'Ku Klux Klan.' The advertisements have caused considerable alarm amongst the thoughtful people of both races, and I took steps to get some of the literature of this order.

"The blue sky artist blossoms to perfection in the literature and advertisements of this order. Starting with a company numbering and with only \$10,000 in stock subscribed at 95 per cent of this being subscribed by people utterly unknown in North Carolina, and not known to have tangible property, the order promises to all who will join it to have ready for their use and enjoyment by 1921, on a tract of land in Richmond county:

"Four school buildings, with grades from the primary to the high school; auditorium; ten boarding school buildings; 100 residences for our governors and teachers; hospitals; sanitarium; emblem factory, this being the only one west of the Atlantic coast; machine shop, carpenter and



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wood-working factory; garment factory; printing and binding plant; canning factory and cement works; also a large nursery and a 2-story building to be known as the K. K. K. building for the teaching of art, voice, instrumental, and general business course. Every building that is built upon our grand range will be fireproof throughout and strictly sanitary and modern in every detail. In order to make the surroundings one of home for our children, besides the above, we will have on our grand range a moving picture producing company taking and developing the latest art in the production of pictures, having our own studios there on our grand range. The balance of about two thousand acres will be put into cultivation, parks, lagoons, drives, lakes, dairy farm, barns, etc.

"We furnish you with all the above absolutely free to you. It is yours to protect as long as you are of our Klan, and after you depart from this earth your wife and little ones will be sent there to receive a thorough education and a trade or craft. At the age of 18 they will leave there to start in this world for themselves, bearing their fathers' names as we do not believe in the adoption of our little ones to be kicked about this world as you can see from reading of this letter.

"In addition to the foregoing material things, the order proposes to take over and underwrite the government of this State and the United States. In its literature and advertisements it says that it is going to: Protect our farmer, his crops and our cotton; protect our country from lawless invasion; protect the women of our Southland; protect our government; protect our State laws; protect your family and educate them; protect our country from foreign interference in State; protect our properties from unlawful seizure; protect our peoples from riots and disorder.

"And all it costs to enter into the possession of these vast estates, and into the power and glory of this omnipotent order is to pay into the now empty treasury the sum of \$50 to join and \$18 a year thereafter.

"The scheme is so transparently impossible, so plainly a gold brick proposition, that ordinarily the inmates of a school for the feeble-minded could not be induced to part with their coin for a certificate of membership in such a soap bubble.

"But running through the whole scheme is a wicked appeal to race prejudice. There is a hark back to the lawless time that followed the civil war, and there is paraded before the mind of the reader the terrors of those dark days. The very name that is written on the death head is a subtle appeal to the fears and prejudices of our people.

"Such an appeal is desperately wicked. There is no need for any secret order to enforce the law of the land, and the appeal to race prejudice is as silly as it is sinful. Just now all of us need to be considerate and trustful in our dealings with the negro. The best and wisest men in both races are working to strengthen the ties of friendship and peace and lay broad and deep foundations of an enduring peace and prosperity for both races. I call on all men who do not desire to throw their money away to have nothing to do with this vilest of wild cat schemes, and I call on all true patriots to frown down on any and every attempt to capitalize race prejudice into cash.

"The man or order that encourages hatred or suspicion between races in North Carolina is the mortal enemy of both races. Let us wipe out all feeling of envy, of suspicion, of ill will of every kind between the black man and the white man, and if there be any virtue, if there be any praise let us think on these things."

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