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WHERE ARE WE DRIFTING?

We have no disposition to undertake a defense of the Ku Klux Klan. No branch of the order exists here. We have no reason to believe that any citizen of the county is a member. We doubt if the organization will ever obtain a foothold among our people.

We observe some things about it which appear to be objectionable. We do not like its parades of white-clad horsemen. We see no reason why the public should not know who are its members. But notwithstanding these objections which come to our mind, we do think the campaign now being conducted against the Klan by the New York World and other papers should be carefully watched by our people. The World is essentially a sensational newspaper. Every once in a while it feels the need of conducting some extralegal investigation of its own. It must needs put on some expose. In doing so it does not hesitate to pervert the facts, to misrepresent and to resort to deliberate untruths. That the campaign increases its circulation is not regarded by the World as being hurtful to itself.

Running all through the World's articles it may be seen that its attack upon the Klan is based upon the limitation of its membership to native born, white, Protestant, Gentile Americans. It takes the position that this exclusiveness makes the Klan anti-Catholic, anti-Jew, anti-foreigner and anti-negro. The Klan replies that it is not anti anything; that it is simply for America, for the white race, for Protestants and native born Gentiles.

We will not say which of these implications is the correct one. However, it is significant that the World has never undertaken to expose the Knights of Columbus because its membership is restricted to Catholics; it has never attacked Marcus Garvey's Association for the Improvement of the Negro Race because no white can join it; it never conducted a propaganda against the numerous hyphenated societies in this country openly designed to keep alive racial groupings and antipathies.

It is said that the Klan has grown in three years from a membership of about 3,000 to 555,000. Half a million men would not join any society unless it supplied something that they want and need. Day by day the World has continued its articles, reprinting from time to time its charge that the Klan is anti-Jew, anti-Catholic, anti-negro and anti-foreigner. It has diligently sought expressions of approval of its course from public men. To a limited extent it has secured such expressions, but these have come almost exclusively from Catholic priests and bishops, negro agitators, the foreign born and officials of those sections where these classes predominate.

The Public Ledger does not undertake to defend the Klan. It is opposed to racial groupings and divisions. It believes that every man beneath the flag should be real American. But we have had such groupings. We have had and still have religious animosities. The Knights of Columbus, the German-Americans, the Negro Improvement Association, the Clan na Gael—all these we have, and their tendency is for separation rather than for unity. These organizations, restricting their membership to classes, have been permitted. And yet when native born, white, Protestant, Gentile Americans attempt to organize themselves in the same exclusive way, objection is raised. It would really seem that everybody has rights in America except the real American whose color is white and whose religion is Protestant.

A RESPONSIBILITY IGNORED

The mass mind of more than three million people in Chicago and vicinity received a shock one morning recently when the papers were delivered. It was not an inspirational stimulus such as might have been occasioned by the telling of great good news of interest to all, but was caused by the publication of cold, unsympathetic, sordid, morbid, intimate details of an alleged confession of the murder of two Chicago automobile salesmen and a movie comedian's gin party, held in a San Francisco hotel, which resulted in the death of one of the young woman members. The Auxiliary says: "These two stories alone occupied from seventeen to twenty columns of gruesome and revolting descriptions, told in such a way as to make the deepest impression upon the subconscious mind of the reader—thereby getting in the 'punch.'"

"We believe it is conceded by all that the mind is not in a constructive mood when occupied with tales such



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as these. On the contrary, many will tell you that in the constant contemplation of depravity and destruction, such as the city papers seem determined to purvey, the mind becomes so intimately associated with destructive ideas that they leave a lasting mark upon it. Especially is this true of the young and those weak in mental development. "How great, then, is that responsibility devolving upon the newspaper, to minimize the destructive and maximize the constructive thought of its readers; to lead the way from the contemplation of immaterial details of crime and depravity, and to suggest the study and development of the good, the beautiful and the true."

BACK-TO-NORMALCY?

If you want to know how the country at large really feels about taxes, wars, disarmament, prohibition, international relations and the like, you have only to keep a sensitive car turned toward Washington after Congress gets down to work in October. Senators and Representatives have been seeing America. Doubtless they have been hearing it, too.

Washington slips easily into the belief that it is the United States. Its most conspicuous citizens have a habit of forgetting the old folks at home and the corner grocery and the town halls in which, after all, the major forces of national opinion are generated.

THE COUNTY FAIRS

Political heelers may hold the cities in thrall, Congress may behave like a convention of a sleep-walker, the ultra-rich may fill the divorce courts, peace-makers may fight savagely among themselves, but so long as the County Fair continues to flourish as it has been flourishing in North Carolina and in thousands of other places it will be possible to feel that we, as a people, haven't quite lost our grip on life's realities or our chances of salvation.

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—Shang Ming. The Life, is a Chinese weekly newspaper which recently made its first appearance in Chicago. Only two other Chinese newspapers are published in America, one in New York City and one in San Francisco. Only four thousand characters are

OBITUARY PEOPLE AND THINGS

MRS. MARTHA CHANDLER

On Saturday evening, Sept. 17th, Mrs. Martha Chandler passed peacefully and triumphantly away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sam Watkins, of 112 Main street Oxford, N. C. Mrs. Chandler had been failing in health for about five years though not confined to her bed. Everything possible was done in treating her case to give relief. The finest specialists were consulted and she was treated in several hospitals and spent one winter in New York City with her son under the care of a noted physician, these giving only temporary relief until it was determined that she had cancer of the stomach; death however was due to heart failure.

Mrs. Chandler was a daughter of the late Anderson and Sallie Overbey, who was one of the most prominent and influential families of the Buffalo Springs Community. She was united in marriage to Mr. Keuben R. Chandler on Dec. 19, 1872, to them were born eight children, six of whom are living: Mr. O. P. Chandler, of Buffalo Junction, Va.; Mrs. Sam Watkins of Oxford; Mr. Rom T. Chandler of New York; Mrs. John R. Hubbard and Mrs. D. C. Elam, of South Boston, Va. and Mr. Roscoe Z. Chandler of Faison, N. C., all of whom were present at the burial which took place at the family cemetery near Buffalo Junction Va., where her husband was laid to rest on Feb. 6, 1916.

Mrs. Chandler was 74 years old and spent nearly all of her noble and useful life in the Buffalo Community until after the death of her husband when she broke up house-keeping and made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Sam Watkins, of Oxford, N. C. Mrs. Chandler was an active member of the Baptist Church from girlhood. She was devoted to her church, a most faithful mother and loved by all who knew her. She was the last survivor of her generation. She was very conscientious and progressive, an exemplary woman, very kind, generous and always had a pleasant smile for every one; possessed with that kindly, gentle way of getting into the hearts of all with whom she came in contact. She was a woman of great activity, and despite her failing health retained her vigorous ways until the end. Having a kind and loving disposition she was therefore loved by all who knew her.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. D. Harte, of Oxford, N. C., assisted by her former pastor Rev. R. E. Peele, of Clarksville, Va. The funeral and burial services were largely attended, including a great many colored people, former servants and descendants of slaves of whom her father was a large owner, which shows the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. In her death her children have met with an irreparable loss, the entire community a kind and charitable friend and the Baptist church one of its noblest and most consistent members. The bereaved has the heartfelt sympathy of all by whom they are known. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord—Rev. 14th Chapter, 13th verse.

State Goes Into Movies. The State of Nebraska has gone into the movies. Its department of conservation has set up a complete studio at a cost of \$20,000 and has started taking pictures. It aims to advertise Nebraska's resources to its own people and to its neighbors. Films will be distributed free on a regular circuit through the State, in schools and other institutions.

SEABOARD AIR LINE COMPANY'S SCHEDULE

Arrival.
No. 485 Ar. Oxford from Henderson 7:45 a. m.
No. 413 Ar. from Durham 1:00 p. m.
Departure.
No. 411 Ar. Oxford from Henderson 4:00 p. m.
No. 421 Ar. Oxford from Durham and Henderson 8:25 p. m.
No. 486 Lv. Oxford for Durham 7:50 a. m.
No. 412 Lv. Oxford for Henderson 12:15 p. m.
No. 414 Lv. Oxford for Durham 3:50 p. m.
No. 420 Lv. Oxford for Henderson 5:15 p. m.

Ford Stolen—
Fred Currin, of Hester Church section, had the misfortune of having his Ford car taken from the circus grounds on last Friday night.

Card Of Thanks—
I desire to thank the many friends in this neighborhood for their many acts of sympathy and help during the recent illness and death of my husband—Mrs. Frank Kelley, Stem Route 1.

Stovall Meeting—
Beginning next Sunday at 11 a. m. the Baptist Church at Stovall will hold a series of meetings. Services will be held during the week at 2:30 p. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Pastor C. A. Ppchurch will do the preaching.

Aeroplane Over Oxford—
Last Friday evening a Standard Oil aeroplane from its base at Portsmouth, Va., circled over Oxford and distributed literature. The plane was about 100 yards above the tree tops and there were two men in it.

A Complete Failure—
The failure of the apple crop this year in Granville is considered by the oldest residents as the most complete in their memory. Drive where you may in the county you will not see a bushel of apples anywhere, it is said.

A Nice Treat—
Messrs. M. A. and A. G. Maydanis, proprietors of the Oxford Candy Kitchen, treated the Colored Orphan Asylum last Sunday to elegant ice cream manufactured at their local plant. Dr. Cheatham, superintendent of the Asylum, states that two hundred of the little people thoroughly enjoyed the treat.

Garage and Car Destroyed—
The garage containing the Ford automobile of Capt. Sam Wheeler at his home on Coggeshall street was destroyed by fire Sunday morning about five o'clock. The car was a total loss. The new fire alarm could be heard distinctly all over the city and quite a crowd turned out to witness the blaze.

Mrs. E. Y. Floyd Dead—
The Wilton community mourn the death of Mrs. E. Y. Floyd, who passed to her reward last Thursday morning almost suddenly. She was loved and admired by all who knew her. The funeral service was conducted from Banks church by Rev. B. H. Black of Oxford and Rev. G. Bryants of Murfreesboro, a former pastor of Mrs. Floyd, after which the remains were laid to rest in the church cemetery. The beautiful flowers banked on the mound attested the popularity and esteem in which she was held by her friends.

September Heat—

The nearest official weather bureau to Oxford is located in Raleigh, and there is very little variation in the temperature of both places. Speaking for Raleigh, the forecaster says: "The first twenty-two days of September swept away all heat records for this period with an average of 71-2 degrees above normal. The nearest approach since 1887 was in 1911 when the average temperature was three degrees lower than during the month of September 1921. The average normal temperature for September according to the records is 72. The first twenty-two days of this month have sent the average up to 79 1-2. In September 1911, the average was 76.2."

Fine Circus—

Howe's London Circus, which pitched its tents on Horner hill last Friday, was the cleanest and best circus seen here in many years. There were several new popular features, the one especially pleasing was the song of a young lady seated on a horse. As she sang, a number of pigeons liberated in the large tent lighted on her arms and on the back of the horse.

College courses on transportation are suggested by a prominent railroad operating official, who believes that the colleges might well turn their attention to the development of courses in railroading, treating it as a scientific study compared to medicine, engineering and law.

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FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Sep. 30-Oct. 1

JACKIE COOGAN

"The Kid Himself in PECK'S BAD BOY" (1921 Model)

Added Attractions—

FRIDAY—"White Horseman"

SATURDAY—Larry Semon Comedy in "The Stage Hand"

Matinee Both Days.—3 p. m.—Nite 7:15

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