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\$1 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

## ABOUT THE KU KLUX KLAN

IDEA ORIGINATED ON TENNESSEE PLANTATION.

PICTURE OF DARK DAYS OF RECONSTRUCTION.

Klan performed its mission - was outlawed and passed.

(Written by Miss Bonnie Mauney.)

In the dark days of Reconstruction in the South, we find a great organization of weird and mystic figures. A secret organization it was—just as we have today, with a definite purpose and mission to perform. But no spectacular parade of our modern clubs could have compared with that silent but swift and ghostly procession of the Ku Klux Klan.

As you know, the methods of Congress for Reconstruction brought on many evils. The vote was taken away from many whites who were willing now to be loyal to the union. Negroes with their utter lack of knowledge of government were placed in the higher offices in the states. Carpet-baggers were doing their work to turn the blacks against their former masters; aiding in this work, were their helpers, the Scalawags—Traitorous Southerners. Negroes, unused to freedom had become bold, reckless and lawless, so that it was unsafe for the women of the South.

There must be some remedy for these evils. But when persuasion and other mild means were of no avail toward rectifying the condition of affairs and restoring the white man to his place, then it must have been time to use force. The Ku Klux Klan was the force.

Like everything else, this order had a small beginning. The idea originated on a plantation in Tennessee about 1865. One day several boys went into a woods where they noticed several little negroes at play. The boys decided to have some fun; so they secured some sheets and one young fellow, covered with these, rushed toward the blacks, who, thinking the white object a demon or a spirit, fled in terror. This little incident led these young fellows and others to organize a society merely for the novelty, and the amusement that it might afford. They called the society the Ku Klux Klan.

In slavery times there were officers known as night patrols. These patrols would ride around at night to find runaway slaves who, after they had been beaten, were taken back to their masters. From this old night patrol system came the idea of having the Ku Klux mounted.

The knowledge of this organization spread thru the South and many wise heads saw in it a means of putting down the evils. The negroes were suspicious. They feared ghosts and spirits and grave-yards. If they would become frightened at the young man covered with sheets, they would fear these mounted spirits. So the Ku Klux Klan was accepted as an instrument to keep negro voters from the polls and to protect the women of the South. Especially was it adopted in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi, where its awful mysteries and gruesome ceremonies spread utter panic among the superstitious blacks.

Both the Ku Klux and their horses were covered with white. The horses' hoofs were shod with

## MAUNEY FOR THE HOUSE

ONE OF COUNTY'S FOREMOST CITIZENS.

HON. W. A. MAUNEY ANNOUNCES HIMSELF

Mr. Mauney was once in the Legislature and wishes to return.

Having been solicited by many friends throughout the County, I have decided to become a candidate for the House of Representatives from Cleveland County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. It nominated it shall be my purpose to represent all the people of the county and to advance their every interest.

W. A. MAUNEY.

Mr. S. T. Lovelace who lives on the Cherryville road about three miles from town is very sick with pneumonia and mumps. Miss Jennette Ford, trained nurse of Gastonia, is attending him.

rubber or some such material so that their steps would not be heard. These silent and white riders visited negroes' huts and "mummicked" about at first with sham magic, not with arms at all. One would carry a heart-shaped flesh bag and ride around "hollerin' for fried nigger meat." Another would put on an India-rubber stomach and startle the negroes by swallowing gallons of water. Another represented that he had been killed at Manassas and since that time some one had built a turn pike over his grave and he had to "scratch like — to get up thru the gravel."

The Ku Klux Klan's headquarters were called "dens," and the members were known as "ghouls," "giants," "goblins," "hydrae," "furies," "titans," or "dragons." Usually the mere existence of a "den" in any neighborhood was enough to quiet and make obedient every single black. If more was required, a half-dozen "ghouls," making their nocturnal rounds, in their long white gowns and hideous masks, frightened all but the most hardy. Any who showed fright were whipped, injured or killed—a treatment which sometimes extended to the blacks "Carpet-bag" and "scalawag" friends.

The order which was at first merely an instrument of defense, finally became a weapon with which the members could revenge personal wrongs and insults, and engage in underhanded and lawless offense. This change of motives was caused largely by the extensive membership of the Klan, which gradually included many immoral and violent characters.

In time, the founders of the order saw it a wrong practice and they were not sorry when the Federal marshals sent by President Grant hunted "den" after "den" of the law-breakers to the very death of the Klan.

Many of the Ku Klux were compelled to escape to other states for safety. Bills were passed against them and fines and imprisonment were made the penalties of such offense as they had committed. The army and navy were placed at the services of the officers. By these strong measures, the order had been driven out of existence in 1873, except, perhaps, in a very few communities. Better means were then employed by the government to right the wrongs of Reconstruction.

## FREE— A 1916 5-PASSENGER FORD AUTOMOBILE

If you are a hustler, The Herald Shows you how a new 1916 Ford Auto is yours.

You are invited to take part in the greatest subscription campaign ever inaugurated by this newspaper. See last page for full particulars. Start NOW.

### THE PRIZE LIST

- A Ford 5 passenger Automobile
- A \$350 Starck Piano.
- A \$50 Business Col. Scholarship.
- \$25 In Cash Special Prizes.
- A Cash Commission to Non-Prize Winners.

#### BOUGHT OF LOCAL PEOPLE

The Ford Auto was purchased of The Kings Mountain Garage and will be displayed at their ware rooms. Including freight this car sells for \$166.90 laid down at Kings Mountain.

The Starck Piano is widely and favorably known in this section. It is a beauty in finish, of finest tone, and splendid workmanship and material.

The \$50 Scholarship is a year's scholarship in The Draughton Business College, at Greenville, S. C. or at any other Draughton College. It includes either Stenography or Bookkeeping and is a thorough business course.

#### NEARLY \$1,000 IN PRIZES

The Kings Mountain Herald inaugurates the greatest circulation campaign ever launched by a weekly paper in this section of North Carolina. The proposition is simply phenomenal as nearly \$1,000 in prizes (not to mention commissions) is to be given away, absolutely free, within the short space of six to eight weeks. For general scope and extreme elaborateness, this offer finds but few parallels in the annals of North Carolina journalism, outside of the metropolitan centers, and before many days roll by it will have arrested the attention of this entire section.

#### SPARED NO EXPENSE

While we know this is a mammoth undertaking for a paper in a town the size of Kings Mountain, still The Herald spared no expense in getting up this contest, and the list of awards is headed by a 1916 Model Five Passenger Ford Touring Car, and the second and third prizes are in proportion. Believing in fostering home industries, this newspaper did not go outside of this vicinity in the purchase of its grand prize. The houses that handle the goods, and the goods themselves are standard in this section.

#### WHO HAS NOT WISHED FOR AN AUTO?

Who has not wished for an auto to take their friends, or their family, out in? With the splendid roads of this section, an auto is a joy forever. Who has not longed to OWN AN AUTO ALL YOUR OWN? Well, through the generosity of The Herald, your wish of owning this auto CAN BE GRATIFIED NOW. All that it takes to earn this Ford Auto, or any one of these valuable prizes, is a little work done during your spare time between now and Saturday, May 13, at 2 p. m. (This contest will close Saturday, May 13 at 2 p. m., but the publisher reserves the right to close it Saturday, May 20th, at 2 p. m. providing two weeks notice is given to all candidates prior to May 20.)

#### MUSIC FOR THE HOME

Any person wishing a piano of REAL MERIT for their home can have that gratified NOW and without a cent of expense either. The Starck Piano is known the world over where good music is appreciated, and the one The Herald offers will be welcome in ANY home.

#### AN EDUCATION OF WORTH

Many there are who finish the common or high school and wish to equip themselves for the battle of life with a thorough business education, but have not the means. The Business College Scholarship offered by The Herald gives you just the opportunity longed for.

#### AN EQUAL SHOW

EVERY PERSON TAKING PART HAS AN EQUAL SHOW OF WINNING ANY ONE OF THESE PRIZES, and the competition is open to ANY MAN, WOMAN, BOY, OR GIRL, white, and of character, residing in this, or the surrounding counties.

#### OBJECT OF THE CONTEST

This campaign is a subscription contest, and the primary ob-

## BIG CROWD HEARS SMALL

SOME LIKED HIM AND SOME DIDN'T

THE METHODIST CHURCH WAS CROWDED

Made severe arraignment of the liquor traffic but was rather rough.

"The liquor traffic of the United States is now backed up against the wall in Washington City and is fanning for dear life and is calling for ice water," declared Rev. Sam Small in the course of his lecture on "Dry America" at the Methodist church here last Thursday night. "Over one half the country is already dry and the balance will soon go dry," continued the speaker. Mr. Small declared that he had been in the fight for national prohibition for thirty years, had been shot from the platform twice by the liquor forces, had been cut and slashed from head to heels, had been waylaid and beaten with billies and bludgeons, and left to die eight different times during these three decades. "But" he said "I must be ore of God Almighty's Cat's with nine lives and by the Grace of God I'll fight the battle to a finish with the on a life left."

The speaker is very optimistic and believes the liquor business will be outlawed by constitutional amendment within five years.

Enough people had gathered to hear Mr. Small to fill the spacious auditorium of the Methodist church with the Sunday School room thrown open. Hon. W. A. Mauney, ex legislator and present candidate for the legislature, presided. In the absence of Dr. A. T. Lindsay, president of Linwood College, who had been appointed to introduce the speaker, Attorney J. R. Davis very appropriately presented Mr. Small. In his opening remarks Esquire Mauney stated that he didn't know just exactly how to address an audience of that kind but hoped before the meeting was over that all present would be on "Uncle

## GEO. COLBY TO BE HERE

LAST ATTRACTION OF LYCEUM COURSE.

REPUTED TO BE WORLD'S CHAMPION CARTOONIST

Has travelled over the world and many of his pictures will illustrate his travels

Mr. Geo. E. Colby is to give the next attraction of the lyceum course, in the stead of Miss Emma Dee Randle who was prevented from filling her date here on March 6th on account of the illness of her mother in Texas. Mr. Colby is higher priced talent than Miss Randle and comes most highly recommended.

Mr. Colby is a cartoonist of wide reputation and experience both on and off the platform. He is filling his sixth consecutive season under the Redpath Bureau with remarkable success. His work is artistic (according to press notices), and he issues a challenge to the world in making platform pictures combining quickness and artistic effect.

Mr. Colby is a life member of the Chicago Art Institute and a charter member of the Chicago Academy of Designs. He has traveled the world over and a great many of his pictures will illustrate his travels. This attraction will be of great interest to all school children and all others interested in drawing. A representative of the Bureau said to the Herald "There's not a dull moment on Mr. Colby's program."

The date is Monday night, March 20th. Admission Adults 50c Children 25c.

Sam's water wagon." Like every truly great speaker, Mr. Small brought forth remarks both Pro. and Con. Some liked his lecture splendidly and some thought he was rather rough. The more liberal said "He had a rough subject and had to handle it roughly." After all it was a most serious and convincing arraignment of the liquor traffic into its utter condemnation but the general opinion is that the cause here has been very little enhanced. Some of the language used by Mr. Small has provoked severe and adverse criticism.

For this expenditure of nearly \$1,000 on the part of The Herald is to secure NEW SUBSCRIBERS and RENEWALS to this newspaper. Friends who subscribe, or renew, to assist a candidate in this contest to win a prize, PAY BUT THE REGULAR RATE OF ONE DOLLAR THE YEAR FOR THE PAPER, hence the prizes are FREE. At no time will it cost any one competing one penny to take part. All information, receipt blanks, etc., furnished absolutely FREE. The person with the least means at their command can have absolutely the same feeling of a square deal as any person of wealth and standing in this section.

#### A SQUARE DEAL—A SHORT CAMPAIGN

An absolutely square deal will be given each and every one at all times and all that take part have an EQUAL SHOW of winning, whether they live in Kings Mountain or in a nearby town, or in the country districts. There are no strings attached to this offer, as the Herald wants new subscribers, and also would like to have every reader NOW taking this paper to renew, and this paper is willing to pay the folks will try to get these new subscriptions, and The Herald furnished the prizes—that is all there is to it. Energy and ambition is all that it will take to win the Five Passenger Ford Auto, the \$350 Starck Piano, the \$50 Scholarship, a cash prize, or a cash commission.

#### NO LOSERS IN THIS RACE

AND THERE CAN BE NO LOSERS, FOR THE HERALD OFFERS A BIG COMMISSION TO EVERY NON-PRIZE WINNER. The contest will last but a few weeks, and a Five Passenger Ford Auto is paying you about \$76 a week.—\$12 a day for the time you spend in the race. SOME PAY UP.

#### SEE PAGE ADVERTISEMENT

On the last page of this issue there will be found a full page advertisement giving further and full details about this contest. Turn to it. Fill in the nomination blank on that page, and send it in AT ONCE. AN EARLY START IS HALF THE BATTLE. The names of the candidates will be announced in our next issue. GET YOUR NAME IN NOW—GET BUSY AND ROUND UP A BIG BUNCH OF SUBSCRIPTIONS, and make the start that will win the Five Passenger Ford Auto, or other big prize. MEN, WOMEN, BOYS, GIRLS—GO TO IT—SEND IN YOUR NAME. DO IT NOW!