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The Second of a Series of Education Articles Compiled and Issued by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

THE Constitution of the United States is the greatest constructive government document ever compiled by man. It brought order out of chaos. It developed national cohesion and destroyed the power of disintegration. It softened state pride and magnified love of country. It took thirteen weak, selfish and quarreling states and amalgamated them into a national unit. It turned poverty into wealth—discord into unity—distrust into love—local pride into patriotism. No greater task ever came to the hands of mortal man than that confronted the members of the Constitutional Convention that met in Philadelphia on a spring day in 1787. There was really no government. The Articles of Confederation had proved to be a copy of some that had been bound nobly. The Continental Congress would speak but each sovereign state treated its demands and requests with contempt. The question was on every patriot's lips—"Would the country survive the shock of civil discord or would the independence of the states so dearly bought be lost in the consumption of the newly formed country?" The convention was called for the purpose of amending the Articles of Confederation but when the states met to perform that task it was decided to create a new country. It was decided was a document that could create a national unit and amalgamate the people of the several states into an indissoluble union. George Washington was chosen as the president of the convention. The deliberations lasted from late in April until a day in September when the document was finally passed and signed. So momentous were the issues to be decided, so conflicting were the theories of government of the members of the convention, so much was it the condition of the country that Benjamin Franklin, at the conclusion of the convention, with a voice trembling with emotion well said: "Mr. Chairman, at the opening of this convention I spoke in a quiver of fear, whether the back of your chair was a stone or setting sun. Now at the happy conclusion of the deliberations I can well say, that it is indeed rising sun which will shine upon us for ever and ever under God for we are a national entity."

Conflicting Theories.

Two great and conflicting theories of government were soon made manifest in the convention. One class of men seeing the danger incident to uniting the states through a centralized government and having recently witnessed a people disengaging themselves from arbitrary rule were strong for the proposition of leaving the ultimate power with the states. These were the so-called state rights states. On the other hand there was that class who appreciated the weakness of the Articles of Confederation and saw the necessity of developing a power that would be paramount to the rights of the states. This class was known as the Nationalists or Federalists.

The battle waged for months with the result that the present splendid system of government was conceived by the merging and amalgamation of the two classes.

Probably the greatest credit for the construction of the present Constitution is due to James Madison and Alexander Hamilton. They belonged to different schools of political belief but so good were their talents and so well did their mental equipment that they were able to conceive the system of government which left to the states matters of purely local concern and at the same time endowed the national government with the power to develop unified action.

The system of checks and balances as set out in the Constitution has been pronounced to be the most marvelous system of government ever devised by the brain of man. It was the brain of the Federalists who in a Republican form of government and the century that has followed has justified the soundness of the opinions of these men who sat in that convention hall. The Republican government of the world that has been created by the work of political upheavals have patterned their governments after this model Constitution. Lawyers from the beginning have appreciated and understood the power and beauty of our form of government.

The time has come when the laymen, the American laymen, upon whom rests and will rest the burden of safeguarding it, must understand and appreciate the delicate adjustment of that splendid piece of machinery which the founders of the United States have created for the government of the people.

Must Americanize East.

Some people would change the Constitution so as to give the President full power to make treaties. Others would make the Senate the sole law-making body. Under the Constitution, the President makes treaties and the Senate, dealing with foreign nations, is an executive function but so jealous were our forefathers of the people's rights that a check was put on the executive branch by compelling the Senate to ratify treaties sitting as a tribunal to try the same. This provision is a check upon any arbitrary power attempted to be exercised by the judicial department.

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"Catholicism and Free Masonry" Oppose Poles, Asserts Dean of Papal System in Official Statement.

"ONLY WEAK FOLLOWERS OF POPE TOLERANT"

"Cheap Fraternizing with Freemasonry" Is "Tantamount to Unmanly and Unworthy Compromise."

(Special to The Courier.)

BOSTON, Jan. 19.—Cardinal O'Connell, Roman Catholic and dean of Papists in the United States, has tossed a metaphorical monkey-wrench into the Roman plans for a "harmony society" in which Masons and Knights of Columbus were to don double harness. Not long ago, in New York city, was organized the Hamilton-Jefferson Club, the membership of which consists of a goodly number of Masons and Roman Catholic Knights. The purpose of the organization, according to papal press agents, was to "harmonize differences between Roman Catholicism and other religious bodies."

Some people would make the legislative department of our government supreme and destroy the power of the judicial department to declare acts unconstitutional. Such a provision would absolutely destroy the efficacy of a written constitution. The judicial department is one of the splendid checks in our system of government. The legislative department exceeds its powers as granted by the Constitution and passes measures not authorized under its express or implied power. The judicial branch of government, under its constitutional rights, declares such acts unconstitutional and void. What greater safeguard against arbitrary unwaranteed and unlimited power by a legislative department of government than an independent, co-ordinating and checks and balances system?

Congress is checked by the people by the election of representatives to the two houses.

The people are checked by a judicial power which would declare void any enactment of their representatives even though it was overwhelmingly demanded when such enactment is contrary to the fundamental law.

Let us leave the Constitution alone. It has been weighed in the balance and not found wanting. Our duty and responsibility is not so much to form a new Utopian document but to support and sustain the present Utopian document which has withstood the provisions when properly enforced.

"It is a plain and undisputable fact that Catholicism and Free Masonry are opposite poles, mutually antagonistic, one another, the one proclaiming faith in God and upholding the Divinity of Christ and the teachings of Christ's church; the other making each man a divine incarnation, and proclaiming gross materialism, atheism, and unbelief."

"Under the conditions briefly, of necessity, sketched above, what of Catholics fraternizing with Freemasons and Freemasonic bodies? It is nothing short of contemptuous, considerate of eternal, spiritual principles, and a sin inherently so. Of course, one may have known the other as a boy, and may have the simple trust of early days yet undiluted by a ripe experience and knowledge of men, to make change and men change with them."

"It is always the weak and vacilating Catholic who wishes to appear 'tolerant and broad' and be styled by his non-Catholic friends as 'different from other Catholics' he has met,' who, from the very depths of his soul, compromise, blushing historic fact and essential Catholic teaching, so that he will be looked upon as of the 'more intelligent class.'

Attacks Scottish Rite.

"The American Scottish Rite Masons have a system that has copied in their various phases the ritual and symbols of Kabodism, Gnosticism, and various religions, as well as Christian cults. But it is the ritual, its system of worship, with its rituals, initiations, etc. And one may note with some degree of alarm that the conception of a Deity outside of reason is an idol and a phantom."

"Practically every one of the official journals of Freemasonry are united in their protest against the church. The Grand Orient of France is one of the greatest enemies of the Klan and the greatest enemy of the Klan is causing in other countries in addition to the disturbances they are creating in Spain and France at the present time, the following article is reprinted from the 'Lutetian' concerning the last meeting of the British and Argentine lodges which was held in Buenos Aires.

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