

Miscellaneous.

THE KU-KLUX CONSTITUTION.

Why South Carolina Needs Soldiers.

THE REBELIGN REORGANIZED.

The southern democratic journals constantly assert that the so-called Ku-Klux outrages in South Carolina have no political character whatever. It happens that Colonel Lewis Merrill, commanding the Seventh United States cavalry at Yorkville, South Carolina, the officer upon whom the government has largely relied for information as to the state of affairs there recently obtained the original constitution or obligation signed by the members of the Klan, and was able to trace it on unquestionable evidence through the hands of various chiefs of the order, directly to the "Grand Chief of the Seventy," in whose handwriting it is. One or two pages of it appeared to be missing, but the authenticity of the document is beyond question.

OBLIGATION TAKEN BY THE KU-KLUX.

"I (name), before the immaculate Judge of Heaven and Earth, and upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, do, of my own free will and accord, subscribe to the following sacredly binding obligations:

"First.—We are on the side of justice, humanity and constitutional liberty as bequeathed to us in its purity by our forefathers.

"Second.—We oppose and reject the principles of the radical party.

"Third.—We pledge mutual aid to each other in sickness, distress and pecuniary embarrassment.

"Fourth.—Female friends, widows and their households shall ever be special objects of our regard and protection.

"Fifth.—Any member divulging or causing to be divulged any of the foregoing obligations shall meet the fearful penalty and traitor's doom, which is death, death, death.

CONSTITUTION.

"ART. I.—This organization shall be known as the Order, No.—, of the Ku-Klux Klan in the Order, South Carolina.

"ART. II.—The office of South Carolina, which will be made up to order in the latest styles, and warranted to be of the best quality, will consist of a cyclops and scimitar, both of whom will be elected by a majority vote of the order, and to hold their office during good behavior.

"ART. III. Sec. 1.—It shall be the duty of the C. to preside in the order, enforce a due observance of the constitution and by-laws and an exact compliance to the rules and usages of the order; to see that all the members perform their respective duties; appoint all committees before the order; inspect the arms and dress of each member on special occasions; to call meetings when necessary; draw upon members, for all sums needed to carry on the order.

"Sec. 2.—The S. shall keep a record of the proceedings of the order; write communications; notify other Klan when their assistance is needed; give notices when any member has to suffer the penalty for violating his oath; see that all books, papers or other property belonging to his office are placed beyond the reach of any one but members of the order. He shall perform such other duties as may be required by the C.

"ART. IV.—Sec. 1.—No person shall be initiated into this order under eighteen years &c. &c.

"Sec. 2.—No person of color shall be admitted into this order.

"Sec. 3.—No person shall be admitted into the order who does not sustain a good moral character and who is any way incapacitated to discharge the duties of the Klan.

"Sec. 4.—The name of a person offered for membership must be proposed by the committee appointed by the chief verbally, stating age, residence, and occupation, state if he was a soldier in the late war, his rank in the Federal or Confederate service, and his command.

"ART. V. Sec. 1.—Any member who shall offend against these articles or the by-laws, shall be subject to be fined and reprimanded by the C., as two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting may determine.

"Sec. 2.—Every member shall be entitled to a full trial for any offence involving reprimand or criminal punishment.

BY-LAWS.

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