THE EVENING STAR.

THE GREAT CONSPIRACY.

Vallandigham is Commander—The Military Organization—Assassination Tolerated—Collusion with Rebels

Judge Advocate General Holt, who was directed to investigate the alleged conspiracies in the West, has submitted a report to the Secretary of War, in which he says:

"Having been instructed by you to prepare a detailed report upon the mass of testimony furnished me from different sources in regard to the *Secret Associations* and *Conspiracies against the Government*, formed principally in the Western States by traitors and disloyal persons I have now the honor to submit as follows:

"During more than a year past it has been generally known to our military authorities that a secret treasonable organization, affiliated with the Southern rebellion and chiefly military in its character, has been rapidly extending itself throughout the West. A variety of agencies, which will be specified herein, have been employed, and successfully, to ascertain its nature and extent, as well as its aims and its results, and, as this investigation has led to the arrest in several States of a number of its prominent members as dangerous enemies to their country, it has been deemed proper to set forth in full the acts and purposes of this organization, and thus to make known to the community at large its intensely treasonable and revolutionary spirit.

"This secret association first developed itself in the West in the year 1862, about the period of the first conscription of troops, which aimed to instruct and resist. Originally known in certain localities as the "Mutual Protection Society," the "Circle of Honor," or the "Circle" or "Knights of the Mighty Host," but more widely as the "Knights of the Golden Circle," it was simply an inspiration of the rebellion, being little other than an extension among the disloyal and disaffected at the North of the association of the latter name, which had existed for some years at the South, and from which it derived all the chief features of its organization.

"During the summer and fall of 1863, the Order, both at the North and South, underwent some modifications as well as a change of name. In consequence of a partial exposure which had been made of the signs and secret forms of the "Knights of the Golden Circle," Sterling Price had instituted as its successor in Missouri a secret political association, which he called the "Corps de Belgique," or "Southern League;" his principal coadjutor being Charles L. Hunt, of St Louis, then Belgian Consul at that city, but whose *exequator* was subsequently revoked by the President on a count of his disloyal practices. The special object of the Corps de Belgique appears to have been to unite the rebel sympathizers of Missouri, with a view to their taking up arms and joining Price upon his proposed grand invasion of that State, and to their recruiting for his army in the interim.

"Meanwhile, also, there had been instituted at the North, in the autumn of 1863, by sundry disloyal persons, prominent among whom were Vallandigham and P. C. Wright, of New York, a secret order, intended to be general throughout the country, and aiming at an extended influence and power, and at more positive results than its predecessor, and which was termed, and has since been widely known as the O. A. K., or "*Order of American Knights*."

"The opinion is expressed by Colonel Sandefson, Provost Marshal General of the Department of Missouri, in his official report upon the progress of the order, that it was founded by Vallandigham during his banishment, and upon consultation at Richmond with Davis and other prominent traitors. It is, indeed, the boast of the order in Indiana and elsewhere, that its "ritual" came direct from Davis himself, and Mary Ann Pitman, formerly attached to the command of the rebel Forrest, and a most intelligent witness, whose testimony will be hereafter referred to, states positively that Davis is a member of the order.

"Upon the institution of the principal organization, it is represented that the "Corps de Belgique" was modified by Price, and became a Southern section of the O. A. K., and that the new name was generally adopted for the order, both at the North and South.

"The secret signs and character of the order having become known to our military authorities, further modifications in the ritual and forms were introduced, and its name was finally changed to that of the O. S. L., or "Order of the *Sons of Liberty*," or the "Knights of the order of the Sons of Liberty." These later changes are represented to have been first instituted, and the new ritual compiled, in the State of Indiana, in May last, but the new name was at once generally adopted throughout the West, though in some localities the association is still better known as the "Order of American Knights."

"Meanwhile, also, the order has received certain local designations. In parts of Illinois it has been called at times the "Peace Organization," in Kentucky the "Star Organization;" these, however, being apparently names used outside of the lodges of the order. Its members have also been familiarly designated as "Butternuts" but the country people of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, and its separate lodges have also frequently received titles intended for the public ear; that in Chicago, for instance, being termed by its members the "Democratic Invincible Club," that in Louisville, the "Democratic Reading Room," &c.

"It is to be added that in the State of New York, and other parts of the North, the secret political association known as the "*McClellan Minute Guard*" would seem to be a branch of the O. A. K., having substantially the same objects, to be accomplished, however, by means expressly suited to the localities in which it is established. For, as the Chief Secretary of this association, Dr. R. F. Stevens, stated in June last to a reliable witness whose testimony has been furnished, "those who represent the McClellan interest are compelled to preach a vigorous prosecution of the war, in order to secure the popular sentiment and allure voters."

With regard to "its organization and officers," from printed copies of the constitution heretofore seized by the Government, it has been ascertained that the government of the order throughout the United States is vested in a supreme council, of which the officers are a Supreme Commander, Secretary of State and Treasurer, who are elected for one year. In a State, the government of the order is vested in a Grand Council, the officers of which are a Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and a certain number of Major Generals, or one for each military district, also elected annually by representatives from what are called County Temples.

But the strength and significance of this organization lie in its *military* character. The secret constitution of the Supreme Council provides that the Supreme Commander "*shall be commander-in-chief of all military forces belonging to the order in the various States when called into actual service;*" and, further, that the Grand Commanders "*shall be commanders-in-chief of the military forces of their respective States.* Subordinate to the Grand Commander in the State are the "*Major Generals*," each of whom commands his separate district and army. In Indiana the Major Generals are four in number. In Illinois, where the organization of the order is considered most perfect, the members in each Congressional district compose a "*brigade*," which is commanded by a "*Brigadier General*." The members of each county constitute a "*regiment*," with a "*colonel*" in command, and those of each township form a "*company*." A somewhat similar system prevails in Indiana, where, also, each company is divided into "*squads*," each with its chief—an arrangement intended to facilitate the *guerrilla* mode of warfare in case of a general outbreak or local disorder.

The "McClellan Minute Guard," as appears from a circular issued by the Chief Secretary in New York in March last, is organized upon a military basis similar to that of the order proper.

P. C. Wright, of the New York Daily News, was the first Grand Commander. In May last he was arrested and confined in Fort Lafayette, and C. L. Vallandigham succeeded him as Grand Commander; Mr. Robert Holloway, of Illinois, acting as Lieutenant General while Vallandigham was in Canada. Dr. Massey, of Ohio, was chosen Secretary of State at the last election.

In Missouri the principal officers were Chas. L. Gunt, Grand Commander; Charles E. Dunn, Deputy Grand Commander; and Green B. Smith, Grand Secretary. These three have been arrested and made confessions, and it is understood that James A. Barrett has since acted as Grand Commander there.

H. H. Dodd, who has just been tried at Indianapolis, is Grand Commander of Indiana. The Deputy Grand Commander in that State is Horace Heffron, and the Grand Secretary, W. M. Harrison. The Major Generals are W. A. Bowles, Jon C. Walker, L. P. Milligan and Andrew Humphreys. Among the other leading members of the order in that State are Dr. Athon, State Secretary, and Joseph Ristine, State Auditor.

The Grand Commander in Illinois is —— Judd, of Lewistown; and B. B. Piper, of Springfield, who is entitled "Grand Missionary" of the State, and designated also as a member of Vallandigham's staff.

In Kentucky, Judge Bullitt, of the Court of Appeals, is Grand Commander, and, with Dr. U. F. Kalfus and W. R. Thomas, jailor in Louisville, two other prominent members, has been arrested and confined by the military authorities.

In New York, Dr. R. F. Stevens, the Chief Secretary of the McClellan Minute Guard, is the most active ostensible representative of the secret order.

A great many of these officers have been arrested and two others are under strict Military surveillance.

The Supreme Council meets annually on February 22d. This year it met in New York, and a special meeting was held in Chicago a day or two before the late Democratic Convention there.

The "Temples" or "Lodges" of the order are numerously scattered through the States of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, and Kentucky. They are also officially reported as established, to a less extent, in Michigan, and the other Western States, as well as in New York, and also in Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, and Tennessee. Dodd, the Grand Commander of Indiana, in an address to the members in that State of February last, claims that at the next annual meeting of the Supreme Council (in February, 1865,) every State in the Union will be represented.

The actual numerical strength of the order has never been officially reported. Delegates to the last Supreme Council place the number at 80,000, but Vallandigham, in a speech last summer at Dayton, placed the number at 500,000, which is supposed to be nearer the true total. The order is more widely extended at the South than in the North, and not only officers of the rebel army, but guerrillas, are admitted to membership.

In the summer and fall of 1863 the work of arming the members was commenced, and it is estimated that the force capable of being mobilized for effective service was 340,000 men. Arms were distributed at all points, and efforts were made to get arms from Nassau, through Canada. The members of the order in Missouri joined the militia for the sole purpose of getting possession of arms; and it was at one time proposed to disarm the negro troops in Kentucky, for the purpose of getting possession of their weapons.

The discovery of a number of copies of the ritual of the O. A. K. at the office of Hon. D. W. Voorhees, in Indiana, gave the military authorities full possession of the signs, passwords, &c. Both the O. A. K and O. S. L. societies are what are termed progressive, and there are five separate degrees of membership; but the great majority of the members only attain to the first or lower degree. The oath taken by members is considered paramount to all other oaths, and in obedience to the regulations of the order all other oaths may be violated with impunity. There are signs, signals and passwords in use among members both North and South. There are also signs of warning and danger, and also what are called battle signals, whereby a soldier belonging to the order is spared by the enemy. In correspondence a cipher is used, or letters are written with cipher marks under certain words to show that they are to be read in a sense directly the opposite of their apparent purport.

The written principles of the order in which the neophyte is instructed, and which he is sworn to cherish and observe as his rule of action, when, with arms placed in his hands, he is called upon to engage in the overthrow of his Government, declares the absolute right of slavery; recognizes State sovereignty and the right of secession; asserts the right of armed resistance to constituted authority on the part of the disaffected and disloyal whenever their ambition may prompt them to revolution. The members are also pledged not to take up arms in the cause of the Government.

The specific purposes of the order have by the confessions of arrested members been discovered to be—1st, To aid soldiers to desert, and to harbor and protect deserters. 2d, To discourage enlistments and resist the draft, and members of the order, when drafted and compelled to enter the field were instructed to use their weapons against their fellow soldiers rather than against the enemy. 3d, To circulate disloyal and treasonable publications. 4th, To communicate with and give intelligence to the enemy. It was testified to by Smith, Grand Secretary of the order in Missouri that for this purpose rebel spies, mail carriers and emissaries were admitted to full membership and amply protected. 5th, To aid the enemy by recruiting for them or assisting them to recruit within our lines. 6th, To furnish the rebels with arms, ammunition, &c. 7th, To co-operate with the enemy in raids and invasions. 8th, To destroy Government property. 9th, To destroy private property and persecute Union men. 10th, To assassinate and murder Union men. And 11th, To establish a Northwestern Confederacy.

The facts set forth in Judge Holt's report were obtained from various sources and witnesses, among whom were shrewd and intelligent detectives who succeeded in gaining the confidence of the prominent members of the order; rebel officers and soldiers who made disclosures to our military authorities; scouts employed to travel through the Border States; members of the order who appalled by the infamous designs, deserted it; officers of the order of high rank who could not go the full length of the treason; deserters from our army who upon being apprehended confessed that they had been induced to desert by members of the order and the witnesses before various Grand Juries in 1863.

Judge Holt says: "It need only be added that a most satisfactory test of the credibility and weight of much of the evidence which has been furnished is afforded by the printed testimony in regard to the character and intention of the order, which is found in its national and State constitutions and its ritual. Indeed, the statements of the various witnesses are but presentations of the logical and inevitable consequences and results of the principles therein set forth.

"But, although the treason of the order has been thoroughly exposed, and although its capacity for fatal mischief has, by means of the arrest of its leaders, the seizure of its arms, and the other vigorous means which have been pursued, been seriously impaired, it is still busied with its secret plottings against the Government, and with its perfidious designs in aid of the Southern rebellion. It is reported to have recently issued new signs and passwords, and its members assert that foul means will be used to prevent the success of the Administration at the coming election, and threaten an extended revolt in the event of the re-election of President Lincoln."

In conclusion, Judge Holt urges upon all loyal men to so work as to defeat the plans and purposes of the treasonable order.

AUCTION SALES.

FUTURE DAYS.

BY GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auctioneers, No. 526 corner 7th and D streets north.

SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED PROPERTY.

The undersigned, trustees under the will of the late Edmund Kelley, offer for sale at public auction the following property:

On WEDNESDAY, 26th October instant, at four o'clock p. m., on the premises—

Part of Lot 8, Square 690, fronting 62 feet 5½ inches on 1st street east.

Lots 4 and 9, Square 814.

East half of Lot 16, Square 867.

Lot 9, Square 788.

Part of Lot 4, Square 730, 15 feet 10½ inches on A street and 50 feet on 2d street east.

Part of Lot 3, Square 759, west part fronting 29 feet on East Capitol street by depth of lot. Three years of lease on lot unexpired.

Part of Lot 9, Square 758, beginning at northwest angle of square, running south and along 2d street east 80 feet 7 inches, thence east 21 feet 3 1½ inches, thence 91 feet 8½ inches to Maryland avenue, thence south westwardly along said avenue 24 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1,832 square feet.

Part of Lot 10, Square 843, beginning at the distance of 16 feet from the northeast corner of and fronting 10 feet 3 inches on B street south by depth of lot.

Part of Lot 10, Square 843, beginning at the west corner of said lot, with front of 27 feet by depth of lot.

Part of Lot 19, Square 729.

Lease 99 years on 25 feet front by depth of lot. 52 years unexpired, on East Capitol street, near Capitol grounds.

And on THURSDAY, the 26th instant, at 4 o'clk p. m., on the premises—

North half of Lot 28, Square 53.

Lot A, subdivision of Square 579, fronting 23 feet 6 inches on south D street, depth 109 feet 6 inches containing 2,573 square feet.

The improvements are: Two frame buildings on part of Lot 19, Square 729; one frame on lot 9, Square 788; 2 brick houses on part of Lot 4, Square 730, and a frame on Lot A, Square 579.

Terms of sale: One half of the purchase money is to be paid in cash, and the residue in 6 and 12 months, with interest, secured by a deed of trust on the premises, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser.

A payment of $25 on each lot will be required at the time of purchase.

If the terms of sale are not complied with in one week thereafter, the right to resell, at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser, on one week's previous notice in the National Intelligencer is reserved by the trustees.

The cost of conveyancing and revenue stamps to be paid by the purchaser.

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JOHN CARROLL BRENT, Trustees.
oc 8-d GREEN & WILLIAMS, Aucts.

SALE OF CONDEMNED MULES.

Chief Quartermaster's Office, Depot of Washington, Washington, D. C., October 5, 1864.

Will be sold at public auction, at the Corrals, near the Observatory, in the city of Washington, on WEDNESDAY, October 19, 1864, a lot of

MULES,

condemned as unfit for public service.

Terms: Cash in Government funds.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m.

D. H. RUCKER,
Brigadier General and Chief Quartermaster,
oc 5-13t Depot of Washington.

AUCTION SALE OF CONDEMNED HORSES.

QUARTERMASTER GEN.'S OFFICE, 1ST DIVISION, WASHINGTON CITY, October 1, 1864.

Will be sold at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, at the time and places named below, viz:

Mifflin, Pennsylvania, THURSDAY, October 13, 1864.

Wilmington, Delaware, THURSDAY, October 20, 1864.

York, Pennsylvania, THURSDAY, October 27, 1864.

TWO HUNDRED CAVALRY HORSES, at each place.

These horses have been condemned as unfit for the cavalry service of the army.

For road and farming purposes, many good bargains may be had.

Horses sold singly. Sales to commence at 10 a. m. Terms cash, in United States currency.

By order of the Quartermaster General.

JAMES A EKIN,
Colonel in charge 1st Division, Q. M. G. O.
oc 1 26t

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR LOAN.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, July 25, 1864.

Notice is hereby given that subscriptions will be received by the Treasurer of the United States, the several Assistant Treasurers and Designated Depositories and by the National Banks designated and qualified as Depositories and Financial Agents of Treasury Notes payable three years from August 15, 1864, bearing interest at the rate of seven and three-tenths per cent. per annum, with semi annual coupons attached, payable in lawful money.

These notes will be convertible at the option of the holder at maturity into six per cent. gold bearing bonds, redeemable after five and payable twenty years from August 15, 1867.

The Notes will be issued in the denomination s of fifty, one hundred, five hundred, one thousand an five thousand dollars, and will be issued in blank, or payable to order, as may be directed by the subscribers.

All subscription must be for fifty dollars, or some multiple of fifty dollars.

Duplicate certificates will be issued for all deposites. The party depositing must endorse upon the *original* certificate the denomination of notes required, and whether they are to be issued in blank or payable to order. When so endorsed it must be left with the officer receiving the deposit, to be forwarded to this Department.

The notes will be transmitted to the owners free of transportation charges as soon after the receipd of the original Certificates of Deposit as they can be prepared.

Interest will be allowed to August 15 on all deposits made prior to that date, and will be paid by the Department upon receipt of the original certificates.

As the notes draw interest from August 15, persons making deposits subsequent to that date must pay the interest accrued from date of note to date of deposit.

Parties depositing twenty-five thousand dollars and upwards for these notes at any one time will be allowed a commission of one-quarter of one per cent., which will be paid by this Department upon receipt of a bill for the amount, certified to by officer with whom the deposit was made. No deductions for commissions must be made from he deposits.

Officers receiving deposits will see that the proper endorse ents are made upon the original certificates.

All officers authorized to receive deposits are requested to give to applicants all desired information, and afford every facility for making subscriptions.

W. P. FESSENDEN,
jy 26-tf Secretary of the Treasury.

MEDICAL PURVEYOR'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15, 1864.

All dealers in this city and Georgetown, who wish to sell to the Medical Purveying Department, are requested to send to this office, on the MONDAY of each week, a sealed list of the articles they may be prepared to furnish, at short notice, with the price of each attached to the same.

C. SUTHERLAND,
je 15-tf Surg. U. S. A., Medical Purveyor.

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p 5-tf Georgetown, D. C.

ORPHANS' COURT, SEPTEMBER 24th, 1864.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, *to wit:* In the case of Bridget Kelly, Administratrix of James Kelly, deceased, the Administratrix aforesaid has, with the approbation of the Orphans' Court of Washington County aforesaid, appointed SATURDAY, the 15th day of October next, for the final settlement and distribution of the personal estate of said deceased, and of the assets in hand, as far as the same have been collected and turned into money; when and where all the creditors and heirs of said deceased are notified to attend, (at the Orphans' Court of Washington County aforesaid,) with their claims properly vouched, or they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit in said deceased's estate: provided a copy of this order be published once a week for three weeks in the Evening Star, previous to the said 15th day of October, 1864.

Test: Z. C. ROBBINS,
sep 26-law3w* Register of Wills.

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PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR FORAGE.

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON DEPOT, Dec. 8, 1863.

Sealed Proposals are invited by the undersigned for supplying the U. S. Quartermaster's Department, at Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., Alexandria, and Fort Monroe, Va., or either of these places, with Hay, Corn, Oats and Straw.

Bids will be received for the delivery of 5,000 bushels of corn or oats and 50 tons of hay or straw, and upwards.

Bidders must state at which of the above-named points they propose to make deliveries, and the rates at which they will make deliveries thereat, the quantity of each article proposed to be delivered, the time when said deliveries shall be commenced, and when to be completed.

The price must be written out in words on the bids.

Corn to be up in good stout sacks, of about two bushels each. Oats in like sacks of about three bushels each. The sacks to be furnished without extra charge to the Government. The hay and straw to be securely baled.

The particular kind or description of oats, corn, hay or straw proposed to be delivered must be stated in the proposals.

All the articles offered under the bids herein invited will be subject to a rigid inspection by the Government Inspector before being accepted.

Contracts will be awarded from time to time to the lowest responsible bidder, as the interest of the Government may require and payment will be made when the whole amount contracted for shall have been delivered and accepted.

The bidder will be required to accompany his proposals with a guaranty, signed by two responsible persons that in case his bid is accepted he or they will, within ten days thereafter, execute the contract for the same, with good and sufficient sureties in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, to deliver the forage proposed in conformity with the terms of this advertisement; and in case the said bidder should fail to enter into the contract, they to make good the difference between the offer of said bidder and the next lowest responsible bidder, or the person to whom the contract may be awarded.

The responsibility of the guarantors must be shown by the official certificate of a U. S. District Attorney, Collector of Customs or any other officer under the United States Government or responsible person known to this office.

All bidders will be duly notified of the acceptance or rejection of their proposals.

The full name and P. O. address of each bidder must be legibly written in the proposal.

Proposals must be addressed to Brig. Gen. D. H. Rucker, Chief Depot Quartermaster, Washington, D. C., and should be plainly marked "Proposals for Forage."

Bonds, in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, signed by the contractor and both of his guarantors, will be required of the successful bidder or bidders upon signing the contract.

Blank forms of bids, guarantees, and bonds, may be obtained upon application at this Office.

FORM OF PROPOSAL.

(Town, County and State) ——
(Date) ——

I, the subscriber, do hereby propose to furnish and deliver to the United States, at the Quartermaster's Department at —— agreeably to the terms of your advertisement inviting proposals for forage, dated Washington Depot, Dec. 8, 1863, the following articles, viz:

— bushels of Corn, in sacks, at —— per bushel of 56 pounds.
— bushels of Oats, in sacks, at —— per bushel of 32 pounds.
— tons of Baled Hay, at —— per ton of 2,000 pounds.
— tons of Baled Straw, at —— per ton of 2,000 pounds.

Delivery to commence on or before the —— day of ——, 186—, and to be completed on or before the —— day of ——, 186—, and pledge myself to enter into a written contract with the United States, with good and approved securities, within the space of ten days after being notified that my bid has been accepted. Your obedient servant,

Brigadier General D. H. RUCKER,
General Depot Quartermaster,
Washington, D. C.

GUARANTY.

We, the undersigned, residents of ——, in the County of ——, and State of ——, hereby, jointly and severally, covenant with the United States, and guarantee in case the foregoing bid of —— be accepted, that he or they will, within ten days after the acceptance of said bid, execute the contract for the same with good and sufficient sureties, in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, to furnish the forage proposed in conformity to the terms of advertisement dated December 8, 1863, under which the bid was made, and, in case the said —— shall fail to enter into a contract as aforesaid, we guarantee to make good the difference between the offer by said —— and the next lowest responsible bidder, or the person to whom the contract may be awarded.

Witness,

Given under our hands and seals this —— day of ——, 186—. [Seal.] [Seal.]

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above-named guarantors are good and sufficient as sureties for the amount for which they offer to be security.

To be certified by the United States District Attorney, Collector of Customs, or any other officer under the United States Government, or responsible person known to this office.

D. H. RUCKER,
dec 9-tf Brigadier General and Q. M.

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, DEPOT OF WASHINGTON, *Washington, D. C.*, January 4, 1864.

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