



ALTRUSA CLUB OF PUEBLO

PUEBLO, COLORADO

425 West 12th St.,
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Mr. Clyde W. Akers,

Bayfield, Colorado.

Dear Clyde:

Just received your letter of the 30th this afternoon and in regard to the Klan, will say that I have thought about it for some time, and, in fact, am up in the air as to just what I should do, but have about decided to let it go by default. Of course, I would have rather gotten a withdrawal card if they issue such things.

I realize that there was nothing else for you to do and I appreciate your writing me about it, and your expressions regarding same. I am mighty glad to hear that you are going strong, and hope you will continue to prosper. I would not think of joining the Minute Men, - I joined the Klan for what it was, and I still think as much of it as ever, but I think the whole thing is a horrible mess, and am so sorry that things turned out in this state as they have. Of course, I don't think you folks down there realize it as much as those on the outside, and I hope what I have said won't in any way influence you in your views. The Klan itself is just what is ever was, but I do think its efficiency is gone to a certain extent. In fact, I am convinced that it is in this section of the state.

I am just writing this to you Clyde, personally, and not as a letter to be read in open lodge for I thought it best to write in this way. I don't want to influence anyone's opinion in the least in this respect, but I know there are some in your lodge who have their doubts, and to read this would only make them more doubtful. I don't want to say a word to anyone that would raise the least doubt in their mind regarding the organization, but I felt I should explain my position to you, and if Judd is still Exalted Cyclops you might show him this letter if you care to, for I know he certainly would say nothing about it.

We were all might sorry to hear of Norma's illness, and also the baby, and hope they are both well on the road to complete recovery by this time.

My folks are all well, and the children are tickled to pieces with their school: which is more than I can say for

them in Pennsylvania or Florida either. They all have a longing for Bayfield, myself included, and I guess it will take some time to get over it, but we all like Pueblo very much and are growing to like it more every day. I would rather have gotten in Denver, or the northern part of the state, and may some day if I don't stay here too long and become a fixture, but it is not bad and one gets so much more out of life here than down in the San Juan.

Really Clyde, I did not realize it while I was there, and I had to get on the outside to waken up, but I have felt that my past fifteen years in the San Juan Basin have been almost wasted. In fact, I am yet more or less like the farmer boy going to the city. I drove the car through most of the large cities from here to New York and south to Florida without an accident and was not frightened, but I was frightened with the way things are moving, - I mean in a business way. I just have not yet adapted myself to conditions here and elsewhere. I can't see how the business houses can pay the rents they do and make any money, and hundreds of other things, and as a result, while I would like to be into something for myself, decided it was best to get onto the ropes, and adapt myself to conditions and work on a salary before I tried anything for myself. On the other hand, I know of instances, one right here, where a fellow came here from Louisiana four years ago, bought out a little garage that was not paying the owners. He jumped in, bought it, and told me the other night he had 92 cars paying \$6.00 a month storage, was open all day and night, had a well equipped machine shop, and had nine men in his employ. I would have been afraid to tackle it coming from the San Juan Basin, but I hope to get over that in time. I have several things in mind when I become ~~am~~ acclimated.

Of course, we all miss our good friends there, and will always have a warm spot in our hearts for "The Best Country on Earth", and it is not all sunshine and joy in a city, and working for the other fellow, but I am glad we are out and hope we will get over the homesick feeling in time for I believe I made a good move.

Well, I must ring off. Write to me when you can and remember me to all my good friends there. The folks all join me in sending kindest regards and best wishes to your family, and your father and mother.

Sincerely yours,

