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Dear Sir

I find reference made to a "Citizens Equal Rights Association in a Boston paper I recieved to-day That is said in the article does not clearly state the aim and the purpose of the organization You are referred to as the "Bystander"

In Canada there is an organization of that name which I believe is made up of the combined membership of the "Orange" "True Blues" "Apprentice Boys" and kindred societies for the purpose of united action in opposition to some political measures more or less of an ecclesiastical nature and I am inclined to think that there are local societies of a very similar name that are made up for the most part of colored men for the purpose of securing equal respect for themselves in travelling and in public places

In this office we desire to record the organization of all societies that have for their object anything that is for the benefit of the country or of the people and to have for reference any printed matter that such a society may circulate Will you not oblige me by sending me copies of anything you may wish to distribute for our files

It appears to me that there is a need for the cultivation in our land of a distinctly American spirit and I believe that this can be secured by enducing our fellow citizens to consider our country as it is ,and as it has been ,what our country has done for the world and for mankind and show its points of superiority over other forms of government I believe in popularizing everything that is American "Leagues of American History" are forming among the youth and similar organizations would be the thing among those of larger growth

I enclose "an idea" which has just been written It is simply an idea

Respectfully Yours

Isaac Brown

❖ The School of "Americanics." ❖

"AMERICANICS" [The word is hardly suitable but it is coined because there appears to be no other that expresses the idea sought.] Is the full, complete knowledge of the American Continent, and it takes account of everything that in any way relates to it or to any part of it.

1. GEOGRAPHY. Includes the Topography, Means of Transportation, Depth of Rivers, Engineering difficulties in the construction of Railways and Canals, Location of Centres of Population, Varieties of Climate, Classes and quantities of Products, Adaptation for Introduction of new Products, Minerals their variety, location and the means used for securing them. Animals, Fishes, Reptiles, Flora, Ornithology, &c.
2. HISTORY. The causes that brought about the settlement of the various States, the reasons why they became separate and why they remain apart; the causes that led to the formation of the existing form of government and how each is carrying out the ideas of their founders; the various obstacles that these nations have had to contend with and the means employed to overcome them, the influence of the daily progress of the superior nations have upon the material progress of the others.
3. BUSINESS. The interchange of commodities, the classes of merchandise that will most benefit and materially assist the development of each country and the class of wares [if any] that should be excluded; the commercial and mercantile customs of each State and the reasons that have made these customs; the various systems of Banking, Customs, charges and credits.
4. GOVERNMENT. The various systems compared and the practicable results of each. The True Republic. Influence of the different systems on each other and upon the outside nations of the world. Diplomatic intercourse between the nations of the continent. Influences needed to make all the governments of America practically a unit; Treaties and their value.
5. LAW. The statutes of the several States and how they are enforced; the Law of Precedent, Inter-state relations, Inter-Republican Law, Inter-National Law, the Unwritten Law.
6. PRACTICAL AMERICANISM. The value of the Suffrage, the Power of the Citizen; the Service of the Official, the use and the abuse of the vote; the importance of our peculiar institutions; influences that are antagonistic to the Republic; how to meet pernicious influences, the love of Country, a vital American spirit, Assimilation of the foreigner; education of the whole people to the conception of "a government of the people, for the people, and by the people;" the raising of the nation "Nationally."
7. PHILOSOPHY OF CURRENT HISTORY. The events of to-day; what is the result of the worlds progress for to-day? What has the United States gained from to-days work, or what has our country lost? Is it possible to look upon the present progress and with the knowledge of the past, prognosticate as to the future, guard against danger to come, or prepare to make use of the profits?