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Highest yesterday 76  
Lowest last night 58  
Tonight and Sunday  
Fair.

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## GOVERNOR OLCOTT CONDEMNS KU KLUX KLAN

### OREGON IN NEED OF NO MASKED NIGHTRIDERS" SAYS PROCLAMATION ISSUED TODAY

Calls on Law Enforcement Officers to Stop Alleged Maudering and Parading on Streets in Disguise—Charges Klan Seeks U'surp Reins of Government.

(By Associated Press.)  
SALEM, May 13.—Governor W. Olcott today issued a proclamation calling on the law enforcement officers to see that "unlawfully disguised men kept from the streets," and declaring that "dangerous forces are insidiously gaining a foothold in Oregon" and that these forces in the guise of a secret society, parading under the name of the Ku Klux Klan are endeavoring to usurp the reins of government and are stirring up fanaticism, race hatred, religious prejudice and all the influences which tend toward factional strife and civil war.

The governor called upon all the law enforcement officers, including the judges and sheriffs, to see that all unlawfully disguised men be kept from the streets to prevent further outrages and maraudings such as have occurred in some of our communities and in neighboring states.

"The time has come to determine whether our government shall maintain its orderly way, controlled by the voice of the people or whether it shall be turned over to some secret clique or clan to be made the tool of invisible forces working in the dark toward aims unknown to others than ourselves," the governor says. "I call upon all loyal citizens of the state to give their support to proper law enforcement arms of this government in this movement against the masked rider or cloaked and disguised figures who unlawfully stalk about on secret missions for unknown ends. If the masked men are permitted to roam promiscuously at large it will not be long before our wives and daughters will know no safety and our homes will no longer be our castles and the streets will be the scenes of a disgraceful riot. These practices must cease if there is law in our land and true Americanism to prevail."

**TEXT OF PROCLAMATION.**  
SALEM, Ore., May 13.—(Special to Roseburg News-Review.)—Governor Olcott's proclamation condemning the actions of the Ku Klux Klan follows: "Dangerous forces are insidiously gaining a foothold in Oregon in the guise of a secret society and these forces are endeavoring to usurp the reins of the government and are stirring up fanaticism, race hatred and civil terror."

"Assaults have been committed in various counties of the state by unknown masked outlaws, the outcome of which has reflected on the Ku Klux Klan. Whether or not these outlaws were connected with the organization is immaterial. Their evil acts demonstrate that the name of the organization may be used for evil purposes and that from the nature of its activities it has the moral effect of causing unthinking and misguided persons to enter into unlawful conspiracies and to perpetrate deeds. "In a sister state this same organization is under judicial inquiry as a result of felonious assaults and unspeakable outrages committed under the veil of darkness. "Oregon needs no masked night-riders and no invisible empire to control her affairs. Our courts of law, our law enforcing officers and our whole machinery of government are founded on the fundamentals of true American citizenship and are second to no other state. "Their star chamber meetings, their conspiracies behind closed doors, and

are all foreign to our first governmental principles. "Danger lurks when the masked men parade the streets on missions of a character known to none but themselves. The officers of the law have no knowledge of the identity or character or aims of the individuals who conceal themselves and their features, whose oath of allegiance to some private organization holds away in their minds and whose motives are uncertain and unknown. "Even the sanctity of our various churches is no proof against their invasion in disguise. "By virtue of the authority in me vested by the constitution of the State of Oregon to see that the laws are faithfully executed and enforced, including the judges of the courts, sheriffs of the counties and any other law enforcing officers whatsoever to guard carefully against any infraction of the law, to insist that unlawfully disguised men be kept from the streets and to prevent further outrages and maraudings such as have occurred in some of our own communities and in the state of California.

"I particularly cite section 2046 Oregon laws, as a statute to the strict enforcement. The time has come to determine whether our state government shall maintain its orderly way, controlled by the voice of all of the people, or whether it shall be turned over to some secret clique or clan, to be made the tool of invisible forces working in the dark toward aims unknown to others than themselves. "The true spirit of Americanism resents bigotry, abhors secret machinations and terrorism, and demands that those who speak for her and in her cause speak openly with their faces to the sun. "I call upon all of the loyal citizens of this state to give support to the proper law enforcing arms of the government in this movement against masked riders, or cloaked and disguised figures who unlawfully stalk about on secret missions for unknown ends. "If the masked men are permitted to roam promiscuously at large it will not be long before our wives and daughters will know no safety, our homes will no longer be our castles and the streets will be the scenes of a disgraceful riot. These practices must cease if there is law in our land and true Americanism to prevail. "In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Oregon to be hereunto affixed this 13th day of May, 1922. (Signed)

**"BEN W. OLCOTT, Governor."**

**Neuner Makes Statement.**  
"I have received no information regarding this proclamation," District Attorney Neuner stated this afternoon when shown a copy of the governor's message regarding the Klan. "The law referred to by Governor Olcott reads as follows: "Disguise with intent to prevent the execution of the law. "If any person shall in any manner disguise himself with intent to obstruct or hinder the due execution of the law, or with intent to intimidate, hinder, or interrupt any officer or other person in the legal performance of his duty or the exercise of any right, under the law, whether such intent shall be effected or not, such person, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not less than three months nor more than one year, or by fine not less than \$50 nor more than \$500. "For this office I will say that the law will be enforced the same as every other law. Upon taking the oath of district attorney I bound myself to enforce all laws impartially and consequently this provision will be given the same attention as the others. I know of no local violation of this law and have heard of no disorders. If at any time any person desires to swear out a warrant accusing any person or group of persons of violation of this section of the code they will be accorded the same reception from this office that would be given any other person giving information of law violation."

### PROJECTED MERGER TO BE INVESTIGATED

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, May 13.—The presidents of over a half dozen independent steel companies mentioned in connection with the reported projected merger were called upon today by the federal trade commission for "full and specific information as to the plan of the proposed merger before the plan is consummated or actual transfers made."

### WAR DEFRAUDERS BE ROUNDED UP

(By United Press.)  
WASHINGTON, May 13.—The first definite move in the campaign to round up and prosecute the war defrauders came today when the house appropriations committee favorably reported a bill giving the department of justice prosecution fund. The bill will probably be passed Monday when sent to the senate with the request for speedy action so that Harding can sign it before the end of the week. The fund will be used to employ extra investigators and counsel.

### GIFFORD PINCHOT IS ON THE WARPATH

(By United Press.)  
PHILADELPHIA, May 13.—Gifford Pinchot, the fighting candidate for the republican nomination for governor, informed the republican state organization that if it attempted to "count him out" in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia in next Tuesday's primaries, trouble will result.

### ULSTER FIGHTING STILL CONTINUES

(By United Press.)  
DUBLIN, May 13.—Further shootings centered in Ulster today despite the peace conference between the faction leaders. Intense firing took place all through the Marrowjón district.

### TO LET CONTRACT SOON

Additional bids on the Kohlhagen apartment house were opened today. The contract has been held up for several days to allow several large firms to submit bids for the construction of the building. All bids have now been submitted and have been opened, and are being taken under advisement. The contract will either be allowed, or all bids rejected, late this evening or the first of next week.

### FRENCH PROTEST MIXED COMMISSION

(By Associated Press.)  
GENOA, May 13.—As a result of the meeting of the economic conference sub-commission on Russian affairs today, the situation became so critical that it seemed doubtful whether the British and French positions could be reconciled. M. Barthou, head of the French delegation, declared that France would never consent to having a mixed commission on which Russians served give consideration to Russian credits, debts, and treatment of foreign nationalization in Russia. The French statement declared that the Russians have already driven wedges between the powers and might do so on the proposed commission. France believes the allies should reach a complete agreement before inviting the soviet representatives to join the commission.

**French to Remain.**  
PARIS, May 13.—The French delegation will remain at Genoa to take part in the deliberations of the other questions properly before the conference, but so far as the Russian problem is concerned, the conference is considered by the French government at an end.

**Has Tonsils Removed.**  
Clyde Ruter, an employee of the Southern Pacific company, today underwent a throat operation in the office of Dr. Melvin.

### GASOLINE PRICES TO BE INCREASED

(By United Press.)  
WASHINGTON, May 13.—According to reliable information in possession of the interior department today, the oil companies will make additional gasoline increases effective in all parts of the country very soon. The increase will probably total from four to five cents per gallon by the middle of June, the Standard Oil company leading the way.

### THREE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

(By United Press.)  
BUFFALO, N. Y., May 13.—Three persons were killed and fifteen were injured when the Black Diamond express on the Lehigh Valley railroad was derailed north of Leroy, near here, today. The train struck the automobile driven by Thomas Groeg and killed Groeg and an unidentified man and woman in the machine. Three coaches left the tracks with the shock of the impact, injuring fifteen passengers.

### Junior-Senior Banquet Tonight

The junior-senior banquet will be given tonight in the banquet room of the Hotel Umpqua. Decorations in the senior colors of blue and gold have been very attractively used on the table. Yellow candles with shades of yellow and gold, flower shaped nut cups of the senior colors and large bowls of yellow daisies give the banquet room a beautiful appearance. The toastmaster for the occasion is Willis Moffit and many toasts by the members of both classes and by members of the faculty are on the program. The following musical program will be given: Violin solo by Adelbert Young; vocal duet by the Wickham sisters; cornet solo by Earl Patterson; piano duet by Vivian Jrent and Florence Sinnott; and recitations on the high school phonograph.

### MOONSHINING AND BOOT-LEGGING ACTIVITIES AT LEONA HALTED OFFICERS BELIEVE

Raids on Stills in Vicinity of Leona Mills Has Closed Up One of Worst Spots in County Sheriff Starmer Asserts—Third Still Has Been Located.

The capture of two stills, a five gallon keg of moonshine and the prospect that a third still will be dragged out from its hiding place in a few more days, has had the effect of cleaning up one of the worst moonshining centers in the county. Sheriff Starmer announced today following the discovery of another still at Leona. According to the statements of the officers, those who have been conducting wholesale distilling activities at Leona have been uncovered and are known to the officers, although most of them were frightened off so that they were not arrested.

The state laws are very closely drawn and it is very difficult to arrest and convict men guilty of bootlegging or moonshining. In the event of arresting on a charge of manufacturing liquor, a man must be captured in the actual operation of a still and must have in his possession some of the manufactured product to prove that he is actively engaged in the manufacture of liquor. If moonshining is discovered or actual possession of a still established, the government can handle the case on a conspiracy charge, but for the county and state officers to take action is impossible, unless actual operation is interrupted.

Because of this fact the officers must, where capture of the responsible persons is impossible, do the next best thing and break up their activities and this has been thoroughly done at Leona. Leona it is claimed has been one of the sore spots in this county so far as moonshining is concerned. The officers have been watching this place and investigating for several weeks, and a few days ago received information which enabled them to determine definitely the program of the moonshiners and bootleggers for a few days ahead.

As a result Charles Miller was arrested in the act of delivering to two-gallon consignments of moonshine to an unidentified man and woman who escaped in an automobile in spite of a volley of shots fired by the three officers present at the time. Following this Sheriff Starmer located a 5 gallon keg of moonshine in one of the abandoned houses at Leona Mills. He also discovered a place where a 10 gallon still had been operated and on the following day located the still itself several miles away hidden in the underbrush. Yesterday evening he located a second still, which had been cached in a vacant building on the mill property. This still was made of a copper stock kettle, covered by a heavy copper top and homemade dome.

### Benson School Wins In Declamation

The Rose, Benson and Green schools competed this morning in the sectional declamation contest which is a part of the competition to determine the contestants in the county match to be held on May 20. The Benson school won in each of the events, one girl and one boy being selected to represent the section in the county meet. Ruth Conpton of the 7th grade won the girl's contest by her recitation "I Am An American," and William Knight, also of the 7th grade won the boys' contest with Patrick Henry's convention speech. This afternoon these schools and the Fullerton school met in the field and athletic meet at the Rose school building.

Mrs. W. G. Friend, of Oialla, was a visitor in this city today for several hours while attending to business matters.

Word was received here this morning by Mrs. Ed. Vosburg to the effect that Ed. Vosburg, who is receiving treatment in the Portland hospital, is not expected to live. Mr. Vosburg has been ill for some time and a short time ago was taken to Portland. He was operated on yesterday by Dr. Coffey. His wife and brother, Earl, of this city are with him.

with a long copper coil. The still was of about 5 gallon capacity and was capable of producing a good quality of moonshine, as moonshine goes. This still showed evidences of having been in use for a considerable time, and from all indications was discarded only after the operators became frightened by the general clean-up being made in that locality. It had been used very recently and it is believed had been in use in or near Leona.

There are evidences that there is another still in operation near Leona, Sheriff Starmer states. According to information received by him the still has been abandoned, and as it has been watched for some time there will be no effort to take it out except by the officers. It is expected that this outfit will be removed in the next few days, and added to the collection now in the Sheriff's office.

Several of the men who have been engaged in the illicit manufacture of liquor, have been endeavoring to threaten and intimidate persons, who they believed to be aiding and cooperating with the officers in an effort to clean up Leona and put an end to the lawless activities in that community. Threatening letters have been sent and efforts made to injure these persons in other ways, and this matter will probably be brought before the grand jury at its session which starts Monday. Although there is not sufficient evidence to warrant arrests in the Leona cases, most of the men responsible are known and have been reported to the district attorney and will probably be investigated by the grand jury. In the event they are found responsible for the attempts at intimidation, charges of this nature may be brought.

The officers believe that an end has been brought to the activities of the moonshiners in Leona and vicinity and that hereafter there will be no further trouble in that locality.

### Services To Be Held Sunday

The body of E. H. Lenox, whose death occurred a few days ago in Hood River, is expected to arrive here today. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock. Rev. L. B. Quick, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, will officiate at the services. The services at the Masonic cemetery will be conducted by the Masonic lodge of which Mr. Lenox was a member. Mr. Lenox's death is greatly mourned in this county and his many friends extend their heartfelt sympathies to the relatives at this time of their bereavement.

### Will Endorse Hamilton and Skipworth

The republicans have no other nominee on their primary ballot for judge of the second judicial district than J. S. Coke of Coos county. This judicial district includes Douglas, Lane, Benton, Lincoln, Curry and Coos counties. There are three judges to be elected in this judicial district. The republicans have supported Judges Hamilton and Skipworth heretofore and this time no candidate appears against either of them. It would be a compliment to these gentlemen should their republican friends on the 13th inst. write in each of their names with the cross opposite on their ballots. It will be done if the voter thinks of it, and the News considers that this is the right action to take. We are entitled to three judges in this district. The ballot should be complete. The friends of Judges Skipworth, Hamilton and Coke think that they should be retained.

**Oialla Visitor.**  
A. S. Iles, a resident of Oialla, spent several hours in this city today attending to business matters.



The Mother

She never touched with skillful brush the canvas,  
And left a picture that the world might praise,  
Or, with inspired fingers on the keyboard,  
Sent down an echo through the length of days.  
But once, with eyes tear stained yet looking upward,  
With smiling lips, she passed beneath the rod,  
Descending almost to the Vale of Shadows,  
To bring a little newborn soul from God.  
She never penned a book whose glowing pages,  
Might lift us up and help us in the fight,  
But day by day she sought with loving patience,  
To guide two little stumbling feet aright.  
And yet, mayhap when at the gate of Heaven,  
She paused, God looked at her and smiled,  
With hand outstretched, His kind voice spoke a welcome  
To her, the mother of a little child.