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KLAN PLAYS BIG PART IN ELECTION

Recall of Sheriff of Jackson County Being Decided Today.

BITTERNESS RAMPANT ON K. K. K. ISSUE

One side Claims Present Sheriff Leader of Unbreakable Political Ring; Medford Swamped with Dodgers.

MEDFORD, July 29.—Both sides in the fight over the recall of Sheriff Terrill are active getting out voters today. D. M. Lowe, candidate opposing Terrill yesterday issued an affidavit declaring he "is" not a member of the Ku Klux Klan. Former members of the klan issued affidavits declaring Lowe "was" a member.

MEDFORD, Ore., July 29. — An election campaign unequaled for bitterness, which has split Jackson county into two camps and members of each faction professing to be certain of victory, came to a close last night and is being fought out at the polls today.

C. E. Terill, sheriff, is the man who must face the recall, with D. Lowe, reputed klansman, arrayed against him.

Everything — even the special grand jury probe into the Ku Klux Klan activities in this county—has been pushed aside with the recall the sole subject of discussion.

Boys Beneficiaries.

Boys are the real beneficiaries of the election. For several days past they have been engaged in passing out dodgers bearing copies of affidavits made in behalf of one candidate or the other. No sooner one side in the fight issues an affidavit disputing or attempting to disprove the contents of the other. Small knots of men gather on the street corners to discuss the election; women at bridge parties have forgotten their bids to discuss the issues of the day, and persons engaged in various enterprises and professions have dropped work to discuss the election.

"Spiked Cannon"

Thursday a local newspaper issued a special edition in support of Sheriff Terrill. That night the newspaper office was broken into and all spaces in the magazine of the linotype machine were stolen in an apparent effort to cripple the plant and prevent the publication of a paper.

Aid was obtained from another newspaper outside Jackson county and Friday afternoon the paper was out again stronger than ever in support of its favorite candidate.

There are few who deny that the recall election is other than an out-and-out Ku Klux Klan issue. Members of the organization, in its official Jackson county publication, maintain that the klan is the only organization in existence that can break up the organization of sleek politicians who have "run" Jackson county for their own enrichment for years.

Opponents of the recall maintain that the ousting of Sheriff Terrill is sought so that the klan will have complete control of the principal law-enforcement agency in the county and that the officials of that organization can have advance information of any prosecutions that may come in their direction.

An illustration of how the fight has been going on is given in two affidavits—one of Candidate Lowe and the other by members of the committee opposed to the recall.

Lowe has ... accused many times of being a member of the klan and under oath to protect members of the organization except in cases of treason, murder and rape.

Saw Lowe at Meeting.

Shortly after the statement appeared ... time another affidavit in which ... Peter, an ex-member of the klan, states that all klansmen have been instructed that they are klansmen only when the lodge is in session, that at other times members of the organization are known to be citizens of the invisible empire, and that he attended meetings of the klan ... often saw Lowe in attendance.

... CITY ... The city ... the environs ... surplus of 3,000 ... 1921 municipal budget ... has always budgeted ... collected taxes to cover ... expenditure to the last ... the happy state of ... the city ...

Weather

Tonight and Sunday, fair.

BOY SCOUTS TO CAMP ON MINAM DURING AUGUST

Dates Have been Fixed for August 16 to 29; meeting this Evening to Make Plans.

Preparations are bing completed for the two weeks summer camp which the boy scouts of La Grande will hold near the Minam Lumber company's dam on the Big Minam. The dates have been set for August 16 to August 29, and the majority of the scouts are planning on making the trip. A. E. Pryke, scout commissioner, will be in charge of the trip.

The advance body, which will be composed of about six scouts and Harvey Carter, scout master of Troop No. 1, will leave La Grande Aug. 12 to put the camp in shape for the main body. All of the provisions will be taken up then on pack horses and when the main body comes they will go to the old mill above Cove by car, then hiking the remainder of the distance.

All three troops will be in charge of their scoutmasters or assistant scoutmasters and the two weeks will be spent in field events and other contests for which appropriate awards have been arranged.

The boys are delighted to hear that Roy Jewell, who endeared himself to the scouts last year by his culinary achievements, will again be chief cook. The entire trip will only cost $12 per boy and with such a cook to feed them, they are looking forward to one of the best times that can be had.

A meeting of all the scouts in La Grande will be held at the Y. M. C. A. building this evening for the purpose of further discussing the trip and also the awarding of some first class and tenderfoot badges.

Championship Game to be Played Here Tomorrow Afternoon

La Grande and Baker Will Meet Here to Play Off Tie; All Local Men in Good Condition.

The game that will definitely decide the championship of the Intermountain League will be played tomorrow afternoon at the fair grounds when La Grande and Baker, tied for first place in the league, will meet on the diamond at 2:30 o'clock, the winner then having a clear call to the 1922 pennant. Baker will start either Grier or Fosbury, probably the latter, on the mound with Grant behind the bat and La Grande's batteries will be McInnis and Johnson. Throughout the season, La Grande has played clean baseball.

The present averages of the members of the Pirates are as follows: Workman .545, Rosenbaum .473, McInnis .429, Theisen .423, McGee .400, Knight .291, Garrity .360, Crews .253, Johnson .289, Meserve .242, Hickey .227, Natto, Price and Bickel .000. The team batting average now stands at .353, 168 hits out of 477 times at bat. Rosenbaum leads the stolen base record with 10, while Theison, Knight and Crews are tied for second with eight each.

Another good practice was held last night and the local team is in the best condition that they have been this year, outside of the possibility that Workman will not be able to play.

DRYING SHED IS TO BE ERECTED

WALLOWA, July 29.—Work was started this week on a new dry lumber shed at the Nibley-Mimnaugh sawmill. The shed, which is to be 48 by 150 feet in size, is planned as the first section of a shed 132 by 150 feet, with a height of from 22 to 40 feet. The building is to be parellel with the spur of track from the east end of the present dry shed, and will extend nearly to the track of the O.-W. R. & N. company. Four men will be at work constructing the building for about two months with J. E. Sannar as foreman.

The local lumber company believes that by storing the dry lumber on end its value is increased enough to make the investment in the building profitable. The bins will also be convenient to the tracks to facilitate loading.

INJURES EYE IN WALLOWA MILL

WALLOWA, July 29. — Taylor Madding received a severe injury in the eye Thursday morning at about 9 o'clock while working in the local sawmill. Some object, presumably a knot, flew from the planer and injured the eye ball. He was taken to the hospital where he was given medical attention. He will probably retain his sight.

CLOTH FOR SUITING TO PAY A DUTY

Item on Tariff Program Passes Senate by Narrow Margin.

THREE DEMOCRATS SUPPORTED TARIFF

Democratic Senator Asks Investigation of Allegations that some Senators are Selfishly Interested in Tariff.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—By a vote of 26 to 24 the senate approved today the committee amendment imposing dutiese on woolen cloth for men's suitings. Seven republicans voted against the amendment and three democrats supported it.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, July 29.—Investigation of charges that certain senators are interested financially in rates of duties proposed in particular schedules of the pending tariff bill is proposed in a resolution introduced today by Senator Caraway, democrat, of Arkansas.

MANY BANDS TO PARTICIPATE

Among the bands which will participate at the Dokie convention in La Grande September 1st and 2nd will be one wearing the colors of the local temple. The musicians for this organization will be chosen from over Eastern Oregon at large, the players to be members of the La Grande Dokie temple. Chris Mays of this city is chairman of the local band committee, in fact has charge of the band contests which will be held here on Saturday afternoon. Lewiston, Idaho, Dayton, Waitsburg and the Portland temple bands are among those which have already signed up to enter the contest.

Indicating how widespread the interest is in this convention is a letter from Canada received at general headquarters this morning stating that a party of candidates for initiation is coming from the Cranbrook district in the Kootenays.

STANDS BY KLEPPER.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29.—J. Cal Ewing, owner of the Oakland club of the Pacific Coast Baseball league announced today that he would "stand by" President Klepper of the Portland club whom Commissioner Landis had ordered out of organized baseball. He declared Landis had overstepped his authority.

JUSTICE ASKED FOR WOUNDED WAR VETERANS

National Head of American Legion tells Legionaires Their Duty to Wounded Buddies.

(By Associated Press)

THE DALLES, July 29.—Seaside was chosen for the next convention of the American Legion. Officers will be elected this afternoon. The state bonus commission was criticized as being over-conservative in the report of the aid committee. Lyman Rice of Pendleton and Arthur Spencer of Portland were complimented for the work done in connection with the bonus commission. The convention late yesterday adopted a resolution asking the legislature to authorize an increase from $3,000 to $4,000 in bonus loans.

THE DALLES, Ore., July 29.—Pleading for continuance of the fight to gain justice and proper care for wounded ex-service men, Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion was greeted with lusty cheers at the state convention of the legion here Friday.

Blue Goodell, state leader, presented him.

"He don't need any introduction—here he is," was all Goodell said.

MacNider wasted no time, wasted no words.

"You can't stop an outfit with spirit like that of the American Legion," shouted the man whom Hindenburg couldn't halt. "We are all for one, one for all, and all for the best of our country."

The man from Mason City, Ia., speaking to the joint gathering of the Oregon legion and its auxiliary, said:

Duty to Injured.

"Our first duty is to see that these buddies of ours who came back blind, maimed, broken in health and body, who must live through the war forever in the hospitals and homes, get a square deal from the country they fought for. Many individuals and many organizations have succeeded in arousing interest—mostly local—in the disabled man, but if the legion by the power of its great membership had not stuck and fought for this through its national rehabilitating committee we would still have the same disgraceful conditions we had two years ago.

"We have a great and comprehensive committee organized in accordance with the organization of the veterans' bureau, which you of the legion created, and this committee is laying the foundation for all our future endeavors that there shall be a square deal for the disabled man. We want him put in high powered hospitals—we want him cured, rehabilitated, given a fair chance—not relegated to some soldiers' home where he will be useless to himself and the country. And we intend to see that this is done.

"We know him and we understand his problems. We put on the uniform when the war began, not when it was over."

Compensation Expected.

In talking of adjusted compensation for the former service man, MacNider said that "it is now before the jury who will give us a favorable verdict. We have their word for it. The judge, if he is a righteous one, and we believe he is, will sustain. We will put it over—nothing can stop it."

Poincare has Left Paris; Rumors of Plot Responsible

French Premier Has Gone to Country Home but Will Speak at Argonne Dedication on Sunday.

PARIS, July 29.—To avert an attempt on Premier Poincare's life as the result of the reported German monarchist plot, Poincare quietly slipped out of the city by automobile for his country home early today after elaborate precautions were taken at the railway station to guard the train on which he had planned to go.

The premier is understood to be planning to carry out his original intention of participating in the unveiling of the war memorial in the Argonne tomorrow near his country home at Sampigny.

German Marks Take Another Drop; Two Cents Lower Today

NEW YORK, July 29.—German marks fell today to teh lowest quotation ever recorded here, 15½ cents a hundred, a drop of 2 cents over night. The pre-war price of the mark was 23.8 cents each. Delay in the settlement of the reparations question and the troubled state of the German domestic situation are believed to be the cause of the drop.

BAND CONCERT TO BE TUESDAY

Next Tuesday evening the La Grande band will give another of its summer concerts. The public is cautioned about the change in dates, Tuesday having been selected as a better date than the usual Wednesday dates of the past.

The program will be rendered at the corner of First and Washington. Director Andrew Loney promises a stellar concert for the occasion.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)

MEDFORD, July 29. — Arthur Burr, colored reported missing yesterday as a Ku Klux Klan investigation witness before the grand jury, arrived on a train today fom California.

(By Associated Press)

SALEM, July 29.—The supreme court today held that the savings depositors of the defunct State Bank of Portland, be paid in full. They will receive all savings department assets and share their pro-rata with the commercial department depositors.

Flexer Resigns as Chief; Claims two Commissioners Not In Harmony with Him

What is labeled by some of the city hall crowd as unfortunate occurred last evening when Chief of Police Roy Flexer turned in his resignation as head of the department and left for the hills on his vacation which apparently will last until the date which he asks that the resignation becomes effective. August 8th is the data set for the time limit on accepting the resignation by Mr. Flexer.

In his letter to the city manager, O. A. Kratz, the chief says, "My reasons for resigning are that the efficiency of the department has been impaired by the attitude taken by the president and one other member of the city commission toward the work of the police department in handling the strike situation in this city."

He further says to the city manager, "I thank you for the excellent co-operation and support that you have given the police department in the discharge of its duty."

Commissioners Express Regret.

A reporter for the Evening Observer gave members of the city commission the first information they had heard regarding Flexer's resignation.

President Grandy said regarding the matter: "I regret that the chief has taken this view of things for he is a good officer and we will be sorry to lose him from the service. What criticism I have had to give relative to the police force has been on one member of the force, but have always had a high regard for Mr. Flexer."

Coming as a complete surprise to Commissioner David I. Stoddard, as it did to other members of the commission, he said: "Well, this is quite sudden and I am not only surprised but very regretful that Mr. Flexer is to quit the department. I commend Mr. Flexer's work and also the work of the department. To my mind Flexer filled the bill as a chief and is a good officer."

Commissioner Sherwood Williams remarked when told of the late action of the chief: "Mr. Flexer is a good officer and his work has not been questioned. I can see no reason why he should resign."

Kratz Writes Regret to Chief.

Mr. Kratz, city manager, addressed a letter to Mr. Flexer in reply to the letter of resignation in which he said, "I regret very much that the acts of others should cause you to resign at a time when I most need your level head and efficient management of the police department. It is my opinion that La Grande is losing the best chief of police they ever had, your record ranks way above the average in the state of Oregon, you have made the friendship and hold the confidence of the business men and better citizens of the city. If I am ever fortunate enough to hold the city manager position in any other city, I shall consider myself lucky if I can obtain you as my chief of police."

Successor to Flexer Not Named.

This afternoon there had been no one named to take the place of Mr. Flexer and so far as outward appearances go the commission and manager have not anyone listed so far that they will likely get together on.

The strike situation has complicated matters to a degree, and it is argued that the place of chief of police is very hard to fill at the present time because of the absolute neutral attitude which is due both sides causing the police department's attitude at times.

GRAIN YIELD TO TO BE HEAVY

WALLOWA, July 29.— Contrary to the opinion of some, there will be much better yields of grain than was expected for a while. The fall grain, though cut short by the long continued dry weather, has filled well in most cases. The spring wheat where it is not irrigated, will need rain to make a crop.

The hay crop is about equal to that of last year. A large part of the first crop is in stack, and the second crop coming on rapidly.

Vegetables and gardens are doing very well throughout the entire community. In general the crop returns may be estimated as greater than last year.

In the outlying districts the situation varies. The fruit crop is very good at Promise and grain is fair. Crops are good at Powwatka, although oats are poor. Leap has suffered from the lack of rain and is spotted in places. The reports from Diamond Prairie, Lower Valley and Middle Valley indicate good production. In comparison with the other sections of the northwest Wallowa county is evidently above the average. Crops are reported good near Pendleton, but Washington has suffered greatly.

Shop Crafts Given Until September 1 to Answer Injunction

PORTLAND, July 29.—The federated shop crafts in Portland and Eastern Oregon cities affected by the temporary injunction against picketing the Union Pacific shops, issued Tuesday, have been allowed by Federal Judge Bean until September 1 to show cause why the injunction should not be made permanent.

SUN YAT SEN GAINING ON CHEN'S ARMY

Heavy Reinforcements have Arrived Says Canton Dispatch.

PINCERS DRIVE IS UNDER WAY TODAY

Prediction of Deposed President that He would Again Gain Power; in South China Being Carried out.

CANTON, China, July 29.—Heavy reinforcements for the army of Sun Yat Sen, deposed president of South China, coming from the north, launched an attack on Chen Cheung Ming's lines in Shiuchow, 130 miles north of here, today.

Another wing of Sun's army is attempting to take Chen's troops in the rear, 20 miles farther south. The source of Sun Yat Sen's recent confident assertions that he would soon be restored to power was revealed when his leaders began this pincers drive.

Eleven True Bills Brought in by Jury

The grand jury brought in eleven true bills and no not true bills Thursday evening at about six o'clock and were excused subject to further call. The session was begun on Tuesday morning.

Of the true bills brought in one was disposed of without trial. Basil O. Gray, charged with larceny of cattle, waived time to plead and pleaded guilty. He will be sentenced by Judge Knowles Monday July 31, at 10 o'clock in the morning. Gray stole twelve head of cattle in Union county taking them to Umatilla county where he disposed of the beef.

Arraignments for the cases of the State of Oregon versus Joe Williams and Joe Brown, colored, charged with larceny in a store, and the State of Oregon versus W. A. Hartman, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, were set for Monday, July 31, at 10 o'clock in the morning. The defendants may put in their plea of guilty or not guilty at this time and will then be tried or sentenced, as the case may be, at a later date.

Veterans have Only Short Time to File Their Certificates

SEATTLE, July 29.—With only a few days left for disabled World War veterans of this district to secure certificates of injury, L. C. Jesseph, northwest district manager of the United States Veterans' Bureau, urges those who may seek government compensation at a later date to make application for these certificates before August 9, expiration date of their issuance.

"The law governing activities of the Veterans' Bureau states that claims cannot be filed by disabled veterans after five years from service discharge unless the claimant has a certificate of injury and these certificates will not be issued after August 9,' said Mr. Jesseph. "This simply means that a veteran discharged from service for instance on September 1, 1917, could not file a claim for government compensation September 15 of this year unless he had the necessary certificate. We are anxious that every veteran in Washington, Oregon and Idaho know of this important ruling."

Mr. Jesseph stated that the quickest way of securing this certificate is to make application for it by letter to U. S. Veterans' Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Boy Playing with Matches Starts a Fire; Barn Razed

A barn, belonging to B. T. Roberts, at 1603 X avenue, was burned yesterday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock. The blaze got a big start before the alarm was turned in. Apparently the blaze was accidentally started by a boy about four or five years of age, who was playing with matches near the barn.

The barn was razed, the loss amounting to approximately $200. No stock was in the barn at the time. A few chickens were burned, one end of the barn being utilized as a chicken house.

BREAKDOWN OF PRESS DELAYS THE OBSERVER

Owing to a breakdown of the Observer's press Friday afternoon before the day's papers had all been printed a number of subscribers did not receive their papers. As it was not possible to put the press into condition for printing until late this afternoon today's issue has also been delayed.

PUZZLE: FIND THE CASUALTIES