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COCO HOLDS KU KLUXERS RESPONSIBLE

Charges Organization With Responsibility of Outrages.

HEARINGS ENDED AT BASTROP TODAY

Coco Will Attempt to Obtain Indictment For Murder Against Capt. Skipworth, K. K. K. Head.

(By Associated Press)
BASTROP, La., Jan. 25.—The Ku Klux Klan is charged with the responsibility for the numerous outrages in the Morehouse parish in a statement to the court today by Attorney General Cocco at the conclusion of the hearing into the activities of the masked bands. Cocco declares that he has furnished "convincing proof that since the advent of the Ku Klux Klan in the parish, there has been a gradual increase in the number of disorders and lawlessness which have resulted in a supersession of the constituted authorities and that the establishment of a government of its own has resulted from which a reign of terror and chaos has resulted."

Wants Indictment.

Coco said late Wednesday that he would attempt to obtain an indictment for murder against Captain J. K. Skipworth, head of the Morehouse parish of the Ku Klux Klan, when the evidence obtained at the hearing here into conditions in the parish is placed before the grand jury.

BUSINESS CLUB OPENS FRIDAY

Organization of Club and A Big Reception Will Be Held Jointly in Headquarters in "Y" Building.

Friday night is expected to be a big day for the business women of La Grande for on that evening, under the present plans, a big reception will be given at the headquarters of the organization, which will be also be permanently formed, at this time under the title of the "Business Women's Club." Mrs. J. T. Richardson, representing the entertainment and organization committees, especially in view of every business woman in La Grande to be present and to join the organization.

The organization committee met recently and laid plans for the adoption of a constitution and other details of the club which will be submitted Friday night by Dr. Margaret Ingle, either to be accepted or rejected.

The program arranged by the committee includes several special numbers and they promise that it is sure to be very interesting.

The rooms committee has the lighting and decorating of the club rooms well under way and indications are that they will be attractive plus Mrs. August J. Stange heads this committee.

ATTENDING FUNERAL.

Several members of the Curry family from Portland and La Grande are gathered in the city for the funeral of Mrs. F. B. Curry, which will be held today. Those who are here are F. B. Curry of Portland, Roy B. Curry, his brother, and George H. Curry, his son, both of La Grande; Miss Carol Curry of Corvallis and Miss Gladys Curry of Portland, daughters of F. B. Curry. They are at the Imperial hotel.

THE WEATHER.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—Tonight and Friday generally cloudy with moderate southwesterly winds.

Three Bills are Passed By the State Senate

SALEM, Jan. 25.—The senate today passed Brown's bill exempting farmers who produce produce from obtaining licenses in cities and towns. The senate also passed the bill providing double damages for involuntary timber trespass, the Moser bill for the protection of property owners from errors by abstract companies. The house indefinitely postponed action on the Woodward bill providing free school for deaf children in public school districts where more than three deaf children reside. Staples introduced a resolution for a conference of the Oregon and Washington legislative committees on the Columbia river fishing. The Washington legislature sent word that it was not yet ready to confer on the gasoline tax and antiquities legislation. Portland Baptist pastors sent a protest against the bill taxing church property. Klepper introduced a resolution for the investigation of the financial status of the highway commission.

HARRY KUCK DENIES LAW TESTIMONY

Tribune Editor Cross-Examined in Libel Suit Trial; Defendant Publisher Tells Story's Source.

PENDLETON, Jan. 25.—The records of cross examination of Harry L. Kuck on his testimony offered yesterday afternoon, and the direct examination of Ernest L. Crockett, city editor of the Tribune, were added to the testimony that is being given in the jury in the Taylor-Kuck damage suit for alleged libel in this morning's session of the circuit court, states the East Oregonian.

The defendant, again told the jury where he secured the information on which his stories, which he published in his publicity campaign for law enforcement, were written. The extent of the investigations made by him to verify the stories were inquired into by Judge Poe in his questioning of the witness.

Denies Law's Statements.

On his return to the stand this morning immediately after court closed, the defendant publisher was asked in direct examination whether he had ever had a conversation with Herbert L. Law such as was recounted by Law in his testimony to the plaintiff Tuesday morning. "I did not," he replied. "Law was in the advertising department."

In reply to a question by Attorney Stewer, the witness said he had heard of the Chinese gin matter from Crockett.

In his cross examination the witness said he bought the Tribune in May or June, 1920. He was in the sheriff's office frequently after the murder of T. J. Taylor while the "man hunt" was in progress, he said. In answering questions tending to show the political policy of his paper, he admitted that in the election last fall he did not support all Republicans running for office in the county and state. He admitted that Dave Nelson, one of his informants about the reputation of the plaintiff, was chairman of the republican central committee at that time, and that a part of the time when he secured similar information from Zeph Houser that Houser was a candidate for sheriff in opposition to Taylor.

WOMAN TO SIT IN CONGRESS

BULLETINS

RECOMMEND WOOL POOLS

(By Associated Press)
SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 25.—The establishment of regional wool pools or market associations and the discontinuance of the practice of contracting wools before shearing was recommended by the wool marketing committee of the National Wool Growers association to the convention here today.

TROOPS SAIL TODAY.

ANTWERP, Jan. 25.—The last American troops from Belgium sailed for the United States on the transport St. Michel this afternoon.

WHEAT MARKET

PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—Wheat \$1.21 to \$1.25.

EXTRA

SALARY CUT PROPOSED SALEM, Ore., Jan. 25.—A sweeping reduction of the state officers' salaries was proposed in a bill introduced today by Representative Carsner of Wheeler county. It would cut the governor's salary from \$7500 to \$5000 and others in proportion with the exception of the president of the Oregon Agricultural College, who would be reduced from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

Senator Hare proposed a constitutional convention in 1927, also offered bills abolishing various state offices today. Hare would have the people vote in 1924 on whether to call a constitutional convention and elect delegates in 1926.

COVE FARMERS TO HAVE MEET

The Cove farm bureau organization will meet Friday, January 26th at Cove. The meeting is one of the first of the year and several important matters will appear on the program, among them being the discussion of marketing the berry crop which includes raspberries, strawberries and others.

Car, Alleged Stolen, Is Recovered By John Stricker, Yesterday

Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock, John Stricker, deputy sheriff, unearthed the missing Vellie automobile that was supposed to have been stolen from Charles McCarty a few days ago. The car was found in a garage on Third street, in the old town district, in the possession of H. Knapp. No charge has been lodged against Knapp by McCarty and it is possible that the matter will be settled out of court.

According to the officers, when Wong Sing purchased the car from McCarty, he did not meet his final payment. Wong Sing asserted that he had paid in full for the car and as a result McCarty tied up the car in a garage. And on the same night the car was found missing.

BORAH RENEWS PROPOSAL FOR WORLD CAUCUS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Senator Borah said today that he would renew his proposal for a world economic conference and would offer, probably on Monday, a resolution requesting the president to call such a meeting.

BOXING CARD IS TONIGHT

Kid Sarp will meet Frankie Dean this evening in the Star theater in a ten round main event on a four bout card to be held under the auspices of the La Grande boxing commission. Both men are lightweights and are in the pink of condition, each confident that the victory will rest on his shoulders. Considerable controversy is developing among the fans as to whether a boxer can defeat a fighter, Sarp being inclined to pay more attention to fight-and-take and less to science than his adversary. Dean, clever and hard hitting, is the favorite of one group of fans while Sarp finds equal favor in another section.

Wallace and Tiffany, two fast boys who have a reputation for mixing it up from start to finish, will appear in the semi-final of six rounds which will be preceded by two four round preliminaries; the antagonists being Ferguson vs. Thompson and Daniels vs. Ford.

IMBLER LOSES TO SCOUT FIVE

The Boy Scout basketball team of La Grande won from the Imbler juvenile hoop team at Imbler last night, the score being 34 to 18 in favor of the local quintette. The game was fast throughout, the scouts, however, outplaying their opponents in nearly every phase of the game. At the half way mark the score stood 20 to 9 in favor of the scout, but in the last half the Imbler boys checked more closely and held the winner to a 14 to 9 score in that period.

TAKEN TO PENDLETON

William Small, a carpenter of La Grande, was taken to the Pendleton insane asylum last evening in charge of R. A. Benham. Small, according to the authorities, had the persistent belief that some people were trying to kill him and in the ensuing worry, he became insane.

BOYDEN NOT TO EXPRESS AN OPINION

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Secretary Hughes has instructed Roland W. Boyden, American observer with the reparations commission, not to express any opinion regarding the reparations settlement.

Hughes told the senate foreign relations committee that Boyden's memorandum which was interpreted abroad as a plan for the reparations settlement, had not received the departmental approval.

FIREMEN WILL BE INSURED

A motion was made and carried by the city commission last night indicating that the city would make arrangements to insure the volunteer firemen against accident and death while on duty, to be presented to the firemen at their next regular meeting which falls upon February 5th, for their approval or rejection.

The motion, as it was recorded reads "that the fire chief is authorized to notify the firemen that the city of La Grande is willing to pay a premium of \$11 per annum for volunteer firemen and \$10 per annum for regular firemen for the purpose of insuring them against accident or loss of life while on duty, the number of firemen to be included in this provision not to exceed twenty."

Other Business.

An ordinance was drawn to allow for the building of a sidewalk, properly constructed within the parking, on Hemlock street, to attend to the Neese controversy; rezones were read and approved, several that F. B. Hayes, appointed city manager of La Grande, will be in the city soon and it is expected that he will make his first unofficial appearance before the city commission at their next regular meeting.

HENRY HESS DONS MATRIMONIAL REINS

Coming from reliable sources, the news has reached La Grande of the marriage of Henry Hess, La Grande city attorney, to Miss Edith Dixon, also of La Grande, in Portland. The popular young couple, who received the well wishings of their many friends, are spending a honeymoon in Portland and at other points along the Pacific coast.

RAILWAY SYSTEM IN RUHR VALLEY NOW PARALYZED

A. J. Howell, Check Slicker, Bound Over To the Grand Jury

A. J. Howell, alias M. R. Hansen and R. M. Hansen, arrested Tuesday evening by the police on the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, was arraigned before Justice Arthur G. Williams in the justice of peace court and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury under bonds of \$500, which he could not raise.

Howell passed a check in a La Grande bank for \$75 after he had deposited a check on himself on a Portland bank for \$100 and nearly made his getaway with the \$75 "net profit" when the police officers nabbed him. He confessed to the charge of obtaining money falsely to the police, according to their report.

GOLF TEACHER OPENS SCHOOL

William Scully, Formerly of Boise, Golf Shark and Professional, Locates in La Grande.

Local golf enthusiasts will be pleased to know that William Scully, for three years professional golfer at the Boise Country club, is opening a school for the teaching of golf at the Y. M. C. A.

During the past season a great many of the local players did not progress as fast as they should, owing to the fact that they had to depend altogether upon their own efforts. Golf is a game that is highly scientific and which must be played with correct form if a player is to become proficient. It is a well known fact that indoor practice and instruction enables a beginner to pick up the main points of the game and an older player to correct his faults much easier than outdoor playing.

CUBAN DENIES LIQUOR SALE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The supply of "embassy" liquors which police declare have found their way into the bootleg traffic of Washington was declared by enforcement officers Wednesday night to have been curtailed as a result of alleged disclosures by John J. Lynch, who was arrested in a recent raid on his apartment when a quantity of Scotch and rye whiskeys and imported champagnes were said to have been seized.

Lynch, in an affidavit, according to the police, named one legation as the source of his supply, and the police added they had been promised information that might result in some step to request the state and treasury departments to curtail the supplies of intoxicants received through diplomatic permits.

THE MARKET

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—Livestock steady; eggs lower tendency; butter steady.

Stern Measures Contemplated

Marshall Foch Arrived in Duesseldorf Early Today.

FRANCE DEMANDS FULL SATISFACTION

Stern Military Measures Are Considered; Telegraph and Telephone Operators to Strike.

(By Associated Press)
DUSSELDORF, Jan. 25.—Virtually the entire railway system of the Ruhr valley and occupied territory immediately adjoining was paralyzed today by a railway strike. Telegraph and telephone employees informed General DeVigne that the operators would strike at midnight. The French commander replied that the leaders would be jailed.

Foch on Scene.

(By Associated Press)
DUSSELDORF, Jan. 25.—General Weygand and Marshal Foch, chief of the staff, arrived here today to consider stern military measures. "France is here to stay until she gets complete satisfaction from the Germans," said M. Leterquer, minister of the public works, who accompanied Weygand.

M. I. A. WINS FROM IMBLER

La Grande Team Overwhelmingly Defeats Visiting Team by Score of 67 to 15.

The M. I. A. quintette defeated the Imbler basketball team last evening in the "Y" building, one of the two official games scheduled for the second week of the La Grande Amateur Basketball league, the other game, to be played between the Ramblers and Union, being postponed. The M. I. A. victory over the visitors was overwhelming, the score finally ending at 67 to 15. In the first half the M. I. A. scored 30 points to the Imbler's six.

Imbler failed to give the local team a close battle largely due to the fact that it was the first game of the season for the invaders and that their organization and teamwork has not been rounded off to perfection as yet. Going in mid-season form, they might have given the M. I. A. team a much closer battle.

On the other hand, the local team, with one official game and one exhibition game behind them, have swung into mid-season shape and with an abundance of fast teamwork, were at no time in danger, apparently scoring at will. By their victory last evening, the M. I. A. team goes into the lead with two victories won, while the clerks, last year's champions, have only one to their credit. Neither of the teams has been officially defeated. In the past two games the M. I. A. team has scored 126 points to their opponent's 20.

Next Wednesday evening the Allied team will play Imbler here and the clerks will meet the Ramblers. The line-ups were M. I. A.—Black (16), W. Bean (10), Grant Bean (4), Earl Stoddard (2), Lester Stoddard (12), John Stoddard (23); Imbler—Wackerfield (5), Andrews (3), H. Hollins, R. Hollins, McKennon (1). Substitutions: White for Wackerfield; Lester Stoddard for Grant Bean, Grant Bean for Black, Black for Earl Stoddard. Referee, Clyde Webb.

CORRECTION

An article appearing in the society columns of the Observer mentioned that Mrs. Robert Newlin entertained the Young People's Choir of the Presbyterian church on Friday in honor of her son's birthday. The article was erroneous in that the name of the hostess should have been Mrs. Robert Miller. The mistake was made by the girl who received the article over the telephone before it went into the hands of the society editor.

Law Violator Gives Himself Up; Fined \$150

The more liquor violator met Justice at the hands of the city of La Grande today. The justice came in the form of a fine imposed upon George Holmes of \$150 following his pleading guilty to having liquor in his possession. The trial was held this morning at 10 o'clock before Judge H. J. Kitcher. Holmes paid his fine.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

