

# 1100 ARE INITIATED INTO KU KLUX KLAN

### Ceremonial Is Held at Municipal Auditorium.

### LOCAL MEMBERSHIP 5000

### Plan Adopted of Holding Monthly Ceremonials—Some Initiate From Outside Towns.

More than 1100 candidates took their oaths of allegiance to the Invisible Empire of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at a big ceremonial held last night in the municipal auditorium. This was the largest class of candidates ever passed into the fraternal order in the city of Portland. Due to the fact that the Klan has outgrown its regular meeting place, it was necessary to obtain the municipal auditorium to stage the ceremonial.

Among the initiates were numbered men from all of the important walks of life in the city. There were doctors, lawyers, dentists, men of all kinds, railroad men, clerks and citizens from other professions and employments.

There was no outward demonstration in the gathering of Klansmen. They made their way quietly to the auditorium and those who were already initiated donned their robes and awaited the coming of those who sought admission to the Invisible Empire.

The stage was decorated in a manner not unlike the scenes pictured in the stories of the original Ku Klux Klan of post-civil war days.

A third of the entire lower floor and the entire gallery space were occupied by Klansmen and the remaining space was filled by candidates.

Officers of the organization last night declared that the big ceremonial brought the membership of the Klan in Portland to numbers well above the 5000 mark. The order was started in Portland early last summer and since that time has been making a rapid growth among the Protestant organizations of the city.

Due to the fact that it is impossible to hold large classes in the regular fraternal halls of the city, officers of the Klan have announced a beneficent policy of holding monthly ceremonials, which will probably be held in the auditorium.

Among the class of candidates were a number from the smaller towns of the state. In the larger towns, such as Eugene, Salem, Pendleton, Astoria and Astoria, the Klan is already organized and is building up chapters.

# PARCELS TO BE DECLARED

### INTERSTATE RAILROAD RULING IN EFFECT TODAY.

### Passengers Must Sign Nature of Baggage Hereafter or it Will Not Be Checked.

### SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Beginning tomorrow interstate passengers on the steam railroads will have to declare and sign the nature of their baggage or it will not be checked. Baggage up to the maximum declared value of \$200 will be accepted at a cost of 10 cents a hundred with an allowance free on each ticket of \$100 of baggage.

# REORGANIZATION IS ASKED

### SOUTHERN ALMOND GROWERS FACE LIQUIDATION.

### Association Can Not Get Banking Credit Under Present System, Declares Manager.

### SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The California Almond Growers' exchange, comprising approximately 4000 growers, "must liquidate or reorganize along new lines," according to a notice sent to the members today by its board of directors.

# FORD OFFER IS TO WAIT

### WAY CLEARED FOR HEARING ON RIVAL PROPOSITION.

### Option Based on Contract With War Department Defended by Company Attorneys.

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mitted by the Alabama Power company. At the same time Chairman Kahn said the committee hoped to dispose by the end of the week of all hearings on offers before it, including those from Mr. Ford, the Alabama Power company and Frederick Engstrom, who began work next week on preparing a report for the house, reciting the committee's opinions on the various proposals it will have studied.

The decision to begin the examination tomorrow of the power company's offer was reached only when Hubert Dent of Alabama, former chairman of the house military committee, acting chief counsel for the Alabama concern, and Thomas W. Martin, president of the company, concluded arguments in which they strongly defended the option claimed by them for exclusive right to purchase the Warrior steam plant, contained in the contract signed with the war department.

While the power company omitted in its proposal to make any provision for the manufacture of fertilizer for the operation of the plants No. 1 and No. 2, it was understood that its officials had received information from independent interests indicating that they would be willing to lease, for lease of the plants for use in commercial fertilizer production.

# STREET FUND INCREASED

### FINAL PAYMENTS ON DELAY PROJECT NEARING END.

### Delinquencies Are Growing Less and City Will Confiscate All Debtor Property Soon.

### The legal steps in the proceedings for the opening of Delay street, from Russell to Larrabee streets, have reached the point where the final payments on delinquent assessments are being made. Out of a total assessment of \$52,900, for the purpose of acquiring the property required for this street opening, probably less than \$9000 remains unpaid. This represents a large number of parcels of property, but in no case is the single assessment large, the amounts ranging from 50 cents to the lot upward.

# COURTHOUSE ROW AGAIN

### KLAMATH CONTROVERSY HAS NEW DEVELOPMENT.

### Injunction to Prevent Holding of Sessions in Old Building Asked by Petitioners.

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# SHRINE REJECTS GIFT

### \$100,000 and Land for Hospital Turned Down, Due to Strings.

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# HARDING PETITIONS, PLAN

### VISIT TO PORTLAND TO BE URGED ON PRESIDENT.

### E. V. Hauser Thinks Chief Executive and Wife Finally Will Accept City's Invitation.

### President Harding may not yet have made up his mind on the proposed trip to Portland with Mrs. Harding to attend the Rose Festival in June, but he probably will decide when the full efforts, now in process of forming, are expended on his unsuspecting head.

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