

WITNESSES VANISH FROM PROBE, RUMOR

Prominent Medford Ku Klux Accused of Kidnaping.

TWO MEN ARE MISSING

Jackson County Grand Jury Said to Have Interested Itself in Alleged Interference.

MEDFORD, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—Charges that prominent members of the Medford realm of the Ku Klux Klan spirited away one important witness, S. B. Standifer, subpoenaed to testify before the present grand jury, into the mountains, and supplied sufficient provisions to care for him and his family for a number of weeks will be presented to the jury before the present investigation ends, it is reported.

Standifer, who has been employed for some months as a special county agent to arrest violators of the prohibition law, according to stories going the rounds, was a member of one of the "necktie parties" under investigation.

Standifer in Poor Health.

On July 19, when the calling of the special grand jury to investigate night riding in Jackson county, followed by possible indictment of prominent klansmen, was the only talk heard in Medford, word was received by a number of Medford men that Standifer and his family were to be taken the following morning to the mountains by klansmen.

In fact, it was reported that the trip was discussed at a Klan meeting held that night. The Standifers would remain in one particular place for a time, so the story goes, and then would be moved to some other place.

The duration of his stay, it was said, would depend entirely upon his physical condition, it having been reported that Standifer was not feeling his best. Some say that his supposed connection with the night riders had preyed upon his mind to such an extent that a long rest was essential.

Family Leaves at Dawn.

At all events, the grand jury probably will hear the story of how a large truck belonging to a Medford klansman, loaded with four men and two weeks' provisions, pulled out from Standifer's home at 4:05 o'clock the morning of July 20. A few moments later a touring car, belonging to a Portland man, whose identity will be barred to the grand jury, followed from the Standifer place with Mr. and Mrs. Standifer and the latter's daughter.

According to reliable reports, the grand jury will be told how the truck and automobile were driven out of Medford, how certain roads leading into the seclusion of the mountains nearby were followed, and finally, when it was believed that members of the Standifer party discovered they were being trailed, the four men on the truck traded places with the Standifers and made a hasty retreat in the automobile.

Another Witness Missing.

Another witness under subpoena, who cannot be located, is Dr. J. P. Bray, chiropractor, who is said to have been called upon to revive J. E. Hale after the latter had been hanged from a limb of a tree.

Witnesses who have testified before the grand jury tell the story of how Dr. Bray was one of the men who can be identified positively as a member of this now famous midnight excursion.

Dr. Bray, according to advice from his office, left Baker on Tuesday for "somewhere" in the interior. His purpose, it was believed, was fishing expedition, and the time of his return is speculative.

Witnesses called before the grand jury today were quizzed as to their knowledge of the Hank Johnson case, it was said. Johnson, who lives at Jacksonville, according to the story going the rounds, was indicted by the Klan trial court for having stolen chickens and for that reason should be punished by the klansmen.

Motorcar Is "Held Up."

According to the story that Johnson tells, Alex Norris, janitor of the Jacksonville school, and E. C. York came to his home near Jacksonville and asked him to accompany them to Ashland, where they planned to dig a gasoline tank out of the ground and bring it to Jacksonville.

Instead of following the main highway, Johnson says, the machine turned up a side road, leading to the mountains, and after some maneuvering the car was "held up" by a group of men and Johnson was taken from the car, placed in another car and later taken to a lonely spot where a noose was fastened about his neck.

Johnson, it is said, was not actually hanged, but he was given a warning that unless he mended his ways he would be sent into eternity via the rope route.

Chicken-Stealing Figures.

According to some of the stories told by witnesses who have been before the grand jury, chicken stealing by Johnson was the principal topic of discussion at a house gathering of men and women and it is reported that Perry Wyncoop, who was called as a witness before the jury today, made notes after the conversation ended.

It is Wyncoop who is said to have presented the evidence against Johnson to the "Klan court."

There are some witnesses who have been, or are to be, called before the grand jury who say that the mask found near the spot where Johnson was taken was blue and matches hunting that is known to have been in the Jacksonville school.

Rope Destroyed by Fire.
It is also reported that Norris probably can be called before the grand jury, if he will, just how the rope used at the Johnson party was procured and how the same rope later was destroyed by fire.

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tion of dodgers advertising a dance, but that nothing has been done to stop the circulation of the election leaflets.

Grand Juror Witnesses.

A. E. Fleming, a member of the last grand jury, was called into the grand jury room today as a witness. It is common report about town that the last grand jury seriously considered the return of indictments against some of the night riders and there are some who insist that Fleming's persuasive powers caused them to refrain from so doing.

Another witness called today was O. D. Frazier, reputed to be secretary of the Medford Klan. It is said that all of the known members of the Klan called before the grand jury have been given full opportunity of aiding the state in fixing the responsibility for the outrages that have occurred in Jackson county.

Whether any of them have availed themselves of the opportunity, or

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Some interesting testimony concerning the Klan no doubt was laid before the jury by B. F. Lindsa, Medford attorney, who is associate editor of the Pacific Record Herald, an anti-Klan publication.

Mr. Lindsa has instituted suit for \$25,000 against the Klan for alleged defamation of character for having been reported to be a member of "an organization so disreputable as the Klan."

Klan officials announced that Mr. Lindsa had applied for membership in the organization and has been "black-balled." Mr. Lindsa denies having made application, saying that he was solicited for membership and, being interested to learn just what the Klan proposed to do in Jackson county, led the petitioners to believe for a time that he was considering the question of joining.

But when they announced that his membership had been voted upon with disastrous effect Mr. Lindsa immediately reported to the civil court to recover damages.

Bank Would Change Name.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., July 27.—Application has been filed by the First Guaranty Bank of South Bend, Wash., to convert to the First National Bank of South Bend.

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Kelso Eagles to Picnic.

KELSO, Wash., July 27.—(Special.)—Kelso and Castle Rock circles of Eagles will unite in a big picnic at Tucker between Castle Rock and Kelso Sunday, August 6. There will be a dance at the Tucker grange hall Saturday evening, July 5. This will be one of the biggest picnics ever held in southwest Washington.

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