

KLAN WHIPPED SAYS WALTON. DRAGON TAKEN

Jewett, High Officer of Invisible Empire, Charged With Taking Part in Whipping Last March

LEGISLATORS DEFIED BY OKLAHOMA CHIEF

Grand Dragon for Entire State Released on \$1,000 Bail After Arrest

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—N. C. Jewett, grand dragon of the Oklahoma realm of the Ku Klux Klan, was arrested tonight on a flagging charge as Governor J. C. Walton from his mansion, pronounced "the klan is whipped" and defied members of the lower house of the legislature to proceed with their announced intention to meet next Wednesday and consider his impeachment.

Jewett, the highest klan official in the state, fell into the net spread for floggers by the governor when J. K. Wright, prosecutor of Oklahoma, filed information charging that the grand dragon participated in the whipping of E. R. Merriman of Oklahoma City on the night of March 7, 1922.

Jewett entered a plea of not guilty and was released on \$1,000 bond within 15 minutes after he was arrested.

Laid to Klan
The charge against Jewett grew out of the inquiry being conducted here by a military court into mob activities which Governor Walton has laid at the door of the Ku Klux Klan.

Replying to Walton, Representative W. L. Cunningham of Sapulpa, one of the leaders in the movement to convene the house, denied that klan influence was instigating the session.

"If a majority of the house of representatives are klansmen, Governor Walton himself may claim credit for it, for one of his appointees and chief lieutenants assisted in obligating many members during the recent session," Cunningham said.

Cunningham charged that Walton hoped to make the klan a part of his political machine. "He attempted to join the klan in order to gain control of it," said Cunningham. "Now, having failed, he is attempting to destroy it."

Cunningham said that he had belonged to the klan at Sapulpa but was not now a member.

Two Episodes Added
TULSA, Okla., Sept. 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—Two additional whipping episodes, which brought 116 the total number in the record of the Tulsa military commission were mentioned in today's testimony by a "goodly number of new witnesses," who appeared before the officers. Several women were among those who entered the chambers during the day.

Six additional indictments voted by the Wagoner county grand jury in the case of Farmer Ben Wagner, who was whipped by masked men near Broken Arrow, October 18, 1922, brought the total indictments in that case to 16. A new threat of ouster proceedings by citizens against Colonel Al L. Head, the military sheriff in charge at headquarters of Sheriff Sanford, was made by Representative W. L. Disney of Muskogee, leader of the anti-Walton forces in Oklahoma. When the courts closed tonight the action was not on docket.

Opinion Given
While the military continued their work under Governor J. C. Walton's proclamation of state wide martial law, formal public statements were issued by three prominent members of the legal profession declaring that under the constitution and statutes of Oklahoma there can be no martial law. One of the statements, by former Chief Justice John B. Turley, (Continued on page 3)

CHARGES AGAINST HOSPITAL NURSES ARE FOUND FALSE

Ten True Bills Returned by Grand Jury—Albert Preston and Davis Penwell Accused of Forgery After Investigation—Wide Range of Offenses Covered in Bills.

Ten true bills, one of which was secret, and three not true bills were returned by the Marion county grand jury yesterday after a session lasting but three days.

Charges of assault and battery against Frank Wedel, Anna Dirksen and Mrs. Martha Rooney, employees of the Deaconess hospital, resulting from an alleged whipping of Allean Corey, 15, were investigated and charges found not true. The hospital people were arrested June 21 by Chief of Police Birtchet.

FLAG ORDINANCE BEING DRAFTED

To Be Introduced in Council—Boy Scouts Will Have to Change Method

An ordinance covering proper use and display of the flag is being drafted by Chris Kowitz upon suggestion of the GAR. The ordinance will be presented by an alderman at the next meeting of the city council.

The ordinance will be modeled along the lines approved by military officials, the American legion and 68 other patriotic organizations. It will prescribe the proper method of carrying the flag in parades, on floats, hung on poles, draped, across streets and upon speakers' platforms. Improper uses of the flag will be described in the ordinance, which will provide a maximum fine of \$100 and 30 days in jail for any violation.

With the exception of Portland, the Salem ordinance will be the second to be offered along the coast, and over a great portion of the western part of the country. Flags placed across the city streets as a part of the state fair decorations have been hung in the prescribed manner—that of the Union, or blue field, always to the north or east. This is different from the method adopted by the Boy Scouts, who always hang their flag with the Union in an opposite direction. The scout organization, it is said, will have to change its method in order to comply with the ordinance.

540 ROOMS WERE LISTED FRIDAY

Indications Point to Ample Accommodation of Visitors During Fair

Five hundred and forty rooms were listed Friday by Mrs. Emma Murphy-Brown, who has charge of the registration booth at the Marion hotel. The work of listing rooms available for fair visitors will continue today and tomorrow. The booth will be open from 10 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

With an estimate of approximately 1000 rooms needed for visitors in Salem next week, and a listing of rooms at the other hotels, it is believed that Salem will be able to extend its hospitality to any who come for the fair.

Oregon Forest Fire Menace Declared Definitely Ended

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 21.—The forest fire menace in Oregon is definitely at an end for this season unless another long rainless spell of weather shall ensue, according to Forestry service officials in various districts. The rains of last night and today have extinguished utterly or else made easily controllable all of the fires, according to reports received.

REPORT FILED

PREVEZA, Albania, Sept. 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—The report of the allied inquiry commission into the assassination of Italian members of the Greco-Albanian frontier commission will be forwarded to Paris tomorrow.

JURIES PLAYED BY JUSTICE IN ARMORY TALK

Enforcement of Law Becoming Serious Problem in United States, Says Constitution Defender

OKLAHOMA AND HERRIN CITED AS EXAMPLES

Patriotic Program Last Night Participated in By Local Societies

"Law enforcement in the United States is becoming increasingly serious," said Judge John McCourt at the Constitution week program last night in the armory. "Behold the spectacle of Oklahoma where a jury will not convict and where everybody knows the guilty parties in the cases."

"Look at the massacre in Hermin, Ill., last winter when men were shot down in cold blood and time after time the jury, composed of 12 citizens, brought in verdicts of not guilty."

Jury Is To Blame
"You cannot blame it on the judge or the district attorney. They are there. It is the 12 citizens who in the face of evidence bring in the verdict of not guilty. When we cannot depend upon our juries then we are forever done, for after all there is the final resting place of American liberties."

Judge McCourt listed serving on juries as one of the duties which citizens were inclined to "let George do." The right of suffrage was another listed there. He said that many legislators represented only the worst part of their constituents because the others did not vote.

External Vigilance Necessary
External vigilance is the price of liberty today just as it was in the days when the constitution was written, asserted Judge McCourt. Referring to the dangers threatening the constitution today he listed those who would do away with the right of private property, which is only greater today because there are more people who believe in communism.

"Communism is as old as the Christian era," said Judge McCourt. "Those who wrote the constitution knew this and provided for it. There are those who in every generation must be told this."

"History shows that communism has been repeatedly tried and failed. Russia is the last to try it out. They have had it in its purest form. We must educate these half baked philosophers who like Henry Ford think history is all bunk and hold our government in contempt."

New York Criticized
"More and more the states are coming to turn over duties to the federal government. They let George do it, referring more and more of the duties to Washington. New York is a good example of this falling. If the federal government would enforce the law there the state finally will come to be policed by federal officers because the state is leaving the enforcement of the law to the national officers."

"Alaska is a good example of government from a distance. The men who wrote the constitution knew this and provided for the right of the states to take care of their own affairs."

Judge Lawrence T. Harris presided at the meeting and spoke briefly on the intent of the makers of the constitution and the results of their labors. Rev. James Lisle gave the invocation.

Patriotic Music Heard

Edwin Socolofsky led the audience in community singing. The songs of the war time days were sung. Miss Gretchen Brown played the accompaniments. A male quartet composed of Edwin Socolofsky, R. D. Barton, Charles Knowland and H. V. Compton sang "The Old Brigade." Mrs. Lamoine R. Clark gave the American creed.

The program was closed with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and the flag salute by a Boy Scout troop. Members of the troop were ushers for the meeting.

The program was given last night in keeping with the national week devoted to the study of the constitution. It was sponsored by members of the GAR, WRC, Sons of Veterans and the American legion with other auxiliary organizations.

BLOOD TESTS WOULD STOP ALL DIVORCE

Unhappy Marriages Prevented By Examining Corporcles of Those in Love

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 21.—Unhappy marriages can be prevented by means of blood tests, Dr. William S. Bainbridge of New York today told the American Association of Obstetricians, Gynecologists and Abdominal Surgeons in convention here.

Dr. O. M. Gruhitz of Detroit presented the theory that there were four different kinds of blood. In the discussion that followed, Dr. Bainbridge asserted that by taking blood tests of persons in love, unhappy unions could be forestalled, as only the mating of persons in the same blood group could be recommended.

This would result, he explained in the marriage of people who had a natural affinity for each other and who could withstand the trials of life.

Cleveland was chosen as the place for the next convention.

RITCHIE TO KEEP O. E. OFFICE HERE

Business Men Want Popular Agent Retained and Transfer Rescinded

J. W. Ritchie, Oregon Electric representative in Salem for the last 15 years, was reinstated yesterday after being ordered transferred on September 15. The order came from the general offices in Portland.

When the first order came relieving Mr. Ritchie of his office and ordering his transfer to Albany, a storm of protest arose from businessmen of the city, with whom Mr. Ritchie had transacted business. They supported him and it is believed brought pressure to bear upon the Portland office, resulting in the reinstatement of Mr. Ritchie. Prior to the order being received, Mr. Ritchie said he would engage in private business rather than accept Albany. Mr. Ritchie is desiring of thanking all of his friends who stood back of him, as he likes Salem and did not wish to dispose of his property here.

The series of contemplated transfers came through the death of H. R. Knight, agent at Eugene. F. S. Appelman, Corvallis, was ordered to Salem to replace Mr. Ritchie, and H. C. Reeves, Albany, was assigned to Eugene. As a result of the reinstatement of Mr. Ritchie, Appelman will go to Eugene, Reeves remaining at Albany. Corvallis, which is classed as a bulletin station, will be open for bids by railroad men having the necessary seniority rating.

FAIRMOUNT BUYS AT SILVERTON

Creamery and Ice Plant Taken Over Recently By Salem Concern

SILVERTON, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special to The Statesman)—Some changes have been made recently in Silverton business houses. Frank Millikan of Salem and H. D. Turner of Chemawa have taken over the Stenberg grocery at Main and First streets. Mr. Stenberg says he is retiring from business and for the present will remain at Silverton. The Silverton Creamery & Ice company has been sold to the Fairmount dairy of Salem. The present organization will be retained. J. W. Kubersness will remain as manager.

A new place of business which is opening to the Silverton public Saturday is the Penny store under the management of S. C. Parker with T. J. Condo as assistant manager.

Over 25,000 People At Pendleton Roundup

PENDLETON, Ore., Sept. 21.—Hard bucking and good riding featured the second day of Pendleton's roundup with 25,000 people in the grandstands and bleachers. The wild horse No Name did his stuff again today and the ease with which the big horse piled Lloyd Coleman showed that he is a worthy successor to Long Tom. Yakima Canutt on Miss Hesitation, Strickland on Sam Jackson and Irwin on U Tell "Em, made nice rides.

SMOKE SCREEN DEVELOPS AT NAVY HEARING

Technical Terms Form Cloud From Which Questions are Hurlled at Four Men in Charge of Radio

J. R. STAPLER SENDS OBSCURE TELEGRAM

Marine Officer Says Radio Station Failed Him During Last of August

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—Under the smoke screen of technicalities which hung over today's session of the naval court of inquiry investigating the wreck of seven destroyers off Honda, Cal., September 8, four men responsible for the operation of a radio compass on Point Arguello came in for a grilling cross-fire of questions from counsel for 13 naval officers who have been named defendants in connection with the disaster probe.

The radio station itself received a direct thrust in the form of an accusing telegram produced by counsel for Capt. Edward H. Watson, chief of the destroyer squadron which ran aground, who said he knew nothing of the sender of the message except that he signed his name "J. R. Stapler" and gave his address as 152 Riverside Drive, New York.

Message Received
Stapler's telegram said he could produce records of radio bearings received on August 23 from Point Arguello, "which, had we not disregarded them, would have put us ashore on San Miguel Island."

Whether he was aboard a commercial vessel or naval craft at that time, the sender did not state. First of the four men to be interrogated was Lieutenant Commander John M. Ashley, superintendent of communications for the 11th naval district and responsible for the supervision of naval radio stations in that district.

Mr. Ashley was called to the stand for the purpose of introducing the log of the Point Arguello compass station, which was admitted in evidence as a record of all signals or messages sent and received there between the hours of noon and midnight on September 8.

Disregard Signals
It has been brought out in previous testimony that signals telling the navigators of the destroyer squadron that they were still too far north of Point Arguello to turn east, were disregarded, and one of these navigators has testified that the signals were disregarded because radio compass bearings from Point Arguello were so inaccurate in the hours preceding the disaster that "little weight was attached to them."

Alleged inaccuracies and impossibilities of inaccuracies at Point Arguello, therefore, became the center of interest in the cross-examination of the communications superintendent.

He was pressed for information concerning a reciprocal bearing sent to the USS Delphy, flagship of the 11th destroyer squadron at 8:35 on the night of September 8, in response to a message saying "we are to the southward; give us reciprocal." "There is no record in the log of such a bearing at 8:35," he replied.

"Are you aware that four different persons copied such a bearing from Point Arguello station?" Details Sought
Lieutenant Commander Ashley said he was not aware of it.

Next the naval officers acting as counsel for their 13 fellow officers pressed the witness for details as to any change in equipment at the Point Arguello station on the day of the wreck.

Stapler Located

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—At the maritime officers' club in the Riverside Drive, it was said tonight that J. R. Stapler had been first mate of the American-Hawaiian Steamship company's freighter Arizona, which had touched here last week and now was in Boston.

Stapler had left the vessel here, it was said and now was in Haines Falls, N. Y., on a visit. Nothing was known of the information given in the telegram under Stapler's name at the wreck inquiry at San Diego.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—The steamer Arizona, whereof J. (Continued on page 3)

APPROVAL IS GIVEN SALEM'S BUDGET AT PARLEY LAST NIGHT

Total Estimated for 1924 is \$225,183.46, Increase of \$12,693.41—Greenbaum Attempts Slashes, But Is Outvoted—All Items Pared to Limit, Says Mayor Giesey.

After a vain effort upon the part of Isadore Greenbaum to slash several minor items from the amount estimated to operate certain departments of the city during 1924, the citizens' committee and the city council last night unanimously adopted the entire budget of \$225,183.46. The budget for next year will be increased \$12,693.41 over that of this year, which was \$212,489.95. Ed Schunke was elected chairman of the budget committee and Walter F. Buchner secretary.

One of the greatest proposed reductions, and one that brought forth the most discussion and debate was that of the estimate for the public library. The amount asked was \$9120, with \$7950 on the budget in 1923. The various items were discussed, Greenbaum proposing that the estimate for books be reduced to \$1250 from \$1650.

Leading the fight against the reduction was A. A. Lee, who said that the library last year went back instead of forward, and had been criticised for its lack of new books. Several others spoke against the proposed slash.

Budget Already Pared
Mayor J. B. Giesey explained that at a recent informal meeting of the council every item listed received careful attention and that the budget had been pared to the bone. The councilmen, he said, were conservative, and during the year threshed out every suggested expenditure in an effort to keep expenses low. Mr. Greenbaum accepted the explanation and the remainder of the budget was passed with little opposition.

An increase asked for the construction of new sewers, which will total \$84,600 during the year was explained by George Thompson. He said that nearly half of the city was without sewers, particularly that portion of Salem south of Bush pasture. At least \$50,000 is needed to put the sewage system where it should be, he said. The amount allowed this year was \$20,000.

Other Items Debated
Other amounts that brought forth comment were the items of clerk hire, placed at \$2750 and \$200 in advance of that allowed this year. The increased amount of paving planned for next year, with a proportionate amount of clerical work in issuing warrants was held the cause of the gain. Reduction of expenses in the police department was sought by Mr. Greenbaum, who believed the \$25 allowed for postage should be cut to \$10 and that telephone and telegraph tolls should be \$125 instead of \$150. Due explanation (Continued on page 3)

FINAL FLASHES

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 21.—Dr. J. H. White of Tacoma was elected president of the Public Health league of Washington here today at its annual meeting held in connection with the 34th annual session of the Washington State Medical association.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—Evidence that arson may have been responsible for some of the many simultaneous fires that swept a portion of Berkeley and caused the great destruction elsewhere, "is to be laid before the proper state authorities," J. R. Molony, a member of the Pacific board of fire underwriters, said today.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 21.—Another broadside was hurled at the walls of the Shiloh House, "King" Benjamin Funnell's residence at the House of David colony in Benton Harbor, when Mrs. Estella A. Meldrum, a member of the cult for 20 years, filed suit in federal court here today asking dissolution of the colony and the appointment of a receiver for its extensive properties.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 21.—Through an order entered yesterday by Superior Judge Dykeman of King county, the state has been provided means of access to federal records of the taxation of estates through the executors of such estates, which, it is believed, will add heavily to inheritance taxes collected by the state in the future.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 21.—Possibility of reclamation of thousands of desert acres of alkali lands through neutralization by sulphides, occupied the attention of the members of the Western Society of Soil Management at its closing session here today.

SEATTLE, Sept. 21.—Representatives of the Great Northern and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railways today told Arthur R. Mackley, examiner for the interstate commerce commission, in sessions of a hearing here, that the freight rate on wheat and wheat products from Montana to the Pacific coast for export had been made 7 cents a pound lower than on these commodities for domestic use in order to induce empty cars to move west.

One development of the situation today was the reiteration at the White House that the president still is of the opinion that there exists no reason for summoning congress in extra session. The official view is that so far as pending questions are concerned they can wait for the regular session which will open in a little more than 172 months.

THE WEATHER

OREGON—Saturday unsettled and occasional showers.

LOCAL—(Friday)

Maximum temperature, 65. Minimum temperature, 50. River, —1.5. Rainfall, .07. Atmosphere, partly cloudy. Wind, south.