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Enforcing the Law Following the failure of local authority to function, and
the consequent breakdown of law enforcement in Jackson county, Governor Olcott has very properly directed Attorney General Van Winkle to take charge of a grand jury investigation and prosecution of outrages committed there
which the Ku Klux Klan is alleged to be implicated.
Although over three months have elapsed since the three
southern Oregon neck-tie parties were pulled-off and the southern Oregon neck-tie parties were pulled-off and the
victims pulled-up by masked and gowned mobs, the district victims pulled-up by masked and gowned mobs, the district attorney of Jackson county has made no effort to probe the
outrages and punish the perpetrators, and there is apparently no intention of action by his office.
It is part of the Ku Klux Klan program of operations "citizenship" in the "Invisible Empire" of local law forcing officials. The first effort in a community is always to enlist judges, district attorneys, sheriffs, constables and county officials, and mayors, policemen and city officials, of the Klan, so as to give the klansmen free rein to regulate the community as they see fit with immunity from in
terference and prosecution. In many instances, as has happened in Jackson counts, no effort is made to find or punish hose guilty of outrage.

Whether or not the inaction of the Jackson county law nforcement officials is due to K. K. K. membership affiliation, remains to be ascertained. We have the public admission of the mayor of Medford, where one of the victims was kidnapped, that he is himself a member of the Klan
and proud of it-which in this connection has its own significance.

The state of Oregon will have in this important-prosecution, the hearty cooperation and assistance of the United States Department of Justice, which has gathered much
evidence concerning these outrages. Prosecution itself evidence concerning these outrages. Prosecution itself
rests with local and state, instead of federal authorities. Among the needs developed by Klan outrages in various parts of the country is a statute authorizing
cutions when local authority breaks down.
This is the'second time in as many
governor has found it necessary to direct the attorney-genral to act as special prosecutor in Jackson county because of the failure of the district attorney to properly function failure of the bank of Jacksonville. It would appear that
they are recalling the wrong party in Jackson county-it is not the sheriff that is at fault.

## Railroad Assured

Officials of both the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific have pledged themselves to speedy completion of the Natron
cut-off in case they should gain control of the Central Pacif cut-off in case they should gain control of the Central Pacif-
ic. Both systems promise the construction of other central Oregon lines, the Southern Pacific from Klamat Falls to Westwood Junction, California, thus affording
short-cut to Ogden, and the Union Pacific implies the completion of its line from Ontario to a connection with th Natron cut-off, thus providing a short-cut from valle
points east. In all probability an extension from the Natro points east. In all probability an extension from the
cut-off to ever owned it.

It is true of course that completion of the Natron cut off would open the Klamath territory to Portland jobber but they would have to compete with the more enterprising San Franciscans for business. The Klamath country has been financed by San Francisco capital, but little assistance having been extended from Portland, and business usuall follows the lines of financial support. On the other hand the aequisition of the Central Pacfic by the Union Pacif and the completion of the Ontario shortine win divert mo mileage is over 400 miles, and it would not help Portlan much. Should the Southern Pacific complete its promised much. Should the Southern Pacific complete its promised
Westwood connection, this traffic instead of going over the Westwood connection, this traffic instead of going over the ilar saving in mileage over present routings.
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