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"No Highway Station"

That the Ku Klux Klan, or an organization of similar purpose and character, existed in Oregon 36 years ago is shown by the records of the supreme court decisions contained in 15 Oregon Reports, case of the State of Oregon vs. Roberts.

The story of the case as revealed in the records, shows that a secret society called the "I. W. A.'s" took upon itself the task of regulating the methods and morals of the community and went so far as to instruct employers what class of citizens they should employ, and generally conducted themselves along the line that "100 percent Americans" do today. Portland business men were warned whom to discharge and whom to employ, much as they are under the beneficent rule of the Klansmen and allied patriots, showing that there is nothing new under the sun and that history repeats itself, spasmodically and sporadically.

In this particular instance, in which the law stepped in to regulate the community regulators, the "I. W. A.'s" had served notice upon W. S. Ladd of Portland, that he must dispense with the services of a Chinaman, or suffer various and dire penalties. Mr. Ladd fell back upon his constitutional right to employ whom he pleased, whereupon the members of the I. W. A.'s went from the lodge room to a powder arsenal, broke it open, took a certain quantity of powder and used it July 30, 1886, in setting fire to and destroying the haystack and barn owned by Mr. Ladd, thus putting in practice the gentle methods of moral suasion now so popular with the klan.

However, the officials of that day and generation seem to have had more gumption than the officials have today, or it is possible the I. W. A.'s did not have the precaution of the Ku Kluxers and failed to enlist law enforcement officials in the society to break the law, for the ring-leaders of the mob were arrested for arson, convicted and sent to prison, thus delaying for 36 years, the effort to put none but 100 percenters on guard. Anyway, it was not necessary for the governor to designate the attorney general to prosecute because of the failure of regular officials to act. Nor is there anything to show that the newspapers of that day were coerced and scared into a shameful conspiracy of silence by the I. W. A.'s as they are today by the K. K. K.

The opinion of the supreme court in this case, written by Justice Strahan, one of the ablest of Oregon jurists, is interesting for it is unquestionably the viewpoint of the courts of today towards such organizations as the I. W. A.'s and the K. K. K., the F. O. P. S. and other secret societies that aim at installing invisible government for the regulation of communities and the usurpation of political and industrial power. It concludes as follows:

"We have examined this case with care for the reason that the parties implicated seem to have gone directly from a lodge-room to the scene of the crime, and after discovery, they appear to have relied upon an order called the "I. W. A.'s" for help. And the evidence given upon the trial tended to show that parties concerned in its commission, with others, sought to bind themselves together by extrajudicial oaths, and by ties that they sought to make stronger than the law; but the result has demonstrated the futility of the attempt, and that the purposes of the law are not to be thwarted by such means.

"The real purposes of the organization so far as they were disclosed upon the trial, are revolutionary and highly criminal. They assumed to act as self-appointed regulators, and to determine the property of the conduct of citizens of this state in the management of their private business, and to direct whom they shall and whom they shall not employ; for the right to determine who shall not be employed, implies the right to say who shall be. It reviews in secret the acts and conduct of the citizens, and its members emerge from the lodgeroom and hasten away to execute private and summary vengeance upon those who have fallen under the ban of its displeasure.

"They attempt to prescribe a rule of civil conduct for the government of all the people of this state, unbeknown to our statutes, and at war with the idea of a government regulated by law, and to inflict punishment for a violation or a disregard of its behests. In this instance it was arson. The next may be murder. The spirit that incites the commission of that crime will not stop there. All human experience has demonstrated this. There is no half-way station between the benign control of the law and the wildest anarchy.

"If the commission of one crime does not bring the citizen to the feet of the lawless cabal, another must follow, and so on in gradual succession until the foundations of social order are broken up and the spirit of anarchy be enthroned in its stead.

"The object and direct tendency of such an organization cannot be too promptly condemned. They are at war with the law, our social and political life, and the genius of our institutions. Such an organization is not of American birth, and cannot take root or flourish in an American commonwealth."

Along State Street

Golf stockings cover a multitude of shins.
A miner who digs shallow makes the public dig deep.
It is hard to tell whether some men strike for the necessities or the luxuries of life.
A lot of work and a little talent are better than a little work and a lot of talent.
The woman who is proud of her ailments has seldom anything else to be proud of.
The new long skirts make some of the ladies look like grown-up children "playing house."
Hay fever sufferers often wonder if elephants ever become afflicted with the same kind of trouble.
Striking railroad shopmen, incidentally, when returning to work will also have a chance to repair their own finances.
The short measure from gasoline curb stations costs the motorists of the country \$90,000,000 every year, and it has all been blamed on the faulty carburetors.
A discovery has been made in Germany of a method to color living trees. This idea might well be used to color marks to make them look like money.

SAP AND SALT

By Bert Moses

Predictions that you don't bet on are the ones that come true.
No matter who is elected, you can figure on increased taxation.
Ask yourself tonight if you are ashamed of anything you did today.
A great deal of intelligence goes to waste because no use is made of it.
Hornets hold the record for supplying the most experience in the least time.
The reason the next world is so highly recommended is because we do not understand this one.
Hez Heck Says:
"Wimmin that read poetry and cry ain't much at patchin' pants."
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WHAT HAPPENED When Sheila Elliston Refused Love

By IDAH McGLONE GIBSON

A Wanderer Returned
Sheila held Walter Jones' letter in her hand for a moment. Evidently her thoughts went back to that tragic year of her life when she faced disgrace and life's debacle.
"Poor Walter," she said. "I believe he has been as much sinned against as I. And, Kay, I cannot find it in my mind to forgive that sister of his the part she played in it all."
"Then you have proof, Sheila, that Susanne has known the truth about you all the time!"
"Yes, this letter proves it."
"I don't care what Susanne Jones did during the war—I do not care how brave she was—(Phil is always telling me of her intrepid courage over there and how no woman who did the things that she did could be otherwise than big and splendid)—she is weak and mean and little in her dealings with her brother. Just why she seems to hate him, I cannot understand, for she commenced it long before she knew Phil and certainly before she realized that I was her rival in Phil's affection."
"I expect, Sheila, that her father told her some story of how you had inveigled Walter into caring for you and Susanne has always been very ambitious. I think probably that her first interest in Phil when she first met him abroad was occasioned by the knowledge that he was the Philip Spencer she had probably heard so much about but had never met. Of course, I know that this sounds rather conceited, but the Spencers have always had money and family since this city was settled, while the Jones' have only had money for one generation and never family."
"Poor Walter," sighed Sheila again. "He is an illustration of how little real happiness money will buy."
"But, Sheila, if Walter was the man I saw last night, he doesn't look as though he had any money now, and of course you know that by the terms of the will, he is perfectly dependent upon his mother and sister for everything that he has."
"I know it, but a third of the money should be his and I have almost a good mind to go to Phil this morning and tell him the whole story in order to help Walter get back what belongs to him."
"My dear Sheila, that would be confirming Phil in what Susanne has already told him—that you are still in love with Walter."
"Oh, dear; I wish something would happen to that terrible woman. She makes me ashamed every time I think of her. I hate to belong to the same sex."
"Listen to Walter's letter, Kay: 'Sheila, Sheila, what does it all mean? I cannot understand it at all. I have believed in you, I have trusted you, all these years, and I came back to find you married to another man.'
"When I first went away, Sue wrote me that you were a wicked woman and that you had not cared for me at all and only used me to get that apartment furnished. For a long time I thought that Dad was right in his persecution of you, and I hated you, Sheila, hated you when I began to cough my life away; hated you when I dreamed those dreams which narcotics brought to me, for my illness I blamed entirely upon you."
"Sue kept writing to me how terrible you were; how you cared for nothing but money. She told me that she had been to see you to ask you if it were true that you really did not care for me, and you laughed at her and said you would rather rot in prison than live with me in that beautiful little place that you seemed to have prepared with so much pleasure for yourself—and someone else."
"Sheila, dear, I believed her and I knew my life away. I didn't want to live. I tried two or three times, of course, to enlist in the army, but my health was such that it was impossible, and when Sue wrote me that she was going across in my place and that Dad was furnishing four Red Cross ambulances, of which she was going to drive one, I hated you worse than ever for I attributed to you my inability to make the grade. I said it is a woman that has made me less than a man."
"It seemed to me that beside your taking away my faith in all women, you had hurt me physically and mentally."
"Oh, Sheila, I am asking your forgiveness for this, although I do not understand it all yet. In my poor, scared, dope-filled mind impossible of comprehending what has happened to you as well as to me!"
"Yes, dear, I have gone so low that I am ready to confess that I cannot live without the little white powder that gives me a few moments' respite from wracking pain and depressing thought."
"After Susanne wrote me that she had gone across, for a long time I received letters from no one. The whole world seemed to have forgotten me."
"I sank lower and lower among the human riff-raff in Calcutta. Then one day a man looked me up, said he was from Sue, and that she was mistaken about it all, that you still loved me, that you wanted to hear from me, and that I was to write you in care of her. You can imagine my joy. Heaven had opened to me again."
"Tomorrow—a Fiendish Plan."
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PANTOMIME—By J. H. Striebel



At the Movies
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Jane Novak and Noah Berry in "The Belle of Alaska"
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And Wm. Desmond in "Women Men Love"
Oregon
Dorothy Dalton in "The Siren Call"
Grand
Coming Saturday
"The Prodigal Judge"

CHARLES RAY IS REAL
"MAKE 'EM GO" GENIUS
Charles Ray has turned inventor—not only as a character in the photoplay, "Greased Lightning," which will be shown at the Bligh next Friday and Saturday, but a real "make 'em go" genius.
The Thomas H. Iace "wonder boy" demonstrated his versatility on the producing lot during the making of the picture when he pushed aside several workmen who were meditatively scratching their heads and, with determination and a lot of perspiration, put into a home-made racing automobile a speed gear that has been pronounced a wonderful contrivance.
The incident occurred because the scenario demanded a home-made auto. The property man built the auto to look the part. But this was not enough. The thing had to have real "pep," for the story demands that in it Charles Ray must run down and capture the villain who is in a big six cylinder machine. There was the racer minus the speed and would never have fulfilled the demands of the author, but for the ingenuity of Charles Ray.
Candidates Declared "Wet."
Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 5.—Twenty-eight of the forty-four candidates for congress in Ohio are listed by the Ohio Anti-Saloon league as "drys." Fourteen are declared by the league to be "wets," and two candidates stand on the prohibition question is not announced. The latter are John Sharp, democrat of the tenth district, and H. Sage Valentine, democrat of the twelfth district.

POWELL IN BIG PICTURES
After having made a number of notable Paramount pictures in Europe, David Powell is back in the United States playing leading man to popular Paramount stars. His first picture was Gloria Swanson's "Her Gilded Cage," and his second is Dorothy Dalton's "The Siren Call," which comes to the Oregon today. Mr. Powell will soon be seen with Alice Brady in "Missing Millions."

LAVISH ROOF GARDEN
IN "HEAD OVER HEELS"
It is doubtful if a more elaborate roof garden set was ever filmed in pictures than the one made for Mabel Normand in "Head Over Heels," which comes to the Liberty for two days, commencing tomorrow. Great pillars covered with gold leaf, velvet carpets, and graceful gilded chair and tables make the place appear like a scene from fairyland. The entrance is a high Moorish arch, from which sways a scintillating curtain of gold mesh, and vari-colored jewels.
It is through this exquisite doorway that Miss Normand comes, full tilt, and bent on trouble. She transforms the scene from one of dreamy music and soft-toned conversation to a hysterical flutter of draperies and feminine shrieks, as she falls upon the girl she considers her rival.

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