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CALVIN COOLIDGE IS GUEST OF EUGENIANS

Vice-President Spends a Few Minutes in Auto Trip on Skinner's Butte

MUCH PLEASED WITH VIEW

"Certainly Wonderful," Comment After His Return

LOCAL PLANS GO WRONG

Announcement Had Been Made That Speech Was to Be Made From Train and Crowd Misses Distinguished Visitor

Calvin Coolidge, vice-president of the United States, yesterday afternoon was driven slowly around the brow of Skinner's butte overlooking the city of Eugene and as he and Mrs. Coolidge looked out of the automobile over the city they verbally expressed their appreciation of the scene spread out in the valley before them. Just before the car, driven by A. S. Dixon, turned toward the Eugene side of the hill the clouds parted in the northwest and sun mixed with shadow touched the city and background of hills. Both Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge leaned toward the side of the machine to better glimpse the view.

"It was wonderful, certainly wonderful," said Mr. Coolidge in a brief statement made just before the Shasta limited pulled out for the north when he stepped from the car to shake hands with the small group of people who had remained at the depot after the party had first left for the summit of the butte. "Yes, I certainly was pleased with the scenery from the top," he added as he continued to greet the line of people waiting to shake his hand.

Plans Go Wrong

The train bearing the vice-president and his party arrived in Eugene 30 minutes late, and the carefully laid plans of the committee did not work out to perfection because of an unexplainable telegram. Before the arrival of the party, a message was received by the Southern Pacific office from Portland headquarters, saying that Mr. Coolidge could not make the inter-city trip, referring to the planned auto ride to Junction City, but would speak to the people of Eugene from the platform of the rear car. Motorcyclists went through the streets of the city announcing that the vice-president would not go on the scheduled route, but would make an address at the depot. The result was that approximately 1,000 people gathered on the depot grounds to welcome the vice-president and listen to the expected address. Long before the block signal south of the depot heralded the arrival of the Shasta the people had collected in the Southern Pacific parking quarters, and when the train slowly moved up to the depot the crowd surged toward the rear platform, expecting that Mr. Coolidge would appear there.

Instead of Mr. Coolidge, three or four passengers announced from the rear platform that the vice-president would make his talk from a car near the center of the train. Before the Shasta had pulled into Eugene from the south the Coos Bay train had moved into the depot from the north and was stopped in front of the station, between the vice-president's car and the platform. The Coos Bay train was taken up to the depot on orders given after the telegram from Portland had stated that Mr. Coolidge would make his address from the rear of the train and had declined to ride through the city. In stopping the train and in allowing the Coos Bay train to draw up in front of the depot, trainmen here were acting under the belief that Mr. Coolidge was to speak from the rear platform.

Nobody Awaiting Coolidge

When the train stopped, Mr. Coolidge from his car up near the front started to go out to the depot. He was told by E. C. Robbins, who had traveled with the vice-president's party from Drain, that the people were expecting him on the rear platform. Mr. Coolidge then made it known that he had not consented to make an address and knew nothing about a telegram saying that he would not leave the train for a tour of the city and a visit to Skinner's butte. All members of the committee appointed to meet Mr. Coolidge acted under the belief that the message received from the Southern Pacific people in Portland was authorized by him and that he would not get off the train in Eugene. The result was that when the vice-president left his car and walked out on the platform he found no dignitaries awaiting him, but everyone was around at the rear of the train expecting that he would make his appearance in that quarter.

After considerable embarrassment and a few minor difficulties, the word was passed among the committee having the transportation of the vice-presidential party in charge, that Mr. Coolidge had not canceled his trip through Eugene and to the butte. Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge, their two sons, Mayor C. O. Peterson, and a secret service man entered the automobile driven by A. C. Dixon, went down Willamette street, according to the original schedule, turned west on Ninth avenue, then north on Lincoln and drive up the side of the butte.

An accident of minor consequence resulted on Fourth avenue and Lincoln streets when the automobile occupied by Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stearns and driven by F. L. Chambers bumped into the car driven by Jack Rodman. Other than jarring and frightening the occupants of the car, this accident was negligible.

On the way up the butte the Coolidge party was preceded by a motorcycle guard, which cleared the road. The drive up the butte was made at a rapid pace, but when the turn was made on the loop and Eugene was visible to the party, Mr. Dixon drove his car at a snail's pace, and it was on this stretch of the road that Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge obtained their birdseye view of the city as it was bathed in parts with sunshine and in other parts

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VAST AREAS BURNED OVER

FOREST FIRES COVER 34,000 ACRES IN ONE DISTRICT

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 12.—A total of 34,000 acres of forest timber has been burned this season by 868 forest fires in district number one of the forest service which includes Montana, Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington, according to the 10-day fire report made public by forest officials here today.

The situation at the present time is extremely critical. A total of 293 fires have burned during the last ten days and many of this number are still burning. This is the greatest number of fires in any ten days since 1920. The season ranks, thus far, as fourth in comparison with the most dangerous seasons that the forest service has experienced and the season has one more month to go. The season of 1910, the worst in the history of the Northwest, and the seasons of 1914, 1919, and 1920 alone can compare with this season.

EDISON CHEWS TOBACCO

TREASURES PLUG GIVEN HIM BY HARDING

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Aug. 12.—Carefully biting off a small piece of tobacco from a thick black plug, Thomas A. Edison explained to those near him that he was conserving the plug because it was a gift from President Harding during the camping trip made by the President, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone and himself in the Cumberland mountains last year.

An official of the company had told Mr. Edison that his sons had just they had shaken hands with President returned from Washington where dent Harding.

"That so," said the inventor. "The President is a fine fellow. He gave me this plug of tobacco last year. I don't allow myself to go very strong on this. I want it to last a long time. It's the only plug of tobacco I've ever had from a President."

PORTLAND IS GRAIN CENTER

TWICE AS MUCH SHIPPED AS THROUGH NORTHERN PORTS

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 12.—Twice as much grain was shipped through Portland as through all ports combined in the state of Washington during the crop year that ended June 30, it was said at the offices of the public service commission today.

During the year the grain inspection department of the commission received at Portland 41,837,348 bushels of wheat, 431,774 bushels of barley, 2,246,947 bushels of oats, 144,854 bushels of rye, 543,620 bushels of corn, 5,778 bushels of flaxseed and 9,778 bushels of sorghum grains, making a total of 45,220,099 bushels of grain of all kinds. Hay received totaled 25,056 tons.

GERMANS MAKE PROTEST

OBJECT TO EXPULSION OF CITIZENS FROM ALSACE-LORRAINE

(By the Associated Press)

PARIS, Aug. 12.—A note from the German government protesting against the expulsion of Germans from Alsace-Lorraine was delivered to the French government late today.

The note also protests against the French attitude with regard to compensation payments, saying it is contrary to the spirit and letter of the Versailles treaty and the subsequent agreements.

EXPLOSION INJURES NINE

UNION OIL COMPANY'S PLANT SCENE OF BLAST

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 12.—An explosion of unknown origin at the refinery of the Union Oil company, located in the harbor district, today seriously injured nine workmen, one of them probably fatally. The explosion occurred in the plant of the refinery and was followed by a fire, which was extinguished with but slight damage to the plant.

STRIKE ARBITRATION PLAN MAY BE ADOPTED

Executives and Union Heads Both Said to Be Friendly Toward Suggestion

SENIORITY SOLE OBSTACLE

Question May Be Settled by Impartial Tribunal

CONFERENCES ARE HELD

Another Meeting Arranged for With President Harding at White House at 10 o'Clock This Morning

(By the Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 12.—The proposal that the seniority issue, conceded to be the sole obstacle to the settlement of the railroad shop strike, be submitted to arbitration by an impartial tribunal, was discussed tonight by a conference of railroad brotherhood chiefs and railroad executives as a basis of ending the transportation tieup.

Though no definite agreement was said to have been reached at the conference, which lasted nearly three hours, both sides were said to have exhibited a "friendly" attitude toward the suggestion.

The railroad executives already have an appointment to meet with President Harding at ten o'clock tomorrow morning when it was said Mr. Harding would be told of the new situation resulting from the late hour negotiations in order that he might proceed from that point with his policy of mediation.

Personal Conferences Held

A continuation of President Harding's attempt to mediate the railroad strike situation resulted today from personal conferences with the executive officers between administration leaders, the chosen committee of all the railroad executives and officials of railroad labor organizations.

The text of responses from both sides to President Harding's offer of a basis for a settlement and all statements which might widen the breach between the railroad managements and their striking employes are withheld from publication and both the railroad union chiefs and the executives' committee were held here for further conference with the President.

Meanwhile it became evident the administration had dropped any intention of appealing to congress for legislation that might bear upon the subject.

Those close to the President were given to understand that no requests for congressional would be forthcoming and that no presidential message to congress affecting the strike would be transmitted or delivered.

The President's determination to push for a mediation of the difficulty was first disclosed in the midst of a double conference which was staged at the executive offices.

Labor Heads Make Statements

Nine heads of railroad labor organizations not on strike took to the white house statements of their own policy toward the strike. Prior to their arrival the response of the seven unions on strike in the railroad service had been delivered to the white house. It constituted, union officials said, a rejection of the President's suggestion that the men go back to work and leave their seniority status to be fixed by the railroad labor board.

The President received the labor group and after more than an hour's discussion, in which Senator Cummins, chairman of the interstate commerce committee, and two cabinet members, Secretaries Hoover and Davis, participated, asked them to step into the cabinet room while he received DeWitt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, and other railroad spokesmen who bore with them what was understood to be a conditional acceptance of the same settlement offer.

President Harding continued the discussion with the railroad executives, the meeting that began at 4:30 p. m. lasting until after 7 p. m.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—Asserting that "creeping paralysis will make it impossible at the end of sixty days for the most willing train service employes to keep traffic moving," J. F. McGrath, vice-president of the railway employes' department of the American Federation of Labor, issued a statement tonight criticising assertions of railway executives that rolling stock is in safe condition.

"Facts Would Startle Country"

Mr. McGrath asserted that "facts in the possession of the interstate commerce commission would startle the country" and declared that the railway executives were circulating reports that rolling stock was safe to prejudice the public against train service men who are refusing to operate equipment on the ground that it is dangerous to do so.

"Definite information is in my hands from a considerable number of important railroads," his statement said, "such as the Texas and Pacific, the Missouri Pacific, the Great Northern and the Southern Pacific to the effect that inspections have not been reports that rolling stock was safe to locomotives have not been inspected since early in June. Monthly locomotive inspection cards are being marked 'no inspection on account of strike.'"

As a result of this, he said, locomotives do not appear in bad order lists until they fail and asserted such failures might involve serious accidents. Important trains, he said, sometimes require three to five engines to cover a division.

With normal inspection lacking, his statement continued, the only protection left to the public is refusal of train crews to handle dangerous equipment.

INTERESTING POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS PENDING

WILL CENTER AROUND GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER

Hall Expected to File as Independent Candidate for Governor; New Ticket Looked For

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 12.—(Special to the Register)—Viewed practically, a number of developments are in prospect this coming week. They center around the general election in November for the legislature which meets in January. Listed, without regard to their relative importance or precedence, the prospects are:

The birth of an independent ticket, to be brought out by a mass meeting of handpicked delegates at Alisky hall next Saturday night.

The probable announcement of the independent candidacy of Charles Hall for governor, as intimated in the statement issued by the group of Hall supporters now known as the public defense league.

Organization of the Democratic state legislative committee and outlining a policy of campaign for the general election.

Grand jury investigation of the frauds in election precinct 201 in which Olcott votes were given to Hall and in which John B. Coffey was "gyped" out of about 40 votes.

Continuation and probable conclusion of Hall's contest against Olcott for the Republican nomination for governor at Salem and the starting of the contest of Coffey and W. W. Banks to determine whether they were nominated for representative and state senator, respectively.

Contest for Speaker Expected

Further activity in the campaign for speaker of the house of representatives of the Oregon legislature.

Progress in the movement to prevent the appearance on the ballot of the Green "fish bill" amendment on grounds of fraud.

Since the virtual collapse of the Hall contest with the abandonment of the recheck, when frauds in the favor of Hall were discovered, in the rumor that Hall is to be presented as an independent candidate. There are odds and ends of the contest to be disposed of at Salem, such as the summoning of witnesses in Marion to determine the legality or illegality of their voters and these matters probably will be wound up during the week.

There is a difference of opinion as to whether, under the law, Hall can be an independent candidate, since he was defeated for the Republican nomination for the primaries, but the opinion on the street is that any man who wants to run for office has the privilege of doing so. Forces behind Hall are still anxious to make him governor and the public defense league's statement practically predicted that he would be an independent.

Friday Hall had a conference attended by L. Powell, an organizer of the Ku Klux Klan; W. H. Emerick, president of the law and order league, who was chairman of the counting board of precinct 201, Roy Coster, secretary of the public defense league, which brought the contest against Olcott, and representative from various towns in the state. The object of this conference was, presumably, consideration of future action with regard to Hall and whether he should be made an independent candidate for governor.

Three-Cornered Race Looked For

A three-cornered race for governor in November would add to the gaiety of nations and put more pep than usual into a final election. It is a possibility which is not scanned with enthusiasm by the democratic nominee.

Maneuvering for written pledges in the speakership fight continues between K. K. Kubli of Multnomah, Denton Burdick of Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake counties, and Thos. Kay of Marion. Kubli has, it is said, 24 actual written promises and a number of verbal promises.

Burdick is said to have around 15 written pledges and Kay has several.

Thus far the contest among these three veterans of the house has proceeded with the best of feeling. As matters stand, Kubli is ahead, but 31 votes are needed to elect a speaker and he has not that number of written pledges.

BENICIA HAS BAD BLAZE

HALF MILLION DOLLARS DAMAGE DONE AT ARSENAL

BENECIA, Cal., Aug. 12.—Fire which for a time tonight threatened the government arsenal here and which was caused by an explosion of a powder magazine, was reported by marines as under control at 10:30 o'clock tonight. The damage caused by the fire and the explosion was reported to be about $500,000.

Control over the fire was gained through the efforts of about 500 fire fighters led by the marines from Mare Island, who remained on guard after the danger appeared to be past.

The explosion which started the fire was caused by the accidental detonation of a shrapnel shell. The shell was struck against a piece of iron by a laborer.

ADRIATIC NEARS NEW YORK

LINER ON WHICH EXPLOSION OCCURRED SOON WILL DOCK

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The White Star liner Adriatic, in whose coal hole five members of the crew were killed and four injured by an explosion yesterday, neared New York waters tonight.

Wireless messages said that she would be at Ambrose channel lightship at 2 p. m. tomorrow and reach quarantine two hours later. Messages inquiring about the welfare of hundreds of passengers on the giant liner flooded the White Star offices today.

Powerful Wireless Planned

(Correspondence of the Associated Press)

LONDON, July 26.—The government will erect in England a wireless station powerful enough to provide direct commercial communication with India, South Africa and Australia, Postmaster General Kellaway announces. In India there will be set up a station capable of direct communication with England, South Africa and Australia.

STATE TAX LEVY TO BE LOWER THIS YEAR

More Than Million and Half Dollars Lopped Off by Commission for 1922

COUNTIES' SHARE IS LESS

Reduction Due to Bond Interest and Redemptions

FIRE PATROL GETS MORE

Ports Receive About Million and Quarter Dollars as Against Little Over $900,000 for 1921

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 12.—(Special to The Register).—More than $1,500,000 has been lopped off from the tax levy for 1922, based on the tax rolls for 1921, when compared with the levy of a year ago, according to an announcement at the offices of the state tax commission here today.

A report issued by the state tax commissioner showed that the total tax levy for 1922, based on the tax rolls for 1921, is $40,401,709.21, as against $41,117,367.75 a year ago.

The state tax, as computed by the state tax commissioner for 1922, is $9,376,289.11, as against $9,493,105.22 a year ago. The county levy this year aggregates $3,977,473.91, while this levy last year totaled $5,360,665.62. The material reduction in the county levy this year, it was explained, is due to the fact that in computing last year's levy bond interest and redemptions were included in this classification.

Little change is noted in the market roads levy for 1921 and 1922. Last year this levy totaled $1,027,026.58, while the 1922 levy is $1,135,167.79.

School Levy Is Less

The special school levy for 1922 is $8,138,617.20, as against $9,000,813.24 in the year 1921. The general roads levy has been increased from $2,671,237.12 last year to $3,525,397.36 for th year 1922. The special roads levy for the year 1922 is $819,013.46, as against $1,086,954.58 in 1921.

The special cities and towns levy for the year 1922 is $6,910,632.37 as compared with $7,175,633.58 a year ago. Irrigation and drainage levy for this year is $1,064,504.72. Last year this levy was included in the miscellaneous classification.

The county school and school library levy is $2,378,871.54, as against $3,063,221.60 a year ago. This reduction is due to the fact that last year's county school and school library levy included the high school tuition, which this year aggregates $683,885.24.

The fire patrol levy, which last year was $66,583.61, has been increased to $72,296.41.

The ports levy for 1922 is $1,223,986.31, as against $912,280.49 in 1921. Probably the most drastic reduction is noticeable in the levy under the miscellaneous classification. Last year this levy was $1,326,429.98, while this year it has dropped to $53,089.20.

As a result of reduced costs following the war there are indications that Oregon's tax levy will continue to decrease, and that within a few years it will compare favorably with the levy made prior to the recent campaign for improvements.

County Summary Given

The following summary, as prepared by the state tax commission, shows the total levy in the various counties of the state, exclusive of the fire patrol:

Counties	Total Levy
Baker	$ 766,857.64
Benton	526,382.45
Clackamas	1,405,584.46
Clatsop	1,882,317.41
Columbia	755,285.56
Coos	1,379,310.95
Crook	314,581.54
Curry	314,581.54
Deschutes	614,273.08
Douglas	1,137,764.71
Gilliam	295,718.66
Grant	278,912.29
Harney	381,797.19
Hood River	525,165.25
Jackson	1,275,407.47
Jefferson	221,246.86
Josephine	442,318.82
Klamath	970,211.00
Lake	356,502.42
Lane	1,504,098.35
Lincoln	426,762.66
Linn	1,060,982.32
Malheur	714,167.53
Marion	1,684,459.19
Morrow	455,542.77
Multnomah	13,239,847.49
Polk	574,291.99
Sherman	346,299.18
Tillamook	915,859.55
Umatilla	1,716,724.60
Union	768,067.04
Wallowa	536,547.62
Wasco	736,480.42
Washington	1,076,250.64
Wheeler	167,698.11
Yamhill	807,932.43
Total	$40,401,709.21

BIG TREE MAY BE SAVED

SALEM'S ONLY REDWOOD HAS NARROW ESCAPE

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 12.—Salem has just one redwood tree and the city council has ordered it cut down because it is in the middle of a paved street and the aldermen think it dangerous. But a petition was being circulated today and hundreds are signing it, asking the council to save the tree. It was brought from California 75 years ago by Daniel Waldo, for whom the Waldo hills are named, when he came from the California gold mines.

MOSQUITO CAUSES DEATH

BABY DIES AFTER BEING BITTEN ON THE NOSE

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 12.—A baby's death said to have been caused by a mosquito bite on the nose was reported from the Atlantic City hospital today. The infant, Janet Brown of Margate, ten months old, was received at the institution yesterday afternoon with a temperature of 106 degrees. She died two hours later.

TRAFFIC IS RESTORED ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC LINE

WALKOUT OF "BIG 4" STILL AFFECTS TWO ROADS

Santa Fe Had Number of Passengers Marooned, Principally at Needles and Seligman

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—Transcontinental traffic interrupted by walkouts of "big four" railroad brotherhood members was restored on one road, the Southern Pacific, today, but remained at a virtual standstill on two others, the Santa Fe and the Western Pacific. Moreover, traffic on the Union Pacific's line from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles, apparently restored late today, again was at a standstill tonight, officials of the line at Los Angeles announcing the annulment of one train and the return from San Bernardino to Los Angeles of one which left the latter point today.

Return of firemen to work at Ogden permitted the resumption of traffic by the Southern Pacific over that route and the raising of the embargo on perishable freight. The principal difficulty of both the Union Pacific and the Santa Fe apparently was the presence of armed guards at San Bernardino and other points, on the Santa Fe, whose tracks are used by the Union Pacific for a part of the way into Los Angeles.

The Santa Fe still had a number of passenger trains marooned principally at Needles and Seligman. Citizens at San Bernardino organized an automobile caravan to bring in those at Needles, where the thermometer has been past the 100 mark and distress has begun to be evident.

Passengers aboard one of the trains held at Seligman, Arizona, telegraphed an appeal for a "red cross train" to take women, children and the aged to a place of greater comfort and demanded that the railroad remove the others of their number in automobiles.

Brotherhood men were refusing to move trains from three points on the Western Pacific lines, Oakland, Stockton and Oroville, Cal. As a result the road annulled both the east bound and one of the westbound passenger trains today.

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Aug. 12.—A tentative agreement here today by members of the big four brotherhoods made possible the movement of westbound Union Pacific trains numbers seven and nineteen, the Los Angeles limited and the continental limited, from the little desert town, Caliente, east of here, where they were held up for several hours as a result of a walkout of trainmen and enginemen.

"GHOST" HAS DISAPPEARED

BURIAL OF BODY OF FARMER LAYS SPOOK

PAINESVILLE, O., Aug. 12.—A "ghost" which farmers living near Painesville Hollow say has been haunting them for seven years, is "at rest" today. It disappeared several days ago with the burial of the body of Henry Lipenstick, which was found in an abandoned well on a farm.

Lipenstick, a farm hand, disappeared seven years ago and since then the farm is said to have had poor crops. A farm house burned down and the "ghost" was blamed for that. Owner after owner has come and gone.

Carl Logies purchased the haunted farm about a year ago. Whenever he went to his barn at night, Logies said today, he would see a "white, wraithlike figure" walking about. At times, he declared, he followed it with his gun in hand and it always disappeared in the direction of the well.

Logies cleaned out the old well recently which had been filled with stones. He came upon the body of Lipenstick.

Frank Lerman, who owned the farm at the time Lipenstick disappeared, is being held for the grand jury on a charge of murder.

THREE YOUTHS MAROONED

IN PRECARIOUS SITUATION IN YOSEMITE PARK

YOSEMITE, Cal., Aug. 12.—Three youths, Ivan L. Anderson, Robert Hones and Clifford Freeze, (all of Salt Lake City, were marooned tonight on the rocky apron which separates upper from lower Yosemite falls, 1,000 feet from the floor of the valley.

S. F. Townley, chief government ranger, Sol Rich, his assistant, and a corps of volunteers were scaling the rocky ledge from the valley tonight in an effort to extricate the boys, but it was feared they will not be able to effect a rescue until daylight.

REHEARING IS ASKED FOR

DEVERS FILES MOTION IN MARKET ROAD CASE

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 12.—Because of the wide effect of an opinion of the supreme court would have in the case of S. M. Calkins of Eugene against the Lane county court, in which it was held that county market road funds cannot be used in the construction of state highways, J. M. Devers, attorney for the state highway commission, has petitioned for a rehearing of the case. The case affects most of the counties in the state.

DR. MITCHELL DIES AT 90

PROMINENT FIGURE IN METHODISM PASSES AWAY

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Aug. 12.—Dr. Bennett Mitchell, aged 90, for seventy years a prominent figure in the Methodist Episcopal church of Iowa, died at the Methodist hospital this morning.

The oldest minister in Northwestern Iowa, Dr. Mitchell was called the "Nestor of Iowa Methodism." He was one of the founders of Morningside college.

Peach Price Is Fixed

YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 12.—Every fruit dealer in the Yakima district has agreed to pay growers 50 cents for a box of peaches, and to sell to the trade at 60 cents, Fred E. Thompson, chairman of the Yakima valley committee, announced today.

HALL, COSTER AND KU KLUX KLAN SUED

Fifty Thousand Dollars' Damages Sought by Thomas L. Garland, Portland Attorney

CONSPIRACY IS ALLEGED

Plaintiff Is One of Those Accused of Voting Illegally

CHARGE OF LIBEL IS MADE

Klan Held to Be Made Up of Persons Who by Intimidation and Mob Rule Influence Voters at Elections

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 12.—(Special to the Register)—Fifty thousand dollars' damage are sought from Charles Hall, candidate for Republican nomination for governor in the recent primaries, R. R. Coster, who filed a contest petition in the interest of Hall, and the Ku Klux Klan, "a political co-partnership," by Thos. L. Garland, Portland, attorney, in a suit filed in the Multnomah county circuit court today.

Garland's name was among those listed by the Hall forces as having voted illegally in the primaries.

Characterizing the Knights of the Invisible Empire as persons "who by intimidation and mob rule and by working upon the emotions and superstitions of a certain class of patriotic voters attempt to, and do, influence this class of voters to advocate the nomination and election of, and to vote for certain candidates that may meet with the approval of the inner circle, or political bosses of said secret political co-partnership commonly known as the K. K. K." Garland asserts that the accusation is false.

Suffrage Held Great Privilege

"Plaintiff considers the right of suffrage as the greatest privilege he possesses and to say that he "balloted illegally' or as 'an alien and not entitled to vote' is the most humiliating accusation that could be placed against him as an American citizen," he contends. In his complaint Garland sets forth that he was born in Mississippi, was a volunteer soldier in the United States army in the war with Spain and again in the World war, that he is a direct descendant of Patrick Henry, a signer of the declaration of Independence" and is "100 per cent American." He further avers that he has been a resident of Portland for 20 years, is a protestant and during all that period a Republican in politics.

Plaintiff was a duly registered and legal voter in precinct No. 75, city of Portland, at the last regular primary election and as such voted for Governor Olcott in the primaries, he aserts.

Garland says, also, that he is engaged in the practice of law as a means of livelihood and of average fame and reputation in his profession and at the time of the commission of "the grievance herein mentioned sustained a good name and reputation for honesty among his clients and patrons and for patriotism and love of his country, its ideals, and its law and government among his friends, neighbors, associates and the public."

Conspiracy Alleged

Garland charges that Hall, Coster and the Ku Klux Klan, in furtherance of a conspiracy against him, caused to be published on August 5, 1922, in daily newspapers of this city the "false and libelous" assertions that he was not a legal voter.

This is held to be libel per se and by reason of the publication Garland says he has been "injured in being deprived of the confidence and esteem of some of his neighbors, friends, clients and public, that there has been great mental suffering inflicted on him, and he has been held up to public hatred, contempt and ridicule, all to the damage in the sum of $50,000."

In addition to the general damages, punitive damages of $25,000 are asked.

The plaintiff charges that the K. K. K. is "a secret organization which has not filed any incorporation articles in the state of Oregon, or assumed name certificate as provided by law," and asks permission to insert the names of said co-partnership members as defendants when ascertained.

FARMERS COME UNDER ACT

MANY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF COMPENSATION LAW

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 12.—The number of employers in Oreon who are placing their operations under the workmen's compensation act is increasing more rapidly than ever before, says a statement by the state employers' accident commission today.

Farmers particularly are beginning to come under the act in large numbers. Receipts of the commission in July totaled $213,471.15, an increase of $41,189.13 over the same month last year.

WORLD RECORD IS EQUALED

COAFFE RUNS 100 YARDS IN 9 3-5 SECONDS

CALGARY, Alta., Aug. 12.—Cyril Coaffe of Winnipeg today equaled the world record for the 100-yard dash at the annual meet of the Canadian Amateur Athletic association by running the distance in 9 3-5 seconds.

The time constitutes a Canadian record for the distance. The former dominion record was 9 4-5 seconds, held by Bobby Kerr of Hamilton, Ontario.