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KLAN IS ANTI-NOTHING SAYS PALE PINK CARD

A pale pink card was found attached to the door of the Herald office yesterday morning bearing a printed statement of the alleged principles of the Ku Klux Klan. Whether the card was intended as "copy" for the Herald or only for the personal and private information of the editor we do not know but rather than risk being charged with one-sided narrowness we assume that the modest individual who left it there under cover of darkness wished us to print it. While it is not in accord with the ethics of journalism to print anonymous articles, we make an exception in this case:

"The Ku Klux Klan.—This organization has been grossly misrepresented by some on the outside who are not in position to know, and by some who fear it on account of their immoral conduct, but we want to say that the Klan is anti-nothing. It does not oppose any man's religion or creed. It stands for the following principles: Protection of pure womanhood; the tenets of the Christian religion, closer relationship between capital and labor; preventing the causes of mob violence and lynchings; preventing unwarranted strikes by foreign labor agitators; prevention of fires and destruction of property by lawless elements; closer relationship of pure Americanism; the upholding of the constitution of these United States; the sovereignty of our state rights, the separation of church and state; freedom of speech and press, and the much needed local reforms.

"The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are here to stay. They will never disband; they will expand. They have a mission. They are for the majesty of the law and will uphold it. They love their country and will save it. They are tired of unfaithful officers and will replace them. They are sick of the loopholes in our laws and will close them. They salute one flag and will follow it.

"Is there one thing mentioned above that any good citizen cannot subscribe to?"

To all of the foregoing principles the editor of the Herald can most heartily subscribe although it had never occurred to him as necessary to make public declaration of the fact, it being generally taken for granted that all decent, law-abiding citizens stand for these things.

When the editor of the Herald wishes to express his opinion about the Ku Klux Klan or any other public question he writes an editorial about it and, if the matter is of sufficient importance, he prints it on the first page. He does not go about it at night or with a mask on and pin it to somebody's door. There is surely nothing printed on the pale pink card that anybody should be ashamed of, so we are at a loss to know why the distributor did not hand us the card in daylight and ask us to read it, unless that is simply the Klan's way of doing things.

While agreeing with all of the principles enunciated on the card, there is one statement made to which exception might be taken. The statement is: "The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are here to stay. They will never disband; they will expand. They have a mission."

We can recall so many individuals and organizations in the past that "had a mission" and talked about it being a never-dying mission that we may be pardoned for having a lurking suspicion that the Klan may finally go the same route they did. There, for instance, is the Know Nothing party of pre-civil war days and the A. P. A. of 25 years ago. Where, oh where, are they today?

The card declares that the Klan is "anti-nothing." Then it must be anti-something because something is the opposite of nothing and the Klan must be one thing or the other else why does its organizers tell citizens: "When we are organized you will have to line up on one side or the other."

Robert L. Duffus continues his articles on the Ku Klux Klan in the June number of World's Work. The articles are interesting and illuminative to anyone who wishes to gain an unbiased idea of what the organization is and what it stands for.

WEDNESDAY'S GAME WAS A PLAIN SLAUGHTER

The Heppner-Pilot Rock ball game played on Gentry field Decoration day was plain slaughter, the final score showing the wide spread of 2 to 10. Although the day was chilly a good crowd turned out to see what was expected to be a close match, information having come to Heppner that Pilot Rock had developed a real phenom team this year and had already tacked Pendleton's hide on the barn door on two different occasions. Whether that was true or not did not develop but the first inning demonstrated that the visiting team was altogether out of its class while playing with Heppner.

Pilot Rock went first to bat and quickly fanned, Heppner following with five runs and from time to time throughout the game they continued to score until their total of ten was reached. Pilot Rock failed to score until the ninth when because of some errors on Heppner's part they managed to score two.

The Pilot Rock boys are a good lot of sports and they took their medicine in good humor. The pitcher, who is said to be a high school boy, showed a good head and had a smile for every hit made by Heppner's swatters.

Heppner goes to Arlington next Sunday and it is expected a fine game will develop there.

ASSOCIATION TO HANDLE ALL MORTGAGE WHEAT

Letters have been sent out to members of the Oregon Co-operative Grain Growers association by A. H. Lea, manager, advising that all wheat raised this year by members of the association will be handled directly by the association.

This is the definite action taken by the directors at their last meeting, following the demands of many members that no association wheat be permitted to be sold outside, whether mortgaged or not. Plans for handling the mortgaged wheat were developed and will be carried out with the commencement of the crop movement.

Arrangements are being made with the local banks to turn all mortgaged wheat over to the association for selling. The wheat so received will be sold at the best prices obtainable and the proceeds, after the association's selling charge has been deducted, will be turned back to the bank for the account of the member.

"The association directors have taken a firm stand that we are going to sell all the grain of all our members this year," writes Mr. Lea. "That the member may have assistance in this plan, representatives of the association will be calling on the bankers of the state during the months of June and July arranging details for the handling of special cases of members' grain which may be in a distressed position on account of an exceedingly heavy obligation. "Your fellow-members are demanding that the association do not recognize any sales or contracts that may be made by any member which does not place that sale in the hands of your joint selling agency, and that the penalty specified in the contract be enforced on all violations of the agreement."

Daily Vacation Bible School for boys and girls of Heppner. Bring your Bible, tablet and pencil. Begins Thursday, 9 A. M., Federated church. See program in this paper.

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STATE MARKET AGENT TELLS ABOUT NEW LAW

C. E. Spence, state market agent recently appointed by Governor Pierce under the new market law passed at the last legislative session, sends out the following information regarding the workings of the new law that is of interest to producers:

The last legislature passed the state market agent law, but other than the appointment by the governor of C. E. Spence as state market agent, there has been but little newspaper publicity as to the scope, powers and duties of the department. Hence producers, distributors and consumers are in constant communication with the department for information regarding the act.

Many producers have the impression that they may ship their products to the market agent, who will sell them and make remittances—and some have made such direct shipments. Others write that they have wheat, prunes, honey, hay, potatoes to sell, and ask for shipping directions, while consumers have asked the market agent, as representing the state, that he reduce the price of sugar by buying a supply for the state in foreign markets.

The market agent act is broad in the powers it gives to the state market agent, but it does not conceive of his acting as direct wholesaler or retailer for producers, nor as arbitrarily fixing prices for consumers. But with the help of producers, consumers and co-operative organizations, there are great possibilities for mutual benefit, whereby the producer may get the full market value and the products go to the consumer at the lowest cost.

The new market department has to be cut from the whole cloth, with patterns and information gathered from various states which have worked out some of the problems. The foundation is slow work.

The law states that the market agent shall act as advisor to producers, consumers and distributors, that when requested he shall assist them in the economical and efficient distribution of grain, hay, livestock, all meat, dairy and poultry products and agricultural implements manufactured, processed in or transported into the state.

This is but one section of fourteen of the act, but there is a wide field in it for active mutual benefit when producers, distributors or consumers co-operate and work with the market agent.

The law states that the state market agent shall gather and distribute impartial information concerning supply, demand, prices, commercial movements, cold storage statistics, and shall issue price market reports based on actual sales of grain, hay, livestock, potatoes, dairy and poultry products.

Such reports would be of great value to producers, but the market agent cannot give this impartial information without active help from the producers—from reliable growers in all parts of the state who will report the actual crop and product conditions in their localities. Through co-operation, this important information may be obtained and accurate market values determined.

In following letters the different sections of the market law will be taken up, that the people generally may understand the law and the duties of the market agent before taking up more direct work.

WILL MEET FRIDAY TO FORM COMMERCIAL CLUB

A meeting has been called for Friday evening, June 8, at the Elkhorn restaurant for the purpose of re-organizing the Heppner Commercial club. A dinner will be served and details of the proposed re-organization will be discussed around the festive board.

Every business man and citizen who is interested in promoting the welfare of Heppner is expected to be present.

A. W. Cobb of Boardman and his son, R. A. Cobb, of Wapata, Washington, are Heppner visitors today.

ADJOURN HEARING ON R. R. FREIGHT RATES

The hearing on intra-state freight rates on farm products before the public service commission of Oregon was adjourned last Friday at Portland, with the completion of the evidence presented by witnesses in behalf of farm products. Grain, hay and potatoes were the leading crops on which transportation costs were claimed to be unreasonable. The commission will be reconvened at a date to be determined later to hear the rebuttal evidence presented by the carriers.

There was little disposition during the hearings to question the justice of the claims presented by the farm representatives. The attorneys for the roads presented evidence tending to show that farm prices during the last few years fluctuated to an unusual extent. They brought out the difficulty of adjusting rates to take into consideration all fluctuations due to changing market conditions.

It was shown, however, by the farm representatives that the existing market conditions have been in force now nearly two years, or since the great collapse of 1920, and that there are no immediate indications of any decided improvement in farm prices. The freight rates based on the former high price level have therefore become burdensome, and in the cases of some commodities, intolerable.

A technical point brought out at the hearings was the difficulty of making freight rate reductions within the state of Oregon without discriminating against shippers of similar commodities in Washington. The attorneys for the carriers contended that the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the Columbia river basin decision fixed the parity of rates between Washington and Oregon shippers. To reduce rates within Oregon, claimed the roads, would violate the transportation act of 1920, inasmuch as discrimination would develop against Washington shippers into Portland territory. The commission has not yet indicated its attitude toward this claim.

Representing the hay growers of eastern Oregon was L. A. Hunt, manager of the Oregon Co-operative Hay Growers, of Hermiston. C. H. Christensen, traffic manager of the Northwest Wheat Growers Association, presented charts showing the comparatively higher rates on grain in Oregon than exist in Washington. He also asked for joint through rates on grain from points originating on the short lines, and for lower rates in the Willamette valley.

The chief interest centered about hay. Dairy producers in the Willamette valley have long suffered, due to the high cost of shipping in alfalfa hay from eastern Oregon. Similar difficulties existed in the alfalfa territory, where, during the recent demoralized markets, the high rates on hay to the consuming markets presented a condition that threatened to seriously interfere with the ability to ship out the entire surplus.

"The Hermiston district," said Mr. Hunt, in pleading for lower hay rates, "was a desert before the coming of irrigation and the development of hay production. Now there aren't many more prosperous points on the line. What this means to the railroads is evident. The present high rates on hay threaten to destroy this development and in the end the roads will suffer along with the farmers. What we ask of the railroads is nothing more than a square deal. When prices were good we made no complaint to a rate increase. Now with the reverse situation we have every right to expect a substantial reduction. Every item toward the lowering of the present high production costs will help that much in putting the farmers of eastern Oregon back on their feet."

Notice to Firemen

The firemen and all citizens interested in better fire protection are requested to meet at the council chambers, Monday evening, June 11, at 8 p. m. Do not forget, but be on hand promptly.

S. E. NOTSON, Pres. Hose Team No. 1

ARLINGTON WINS GAME BY ONE SCORE IN SEVENTH

Heppner team went to Arlington Sunday for a game and returned with the record against them to the tune of 6-7 in favor of Arlington.

The Heppner boys made a good showing until the seventh inning with a score of 6 to 9 against Arlington. In the seventh, however, the climate or the low altitude or something overcome the Heppner bunch and they all fell fast asleep and accumulated five first-class errors while Arlington pranced around the bases seven times. It was one of the unfortunate breakdowns that will happen sometimes in the best regulated families—or ball clubs.

GRAIN GROWERS ELECT DELEGATES FOR YEAR

At the primary election held May 1st by members of the Co-operative Grain Growers of this county to nominate delegates the following gentlemen were placed in nomination: Howard Anderson, R. L. Benge, Jeff Jones and R. W. Turner, of Heppner; S. J. Devine, of Lexington; H. V. Smouse, of Iona.

At the regular election held May 25th the following three men were elected: Howard Anderson, R. L. Benge and H. V. Smouse.

FARMERS WILL VISIT EXPERIMENT FARM JUNE 15

The annual trip of the wheatgrowers of Morrow county to the Moro experiment station will take place on June 15 and 16 this year. Arrangements have been made with D. E. Stephens, superintendent, for the visit and the farmers from Wasco county will be present at the same time.

About forty made the trip last year and there should be a larger turnout than ever this year. The results obtained at Moro have had a great influence to increase yields per acre in the past and will have more in the future. Here is a chance to get first hand information on the many varietal tests, different methods of land cultivation and seed treatment tests.

In addition every farmer should keep in touch with the development of the smut resistant varieties. They have several of these at the Moro station and some of them will be the leading varieties to be grown in this county in a few years.

The schedule calls for leaving Heppner at 9:00 A. M. the 15th; Lexington at 9:45, and Iona 10:30. A stop will be made at Arlington for dinner and the party will reach Moro in time to visit some of the Sherman county wheat fields that evening. The 16th will be spent on the Moro experiment farm and the return made on the 17th.

Wheat is the most important crop in Morrow county and the growers cannot afford to let an opportunity escape to get all the information possible on new developments in this industry that are coming out along this line.

ROGER MORSE, County Agent.

H. D. McCurdy and Ray Judy were in town from Iona Saturday.

DECORATION SERVICE HELD LAST WEDNESDAY

Appropriate exercises were held in Heppner Wednesday, May 30, in memory of our departed soldiers. The American Legion post was in charge of the exercises which were held at the park at 10:00 A. M. with Forbie Gremba presiding.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Livingston and Mrs. Walter Moore and Miss Velma Case favored with vocal solos.

The address was given by Mr. S. E. Notson and was a most forceful and effective discourse. Mr. Notson briefly reviewed the history of our three latest wars, bringing out considerable unwritten history touching on the causes of these conflicts and giving honor to the men who preserved and defended the country in its hours of need. The address was one of the best ever given in Heppner on a similar occasion.

Following the exercises a procession was formed in which the two veterans of the civil war present were given the place of honor with the Woman's Relief Corps, the American Legion, Boy Scouts and Elks lodge following.

At the cemetery the exercises were in charge of the W. R. C. and were most impressive.

GRADUATES IN MUSIC AT WALLA WALLA, WASH.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Clark and daughter, Marjory, drove over to Walla Walla last Wednesday to be present at the graduating exercises at St. Paul's School where their eldest daughter, Miss Mary Clark, completed the course and was graduated with honors. Miss Clark specialized in music in addition to taking the regular course work. The commencement exercises were held Wednesday and Thursday, the Clarks returning to Heppner Friday.

CHAUTAUQUA SEASON TICKETS.

The season tickets for the Chautauqua this year will be \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for high school students, and \$1.00 for children below the high school. If you should attend every session, paying the single admission rates, you would pay \$7.50, just three times the cost of a season ticket. The single admissions for the evening sessions amount to \$4.50, and for the afternoon sessions \$3.00. It will pay you to buy season tickets. More than one-half of the tickets have been reserved already. See Mr. Smead or some other member of the committee on tickets and reserve your tickets. You can pay for them later. Do not wait to be solicited. Make your reservations at once.

FISHERMEN RETURN WITH FULL BASKETS

Leonard and Earl Gilliam returned Monday morning at 4:30 from a fishing trip to East lake, in the Bond county, well laden with Eastern Brook trout. The boys report a fine trip except that weather at the lake was rather cold for comfort. They left the lake at 12:30 Sunday and reached home at 4:30 Monday morning with a mileage of 210 miles. Andy Hayes and Charlie Cox, who went with them, remained at the lake for a few days' more fishing before returning home.

Chautauqua June 22 to 27

Of course you are coming. While here, and at all times, we are at your service.

We know you will enjoy it
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