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## MOBS TO END MOB LAW

A circular entitled "The Money Which Europe Took From America She Will Keep," and signed "100% American," has reached our desk from some unknown quarter. As the document bears no trade mark we are left to guess from what organization it comes which is not hard to do as we know of but one organization which habitually rears up and claims to possess all the 100 per cent Americanism there is on earth—the K. K. K.

Editors receiving the circular are urged to publish and circulate it. This we would be glad to do were it not so lengthy as we believe it would make interesting reading for Herald subscribers.

The circular opens with an attack on President Coolidge and Secretary Hughes "who are seeking to pledge United States intervention in European politics."

The attack then switches to President Wilson who, the circular declares "was a responsive agent for the Roman Catholic world-wide church-empire, which operated upon him, through his secretary, Joseph Patrick Tumulty." In view of the fact that President Wilson, Vice-President Marshall and Secretary of State Bryan were all members of the Presbyterian church it must be admitted that Joseph Patrick Tumulty was "some feller" if he was able to dominate his three superiors and run the government of these United States to suit himself. The story attributed to Lincoln when some temperance people called on him at a crucial period of the civil war with the request that he relieve General Grant of command of the armies because the temperance folk had heard that Grant drank whiskey is recalled. "Can you find out for me what brand of whiskey he uses," Lincoln is reported to have answered. "I would like to send a barrel of the same brand to each of several of my other generals." In Tumulty's case it might be interesting to discover where he received his training in statecraft, diplomacy and handling men. A few more trained in the same school might be useful.

Regarding the loans made by this government to European allies during the world war the circular says: "All the devices of mob psychology, the stimulation of misdirected patriotic hysteria and alien propaganda, were brought to bear in a highly efficient way, by European influences, in order to get the money from the United States and the hypnotized public, under the belief that they were 'saving humanity' and carrying on the 'cause of righteousness,' fell into step."

The words quoted might well be paraphrased to fit present efforts of the so-called "invisible empire," something like this: All the devices of mob psychology, and misdirected patriotic hysteria are being brought to bear by well paid organizers and fanatical religionists to create mobs to end mobs. The system has been pretty thoroughly tried out on both sides of Heppner—at Pendleton and Condon—and we all know what the result has been: Divided communities, estranged friends and neighbors, hatreds engendered, strife fomented, boycotts, gun-toting, threatened bloodshed, and nobody any better off for all the trouble and dissension but the organizers and the fellows higher up.

If Heppner is wise she will discourage such an organization from gaining a foothold here. Do we want to travel in Condon's thorny path?

## THE OKLAHOMA OUSTER

(Philadelphia Bulletin.)

The Ku Klux Klan of Oklahoma seem to have been fortunate that so vulnerable a person as John C. Walton, deposed governor of that state, chose to challenge their supremacy. The hooded organization may now point with pride to their achievement and capitalize his faults as a foil for their virtues.

It is a more or less common game in our political affairs, with individuals, as well as organizations. But it had become obvious during the course of the impeachment proceedings that Walton was not fit for the gubernatorial office. That was evident before the impeachment proceedings were talked of. With the exception of his foolish attempt to prevent the special election last month and his arbitrary suspension of the right of habeas corpus, his offenses for which the verdict of impeachment has been rendered had no relation to the organization of the three K's. His impeachment has no reflected credit for that body.

Public opinion throughout the country will not condemn the judgment of the Oklahoma senate on the showing which has been made by the prosecutors of the impeachment proceedings, but it cannot escape regret that a governor was so far right in his stand against the coercion of government and the supererogation of law by a secret conclave should have undermined his position by his own folly.

sidling on Saturday. Not a spot on Willow creek was left unexplored by the two sportsmen, but not even a jackrabbit was to be seen.

"The Mayor" and his daughter, Miss Annie Hynd of Butterby Flats, were county seat visitors Friday and Saturday.

George Krebs, who has been visiting his sons at The Last Camp for several days left for his home in

Portland on Saturday accompanied by his son, Henry, who will visit the city for a short time.

W. E. Ahalt and son and Miss Ester Logan of Ione were Sunday callers on friends in the Fourmile country.

Mr. and Mrs. Crine and son of Cecil spent Sunday with friends in Irion.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Streeter and family attended the services at Morgan schoolhouse on Saturday night.

W. A. Thomas of Dotheboys Hill was an Ione visitor on Monday. W. A. couldn't be sure the Egg City was still in the same place, so made a special trip to see for himself.

V. H. Tyler of Rhea siding was doing business in Arlington on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lundell and family, Rhea siding, joined the large family gathering at the Otto Lindstrom here near Ione on Thanksgiving day, where a very enjoyable time was spent by all.

Several carloads of wheat have been shipped out from Cecil warehouse during the week and Krebs brothers and "The Mayor" and his men celebrated Thanksgiving loading wheat.

Harold Ahalt, late of Cecil, is having a holiday from his work and is visiting his mother and sister in California for a few weeks.

Archdeacon Goldie of Cove intends holding services in Cecil hall on December 11 at 7:30 p. m., and Holy Communion on December 12 at 8 a. m. Everyone welcome.

T. H. Lowe, Cecil postmaster, etc., etc., took a few days' vacation during the week and visited friends in Portland, Yamhill and other points. His son, a student of Benson Polytechnic school, returned home with him on Friday and is having the time of his life re-exploring Cecil before leaving for his studies on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chandler of Willow Creek ranch left on Sunday to visit one of their daughters who has recently been operated on at Walla Walla. We are glad to hear that Mrs. Samuels is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Shaw of Butterby Flats left on the local on Saturday en route for Seattle, where they will visit their nephew, Russell

## HARDMAN

Friday, November 30, the grade school of Hardman gave a Thanksgiving entertainment, consisting of several Thanksgiving recitations and songs, dialogues and short plays. The auditorium was well filled.

After the entertainment a dance was given in the hall. A midnight supper was served by the women of the P. T. A. The proceeds of the evening are to pay for a piano purchased for the grade school.

Friday evening, December 7, a party is to be given in the High School auditorium. Noses are to be auctioned for partners for supper. Everyone is cordially invited.

—Hazel Hays.

Shaw and family, for a few days before leaving for Prince Rupert, B.C., where they expect to locate. Our best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Shaw in their new undertaking.

Clifford Henriksen of the Moore ranch spent a short time on Wednesday with his brother, Oral at Ewing, before leaving for Arlington.

Miss Crystal Roberts, student of Heppner high school, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. George Perry at Ewing.

Miss U. Leathers of Lexington was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. I. Morrison at "Rochcliffe," near Cecil.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mahoney, prominent citizens of Heppner were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd at Butterby Flats on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fanshiers and daughter of Fourmile were calling on Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chandler at Willow Creek ranch on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Noble of Rhea siding spent a day or two in Portland where George purchased a fine new Overland Champion coach car, which he presented to his wife as a birthday gift. We wish Mrs. Noble many happy years with her fine car.

Mrs. M. V. Logan, who has been visiting in Portland for some time arrived on Thursday at her home at The Willows. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Frank Maden.

## And the Cars Came

Railroads Make Good on Promise to Move All Business Offered



A low freight rate and no cars in which to ship is as unsatisfactory as a low price for bread and no bread.

Heretofore, fall harvest has brought a widespread car shortage. Last year it was 140,000 cars. This year there is generally a surplus of cars throughout the country and especially of box cars in the West and Northwest, notwithstanding the roads are handling the greatest volume of business in their history.

### There's a Reason!

For 1923, all the railroads of the United States joined in a co-operative effort and with a defined program to improve traffic conditions and to establish new standards of service, even exceeding pre-war records. In fulfilling this program, 134,636 new freight cars and 2,963 new locomotives were put in service between January and October, 1923, a larger number than in any similar period within the past ten years.

Remarkable progress has been made in reducing the number of locomotives and cars awaiting repairs, 86.3% of the locomotives and 93.3% of the cars being in serviceable condition in October.

More railroad coal has been placed in stock pile storage and more commercial coal dumped at Lake Erie ports than in any previous year, thus making equipment available for other necessary traffic during peak periods.

From an average movement of 22 miles per car per day, (including idle time) in 1921, the railroads made 29.2 miles in September, 1923.

In the 42 weeks from January 1 to October 20, 1923, the railroads loaded and moved 40,545,920 cars, which was an increase of 18% over 1922 and 10% over the record year of 1920.

Isn't this a splendid tribute to the efficiency of the carriers and the co-operation of shippers?

The roads are spending this year 700 million dollars for new equipment and 400 million dollars for other improvements. Years ago James J. Hill, the great railroad builder of the Northwest, said that the roads must spend one billion dollars every year for additions and betterments to keep abreast of the country's growing traffic, but this is the first year in twelve that the railroads have found it possible to obtain that amount. Such expenditures have a vital bearing on national prosperity, contributing to the expansion of industry and employment of labor, increasing the demand for products of mine, forest and farm.

This \$1,100,000,000 being spent in 1923 is almost entirely new money, and not taken from earnings. The expenditure is based on the conviction that the American people will encourage compensatory rates and discourage attempts to embarrass the railroads in their efforts to provide adequate service. It is not predicted or present earnings for even in this record-breaking year, it is unlikely that the roads will earn the 5.75% on their valuation permitted by the Interstate Commerce Commission under the Transportation Act, but which if they do not earn they do not get.

Anti-railroad laws produce no freight cars. Constructive suggestions are always welcome.

Omaha, Nebraska, December 1, 1923.

C. R. GRAY, President.

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