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Clark May Urge Klansmen to Clean House Or Quit

DRAGONS, HYDRAS, FURIES CALLED TO CONFERENCE
Ideals of Founder Abandoned for Lawless Tendencies and Political Design

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 2.—E. Y. Clarke, imperial giant, today issued a call for a national congress of the Ku Klux Klan to meet in Atlanta on February 26 to "gather together and prayerfully consider methods to eliminate existing evils, or else to follow the example of the founder of the original Ku Klux Klan and have the courage and manhood to devise ways and means for the immediate disbandment of the organization."

Mr. Clarke's proclamation calls attention to the organization of the Klan on July 4, 1916, by William Joseph Simmons, now emperor, and says that these "laudable aims, ideals, principles and purposes have apparently been abandoned by the Klan and the organization has become one with lawless tendencies and political design," and that the end of the "bitter war" between the emperor and imperial wizard is not in sight.

Courts Alarmed

"With the above conditions existing and with the federal government and the courts of the land becoming increasingly alarmed over the situation," Mr. Clarke's proclamation says, "it behooves klansmen, in all ranks and stations to gather together and consider means of eliminating existing evils, or else disbandment of the organization."

The proclamation, which is signed "E. Y. Clarke, imperial giant, in

perial wizard emeritus," states that all officials of the Klan, regardless of factional differences or alignments, take the necessary steps to see that every Klan in the nation is represented by one or more delegates, including the cyclops of each Klan.

It adds that the "emperor and imperial wizard of the organization will be asked to be in Atlanta at this time and to hold themselves in readiness to come before the national convention in case that body so desires at any time during its session which is now contemplated will last for at least two full days."

Follows Demand

The "imperial proclamation," was addressed to "all grand dragons, hydras, grand titans, furies, cyclops, terrors, king kliegles, kliegles, imperial representatives and citizens of the invisible empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

William J. Simmons is emperor of the Klan and H. W. Evans imperial wizard.

"I have issued the call for the national congress of klansmen in answer to insistent demand that I use my authority to do so and thus allow the real klansmen of the nation to get together without intimidation and autocratic rule and discuss frankly conditions inside the organization," Clarke asserted.

"Within the next few days I will announce the personnel of the men who will be in charge of the national congress and I will also probably have some things to say which will prove startling to klansmen and to the citizens of the nation interested in law and order and free democratic political government."

Jeff Jones and Dell Alstott shipped a car of hogs to Portland Sunday, Mr. Jones accompanying the shipment. Bob Thompson and Percy Hughes also sent in three cars of cattle the same day, C.W. McNamer acting as chaperone for the bovines.

James N. Luper returned from Portland and Salem Sunday evening where he spent an enjoyable holiday season with his daughter, Mrs. King, and her family, and his son, Rhea Luper, who is state engineer with headquarters at Salem.

Farmer Pays Too Many Profits

(By C. E. Spence)

At Imbler, in Union county, recently, 150 farmers and their wives gathered at a farmers' meeting, at which a dinner was served. Nearly everything on the tables was the product of the farms, and the cost per plate was computed, based on prices the farmer received for the food products, plus the labor cost of preparing the meal. The actual cost per plate was 16 cents. This same menu was then compared with Portland restaurants when the cost per plate was figured out at \$1.55—a difference of \$1.39 between the farm price and the Portland eating houses. In other terms, it cost \$24 to feed 150 persons in Eastern Oregon and \$232.50 to feed the same group in Portland—a spread of \$208.50.

Farmers do not want other standards pulled down to their level, but they ask that theirs be raised to conform with other industries. They know there should not be a difference of \$1.39 between a dinner in Union county and Portland. In such a "spread" they know the consumer pays far too much and the producer receives far too little—injustice to both.

Farm products pass through too many hands, and too many profits are taken between the grower and eater. Recently the state market agent followed a sack of potatoes from the grower just outside of Portland to the retailer on Eighth street and the price more than doubled in the 12 miles of handling. Yet each middleman showed that he had not made more than a fair profit on his share of the handling. The trouble was that too many handled the sack of spuds, too many rake-offs were taken.

There is no good reason why farmers should not handle their food products in the same way that big factories handle their food products. Shoe factories do not ship their prod-

ucts to the jobbers and wholesalers and take the "market price." They fix the market price before the goods leave the factory. They do it thru combination strength. They can always get a profit price by refusing to sell for any other price. They are in control of the supply.

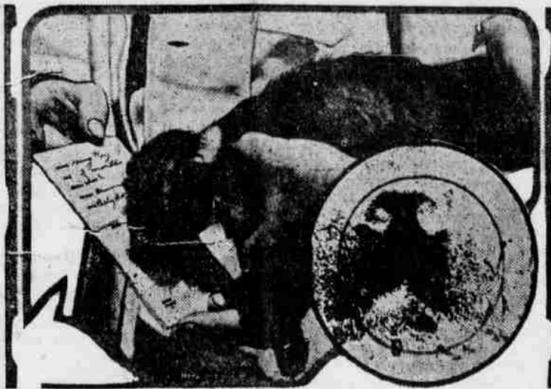
In Washington state there is much progress being made in co-operation between producer and consumer. There are 90 co-operative stores in that state, and the matter of shortening the route and reducing the number of profits between the farm and the kitchen is now being worked out. It is slow work because of the opposition of the middle interests and the apathy of the consumers, but the movement is growing.

When realization is seared into the heads of farmers that they must by combination strength control their products and their distribution, then will they pull up to the other standards. An organization that controls but 20 to 30 per cent of an output will not be of much force in marketing. It must have 80 per cent control to be a factor in marketing and price fixing.

When farmers will quit arguing and sign up to deliver every sack of their spuds to a central selling agency; every crate of their apples, small fruits and other products, then they will be able to get a fair profit for their labor. Then will they be able to determine the market price, rather than the brokers, wholesalers, commission men and other interests. There are plenty of workable co-operative plans ready for the work when the farmers are ready for the work when the farmers are ready for the plans.

And when the farmers are able to do their own marketing, then will the consumers have something to work on and they will organize and meet the producer to eliminate the many middle profits and expenses and get the products at lower prices.

Nose-Printing Adopted for Dogs



The first dog nose print bureau in the world has been opened by a Los Angeles veterinary hospital. The Bertillon system of fingerprinting has been adopted, only the noses and feet are used to record identification of the individual animal. The above photograph shows one of the pets being snout-marked, as it were, and the inset shows the print he made.

ODD FELLOWS, REBEKAHS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Heppner Odd Fellows and Rebekahs held joint installation ceremonies in their lodge room last Wednesday evening when the following new officers were installed for the current term:

Rebekahs—
Dessie Copenhaver, N. G.; Hattie Wightman, V. G.; Lillie Turner, secretary; Mrs. Lee Slocum, treasurer; Mrs. R. L. Bengt, warden; Mrs. M. C. Smith, conductress; Mrs. W. T. Campbell, chaplain; Mrs. H. Hughes, R. S. N. G.; Mrs. A. M. Phelps, L. S. N. G.; Mrs. Olive Frye, R. S. V. G.; Mrs. Ella Buseck, L. S. V. G.; Miss Pearl Wright, I. G.; Miss Doris Flynn, O. G.

Odd Fellows—
D. O. Justus, N. G.; C. L. Standish, V. G.; A. M. Phelps, secretary; Albert Adkins, treasurer; Lee Slocum, Warden; O. M. Scott, conductor; O. C. Edwards, R. S. N. G.; S. P. Devin, L. S. N. G.; D. C. Gurdang, R. S. V. G.; A. J. Knoblock, L. S. V. G.; J. L. Yeager, chaplain; Geo. McDuffee, R. S. S.; J. J. Wightman, L. S. S.; G. W. Sperry, I. G.; A. Z. Barnard, O. G.

Following the installation ceremonies a social session was held when light refreshments were served.

HEPPNER HILL GRADE NOW OPEN FOR TRAVEL

Roadmaster McCaleb reports to the Herald that the new grade up Heppner hill is now open for travel although the work is not entirely completed. About three-fourths of a mile of the grade requires the top surface material but this does not interfere with travel at this time.

The new road through the Jeff Jones place which will bring the upper Rhea creek travel into the main highway at the Hendrick's ranch, is also completed except the lack of top dressing on about five-eighths of a mile. It is also open for travel.

Lexington Boy Honored at O. A. C.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Merle K. Saxe of Lexington, punter in industrial arts, has been elected president of the Independent Men's association, the campus association of men on the campus not living in fraternities or halls.

NOTICE

TO DOG OWNERS—Compliance with Section 9367 Olson's Oregon Laws, will be required of all parties having dogs, after January 1st, 1924.

Penalties as provided for failure to comply with this law is a fine of \$10.00 for each and every month of the owner's failure to comply. License may be had by applying to the County Clerk.

GEO. McDUFFEE, Sheriff.

Dell Alstott shipped a couple of cars of hogs to Portland Sunday and Bob Thompson also went down with a consignment of cattle.

GEORGE W. RENOE PIONEER PASSES AWAY

George W. Renoe, a resident of Oregon since 1871, died at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Boyer, near Hamilton, Oregon, on December 28, 1923, at the age of 83 years. The body was taken to Hood River for interment, where the funeral was held on January 1st.

Mr. Renoe was born in Fulton county, Missouri, November 26, 1840. He came to Oregon in 1871 via San Francisco, coming from there to Portland by boat. His first employment in Oregon was with the late Governor Z. F. Moody, who was then engaged in surveying in eastern Oregon. Later Mr. Renoe engaged in steamboating on the Columbia river on the run between Portland and The Dalles and during one winter he carried the mail between The Dalles and Portland by pony express. Later he engaged in farming which he followed for a number of years. His wife, who died several years ago, was Miss Esther Miller and to them were born the following children: Mrs. Pauline Boyer and Mrs. Cora Snipes, of Hamilton; Mrs. Eva Petty, of Seattle; Charles and Virgil Renoe, of Hamilton. A sister, Mrs. Emaline Davis, residing at The Dalles, also survives him.

PROMINENT RAILROAD OFFICIAL PASSES

Mrs. A. M. Phelps received a telegram Saturday evening announcing the death of her brother, C. H. Marshall, of Omaha.

Mr. Marshall was superintendent of the C. M. & ST. P. R. R. between Chicago and Omaha, and had been connected with that company for about 40 years.

When the company built their western extension to Puget Sound several years ago Mr. Marshall had charge of the work as superintendent.

Rabbit Skins Have Money Value

From information received by County Agent Morse, from the American Rabbit Products Company of New York, they are willing to pay from thirty-five to forty cents per pound for rabbit skins, f. o. b. shipping point. In preparing the rabbit skins the heads and feet are cut off and the skins pulled off inside out and hung up to dry. They dry more rapidly if stretched on a piece of wire the shape of a staple or on a board, but they do not need to be stretched. No shipment should be made of less than one hundred pounds and the company states they are preparing to take as many thousands as can be procured. Inasmuch as the skins are bought for their fur value only, they can be shot with rifle or shotgun. Shipments should be made to the American Rabbits Products Company, 18-24 Arch Street, Newark, New Jersey, and sending a sight draft drawn against bill of lading to the same place. Rabbits will weigh out about six pelts to the pound.

It pays to advertise in the Herald

County Farm Bureau Hold Meeting, Elect Officers

INFORMATION FOR EX-SERVICE MEN

An Oregon ex-service man asks that the following questions regarding the benefits under the Oregon Soldiers' Bonus Law be replied to through this newspaper:

If I filed my application for the cash bonus on or before December 31, 1923, but have not taken the cash bonus, can I change it to the loan? Yes, you can change it to the loan by writing to the Bonus Commission at Salem, saying you want to change to the loan.

If I filed my application before December 31, 1923, and elected to take the loan, can I change it to the cash bonus and how long have I to make the change? Yes, you can change to the cash bonus at any time. The law does not say when the change must be made, but the initial application has to have been filed on or before December 31, 1923, in order to make this kind of a change. (Note: The legislature can amend the law and set a date when the cash bonus will have to be accepted or refused.)

If I filed my application for the cash bonus on or before December 31, 1923, and subsequently changed to the loan, when must I file my loan application? You can file your loan application at any time up to and including June 30, 1927.

If I filed my initial application for the loan after December 31, 1923, and decide to change to the cash, could I do so? No. You did not file on or before December 31, 1923, consequently you are only entitled to the loan benefits of the law.

If I file my initial application for the cash bonus after December 31, 1923, and it was rejected on account of the date it was received, could I have it changed to a loan? Yes, by writing a letter to the Bonus Commission requesting the change be made to a loan. In this event you would have until June 30, 1927, to file the loan application, or it could be filed before that date, but not after.

DEADMAN HILL GRADE COMPLETED

At the recent session of county court the project of improving the Deadman hill grade on the Hardman-Spray road beyond Rock Creek was closed up. The people of the district beyond Rock Creek donated about \$1,000 in cash and labor for the work and the famous hill is now negotiable on an eight per cent grade, which is less than one-third of the elevation on the old road. The county also gave some assistance in the work and the residents of that district will now be able to get to the outside world with less risk of life and limb than formerly.

Jack Hynd Plans Rabbit's Doom

OFFER PRIZES TO COMMUNITIES GETTING MOST EARS

That rabbits are almost as plentiful this winter as they were several years ago before the poisoning campaigns were started, is the claim of Jack Hynd, well known Cecil stockman, who came in from the ranch Saturday evening to spend the week end in town. "Not that the drives and poisoning did not help," Mr. Hynd says, "but they have not yet accomplished all that was hoped for."

The past year has been very favorable for the increase of the long-eared pests, according to Mr. Hynd, as the grass was good all summer on the sand range and until the present snow fall the bunnies were sleek and fat.

Mr. Hynd's plan for making war on the bunnies is about as follows:

Let the people of the county chip into a voluntary subscription fund, of say \$500, which would be offered in three or four purges with the capital prize, say, \$250. Then let each community organize a rabbit club and go out after scalps. No

THREE SPEAKERS FROM O. A. C. MAKE ADDRESSES

New Officers Elected. Attendance Small Because of Cold Weather

The Morrow County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting in I. O. O. F. hall last Saturday and while the attendance was not large on account of bad weather conditions the interest shown in questions most affecting the farming industry at this time was all that could be wished for.

A complete set of new officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year as follows: R. B. Wilcox, of Lexington, president; B. H. Peck, of Rhea creek, vice-president; Roy Campbell, of Social Ridge, secretary-treasurer.

The meeting was called for 10:00 o'clock A. M. but so few were present at that hour that no business was transacted other than the appointment of committees on resolutions and nominations.

At 1:00 P. M., with a number of members added to those present in the morning the bureau proceeded to business when the officers named above were placed in nomination and unanimously elected.

Resolutions

The committee on resolutions then reported as follows: We, your committee on resolutions, beg leave to submit the following report.

First—That our dues be reduced from \$5.00 to \$2.00 per year.

That last year's paid up memberships be extended one year.

That where members belong to a local organization, \$1.00 of the \$2.00 membership fee may be retained by the local organization.

Second—That the Morrow County Farm Bureau send a representative to Corvallis to attend the Agricultural Economic Conference to be held there Jan. 23-24.

Third—That a Wheat Growers' conference be held early in February to consider the problems of the wheat grower.

That a committee be appointed to work with the county agent in arranging for this conference.

Fourth—That the county organization continue to publish its local paper.

Fifth—That we continue our policy of non-affiliation with the state organization—if we have one.

Sixth—Whereas, we, the members of the Morrow County Farm Bureau believe that co-operative marketing can never attain satisfactory results as long as a few plutocrats have the power to inflate and deflate the volume of our currency at their option and for their own aggrandizement.

Therefore be it resolved that we,

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