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KLAN FIRES FOUNDER WHO OPPOSES NEW BOSS

WILLIAM J. SIMMONS
IS NAMED IN EDICT

Banishment Laid to Active Opposition to Regime of Dr. H. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 11.—William Joseph Simmons, founder and emperor of the Ku Klux Klan, and Edward Young Clarke, at one time acting imperial wizard of the organization, have been banished from the Klan for their active opposition to the regime headed by Dr. H. W. Evans, imperial wizard, it was announced here today in Klan circles.

In a statement issued here Mr. Clarke declared he was not surprised at the development, declaring that "the attempt was made because Evans and his associates are desperate and realize it is only for a short time they will be able to hold the reins of the organization and trample in the dust all the foundation principles and ideals of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

He declared that neither Dr. Evans nor the imperial Klanclium nor the body of dragons has the legal right to banish either himself or Emperor Simmons, and asserted that the real reason for the attempted banishment was an effort to stop the gathering of Klansmen at the national congress which he has called to meet in Atlanta, February 6.

Official to Appeal

The Klan official said he would make a "regular formal appeal against the banishment through the regular courts of the order and then to civil courts of the state if it becomes necessary."

Emperor Simmons was expected to issue a statement which it is believed will be along the same lines as that given out by his fellow official.

Officials of the imperial palace declined to comment on the reported expulsions, but confirmation of the reports here came from persons closely associated with Dr. Evans. It was stated that the banishment was made after grand dragons representing every state in the union had met in Washington two days ago and signed charges against the two officials.

A copy of these charges was in the hand of Mr. Clarke early today. The accusations are said to be lengthy, but the former acting imperial wizard would not make them public, declaring that "they were now in the hands of my attorney."

Letter Held-Treasor

The order, it is understood, charged him "with actively attempting to disrupt the organization," and allying himself with enemies of the order and bringing it into disrepute."

The banishment, it was stated, was a counter movement on the part of Dr. Evans and his administration to the fight waged against him by the Simmons faction, which reached a climax recently when Mr. Clarke directed a letter to President Coolidge, asking that steps be taken to reform a certain "element" in the organization or else that it be disbanded.

It is understood, it was charged, that Mr. Clarke's letter to the president "constitutes treason," in that it was "an attempt to disband and break up the order, and bring it into disrepute."

Members of the Simmons faction stated today that the imperial headquarters of the Klan had been moved from here to Washington. This was denied by Imperial officials and those representing the order in the nation's capital.

CALL FOR COUNTY WARRANTS

All General Fund Warrants of Morrow County, Oregon, registered prior to August 31st, 1923, will be paid on presentation at the office of the County Treasurer on or after January 22nd, 1924, on which date interest on said warrants will cease.

Dated at Heppner, Oregon, January 10th, 1924.

LEON W. BRIGGS,

County Treasurer.

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PENDLETON BUSINESS MEN JOIN WITH FARMER

The following letter, which is self-explanatory, has been received by Dear Goodman, secretary of the Heppner Commercial club, from Geo. C. Baer, secretary of the Pendleton Commercial Association, and has been given to the Herald for publication:

I wish to extend to you and members of your organization very cordial invitation to be present at a big meeting to be held in this city under the auspices of the County Farm Bureau and this association on January 19, at 1:30 p. m., in the Elks' building.

The object of this meeting is to effect a state, county and town organization for the furthering of a wheat marketing plan proposed by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and quite recently endorsed by a committee from the Oregon State Bankers' association.

We will have with us at this meeting a number of speakers who have made an intense study of this plan and who will be able to state their findings in a clear and concise manner.

There is no questioning the fact that those of us who reside in a wheat raising district realize the seriousness of the situation now faced by the farmer and appreciate the fact that there must be some remedy found in the very near future, if he is to survive.

I respectfully urge that your association arrange to have as many delegates present as possible at this meeting in order that they become acquainted with the actual facts of the wheat situation.

Assuring you that a good attendance will be sincerely appreciated, I am.

Yours very truly,
GEORGE C. BARR,
Secretary Pendleton Comm. Assn.

SHERIFF GETS ANOTHER STILL

Sheriff McDuffee took a little drive down Juniper canyon the other day and added another still to his already large and varied collection. The latest acquisition to the sheriff's collection is a very complete copper worm and a copper hot water tank from a kitchen range all set up and ready to operate and a barrel of mash was also on hand ready for business but, unfortunately, frozen almost solid. The plant was set up in the open within a few yards of a wheat field but so cleverly concealed by a small draw and plenty of sage brush as to be hard to find. No one was in sight when the sheriff made his visit, but evidences there were in plenty that the plant had been in operation for several months and that another batch was about ready to be run.

LOCAL FORD DISTRIBUTOR LOOKS OVER MYRTLE POINT

Chas. H. Latourell, local Ford dealer, visited Myrtle Point, Coos county, last week to look over that town with the view of establishing himself there as representative of the Ford company, having been offered the agency at that place by the Portland branch office.

Mr. Latourell has built up a splendid business since coming to Heppner and is known here as one of the town's most progressive business men. While Myrtle Point is no larger a town than this it is said that the field there is better as a Ford distributing point. It is understood

Mr. Latourell returned Sunday evening and says there is nothing certain about making any move. In fact, he talked as the Heppner still looks good to him. Mrs. Latourell accompanied him on the trip, which was made in their Cadillac.

TAKES BANKRUPTCY ACT

The petition of Harry E. Bartholomew in bankruptcy has been received by Thomas Fitz Gerald as referee in bankruptcy cases. The debts of the petitioner are set forth as about \$50,499. His assets consist of about \$100 worth of personal clothing and \$300 worth of household goods, according to the petitioner, both of which are claimed exempt.—Echo News.

Fred S. Ashley, of Echo, was a business visitor here Friday.

MAY GET SOME RELIEF ON ORE.-WASH. HIGHWAY

County Judge Campbell and Commissioner Benge have returned from Portland and Salem after attending a meeting of the state highway commission at Portland and a meeting of the county judges and commissioners at Salem.

The purpose of the officials in meeting with the highway commission was to push the project of completing the Oregon-Washington highway from Jones hill to the county line beyond Lenaduring during the present year. In this the Morrow county officials acted in unison with the Umatilla county officials who were also present on a similar errand, there still being a few miles of highway uncompleted in this county.

Because of shortness of funds the highway commissioners were not disposed to make any promise at this time, although they admitted the importance of having the O-W route completed in order to relieve the congestion on the Columbia River highway during the summer months of heavy travel. That road went to pieces last summer and is being practically rebuilt this winter between Arlington and Pendleton.

A plan was finally submitted to the commission which may bring results at the February meeting, however, that will relieve the local situation and give the people of Butter creek a chance to get to Jones hill at any time of the year and thus make use of the highway already completed.

The plan is about as follows:

When arrangements were made with the state to build the highway from Heppner to Jones hill the county agreed to co-operate to the amount of \$30,000.00, this amount to be paid to the state in three annual installments of \$10,000.00 each. The first installment is due this year and the proposition has been made that if the commission will advertise for bids for the three-mile section from Jones hill to Lena that the county will bid on the work and, if the contract is secured, will do the work and take credit on the amount yet due to the state. This plan will, if put over, pay the debt due the state, secure three miles of needed highway and keep the money at home. No action was taken on the matter last week, but the commission promised to take the matter up at the February meeting and give a definite answer.

Miss Helen Barratt, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barratt, and one of Heppner's most popular young ladies, became the bride of Mr. Irvin C. Reiman, of St. Maries, Idaho, at a quiet home wedding at the Barratt residence in this city. About 25 guests, immediate relatives and close friends of the bride, were present to witness the interesting ceremony which was held at high noon with Rev. W. O. Livingstone officiating. A wedding dinner was served after the ceremony, after which Mr. and Mrs. Reiman left for Pendleton and Spokane, where they expected to spend some time before going to his home at St. Maries, where they will reside.

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Since his graduation Mr. Reiman has been engaged in business at St. Maries until recently when he disposed of his business. They expect to reside, for a time at least at the Idaho city.

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Gilliam heat Growers Hold Disbandment Meet

SOME WANT STATE-WIDE REFERENDUM, OTHERS OPPOSE MATTER IS DELAYED

(Condon Globe-Times)

After some delay Saturday afternoon, the meeting of wheat growers at the courthouse got under way by choosing Oscar Maley as chairman. He said he is losing money each year because he could sell his wheat for a higher price in the open market than the association gets for him. He also said the wheat growers had been handed the "bull" for three years where they had expected bullion, and it is now time to get bullion, and if the association cannot get it, then let us try for ourselves.

Gus Burres declared he had lost \$1,000 a year through the association and expected to lose more—if some way were not found to pry the association's fetters loose. He said it is easy to see where fairness lies—as well as prejudice.

A. K. York voiced his disapproval of the present conditions under the association. He said that he, like many others, had been long dissatisfied, but had continued to hope for improvement. He declared also that the selling costs are much too high—far above what had been promised the growers when they joined the association.

Mr. York added that the Washington association had given the grow-

DISTRICT DEPUTY GEARHEART VISITS HEPPNER ELK'S LODGE

E. G. Gearheart, district deputy grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, was a visitor in Heppner last Thursday evening when he made an official visit to the local lodge of that order.

Mr. Gearheart is a member of the pioneer family of Clatsop county, for which Gearheart Park was named, and is a loyal son of that county.

Speaking of weather conditions at Astoria, Mr. Gearheart said that he played golf all day the previous Sunday in his shirt sleeves, which he thought was some recommendation for the climate at Oregon's largest seaport.

Local members of the order regret that their distinguished guest could not have remained here over Friday, when, had Heppner a golf course, he might have played 18 holes without even a shirt on so far as the weather was concerned. Mr. Gearheart expects to make another visit here during the coming summer.

POPULAR HEPPNER GIRL MARRIES IDAHO BUSINESS MAN

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Wheat Sections Would Boycott Portland Town

CHAMBER'S STAND AGAINST WHEAT SUBSIDY CITED

Merchants of Grain Belt Declare a Campaign...Mistake, Say Wholesalers

was as follows:

"Whereas, Wheat is the most important product of the Northwest and the price of wheat to a large extent governs the price of other farm products, and,

"Whereas, The deplorable condition of agriculture today is largely due to the price of wheat, which, measured by the cost of production or the purchasing value of the farmers' dollar, is lower today than it has been for half a century, and failure to bring relief to the farmer from his present situation will have a most serious effect upon every other industry and upon the consuming public, and,

"Whereas, As a result of many conferences of bankers, merchants and wheat producers throughout the wheat belt of the United States, organizations are now being perfected for the purpose of urging upon congress the creation of a government wheat export commission with the power to fix a bonus upon export wheat, to be paid by a tax on all farmers' wheat, and,

"Whereas, The Portland Chamber of Commerce, upon recommendation of the Portland grain dealers' committee, actuated as we believe by greed and avarice, rather than by a sense of fair play, has declared against this plan which has been adopted by the leading agricultural and financial men of the Inland Empire, and,

"Whereas, the action of the Portland Chamber of Commerce is based largely upon the flimsy argument that such proposed relief for agricultural interests is economically unsound and class legislation, and,

"Whereas, It is obvious that the grain committee's argument upon which the Portland Chamber of Commerce based its action would apply with equal force to the steel industry, ship subsidy, Portland differential freight rates, government rate regulations, all tariff legislation and numerous government commissions now in operation,

"Therefore, be it resolved by the executive committee of the Walla Walla County Farm Bureau that the Portland Chamber of Commerce be asked to show its sincerity and honesty of purpose by making the same emphatic declaration in reference to these important subjects as it has in the case of the proposed relief for the distressed farmers of the United States, and,

"Whereas, Portland's commercial importance is due largely to the wealth collected from the Inland Empire since the days when the pioneer first turned the virgin soil into farms, and,

"Whereas, The Portland Chamber of Commerce now shows an indifference for the distress of those who were asked to make sacrifices during the war that there might be a supply of food for our soldiers and our associates.

"Therefore, be it further resolved that we suggest to all members of the farm bureau and to all people who are in sympathy with the movement for restoring prosperity to the agricultural districts, that careful and serious consideration be given to the advisability of severing all business relations with a people who stand in opposition to the efforts being put forth for the farmers' relief."

Received News of Father's Death

S. E. Notson received a telegram Monday morning announcing the death of his father, R. P. S. Notson, at Hamburg, Iowa, at the advanced age of 94 years.

Mr. Notson was a native of Tennessee but had been a resident of Iowa for the greater part of his life. He is survived by his widow, who is in feeble health, five sons, three daughters and a number of grandchildren. He was of the sturdy, pioneer type of law-abiding, God-fearing citizens who helped to build up the great state of Iowa, one of the greatest in the middle west.

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