

KOOZER WRITES IMPRESSIONS OF ELKS CONCLAVE

To the Editor:

Now that the 68th annual convention of B. P. O. Elks is drawing to a close, that your readers might be interested in a few of the high lights of the convention, principal of which was election of Floyd E. Thompson of Chicago as grand exalted ruler and the

selection of Milwaukee as the 1933 convention city. The ritualistic contest was won by New Smyrna, Fla. lodge. This was considered a very quiet national convention, there being only 1103 delegates in attendance from the something over 1500 lodges. Oregon. In addition to Medford has delegates from Ashland, Klamath Falls, Salem, Tillamook, McMinnville, Albany, Astoria and La Grande and District Deputies Van Nuya from Corvallis and Judge Ekwall from Portland. One of the most important amendments to the constitution provides that the serving exalted ruler of the subordinate lodge shall hereafter be sent as delegate to the grand lodge instead of the retiring exalted ruler as at present. The new grand exalted ruler is a former judge of the Illinois State au-

preme court, although a young man, only 44 years old. While he comes very highly recommended and appears very able and capable, he, in my mind and most others, has a full size job to come up to the wonderful work done by the retiring grand exalted ruler, John R. Cohen of Colorado. Must say that Birmingham has proved rather an unsatisfactory convention city, there being no amusement attractions of any interest, and the heat has been almost unbearable. While the thermometer here registers favorably with our own, the humidity and lack of breeze makes it much more noticeable. Business conditions are very bad here, and all commodities selling very cheap. As an example local green beans are selling in the stores for one cent per pound. In fact, I have found business conditions very bad

through all the southern points I have touched and from sentiment generally expressed it looks like Roosevelt will be elected. In fact I found this sentiment even more pronounced throughout the state of California and I can say almost unanimously expressed by all people contacted on the trains. In fairness to Birmingham, however, I should add that what the city might lack otherwise, is compensated for by the wonderful hospitality and cordial treatment extended by all classes of its people to their visitors. RALPH KOOZER, Birmingham, Ala., July 13, 1932.

WILKENS ENTERS PROSECUTOR RACE AS INDEPENDENT

M. O. Wilkins, an attorney of Ashland, yesterday issued a long statement to the press, announcing his intentions of becoming an independent candidate for district attorney, in the fall. The statement alleges that the "independent citizens of Jackson

county" look with disapproval on both the regular candidates, and that their hope that an independent would arise to lead them, has been answered by "the person named herein." The statement gives assurance that if elected, Attorney Wilkins will ever "defend the people of Jackson county against crime and criminals, and will see that justice is restored to its proper place." Attorney Wilkins makes a pledge to consider all information brought before him, by all the people, and promises economy, justice, efficiency, and a square deal. Attorney Wilkins has been a resident of this county for about four years, and has figured in a number of cases, that command public interest. One was the Gore divorce and alienation suit; and another was the damage suit of Mrs. Marco against

the county jailer and the county physician for \$30,000. He recently became counsel for F. A. Bates, the aged gold miner, indicted for allegedly threatening to commit a felony. The case was one of those heralded as "a break down of law and order in Jackson county." **Life Underwriters Association Shows Continued Growth** Word has been received here by C. N. Culy, president of the Rogue River Underwriters Association, from the national headquarters of the organization in New York City, that the third successive year of the present depression, the National Association of Life Underwriters closed its financial year, on June 30th, with the highest paid membership in its forty-three years' history. This progressive group of life underwriters is one of 246 local units all over the country, constituting the national trade association of life insurance agents. The objects of the association are, first, to afford to its members the educational advantages of all the new developments in the technique of life insurance selling, and, secondly, to keep competitive practices in the business on the highest possible plane. The best clear Cedar Shingles, \$3.00 per 1000. Regular \$4.00 shingles. Medford Lumber Co. Picture frames made to order. The Peasleys, opp. Holly theater.

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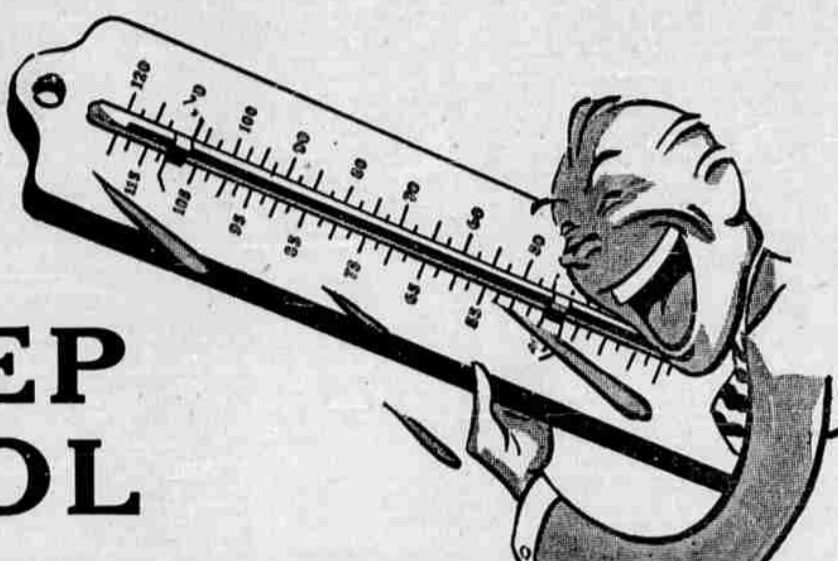


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