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## K.K.K. THREATEN LIFE OF W. L. COHEN COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS OREGON STAGES NEAR LYNCHING PARTY

PERRY ELLIS, ONLY COLORED CITIZEN OF OREGON CITY, VICTIM OF NEAR-LYNCHING BY MASKED MEN IN NEARBY COUNTRY THOUGHT TO BE MEMBERS OF K. K. K.

Call Brings Victim and White Associate to Scene.—White Ordered Away. Victim Threatened with Operation.—Charged With Familiar Relations With White Woman.

(Special)  
Oregon City, June 2.—A mysterious telephone call to a local newspaper office this afternoon led to discovery that a lynching was threatened last night about 30 miles from Oregon City. Perry Ellis, Oregon City's only colored citizen, being the near victim. Ellis tonight related his experience and said he is preparing to leave tomorrow for Tacoma.

The affair is said to be the outgrowth of charges filed against Ellis here in which a white woman was said to be involved. The charges were dismissed about a week ago when the complaining witness failed to prosecute.

Six white robed men, masked, five of them with white hoods and the sixth with one of red, were in the lynching party, according to Ellis and Ira W. Thrall, white, an employe of the Crown-Williamette Paper company, who was with Ellis when the masked men were first met, whose accounts of the affair follow.

Ellis operates the City Auto Washery concern in a livery barn on Washington street, where he also lives. About 11:30 o'clock Friday night he was called on the telephone and asked to make a trip out on the Abernathy road, where, he was told, a wagon was broken down, for the purpose of getting a team to be brought to Oregon City for the night.

**Masked Men Appear**  
Thrall, who is said to have been a close friend of Ellis and to have ridden with him frequently, and Ellis mounted horses and, according to their story, rode to a brickyard several miles out on the Abernathy road.

Here, they said, they found two cars, one on each side of the road. Two spotlights were turned on Ellis and six masked men appeared.

Thrall's appearance, they said, caused some consternation, and he was finally returned to Oregon City with his and Ellis' horses. Ellis, according to his story, was taken into one of the cars and threatened with being "shot full of holes" if he tried to escape.

The cars, Ellis said, proceeded about 30 miles into the country, where the party halted and left the machines. Here Ellis was confronted with a demand that he tell the truth about charges made against him.

**He Denies Charge**  
Ellis said he denied the charges and asserted he was a victim of circumstances.

A noose was placed around Ellis' neck and the end of the rope was thrown over the limb of a tree. Ellis said he still maintained his innocence. The rope was tightened, he said, but he maintained his denials.

When the rope failed, he said, the men took him to a lake nearby, which they told him was used for disposal of bodies of their victims.

Ellis said he implored them not to lynch him, saying he did not mind being shot, but that he did hate to be lynched.

Threat of an operation, he said followed, but he still denied any impropriety.

Finally, he said, they let him go, driving off after telling him to stay where he was until they called to him to depart. When the call came, Ellis said he started hoot for Oregon City, reaching town early this morning.

Ellis said that he was warned to leave Oregon City at once and that he intends to heed the warning.

Ellis is about 25 years old and has been here about two years. He claims to be a cowboy and has ridden at neighborhood rodeos. Thrall lives here with his family.

It is said that two of the lynching party were identified by their voices by both Ellis and his associate.

Later reports are to the effect that the officials can do nothing because Ellis has left for parts unknown.

### WANAUMA CHAPTER OBSERVES DAY

Wanauma Chapter, O. E. S., held its annual Thanksgiving celebration last Sunday night at Zion church. The Worthy Patron, E. E. Green, presided over the meeting, assisted by the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Edith Williams, and Ass't Worthy Matron Mrs. Etta Simms. The program included an address by Mrs. K. Gray, Past Worthy Matron, vocal solos by Mesdames E. D. Cannady and Dolly Parnes, the latter being the Secretary of the Chapter, and a brief address by the Patron. Rev. E. J. Magruder preached the sermon, taking for his subject, "The Architect of Time". The sermon was excellent and replete with information as to fraternalism, human organization, etc. He ended with that beautiful poem "Let Me Live in the House by the Side of the Road, and Be a Friend to Man." Mrs. Edwards from Tacoma was present and being a member of the Order turned out with the sisters, who made a splendid showing. Zion choir furnished music for the occasion.

### LOCAL MINISTER GOES TO UTAH

Rev. G. G. Gardner is in Salt Lake City, Utah, holding a series of meetings in the Baptist church there. He is meeting with splendid success. Rev. Gardner is an ambitious, Christian gentleman and his many friends here wish him unbounded success.

### RESIGNS JANITOR JOB

R. F. Morrison, for many years the janitor at Eilers Bldg., on Washington street, has resigned.

### TO MOTOR NORTH

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Ivey will leave next week for a ten days auto trip to Vancouver, B. C., on their vacation.

### NOTICE

Dr. J. Matlsky, who formerly resided at 485 West Park Street, has moved to 829 East 16th Street, North, where she is better prepared to take care of her patients. Phone Garfield 2435.—adv.

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## Local and Foreign News Briefs

**VISITS IN SEATTLE**  
Mrs. Charles Mumford, 1361 East Lincoln street, of this city, is visiting friends in Seattle.

**IN LOCAL HOSPITAL**  
Mrs. Belle Crawford recently underwent an operation in Good Samaritan hospital. At this writing she is much improved.

**TO HAVE MANLESS WEDDING**  
The Ladies of Zion A. M. E. church are planning to stage a manless wedding at the church on the 18th of the month. The novelty of the affair is creating a deal of interest and it is expected to be largely patronized.

### MISS MOSELY TO VISIT IN MISSOURI

Miss Margaret Mosely of 255 North 16th street will leave next Monday for a two months' visit with relatives and friends in the state of Missouri. Miss Mosely is one of Portland's most industrious women and takes keen interest in her fraternal work, being a member of Wanauma Chapter, O. E. S., in good standing.

### FOR SALE, CHEAP

Party leaving town. Six room house, bath, electricity, gas, partly modern. Terms \$850 cash, balance \$850.00 at \$25 monthly. Sellwood 1792—Adv.

### ENTERTAINS AT DINNER

Mrs. R. D. Luscher was hostess at a delicious dinner at her home Sunday, June 3, for the pleasure of Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Dyer. Covers were laid for five.

### BIG MASS MEETING PLANNED

On Sunday (tomorrow), June 10th, there will be a mass meeting held at the Stag Auditorium, 318½ E. Morrison street, by the U. B. F. and S. M. T. Rev. E. C. Dyer, pastor of the independent Baptist church, will deliver the main address. Subject, "Why Should I Be a U. B. F.?" Everybody invited.—Adv.

### LOCAL MAN STUDYING PHARMACY

W. A. Anderson of 501 Kentworth avenue is taking a correspondence course in pharmacy and is in his senior year. Upon completion of the course he anticipates taking a post graduate course in a local college. Mr. Anderson is in the employ of the Railroad company at present, which he says is the means to the end of his ambition which is to own and operate a drug store in the city.

### GRAND MASTER HOLMES HERE

Emmett H. Holmes of Spokane, Wash., Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge, Washington Jurisdiction, arrived in the city Monday and remained until Thursday. Mr. Holmes stopped at the Hotel.

## The Elk's Popularity Contest

Will End July 9th, 1923

There Will Be 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes. Who Will Win?

WORK! WORK! WORK!

ped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Olliver, 559 Albina avenue. Before returning home he will make official visits in Winlock, Bremerton and in Canada.

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO MEET

The first regular meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be held at First A. M. E. Zion church Monday evening, June 11, at 8:30. The public is invited.

### COLORED WAR VETERAN HEADS LIBERIAN ARMY

Cap. Moody Staten, Spokane, colored hero of the World War, will, within a short time, become commander-in-chief of the Liberian army. He left last week for New York and will leave on the 9th for Liberia, his post of duty. Mr. Staten is a World War veteran with an enviable record, which gained him promotion to the rank of captain in the A. E. F. and honorable mention from General Dickinson.

According to the commission, Capt. Staten is to enter the Liberian service with the rank of captain, for training, and within a year is to be placed in command of the army. His wife will join him later.

### LOCAL PEOPLE MOTOR TO SEATTLE

Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Dyer, accompanied by Mesdames J. Lethridge, C. H. Downing and R. D. Luscher, motored to Seattle Thursday, the 24th, and spent the week end in the Sound city. While there they were the house guests of Mrs. Ed. Lethridge. Friday they were complimented with a delicious luncheon at the beautiful home of Mrs. Wesley Anderson, returning home Saturday. They report a delightful time.

### DAHLIA TEMPLE GROWS

Dahlia Temple, No. 262, I. B. P. O. E. W., continues to grow in numbers. There are now sixty-one members in good standing in the lodge with four or five new applications pending.

At the last meeting of the Temple, June 5th, Mrs. H. D. Fuller, a charter member, was obligated. Mrs. Fuller was not in the city at the time the other charter members were obligated.

### GOES SOUTH ON BUSINESS

Mrs. R. F. Morrison left Sunday the 3rd for Los Angeles, Cal., on business. She expects to be gone about a month.



FRANK SCHULL

Candidate of the Women of Portland for Re-election for School Director Next Saturday.

### PURCHASES NEW AUTO

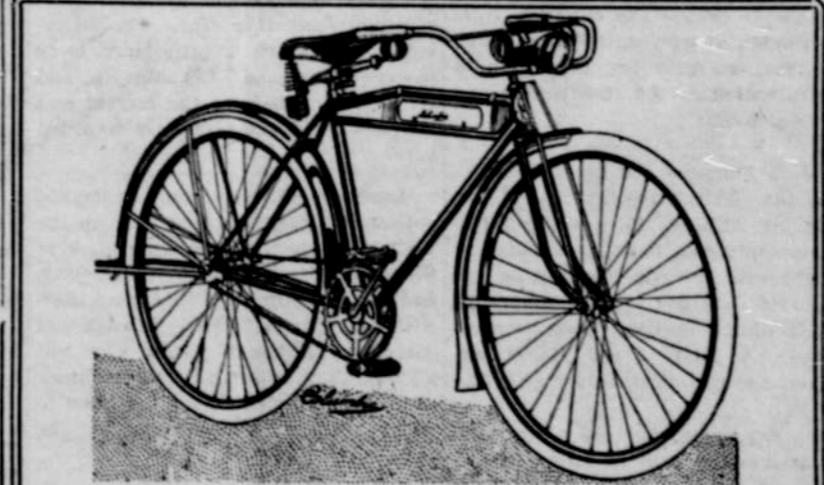
Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson have purchased a brand new Chevrolet touring car.

### WHO WILL BE THE G. E. R.

The all absorbing question in Elk circles is, who will be elected Exalted Ruler of Rose City Lodge, I. B. P. O. E. W., at its meeting Wednesday night, June 13th.

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### RECENT LOUISIANA APPOINTEE WARNED AGAINST ACCEPTING POSITION OF COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS—OTHER PORT OFFICIALS RECEIVE THREATENING LETTERS

Recent Appointment Made by President Harding Draws Ire of "White Supremacy" Protest to White Women Working in Office With Cohen

(Special to The Advocate)

New Orleans, La., May 26.—Federal authorities were called upon today to make rigid investigation into the writing of anonymous and threatening letters to Walter S. Cohen, Negro, recently named comptroller of customs for the Louisiana port, as a recess appointment by President Harding. Not only were the threatening letters sent to Mr. Cohen, but Emilie Kuntz, republican collector of customs, and others of the officials about the offices here were warned that should Cohen take the position, they too would be dealt violence.

The letters, which have been turned over to the postoffice inspectors, threatened death for Collector Kuntz, in event the nomination of Cohen is confirmed by the senate, while others declared Cohen would be killed should he be confirmed.

Signed "K. K. K." and "White Supremacy" Several of the letters were signed "K. K. K." while others which were sent to Collector Kuntz protested to the appointment of white women in the same office with Negroes and was signed "White Supremacy."

### HOTEL NOTES

George Kinney, one of the pioneer waiters at the Portland, is attending the Grand Lodge of Masons in California this week.

Ben Rutherford, bellhop at the June 22nd.

### SYRACUSE LODGE WILL ELECT

Syracuse Lodge K. of P. will hold its semi-annual election of officers

at the June 22nd.

## Stag Club

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