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SIGNS OF SANITY

WHILE the failure of the recall movement against Sheriff Terrill in Jackson county is an undoubted repudiation by a sane citizenry of the Ku Klux Klan, the narrow margin of victory indicates the serious way in which the Klan movement has split a heretofore united community.

A year ago, yes, six months ago, Medford and Jackson county, were pointed to in Oregon as examples of the ne plus ultra in community spirit Citizens worked together in utmost harmony for communal development. Everywhere was peace and prosperity.

Entered the apostles of discord with their masked mummery, their appeal to racial and religious hatreds and now neighbors who have labored together for years do not speak and bitterly condemn each other; fraternal organizations are rended apart and families are disrupted.

A whole community is thrown into turmoil and to no purpose. It will take years, after sanity returns, to undo the harm that a few brief months have done.

Who profits from this deplorable and terrific loss? The organizers of the movement that asks ten dollars as a fee for participation in its ridiculous mummery, and six dollars and fifty cents for a cheap muslin disguise, under cover of which cowardly outrages are perpetrated, if not by klan members then by those who take advantage of the klan's existence to mask their identity. They and they only.

The ku klux klan is dishonored in California, and when the grand jury investigation and federal inquiry into the Jackson county outrages is concluded, its members will be diligently seeking cover in Oregon.

Klamath county may be thankful that it has escaped the virulent attack that is now fading into the oblivion of all unpleasant things.

We will not have this discordant chasm to bridge in our march toward progress.

IMPUDENCE

THERE is not much danger that the threatened I. W. W. invasion will materialize. It has not been our experience that the wobblies give such notice that they intend to strike as is contained in the call for 100 volunteers to descend upon Klamath and rescue five valiant members of the organization from durance that they are legally undergoing.

The officers of the law have shown ability to handle the situation thus far and the centurion band, if it did arrive, would probably meet a fitting reception. What is more these outlaws undoubtedly know as much, and it has been our observation that all wobblies are as considerate of their personal safety as the rest of us, and more so.

Outlaws in fact and in law, skulkers in the dark, biters of the hand that feeds them, traitorous and disloyal, they have the unlimited effrontery to appeal for an exception from the law, a more lenient course in their case than the law grants to any other criminal.

As a matter of fact the five in the local jail are not there because of any animosity or activity on the part of the "lumber barons."

One was taken in the act of distributing unlawful literature on the streets. Three were arrested at a headquarters they had established in this city for the distribution of unlawful propaganda. And the fifth, loaded with literature and with the impudent assurance of his class sought to defy the law in its own citadel, walked into the police station to visit those in custody and was rightfully detained there

They complain that the law has handled them harshly, that they have been manhandled by jail officials. This charge comes nicely from members of an organization which plays such pleasant little tricks on workers who will not accept its doctrines as pouring acid in shoes while the owners sleep, to cripple men for years and sometimes for life because they would not subscribe to unlawful doctrines.

They are not a class to handle with kid glove courtesy, but we know that nothing has been done that was not necessary to uphold prison discipline.

Laying aside the appeal to prejudice, the silly whine of would-be martyrdom, which is a gratuitous insult to intelligence, there remains the threat that an army of one hundred men will be raised to invade a peaceful community, intimidate its citizens and disrupt its industries.

The community is grateful for the warning. It at least places the outlaw movement on the plane of the rattlesnake, which sounds an alarm before it strikes. Heretofore we had held the organization in lower esteem.

TOM SIMS SAYS

Sometimes a man starts out to show his wife who is boss and learns.

Who wants to laugh and grow fat during the hot summer months?

"Drop Fatal"—headline. Sounds like more bootleg stuff.

One day last week a train was late when a man wanted it to be.

Working yourself to death is hard Loafing yourself to death is easier and much quicker.

It took a few hard knocks to get Ruth to put in some hard knocks.

Sure, flappers are liberty belles. And it looks as if their motto were "Peel off, wild belles."

In Berlin a man accused of killing 20 people hung himself. He got the right man at last.

Boys leave the farm because they hate to plow through life.

There is a wave of business revival; but some men are kicking because it isn't a flood.

Isn't it about time to change the saying "That's a horse on me" to "That's an auto on me?"

Very few children succeed in getting born into a rich family.

New York woman named Moon asks divorce because hubby stayed out at night and that's the truth.

Florida man who started out for the time of his life is in jail for the time of his life.

A village is where the police and fire departments are the same man.

"Prices Advance in Shoes"—headline. They usually sneak up barefooted.

Los Angeles woman killed herself after writing a poem. That isn't such a bad habit.

Judge rules it no crime to play a grind organ on Sunday. We rule it's a crime to play one any time.

One day last week a girl stood up in a street car because her stocking had a hole in the knee.

IN THE COURTS

Jackson vs. John

A suit has been filed in the circuit court by Joseph Jackson versus Benson John for the collection of a note totaling $385 and interest at 6 per cent from February 18, 1922.

Portland—Contract awarded for erection $60,000 factory.

Money and Markets

Outlook For Fall and Winter

Conditions at the close of the first half of 1922 indicate that business will expand moderately during the autumn and winter months. It is now one year since the definite beginning of recovery from the depression of 1920-21. Progress was slow until the close of 1921, but since the beginning of 1922 improvement has been rapid. Money is cheap. The crop outlook is excellent. With few exceptions, stocks of raw materials and of manufactured products are not larger than necessary to bridge the normal period between production and consumption. Commodity prices are rising. The movement at present seems to be primarily one of adjustment between the different classes of commodities, and as long as the upward tendency does not assume a speculative character, it is a favorable factor. Except for strikes, there is little idleness. Production has expanded steadily since the beginning of the year, and yet the usual mid-summer dullness has been little felt.

Any fair appraisement of the situation must, however, take cognizance of several groups of qualifying factors. First and most important of these is the position of domestic consumers. Many are cautious and disposed to economize. Buying is not likely to be stimulated by reports of impending shortage of goods, or fears of higher prices, for except in the case of necessaries the public is willing to wait, or to do without, if prices show a tendency to soar. Furthermore, large sections of the population cannot buy, no matter how willing, if prices rise too rapidly. Although they have recovered somewhat, wages and salaries are lower than two years ago. Enforced unemployment left many workers in debt, or with depleted savings, not yet made good. Strikes have kept hundreds of thousands idle for months and threaten to result in idleness for other thousands if not speedily brought to an end. Farmers are usually conservative buyers and although prices of farm products have improved, prices of what farmers must buy are still too high in relation to what they have to sell to place them in a position to expand their purchases rapidly. Furthermore, they are paying their debts. There is every ground to expect a reasonable volume of fall business at moderate prices, but there is no basis for expectation of such volume at high prices or of boom business at any price.

The second retarding factor is the labor situation. The United States is in the midst of widespread labor troubles. It is useless to declaim against the spirit that has brought this situation to pass. Each side in both the railroad and coal strikes believe it is justified. Workmen do no lightly sacrifice their earning power, or corporations carelessly take the risk of damage to their property or thoughtlessly forego the hope of profits for a long period. That section of the public which is not directly concerned is an equal sufferer for these conflicts are certain to be felt in lessened productivity and restricted distribution in every line. The only settlements which can be ultimately in the public interest are fair settlements and the public has the right to take all measures which may serve promptly to bring them about. Delay in reaching settlements will temporarily delay expansion, but it will not affect the fundamental causes which for more than a year have been making for better business.

The third factor which seems likely to limit business expansion in the United States is the European situation. Outwardly it remains complicated. Enormous issues of paper have further depreciated the German mark. There have been assassinations and other evidences of political unrest and Germany has formally applied to the reparations commission for a moratorium on reparations payments. Difficulties arising from depreciated currencies and disorganized public finances are bound to be a retarding influence, and may have a certain adverse effect on exports of grains and other food products, cotton and other raw materials from the United States.

There is another side to the situation, however. It is at last recognized that financial chaos cannot continue indefinitely, that grandiose schemes for financial rehabilitation, by which the European combatants had hoped to escape some part of the penalty of the crime of war, are all bound to fail and that Europe must save itself. Favorable exchanges clearly reflect the efforts of those countries, combatant or neutral, which have faced the facts. Those countries which thus far have avoided the issue must meet it now. The productive power of the continent of Europe is certainly as high as or higher than a year ago. Even bankruptcy of governments could not nullify this advantage, and determination may avoid bankruptcy.

EVERETT TRUE

By CONDO

Letters from the People

LANGELL VALLEY MAN STATES R. R. VIEWS

Editor Evening Herald:

A few words in regard to the article, 'Klamath Urged to decide on Rail Unmerger" in your issue July 25th.

I note Mr. Sproule is quoted as saying the unmerger would result in higher freight rates and difficulty in securing empty cars for loading, leaving Klamath county in no better position than before. Of course Mr. Sproule is talking for the interests of the Southern Pacific, but believe the people should hesitate before they again put themselves in the grip of that or any other one transportation company. I believe that all must agree that competition in any branch of business is much to be desired by the general public.

Let us take the past record of the Southern Pacific railroad and their attitude of the "public be damned" policy. Can any one name any especial piece of work for any part of Oregon done through generosity? It seems natural to suppose that should the supreme court order be enforced the Union Pacific would do as they promise, commence to connect up with their Central Pacific holdings giving Central, Southern Oregon, and Northern California, an eastern outlet, which appears to be more desired than north and south facilities, as our best market for lumber is there and the large bulk of manufactured articles originate in the east. As to higher freight rates, shortage of cars, etc, it is natural to suppose that two large transcontinental lines serving the same community would give better service and very likely much lower freight rates to get the business. And that is the slogan taught to everyone from the obscure little way station agent to the president of the system—Get the Business. Let us forget these flowery promises and judge from the past what we may expect should any one company succeed in again gaining control of our country and abide by the decision of the court, thus compelling both systems to build connecting lines to protect their interests, thereby giving us competition which means a double track country.

H. J. TICKNOR.

Roadside Facilities

Tourist:—I say, my friend, can you direct me to the nearest filling station?"

Native Son—"Wal, that sorter depends. If ye want gas, ther's a garage 'round thet corner, but (confidentially) ef yer hip-pocket flask needs fillin', I reckin I kin fix ye up myself, ef you'll step over to the barn with me.

MOVIES

THE LIBERTY

In "Over the Wire," the Wesley Ruggles Production for Metro, which will be seen at the Liberty theatre today as the feature attraction, Alice Lake, the brilliant little screen actress, who plays the starring role, has a picture specially made for her by Arthur Somers Roche, the distinguished writer of fiction.

The story, briefly, deals with Terry Dexter, who commits suicide rather than face exposure as a swindler by a financial magnate, John Grannan. Before Terry dies he telephones his sister, Kathleen, that the end is come. Kathleen distrait, vows she will avenge her brother's death through ruining Grannan. This involves a series of escapades, a Wall street coup, a marriage, elopement, and a sudden life and death adventure where Kathleen, to her amazement, finds that she does not hate her husband, Grannan, but loves him.

THE STRAND

The story of "The Argyle Case" lends itself exceptionally well to screen presentation. Beginning with the mystery of the murder of old John Argyle, an eccentric millionaire, the plot develops rapidly with suspicion falling upon Argyle's adopted daughter, who is the chief beneficiary under his will. Asche Kayton, the great private detective, is called in and from the moment he meets Mary he determines to prove her innocence. In following clues that he alone discovers, the trail leads him into a series of most exciting adventures, culminating in a tremendous scene in the den of a gang of counterfeiters.

"The Argyle Case" will be shown for the last time at The Strand tonight.

SPORTS

Klamath Cubs Victors Over Dorris Demons

Battling for 12 innings, each of which ended in a tie score, the Klamath Cubs yesterday won from the Dorris Demons, 12 to 10. The game was one of the most unusual ever played here, as well as one of the fastest exhibitions of baseball. With first one team and then the other in the lead, a spurt from the other side would even the score at the end of the inning. Following the game, Manager Al Baker of the Cubs was host at a dinner at the Rex cafe.

A game with the Knights of Columbus is proposed for next Sunday. The Knights cleaned Beatty yesterday by a decisive margin, thereby winning the right to claim the county championship. Scores indicate that the two teams would be about evenly matched.

Knights Get Scalps OF Beatty Bearcats

The Knights of Columbus yesterday defeated the Beatty Bearcats at Beatty, 13 to 3. While the Indians were up to their old form and played good baseball, the Knights demonstrated their superiority.

Malheur— Nugget worth $128 found here.

Bend—Large new theater building under construction.