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THE TRUTH ABOUT MER ROUGE AFFAIR

(Editor's Note: Realizing from the way the Tillamook branding case was distorted and magnified by metropolitan newspapers and with the idea of presenting a different aspect of the widely circulated Mer Rouge story, the Headlight has made an investigation and herewith presents for its readers another version of the alleged murders that have been said to have taken place near New Orleans. These stories are reprinted from other newspapers who have been close to the supposed crime and are published here in the interest of fair play.)

R. H. Carpenter, prominent farmer of Honea Path, Abbeville county, who is traveling for the Model Seed Farm, of St. Matthews, was a business visitor to the city this week. Mr. Carpenter has recently returned from a trip through Louisiana, and while here talked interestingly to a representative of The Citizen about the troubles at Mer Rouge.

Mr. Carpenter said that in order to understand the whole situation, it should be stated at the outset that the population of Louisiana is largely Roman Catholic. Within the year the Ku Klux Klan has built up a large membership in the state, and bitter feeling has developed between the Ku Klux and the Catholics.

"The town of Mer Rouge has been a wide open sort of place, and public and private morals have been at a low ebb. Some years ago Dr. McKoin, whose name has figured in the newspaper accounts of the troubles there, located at Mer Rouge for the practice of his profession. One of the older physicians of the town resented his coming, and threatened to kill the new comer on sight. Dr. McKoin armed himself, and when the two men met got in the first shot and killed the other physician. He was tried and acquitted.

"Later Dr. McKoin was elected mayor of Mer Rouge on a law and order ticket and started in to clean up the town. The bootleggers and other lawbreakers resented this. One night Dr. McKoin's automobile was riddled with buckshot and while circumstantial evidence pointed to the guilt of Thomas Richard and Watt Daniel, the officers of the law did nothing to bring them to justice. Richard had a record of killing several men. He was a noted gambler, and Daniel, a young man, was of the same type. They were never arrested for the attack on Dr. McKoin.

"One night some masked men took Richard and Daniel out of the town, and, according to common report, gave them a severe whipping and warned them to leave the country. Few people at Mer Rouge or elsewhere in that vicinity believe they were killed. Two bodies found in a nearby lake, are not believed to be those of Richard and Daniel. The common belief is that these bodies were secured from a medical college, or some burial vault, and clothing belonging to Richard and Daniel placed upon them. The Knights of Columbus are generally credited with faking these bodies for the purpose of fastening the crime of murder upon members of the Ku Klux Klan.

"The investigation at Mer Rouge has been wholly in the hands of Roman Catholics and members of the Knights of Columbus, and the people of Louisiana generally believe that a deliberate purpose is being made to convict members of the Ku Klux Klan of the crime of killing these two men. Outsiders can form no adequate idea of the feeling that exists between the Catholics and the Ku Klux Klan in Louisiana. The people of the state as a whole resent this effort on the part of the Knights of Columbus, even more; and the Catholics themselves, and a reaction is beginning to set in. Governor Parker, who has taken the lead in the matter, is being severely criticized.

"Conservative men in the neighborhood of Mer Rouge say the trouble at that place was bound to come sooner or later because of the lawlessness that has prevailed there for a long time. Many of the prominent men of the community have been leading immoral lives, bootlegging, gambling and other forms of vice have been openly practiced, and there has been no pretense at the observance of law and order. Louisiana is suffering from the kind of publicity that has been given Mer Rouge, but the truth is coming out and good will ultimately result and that section of Louisiana will be cleaned up. All the people of Louisiana have not been of the same class as those who brought on the trouble at Mer Rouge.

LOCAL LEGISLATORS HOME AFTER LONG LAW SESSION

Rollie W. Watson and C. J. Edwards, the Tillamook county members of the recent session of the state legislature, came home late last week after a somewhat strenuous closing of the law making body.

REBEKAHS PAN CARNIVAL FOR BENEFIT OF CHARITY

Next Monday evening the local Rebekah lodge will stage a carnival the proceeds of which will be turned over to charitable purposes. A good program has been promised by the committee in charge.

LOCAL LODGE OF ELKS ELECT OFFICERS FOR 1923 THURSDAY

A large crowd was present at an election of the local lodge B. P. O. E. last evening. Officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Those elected were J. C. Turner, Exalted Ruler; Howard Lamar, Leading Knight; David Kuratli, Loyal Knight; L. W. White, Lecturing Knight; E. A. Brenner, Secretary; C. B. Stanley, treasurer; W. B. Matthews, Tiler; and C. E. Hadley, trustee.

POMONA GRANGE INSTALLS OFFICERS LAST THURSDAY

The Pomona Grange of this county held an open installation at the Fairview grange hall yesterday afternoon. D. R. Tinnerstet was the installing officer.

C. J. Edwards left for the Willamette valley this week, having been informed that his mother had died at Salem.

BAY CITY ODDFELLOWS TO INITIATE CLASS NEXT TUESDAY

The first degree team of the Bay City Oddfellow lodge will put on the initiatory degree next Tuesday evening at the Oddfellow lodge rooms in this city. The committee in charge has arranged for refreshments for the evening.

and the better class of citizens will be in control in the future. "As for the attempt of the Catholic leaders to fasten a brutal crime upon the Ku Klux Klan, it has already failed of its purpose. No legal evidence to convict the members of the Ku Klux Klan has yet been secured, while the purpose of the Catholics has been so avowed and they have gone to such lengths in trying to carry it out that they have failed in their purpose."

Mr. Carpenter himself is not a member of the Ku Klux Klan, and this makes his story of the Mer Rouge affair all the more interesting.

ANOTHER STORY

The Fellowship Forum, a weekly newspaper of national circulation, published at Washington, D. C., by the Masonic fraternities of the District of Columbia, sent a staff correspondent to Mer Rouge to get the truth as to the situation here, and the last issue of that paper carries a story that coincides throughout with the statements made by Mr. Carpenter. The Forum's article follows:

"Bastrop, La., Jan. 17.—That some powerful influence, generally believed to be the Roman Catholic hierarchy, is abiding one of the roughest situations and most lawless games that ever existed in an American community in its attempt here to stamp out the Ku Klux Klan through distortion of the people of Morehouse Parish are completely disgusted at the refusal of the American press to print the true facts of the case.

Your correspondent has found that bootlegging, moonshining, gambling, concubinage with negro women and other forms of vice and violence have for years been the watchword of the Mer Rouge gang, and that the leaders there who now are being held up to the world as martyrs at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan are nothing more than moral lepers and feasters on the fair name of decency.

A great many of the married men, perhaps as much as fifty per cent, of them not only have a family of white children but also are responsible for a family of half negro and half whites, maintaining what is commonly termed hereabouts as a "negro harem." In addition to their own legal families.

Practically all of the young, single men, although there are few shining exceptions, maintain young negro women in homes. In some instances where a youth has plenty of money he is known to be supporting two and three negro women. Others who are not so well off financially keep only one.

This practice is so general there that it is an open secret that a dozen in the Baptist church of Mer Rouge (Continued on Page 6)

CITY COUNCIL PUTS TEETH IN DRY LAW

The city council in special session last Monday evening passed at the third reading an ordinance to prohibit the sale, manufacture, having in possession, bartering and giving away of intoxicating liquor, and the sale or handing of any apparatus for making liquor.

This ordinance was numbered 430 and says "It is hereby declared to be unlawful for any person or persons to sell, manufacture, give away, barter or have in possession intoxicating liquor, as defined by section 224 and 225 Oregon Laws, or to sell, manufacture, give away, barter or have in possession any still, still worm or still condenser or any other device or mechanism used or to be used in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors in Tillamook City, Oregon.

"Any person or persons hereinbefore mentioned who violate any provision of this ordinance, upon conviction thereof before the City Recorder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment in the discretion of the City Recorder, and in default of the payment of such fine such person shall be imprisoned in the city jail until such fine shall be discharged at the rate of one day's imprisonment for each \$2 of such fine."

Emil W. O. Hendricks was given permission by the council to alter a building on west First street, which was formerly occupied by the Rex theater.

The resignation of E. H. Stark as police officer was accepted and Bert E. Thayer was appointed to take his place. Mr. Stark resigned to take a position with the water commission.

The council intends drafting another peddling ordinance to conform with state laws, also a truck ordinance to conform with state laws. A number of new laws are in the program of the council for the coming year.

NEWLY MADE CITIZEN SHOWS APPRECIATION TO COUNTRY

One of the newly made citizens of the United States, who received his papers the present term of the circuit court, showed his appreciation this week by presenting to the county a large picture of Abraham Lincoln to be placed in the circuit court room. He preferred to keep his identity a secret. The members of the local bar association confess they feel ashamed at their neglect and have promised that they will present the court room with a similar picture of Washington.

All those wishing to join Madam Bruer's dancing class will please report Monday evening at the W. O. W. Hall.

Earl Kilpatrick

Earl Kilpatrick, director of Extension, University of Oregon, and Kiwanis Regional director for Oregon, who will present Tillamook Charter on behalf of the International Kiwanis, at Masonic hall Sat. evening, March 3rd.

Kiwanis is an international organization, functioning in United States and Canada. It is a young organization, yet it has proven its high ideals and worthy station by accomplishing great things. There are at this time nine hundred thirty seven active clubs in the United States and Canada, in these clubs are approximately eighty thousand members, and every member is an active booster for Kiwanis. The motto of the organization is "We Build," and the purposes are the development and building up of every industry and commercial asset in the community. The meetings of the club are of such interest to the members that there is always a good attendance and much good is derived by all who attend these meetings. At nearly every meeting some noted speaker is present who speaks on a subject of vital interest to the community at large, in this manner new enterprises are brought to light and new possibilities are presented in many lines of commercial enterprise. Tillamook is indeed most fortunate to be numbered as a holder of a Kiwanis charter and can be justly proud of the fact. Let every member of the Tillamook Kiwanis club put his shoulder to the wheel and in every way live up to the motto "We Build," and it will not be long before we have a city which we had not dreamed could be built and accomplishments that will be everlasting monuments to the Kiwanis club.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The negative team of Dallas won the debate held at T. H. S. auditorium on Feb. 21. Our negative team won at Dallas on the same evening. The debaters from Dallas H. S. were entertained Wednesday evening by the Zeta Gethian society at the Bungalow Cafe.

Tillamook's affirmative debaters go to Dallas to debate March 8. Beaverton's affirmative team will debate our negative team on the same evening. The question for debate is Resolved that Philippine Islands be granted immediate independence.

Thursday an appropriate program was given in honor of Lincoln and Washington's birthdays under the auspices of the Zeth Gethians. After the program the students were given a half holiday.

The basketball game with McMinnville resulted in a score of 17 to 32 in favor of McMinnville. Here's wishing our boys better success in the future.

Tillamook was victorious in basketball game between Wheeler and Tillamook Tuesday evening, the score being Tillamook 30, Wheeler 16.

Class of '23 will entertain the Student body at a mask ball Saturday evening in the H. S. Gym. A right jolly good time is assured to every one present.

The High school Girls Glee club will present the operetta "Princess Chrysanthemum" in the High school gymnasium Friday March 2.

H. E. HOWARD

H. E. Howard, an aged and highly respected citizen died this morning at 1 o'clock from a chronic heart affection from which he has been a sufferer for several months. Although Mr. Howard has not been confined to bed at any time and up to three weeks ago has been found at his place of business daily his death was not unexpected. On Feb. 5th, his wife died suddenly at the home of a son in Portland and the excitement and exertion caused by her death and attendance at funeral so weakened an enfeebled condition that he has not been able to attend to business though he persistently refused to go to bed.

Sunday morning he seemed to be improved somewhat, but later in the day complained of pain in region of the heart. A physician was called who succeeded in relieving the pain and Mr. Howard retired about 11 p. m. About two hours later, his daughter thought she heard him moaning and went to his room where she found him dead.

Mr. Howard was born in Wisconsin May 28, 1849, being almost 74 years of age at the time of his death. He was married in 1869 to Emma A. Reeve. Three children were born to this union: L. E. and A. L. Howard of Portland and Mrs. E. M. Thompson of the home. He moved to Oregon in 1898, coming to Nehalem in 1910 where he engaged in the feed business. The body was shipped to Portland Wednesday to be interred beside that of his wife in Mt. Scott cemetery.

WOBBLY IS MAKING FIGHT FOR LIBERTY

One of the most interesting cases to happen in years in the circuit court here was the case of the State vs. O. Hendricks charged with criminal syndicalism, which has been taking up the attention of the court for the past few days. The defendant, who admits being a member of the I. W. W., is making a hard fight for liberty.

The case started Tuesday and two days were used in selecting a jury, with a disqualification of fifteen talesmen. Thos. G. Ryan a Portland attorney is assisting District Attorney Goyne in prosecuting the case. B. A. Green is attorney for the defendant. A number of officials and organizers for the I. W. W. have also attended the trial. Chief L. V. Jenkins and Lieut. Harvey Thatcher of the Portland police were used as witnesses for the state.

The case was brought to a temporary halt yesterday when it was necessary for Judge Bagley to go to Hillsboro to receive the report of the Washington county grand jury and to open court there Monday. Then he will return and resume the trial of the syndicalism case Tuesday.

In the case of the state vs. T. A. Johnston, charged with aiding Jay Houser to escape jail, the defendant was acquitted by a jury after some deliberation.

The Oregon Box company vs. Frank Gustis was a civil case tried this week to recover money. The case was presented before Judge Bagley, who announced that he would render a decision before the end of this term of court.

LOCAL SPORTSMEN TURN LOOSE LARGE NUMBER OF PHEASANTS

Several cups of China pheasants were turned loose in the county last Sunday by the local game club. The birds were obtained from the game farm at Corvallis.

WATCH REPAIR AND CLEANING SHOP INSTALLED BY LOCAL MEN

A. H. Harris recently purchased the stock and business formerly operated on second street by E. A. Brenner and will open a watch repair and clothes cleaning establishment there. His son, Arthur, will have charge of the clothing part. Mr. Harris also has taken the agency for the Jewett automobile.

FORD COLLIDES WITH POLE AND COMES OFF THE BETTER

A Ford touring car driven by Harriet DeFord hit a Coast Power company pole at the corner opposite the Star garage last Tuesday and broke it off near the sidewalk. The pole was shattered but the car was not badly damaged.

Personal

Harry Russell was operated on for appendicitis at the Boals hospital Tuesday. He is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clink left Monday morning for Portland to hear G. Campbell Morgan, noted Presbyterian speaker from England who is to lecture there. They will also visit relatives while away.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ellison are leaving soon for California where they will visit for several months with friends and relatives.

Dr. Robinson reports the following births: to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hester, Feb. 24, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Josi, Feb. 24 a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dorsey on Feb. 26 a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rieha, of Rockaway, on Feb. 27, a son and to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shull of Garibaldi, Feb. 26 a son.

Frank Heyd left today for Portland on business.

Norris Zinn spent the week end with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. John Benson, Dollie Derby, May Lewis, Mr. Sanford, Wells Foote, Guy Lyons and Mr. Pomeroy, all of Garibaldi were in town Saturday night to witness the basketball game between the Whitney company and Company K.

Mrs. Blanche Zinn, Mrs. Nendel and Millard Nendel were Warrenton and Fort Stevens visitors Sunday.

W. E. Myer was in the city this week on business connected with the county agent's office. While in the city he visited with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Deans, old friends of his from Idaho.

The Trask river fish hatchery has received 400,000 Eastern brook trout and 150,000 black spotted trout eggs to be hatched and distributed in the county. Superintendent of Hatcheries M. L. Ryckman of Portland office visited the hatchery on February the 21st.

LOCAL MEN HANDLE HUMMOBILE AND REPORT SALES PROSPECTS

M. R. Terry and Gordon Hare have taken the Tillamook agency for the Hummobile automobile and report a lively interest in their car. They say that they have already made a sale and expect more in the near future.

NOTICE

The community chorus will meet beginning next Monday on Monday evenings instead of Tuesday. About 15 more singers are wanted. Please report next Monday evening at the home of Mrs. E. E. Koch at 8 p. m. sharp.

AS THE CHURCHES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services for next Sunday at the Masonic building conducted by Archdeacon J. C. Black are as follows: 8 a. m. communion for the last confirmation class. 10 a. m. church Sunday school 11 a. m. holy communion with sermon and sacrament of baptism.

REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11, subject: "The Meaning of Christian Fellowship." Special congregational meeting immediately after this service. Evening services at 8 o'clock. A program by the choir and Helmsberg league will be given. Subject: "What Are the Rightful Claims of Our Church Upon Us." You are cordially invited to attend these services. W. G. LIENKAEMPER, Pastor

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Sunday school of the Presbyterian church will be held at 10 a. m. under the leadership of Supt. J. W. Heyd. The Bible class studying the Social Principles of Jesus by Rauschenbusch. All adults are cordially invited to participate in this study.

Preaching service at 11 a. m. by the Rev. Louis M. Anderson, who will speak on the subject: "Is Man Immortal?" This service will be especially comforting to those who have loved ones who have gone to the realm of the great beyond, and those who have been so bereft are particularly invited to this service. In the evening Dr. Anderson will again speak giving a message of cheer to young people. The public is cordially invited to these services.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR OUR ARMORY

A party composed of Brigadier General George A. White, Colonel R. M. McCleave, Major Fred M. West, Captain L. A. Miller and Captain T. E. Rilea was in the city the first of the week viewing the site appropriated by the city for armory purposes and the tract of ground several miles south of the city that has been leased for a rifle range.

The officers arrived Sunday afternoon and left Tuesday noon. While they were here they inspected Company K Monday evening.

General White expressed the opinion that there was no reason that he could see why the work on the armory could not be started in the very near future, and steps will doubtless be taken to get the work under way.

The visiting officers declared them selves as very well pleased with the way the Tillamook organization is improving.

CHEVROLET AUTOMOBILE IS BEING SOLD BY NEW CONCERN

The Chevrolet automobile agency has been taken over here by the Bryson-Link Motor company and has been installed in the Hudson garage on Third avenue. The partners of the new concern recently came from Astoria.

AUTOMOBILE IS TOTAL LOSS IN SUDDEN FIRE YESTERDAY

A large automobile belonging to J. M. Smith was entirely destroyed yesterday afternoon when it caught fire in some manner. There was some insurance on the machine.

MAIL IS DELAYED SEVERAL HOURS BY WRECK THURSDAY

The train was over four hours late last evening on account of a wreck near Mohler. The wreck was caused by a box car load of lumber jumping the track.

Society

The Friday Bridge club met last Friday at the home of Mrs. W. F. Nichols with Mrs. Paul Deans assisting. The rooms and tables were appropriately decorated with national colors. Mrs. Orpha Eastman won high honors for the afternoon and Mrs. Cleot King consolation. The guests were Mrs. Hansmaier, Morrison, and Eastman. The members present were Madames Carroll, Deans, Ebinger, King, Nichols, Small, Spitznagel, and Turnbull. The club will meet again next Thursday at the home of Mrs. Turnbull.

About fifty ladies were present at a social meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Christian church at the church yesterday afternoon. The affair was in the nature of a surprise to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ellison, old members of the church who are leaving soon for California and it was also a birthday party for Mrs. Ellison. Mrs. Frank Heyd, Mrs. Sam Vierick, Mrs. F. C. Feldschau and Mrs. Oathout, who are neighbors of the Ellisons joined with the aid in making the affair a success. Mr. and Mrs. Ellison were presented with a traveling kit as a token of esteem. During the afternoon each guest was given a piece of cloth and needle and colored thread and asked to outline the form of some animal. Mrs. Eric Glad won the first prize, a vase, with her sketch of a cow's head. Mrs. F. C. Feldschau took the consolation prize with a very "artistic" mouse. Mrs. Leo Doty, Mrs. Sam Greene and Mrs. Floyd Culbertson the hostesses served a delicious lunch at the close of the afternoon.

The Womens club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. B. Miller. A number of business matters were transacted. The committee for the Chautauqua reported, but no decision was reached by the club on the matter. It was decided to hold a special meeting at the City Hall, Wednesday, March 14, to decide whether or not the club will go ahead with the Chautauqua movement.

Miss Mary Lamar played interpretations of the Indian music for the club and Mrs. Arthur Anderson sang two songs. Little Helen and Ruth Leonard sang a duet. Nine new members were voted into the club.

