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HOODED KNIGHT GIVES K. K. K. SIDE OF STORY

REV. J. W. BATES, METHODIST MINISTER AND KLAN LECTURER, IS SPEAKER.

CHARGES MISREPRESENTATION

Campaign of Enemies is Lay at Door of Ku Klux Klan Any Act of Violence.

From Thursday's Daily.

The large crowd that assembled at Garfield park last night to enjoy the band concert remained after the close of the concert to hear the first public speech ever given in the city on behalf of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the order that is at the present time occupying a large part of the interest of the public both thru its great growth and the vigorous attacks made on it by its enemies in a number of states over the country, particularly New York, Kansas and Louisiana.

The speaker of the evening was the Rev. John Wesley Bates, a Methodist minister of Kansas City and a speaker of force and convincing logic, who for almost two hours held the closest attention of the audience as he explained what the Ku Klux Klan stood for and the reasons they had met with such powerful opposition over the land.

Denying the charges made that the order was the sponsor of acts of violence, the speaker stated that on the other hand it stood for law observance and the suppression of all violence and particularly mob violence and for the strictest observance of all of the laws of the land that were on the statute books and for the moral uprightness of the communities in which the order existed and that investigation would disclose this fact.

The speaker also took up a number of the things that the Klan had sponsored and among these was the restriction of immigration, the foreign immigration which at the rate continued would in a few years take the right of governing the country from the hands of the native Americans and place the electoral power in the hands of the foreign born voter of the land and the nation for which men had fought and died would cease to be American.

Another of the things required of a Klansman was that of being a Christian and a member of some Protestant church and these tests had brought against the order the opposition of the Jewish people as well as the Roman Catholic church, Rev. Bates stated.

The requirement of Christianity kept out the Jew and the speaker claimed, he said, that the members of the Klan had the same right to believe and be proud in the Christian faith as presented by the Protestant church as that of the Jew in his faith or the Roman Catholic in his and that each man should have the free choice of his own heart in the choice of his religion but that there should be no reason why the white, Protestant, native born American should have to hide in the dark with his faith and belief because other interests had opposed them.

A great plea was made for the free public school by the speaker, who praised the Oregon educational law that was enacted at last fall's election and which required that every boy and girl in the state up to and including the eighth grade should be educated in the English language in the public schools of the state. Thru this means and this alone, the speaker stated, could the real teachings of the American ideals be made, that was impossible to be learned in a foreign method in this land of ours.

had been found only led to trouble. At the close of his address the minister paid a great tribute to the American flag and the cause that it represented and at the close of the address a large number of the audience came forward to shake hands with the speaker and express their appreciation of his remarks which had been free from any violent attacks on those who have opposed the Klan, the only touches of irony being in allusions to Governor Henry Allen of Kansas of industrial court fame and Governor Parker of "Louisiana."

INSPECTING PROPERTY

From Friday's Daily. Mr. F. H. Brooks, general manager of the Continental Gas & Electric company, and Mr. McCan of the Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation, of Boston, were in Plattsmouth for a short time today visiting with C. J. Theelen, district manager of the Nebraska Gas & Electric Co., while on a tour of inspection of the various property holdings of the company.

DELEGATION RETURNS FROM DE MOLAY MEETING

Ralph J. Haynie, Advisor of Local Chapter, Honored by New Association as Advisor.

From Thursday's Daily.

The members of Cass chapter, Order of DeMolay, who were in attendance at the state conference at Hastings yesterday, returned home at an early hour this morning and after having had a most interesting time at the sessions of the conference that represented each of the thirty-three chapters of the state.

The Plattsmouth delegation was the largest from any chapter outside of the Hastings chapter and the splendid work of the local chapter and its advisor, Ralph J. Haynie, was recognized by the meeting and the local members were well pleased at the splendid representation at the state gathering.

The Nebraska State association of DeMolay was formed at the meeting and as the representatives from this district on the state executive committee, William F. Mutschull was named as the chapter representative and Mr. Haynie as the advisor representative. The district in which this chapter is located will be known as the second district and will be composed of Cass, Otoe, Nemaha, Richardson, Johnson and Pawnee counties and which will eliminate Lincoln from this district.

Mr. Haynie was also named as a deputy to the Nebraska representative at the grand chapter of the order to be held at Kansas City.

The naming of Mr. Haynie, who has been one of the real workers in developing the Order of DeMolay in this city, will mean he will have to travel over the district considerably and keep in close personal touch with the various chapters and their work and this will mean that he will have one of the widest personal acquaintances in the district as the new chapters are forming rapidly under his careful management.

The organization should be even more successful than in the past.

CASS COUNTY YOUNG LADY IS MARRIED

Miss Opal Cook of Alvo United in Marriage to Mr. Harold Jungbluth of Schuyler, Neb.

From Friday's Daily.

One of the well known and popular young ladies of the Alvo locality was married in Council Bluffs, Iowa, on Wednesday, August 22, Miss Opal Cook being united in marriage in that city to Mr. Harold Jungbluth of Schuyler, Nebraska.

The wedding was a very quiet one, the bridal party being accompanied by the parents of the contracting parties, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Cook of Alvo and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jungbluth accompanying them to the Iowa city.

WILL COMBAT GANGS OF THE STORE BANDITS

COUNTY VIGILANCE COMMITTEE TO BE ORGANIZED IN EACH TOWN OVER COUNTY

MEETING HELD AT ELMWOOD

Organization It is Hoped will be Able to Cope with Situation in the Winter Months.

From Thursday's Daily.

A real definite and aggressive movement toward the checking of the crime wave that is frequently indicated in the robbery of stores in the small towns was started yesterday at Elmwood when representatives from all sections of the county met to discuss means of bringing to a stop the lawless depredations that have occurred in the last few years in the small towns of Nebraska, and especially in this vicinity which is not far from Omaha and Lincoln, where gangs of robbers and want to establish headquarters and go about pillaging the surrounding country.

The formation of a general county vigilance committee was the chief object of the meeting and in line with the plan of the state law enforcement department for a statewide net work of committees that will make the road of the robber and law breaker a hard one to travel and one that will, it is hoped, effectively check the robbing of the small town stores over the state.

State Sheriff Tom Carroll of Lincoln was in attendance at the meeting as was also County Judge Allen J. Beeson and County Attorney A. G. Cole and Messrs. Carroll and Cole made the chief speeches of the occasion in urging a general movement to stamp out the spirit of lawlessness.

The meeting was very representative of all parts of the county and was presided over by B. L. Clements while J. A. Cagwell acted as secretary of the assembly.

It was the sense of the meeting that each town should have a committee appointed who would in turn organize and develop a force of men especially qualified for police work and in case of a robbery there would be a general alarm given, each community aroused and the organized members of the committee and their aides get out and assist in rounding up the escaping criminals if they should come through their locality.

By establishing connection promptly with the different committees, a network of guards could be thrown up that would make it hard for bandits to break through or slip by, and as soon as they became cognizant of the added hazard they would transfer their activities to less risky fields.

Another meeting will be held a week from today at 7 p. m. at Elmwood and the final line up of the various committees decided upon and those named who will co-operate in ridding Cass county of the menace that has been cast by the small town store robbers as well as other lines of criminals.

SON BORN TO THEM

Word has been received here of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kuykendall, of York, Nebraska, who were former residents here for some five years while Mr. Kuykendall was manager of the Nebraska Gas and Electric company. This is the Kuykendall's third child, the other two being girls.

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MARRIED IN WEST

The Berthoud (Colo.) Bulletin of August 10th has the following account of the marriage of a member of one of the well known Cass county families, the bride being a niece of Mrs. W. D. Smith and Mrs. M. E. Manspeaker of this city, and a granddaughter of Mrs. Joseph Sans, of Murray.

"Miss Hazel Sans and F. W. Bristol were married in Denver Saturday, July 28.

"Miss Sans is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Sans and spent practically all her life in Berthoud. She is a graduate of Berthoud High school, class of 1919, and also is a graduate of Barnes commercial college of Denver.

"Mr. Bristol is a graduate of the Fort Collins high school and also of Barnes commercial college. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bristol of Fort Collins.

"Their wide circle of friends wish for them prosperity and many years of happiness.

"They will reside in Denver, where Mr. Bristol has employment with the Union Pacific railway."

PURCHASES NEW HOME HERE

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday the Messrs. John L. Tidball, father and son, owners of the former Paul H. Roberts Lumber Co., were here from Holdrege, Nebraska, where they have been making their home and completed the deal that will give them one of the most attractive pieces of residence property in the city for a home. This is the C. G. Fricke home on North Ninth street, one of the most pleasantly arranged and situated homes in the north side and one that the Tidball family will find most delightful and pleasant. Mr. Tidball, Sr., has been the owner of one of the finest homes in Holdrege and will dispose of that before moving here while the younger Mr. Tidball will move as soon as possible to this city where their interests are now located. This is a splendid addition to the city and the families will find important factors in the business and social life of the community.

TRUCK DAMAGES AUTO IN HEADON COLLISION HERE

Parties Have Wreck on Third Street and Car is Badly Shattered Up As Result of Accident.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon a very serious auto wreck occurred on South Third street and as the result of which the car of a Mr. Hopkins was badly damaged when a truck driven by Ira Hagararty crashed into it.

Mr. Hopkins, so the details of the accident go, as he related them, was coming north and Mr. Hagararty, who resides at the Burlington House, was coming south with a loaded truck from Omaha and as Mr. Hopkins claims was on the wrong side of the street and as the result the two vehicles met head-on and the car received the worst of the meeting. Mr. Hopkins claims he was on the east or right hand side of the roadway and that the truck was also on that side of the street when it should have followed on the west side of the highway.

The situation where the wreck occurred was looked over by Chief of Police Jones and the parties notified to take the matter up with County Attorney A. G. Cole to get it straightened out and to establish definitely the responsibility for the accident.

ENJOY VERY PLEASANT FAMILY REUNION

Daughters of Robert L. Propst will Hold Reunion Today at Home of Mrs. Test in S. Dak.

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday the daughters of Mr. R. L. Propst from all sections of the country were at the home of Mrs. Joseph Sindelar in Omaha and with their cars started for Mitchell, S. Dak., the home of the eldest daughter of Mr. Propst, Mrs. A. F. Test. The members of the party going to Dakota were Mrs. Joe Sindelar, of Omaha; Miss Mayola D. Propst, of Havana, Cuba; Mrs. Elmer Hall, and two children, Corrine and Robert, of Avoca; Mrs. Edward Wilcox and daughter, Marilyn, of this city, and Roberta J. Propst, of Lake Worth, Florida.

Mr. Propst is planning a surprise on his daughters as he expects to leave for Mitchell Saturday night and will make the trip by auto, being accompanied by Ed Wilcox, and the two gentlemen expect to reach Mitchell in time to enjoy breakfast with the ladies Sunday.

ENTERTAINED AT DINNER

From Thursday's Daily.

Miss Olive Gass returned from Omaha last evening, where she was a guest of honor at a luncheon given by a former high school pupil, Mrs. S. Tyler.

Those present were schoolmates of Mrs. Tyler during the time Miss Gass was principal of the high school here. A pleasant feature of the afternoon was a handkerchief shower for Miss Gass. Those contributing to this shower were Mrs. Rosanna Harvey-Goodman, Miss Alice Davis, Miss Violet Dodge, Miss Mary Jackson, Mrs. Jessie Lane-Simons, Mrs. Julia Owens-Lane, Mrs. Gertrude Fassbender-Watherston, Mrs. Margaret Renne-McPherson, Mrs. Viva Barton-Cross, Mrs. Katherine Larson-Tyler, and the hostess Mrs. Eva Harvey-Tyler.

Class colors and commencement programs were in evidence. The first reunion after many years of separation was equally enjoyed by teacher and pupils.

The afternoon was brought to a close by the serving of delicious refreshments by the hostess.

FOR SALE

Two Shetland ponies and one span of black mares, ages five and six years. Call phone 3102. a14-4tv

BROADCASTS LARGE AMOUNT OF BAD PAPER

WOULD BE FOUNDER OF BROADCASTING STATION HERE IS BAD CHECK ARTIST.

\$700 IN WORTHLESS CHECKS

Also Deposits Check in Local Bank Which is Pronounced a Forgery by Omaha Party.

From Friday's Daily.

A few days ago a stranger arrived in Plattsmouth full of enthusiasm over the proposition of establishing a radio broadcasting station here that would rival that of ETAO and was even ready to give the proposed station a handle, it being projected to call the station WGH. The stranger visited a number of places where radio supplies are handled and talked the proposition up and even had visited the Plattsmouth Battery company plant to look over a location for the proposed plant.

But the stranger had not unmasked his real qualities as a successful salesman and check artist and at which he made the broadcasting proposition look like a German mark as far as financial success was concerned as his fluent pen has evidently brought him in many iron dollars from various unsuspecting people.

The gentleman who gave the name of Frank Oliver called at the Plattsmouth State bank and deposited therein \$50 in real U. S. money and started an account with that institution and explained the possibilities of his proposed broadcasting station and the amount of business that it could do as well as the advantages to the city and with a flourish handed out his cards bearing the legend, "Radio Broadcasting Co., Corporation, Frank Oliver, manager, George Snythe, president," and after some conversation departed. There was nothing thought out of the ordinary in the transaction and a few days later Mr. Oliver appeared and deposited \$700 in checks at the bank and among the checks was one for \$130 drawn on R. M. Schlaes of Omaha, a former resident of this city and well known here. The stranger then drew a check for \$70 on his funds and this is where the bank loses \$20 on the deal. Later the checks were sent to Omaha in the routine of banking exchange and came back, no good, the Schlaes check being pronounced a forgery, it is stated.

This was just the first of the deceptions as the checks have come fast and furious since that time and at the lowest figure there are some \$700 of the worthless paper on hand at the bank that has come in from Omaha and various other localities.

A representative of one of the large national detective agencies was here yesterday to look over the situation and if possible get a line on Mr. Oliver and to stop his check writing activities as he gathered all the loose change in the country up and made good his escape. If the Schlaes check is really a forgery and the crime is fixed on Oliver he will have a real long stay at the "big house" waiting him.

The man is described as being about 5 feet 6 inches in height, weighs 140 pounds and is of a sandy complexion.

TURNING OUT WORK FOR OMAHA LAUNDRIES

From Thursday's Daily.

The Plattsmouth Steam Laundry has received an additional amount of work this week due to the fact that they are handling a line of laundry work for one of the large Omaha laundries that has been closed down on account of the lack of the proper water supply to carry on their washings. The towel and apron supply lines of the Omaha concern have been sent here for washing and Mr. Harris has aided them by turning out the work in quick order that the supply might be delivered on time in Omaha.

The laundry is brought to this city by auto truck and returned the same way, with the least amount of inconvenience possible to all concerned, and is only one of the many phases of hardship that the water supply famine has brought upon the business houses and citizens of the metropolis.

FINE LITTLE DAUGHTER

From Thursday's Daily.

This morning the stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Jean and left in their care a fine little seven and a half pound daughter, who is the finest little lady in the land if the admiring relatives are the judges. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the little babe is the object of the greatest admiration from the little sisters and brothers.

A VERY DISTRESSING ACCIDENT

From Friday's Daily.

On Wednesday afternoon Floyd Oehlerking, 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Oehlerking, happened with a very serious accident while at work on the Gonzales farm for George Swartz, the team he was driving ran away. The boy was thrown into the barbed wire fence and the right arm badly cut and lacerated. It was necessary to take a number of stitches to close the wounds and to place a drainage tube in one of the deeper cuts. It was indeed a narrow escape and Floyd will be laid up for some time. However, he is fortunate that no bones were broken or that no vital spots were cut for from the nature of the accident it is a wonder that he was not killed.

The team was hitched to a hay rake and ran into a fence tearing through and Floyd was dragged some distance through the barbed wire. He showed a lot of grit and stayed with the team trying to turn them into a hedge to stop them.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

ANNOUNCES DESIRE TO AGAIN BE CONGRESSMAN

R. H. Thorpe Anxious to Again Serve the People of First District After Taste of Legislating.

From Friday's Daily.

The announcement comes from Table Rock that R. H. Thorpe of Lincoln, who was for a few months the occupant of the congressional shoes vacated by C. Frank Reavis, is to again shy his chaparral into the ring at the primary election in 1924 and would seek to lead the republican hosts in the district.

Mr. Thorpe feels that as he was able to get away with the short term at the 1922 election that there is a call, clear and distinct, for his entrance into the race next year and as he was not compelled to pass on any very vital questions in the late but not lamented congress that the voters will rally to his standard.

There are a number of other candidates frequently mentioned among the Cass county republican leaders and among these are Earl M. Cline, formerly of Nebraska City and now of Lincoln, whose friends will probably seek to have him make his entrance into the race.

However, after the people of the district have the services of an able and clear headed business man such as John H. Morehead for two years they are not very likely to listen to the empty promises from the stump that would be impossible of fulfillment.

ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday, Mrs. J. S. Livingston and Miss Dora Fricke were hostesses at a very charming 10:30 bridge breakfast at the handsome Fricke home on North Sixth street and which was enjoyed by a number of friends. The rooms were arranged with decorations of the late summer flowers which enhanced the beauty of the scene and here the ladies spent the time in the fascinating of the bridge game. Mrs. J. A. Donelan was awarded the first prize and Mrs. William J. Streight the second prize while Miss Mable White was awarded the consolation prize.

WELL KNOWN MURRAY PEOPLE WEDDED AT BERKLEY, CALIF.

Mr. Kingley Lee Kniss and Miss Neva Latta are Married at Berkley, California, August 4.

From Saturday's Daily.

The announcement has been received by the friends of the contracting parties of the marriage on Saturday, August 4, at Berkley, California, of Miss Neva Latta and Mr. Kingley Lee Kniss, both well known and popular young people of the Murray locality. The parties have been visiting with relatives on the coast for a short time and their marriage so soon was quite a surprise to the host of warm friends in this section although it had been expected to occur in the near future.

Mrs. Kniss was for a number of years one of the leaders in the social and religious work of Murray and her wonderful musical ability was marked and she has frequently taken part in the musical entertainments there and was also very active in the work of the Presbyterian church both as a teacher in the Sunday school and a musical director. Of late years she has taught in the public schools in Auburn and Emerson, Nebraska.

The room is at the present time engaged as one of the carriers of the mail route out of Murray, and like his estimable wife, has been very active in the community life, being an officer of the community club and as well a leader in the Christian church of Murray and a gentleman of the most genial character and one who has a host of warm friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Kniss are expected to make their future home in Murray and which will be most pleasing to their host of friends.

DR. BUCKNER GOES TO SOUTH DAKOTA

Accepts a Call to Congregational Church, but is Not Abandoning Fight in M. E. Church

From Friday's Daily.

Aurora, Neb., Aug. 23.—J. D. M. Buckner of this city is packing his household goods and will remove to Chamberland, S. D., where he has accepted the pastorate of the First Congregational church.

Mr. Buckner was given a great reception at the Methodist church here Tuesday evening, many declaring it was the largest and happiest reception ever given in Aurora.

The Congregational church to which Dr. Buckner has been called, was recently the pastorate of his son, Arthur Buckner, and in letters to Dr. Buckner, prominent members of the church have expressed the view that they desire the progressive kind of Christianity preached in their church.

Dr. Buckner is a progressive and he does not by his act intend to abandon his fight in the Methodist church to make that church a progressive church. He still retains his membership in the Nebraska conference of Methodist preachers and should opportunity come to him he will again resume his pastorate as a Methodist preacher.

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