

KU KLUX EXPOSURE IS TALK OF TOWN

Signs of Optimism Seen as Move to Assist Wheat Farmers Gains Strength

National Grain and Flour Buying Campaign Plan Is Restoring Confidence—Recently Enacted Legislation Boon to Marketing—Decline in Shipments Indicates Raisers Withholding Product From Markets Over Country.

Purchasing Power of Nation Weakened by Loss "Say it with flour."

"Buy a thousand wheat." The pessimism that has surrounded the wheat belt like a cloud is fading before those slogans, the emblem of a movement to restore the price of bread grain to a level sufficient to save the farmer from loss.

The farmer is learning that some body cares. The campaign started in Omaha to stimulate the buying of wheat and flour has already seen a slight sympathetic rise in the price of wheat. Those who are backing the movement fear that by widening the present demand through a popular buying campaign confidence will be restored in the market.

Plan Is Spreading. Under the direction of John L. Kennedy the Omaha plan for helping the farmer is being spread to all other grain centers. In a market letter sent out from Chicago by G. E. Saunders of the Armour Grain company, it is stated that should this movement "openly or tactically receive official approval, or recognition by federal and state agricultural departments, it could easily turn defeat for the farmer into scintillating victory."

The interest and attention given by men of affairs, engaged in business of all kinds, to the possible effect of low wheat prices on their own business, he believes should be reassuring to the farmers.

A St. Louis grain company declares that the probability of a reduced acreage will have a tendency to stabilize prices. It reports also that farmers are not only binning their wheat and holding it from the market, but that they will feed considerable of it to livestock at present prices, all of which is expected to help the price.

Large Stocks Condemned. Talk of large wheat stocks is condemned by Eugene Meyer, jr., managing director of the War Finance corporation.

Stocks in Europe are reduced to a minimum and if there are to be stocks they have to be carried in the producing countries, Mr. Meyer declared in a late bulletin. He expressed the opinion that stocks in excess of the prewar normal carried in the United States and other producing countries probably are not greater than the deficiency in the stocks carried in consuming countries.

Mr. Meyer apparently took issue with the report of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace's committee of economists, but conceded that it may be more profitable for the farmer to plant other crops than to produce wheat for export until production of wheat is balanced with the American requirements as the cost of production here is comparatively high. Mr. Meyer continued:

"The figures for the world stock of wheat in proportion to the world's annual production and consumption are not, in my opinion, dangerous. But no one is in a position to guess the wheat market. I believe that some of the people who, with good intentions, are trying to help the wheat producers are lending power to the propaganda for depressing prices, I think they are discouraging buyers, frightening producers, and encouraging bear speculators."

Laws Aid Marketing. "With the improvement in the general banking situation and the ample resources made available by the legislation enacted by the congress in March of this year, there can be no question concerning the availability of adequate financing for orderly marketing of the wheat crop, as well as all other agricultural products."

Always there are farmers, some of them tenants and others heavily in debt, who have to ship wheat as soon as it is threshed in order to obtain

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Chicago in Grip of Hot Wave; One Dead, Scores Overcome. Chicago, July 22.—There was one death and a score of prostrations from heat in Chicago Saturday. The temperature reached 90.

There is no indication of a break in the heat wave for several days, the weather bureau announced tonight.

Thomas Brakeman, 60, dropped dead while working on the street. The heat wave extended throughout the midwest and east to the Atlantic. At New York the temperature was 84, while at Philadelphia it reached 100 degrees. Springfield, Ill., reported 95; Peoria, Ill., 98, and Detroit, 92.

Man Sold Mortgaged Auto, Is Claimed Is Bound Over. Lincoln, July 22.—J. W. Wiederspahn of Chicago, formerly of Lincoln, was bound over to the district court on the charge of disposing of mortgaged property. He was brought from Chicago today by a constable on a complaint filed nearly two years ago, since which time local authorities were unable to locate him. It is charged he mortgaged an automobile to a sales company and later sold the car without securing the consent of the mortgagee. The man to whom he made the sale lost his car and filed the complaint. Wiederspahn was released on bond.

August issue of Vanity Fair. On sale today.—Adv.

American Surgeon to Operate on Prince



Dr. Carl Muncie

Dr. Curtis H. Muncie, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been summoned by King Alfonso of Spain to perform an operation on Don Jaime, second son of the Spanish monarchs. The little prince suffers from congenital deafness, with consequent dumbness.

Harding Urged to Call Dirt Farmer Conference Soon

Nonpartisan Parley of Actual Producers to Talk Over Agricultural Problems in Making.

Washington, July 22.—A nonpartisan conference of real "dirt farmers" called by President Harding to meet in Washington, is the plan now being proposed by republican leaders to meet the acute situation in the agricultural states of the west.

This was learned today from high officials who have had the proposition under discussion since the Magnus Johnson victory in Minnesota last Monday.

The conference suggestion will be taken up with President Harding on his return to the states from Alaska, probably by Attorney General Daugherty, who is going to the coast to meet the presidential party. Sponsors of the proposal plan to go over it with Mr. Daugherty Monday, when he comes to Washington to testify in the Morse trial.

To Bar Agitators. As outlined, the scheme is to have the president call about 500 horny-handed sons of the soil, men who actually till the land, not agitators, lobbyists or heads of farm organizations, to the capital. The list of delegates would be made up by the president himself, in consultation with the proper parties in each state. Great care would be exercised to see that the list was both representative and nonpartisan. Democrats and farmer-labor party members, as well as republicans, from every farming community would be invited to participate.

The date of the conference would be fixed as soon as possible after the (Turn to Page Two, Column Four.)

Bryan Absent From Lincoln; Boom Excites His Interest

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, July 22.—Governor Bryan has left Lincoln for an unknown destination. His secretary said the governor would not be in the city for a few days.

The recent agitation raised to put Governor Bryan on the national ticket as candidate for vice president in order to keep his brother, William Jennings Bryan, in line behind the national ticket is known to have aroused the interest of the governor.

He has talked with numerous friends relative to the proposition and asserted the plan had gathered greater headway than he anticipated.

Indian, Fearing Arrest, Kills Deputy Sheriff

By International News Service. Three Falls, Okla., July 22.—Deputy Sheriff Hooley Miller was shot and killed here late today and John Middleton, another deputy, probably fatally wounded as a result of what officers believe to have been fear of arrest on the part of an Indian who died the shooting.

Chief Jackson Burns, the Indian, gave himself up and is being held in jail at New Kirk, county seat of Kay county.

The two deputies had entered a restaurant where the Indian was. Upon seeing them, Burns is said to have drawn a pistol and emptied it.

Fair Plan Abandoned.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., July 22.—Plans for a fair festival in Beatrice, which was to have been held the latter part of August, have been abandoned by the committee in charge because of lack of funds to finance the affair.

Postmaster Hurt in Fall.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Harvard, Neb., July 22.—Postmaster G. A. Herzog was painfully bruised yesterday in a fall from a transom of a postoffice door which he was endeavoring to open. He will be laid up several days.

Man Who Made Omaha Meat Packing Comes From Italy to Wed American

Established Meat Industry Here Loaned Capital to F. Smith—Story of His Success Most Known in New England.

Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Portland, Me., July 22.—Until the sensational expose became public today, few people in New England realized that the Benjamin F. Smith, who died here recently, leaving an estate of nearly \$65,000,000, was the same man who years ago loaned the money that helped build the city of Omaha, became a prominent banker and forced Armour & Co. to pay nearly \$1,000,000 for the South Omaha stockyards.

The story of the Smith family and the rise of the Smith fortune is, in the opinion of those who know it, the most romantic in all New England history. It is doubtful if it can be matched anywhere outside, perhaps, the famous Rothschild family.

After an eventful career which made history in New England, Smith looked around for new fields to conquer. Smith and his brother headed much about the west, particularly about a small town called Omaha.

Brother Sent Here. So the brothers decided to send of their number Francis Smith to Omaha to start a small banking house. Francis was given nearly all of the capital the Smith brothers had accumulated. He built a little one-story building in what is now the center of Omaha. Deposits for the bank were not very easily obtained, but nevertheless the Smith brothers had

capital enough to make quite a few profitable loans. On all money loaned by the Smith brothers the rate was 5 per cent a month, and most of the loans were in amounts of \$100 and \$200. Most of the loans were made without security. The land had practically no value, selling at about 75 cents an acre. Many times the Smith brothers were obliged to take watches, rings, jewelry and fur coats as security. They had one rival in Omaha, Augustus Kountze, who founded the famous New York banking house later.

Smith brothers put \$20,000 into a project which planned the building of great stockyards in South Omaha. Afterwards they increased the investment to \$40,000. This \$40,000 afterwards grew to \$40,000,000.

However, success was very slow in coming. The packers were not especially enthusiastic and the brothers could get only a few of the smaller ones to locate in South Omaha. Among them, however, was Thomas J. Lipton, just starting in business. He remained only a short time and sold out his interests.

Roads Oppose Project. The railroads, too, were very hostile to the South Omaha project. They wanted the longer haul for the cattle to Chicago and consequently more money for them. The Smiths were (Turn to Page Two, Column Six.)

William Baird, a Leading Omaha Attorney, Dies

Recognized as Authority in Real Estate Law and Held in High Esteem for His Integrity.

William Baird, for 29 years a leading Omaha attorney, died early today morning at his home, 3321 Cuming street.

Mr. Baird suffered a severe attack of the influenza and never fully recovered from its effects. He had grown gradually weaker in the last several months although he continued to visit his office until very recently.

While recognized as an authority in real estate and probate law, Mr. Baird's principal reputation in Omaha rested upon his recognized integrity. Few men enjoyed the respect of fellow attorneys and laymen as he did.

Born on a farm near Carthage, Ill., July 19, 1848, Mr. Baird was 75 years old last Thursday. He attended the country school and later the public schools at Carthage. He then went to Monmouth college, working his way through the four years course and being graduated in 1872. Immediately thereafter he was married and a year later he began the practice of law in Carthage.

Came to Omaha in 1887. In 1887 Mr. and Mrs. Baird came to Omaha. Mr. Baird formed a law partnership with L. D. Holmes and John C. Wharton. Later the firm became Wharton & Baird, continuing until 1905, when Mr. Baird withdrew in order to establish a law partnership with his sons, E. A. and C. J. Baird, which continued until his death.

Mr. Baird was actively interested in church and religious affairs throughout his life. He was a member of the Central United Presbyterian church during his entire residence in Omaha and for many years taught a Bible class there. He was a keen student of biblical text and history, the author of several articles on the interpretation of the Bible, particularly the Revelation. For years he was a member of the governing board of Monmouth college, Illinois, a United Presbyterian church.

Funeral Tuesday afternoon. Surviving relatives are his wife, his sons, C. J. and E. A. Baird, his daughter, Mrs. P. H. Patton, all of Omaha; a brother, Robert Baird of Carthage, Ill., and a half-brother, Charles Hyland of Marysville, Mo.

Funeral services will be held at the home, 3321 Cuming street, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Burial will be at Forest Lawn cemetery. The Rev. Hugh Speer of Erie, Pa., former pastor of the Central United Presbyterian church, will conduct the services, assisted by the Rev. Paul Calhoun, present pastor of the church.

Teacher Hurt in Runaway on Farm of His Parents

Thomas Rock, Neb., July 22.—Prof. Thomas D. Howe, University of Wisconsin, received a broken thumb and hand yesterday morning by a hay rake, pulled by a runaway team that became frightened when a tug broke. The accident occurred on the farm of his parents, five miles north of here, where he is spending his vacation.

Causes Bank to Close

Henryetta, Okla., July 22.—The First National bank of this city closed Saturday with an announcement by the directors that "too much slow paper" had made the step necessary. The bank is in the hands of a national examiner. It was capitalized at \$50,000 and had deposits of approximately \$1,200,000. It is the oldest bank in the city, having been organized in 1901.

Doctor Freed of Murder

San Diego, Cal., July 22.—Freed of the charge of murdering Fritz Leo Mann, interpreter of Oriental dances, by the jury that heard his second trial, Capt. Louis L. Jacobs, Camp Kearney, army physician, tonight was uncertain as to his future plans. The jury was out 24 hours but members said the result was never in doubt.

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Salt Lake City, July 22.—Arguments on the defense motion to quash the charge of first degree murder against Marriner A. and John M. Ewing, Jr., in connection with the slaying of the latter's brother-in-law, Benjamin E. Ballantyne, were set to be heard in the district court next Monday by Judge L. G. Iverson. The case was continued by stipulation of counsel for both sides because of the absence from the city of District Attorney Rogers.

Comes From Italy to Wed American



Miss Renata Bonini

Miss Renata Bonini has arrived in New York on her way to San Francisco, where she is to marry Alfred Rossi, whom she met when both were visiting in Geneva, Switzerland.

Harding Winds Up Visit to Alaska; Sitka Last Stop

President and Party Close Three Weeks' Stay in Wonderland of North—Due at Vancouver Thursday.

By Universal Service. Sitka, Alaska, July 22.—Just three Sundays ago the president made his first landing on Alaskan soil when the United States transport Henderson stopped at Metlakatla on the journey north. Today the final stop in Alaska was made here, which was the first capital of the territory, and the ceremony marked the farewell of the president and his party to the wonderland of the north.

The Henderson reached Sitka before daylight and lay off shore until 9 this morning when the landing was made. The shallow water in the harbor made it impossible for the Henderson to tie up to the wharf and boats had to be taken to the pier, the president being in the first boat. He was met by a committee headed by the mayor and escorted to the parade ground where a brief address was made.

Reception Held. Gifts from the Thlinget tribe of Indians were made, after which a reception was held in which the president shook hands with the survivors who witnessed the ceremony of taking over the territory by the Americans from the Russians.

Visits were also made to the Mission school, founded by Sheldon Jackson, a pioneer mission worker, and to the old Russian cathedral, which houses some very famous paintings which even the millions of Pierpont Morgan have been unable to buy. Morgan made repeated efforts in the past few years to purchase these but the church authorities hold them as sacred relics and refuse to part with them.

Gifts Presented. Among the gifts to the president was a basket of strawberries produced at the government experimental station, each berry being two inches in diameter.

Mrs. Harding was given a gold bracelet, engraved with a whale killer, the presentation being made by the Thlinget chief in full regalia.

The Henderson left at 8 tonight under orders to proceed leisurely down the coast, in order not to reach Vancouver before the 26. Out of consideration for Mrs. Harding and to prevent the possibility of her becoming seasick, the vessel will go through the inside passage through Queen Charlotte sound, where the water is less choppy than the outside course.

Mrs. Blizzard Says Husband Not on Mine Battle Front

Lewisburg, W. Va., July 22.—Mrs. William Blizzard, dressed in sombre black, preceded her husband on the witness stand Saturday and told a clear and unemotional story of the activities of "Blizzard" during the armed march of miners in 1921 when, the state contends, he was the outstanding figure in urging the "army" to further onslaught on Logan and Mingo counties. The necessary to murder charge which Blizzard now faces springs from that march.

On the morning of August 26, one of the times when the prosecution sought to show Blizzard was at the "battle front," his wife testified he was at home. However, he left that morning, she said, and went to his district office in Charleston, adding that he did not return home that night.

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Nickerson Denies He Is Klan Member and Asked Its Aid to Get U.S. Office

Gave No Serious Thought to Offer of King Kleagle Maxey to Use His Influence for Appointment to Marshalship, Assistant to Federal Enforcement Director Declares After Article Reveals Wire-Pulling.

Politicians Discuss Disclosure at Their Gabfest

J. B. Nickerson, assistant to Prohibition Director U. S. Rohrer, denied yesterday that he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan or that he had sought support from that organization when he was a candidate for the marshals position. Maxey is charged in an article which appeared in the current issue of Hearst's International magazine.

Norman Haggood, a special writer, in an article which appeared in the magazine, charged that the Ku Klux Klan of Nebraska sought to get Nickerson appointed as marshal and attempted to prevent J. C. Kinsler from becoming district attorney.

F. E. Maxey, who was King Kleagle of the Nebraska realm, is the man who, Haggood charges, corresponded with leaders of the Klan at the national headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., and with Klan representatives in Washington in an attempt to get Nickerson appointed to the job.

Didn't Heed Maxey. "I met Maxey through a friend of mine," said Nickerson yesterday. "It was in the heat of my campaign for the marshals position. Maxey is marked to me; I believe I can help you with a telegram. I didn't pay much attention to what he said."

"He called on me a couple of times. I didn't want to injure his feelings because a man seeking an appointment can't afford to injure anyone's feelings. I didn't take him very seriously, but dismissed the matter from my mind, for I knew that all my friends were working hard for me, and I was doing everything that I could personally to get the position."

"I have been in the federal building for 18 years, having spent a large portion of the time in the marshals' office. I am a member of the United States marshal's office. I was capable of holding down the job and considered myself a logical candidate."

Has No Prejudices. "Those who know me through my connections with government positions and outside the federal building, I am positive, will vouch for this statement, that I hold no personal prejudices against any race, creed, religion or color."

Mr. Nickerson said that he never stood and is not now a member of the Ku Klux Klan. "I am not a member of the Klan of Nebraska or any other haven," said Mr. Nickerson. "I make this statement in face of the story printed in Hearst's International magazine which said I was a member of the Klan."

"Maxey, during his conversations with me several times, intimated that I should join the Klan, but I paid no attention to him."

J. C. Kinsler and Marshal Dennis Cronin, who won the appointment from Nickerson, were reticent in discussing the Haggood article.

Opposition Natural. "Everyone who seeks an important appointment meets opposition of all sorts," said District Attorney Kinsler. "I have tried to carry out the duties of this office to the best of my ability. I seek no favor. I have no fear. I am district attorney, and as district attorney, I will be true to my trust."

Marshal Cronin said: "It appears the Klan didn't try to do me much good. I haven't given them much thought. The story in the magazine was a complete surprise to me."

Ku Klux Klan's activities in Omaha and Nebraska politics was the (Turn to Page Two, Column Five.)

Klansmen Paraders Defy Anti-Mask Order

By Associated Press. Topeka, Kan., July 22.—Hundreds of white robed knights of the Ku Klux Klan in full regalia, masked and carrying fiery crosses, began a four-mile parade on Kansas avenue, the main street through this city, and North Topeka, promptly at 9:30 last night.

The Klansmen wore masks despite an order issued by Attorney General C. B. Griffith late this afternoon, that Sheriff Robert Miller and Mayor Earl Akers prevent them from so doing. The city's police force was busy keeping the marchers back to leave room for the parade, and no attempt was made to stop the parade.

On a long banner carried by a score or more marchers was the slogan "Three million of us in the United States; 100,000 in Kansas; 6,000 in Shawnee county."

Man Kidnaped 37 Years Ago Locates Family in Ogden

Cheyenne, Wyo., July 22.—Kidnaped from his home in Laramie, Wyo., 37 years ago, when he was 2 years old and his baby ways had won the heart of a childless woman, Fred Morgan has located his family in Ogden, Utah, finally has located his family in this city and has learned the truth regarding his parentage, it was made known here tonight. He is a brother of three Cheyenne residents.

His mother, Mrs. Henry School, who never had despaired of finding her lost child, died here about two years ago.

An item in a detective magazine was responsible for the Ogden man establishing communication with his Cheyenne relatives.

Missouri Pacific Railway Announces Wage Increase

By Associated Press. St. Louis, July 22.—The Missouri Pacific railroad today announced increases in pay to its shop employees, numbering about 9,000 men, to take effect from last Monday, July 16. The increase is 2 cents an hour for the skilled craftsmen and 1 cent an hour for apprentices and helpers.

The increase, according to an estimate given out by President Baldwin, will amount to \$320,000 a year.

Woman Abandons Baby in New Willard Hotel

By Universal Service. Washington, July 22.—Abandoned in the New Willard, one of the fashionable hotels of the national capital, a beautiful 3-month-old boy last night is in the keeping of the board of children's guardians, awaiting adoption.

The police have been working all day in an effort to establish the identity of the woman, supposedly the mother, who left the infant in a room Friday night only a few minutes after she had registered.

Gasoline War Looms

Denver, July 22.—A gasoline war loomed in Denver today when prices were cut from two to four cents a gallon, gasoline being sold all the way from 21 down to 17 cents a gallon. While the Continental Mutual and several other large distributors have reduced the price to a standard of 18 cents a gallon, independents were selling gas at 17 cents.

The Weather

Highest, 93; lowest, 75; mean, 84; normal, 77. Total excess since January 1, 244. Relative Humidity, Percentage. Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths. Total, 6. Total since January 1, 18.44; deficiency, 12.

Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 72 10 a. m. 78 1 p. m. 84 2 p. m. 88 3 p. m. 90 4 p. m. 91 5 p. m. 91 6 p. m. 90 7 p. m. 88 8 p. m. 85 9 p. m. 82 10 p. m. 79 11 p. m. 77 12 noon 75