

# LYNCHBURG VIRGINIAN.

Monday Morning, April 20, 1868.

**RURKA!—DISCOVERED AT LAST!—WHO THE K. K. K. ARE.—**We have it at last. Our patient study and investigation have been rewarded. The mystery is solved, and we have done it. For months it has been a matter of profound wonder, who and what the Ku Kluxes are? Their most singular, miraculous and supernatural proceedings have perplexed, astounded and bewildered the public mind, especially that that portion of it that is shrouded in darkness. No one has been able to fathom the mystery surrounding them; to comprehend their designs, or to understand their ways, which were past finding out. We gave to the subject much painful thought; we spent sleepless nights revolving the problem in our disturbed mind. We frequented the old Methodist graveyard in the dead of the night, to watch their movements and study their habits, sometimes extending our observations to the Presbyterian graveyard, and once even going out to the Quaker Meeting-house. At last we feel that our vigils and our meditations have been rewarded, and we are enabled this morning to relieve the public mind of its painful suspense and anxiety, by telling them who the Ku Kluxes are. Then reader, prepare to hear: They are nothing more nor less, we verily believe, than the ancient *Gorgons*, revived—those monstrous creatures which, far back in the distant ages, imparted so much terror to all whose ill fortune it was to come in contact with them. According to well-authenticated tradition these *Gorgons* or *Gorgones* were fearful creatures: Their hair was entwined with serpents; they had long wings of iron, their hands were of brass and sometimes bare skeletons; their bodies were covered with impenetrable scales; their teeth were as long as the tusks of a wild boar, and they had the power of turning to stone all upon whom they fixed their eyes. They could take their heads from their bodies and their eyes from their sockets, and replace them. They were sometimes ten feet high, and were generally draped in white. A blue light shone in the middle of their foreheads. Homer places the image of one of these creatures on the shield of Agamemnon, and when describing Hector eager for slaughter, says that he had "the eyes of Gorgo and of

of old iron, identified as the property of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, was found in his possession. The Mayor after giving the case a patient hearing, decided to send it on to Judge Spence's Court for trial. The accused was admitted to bail.

The cases of Donald and Clark were continued until to-day.

Thos. D. Bruce of Pittsylvania, charged with obtaining money from Messrs. Hamner & Bass under false pretenses, was also sent on to answer an indictment, and was discharged on bail.

**A CALL FOR A CONSERVATIVE STATE CONVENTION—CONSERVATIVE STATE COMMITTEE, RICHMOND, VA., April 17, 1868.**

By authority conferred upon us by the Conservative State Convention held on the 11th of December, 1867, a convention is hereby called to assemble in the city of Richmond at 12 o'clock M. on Thursday, May 7, 1868, to be composed of the superintendents of counties and cities, and the resident and consulting members of the State Committee, for the purpose of nominating candidates for State offices, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

By order of the Committee.

R. T. DANIEL, Chair'm.

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF VIRGINIA.**

This body finished its business Friday and adjourned, after electing the following officers for the year:

P. C. P. George R. Head, Grand Patriarch.

P. C. P. J. B. Blanks, M. E. Grand High Priest.

P. C. P. T. W. Roche, Grand Senior Warden.

P. C. P. W. J. Kiddick, Grand Scribe.

P. C. P. W. A. R. Ngo, Grand Treasurer.

P. C. P. P. G. Wheeler, Grand Junior Warden.

P. G. M. Jacob H. Robinson is the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

**MORE STEALING.**—On Friday night the kitchen of Mr. Chas. L. Mosby was entered and robbed of clothing valued at \$25, a fifty pound jar of lard, and other articles. No locks were forced or broken, and the doors were all left open by the thieves when they departed.

A few days ago Mrs. Hare had taken from a drawer in her room \$80 in money.

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when describing Hector eager for slaughter, says that he had "the eyes of Gorgo and of man-destroying Ares." The Gorgonian head was also on the ægis of Jupiter, and the hero of the Odessey fears to remain in Erebus, lest Proserpina should send out "the Gorgonian head of the dire monster," against him. Æschylus calls the Gorgons "winged, serpent-fleeced, hateful to man, whom no one can look upon and retain the breath of existence." The Gorgons and the Graia are always mentioned together; and it was while the latter were handing to each other their single eye that Perseus intercepted it; and having thus blinded the guards was enabled to come in on the Gorgons unperceived. They inhabited Libya and certain isles of the ocean.

But we cannot go into the minutiae concerning these remarkable beings. Classical and mythological scholars are familiar with them and their habits. But it is now needless to go back into the dim twilight of antiquity to study them; or to consult the misty lore of almost forgotten ages to understand them. *They have come to us!*—Bridging a chasm of thousands of years, they have swept through the countless cycles of time, adown the long vista of ages, and now live and move and have their being with us. They can be seen almost any dark night in lonely and secluded places. They seem to have a peculiar penchant for cemeteries and desolate spots, where ghosts, goblins and vampires most do congregate; but they too sometimes appear in the very hearts of populous cities.

It is a fearful thought that these Gorgons have been revived in our day and in our midst—that the beings who so harassed, imperiled and terrified the ancients—were so destructive of their peace of mind and even life itself, have been permitted to come on the stage of existence in this nineteenth century. We deplore it and shudder at the thought. It would be a horrible fate to provoke their ire and fall in their clutches. Let everybody endeavor to avoid that.—Be peaceable and quiet, stay at home, and do not tempt them by any imprudent actions, and probably you may escape the Gorgons *alias* the Ku Kluxes.

**THE ROW AT SALEM.**—We find in the Salem paper of Saturday some additional particulars of the disturbance at that place a few days since, of which we gave a brief account:

It appears that a freedman by the name of William Adams was passing along the street when a young man, William Miller, asked him a question at which Adams took

from a drawer in her room \$80 in money.

A country negro was robbed of his watch and chain at Liberty Warehouse Friday night by one of his brother Leaguers.

Stealing seems to be on the increase, and is practised to an extent we have never known equaled here.

**EXIT CONVENTION.**—The Lord be praised, the mongrel gathering at Richmond which called itself a Convention, has adjourned. A nightmare has been lifted from the bosom of oppressed old Virginia. She breathes freer. The Congos and the carpet-baggers have dispersed. The insufferable stonch which their presence at the capitol imparted is abated. Let all honest men and true Virginians now go to work to defeat the miserable and infamous abortion in the shape a "constitution" which is the result of their idiotic and devilish doings.

**COURT OF APPEALS—JUDGES JOYNES AND MONCURE PRESENT.**—The case of Williamson vs. Praxton, trustee, upon a writ of *supersedeas* to a judgment of the Circuit Court of Lynchburg, was further argued, Friday, and the decision reserved.

**DRY GOODS.**—The well-known house of Guggenheimer & Co. have received their spring stock of goods, which is large, desirable and cheap. They invite their friends and the public to give them a trial, with the assurance that they will give entire satisfaction both as to goods and prices.

**HOUSE FOR RENT.**—A desirable residence on Court street is offered for rent by Mr. J. M. Booker.

**SCOTTISH RITE.**—An Assembly of the Virginia Consistory is called to meet this (Monday) evening.

**A New Ecstasy.**—To Realize the most exquisite sensation of which one of the senses is capable, baptize your handkerchief with the Extract of "Night Blooming Cereus." The perfume has no equal in the world of nature or of art.—Pure as delightful: it produces no stain on the whitest fabric. Manufactured by

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[From the Richmond Dispatch.]

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE CONVENTION—GEN. SCHOFIELD'S SPEECH.**

FRIDAY, April 17, 1868.

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Clements, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by the chaplain.

The roll was called and a quorum found present.

The journal of Thursday was read and approved.

learned from him to communicate in the Convention this morning in accordance with the General Schofield was singing.

**KELSO ON THE "CA"**

Kelso, negro, got the floor of the Convention very anxious to make white men, but the negroes would do for him any seaport he could to be swerved from his King Schofield might men who were trying to get white men were votes. They were afraid they feared there, misadventure into which a negro would say to them, how to be a moth in their go where they went. for the negro, most of his friends would never have been at the Convention. If they had it would have been on the permission of some of them think the negro vote, but he is not fit to warn them that he on them.

Finally by a vote of the Convention refused to suspend and adjourned *sine die*.

The following are the scenes:

**THE ADJOURNMENT**

At a quarter of 12, M. that the Convention adjourned at the call of the Convention was carried, and the I cheers.

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liquor before, do not now drink it all; and it is entirely rational to sup- pose that sentiment favorable to a strong and sensible enforcement of prohibition laws is steadily increasing.

**THE NEW KU KLUX KLAN**

Officials of the revived Ku Klux Klan vigorously assert that none of the objectives of the order is properly amenable to adverse criticism—that instead of representing a force at all inimical to the welfare of society and the rule of law, it is fundamentally designed to promote the one and arrive for the maintenance of the other; that it stands for defence of stalwart Americanism as the con- trolling ideal of the citizen; that it insists upon the supremacy of the white race, but does not advocate the employment of any method in that behalf which is not entirely legitimate; that it is by no means sectional in its structure, its organization being of national scope and rapidly finding lodgment in the North as well as in the South. All of which carries fair and reasonable meaning when given only superficial thought. But when submitted to the test of analysis, the movement does not appear to merit commendation or approval. Upon the contrary it should be discouraged as inexpedient, unwise, untimely and clearly involving potentiality for unhappy and regrettable consequence.

The very assumption upon which the organization predicates and justifies its existence is fundamentally fallacious in itself, and contra the genius of free and competent govern- ment. For this is the idea—the gov- ernment stands in need of a national secret order or society in order to enable it to function efficiently. The notion is preposterous from more standpoints than one. The govern- ment, to be sure, vitally depends upon the support of a wise, informed and patriotic public opinion in order to render the highest and the best character of service, but in its very nature it can only commit the en- forcement of statutes, regulations and policies to its own duly chosen agencies, and should resist the efforts or plans of unofficial, unauthorized individuals or societies, to assume their motion, even a part of the responsibility involved. Most emphatically is this true when such unauthorized forces, secretly combine, and secretly set about their work.

Aside from these considerations, the thought at once occurs that this organization has adopted a most un- fortunate name—unfortunate, be- cause of the memories it recalls and the significance which it once carried.

O'Callaghan need only be referred to the conspicuous place his own evi- dence was given in yesterday's news- papers, and to the files of practically every daily journal in America which show to point of demonstration that tragedies occurring in Ireland are played up as constituting more than usually important intelligence. We rather suspect that the real cause of this Irish radical's protest is that American newspapers publish dis- patches concerning dastardly, coward- ly murders BY Irishmen as well as OF Irishmen. But all this aside, it is curious to observe how even intelligent Sinn Fein extremists are disposed to take out their wrath on the American press by charging that it is in large measure subsidized, debauched by British gold—sold out to John Bull under the promptings of disgusting venality. No attention is usually paid to such transparent nonsense — the silly tendency is, as a rule, generously attributed to over-heated tempera- ment and over-strained imagination on the part of over-zealous followers of the Sinn Fein cause. But when the Mayor of Cork—a man holding a high position in the council of the "Irish Republic" — says that Am- erican newspapers are controlled by Great Britain, he deserved to be char- acterized as the wilful, shameless slanderer that he is.

**Public Opinion**

**TENDING THE FIRE**

I do not think you ever laid a log Upon the fireplace within my sight But that I turned and watched you, noticing Your care that each brown log set just aright.  
 I do not think you ever came in quick And asked, "Is this room warm?" house-father wise, But that I glanced at you and saw the look Of care and kindness within your eyes.  
 I do not think that one such instant came, Of all the many in our daily tasks, But that our hearts kept watch and built it in, Yet smiling, "Do you love me?" still I ask!

NATALIE RICE CLARK.  
 In New York Times.

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 (Manilla Bulletin)

At a time when the best thought of the administration leaders in both the United States and Japan is being de- voted to bring about a permanent understanding and lay the founda- tions for amicable adjustment of those differences that may have arisen from the passage of the California land law, it is exceedingly unfortunate that a limited number of individuals should

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make a dead letter of the Volstead Act. We might even go so far as to say that what we, by no means, believe that half of the people of the United States do not approve that we should classify all of them as a class of law nullifiers is to do a thing too monstrously absurd to require a moment's consideration. If there is any tangible basis upon which a satisfactory judgment may be based upon this subject, it is supplied by popular referendums wherever they have been held, by the decisive action of ratifying legislatures, and by the fate of the men who voted for the Volstead Act. How many of the latter have been defeated because of this? The answer is none. Apparently Congress is in the same frame of mind with respect to the dry law that it was when the legislation was first passed. Surely this would not be the case if the people of the United States were at work in effort to kill the enforcement of that measure. In fact, we are aware of no condition, either present or future, that would present to give the slightest semblance of truth to the Senator's statement. Upon the contrary, the votes of the people at the polls, the votes of their representatives in State legislatures and in the United States Congress, all go strongly to support the absolutely convincing and unshakable evidence of reasonable doubt that the overwhelming trend of public sentiment in America is favorable to the Volstead Act and its enforcement.

These infractions of that law are of great frequency. This was the view of the drastic and revolutionary in policy which it represented. But as time passes the prohibition policy gets beyond the strictly experimental stage, and a more permanent improvement in enforcement will doubtless be witnessed. It is not long since that we as but we are to expect that because of the legislation, the illegal sale of liquor will ever be completely stopped. Decades before the Volstead Act became operative, Federal statutes prohibited the moonshine liquor industry and employed quite an army of men to enforce it. An army of men? Why moonshiners went against the law and despite officers of the law? A policy of this nature is not a policy to justify the hope that infractions will escape occurrence. The thing to hope for is that the radius of the law will be constantly reduced and that the increasing number of violators will be reduced to a minimum. However, as every man and woman must know, the law is not a mere suggestion and the

agencies, and should resist the efforts or plans of unofficial, unauthorized individuals or societies, to assume their motion, even a part of the responsibility involved. Most emphatically is this true when such unauthorized forces, secretly combine, and secretly set about their work.

Aside from these considerations, the thought at once occurs that this organization has adopted a most unfortunate name—unfortunate, because of the memories it recalls and the significance which it once carried. In the days of reconstruction, the Ku Klux Klan performed a service of priceless and imperishable value to the South. Through methods rendered imperatively necessary to save Southern civilization from the fate of an inconceivably frightful wreckage, it developed into an unconquerably defensive force and thus earned the deathless gratitude of our people. But a new era has since intervened—the causes leading to the Klan's organization and activities have long since disappeared; the South has passed far beyond the shadows; the perils which were used to beset her path have been removed, and in very truth, peace, happiness, self-government are among her secure possessions. Nor has the South aught by way of apology to offer for the fact that during the immediate post-bellum period, her sons, at times, proceed extra the law or contrary to its mandates with a view of defeating and destroying the monstrous evils incident to the Republican scheme of reconstruction. Confronted with a similar provocation, they would doubtless employ the same weapons of defence. But it nevertheless bears saying that what was unlawfully done in this behalf was done reluctantly, and that all the while the resolve was cherished in this section, that once the Southern states were truly liberated from the conditions which the Republican party sought to establish, would end the objectionable expedients to which their citizens had been absolutely forced to resort.

Of course it happened in the course of this process that the name Ku Klux became freighted with sinister meaning to our colored population, and therefore in the name of race tranquility it ought not to be revived, even though for what may seem a good purpose. Indeed, if, in the present instance the purpose be really good, it may well be inquired, why it has employed a designation which to millions colored people suggests something abhorrent?—and why was it necessary to clothe the movement with any sort of secrecy? This question settles on, flashes, and leads

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Representative Dyer, of St. Louis, a member of the congressional party that recently visited the islands, furnishes an excellent example of the type of official whose imagination creates a hundred "ifs" and paints terrifying pictures on the inspiration of a possibility.

If Japan won't accept the California land law and listen to reason we must fight. If Japan tries to take away the Philippines and Hawaii we must defend them. If Japan has a larger navy on the Pacific than our own we must look for trouble. These and some 97 more "ifs" are the stock in trade of these talk mongers in the United States, and perusal of the Japanese press indicates that the island empire is afflicted with a similar pest.

Japan seems perfectly willing to discuss the land law in a friendly manner. Japan hasn't tried to seize the Philippines or Hawaii by force of arms, and Japan hasn't set up a naval program that makes her a dangerous competitor of the United States in sea power. So why all of this talk about what might happen if she did or did not do this or that?

The only result is to stir up feeling in both countries and to make it harder than ever for those who desire to maintain friendly relations to accomplish this purpose. And more than this, a spirit of enmity is created that sooner or later is bound to make serious trouble unavoidable.

It was the talk of jingoes that really brought about Germany's delusions of grandeur and her mistaken visions of world conquest, while at the same time making the rest of the world so distrustful of her motives as to ally itself against her.

All-considered accusations by men in public life in the United States and Japan, through which the people of each country are being led more to adopt an attitude of sullen hostility towards those of the other, are a menace to peace, and should be deplored by everyone who has the interests of his country at heart.

VISIT TO ZOLA'S WIDOW  
(New York Evening Post.)

A Danish journalist has given to the Copenhagen press a graphic account of a visit she was privileged to make to Alexandrine Zola, who, it seems, has lived in the sunshine of almost royal homage since the tragic death of Emile Zola in 1902. Saturday is her receiving day, when as many young ladies as her Paris home can

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ESTABLISHED JANUARY, 1908

LYNCHBURG, VA., WEDNESDAY MORNING

## Ku Klux Klan Not Desired In Lynchburg

Meeting of Business Men in Pro-  
test Followed By Condem-  
natory Statements

### All Classes United In Opposing Move

Mayor, Commonwealth's Attor-  
ney, U. S. Senator, Ameri-  
can Legion Head Talk

Aroused by paid advertisements announcing that efforts are being made to organize a chapter of the Ku Klux Klan in Lynchburg, some of the city's most prominent business and professional men held a meeting yesterday afternoon to discuss methods of combatting and counteracting the movement.

Those attending the meeting were unanimously of the opinion that the Ku Klux Klan can do no good in Lynchburg and that it may do great harm. The Klan's tactics, including its secrecy, its weird costumes calculated to create fear in the hearts of the ignorant, and its general aim of calling attention to old racial prejudice were denounced as unnecessary, mischievous and likely to arouse strife.

#### Citizens Oppose

Later in the day interviews were obtained from half a dozen citizens, all of whom oppose the formation of any Ku Klux Klan here. Several of those interviewed had not attended the meeting, but expressed their sympathy with the movement started by the "antis." The list of those who have announced their opposition to the klan includes the names of Judge Frank P. Christian, of the Lynchburg corporation court; United States Senator Carter Glass, Mayor Fred Harper, Commonwealth's Attorney Robert D. Yancey, Major Harry Holt, commander of Lynchburg post, American Legion; E. P. Miller, president of First National Bank; T. M. Terry, vice-president of the Craddock-Terry Company.

No spokesman of the klan was interviewed because none could be found. Its activities are supposed to be shrouded in great secrecy, and even in the advertisements soliciting membership applications the number of a postoffice box was the only address given.

"The existence of such an organization would be most unfortunate for the community," said Judge Christian. "It would foster race prejudice which would sooner or later break out in violence and disregard for law. Our citizens have always been law-abiding and justice-loving, and justice has been universally administered by the courts."

Meat Strike?



Here are the labor leaders in the threatened meat strike in which President Harding has taken a hand. Above, Dennis Lane, secretary of the packing employees' union. Center, John Fitzpatrick, A. F. of L. Below, P. E. Gorman, vice-president of the packing employees.

## Butchers Put Case

## Will Reject All Proposals Of Wage Cuts

Railway Workers of The East to  
Carry Their Fight to Rail-  
road Labor Board

### Cessation Of Work Not Thought Likely

Workers Will Abide By The Deci-  
sion of The Board, Union  
Officials Declare

New York, March 15.—Railroad workers in the east have decided to reject all proposals of wage reductions and carry their fight to the railroad board, if the cuts are put into effect.

Representatives of the workers who have been holding conferences here, it was definitely learned tonight, have decided upon this course, taking the position that the present wage standard must be maintained and economic conditions will not permit any reduction.

There is little danger of any cessation of work should the railroads put the reductions in force, union officials said, as the employees will appeal to the railroad labor board at Chicago and abide by its decision. The railroad managements, it is understood, will also obey the board's edict.

#### Make Flat Refusal.

The position of the workers was officially made clear today, when representatives of the unskilled men notified the management of the New York Central railroad that they flatly refused to consider proposed wage cuts of from 17 1-2 to 21 per cent "as we find that those employees today are not receiving sufficient income to maintain their families properly."

Representatives of the skilled workers of the New York Central, with the exception of those in the "big four" brotherhoods, it was learned, have also decided to reject proposed wage cuts. Altogether, approximately 70,000 employees of the Central lines have decided to oppose any reduction.

After receiving proposals for wage reductions for unskilled labor ranging from 7 to 13 1-2 cents per hour, effective April 16, from the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, labor representatives in conference here, it was learned, "practically decided to reject this offer. They will make their final answer at another conference called for March 23.

Union leaders declared tonight that if the New York Central put the proposed decreases into effect April 1, without first getting permission from the labor board, it would be a violation of the transportation act. Railroad officials said that board would be requested immediately to author-

## Harding Anti-Dumping Measures

President Gives A  
proposal of Local  
Legislation

### Tariff And Status

No Agreement at  
Be Given Pric  
cial Congre

Washington, Mar 15.—The president was given by President Harding today the proposals of local legislation to be enacted at the session of congress April 11.

The president, men Penrose and Kate finance committee ways and means actively, agreed to that at yesterday's conference members of the ty Secretary of the Treasury was indicated he his influence behind definitely decided.

The question of should be given tariff or internal tax was still undecided and Representative their call on the president discussed the they said, and in republican member mitted to reach agreement on the quee he desired to consi ther before arrivin tion.

#### Hope for

Other members mitted, the chair will be called in the president with ing an agreement sible to all. The t that they expecte conference with t probably before th week.

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of a postoffice box was the only address given.

"The existence of such an organization would be most unfortunate for the community," said Judge Christian. "It would foster race prejudice which would sooner or later break out in violence and disregard for law. Our citizens have always been law-abiding and justice-loving, and justice has been universally administered by the courts."

United States Senator Carter Glass, who has just returned from Washington for a month's vacation, was asked by a representative of The News to give his views on the subject of the organization here of this so-called Ku Klux Klan and he responded without hesitation by an unqualified condemnation of the proposition. "I should be very much surprised," said Mr. Glass, "if the promoters of this enterprise find one particle of encouragement in this community or in any other part of Virginia. We have no situation in this state that needs to be dealt with by any secret society or by any organized movement of any kind."

#### "Itinerant Advance Agents"

"As far as promoting character is concerned, I do not think the people of Virginia can be greatly assisted in that direction by the itinerant advance agents of this mysterious order; to me it seems a piece of insufferable impudence for anybody to suggest that we need anything of the kind. As for protecting our womanhood, that is idle gibberish. Virginia's womanhood is about as secure as the character of Virginia's men is outstanding, and to so much as suggest otherwise is an offense.

"Moreover, the relations of the white and colored races in Lynchburg and throughout the state are as ideal as in any state of the union where different races dwell. The colored people are orderly and appreciative. The exceptions to this rule are few, and I cannot imagine anything that could be contrived which would more certainly disturb the mutual good feeling that now exists than the proposed intrusion of this Ku Klux Klan. Again, I say, I should be very much amazed if there are to be found in Lynchburg many persons who are simple enough to respond to the invitation to waste their time and energies in anything so mischievous."

When asked for an interview, Mayor Fred Halper expressed his views in the following words:

"I have noticed with a good deal of concern the advertisement looking to the organization of the Ku Klux Klan here, and I regret exceedingly to see any such movement started in our community. The conditions in this city and section do not warrant the forming of any such organization. The civil authorities have shown themselves to be amply able to give every protection to our citizens and promptly to punish those guilty of crime. Organizations which undertake or are likely to operate independently of our constituted civil authorities are dangerous to the public peace and are to be earnestly deprecated by good citizens."

#### A Banker's View.

"I am very much opposed to the formation of any such organization as the Ku Klux Klan in this community," said E. P. Miller, president of the First National Bank. "I don't think there is any justification for it. It could do no good and, in my opinion, could result in great harm."

"As far as I now understand the objects of the Ku Klux Klan," said Major Harry Holt, commander of the Lynchburg post of the American Legion. "I am opposed to the formation of any such organization."

Major Holt was speaking for himself as an individual. The Legion post has not as yet had an opportunity to express its views on the question.

T. M. Terry, vice-president of Craddock Terry Company, also regards the Ku Klux Klan as an organization likely to result in more harm than good. "Our laws are well enforced

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threatened their strike. President Harding has taken a hand. Above, Dennis Lane, secretary of the packing employes' union. Center, John Fitzpatrick, A. F. of L. Below, P. E. Gorman, vice-president of the packing employes.

## Butchers Put Case In Gompers' Hands

### President of American Federation Asked to Represent Them

Chicago, March 15.—Stockyard workers affected by the recent wage reduction announced by the big meat packers plan to place their case entirely in the hands of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, it was said today by officials of the Amalgamated Order of Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers of North America.

Efforts will be made to induce Mr. Gompers to become one of the two labor representatives to attend the mediation conference with Secretary Davis. If he accepts, the policy of the workers at the conference and afterwards will be placed in his hands.

If Mr. Gompers does not accept, Redmond Brennan, of Kansas City, attorney for the stockyards union, probably will be chosen, it was said. Dennis Lane, secretary of the union, is expected to be the other delegate.

## British Army Plan Up To Commons

### Secretary For War Introduces Army Estimates—Not Too Large, He Declares

(By The Associated Press.)

London, March 15.—Sir Laming Wouthington-Evans, secretary for war, in introducing the army estimates in the house of commons today, said the ultimate aim of the government was to recreate the expeditionary force of six divisions. At present, however, the army was very far from being complete as before the war, he declared.

Regarding the territorials, the war secretary said it had been decided to provide 14 divisions as a second line. Provision had been made for development of a light tank to co-operate with the infantry, he continued, and a fast, powerful tank which would be more useful with the cavalry. The general view, the secretary said, was that mechanical fighting must be developed because it was more economical in peace times, and saved man power in a war.

Replying to a criticism that the army was too large, Sir Laming asserted it could not be reduced while the country's commitments were what they were. In Ireland, he said, there were 51 battalions of infantry, seven cavalry regiments, 32 batteries of artillery, four engineer field divisions, and three signal units.

## HARDING LATE TOO

### One of Those Who Put Off Income Tax Returns to Last Day

Washington, Mar. 15.—While job hunters cooled their heels around the White House offices today, President Harding tolled over his income tax return. Like many other Americans, he had left the job to the last moment and only folks with urgent business got in to see him until he had told the income tax men all about himself, his family, and his means of livelihood.

decided to reject this offer. They will make their final answer at another conference called for March 23.

Union leaders declared tonight that if the New York Central put the proposed decreases into effect April 1, without first getting permission from the labor board, it would be a violation of the transportation act. Railroad officials said that board would be requested immediately to authorize the reductions.

#### In Executive Session.

Chicago, March 15.—The United States railroad labor board went into executive session today, while the representatives of the railroad employees completed preparation of their case in opposition to the railroad executives' request for abrogation of shop agreements, pending the response of railroad executives to subpoenas summoning them to appear before the board Friday.

T. Dewitt Cuyler, chairman of the association of railway executives, and Robert S. Binkard, his assistant, were requested to bring books and records of the association. W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad and former chairman of the association's labor committee, who filed with the board the executives' request to abrogate the agreements, was asked to appear, as was Carl R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific.

Thirteen other railroad executives may be notified to appear later.

The action followed avowal by the unions, through Attorney Frank P. Walsh, that the employees could not present their arguments in favor of the shop agreements until the witnesses were called.

#### Pennsylvania to Cut.

Philadelphia, March 15.—The Pennsylvania railroad announced today it will post notices not later than Thursday informing all officers and employes that it proposes to reduce salaries and wages effective April 20.

## TEN MORE SUSPECTS HELD

### Men Who Assaulted Richmond Woman Not Identified

Richmond Bureau, The News 26 N. Eighth Street

Richmond, Mar. 15.—Ten more negroes, suspected of having assaulted Mrs. John H. Heisler, of Fulton, early Saturday morning, have been rounded by city and county police and are held in the jail here pending an attempt at identification by Mrs. Heisler. The 19 whom she looked over Sunday, but none of whom were positively identified, are still held while the police investigate the movements of four of them.

Householders are arming themselves with revolvers in Richmond, which is shown by 137 permits issued to persons yesterday to buy pistols and ammunition to protect their homes and 42 permits issued to persons to carry pistols.

A man who is said to fit accurately the description of one of the men connected with the recent assault case, has been arrested by Alexandria authorities, and will be returned to Richmond.

#### A. B. & A. PAYROLL PASSED

Atlanta, Mar. 15.—There was no indication tonight as to when the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railway Company expected to meet its \$100,000 payroll due today, which B. L. Bugg, receiver, announced would have to be passed for lack of funds.

#### CAPTAIN MORSS NAMED

New York, Mar. 15.—Appointment of Captain Henry A. Morss of the Eastern Yacht Club, as its representative on the committee in charge of the ocean race for the King Albert cup from New York to Ostend next July was announced here today.

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## National Council

### Four Score Patrons Formed in America

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**Will Be Represented at Meeting of Fruit Growers Here.**

Ten delegates from Bedford county to the meeting of apple growers, to be held in the chamber of commerce, were elected at a meeting of orchardmen held at Bedford yesterday morning. The growers were addressed by Judge A. E. Chamberlain of the chamber.

The delegates elected were E. L. McDaniel, L. S. Higgenbotham, Frank Patterson, Robert Logwood, F. Sitwell, Charles Jennings, and Mike Eckhart, all of Bedford; M. Griffin, of Big Island, and representatives to be sent from Hoffman Orchard, at Montvale, and of the Elk Valley Orchard, at Forest.

**2 BIG WRESTLING MATCHES.**

**Thursday, March 17, 7:45 P. M.**

**Bobby Mainfort**, the well known middleweight wrestler of Charlottesville, will meet young **London**, the well known Greek wrestler of Lynchburg, Thursday, March 17th, 7:45 p. m., at the City Auditorium.

This will make the third time these two men have met, each having one victory to his credit, and it is expected to be a great match, as young London gave a good account of himself with Joe Turner, the champion, a few nights ago, and this is expected to be as hard fought mat battle or even harder so than the last, as both are confident of defeating the other.

Billy West, the well known lightweight of Pennsylvania, who has been seen on the local mat before, will meet **Needa Smith**, the lightweight champion of Virginia, in the preliminary. Smith has wanted a chance to meet West for some time and both of these men are confident of winning from each other.

Tickets will be on sale Wednesday and Thursday at the Co-Operative Drug Store. Admission, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 ringside. Ladies accompanied by escort, admitted free.

Preliminary starts promptly at 7:45 p. m.

**THE WEATHER**

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, C. F. Marvin, Chief.

**LOCAL TEMPERATURE**  
Maximum temperature, 75.  
Minimum temperature, 52.  
Mean temperature, 64.  
Normal temperature, 45.  
Excess in temperature, -19.  
Excess in temperature since January 1, -394.

**LOCAL RAINFALL**  
Rainfall in last 24 hours, .06.  
Accumulated deficiency since January 1, -3.16.

**LOCAL BAROMETER READINGS**  
8 a. m., 30.14.  
8 p. m., 30.06.

**LOCAL OBSERVATIONS**  
8 a. m., dry bulb temperature, 52; wet bulb, 50; humidity, 57; wind direction, N. E.; wind velocity, 3 miles; weather, cloudy.  
Noon, dry bulb temperature, 71; wet bulb, 62; humidity, 60.  
8 p. m., dry bulb temperature, 66; wet bulb, 60; humidity, 70; wind direction, S.; wind velocity, 8 miles; weather, clear.  
Sun rises today, 6:26; sets, 6:25.

**CORD TIRE SPECIAL.**

32x3 1-2—list, \$42.20; sale price, \$27.50—you save \$14.70.  
34x4—list, \$54.95; sale price, \$37.95—you save \$17.00.  
35x4 1-2—list, \$65.80; sale price, \$45—you save \$20.80.  
\$1000 guarantee; new stock.  
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819 Church street.

**CRIME WAVE UNCHECKED**

**Fifty Special Police Sworn In at Richmond, But More Robberies Occur.**

Richmond, March 15.—Despite that 50 policemen were sworn in last night to help check the crime wave in Richmond, a number of robberies were reported this morning. Percy G. Minor, blind, a former policeman, fired several shots this morning at a burglar who was attempting to rob a house near the Minor home. The burglar escaped.

Contributions from all sections of the city have been added to the reward offered for the capture and conviction of two negroes who broke into the home of a citizen last Saturday morning and attacked his wife while she lay ill in bed. Three additional suspects were reported under arrest this morning.

**ALL OVER LYNCHBURG!**

"Heliotrope."

**Ku Klux Klan Not Wanted Here**

(Continued from First page)

he said. "This is an orderly community and I think it a great mistake to start such a movement at this time."

Commonwealth's Attorney Robert D. Yancey views the Ku Klux Klan as an element of danger, but said he had not yet examined the statutes to see if there is legal means to prevent such activities. He said:

"I see no need for any Ku Klux Klan in Lynchburg. It is a thing started in Georgia and Alabama, of which I know little. It appears on the surface to be directed against the colored race. There seems to be no occasion for it in this community. The Ku Klux Klan operates over and above the laws of our land and in this way its members are quasi-law breakers.

**Depend on the Law.**

"The main dependence of the white people in Lynchburg should be and always has been the orderly processes of the courts of law. It is to the interest and is the absolute duty of the better class of colored citizenship here to spot all unlawful and law breaking doings and report them to the proper authorities, and they are mightily in their own light if they do not do this. We are a civilized people and should prevent anarchy.

"I have not examined the question of whether the state would have any criminal remedy against the Ku Klux Klan, but it is certainly a moral wrong which cannot be justified.

"The old Ku Klux Klan was all right—certainly more nearly right than this modern descendant, because just after the Civil War the white people sought the Ku Klux Klan as a means of self preservation, not only against the colored race but against all foreign adventurers who came here to dupe the colored people for their own selfish interests and to prey upon native Virginians.

"It seems to me that there is no occasion now for anything except good fellowship and neighborly action and kindness between all classes of our citizens."

"Heliotrope."

**ON TRIP TO MEXICO**

**Eighty New Orleans Business Men Accept Oregon's Invitation.**

New Orleans, March 15.—Acting on a formal invitation from President Obregon eighty New Orleans business men left today for Brownsville, Tex., from where they will cross into Mexico for a trade extension trip of 15 days. Matamoros will be the first Mexican city visited.

hilling of a cottage near Garrisonville, Stafford county, and breaking into the store of J. McCalla Boulware & Son in this city and appropriating automobile supplies. They gave their names as Charles McNally and Albert DeBaun, of Newark, N. J. The two men were taken to Stafford, courthouse, indicted by grand jury Monday evening, pled guilty and each sentenced by Judge Chichester to serve three years in state penitentiary, all within a few hours.

"Heliotrope."

**HECK MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Gift of 8,000 Volumes to the University of Virginia.  
(Special to The News.)

Charlottesville, March 15.—Appropriate exercises accompanied the dedication tonight in Peabody Hall of the Heck Memorial Library, given by his widow, Mrs. Anna Tuttle Heck, and by students and friends in memory of William Harry Heck, first professor of education at the University of Virginia.

In addition to the library, a portrait of Professor Heck, given by his mother, Mrs. M. A. Heck, of Raleigh, N. C., and a bronze tablet given by his brother, George Heck, of New York City, were presented to the Department of Education.

Gifts totaling more than \$1,000 by this year's and last year's education clubs were announced. Speakers of the evening were Dr. Ivey F. Lewis, professor of biology and agriculture, who presented the private library of Professor Heck on behalf of Mrs. Heck; Frank Astor, former president of the education club, who announced the money gift, and Miss Mary K. Smith, a graduate student in education, who spoke upon what the departmental library will mean to students of education.

Dean John L. Manahan, of the department of education, received the gifts on behalf of the department and the university. The library consists of 8,000 volumes on departmental subjects, 2,000 volumes being the gift of Mrs. Heck, and the remainder coming from the general library. The money contributed by former students and friends will be used for upkeep and equipment.

**News Of The Courts**

**Deed Recorded.**

A deed conveying a lot on Walnut street from Samuel H. Williams, trustee, to Bernard C. Baldwin was yesterday recorded in the clerk's office of corporation court. The price paid for the property was \$3,400.

**M. Gans Wins Suit.**

A jury in corporation court yesterday returned a verdict allowing M. Gans a claim of \$240 against the Alemite Lubricator Company. Gans had sued for \$300. The Alemite company had filed a counter claim declaring Gans to be indebted to it in the sum of \$229 for money advanced to him, but this claim was not allowed.

**Notary Qualifies.**

W. W. Anderson, who was recently appointed a notary public, yesterday qualified as such for a term of four years from March 15, 1921.

**In Police Court.**

The only case tried in police court yesterday morning resulted in the dismissal of a charge against E. H. Houston, who was alleged to have violated the traffic ordinance by improperly turning a corner. The trial was the outgrowth of a collision between cars driven by Houston and Frank Ferroni, which occurred at the corner of Fifth and Federal streets.

The proposal has been made to change the obsolete forts of Paris into public baths.



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# KU KLUX KLAN PARADES

## White Robed Members of Order Single File Along Main Street

"Lynchburg Must be Clean;"  
"Grafters — Go;" "Thieves — Go;"  
"Gamblers — Go;" "Here Today, "Here  
Forever;" "For Our Daughters;" "For  
Our Sisters;" "For Our Mothers."

These were the inscriptions writ on the banners borne in the parade of the Ku Klux Klan at 8:30 o'clock last night, as they marched 400 strong down Main street.

In cowl and gown, and hood and mask, with the red, white and blue insignia of the klan woven over the heart of their white tunics, they single filed down the thoroughfare, a long white line, in utter silence.

Division commanders galloped up and down the line, giving orders and keeping the streets clear. Traffic was suspended for nearly half an hour, and pedestrians and late diners lined both sides of the street.

It was the first manifestation of the activities of the klan in this section.

# Family In Amherst Gets Ku Klux Note

## Letter Full Of Misspelled Words Warns Mr. And Mrs. Chapman

The use of "the best shot gun in town" if it be needed against the senders of an anonymous and threatening letter signed "K. K. K" was the advice given Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Chrisman, residents of Amherst county, by the attorney to whom Mr. Chrisman went for advice as soon as he received the letter.

From the contents of the letter, which is expressed in misspelled words such as have been found in most other letters signed with the three K's, imply that the letter is the outgrowth of disagreements regarding the right of way across the Chrisman property in which the stand taken by Mr. and Mrs. Chrisman has been upheld by Judge Gordon of the circuit court of Amherst.

Several months ago Mrs. Chrisman shot Harry J. Reed, an owner of nearby property, and when tried for this offence in the Amherst court a hung jury resulted and instead of standing a new trial the counsel for Mrs. Chrisman agreed for her to pay a fine of \$100 and costs of the litigation.

J. W. Shomo also claimed a right to cross a part of the Chrisman property but investigation of the deed has shown that he does not possess such a right according to Mayo C. Brown, attorney for Mr. Chrisman.

The page containing the letter is headed "You are an undersirable sitlson. Not wanted here."

The text of the letter follows:

August 3 1921.

Mrs. Mary and Edgar Chrisman

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# Many Letters Signed K.K.K.

Four Or Five A Week Are  
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## VENT PERSONAL GRUDGES

City Manager Doesn't Think All, if  
Any, of Them Are Sent by Ku Klux  
Klan — Police Ask Assistance in  
Tracing Senders

Anonymous letters signed simply  
K. K. K. are being received by Lynch-  
burg people almost daily. City Man-  
ager Beck said yesterday that an aver-  
age of four or five such communica-  
tions are reported each week either  
directly to him or to the police de-  
partment. The letters are in the main  
addressed to colored people, but sev-  
eral of them have been received by  
white men and women.

Character and contents of most of  
the letters would indicate, the city  
manager said, that they are written  
by persons with a private grudge who  
are seeking to hide under the cloak of  
the secret organization known as the  
Ku Klux Klan. Investigations made  
by the police have centered the sus-  
picion upon individuals in several in-  
stances and arrests in these cases are  
expected to follow within a few days.

Most of the communications seem  
to relate to personal grievances, said  
the city manager. One colored man  
has been told that he must get a job  
at once or that he will suffer, another  
has been threatened unless he ceases  
to get drunk; while still a third has  
been told that he will be driven from  
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bor. Letters of the same nature have  
been sent to white men and women,  
most of whom have been threatened  
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Mr. Beck's opinion is that these let-  
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Police have been trying to learn the  
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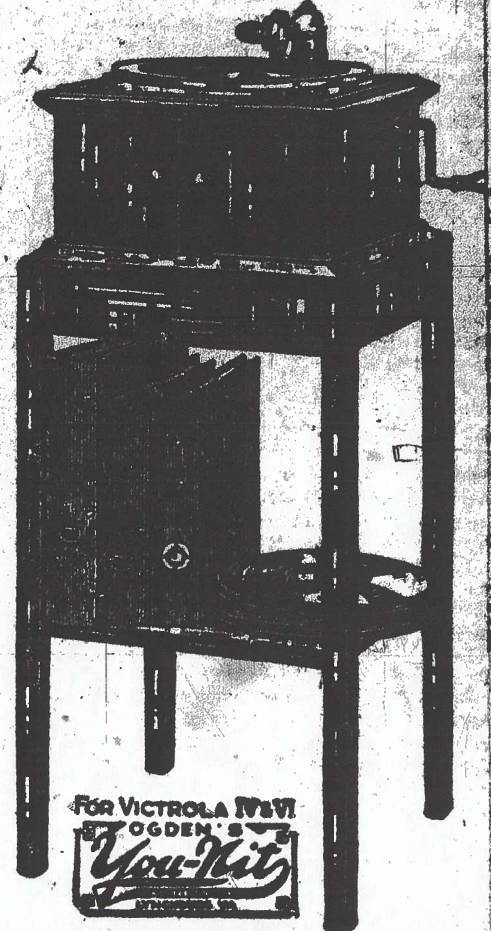
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## Deny K. K. K. Sent Threats

Anonymous Communication To City Manager To Be From Klan Officials

### HASN'T ANY KNOWLEDGE

Writer Signing Himself "Grand Cyclops," Says he Knows Nothing of Other Anonymous Communications Sent Out.

Threatening and intimidating anonymous letters signed K. K. K., which have been received by Lynchburgers during the last several months have been repudiated in what purports to be a letter from Lynchburg klan No. 11, Knights of the Ku Klux, to City Manager Beck.

The anonymous letter makes emphatic statement that none of the threatening communications have been sent by any member of the klan.

#### Text of Letter.

The letter follows:

The following is written in reply to articles appearing in yesterday's Advance and this morning's News relative to letters being received at your office addressed to certain parties in Lynchburg and signed K. K. K. or Ku Klux Klan the same being received at the rate of four or five each week during a period of several months and that this organization had allowed its name to be used continually unchallenged.

I do not have time in which to call a special meeting of the klan in order to get its approval to this letter and the next regular meeting is several days off, but as this is written in defense of the klan I feel that it is my duty as Cyclops of the Lynchburg klan to reply to these articles and deny very emphatically any knowledge of any letter or letters of a threatening or intimidating character having been written to any person at any time by this klan or any member of this klan.

#### Other Letters Received.

Up to the beginning of 1922 this klan had received more than 50 letters of just such character as you state

## Elks Observe Flag Birthday

Exercises Will Be Held In Lodge Room Of B. P. O. E. Home On Church Street

### DON P. HALSEY IS ORATOR

Public Exercises Wednesday Night At 8:30 O'clock—Flag Record Will Be Read by Captain R. Chess McGhee of American Legion

Next Wednesday, June 14, is Flag Day, and on that occasion Lynchburg members of B. P. O. E. Elks will celebrate the birth of the American flag with appropriate exercises in the lodge room. Don P. Halsey will be the orator of the occasion. The exercises are open to the public. Following is the program which will begin at 8:30 o'clock:

Music, "Star Spangler Banner," orchestra.

Introductory exercises by exalted ruler and officers.

Prayer, chaplain.

Flag record, Captain R. Chess McGhee.

Song, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," quartet, Spradlin, Hines, Martin and Vaile.

Altar service, by esquire and officers.

Song, "Auld Lang Syne," officers and members.

patriotic address, Don P. Halsey.

Song, "America," audience to join.

Concluding exercises, by exalted ruler.

## The News Unprogressive In Way This Man Likes

"The News," said an estimable citizen recently to a reporter, "is way behind the times. It is the most out of date corporation in the city. Recently I moved from one section of town to another and I telephoned The News of my change of address. The very next morning The News was delivered to my new address and The News made no charge for changing the address. I had just finished paying the plumber, the gas company, the telephone company, the ice man, the

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ly this klan or any member of this klan.

### Other Letters Received.

Up to the beginning of 1922 this klan had received more than 50 letters of just such character as you state in the articles appearing in the papers. All of these letters, with one exception, carried a flavor of personal grudge or jealousy and were not signed. The exception mentioned was signed and requested that the K. K. K. take such action as would cause the writer's son to remain off the streets at all hours of the day and night and discontinue his association with the parties with whom he was accustomed to "hang-out". As this was a matter for the father to handle and not the klan no cognizance was taken in the case. I desire to state most positively that no attempt has been made to reply to any of these anonymous letters or that any attention has been given to any of the cases of wife beaters, wife deserters, failures to support families, etc., etc., to which the attention of the klan has been directed. These are strictly cases for the police department to deal with and there is no desire or intent on the part of this klan or any other klan to usurp or even attempt to usurp the power or authority of the law. Any charge to the contrary is maliciously false. We have not received any letters of the character mentioned for several months. We attribute this to the fact that because we absolutely refused to comply with the writer's request and in every case ignored the information given. The senders of these letters realizing that an effort to get the klan interested in such matters was futile are now directing their letters to individuals rather than the klan and they subsequently reach your office.

You state that the police department requests the aid of anyone who may be able to assist them in apprehending the writers of these letters. Please understand the klan stands ready, many hundred strong, to assist in any way possible in this matter but you must also understand that we are citizens like yourself and it is difficult if not impossible for a citizen to work up a case such as these. However klansmen have their eyes and ears open and should any tangible evidence be secured it will be given to the police department. Because of the fact that two articles have appeared in our local papers in regard to these letters and because this letter is written in reply to these articles I would thank you very much to give this letter to the press so that those who have read these articles may know that the klan did not allow its name to be used unchallenged when its attention had been called to that condition.

### SALVATION ARMY SERVICE

very next morning The News was delivered to my new address and The News made no charge for changing the address. I had just finished paying the plumber, the gas company, the telephone company, the ice man, the groceryman and various other persons their various fees for allowing me to receive their service, for which I pay every day, at my new address. The unprogressiveness of The News gratified me very much, but I was really surprised, for it was about as much trouble for The News to change my address as it was for the others."

## Duke Of Richmond Sells Estate Because Of Tax

London, June 10.—The Duke of Richmond and Gordon is to sell his Huntly estates in Aberdeenshire, extending over 10,000 acres, according to the Evening News.

He is retaining his estates in Lanfshshire and Morayshire.

The property to be sold includes fully 250 excellent farms and the crofts and fens of Huntly town.

The estates passed to the present duke in 1903.

The reason given for the Huntly sale is the heavy rates and taxes and other burdens.

### GOING TO CLEVELAND

Mosby Ryland, secretary of the Retail Merchants Association, will be in Cleveland to attend the National Association of Retail Credit Men which meets there from June 12 to 15. Afterwards, he will represent Lynchburg at the gathering of the National Association of Retail Secretaries which meets for two days.

### REBEKAH MUSICALE

There will be a musicale under the direction of Mrs. Bettie Megginson Leftwich Tuesday, June 13, at 8 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium for the benefit of Home Rebekah Lodge Number 41. Many Lynchburg musicians will participate in the program.

### CLOSE LEAK MONDAY

Work of closing the leak in the water main at Seventh and Jefferson streets will probably be completed Monday and as soon as possible the workmen of the water department will fill the deep hole and will set the street in order so that traffic may be resumed.

### GARDEN CLUB TO MEET

Mrs. Floyd Knight will be hostess Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock for the meeting of the Garden Club, when

Ryland, business manager of the man or business who has been called to let his office.

"The board of directors chamber regards our boy as Lynchburg's greatest. Mr. Ryland, yesterday. It is more than worth a organization to use every command to place these in positions and keep them home.

"It has been my good have several of these graduates during the last for I have found them splendid and uniformly satisfied. I hope our business people our office or call and see those now available and assign them in positions."

Such a list of graduates given the chamber of commerce year and through its efforts school graduates have positions.

## VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths and births from June 10 follow:

### Births, White

- June 2—Monsier and T. worth, a daughter.
- June 4—George P. and a daughter.
- June 4—Russell P. and a daughter.
- June 4—Lewis E. and a daughter.
- June 3—John C. and Turpin, a daughter.
- June 1—Leon Elmer a Burkhead, a daughter.
- May 24—Corbett L. a Henson, a daughter.
- May 20—Sidney P. Snow, a daughter.
- May 18—Reuben S. Garrett, a daughter.
- May 27—John H. a Evans, a daughter.
- May 19—James Simon N. Lacy, a son.
- June 4—Arthur K. and ley, a son.
- June 5—Auer K. a Beard, a son.
- June 5—H. Chas. and sey, a son.
- June 9—Charles L. Ramsey, a son.
- June 9—Harvey F. a Kidd, a daughter.

### Births, Color

- May 18—Edward an Hiams, a son.
- June 2—Williams ar nett, a son.

# Ku Klux Klan Unmasks To Deliver Its Baskets

The Lynchburg Ku Klux Klan unmasked Christmas eve and played the part of Santa Claus to a number of families who were in need by carrying them well filled baskets of food, candy and nuts for their Christmas dinners. The baskets were carried to both colored and white alike in all sections of the city. For example a basket was taken to a colored family living at 912 Salem avenue while another basket was taken to a white family living at the extreme end of F street.

It could not be determined last night just how many baskets the Klan did deliver in the city but a few were located. All the receivers knew was that the basket was brought them by one or more men in an automobile who said they were members of the Lynchburg Klan. The callers also left a card which bore the inscription "A Merry Christmas from the Ku Klux Klan."

If the receivers of the Christmas baskets knew who the donors were they refused to tell their names. And when questioned only said "They were not masked but we do not know their names."

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# Tar And Feathers Await Lynchburger, Says Letter

## Signed "K. K. K." And Warns Citizen He Is Being Watched And He Had Better Tread The Straight And Narrow Path

A Lynchburg citizen has received and turned over to the chief of police a letter purporting to be from the Ku Klux Klan, at least it is signed "K. K. K.", which is the symbol of that organization. According to the author of the letter, the "K. K. K." bears on its shoulders the weight of the world, for it says, "Our business is to do the work to keep this world straight to the best of our ability." The letter follows:

"We understand through a prominent lawyer, that your wife has been to him for protection, also for non-support. Now she can't settle this without a great deal of publicity, which she hesitates to bring upon the child, but feels that she will have to do so unless there is a change. This lawyer is trying to persuade her to give you another trial. She is very much wrought up over the treatment that she receives from you, consequently we just don't know what she is going to do yet.

"Our business is to do the work to keep this world straight to the best of our ability. If a worthy cause needs help we give it to them, if a human being needs a good sound whipping, we give it to them, and we give them all they need. Now

we are going to take a hand in this life of yours. If we hear of another complaint from your family, we are going to take you out and horsewhip you and then tar and feather you and then take you out again and do the same thing over if you don't do better.

"Another thing your night expeditions are going to be watched and if you are doing the right thing you will be let alone but if you are doing the wrong thing you had better beware.

"You had better walk a straight path.

"We always warn before we act."

"K. K. K."

Spelling and punctuation is exactly as contained in the letter. There are no errors of spelling. Grammar is bad in two places and punctuation misplaced in two or three instances.

Officers think it is not likely that the letter was written by some person who lives in the neighborhood of the prison to whom it was address. They do not think it probable that the klan hand any connection with the letter. The epistle is typed on plain white paper, and is dated April 11. It was turned over to the police promptly.

# Mrs. Stearnes For President

## Former Lynchburg Woman Endorsed By Woman's Club. Mrs. Handy Is Speaker

The Lynchburg Woman's Club, when on record yesterday by unanimous vote as endorsing Mrs. Thomas F. Stearnes, formerly of Lynchburg, now of Newport News, for the presidency of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs, which will be decided at the state conference May 22, 23, in Charlottesville. A telegram urging Mrs. Stearnes to allow her name to be presented by the Lynchburg club follows:

"The efficient service which you have rendered the federation as vice president and chairman of the southeast district has marked you as a capable and inspiring leader, and we desire that you should be our standard bearer as state president."

Delegates selected by the club in a brief business session, to attend the conference in Charlottesville were Miss Margaret Christian, president, Mesdames J. R. Kyle, R. O. Horton, John Bratton and C. W. Gooch.

Discussion of the cup for the club will give in spring and fall for the Garden Club exhibits also occupied a few minutes of the business session.

Mrs. H. H. S. Handy, formerly Miss Craighill, of Lynchburg, daughter of Mrs. R. T. Craighill, and now a resident of Syracuse, N. Y., spoke before the club yesterday afternoon on the subject "Where the East and West Will Meet".

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you got a job for another fellow. Can you get one for me? I tried for two weeks and have not found one yet." Thus was Mrs. greeted yesterday morning by a man who seemed in rather a despondent mood. Mrs. May told him that she was not conducting an employment agency but that if he would tell her his name, where he could be found and what he thought that he would do, she would try to get him employment. The man said that he would do clerical work better than anything else but that he would try to make good at any other sort of work it afforded him a livelihood. "This Mrs. May," queried a voice, "answered the telephone yesterday. I am E. C. Johnson, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., colored," he voice, and I wanted to tell you that the old colored man who told me that he was coming from Roanoke where he had taken treatment for "stroke" was misrepresenting facts. A friend of mine came and told me that he knew the man who had been "courting" a woman in Roanoke. I expect that he really did seem possible to always detect but she thought that she had to prevent the man trying that again.

**Southern Road Officials Making Tour Of Railway**

L. DeRamus, the new superintendent of the Danville division of the Southern Railway. A. Elton, general superintendent; F. B. Munday, trainmaster, arrived here Tuesday night in the private car of the general superintendent attached to passenger train 20. The party made an official tour of inspection of the Southern properties in this point. Division superintendent DeRamus was formerly connected with the Georgia, Southern and Florida Railway with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga.

The party left Lynchburg yesterday at 9:15 o'clock in the private car 11, attached to train 19.

**IN POLICE COURT**

There were only two cases docketed for trial in municipal court yesterday and both were dismissed by Judge McCarron.

**DIRECTORIES LISTED**

Directories of the following cities have recently been placed in the library of the chamber of commerce: Connellsville and Scottdale, Pa.; Bluefield, W. Va.; Colfax, Iowa; Jacksonville, Fla.; and Anville.

**Suing Year Made At Meeting Of Executive Committee**

Decision was reached by the executive committee of the Lynchburg Community Chest Fund organization in a meeting held yesterday at noon to conduct the campaign for the raising of funds for another year during the period from October 9 to 16 inclusive. The meeting was held in the board of directors room in the Lynchburg National Bank and six of the nine members were present. The absent three were out of town.

Richard Hancock, chairman, presided, the others in attendance were R. T. Watts, vice-chairman; Giles H. Miller, treasurer; and Miss M. O. Carruthers, secretary, with O. B. Barker and J. B. Winfree, Jr.

A committee was named to make the preliminary arrangements for the campaign and report their findings at a later meeting.

An oral report made by the secretary indicated that the work of the chest organization had exceeded the most sanguine expectations and that all the participating organizations had done splendid work with the funds assigned to them under the agreed plan of the chest.

**Simmons Of Klan Fame To Visit Lynchburg**

Colonel William Joseph Simmons, of Atlanta, the prominent Ku Klux Klan leader, will stop in Lynchburg on August 28 en route to Washington, D. C., where he is scheduled for an address on August 30. Arrangements have been made for a meeting to be held in the city auditorium at 8 o'clock on the night of August 28 and Colonel Simmons will make an address. He requests that it be made known that any one who cares to attend will be welcome, and that women are also cordially invited to be present.

**Infant Has Narrow Escape When She Falls 25 Feet**

Pauline Deaton, seventeen months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meadows of 37 Denver avenue, had a narrow escape from serious injury when she fell from a window of her home to the ground, a distance of fully 25 feet.

The baby was standing on a chair scattering feed to some chickens in the yard when the chair tilted and she was thrown through the window to the ground. Fortunately she landed in high grass and on soft loamy soil, so that outside of the jar, the child was not injured.

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# KLANSMEN

## Assembly for Public Naturalization

### MONDAY, MAY 31st, 9 P.M.

*BRING REGALIA*



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## PUBLIC INVITED

### GO TO QUAKER CHURCH

KLANSMEN WILL DIRECT YOU. TRAFFIC  
ON GROUNDS IN CHARGE OF KLANSMEN.  
THIS FOR YOUR COMFORT. PLEASE CO-  
OPERATE.

*If you can't do as requested don't come*

## FIREWORKS

... D. C., to Bristol, Va., took a "case" examination Monday morning in the local headquarters and received a rating of 99.89.

J. C. Glass, of Lynchburg, clerk on trains 1 and 2, Columbus to Norfolk, placed one card in a "case" examination conducted Monday morning in the division headquarters here. He received a rating of 99.87.

A. G. Cunningham, of Lynchburg, won a rating of 100 Monday morning when he finished a perfect "case" examination of Virginia. His regular run is trains 15 and 16, Columbus and Norfolk.

J. E. Terrell, clerk on trains 25 and 42, Washington-Bristol run, was reported better yesterday. He has been ill in his home 1114 Polk street.

## Ku Klux Klan Emperor Will Speak At City Auditorium

Blanchard E. Matt, of Roanoke, will introduce Colonel William J. Simmons, of Atlanta, who will speak tonight in the city auditorium on matters regarding the Ku Klux Klan. Colonel Simmons, who is emperor of the Klan, will arrive in Lynchburg early this morning.

Local Klansmen, fully robed, will be seated upon the stage and after the greeting ceremonies will remove their robes. The ceremony will begin at 8 o'clock. The public so far as they may be interested will be welcomed.

## Elks Go This Afternoon To Play Roanoke Team

The Elks baseball team will leave this afternoon for Roanoke for a return game with the Elks team of that place. It is expected that Rucker will occupy the mound for the local team while Price will likely be the pitching selection of the Roanoke club.

Rucker had the best of the last battle between these two clubs, and he is determined to make it two straight by turning back the Roanoke aggregation, as he did in the previous game.

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## In City's Antique Shops

Colonial days and crinolines would doubtless figure in the story which an old, old secretary on sale in one of the Lynchburg old furniture stores would be able to tell, if given the gift of speech. The date 1734 was found beneath the dingy white paint which covered the original maple of which it was hand-made. There was not a nail or screw in it until the present owners purchased and repaired it. The quaintness of it is its only charm, for it is neither mahogany nor walnut, and the workmanship is not particularly artistic, several layers of different colored paint obscured the date, but the removal of the paint makes it quite clear that it was made nearly 200 years ago.

The furniture and old books in the Lynchburg antique shops are sometimes of interest, although of course, as elsewhere, much search must be made before the ideal piece or the ideal book can be located.

## Woman Who Presided At Stall Had Gone To Library

The stall in the curb market at which a genial woman usually presides was being supervised by her husband yesterday when two of her customers came into the warehouse and asked for her, with whom they had an understanding to bring them certain produce yesterday.

"She has gone to the library" he said, explaining that Tuesday was her "library" day, and she had gone to return some books and get some others. When asked what she carried back he said, "I don't know all of their names, but one was a Tarzan story."

The market was not crowded yesterday either with salespeople for with buyers, but was clean and colorful, with the greens of corn, water melons, lettuce and the like.

Chickens, butter, meat and eggs were on sale. Eggs are going up, selling yesterday for from 35 to 45 cents in various places.

## NO CHANGE YET IN SCHEDULE

General Agent Glenn H. McCausland, said yesterday that as yet he had no notification of any change in the schedule for the early morning train on the Chesapeake and Ohio, for Lexington.

J. G. Woodward, Sr., general yardmaster, stricken recently with paralysis, is the same yesterday as Monday, it was stated today at his home.

N. C. Pryor, claim clerk, left yesterday for Virginia Beach with the Home Guard.

J. T. Thornhill, billing clerk, and a member of Company B, 116th infantry, entertained yesterday...

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## HUNTERS

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## WILL PR

The will of Mrs. was probated in th the circuit court her daughter, Mis Couch, the sole be as executrix, giving of \$3,000. The wi cember 1, 1922.

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