

*Jury Methods Attacked
By Indicted Persons*

The grand jury has suddenly been called into session, for the purpose, it is intimated, of re-indicting persons charged with crimes and misdemeanors by the last two grand juries.

Pleas in abatement were this week filed by fifteen or twenty defendants who had been indicted by the two grand juries, alleging that certain members had been improperly selected.

Instead of filling vacancies on juries by drawing names from the jury box, the system has been for Sheriff Hoffman to make the selection from "bystanders."

The Post-Democrat believes that there should be a searching investigation here as to the methods used in impaneling juries, both grand and petit.

The editor of this newspaper is now under conviction for contempt of court for charging irregularities in the local jury system, and in a second conviction for criminal libel a lengthy plea in abatement was filed setting forth and charging that the appointment of one of the jury commissioners was not according to law, that the names were not properly put in the box and that the drawing of the names was not done legally.

Aside from the law points involved it does not stand to reason that men like John Hampton and Harry Hoffman should have it within their power to control the personnel of juries.

Recently a big will case was scheduled for trial in the circuit court and a special venire of eighteen prospective jurors was ordered to be drawn from the jury box.

When the names were made public it was found that the wife of the principal defendant, a banker, was

included in the list, together with the names of three others closely connected with the banker, in a business way.

The attorneys for the plaintiff looked over the list of veniremen and promptly moved for a change of venue out of the county, for the sole and only reason that the thing looked raw, on its face.

When the editor of the Post-Democrat went on trial for "libeling" a klanman before Judge Victor Simons of the Blackford circuit court and "klokard" of the Hartford City Ku Klux Klan, Sheriff Hoffman and Jury Commissioner John Hampton were busy on the job.

The first man brought in by the sheriff to fill a vacancy, after a successful challenge, was Sam Parkinson, who admitted under close questioning that he belonged to the Ku Klux Klan.

The "pick-ups" brought in by Hoffman were mostly hangers on at the Banner cigar store, a klux gambling joint on the south side of the square. One of the jurors who was brought in was a fellow named Charles Lewellen, a klanman with a record extending across the country from Wyoming to Muncie.

Before taking his seat in the jury box this fellow was seen in the rear room of the sheriff's office, in close conversation with Jury Commissioner John Hampton.

Another later case was that of a klanman from Daleville, charged with a violation of the liquor law, acquitted by a klan jury "picked up" by Sheriff Hoffman. On that occasion klanmen worked openly assisting the sheriff in getting the "right" newspaper than Cal Coolidge. The promoters of the sheet fine tooth

Cheap Trick

In September, 1923, the kluxers started a "democratic" newspaper for the purpose of taking legal advertising away from the Post-Democrat. It struggled for a year and died a miserable death.

On January 2 a new publication appeared, calling itself the Muncie Democrat. We investigated and found that it was run by a fellow named Frank Parrott, who runs the Eaton Enterprise, a republican newspaper.

Parrott is a member of Bemenderfer's new fangled klan and is republican committeemen in Precinct 24.

The application for entry in the mails of this "democratic" sheet was in the name of Eva Parrott, who made affidavit in the application that she was the sole owner.

Eva Parrott is the wife of Frank Parrott and is secretary of the company owning the Eaton republican newspaper. She served as a republican on the Eaton election board in November.

The names of neither of the Parrots appear in the editorial head of the "Muncie Democrat," which, by the way, declares itself to be the "official" democratic publication of the county.

The name of one Ervin Black appears as "editor." Investigation discloses that Black is a common laborer at the Warner Corporation, working in a department supervised by Frank Sample, husband of Nina Sample.

Black is polled in his precinct as a republican and has always been known as republican. He has no more to do with the fake democratic newspaper than Cal Coolidge.

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combed Delaware county trying to find some democrat who would allow his name to appear on the fake sheet, and without success, so the Samples compelled poor Ervin Black to be the goat.

Last election day, by the way, Ervin Black drove an automobile decorated with Coolidge banners and he wore a republican badge and worked all days at the polls in the fifteenth precinct.

The paper has absolutely no paid circulation, yet Postmaster Billy Williams, knowing the fraudulent claims of the publishers and the utter falsity and crookedness of the entire project, sent in his official certification as to the truth of every statement made by the applicant.

The purpose of this fake publication is to take away from the Post-Democrat, if possible, legal notices which are required by law to be published by township trustees in the month of January and February, in two newspapers representing the two leading political parties, amounting probably, in their entirety, to a thousand dollars.

But the promoters, apparently, overlooked one important thing. And that is that the Post-Democrat is not in the habit of taking a licking lying down.

The trustees themselves know that no court on earth would ever be a party to such an apparent design to defeat the intent of the legislature which enacted the law requiring trustees' reports to be published in two newspapers of OPPOSITE politics.

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publication of their reports in a publication born of such antecedents and spawned in such a hatchery as this so called "Muncie Democrat" would be utterly illegal.

The Post-Democrat will publish all twelve reports and if necessary will go into court, as we did recently at Newcastle, to prove the legality of our claims and to prove further that this Muncie Democrat is not a democratic newspaper at all. The trustee or other public official who runs legal advertising in that counterfeit publication will merely run the risk being compelled by the state board of accounts to refund the money out of his own pocket.

SATAN'S MORTGAGE
ON LOGANSPORT
MAIN ST. CHURCH

*Methodists Pay Off Earthly
Debt, But Still Carry
Burden of Hate.*

Logansport, Jan. 30.—Southside Main street M. E. church burned their mortgage, as they had liquidated that debt, but the devil did not cancel his mortgage, and from the way the most of the members hate, if there is not a real minister appointed, who will preach the scriptures as they should be, old Satan will foreclose and claim the congregation in his entirety.

Preacher Albert Leffingwell showed where he stood when he permitted sixty masked Nite Prowlers of the Ku Klux Klan to enter the church and attend the services. Maybe they were the executives of the tar and feather brigade, but from the appearance of their hob nailed, unpol-

clamorous Red Fulk has another red ink entry in his political ledger.

Assistant Engineer Allen, it seems, incurred the enmity of the clamorous one by attending strictly to his duties instead of wasting his time kowtowing to Fulk.

As he could find no charges to prefer against Allen, save that he was a reader of the Ohio State Journal, an anti-klan paper, he conceived the brilliant idea of abolishing the office.

Unfortunately for Fulk, however,

he had tried the same game with Cemetery Superintendent Harris and failed, so the city council sat down on the proposition, and Allen will stay on the job.

It really seems as if the real purpose of the Klanarchists is to get rid of all the really competent men in the city services and replace them with nonentities wearing the klan collar, as witness the water works department and Cedar Hill cemetery.

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Sycamore Street Cannot Get Light.

Although council several months ago ordered street lights placed on Sycamore street, Clamorous Fulk has refused to place the lights.

It is presumed that Sycamore street may be populated mostly by opponents of the klan, or it may be that they want the street kept dark for purposes of their own, as it is well known that some of their best work is done under cover of darkness.

Meanwhile, the citizens living on Sycamore street may have long memories, and have something to say later.

525 1-3 E. Broadway.

Main Dictator—Senator Roscoe Martin, 702 East High street, conductor Pennsylvania Ry. Co. This bird is down at Indianapolis in the Senate, voting for every Ku Klux bill that is introduced. He is a dyed-in-the-wool, sincere Ku Klux.

SOME KLUXERS:

Applegate, Jno. H., 414 1-3 4th St., truant officer.

Bogan, Meldon F.—Clerk Murdock Hotel.

Bowman, Curtis—14 Wheatland Avenue, brakeman Pennsylvania Ry. Co.

Beck, Thomas—Young America farmer.

Bundy, L. E.—110-11th St. A. & P. store.

Buck, M. M.—206 Cole St., fireman.

Chambers, Chas.—810 W. Bdwy.

Coghill, Smith, 914 Mich. Ave.

Cox, Avery—218 Columbus St., yd. cond' Pennsy.

Outside Guard—Roland Hinkle, Carnell, Jno.—Camden, farmer.

Redkey, Judge

Saturday afternoon a squad of police went as uninvited guests to one of Bob Graves's pink teas, in his more or less celebrated "soft drink parlor," as it is tenderly designated.

One of the cops opened Bob's safe and found a gallon jug full of white rum. As the next step he was arrested in the court of Judge Harry Redkey, where he promptly plead not guilty.

Redkey, it will be recalled, served that statement he had in mind his ridiculous and utterly uncalled for acquittal of Bob Graves some months ago, when the evidence of the man's guilt was as clear as the noonday sun.

Notwithstanding the undisputed evidence that Bob has been running a blind tiger and crap shootery for over three years, the police have never been able to convict him. He always escapes by the special judge route. He is Muncie's chief offender and the appointment of his attorney as city judge, was decidedly in poor taste.

Redkey had performed in a way worth while before, so both hired him for the defense, and this case, after

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*Served Kluxer Right
Said Judge Black**Bowers Justified In
Shooting Davidson**Kluxer Was Found In Company of Bowers'
Wife and Injured Husband Shot
Him Up Somewhat.*

Newark, O., Jan. 30.—The pris-

oner is dismissed. Any man who

persists in going with a married woman after being warned is entitled to no protection under the law. That is the substance of Judge Black's decision in the case of Ernest Bowers, who was charged with shooting to kill Waldo Davidson.

Davidson had been running around with Mrs. Bowers, despite repeated warnings to cease his attentions, and on January 22 of last year, Bowers caught the pair together and sent a bullet into Davidson's arm, which was so badly shattered it had to be amputated.

Bowers left town before he could be arrested and the kluxer administration has been devoting a large part of its time to a search for him. He was finally located in Youngstown and returned to Newark for trial on a charge of shooting to kill.

Unfortunately for the kluxers, Judge Collins had gone to Florida, leaving Judge Black in charge of the municipal court. Probably the decision would have been different had Judge Collier been on the bench, but

Judge Black evidently does not believe that membership in an organization formed to "protect pure womanhood" gives a man license to break up the home of one who is not a member.

Judging from rumors current on the streets, there is plenty of material for gun play among the kluxers themselves.

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Clamorous Fulk Loses Out Again.

Council has refused to abolish the office of Assistant Civil Engineer and

isched old borgans, they looked like executioners. If these poor dupes only knew it, they are hurting themselves more than those whom they seek to injure. Their bed sheet parades only create merriment instead of annoyance. Poor simp's!

Perhaps the Klux officers No. 39 were in line. We submit their names for Klux approval:

Cyclops—Rolle Granger.

Klalif—Chas. Ferguson, Market street tailor.

Klokard—Ira Kesler, superintendent Cass Co. schools.

Kligrapp—Frank J. Berndt, also secretary of the I. O. O. F.

Trac, L. & Power, lights.

Luod—Preacher Jackson.

Kiokan—Jos "Oleoo" Long, real estate and butter agent.

Klabe—Wm. H. Jones, assistant postmaster.

Inside Guard—Carl Ranker, 10th St., Pennsylvania Ry. employee.

Outside Guard—Roland Hinkle,

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