

BLIZZARD CONTINUES IN MIDDLEWEST

USE OF NAME "KLAN" LIMITED BY JUDGE SLICK

Federal Judge Restrains Independent Organization From Use Of Title

ATLANTA ORDER WINS INJUNCTION

South Bend, Ind., Mar. 31.—(United Press)—Judge Thomas Slick in federal court here today granted a permanent injunction to restrain the Independent Klan of America, with headquarters at Muncie, Ind., from use of the name "Klan."

The injunction was sought by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, of Atlanta, Ga., which alleged that the independent organization was attempting to steal its name.

Judge Slick held that the Atlanta organization through prior use of the name of the Klan had exclusive right to the name.

Much confusion in membership of the two organizations has resulted from the similarity of names, Judge Slick declared in ordering the Muncie organization to change its name.

He said it was evident the independent order had sought to profit by the nation-wide publicity attached to the Atlanta order.

The Atlanta Klan organization in its injunction suit also demanded \$500,000 damages from the independent Klan but no damages were awarded by Judge Slick.

Dissension between the national Klan organization and a group of Indiana klansmen resulted in formation of the independent order at Muncie.

The independent order at first went under the name of the Klan of the North and then assumed the name of the Independent Klan of America.

Hearing on the injunction petition was held by Judge Slick in Indiana last fall.

YOUNG FARMER DIES AT HOSPITAL

Glen Thieme, Union Township Young Man, Dies Of Pneumonia Early Today

Glen W. T. Thieme, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thieme, of Union township, died at the Adams County Memorial Hospital at 12:30 o'clock this morning, after an illness of only a few days. Death was due to pneumonia. The young man became ill last Friday and was brought to the local hospital Sunday.

Glen Thieme was born in Union township, September 26, 1903. He received his education in the Lutheran school of Union township and was engaged in assisting his father on the farm prior to the time of his illness. He is survived by the following brothers: Hugo, Walter, Amos, Ernest and Max Thieme all of Union township. One sister, Mrs. Henry Selking, of Root township, also survives. Several distant relatives and a host of friends survive to mourn the death.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock (sun time) from the house and at 2:15 o'clock (sun time) from the Emmanuel Lutheran church, of which the deceased was a member. Burial will take place at the Emmanuel Lutheran cemetery. The Rev. M. Frosch will have charge of the services.

Elks To Meet Tonight

The regular meeting of the Elks lodge will be held at 8 o'clock this evening. This will be the last meeting at which the old officers will preside, the newly-elected officers taking office at the next meeting. All members are urged to attend the meeting tonight.

Blind, Wins Honor



Carl W. Bostrom, blind student at Northwestern University, has completed his course in journalism and psychology at the college—and with honors. He says his mother deserves the praise for his success. She reads his lessons to him.

STORES TO CLOSE ON GOOD FRIDAY

Business To Be Suspended For Three Hours; Churches To Hold Services

The retail merchants committee announced this morning that the stores will close on Good Friday, April 2, from 12 o'clock noon to 3 o'clock in the afternoon. A number of the professional offices will close also and, where possible, factories will close, it was stated.

The observance of the Three Hours is in commemoration of the Three Hours that Christ spent and died on the Cross on Mt. Calvary more than nineteen hundred years ago.

For several years, the stores in this city have observed the custom of closing on Good Friday. A union church service will be held at the Methodist church from 12 to 3 o'clock and a service will be held at St. Mary's Catholic church during the three hours.

The retail merchants committee kindly requests those places of business to close on Good Friday and the ministers of the different churches extend an invitation to the public to attend the services from 12 to 3 o'clock.

Despondent Man Plunges Into Creek; Saved By Boys

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 31.—(United Press)—Ralph Bradford, 30, lived today despite his determined attempt at suicide.

Despondent, because he lost his job, Bradford plunged into Fall Creek. Boys in a row boat held his head above water with paddles until two men made a lasso and dragged him from the water.

NORTH WARD TO STAGE OPERETTA

Tickets For Annual Play To Be Sold By Pupils, Beginning Thursday

Pupils of the North Ward school will begin Thursday to sell tickets for the annual operetta of the school, which will be given in the high school auditorium Friday night, April 9, at 8 o'clock. The tickets will sell for ten cents for children twelve years old and younger, and twenty-five cents for all persons more than twelve years old.

The title of the operetta to be given this year is, "The Magic Wood," written by May N. Brahe. More than 100 children, including every child in the North Ward school, will have a part in the entertainment. There will be several special numbers in addition to the operetta. The teachers of the school are directing the production.

SALES OF MALT CAN BE HALTED BY THE STATES

New Malt Extract Not Intoxicating And Not Drinkable, Chemist Holds

BREWERS SAY MALT IS NOT A BEVERAGE

By Herbert Little.
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Mar. 31.—With many communities protesting—or rejoicing as the case may be—over the treasury's permission to two breweries to market medicinal 3.75 per cent. malt extract, it developed at the treasury today that sales of Sherry and Port wine, especially treated for seasoning and medicinal purposes is already permitted to drug stores and grocers.

But, according to information given the United Press by government sources, the states themselves can halt these malt and wine sales if they choose. Moreover, it was stated that neither the malt nor the wines are drinkable.

The new malt extract is not a beer and is not intoxicating Dr. J. E. Doran, chief prohibition chemist, told the United Press today.

"The product is a heavy preparation of malted barley containing 25 per cent solids," he said. "The extract has a bitter taste something of a cross between beer and molasses but it certainly does not taste like beer."

The government ruling providing for "beer tonic" will bring little cheer to the arid beer drinkers of the country.

JOHN EDWARDS DIES LAST NIGHT

Civil War Veteran Succumbs At Home In This City; Ill Several Weeks

John Edwards, well-known Decatur citizen and Civil War veteran, died at his home at 12 o'clock last night after an illness of several weeks. Death was due to complications, brought on by infirmities. Mr. Edwards had been in poor health for some time. He retired from his profession about two years ago and has not been actively engaged in any business since then.

John Edwards was born in New York City, December 22, 1847. He received his early education in the New York City schools and later came to Richmond, Indiana, where he learned the profession of sign painting, which he followed his entire life. He enlisted in the army during the Civil War and fought with the Union forces for more than three years, establishing a good record as a soldier. Mr. Edwards was one of the youngest soldiers in the war.

At the end of the Civil War, Mr. Edwards came to Decatur. He was married to Rebecca M. LaMar, who with four children, survives to mourn the death. One son, Don H. Edwards, of Los Angeles, and three daughters, Mrs. Wesley Shepherd, of Anderson, Florine Edwards, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Daisy Balingier, of Anderson, survive. Seven grand-children, four great-grandchildren and many more distant relatives and friends survive also.

Mr. Edwards was a member of the Methodist church of this city and also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was engaged in the sign painting and general painting business in Decatur until his advanced age caused him to retire in 1924.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home in the west part of the city. Burial will take place at the Decatur cemetery. The Rev. Somerville Light, pastor of the Methodist church of this city, will have charge of the service, assisted by the Rev. Cecil R. Smith, pastor of the United Brethren church.

James Hurst Exhibits Large Lemon Grown In Basement Of His House

James Hurst today exhibited a lemon weighing a pound and three ounces, raised on his pet tree which he is very proud of. The tree is fourteen years old, stands about three feet high and has its home in the basement at the Hurst home. It has several large sized lemons on now, many small ones and innumerable blossoms and has produced fruit several years. Jim is sure if he had enough trees and the room to take care of them, he would have no trouble in marketing the fruit and so are those who saw the sample, who declared it to be as fine a specimen of lemon as they have ever seen.

AGRICULTURAL ASS'N TO MEET

Stockholders Of New Organization To Hold Meeting Here Monday Night

A meeting of the stockholders of the Adams County Agricultural Association has been called by John H. Carmody, president, for next Monday evening. The session will be held in the Industrial rooms in this city and everyone who has subscribed for stock is urged to attend.

At this time, a plan will be presented for consideration of the members and a permanent board of directors elected. Efforts are being made to have Mr. Marker, secretary of the Van Wert, Ohio, fair, present, to explain the plan used so successfully in that county for many years and to make suggestions for the work here.

The present board of sixteen directors was chosen at a meeting held sixty days ago and the term for which they were chosen having expired, it is necessary to proceed with the selection of a permanent board. The idea of the organization is to purchase Bellmont park and effect an association which will operate the park and conduct an annual fair. Those who have signed for stock are urged to attend the meeting.

Ryan Pledges Support To Farmers Of Indiana

Seymour, Ind., Mar. 31.—(United Press)—Oswald Ryan, of Anderson, republican candidate for the short term senatorial nomination last night pledged his support to the farmers of Indiana in their fight for "a place in the sun."

Ryan declared the farmers' demands are justifiable and should be granted.

WARN PUBLIC TO KEEP OFF GRASS

Trespass Law May Be Resorted To To Protect Lawn Around Court House

A warning was issued today that the trespass law would be resorted to if persons did not discontinue their habit of walking on the court house lawn. Mat Breiner, custodian, has spent considerable time in beautifying the lawn and he stated today that every spring he is confronted with the problem of having people, both old and young, using the lawn as a loafing ground and playground. He stated that he was interested in the plan to beautify the court house lawn, but that it would be impossible to do so unless everyone cooperated with him.

Police officers warned persons and informed that the trespass fine would be used if necessary. There are several walks, leading to and from the court house, and officers urge that persons use these walks rather than make their own paths across the grass and through the shrubbery.

Weather

Rain, turning to snow and much colder tonight. Thursday, mostly cloudy with colder in east portion.

COALITION IN CONGRESS IS BROKEN TODAY

Combine Of Republicans And Democrats Splits Over Italian Debt Plan

KLAN OPPOSITION HAS ITS EFFECT

Washington, Mar. 31.—(United Press)—The coalition of republicans and democrats which has dominated this session of congress, broke into pieces today and it appeared not unlikely that the split would mean indefinite postponement of the \$2,045,000,000 Italian debt settlement.

A poll conducted by a senator favoring the settlement, indicated that the opposition has a fundamental strength of 45 votes to refer the matter to the finance committee—a sidetrack on which it would stand at least until the next session of congress.

Polls taken by the United Press reveal a possible strength of fifty votes to refer the issue just exactly two more than is necessary.

Although no official communications from authorities of the Ku Klux Klan have yet been placed into the record, both sides admit that the Klan opposition to the settlement has had its effects.

Masons To Dedicate New Temple At Gary Tonight

Gary, Ind., Mar. 31.—(United Press)—Gary's new \$300,000 Masonic Temple will be formally dedicated tonight with exercises by the various local bodies.

DAILY DEMOCRAT RECEIVES HONOR

Newspaper Gets Honorable Mention For Sports Page During Net Season

The Decatur Daily Democrat received honorable mention from the Basket Ball World this year for the manner in which the basketball games in this county were covered during the 1925-26 season, according to a story released today by the editor of the basketball publication. The Bluffton Banner received the silver loving cup for first prize. The story regarding the award is as follows:

Frankfort, Ind., Mar. 31.—The second annual award of the Basket Ball World trophy to the newspaper of Indiana for services during the 1925-26 season has been awarded to the Bluffton Banner. B. Franklin Buckner is sports editor of the Banner and Eldred Cissell, editor of the Basket Ball World, has sent the trophy and his personal congratulations to Mr. Buckner.

The award is made on the basis of three points, namely: the thoroughness of the paper in covering the field; the sportsmanship and loyalty developed in the community by the newspaper; and the community spirit shown in the writeups of games. Several newspapers covered the games and activities of the team in their own town, but failed to get the results and writeups of other games in their territory.

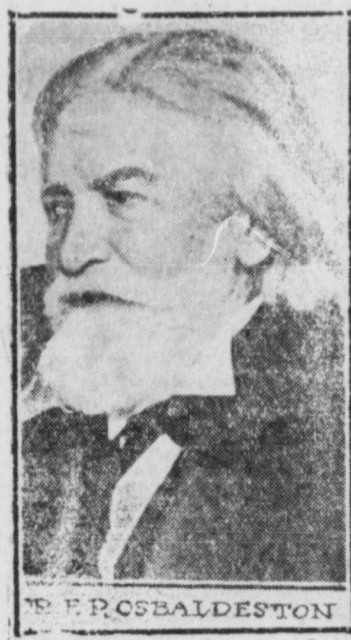
The Richmond Item, winner of the trophy last year, was awarded second place this year. Honorable mention

Vote On Impeachment Move Expected Late Today

Washington, Mar. 31.—(United Press)—A final vote in the house on impeachment of Federal Judge George W. English of the eastern district of Illinois, is expected late today.

The lower body met at 11 o'clock, an hour earlier than usual and leaders expected to press for a vote before adjournment so the way may be cleared for a recess from tomorrow night until Monday.

Arrested



Dr. E. P. Osbaldeston, ninety-three years old, leading Asbury Park citizen, has been arrested by Deputy Sheriff S. F. Black, who is ninety-one, in connection with the theft of a horse in Binghamton, N. Y., forty-five years ago. He denies guilt.

FINAL SERMON IN SERIES GIVEN

Father Chapman Closes Series Of Lenten Sermons At Catholic Church

The final sermon of the special Lenten course, which has been given at St. Mary's Catholic church by the Rev. Father Chapman, Associate Editor of Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, was heard last evening by a congregation which filled the church to the doors. Taking as his subject, "The Crucifixion of Christ," Father Chapman drew a startling word picture of the tragedy of Calvary. "What do you think it really was like? Artists dare not represent it, in pictures or sculpture, as it actually was, for it would be too terrible for us to contemplate. Even in thinking about the crucifixion, we conventionalize it, mitigate it, shrink from the gruesome details. But we ought to form a true mental picture of the death of Christ, terrible as it was, in order to bring home the fact that it was done for us, and that we, by our sins, are directly and personally responsible for it."

"The sin of gluttony, or as it is usually termed, intemperance, is essentially the pampering of the body by the misuse of otherwise good things. Too much food, too much drink, too much ease; and all this is the direct opposite to what Christ did with His Body. We live in luxury, we cherish the body; He willingly permitted His Body to be tortured to atone for our sins. Only a step divides the right use of food and drink from the misuse of them which is not only physically detrimental to health, but morally fatal to the soul. We must not despise our bodies, but neither must we think

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P-T CLUB MEETS IN SOUTH WARD

Large Number Of Parents Attend Session Of Club Tuesday Afternoon

A large number of parents attended the regular monthly meeting of the South Ward Parent-Teacher Club, held at the school building Tuesday afternoon. The program started at 2:30 o'clock. A group of songs were sung by the pupils of the first and second grades. The third grade pupils gave a demonstration of accuracy and rapidity with numbers, while the pupils of the fourth grade gave a demonstration of a Lenis Sheet test in arithmetic. Mr. M. F. Worthman, superintendent of the city schools, gave an interesting talk on what the home life has to do with the attitude of the child in school. Regular business matters were disposed of during the business session.

NO RELIEF FOR NEXT 24 HOURS IS PREDICTED

Seven Deaths Result From Storms Which Are General Over Wide Area

SNOW FALL RANGES FROM 4 TO 7 INCHES

Chicago, Mar. 31.—(United Press)—The middlewest today continued in the grip of an unseasonable blizzard which already has resulted in seven lives lost and a score of accidents.

Three persons were killed in Chicago in accidents while four were killed in Wisconsin, owing to the blinding snow which prevented clear vision while motoring.

The entire middlewestern region from the mountains to the Ohio, and from the lakes south today is blanketed white with snow and there will be no relief for the next 24 hours, the weather bureau reported. Snow fall in the region during the past 24 hours ranged between 4 and 7 inches.

In Chicago today the driving snow storm had changed to rain, but the United States weather bureau reported that snow accompanied by high winds would continue for the next 24 hours. The entire city is blanketed and drifted high and more than 500 workmen rounded up by the city to fight the mounds of snow which block the streets.

Trains running in and out of the city are delayed by the snow which here has reached 5 1/2 inches. This brings the month's total to more than 14 inches, a March record for the city.

The three persons killed here indirectly by the storm were in motor car accidents. This was in addition to a crash between two "L" trains last night in which a score of passengers were injured, but none seriously.

In down-state Illinois, the snow is

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CHANGE MADE IN U. S. MAIL ROUTES

Recent Change In System In Adams County Becomes Effective Tomorrow

The change made recently in the rural free delivery system in Adams county, by the Postoffice department, will become effective tomorrow, April 1. In the change, six routes, including one out of the Decatur office, the Pleasant Mills and Magley routes and one at Monroe, Berne and Geneva, will be dispensed with and consolidated with the Decatur, Monroe, Berne and Geneva routes.

In the consolidation, six carriers will lose their jobs, namely Howard Davis, of the Pleasant Mills route; Harry Bauer, of the Magley route; Howard Muller, of Decatur route ten; Enos O. Osterman, of Monroe route one; Rawley A. Sipe, of Berne route two, and William H. Bradford, of Geneva route three. The consolidation also effects several hundred rural patrons. The patrons on the Pleasant Mills and Magley rural route will, after today, receive their mail out of the Decatur office. The ten routes out of the Decatur office will be merged into nine, giving the carriers an average of about 140 patrons on the route.

With the consolidation of the six routes, there will be only seventeen rural routes in Adams county. The patrons of the Magley and Pleasant Mills offices who call for their mail at the postoffice at these two places will not be affected by the change.

The Daily Democrat has revised its mailing list to correspond with the changes, several hundred patrons of the paper being transferred to different routes. The changes have been made for tonight's papers and in case an error was made, the publishers kindly ask the subscriber to notify this office and the correction will be made.