

NIGHT RIDER SECRETS BRUTALLY WHIP WOMAN. Witness Tells All While Courtroom Bristles with Guards.

The Night Rider oath in full is here given for the first time: "You do solemnly swear, in the presence of Almighty God and these witnesses, that you desire to become a Night Rider; that you will not write, talk or tell to any one of the secrets of this Order of Night Riders; that if you do talk, write or tell to any person any of the secrets of the order, you are permitted to do with you as we see fit. You know death, hell and destruction will be your portion, and that your body will not be buried in a graveyard. Do you willingly and freely submit to all this, so help you God?"

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 21.—The state practically completed its case to-day against the eight alleged Night Riders on trial for the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin when it drew from Frank Fehringer, a member of the band, a detailed statement of the Rankin affair and a score of more other outrages. It also called to the stand Mrs. Emma Thurman Johnson, one of the two women said to have been whipped by the band, and had her tell her story.

The startling testimony of Fehringer, who confessed to the murder of Rankin, and the testimony of Mrs. Johnson, who testified to the whipping of Rankin's wife, given with great exactness of detail, amazed the people who thronged the courtroom. Then, as Mrs. Johnson's name was called, a detailed statement of the Rankin affair and a score of more other outrages. It also called to the stand Mrs. Emma Thurman Johnson, one of the two women said to have been whipped by the band, and had her tell her story.

FOUND AT SISTER'S HOME. The riders seem to have realized this, for on September 20, at about 11 o'clock at night, they beat on the door of the sister's home. The door was opened by a woman who was in bed. She saw the riders and fled to her room. The riders entered the room and searched for the woman. They found her and she was whipped. She was then taken to a hospital.

URGES RETENTION OF NORTHROP. The President Quoted as Saying That Head of Wisconsin University Cannot Be Spared. (By Telegrams to the Tribune.)

MRS. CHADBOURNE GETS ART GOODS. Mrs. "Jack" Gardner May Now Receive Treasures Which Have Cost Over \$150,000. Chicago, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Emily Crane Chadbourne obtained possession to-day of the art treasures seized last summer by the government, by paying into court \$24,411, in addition to the \$70,489 previously paid by her for duties and penalties on the property. It is reported that the goods will now be shipped to Mrs. "Jack" Gardner, of Boston, for whom they were impounded.

PAINT BURNS PROVE FATAL. Mrs. Mary Franklin, who was burned at Creedmore, Long Island, on Sunday, when her clothes caught fire after the explosion of a pot of varnish which her husband was warming on the kitchen stove, died yesterday morning. Her husband, Charles W. Franklin, their two children and Miss Agnes McDonald, her sister, were in the kitchen at the time of the explosion.

LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING— We shall now have better things to eat. WASHBURN-CROSBY'S GOLD MEDAL FLOUR. GOLD MEDAL FLOUR.

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The City Club held a special meeting last night to discuss the city's finances, and from the diagnosis incidentally to reach some method of keeping public money within the city purse and getting better value for necessary expenditures. William M. Ivins, chairman of the Charter Revision Commission; Edward J. Levey, ex-Deputy Comptroller; and Lawson Purdy, president of the Tax Board, were the stated speakers. Their remarks were followed by a general discussion by club members and guests, among whom were Controller Metz and Senator McCarran, Dr. E. R. L. Gould, Dr. Frederick A. Cleveland, of the Bureau of Municipal Research, Horace W. Taylor, and many legislators. While there was no hint of partisan politics in the discussion, there was an emphatic note of dissatisfaction with existing conditions, and a persistent demand that the voters be educated, systematically and thoroughly, to the dangers of the present course and the necessity for change and improvement.

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TWO FORTUNE TELLERS ARRESTED. Both Charged with Stealing Money, but One Is Discharged. Two wandering fortune tellers, one a Russian gypsy, the other a Brazilian, were arrested yesterday on charges of petty larceny.

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this system would have saved the city much money and been of inestimable benefit to the neighboring property owners. Mr. Metz was called on to ask a few questions when the regular speakers had finished. He started in by saying that he was glad that others had said what he had said again and again. He said that an official said it did not count. An outsider who had a knock had to come along, and then the people listened. The remark by Mr. Purdy regarding the cost of subways led Mr. Metz to say that he had never heard of a subway that cost only \$1,000,000 a mile. The Fourth avenue, for five miles only, was to cost \$15,000,000, and that did not include the equipment.

HARGIS JURY COMPLETE. Son to Lay Bare Entire Life of Father as a Defence. Lexington, Ky., Dec. 21.—The jury which is to try Beach Hargis at Irvine on the charge of murdering his father, Judge James Hargis, was complete today when the jury was sworn. All the jurors are farmers. It is stated that the defence will introduce witnesses to lay bare the whole life of Judge James Hargis, giving the whole of his alleged connection with Breathitt County feuds and assassinations. The defence hopes it can prove by these witnesses that Judge Hargis was responsible for his own death.

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Notice of a Piano Sale

After saving up for three months the slightly used pianos that we took in exchange as part payment for our splendid new pianos, we presented them yesterday, but by a mistake failed to say that Monday (yesterday) was the beginning of our Christmas Sale. We started with 301 pianos and Angelus Players, and doubtless our mistake cost us many sales because we only sold 153 or 4, and we have the others yet to sell.

They are on sale this Tuesday morning on the 12th floor of the New Building. And there are two elevators on the Ninth street side and two at Eighth street and Fourth avenue that go up as far as the 12th floor. Please say to the Elevator Manager or operator that you want to go to the Sale of the Used Pianos. These elevators, however, will be marked with special cards "to the 12th floor Piano Sale"

- The prices put on these Pianos are to turn them into money, because they must get out of our way to make room for others that will come along during the next three or four months. One thing may be said, that all these pianos have been put in good condition and they look almost as new as any new piano that has never been out of our stock; so that there cannot be any question about their suitability and satisfaction to everybody, as a Christmas present.
- Campbell Upright Pianos: 6 Campbell, \$190; 6 Campbell, \$190.
- Kurtzmann Upright Pianos: Kurtzmann, \$300.
- Schomacker Upright Pianos: Schomacker, \$300.
- Knabe Upright Pianos: Knabe, \$500; Knabe, \$500; Knabe, \$500.
- Angelus Piano Players: 18 Angelus, \$350; 3 Angelus, \$250; Angelus, \$250.
- Miscellaneous Upright Pianos: 3 Apollon, \$250; 1 Pianola, \$250; Playano, \$250.
- Autopianos: 4 Autopianos, \$450; Autopiano, \$550.
- Combination Piano and Player: Aeolian, in white enamel, with music cabinet and 50 rolls of music, \$310.
- Grand Pianos: Buttkofer, \$400 model, \$125; Gaid and Bacon, \$600 model, \$125; Ravel & Church, \$600 model, \$125; Hallet & Davis, \$750 model, \$250; Mason & Hamlin, \$900 model, \$250; Chickering Parlor, \$750 model, \$295; Weber, \$900 model, \$325; Steinway, \$850 model, \$425; Mason & Hamlin, \$800 model, \$450; Chickering Baby, \$750 model, \$650; Chickering Parlor, \$950 model, \$675; Knabe, \$950 model, \$675; Knabe, \$950 model, \$675.
- Square Pianos: Manhattan, \$20; Lynch & Gorman, \$20; 1 Chickering, \$25; Arion, \$25; Lynch, \$25; Decker Bros., \$30; Gordon, \$30; Empire, \$30; Groden, \$30; Barnes, \$30; Holsong & Holmstrom, \$30; Haines Bros., \$35; Chickering, \$35; Schomacker, \$35; Hardman, \$35; Brantigan, \$35; Wing & Sons, \$35; John Mahon, \$40; Ernest Gabler, \$40; Mahon Bros., \$45; Chickering, \$50; Brainerd, \$55; Mathushek, \$55; Weber, \$55; Krakauer, \$55; Chickering, \$55; Steinway & Sons, \$65.

John Wanamaker

Broadway, Fourth avenue, Eighth to Tenth street.

MRS. KELLIHER DISTURBS HEARING.

Chemical Examination To Be Made to Determine Whether Her Daughter Was Poisoned. Boston, Dec. 21.—There were delivered into the hands of chemists at the Harvard Medical School to-day for examination parts of the internal organs of Catherine Kelliher, daughter of Mrs. Mary Kelliher, who is under arrest on a charge of arson, but whose possible connection with six deaths in the neighborhood within a period of three years is the subject of investigation. All the deaths were attributed to natural causes by the attending physicians, but upon learning that in each case Mrs. Kelliher collected life insurance from the Middlesex County authorities decided to make investigations. As the Kelliher girl was said to have died from ptomaine poisoning, her body was selected for the desired tests.

DISMISS 20 TELEGRAPH OPERATORS.

Western Union Official Says 45 Per Cent of Washington State Messages Not Reported. Seattle, Dec. 21.—Investigation by the auditing department of the Western Union Telegraph Company on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads from the Pacific Coast to Minneapolis has resulted in the arrest of the agent at Riverville, Wash., the discharge of twenty telegraph operators and the uncovering of what is believed by officials of the company to be a conspiracy systematically to rob the Western Union Company of telegraph tolls.

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REPUBLICAN CLUB INDORSES MR. ROOT.

The Republican Club, at its monthly meeting last night, adopted resolutions warmly endorsing Secretary Root for United States Senator. The resolution was presented four weeks ago, but went over, under the rule. Robert S. Kenyon objected, on purely technical grounds, to a resolution of endorsement of Mr. Root, asserting that, while he had the highest opinion of Secretary Root and a thorough-going belief that he would make a good record, he thought it would be a bad precedent for the club to establish. Charles H. Treat made a strong speech in support of the resolution, and there was no dissenting vote when the question was put.

BODY IN BAG FOUND IN RIVER.

Lambertville, N. J., Dec. 21.—A burlap bag containing a leather coat and the body of a man or woman so badly decomposed that it has been impossible to determine the sex, was found today in the Delaware River, near this place. The body had been bound with a clothesline and was weighted down in the water with about forty pounds of railroad spikes.

DINNER FOR MR. KOENIG TO-NIGHT.

The friends of Samuel S. Koenig, Secretary of State-elect, will give a testimonial dinner for him at Reisenweber's, Eighth avenue and Columbus Circle, to-night. The speaker's list includes State Chairman Woodruff, Representative Parsons, Senator Depew, Job E. Hedges, Judge Rosovsky and Justice Foster. Ex-Assemblyman Hartman will preside. There will be about three hundred guests.

MANY COTTON GINS BURNED.

Laurens, S. C., Dec. 21.—Destructive fires are becoming frequent in Laurens County, especially among the ginners, three having been destroyed in the last few days. Early Saturday morning a fire broke out at the gin of one of the ginners, and a few days ago one at Cross Hill and several days ago two stores at Gray Court were destroyed by fire, all at night. The aggregate losses are heavy. Night Riders are held responsible in many cases.