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REPUBLICANS DEFEND PRESENT TARIFF BILL

CATECHISM IS REHEARSED IN HOUSE DEBATE

REPUBLICAN DEFENDS THE
PAYNE BILL WITH CLEVER
QUESTIONS.

FAULTS ARE RUN DOWN

Representative Moore Writes and
Answers Questions on Tariff Question in Which He Points Out That
Former Tariff Was Satisfactory But
Misled Reformers and Agitators
Were Dissatisfied.

Washington, April 25.—During a speech on the Underwood tariff bill in the house today Representative Moore of Pennsylvania put over a "tariff catechism" and had the clerk of the house read the questions he had prepared, and which he answered, tracing the history of tariff legislation.

"Why was the Payne bill?" asked the clerk.

"Because the Democrats continually misrepresented the tariff question."

"Did it revise tariff downward?"

"It did and equalized many duties."

"If the people enjoyed wonderful progress under the Payne law why

SCOUTS JOIN CIVIC PROJECT

GENERAL CLEANUP DAY TO BE
UNDER THEIR GUIDANCE.

Unlawful Outhouses and Unsanitary
Conditions to be Removed.

Boy Scouts of this city are going to become important factors in civic affairs. A campaign in which the young organization of industrious boys will participate has been outlined. The Scouts will comb the town for flagrant violations of sanitary rules and regulations, such as outhouses left standing, fly catchers and the like, and make a careful report to headquarters. A clean up day will be set in the near future, when the entire city will be asked to give the matter special attention and after that date, the Scouts will again comb the town for infractions of the laws and failure to clean up. With such final data at hand officials will be asked to take stringent steps. "The day of cleanup is to be named shortly."

did they complain?"
"They listened to ambitious politicians, conscientiousless agitators, journals with axes to grind, magazine essayists, who found it more profitable to write fiction than work, theoretical college professors, non-producers and a few sincere reformers who were misinformed and misled."

"What is the Underwood bill?"
"The bill was introduced by Representative Underwood, the exponent of the president's theories."

Debaters in Pendleton.

Miss Serena Rohan, Milton Stoddard and Gerald Moore, high school debaters, went to Pendleton today to meet the high school debaters of that city. They were accompanied by Coach Montgomery and Mrs. E. C. Moore.

Visiting in Union.
Mrs. J. Brittan went to Union on this afternoon's train.

COBB SIGNED WITH DETROIT

COUNTER OFFER FROM OUTLAWS
BRINGS RESULTS.

Salary Clause Secret But Thought to
Be \$15,000 as Wanted.

Detroit, April 24.—Ty Cobb, the holdout, who has been idle since the big league season opened, because he wanted \$15,000 a year and Detroit wouldn't pay it, today noon signed a year's contract, with the Americans. The salary clause is not announced but just before noon it was found that a secret conference was to be held and Cobb said President Navin would have to pay him what he asked. M. F. Bramley of the Federal league at Cleveland, outlaw, offered Cobb \$15,000 this morning to manage the Cleveland team, and it was probably that which brought President Navin to time.

SCHOOL BOARD TO LET CONTRACT
Portland and Other Towns Represented by Contractor Lists.

Bids for construction of the new \$30,000 school building on North Second street will be opened and, no doubt, let this evening when the school board meets.

The competition will be keen. With building activities dull in other Eastern Oregon towns and in Portland, too, Portland and nearby towns have sent contractors here until contractors are thicker than real carpenters and several local contractors who know how to handle the saw and hammer have laid away their contractor's insignia and donned the carpenter's apron. Until this campaign was decided on, there was a great dearth of carpenters and an over-supply of contractors. The unusually heavy

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WITH DETROIT TODAY AT
PROBABLY \$15,000.



Photos by American Press Association.
THREE VIEWS OF TY COBB.

building campaign demands many carpenters of first class caliber. However, the school board believes that it will profit by this condition and obtain the very greatest results from the outlay of money.

AGAIN ON THE OPERATING TABLE.



The simplified spelling board publishes its fourth list of words to appear in new fashioned orthography. Approximately a thousand words are shortened or changed in spelling.—New. Item.

—Morris in Spokane Spokesman-Review.

SKIFF'S APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IN SENATE

Washington, April 25.—The senate has confirmed the following nominations sent in by President Wilson two weeks ago:

Frank S. Myers, postmaster at Portland.

Nolan Skiff, receiver of public money at La Grande.

L. A. Booth, receiver of public money at The Dalles.

Sam Mothershead, receiver of public money at Burns, Oregon.

Usually 30 days is sufficient time for bonds to be approved and complete

charge of office taken under such appointments, when confirmation of the appointment has come, and Nolan Skiff may assume Colon R. Eberhard's duties within a fortnight. These final deals are sometimes hurried through with greater dispatch than 30 days but that at the outset should be the time required for the new receiver to take hold of his duties here. Spacious and attractive quarters will also be the treat that Mr. Skiff will fall into for the office will no doubt shortly go into the federal building where quarters have been provided for it.

MONTENEGRO MUST SURRENDER SCUTARI SAY EUROPEAN POWERS

Vienna, April 25.—European powers have agreed that Montenegro must surrender Scutari, which she captured representatives of the powers met this a few days ago from the Turks. Rep- after noon to consider Austria's note in which she asked to be allowed to

drive Montenegrins from Scutari. King Nicholas of Montenegro has persistently refused to surrender the coveted prize but powers expect he will agree to evacuate for a consideration, thus saving bloodshed in the embroglio.

BIG KNIGHTS GATHERING SET FOR THIS CITY ON MAY THE FOURTH

A gathering of Knight of Columbus is set for May 4th in this city when Knights of Baker, Boise, Pendleton and Walla Walla and The Dalles will come to La Grande. The Boise drill team

will put on degree work, and Deputy Head Consul J. H. Pearce of this city is laying plans to make this the greatest Knights gathering in the history of the Eastern Oregon councils. Men of prominence in three states will attend the meeting and be hard in dinner speeches and fraternally as well.

LINO TYPE REPAIRS ARRIVE

Expert Here and Usual Pace Will Be
Established by the Week End.

After 10 days of grief-provoking delay, parts necessary to restore the Observer linotype to its customary capacity, and the man to properly fit the parts, have come to La Grande. Chester L. Adams, expert linotype machinist and manufacturers' representative is here and hopes to turn over the intricate machine ready in time for tomorrow's issue. By Monday at the very latest the Observer will again appear with its customary amount of news, but the repairs may again curtail the Saturday news. Society news left out of tomorrow's paper will be few if any, but if they are slighted it will be on this account.

The Observer readers have been patient during the extended crippled period and for this the management is truly appreciative.

Spending Day in Baker.

Mrs. Lou Givens and daughter went to Baker on this afternoon's train.

GRAPE JUICE DINNER STARTS SHOCKS LONDON

BRYAN'S DINNER TO AMBASSADOR
BRYCE AND OTHERS MINUS
RED LIQUIDS.

CRITICIZED AT HOME, TOO

Personal Views Should Not Allow, Say
Some, the Secretary of State to
Stifle Hospitality to His Guests—
Not American Says Another—Eng-
lish Papers Poke Fun at the Func-
tion.

Washington, April 25.—Secretary of State Bryan's "grape juice" dinner given to Ambassador Bryce and other diplomats in Washington, has started a much criticism and gossip as the California business. London papers are poking fun at the dinner because no wine was served. "We fear the great Republican capital is to be destined a 'Wishy washy-ington' city," affirms the Pall Mall Gazette. The London Express maintains "The Secretary had no right to force his abstinence ideas on his guests."

Commenting on the Grape Juice affair Congressman Bartholme of Missouri said: "I deeply regret that the question of whether a man shall drink wine or not at a dinner has become a state matter. It is a question all gentlemen should decide for themselves. Is hospitality with a strong tie to it and that's not the American way. Secretary Bryan is forcing his own personal views when he is entertaining as secretary of state, and this should not be."

Wireless Strikers Pleased.

San Francisco, April 24.—With wireless operators who are on a strike against the Marconi company, leaving vessels as rapidly as they arrive in port. President Kohenkamp of the union declared today that everything is going satisfactorily and that victory will ultimately result. Non union men may be supplied for a few days, but this will soon end, and then the strikers can deal directly with the company.

2-INCH SNOW FALL IN DENVER

NO HARM RESULTS FROM FREEK
STORM HOWEVER.

Rapid Rise in Temperature Meets
Snow Quickly, Saving Fruit.

Denver, April 25.—Two inches of snow fell in Denver this morning but a rise in temperature followed the bluster. The snow melted quickly and did no damage to the early fruits so far as reported at noon. The snow storm followed a sudden drop of the mercury that threatened serious danger to early crop and truck farming.