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## FASCISTI IS ORGANIZED IN AMERICA

Italian Organization Now Has a Total of 20,000 Members.

WILL KEEP OUT OF YANKEE POLITICS

Aim Is to "See That Italians Understand the Duties of Italian Citizenship."

NEW YORK, Mar. 21.—A branch of the fascisti of Italy, called the fascisti of North America, was founded in this country two years ago and now has 20,000 members in branches in many of the leading cities in the United States and Canada, the New York Herald said Tuesday.

Temporarily the organization in this hemisphere is said to be under the direction of U. Menicucci, who acts as political "secretary." Offices of the New York headquarters of the American organization are to be elected at a meeting here Saturday night, the sequel to one held Saturday night at which headquarters were dedicated, the paper said.

While in Italy the fascisti were of some dominant force that it swept into the premiership its leader Mussolini, no such end is sought in this country, the Herald quotes Signor Menicucci as saying. Besides promoting accord, he said, the fascisti here are to "see that Italians understand the duties of Italian citizenship and obey the laws of the country in which they live." It will keep out of American politics, he added.

## MRS. BURNETT LAID TO REST

Funeral services of Mrs. Sarah Burnett of Island City, Grande Ronde valley pioneer lady, who passed away at her home at 2:15 o'clock yesterday morning at the termination of a seven months' illness, was held this afternoon at the Island City church at 2 o'clock. A large number of friends, who sincerely sympathized with her relatives in their sorrowful bereavement, were present.

The services were conducted by the Reverend Hall Kellgren, pastor, and interment was made in the Island City cemetery.

Mrs. Burnett, who was 71 years of age at the time of death, is survived by her husband, C. F. Burnett, four sisters: Mrs. T. A. French, Lodi; Mrs. N. E. Boumont, Milton; Mrs. George Hanf, Astoria, and Mrs. Susan Burnett, La Grande; by six daughters: Mrs. Dick Smith, Mrs. Lee Smith and Mrs. Otto Peeler, of La Grande; Mrs. Mattie Houston, Tacoma, Wash.; Mrs. Jess Griffin, Spokane, Wash.; and Mrs. Ward Smith, Harney, Ind.

Also present at the funeral were: Mrs. Burnett, La Grande; Lawrence and Richard Burnett of Island City, all of whom were present at the funeral services today, and also several grandchildren.

The deceased was born in Condergon, Ind., in 1851, moved to Iowa and Kansas, and finally came to Oregon where she since made her home.

**THE WEATHER**  
(By Associated Press)  
PORTLAND, Mar. 21.—Tonight and Thursday, rain; the west, cloudy in the east portion.

**COMMISSION MEETING**  
The city commissioners will meet this evening in their usual weekly Wednesday night executive meeting in the city hall at 7:30 o'clock.

**WHEAT QUOTATIONS**  
PORTLAND, Mar. 21.—Hard white \$1.26; Western Red \$1.20.

## Oregon Glee Club Due Here Early in April

The University of Oregon men's glee club which will appear in concert at the high school auditorium here April 7, is considered one of the best balanced musical organizations that has ever been formed on the Oregon campus, according to information received by local Oregon graduates who are in close touch with campus affairs. Realizing this, the executive committee granted permission for the club to leave the state for several appearances in Idaho cities, this being the first time an Oregon glee club has left the state in eleven years.

A program of numbers ranging from the quaint to the modern, by the best composers to thrill comedy novelties, and a quartet, will be offered. Several monologues and skits will top off the bill. The glee club quartet will be one of the best specialties. This organization is considering the acceptance of an offer to go on a

## Spanish War Veterans Of La Grande and Baker Will Meet in Baker Next Week

United Spanish War Veterans of Baker and La Grande will meet in joint session in Baker, Wednesday evening, March 28th, at which time arrangements will be made for a reunion of the veterans of Eastern Oregon sometime in April to commemorate the declaration of war against Spain. This is the 25th anniversary of this event and the boys are going to have a regular get-together meeting, probably at Union and talk over old times.

The regular meeting of Frederick Funston Camp has been postponed one week, at which time several new members will be mustered in.

## GOVERNMENT FILES DAMAGE SUIT, FRAUD

Alleged Fraud is Basis of A Suit to Recover \$1,790,842.44 from 450 Corporations and Individuals.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.—Timber on the Bear Valley unit of the Malheur National Forest, Oregon, amounting to 300,000,000 board feet, is being reexamined for bids, according to the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture. The period for receiving bids ends April 4.

The lowest bid which will be considered is \$2.00 per thousand board feet for yellow pine, which makes 85 per cent of the stand, instead of \$2.75 under the previous appraisal. A change is made in the maximum cut allowed in the first three-year periods from 110,000,000 to 150,000,000 feet, and providing for an increase in this amount if the timber exceeds the estimate, to enable a purchaser to estimate cutting in 18 years.

February 18, the final date for receiving bids under the previous advertisement, passed without a bid having been received, but much interest was evident, and the Forest Service is confident that with the lower stumpage and an increase in the limitation of cut at the start of the contract a satisfactory bid will be received. The handling of this timber will require a large initial investment for equipment and improvements including 80 miles of railroad.

## OLD CONVICTS NOW ARE MODEL GUESTS

(By Associated Press)  
SAN JOSE, Cal., Mar. 21.—A book on prison etiquette should be published for the perusal of amateur convicts, in the opinion of Sheriff George Lyle here. The more mature prisoners, he said, seldom make any fuss; but it is the young ones, those who have been in prison only four or five times, that prove obstreperous.

"Ex-convicts as a rule are model prisoners," he added, mentioning one who had spent thirty years off and on, behind the bars and who was exceedingly well-bred and tractable. "Every time he comes in we make him a trusty, and he would no more think of running away than cut off his new ones only are fastidious. They don't like this and they don't like that. The cells are too hot or too cold, or the meat is too tough or the bread too stale. We give them the best that we have to give but our best won't satisfy them."

**NON-INTERFERENCE POLICY**  
(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.—Defining the American policy towards Russia, Secretary Hughes today outlined the attitude as one of non-interference with Russia's internal affairs, and determination not to discuss the recognition of the Soviet government until it established itself on a sound basis.

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## SEEK TO PUT RUHR MATTER UP TO HAGUE

(By Associated Press)  
PARIS, Mar. 21.—A definite move by the Labor and Socialist parliamentary groups to request the British, French, Belgian and Italian governments to place the Ruhr situation in the hands of the League of Nations was fore-shadowed today, following a conference of delegates representing these political factions in the several legislative bodies.

**Snowden's Attack.**  
LONDON, Mar. 21.—The extraordinary interest aroused by Philip Snowden's attack on capitalism in the house of commons was shown Tuesday when Premier Bonar Law conceded, at the suggestion of Sir Langford Worthington-Evans, that another day should be given after the Easter recess for further discussion of Snowden's motion.

In moving his motion, which denounced "the capitalist system" as a failure and proposed that legislation be directed "toward its gradual supersession by an industrial and social order based upon public ownership and democratic control of the instruments of production and distribution," Mr. Snowden, who is one of the leaders of the Independent Labor party, declared it was capitalism, not Socialism, which was on trial. Capitalism had not only failed to give the people a good world to live in but had failed adequately to utilize natural resources and productive power, he stated.

**Wages and Incomes.**  
In the course of his speech, Mr. Snowden said that between 1874 and 1898 wages had increased by only 10 per cent, while incomes received by those who made no contribution by their labor had increased 12 fold.

Under the present capitalist system masses of people were working under unhealthy conditions at low wages, while at the other end of the social scale were people so rich that even the imagination was unable to devise a means of spending their superabundant wealth.

## SNOW STORMS COVER DENVER

(By The Associated Press)  
DENVER, Mar. 21.—Blanketed by one of the heaviest snowfalls of the season, Colorado is today digging out of the second snowstorm within four days. The storm is general from Canada southward through the Missouri valley and westward to Mexico.

## PIGGLY-WIGGLY BOOMS

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Mar. 21.—Piggly-Wiggly today, barred from the exchange yesterday said "over country" today. Several outside houses reported sales from 110 to 150.

## Capital and Labor Now Subject of Debate On In The English Parliament

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Mar. 21.—A test between labor and government for legislation designed to supersede the capitalist system by the socialist order, has been postponed to allow another debate after the Easter recess. Last night's discussion found the government solidly supported by all parties in the house except the Laborites. The debate was largely academic, the most prominent labor leaders being in Paris for a conference on the Ruhr situation.

## WITNESS SAYS 'ISRAEL KING' HOGGED MONEY

(By The Associated Press)  
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Mar. 21.—Testimony intended to show that Benjamin Burnell, head of the Israelite House of the David Colony at Benton Harbor, "lives in regal splendor while his followers lacked plates from which to eat their carrots and turnips" was given the Federal court today in a suit by John Hansen and his wife to recover \$30,000 from Burnell, claimed due for property turned over to him and labor performed while they were members of the colony. The testimony was given by Mrs. Emma Lott, of Newark, former evangelist for the sect, testifying for the plaintiffs.

## MRS. COOPER DEAD, SEATTLE

UNION, Mar. 21. (Special).—Telegraphic information arrived here today telling of the death of Mrs. Alice Cooper, a highly respected pioneer citizen of Union, which occurred last evening at Seattle where she was visiting.

The body will arrive in Union tomorrow on No. 21 accompanied by a brother-in-law of the deceased, Robert Lloyd, who is now a prominent attorney of Seattle but was for many years a resident of this city.

Funeral services will be held in the Presbyterian church in this city Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock conducted by the Order of Eastern Star. Mrs. Cooper was well known in La Grande and other parts of the county.

## MURDER CHARGE BASELESS

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.—Charger Tidwell, half-breed Cherokee, was freed from the Federal prison where he served 25 years on a baseless murder charge. A dying woman in Oklahoma revealed that Tidwell was convicted of murdering her husband on perjured testimony. Tidwell is now enjoying the wealth of inherited oil lands.

## HERRIN TO SPEAK HERE

Will Herrin, field secretary for the National Association of Real Estate Boards, accompanied by Will Moore, insurance commissioner, Mr. Johnson, deputy insurance commissioner, and T. W. Zimmerman, secretary of the Northwest Association of Real Estate Boards, will arrive in La Grande tomorrow and will speak at the city hall in the evening at eight o'clock. Mr. Herrin will be the principal speaker and his talk will be of vital interest not only to real estate men and property holders, but to the citizenship of La Grande as a whole.

## COMMUNISTS' PROGRAM READ

Program of Revolt is Read at St. Joseph Trials; "Bullets—Not Ballots" Alleged Called For.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Mar. 21.—Flamboyant appeal by Communist writers for "armed action, not armed phrases," praise for the miners who are alleged to have participated in the Herrin, Ill., riots and a call for "bullets—not ballots," featured Tuesday's session of the trial of William Z. Foster, charged with criminal syndicalism.

The state with assistance of its star witness, Francis Morrow, who is "K-37," a department of justice agent, and who attended the Communist convention in the hills near here last autumn as a delegate, put into the record a mass of speeches and writings of Communists in this country and the entire "thefts and revolutions" of the Third World congress of the Communist International, held at Moscow in 1921.

## SHERIFF WARNICK RETURNS TO CITY

Sheriff Lee Warnick, with Frank Hoffmeyer, charged with wife-deception, arrived in La Grande yesterday from California, where he has spent the past week, not only on official business, but also visiting a couple of days with Mrs. Warnick, at Saffins, where she is with her sister, who is quite ill.

Hoffmeyer was arrested in Lang Beach upon request of the Union county officials and then taken to Los Angeles before he was brought to La Grande.

## PUTE ON WAR PATH

MOAB, Utah, Mar. 21.—According to reports reaching here one Indian was killed and two wounded by a posse of white men that set out from Blanding late yesterday after renegade Putes who have been causing trouble. The dead Indian is said to be young, known as "Joe Bishop's boy" and one of the two Indians who escaped from the county jail at Blanding yesterday.

## SUGAR DROPS 40 CENTS

(By Associated Press)  
PORTLAND, Mar. 21.—Sugar dropped forty cents, the first decline in months.

## LIQUOR SHAKEUP LIKELY IN EAST

Kerensky and Russian Socialists Ready To Sacrifice Themselves

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Mar. 21.—Former Premier Kerensky of Russia, Catherine Breshkovsky, the "little grandmother of the revolution," and other leaders of the social revolutionary party, stand ready to surrender to the soviet government in place of 22 party leaders condemned at the Moscow trials last summer, according to a member of the social revolutionary group in New York.

## LA GRANDERS MAKE A 14,000 MILE JOURNEY

Mr. and Mrs. Bird Lewis and A. B. Potts Return from Extended Auto Trip.

Expressing pleasure and satisfaction at being back in the Grande Ronde valley which they contended is, after all, the best section of country in their 14,000 miles automobile trip just completed, Mr. and Mrs. Bird Lewis and A. B. Potts are receiving congratulations of their friends on their remarkable journey.

They started from La Grande last autumn, returning to a message from the parents of Mrs. Lewis and made the drive from La Grande over the Old Oregon Trail and Lincoln highway to Philadelphia in 123 days. After Mrs. Lewis' parents became unwell, they started back home on what is known as the southern route, going down through Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. At Phoenix, Arizona they remained for two months taking side trips into that interesting country and enjoying the mild winter for which Arizona is noted. While there they often visited with Dr. Smith, formerly of La Grande who now has become the leading surgeon of that state.

One of the most interesting side trips taken in Arizona, according to the party, was their visit to Casa Grande, which is a village now in state of decay with the exception of one building which was made of mud probably 2000 years ago and is four stories high. The cedar beams in that building were carried by people on their backs a distance of 20 miles and the work of construction is remarkable. The entire plaster is in perfect state of preservation and in only one or two places did the plaster leave his finger marks.

"Tut Back Number."  
"Talk about the time when King Tut lived," said Mr. Lewis today, "I want to say to you that there is evidence of civilization at least 2000 years ago in the state of Arizona, which when further discovered will give old King Tut a keen competitor; for instance, the floors of the Casa Grande were constructed of all natural cement which archeologists have dug down beneath that floor and they have not only found another floor of the same construction but they have found floors three stories down and under the back floor there is positive proof that at one time there was habitation and civilization."

"Unfortunately the Apache Indians have been a destructive body of people and many of those historic things which now would be of intense interest have been destroyed. However, Arizona still presents many many things which will come before the people, now that the habit of digging up ancient and ancient tombs has become popular."

**Ancient Canal System.**  
In the old river basin there has been positive evidence of an ancient canal system that irrigated that section of country thousands of years ago. The remarkable feature is that,

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## Lid to go Down On "Wet" Area

New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania Are to Be "Cleaned Up"

AGENTS DISMISSAL NOW HELD LIKELY

Frederick A. Hazelton, Pacific Coast Prohibition Officer, to Head Campaign.

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.—Shakeup among the prohibition agents of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania to be followed by an intensive enforcement campaign in those states is forecast today at prohibition headquarters.

The area, which the officials regard as the wettest in the country, is to be thoroughly worked over, and agents who have indicated lack of zeal are scheduled for transfer and some for dismissals.

Frederick A. Hazelton, who was active against bootleggers on the Pacific coast, will head the campaign in southern New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania.

## MANY ENJOYED O. A. C. CONCERT

Band Pleased Large Crowd; Soloists Were Featured; Dance Followed Concert.

Any amateur band that can play that final grandioso of John Phillip Sousa's great march, the Stars and Stripes Forever, and bring out that infernal something that sends a thrill through the audience, bringing them visions of marching feet, Old Glory in battle, a patriotic feeling that brings a lump to the throat, is good. And that is what the O. A. C. cadet band, on their eighteenth annual tour, did last night before a large crowd assembled in the high school auditorium. Coming as the final number before the intermission, the march king's greatest composition was encored with gusto until the band once more arched themselves in Sousa's old style, piccolo and drum sections at their sides at the grandioso, and presented the strains of the march again.

The entire concert was well received and well rendered. The work of the soloists was commendable, especially Ralph Dougherty, who played the "grocery" BBs helicon bass in a manner that made more than one corner player look at his own fingers and wonder how Ralph did it. Ira Cave, vocal soloist, was encored twice after singing Meskill and Orin's "Across the burning Sands" and J. C. Garman and John Whittemore, clarinet and saxophone, also met with applauding approval.

Led by Captain H. L. Beard, conductor, the band opened their concert with Metallo's march, "Castro Toccata." An overture "Stradella" by Pletow followed and Pampare's clarinet solo, "Ave Maria" and But's clarinet duet "The Song of the Neats" followed. "Poor Relations" by Bendix and a polka "Pizzicato," by Stratum preceded John Phillip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever," which ended the first half of the program.

**Film Shown.**  
During the intermission a series of films, touching upon life at the O. A. C. were shown with Professor Edwin T. Head, college faculty editor, explaining the scenes. Mr. Head is an exceptional public speaker and his talk proved very interesting.

A minor solo, "Across the Burning Sands" by Meskill and Orin, opened the second half of the program and was followed by a fantasia by Dabney on "My Old Kentucky Home."

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## French Claim That Ruhr Resistance is Breaking

(By The Associated Press.)

ESSEN, Mar. 21.—The passive resistance inaugurated by the Germans against the French marches into the Ruhr is beginning to show modification in various parts of the occupied area, according to French announcements. This is accepted in French circles as an indication of weakening by the German officials as a consequence of continued reports that Beren is planning to make definite proposals soon designed to bring about negotiations for peace.

The other president of Westphalia, part of which is in occupied territory, has authorized the German officials at Beckum, Dortmund and other towns in the French area to confer with the French commanding officers concerning requisitions and other details pertaining to the occupation. Heretofore the local government officials, by order of Berlin through the ober president, have refused to confer with the French in any way whatever.

## Miners Refuse to Strike

A meeting of miners at Walltraut, according to French reports, decided not to strike at mines where coal was requisitioned for army purposes only. Many of the 24-hour strikes have been due to the determination of the mine owners not to dig coal for the French when it was explained that the coal for not for shipment to France or Belgium but for local army requirements in the occupied districts.

The prison guards and officials at Dusseldorf who went on strike when the French began bringing in German prisoners sentenced by the French, have applied to General Simon to be allowed to resume their duties, and the request has been granted.

