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(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON (NEA special)—Washington is a city of contrasts. Beauty rules above with dignified and aristocratic newness with dilapidated antiquity, palatial homes with squalid shacks.

When the king and queen of Belgium were guests of the capital a few years back, their nearest neighbors, while they were housed in the magnificent home of Frederick Long at the foot of Sixteenth street hill, was a colored family which lived in a ramshackle old lean-to immediately across the street.

All the comings and goings of the royal pair and their glittering entourage were watched with the keenest interest by a half-dozen ragged pickaninnies perched on the rickety old steps of the shack. And the interest of these dusky youngsters in the royal guests across the way undoubtedly was equaled by the interest of the royal pair in the "democracy" of the American capital and its indelible mixing of colors and classes.

In the rear of many of Washington's most fashionable residence streets, facing on the alleys, are rows of brick tenements, crowded, unsanitary, unsightly, housing chiefly the city's poorer colored population.

These alley dwellings developed from the practice of the old-time coachman and cook, usually they were man and wife, in buildings of the rear of the lot, facing the alley. Gradually these buildings were extended until they filled the whole alley frontage.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, the first, when she first came to Washington, took an active part in trying to abolish alley dwellings, and they were officially scheduled for the discard, by order of Congress.

Then the war came along, the housing shortage developed, and a way of execution was granted these tenements. So they still

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HUMAN BONES
ANTIQUITY AID

TORONTO, Ont. (By the Associated Press)—Six human skeletons unearthed during the course of excavations for a sewer in the outskirts of Los Angeles are to date the oldest evidence of the existence of human life on this continent, according to Dr. A. H. Hrdlicka, curator of the United States National Museum, who discussed human antiquity in America in the anthropology section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science today.

"Findings of fossilized human remains in Ecuador, the Valley of Mexico and parts of California, have stimulated research on the early inhabitants of this continent," Dr. Hrdlicka said. "Discussion of specimens of varying antiquity which have been found recently, he inferred that a geological antiquity for man's habitation in America is still to be proved, despite the fact that some of the remains have been found under conditions which strongly suggest it."

"According to indications," Dr. Hrdlicka continued, "man's antiquity here is still not geological; it is not an age to be measured in tens of thousands of years; it can probably be estimated in thousands of years." Thus the specimens found in America are relatively recent in Europe, which date back tens and possibly hundreds of thousands of years.

Calendar "Awkward."
TORONTO, Ont. (AP)—"Our

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Northwest Estimates On
Apples And Spuds Given

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Forecast of production of commercial apples, also the total crop, condition and per cent commercial, as of August 1, 1924, and the estimated production of commercial for 1925, in the north-west apple producing states, are as follows: (1) 1924, equal to three bushels.

Oregon: Total crop condition: 65; forecast production 1924: 5,599,000 bushels; commercial: 1,215,000 bushels; per cent commercial: 66; 1925 commercial: 1,750,000 bushels.

Washington: Total crop condition: 58; forecast production 1924: 22,221,000 bushels; commercial: 6,444,000 bushels; per cent commercial: 57; 1925 commercial: 9,193,000 bushels.

Idaho: Total crop condition: 46; forecast production 1924: 2,957,000 bushels; commercial: 825,000 bushels; per cent commercial: 31

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nado Late Sunday.

DENVER, Colo. (By the Associated Press)—Nine persons were killed and five seriously injured late Sunday afternoon when a tornado demolished the farm house of Henry Kuns, a farmer residing four miles east of Thurman, Colo., according to information received here Sunday night. It was reported that at least two of those injured would die.

All of the dead and injured were either residents or visitors at the Kuns farm house when the storm struck. The storm struck the Kuns home, demolished it, destroyed the chicken houses, and barn on the place as well as two automobiles, which were standing in the yard.

The dead are:
Four children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ioder.

Mrs. Henry Kuns.
Two children of Mr. and Mrs. Kuns.
The Rev. Amos Burkley.
Fred Garrett.

The injured included Mr. and Mrs. Ioder and Mrs. Burkley and two other persons, whose identities are unknown.

Storm Travels Eastward.
After demolishing the buildings on the Kuns farm, the storm was seen to lift and travel eastward. No report of it having struck at any other place in the vicinity has been received here.

According to reports from neighbors of the Kuns family, Mr. and Mrs. Ioder and family and the Rev. and Mrs. Amos Burkley were guests at dinner at the Kuns home having accompanied the members of the Kuns family home from the nearby church service.

First reports in Denver were that the small inland town of Thurman, Colo., had been destroyed.

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LOCAL MAN IS
HEAD CHEMIST

Once an Observer carrier, now chief chemist for the Anaconda Copper Mining company, the largest of its kind in the world, quite a climb from the first to the latter. But that is the ladder that Lowell Thompson, formerly of La Grande, went up.

Mr. Thompson carried papers for this newspaper when it was a morning paper run by Mr. Carey. Later he went to the La Grande high school, leaving here and finishing his elementary education in the Seattle schools. He then worked his way through the University of Washington and became associated with the copper mining concern. In the course of 10 years time he has worked up to one of the most responsible positions in the company.

Mr. Thompson is spending a few days in La Grande now at the home of Dr. J. L. Ingie.

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Farmerette



Mrs. Huldah Ogden of Milford, Ky., is said to be the first woman in the U. S. to seek nomination as a candidate for Congress as a "dirt farmerette." For 10 years she has been running a large farm as well as raising a large family. She was a delegate to the G. O. P. convention at Cleveland.

The program follows:
1. Tunes from the "Merry Widow"—Lohar.
2. (a) An Hawaiian Patrol "Kilauea"—Stewart.
(b) Intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana"—Mascagni.
3. Paraphrase "In the Deep"—Lovenberg.
4. "Love's Old Sweet Song"—Molloy. Vocal solo by Paul Knautz.
5. Selections from "Maritana"—Wallace.
6. (a) Gavotte "Stephanie"—Calbulka.
(b) "June Night"—Friend-Baer.

7. Overture "Orpheus in the Underworld"—Offenbach.

In order to fully appreciate the concert, those in attendance are urged to group themselves close to the music. An arrangement of this sort will also do away with needless and distracting noise, such as starting of automobiles during a selection.

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BASEBALL

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
Club W L Pct.
San Francisco 79 57 .581
Seattle 70 58 .547
Vernon 66 62 .516
Oakland 65 64 .504
Sacramento 61 65 .480
Portland 61 67 .472
Salt Lake 61 67 .472
Los Angeles 58 70 .450

(By the Associated Press)
Box 1-6, Denver 7-13.
Score: R. H. E.
Salt Lake 4 7 3
Portland 7 9 1

Batteries: O'Don, Singleton and Peters; Winters and Daly, Cochran.

Second game: R. H. E.
Salt Lake 6 12 2
Portland 12 16 6

Batteries: Kallio, Thomas and Cook; Keefe and Cochran.

Oaks 3-3, Tigers 5-16.
Score: R. H. E.
Oakland 3 11 1
Vernon 5 7 9

Batteries: Mills and Baker; Penner and D. Murphy.

Second game: R. H. E.
Oakland 2 9 1
Vernon 16 16 1

Batteries: Bocher, Murchie, Harris and Reed; Christian and Hannah.

Angels 0-7, Seals 5-4.
Score: R. H. E.
Los Angeles 0 5 1
San Francisco 5 9 2

Batteries: Hughes, Welbert and Spencer; Williams and Yelle.

Second game: R. H. E.
Los Angeles 1 4 0
San Francisco 4 8 8

Batteries: Meyers and Jenkins; Mitchell, Shea and Vargas.

Program For
Concert Is
Attractive

Light and Classical Selections, with Baritone Solo, Are Included.

When the La Grande Municipal band appears in concert at Riverside Park tomorrow evening, one of the best musical programs presented here for some time is promised local band enthusiasts.

Preparation for the event has been careful and systematic with the result that each unit of the organization has his part letter-perfect.

The director has chosen a program containing many very catchy numbers together with several heavier selections to please all musically inclined.

A feature of the program will be a baritone solo by Paul Knautz, a member of the band. Knautz has a very pleasing voice and it will be the first time he has been heard with band accompaniment.

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1. Tunes from the "Merry Widow"—Lohar.
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WHEAT YIELD
HALF IN BELT

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—The same wheat country in Washington, Oregon and Northern Idaho, that produced 16,000,000 bushels of wheat in 1923 will produce only 8,000,000 bushels for its 1924 crop, according to an estimate prepared by H. W. Collins, local buyer, miller and wheat grower.

He based his estimate on careful surveys made in all three states. The Collins warehouse and buying agencies are operated in several counties in Oregon where wheat production is heaviest, including Umatilla, Sherman and Morrow counties, and the estimate reflects these counties have been made after more than one-half of the wheat was actually threshed.

The Oregon and Northern Idaho estimates were made only after a careful study, according to Mr. Collins. Other estimates are that the same area will have a crop this year of about 58,000,000.

"I consider the condition of wheat to be very strong as far as the Northwest is concerned," Mr. Collins said. "According to my estimate, crop loss is less than one-half of what it was last year. That means that we really have very little for export, especially when it is borne in mind that the demand from California, where production this year is practically negligible, will be heavier than usual."

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UNOFFICIAL
WATER VOTE
TO BE HELDReferendum, Carrying 5
Proposed Projects, Is
Being PreparedCHOICE PLAN TO
BE DETERMINEDUnion Pacific Water Ex-
pert and Bacteriologist
Investigates Beaver
Creek; to Report Later

A referendum on the merits of respective proposed water systems for La Grande is now being prepared by the city officials, according to announcement by City Manager E. B. Hayes today.

The referendum, which will be mailed to all registered voters in La Grande, is expected to be completed within a couple of days or so.

The subject of the referendum is to procure an unofficial register of the desire of the majority of the voters as to what future course will be taken in the search for adequate and pure water for this city. The results of the vote will largely determine what plan the city will pursue in the future in its efforts to settle the question, once and for all.

Five different proposed projects will be placed on the unofficial ballot, with each voter to signify which one he favors most of all.

The five are: Beaver Creek, deep wells, Lower Beaver, Sumnerville springs, and repaid of the present system with an auxiliary pumping station.

Water Investigated.
The Beaver Creek water and the watershed were thoroughly investigated and tested Saturday by Dr. Barr and his assistant, who were accompanied on the trip by J. C. Smith, of La Grande.

The report of the probe will be made at a later date and at the present, Dr. Barr is non-committal on his findings, preferring to wait until he can render a definite report that will thoroughly embrace every detail of his investigation.

Dr. Barr is bacteriologist of the Union Pacific system and is also hydraulic engineer for the railroad company. He is in charge of all water owned by the U. P. west of Omaha and therefore is an expert of wide experience in the water line. His report is expected to bear much weight as it will be one that will be above question, coming from a man of his standing.

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