

Home Daily Letter

(By HARRY B. HUNT) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—A racial question in the national capital, which promises to grow to sizable proportions, has developed around a proposal for a bathing beach for the city's colored population on the Tidal Basin opposite the Lincoln Memorial.

It is necessary also to understand that the point at which it is proposed to build this beach is immediately opposite the Potomac Park golf course and along the Potomac Park boulevard, where the city's elite prefer to drive on hot days to get the comparatively cool breezes that waft across the water from the Virginia shore.

The thought of a bathing beach at this point, which would be frequented by thousands of the city's poorer folks of color, is enough to give a lot of capital fashionables apoplexy. It mustn't happen, they say. Awful! Dreadful! What is our capital coming to, anyway?

Voicing the viewpoint Mrs. John D. Sherman, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, has written Secretary of War Weeks, under whose jurisdiction this park "improvement" would come, demanding that he take a "firm stand" against the proposal.

Mrs. Sherman foresees grave international difficulties should the beach be developed at this point, as in doing so it would be necessary to cut down or remove a number of the cherry trees presented to the capital 20-odd years ago by the Mikado of Japan.

"It would come with very bad grace on the part of the government of the United States," she says, "to cut down any of the wonderful trees given us by Japan."

Furthermore, the drive around the Tidal basin is one of the most famous in the world. You can readily see what a collection of parked automobiles would do there, particularly on Saturdays and Sundays. There would surely be trouble.

The problem of a bathing beach for the city's colored third has been complicated by the fact that representatives of the negro population have been absolute in refusing to consider a beach in any location except along the Speedway.

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ELGIN FROZEN, HELP NEEDED

A call received at the city office today from Elgin stated that most of the water pipes in that city are frozen and asked for help from La Grande.

At the present time the water department here is overworked but it may be possible to send a crew to Elgin during the night and assist in the "thawing out" work.

M. B. SKAGGS HERE SUNDAY

M. B. Skaggs, president and general manager of the 250 some odd Skaggs chain grocery stores, was in La Grande yesterday on a general business trip.

Mr. Skaggs has his main office in Portland and from there he directs the affairs of the numerous stores in the system all of which are located in the seven Pacific Northwest states.

CO-OP BODY HEARS TALK BY COOLIDGE

President Says Marketing Scheme Should Be Made a Success

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The resignation of Associate Justice Joseph McKenna was announced today from the bench of the United States supreme court.

McKenna is ranking associate justice of the court having served for more than thirty years. He retired because of advanced age.

Chief Justice Taft said the resignation had been accepted by President Coolidge.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Co-operative marketing can and should be made a success in America because it provides the best means of stabilizing the country's agricultural marketing organizations, President Coolidge today told the annual convention of the National Council of Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Associations.

The president warned that co-operative marketing possessed no magical attributes but that it must be started from the soil and be developed upward.

Warns Against Class. "There is no school of co-operators who seem to believe that the program can be started at the top and built downward," the president added.

"They want the government, or banks, or philanthropies or Providence to lay out a scheme big enough to cover the country and set its machinery moving, guarantee it all needed capital and then invite the farmers to sit in places reserved for them and garner the profits."

Farmers Must Work. "I offer no such Aladdin-like project. I want society as a whole to help, but I want the farmers to do their share, and I warn them this will be the lion's share."

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The supreme court today declared valid and constitutional the kosher laws of New York. The supreme court was asked to decide whether the word kosher as applied to meats and meat products was sufficiently definite to enable the courts to enforce a law of that state which attempted to regulate its sale.

RAILROAD RULING WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Tentative valuations of railroads made by the interstate commerce commission are not to be reviewed by courts before being made final by the commission, the supreme court decided today.

The federal government took the position that questions of great moment to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the railroads and the general public hinged on the effort of the Delaware and Hudson and other roads to have the courts intervene at the present stage in the commission's physical valuation program.

All of the work of valuation, on which the commission has been engaged for years, the government argued, would be rendered of no value in rate-making, in determining excess earnings, and in other administrative steps unless the supreme court upheld the lower courts in New York and held that the courts have no jurisdiction to interfere until after the valuation findings of the commission have been made the basis of administrative action.

WAR SUPPLIES DECISION WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Auction sales of surplus war supplies can be set aside the supreme court decided today when the bid is considered inadequate by the government.

Hoboken Butcher, 105, Celebrates Birthday HOBOKEN, N. J. (AP)—Kupper, a butcher, who claims to be the oldest active business man in the United States, celebrated his one hundred and fifth birthday at his home here Sunday by eating a hearty dinner, smoking a strong cigar and refraining from giving advice on how to attain a long and happy life.

He has 142 descendants, among them 14 children, ranging from 23 to 76 years of age. Next Sunday he will attend the wedding of his youngest son, Arthur.

Judge Quits High Court Due To Age

Ranking Associate Justice Joseph McKenna Retires from Active Service.

WASHINGTON (AP Press Time Flash)—Harlan F. Stone, Attorney General, was appointed by President Coolidge today to succeed Joseph McKenna on the United States supreme court bench.

BOOZE WAR CENTERING IN EL PASO

Freight Gun Clashes Make Texas City Lead in Booze Fights

PROHI FORCE IS NOT BIG ENOUGH

Government Agents Admit They Are Practically Helpless Against Whisky Smugglers.

EL PASO, Tex. (NEA Special)—The northern bank of the Rio Grande is becoming the battle front of the southwest's rum war.

It is the scene of weekly, even daily gun fights between liquor smugglers and government forces. Revolutions on the other side of the international border may come and go, but the booze clashes on the American side go on incessantly.

Death Toll Heavy. Twenty-one men have been slain and 23 wounded in clashes with liquor runners within a few miles of El Paso since the Volstead act became effective.

And these figures do not include some smugglers known to have been killed, but whose names never have been recorded officially. And how many more smugglers may have crawled home to die, after "run-ins" with Uncle Sam's agents, is difficult to ascertain.

The murder of Dave Orr, a prohibition agent, and Frank Clark, immigration inspector, within 48 hours has aroused the apathy of El Paso citizens. "Get the man back of the bootlegger," has gone up. "Every case of smuggled liquor."

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FARM BODY TO MEET TUESDAY

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The president's agricultural commission, appointed to recommend measures for agricultural relief, will convene at the department of agriculture Tuesday after a recess of six weeks.

The members will meet, Chairman Robert D. Carey, cattleman and former governor of Wyoming, has announced, with the expectation of arriving quickly at a decision on means of relieving distress among livestock men. The cattle industry and co-operative marketing also before the commission for priority consideration.

Members of the commission will Sunday will be presented to the present congress some relief legislation and they were of the opinion that such legislation should be purely of an emergency nature and not designed for a long time policy. Assistance for the cattle industry, it was thought, would be sought chiefly through financial and tariff channels. It is planned to establish connections with banking organizations now dealing with livestock men and to devise a program which would meet the support of the bankers. Further relief is expected to be found in the marketing end of the industry.

Before concluding its recommendations regarding co-operative marketing of agricultural products, the commission plans to confer with leaders of the national council of co-operative marketing associations, which is to meet here the fore part of the week. It is understood others will be asked to appear at hearings of the body.

Ten Million Year Old Dinosaur Tracks Found

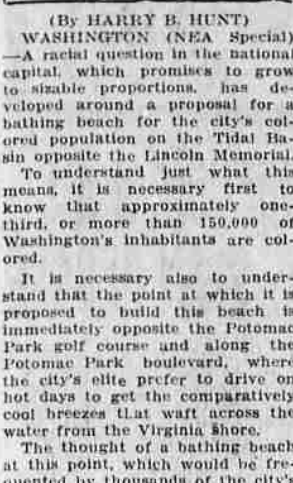
WASHINGTON (AP)—Dinosaur tracks made approximately ten million years ago during the triassic age, probably the first foot prints of this geological period found in the Tokey mountain area, have been identified on the Navajo Indian reservation in Arizona, near the Grand Canyon National park.

An announcement by the interior department said the tracks occur in a thin layer of rocks about seven miles from Tuba City.

The footprints measure 15 inches in length with a spread of 12 inches. The stride is shown to be 52 inches. The toes bore sharp claws, indicating the animal belonged to the bi-pedal carnivorous dinosaurs.

Identifications were made by Dr. C. W. Gilmore of the Smithsonian institution, who visited the park for the national park service.

The Battle Front in Rum War



Below—A liquor smuggler's outpost along the Rio Grande near El Paso. The men were engaged in target practice when the cameraman happened along. Below—Officials flooding the streets of El Paso with hundreds of barrels of confiscated tequila, a Mexican wine.

MARRIED HALF CENTURY JAN. 3

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Ricks celebrated their golden wedding anniversary January 3rd at their home at 1302 Second street, which is the second event of this kind this year in the Grande Ronde valley. New Year's day Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of Cove, were wed just 50 years.

As delicious dinner was served by the hostess Saturday, assisted by Mrs. Marjorie Johnson and the bride of fifty years ago. The wedding cake was baked by Mrs. A. J. DeLaney.

Musical was the feature of the afternoon and those present enjoyed a delightful time.

Mrs. and Mrs. Ricks were married at Salt Lake City, Utah. They travelled from Berton, Utah, in a covered wagon, to be united in matrimony. After the ceremony they returned to Berton and made their home there until 1914, then moving to Idaho, and from Idaho to the Grande Ronde valley. They arrived here in 1908 where they have since resided.

13 Children. Mr. and Mrs. Ricks are the parents of 13 children, seven of whom are living. They are: Mrs. J. R. Biddis, La Grande; Jonathan, Jr., California; Ezra and Judger, of La Grande; Mrs. Benjie Kingston, Thornton, Ida.; Mrs. Alan Johnson, La Grande, and Lewis, Idaho. They also have 39 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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UNION LADY, BORN 1819, PASSES ON

Mrs. E. H. Godfrey Died Saturday at Age of 105 Years

BURIED IN UNION CEMETERY TODAY

Lived to See Two Great Great Grandchildren Born; Was Pioneer of California.

UNION, Ore. (Special)—After nearly 100 years of life on the earth, Mrs. E. H. Godfrey, of this city, passed on at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Ricker, in south Union, January 3rd, at the extreme age of 105 years, 8 months and 16 days. She would have been 106 years of age had her life been spared until April 18th.

Mrs. Godfrey is a pioneer of the California country and it is believed she is the oldest white woman in this part of the state, possibly in Oregon.

Born in Maine. Elizabeth Martin was born at Waldo, Maine, April 18, 1819, and the early part of her life was spent in that city. It was there that she married E. H. Godfrey. After a few more years in her native state, she, with her husband, moved to Massachusetts where they resided 7 years.

Then, answering the call of the far west the couple started for California and were among the first emigrants who made the trip on the transcontinental railroad which had just been completed. Arriving in the coast state, they made their first home in Marysville but soon moved to Cedarville, which was their home for more than 30 years.

Came to Union. After the death of her husband, the aged lady came to Union about four years ago and has since been cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Ricker, and her great granddaughter, Mrs. Mertie Erwin. Until the last few months of her life Mrs. Godfrey has enjoyed fairly good health and her mind was of the best despite the fact that she had passed the century mark.

She was a Christian from early childhood and kept up her church activities as long as she was able to go. Each year she was the honor guest at the annual Old Peoples' Day which is held at Goodroad Park.

Many Survivors. Mrs. Godfrey was the mother of four children, three of whom are living: C. F. Godfrey and Miss Abbie Godfrey, of Cedarville, Calif., and Mrs. Ricker, of Union.

Resides there these are eight (Continued on Page 5.)

GOVERNOR IN VALLEY TODAY

Governor Walter M. Pierce took a brief respite from the press of business affairs of state today and spent several hours on the Pierce ranch near Island City and with friends in La Grande.

The governor had expected to make the trip yesterday but was delayed until this evening and so will not be able to spend as much time here as had at first been intended. He will return to Salem this evening.

RADICH TAKEN TO PEN BELGRADE (AP)—Stefan Radich, leader of the Croatian peasant party, was arrested today in a secret room at the home of Deputy Koehoutch and was taken to the Zagreb prison.

Congress To Work On Important Legislation

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Congress squared away today for the remaining two months of session, the house facing a week that will see other legislation a chance along with appropriation bills, while the senate tackled the postal pay increase bill, with the parliamentary situation complicated by the pending administration postal rate increase measure.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—With only two months remaining before the adjournment March 4, congress is expected this week to dispose of several important issues which

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FRENCH NOTE GIVEN MELLON

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A French memorandum regarding the payment of France's war debts to the United States was transmitted today by Secretary Hughes to Secretary Mellon for his "personal and private information."

The document was presented by M. Chomvathal, ambassador Herrick as an unofficial, private communication, the state department officials would make no comment on the suggestions it contained.

They did say, however, that it was hoped that the Chomvathal memorandum might be made the basis for a follow up.

DAD 7 YEARS OLD RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Friends of Dr. Leon G. Tyler, 71, son of former President Tyler and president emeritus of William and Mary College, are congratulating him on the birth yesterday of an eight-month son, Mrs. Tyler, Dr. Tyler's second wife, is 35 years his junior. They were married two years ago. President Tyler was 68 years of age when Dr. Tyler was born.

NOTE GIVEN GERMANY BERLIN (AP)—The British, French, Italian and Japanese ambassadors and the Belgian minister today presented to Chancellor Marx from the allied governments an identical note regarding the postponed evacuation of the Cologne zone, set for January 15th, in the Versailles treaty.

Coroner's Jury Finds Idaho Man Was Slain

BURLEY, Ida. (Special)—Sidney Coekran, 49, whose body was found New Year's day in a four-foot snow-covered canyon about three-quarters of a mile from Heglar settlement in the Black Pine mountains, was murdered, according to a verdict returned by a coroner's jury which found that the man met his death at the hands of persons unknown who beat him over the head with a blunt instrument.

Halfway Has Some Influence HALFWAY, Ore.—Several cases of influenza have been reported in this valley, though no deaths have resulted from the malady.

ORDERS ARREST NEW YORK (AP)—Federal Judge Lindbergh of Illinois, today issued a bench warrant for the arrest of Gaston B. Means, former department of justice agent, who he failed to appear in court for trial on charge of conspiracy to obstruct justice.

RUTHENBERG SENTENCED ST. JOSEPH, Mich. (AP)—Charles E. Ruthenberg, convicted of violation of the Michigan criminal syndicism law, was sentenced today to serve from three to ten years in prison and pay a \$5,000 fine.

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