

ITALIAN DEBT IS RATIFIED

CONVENTION WILL HEAR DR. W. J. KERR

O. A. C. President to Address De Molay Members Here May 7

EXPECT 250 BOYS TO ATTEND MEET

Trip to Willowa Lake on Sunday Following Sessions Being Arranged by Local Organization.

Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural college, will deliver the main address at the state convention of De Molay in La Grande May 7 and 8.

Two hundred fifty or more boys are expected to attend the meeting. They will be registered and assigned to rooms Friday morning.

The convention proper begins at 1 p. m. at the Masonic temple, which will provide headquarters for the occasion.

Ceremonials Friday. Friday evening will be given over to the ceremonials. The Washington chapter of Portland, will extend the initiatory rites.

Group sessions will occupy Saturday morning, when secretarial work, the duties of master councilors and reports and recommendations will get consideration.

At the close of the day, the delegates will be complimented at a dance sponsored by the University.

MATHEWS ON TRIAL TODAY

Curiosity seekers were excluded from the justice court today during the trial of W. D. Mathews, of Burlington, Wash., on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor child.

Three little girls, on whose story the complaint was filed, and L. W. Cooper, father of one of the children, were witnesses for the state heard this morning.

Stunt Show Tickets On Sale; Demand For Seats Is Great

Men Who Pride Themselves

Those business men who pride themselves on getting eternally a "nickle's worth for a nickle" in all the buying they do can entertain no doubt as to the value they buy in Observer advertising space.

Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service.

Flume Work Will Start Next Month

Work of Restoring Ancient Marcellus Theater Started on 2,680th Anniversary.

The Eastern Oregon Light and Power company has awarded a contract to the Federal Pipe and Tank company, of Portland and Seattle for the construction of 2700 feet of 42-inch semi-circular continuous stave creosoted flume, which will replace the same amount of old box flume constructed in 1905 to carry water from Rock creek to the Rock creek hydro-electric plant near Ilwaco.

This work, which completes the \$30,000 program started in 1925, when 6000 feet of the old flume was replaced, will involve an expenditure of approximately \$11,000.

The contract, signed April 10, calls for beginning of work early in May. Delivery of the materials is expected by the latter part of this month.

A camp will be established on Rock creek at the head of the flume. All local labor will be used.

MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL IS DENIED BY CIRCUIT JUDGE

A motion for a new trial in the case of Mrs. Mary Welton versus the Mt. Emily Lumber company, in which she alleged damages from the escape of water from the company's millpond into her basement and in which a jury found the defendant, was denied by Judge J. W. Knowles when it was argued before him in circuit court early this week.

Rehearing Asked in Lea-Blokland Case

A rehearing in the case of A. H. Lea of Salem, versus Andrew J. Blokland and others was asked today by Judge J. W. Knowles. The argument will be heard Friday afternoon. Specific performance of the contract is asked by the plaintiff in a deal that involves the sale of a piece of pasture land.

Judge Knowles Grants Four Divorce Decrees

Four divorces were decreed today by Judge J. W. Knowles, of the circuit court. All were based on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. Mrs. Loh Hug was divorced from Arnold Hug, whom she married at Summerville Jan. 1, 1920; Mrs. Myrtle House from Jack Lester House, married at Fargo, Okla., June 4, 1913; Mrs. Vera Hamlin, from Frank B. Hamlin, married in La Grande Aug. 29, 1918; William B. Evans, Mrs. Juanita Evans, at Pendleton Sept. 1, 1922.

MEMBERSHIP REJECTED. NEW YORK, Apr. 21. (AP)—The application of Frank E. Gannett, of the Rochester, N. Y. Times-Union, for membership in the Associated Press was rejected by the membership today. He failed to obtain the necessary four-fifths vote by 49 votes.

TEN FILE FOR COUNTY POSTS

Judge U. G. Couch filed a declaration in the county judgment at the primaries May 21. His avowal and those of several other candidates filed today come just within the limit of time set for county officers by the statute.

W. H. Ledbetter, republican, will be a candidate for nomination as county commissioner to fill the vacancy created when John Wells' term expires at the end of the year. He is opposed by the incumbent.

Philings for election as precinct committeemen were as follows: L. A. Wright, Union No. 3; C. L. Caldwell, Union, No. 4; Otto Klinghammer, Elgin, No. 4; Mose Crockett, Union, No. 1; and George Ferguson, Union, No. 2; all on the republican ticket; Robert Bradford, La Grande, No. 12, and W. J. Case, Alsea, both democrats.

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DEMURRER IS FILED IN C. R. O. CASE

Attorneys for Creditors of Railroad Take Action Today

JURISDICTION OF COURT ATTACKED

Ray Woodbury Company and Ed Wetzel Would Set Aside Sale Restraining Order.

Attorneys for those creditors of the Central Railway of Oregon who are trying to sell the company's property in order to satisfy judgments they hold against it today appeared in circuit court with a demurrer, filed in the name of Sheriff Jesse Broeshaars, against the injunction issued by Judge J. W. Knowles recently to restrain him from making the sale.

Ed Wetzel, of Spokane, and the Ray Woodbury company, of Portland, whose combined judgments against the railway amount to more than \$2000, are represented in the case by Ed Wright and Cochran & Eberhard, respectively.

They claim that the complaint on which the injunction was issued does not state facts sufficient to authorize the appointment of a receiver, and that the court in this injunction case does not have jurisdiction that would justify the appointment.

The demurrer probably will be argued before Judge Knowles Friday, which is regular motion day.

W. B. Davis, of Union, is the appointed receiver. He was named at the request of A. W. Middleton and the Blue Mountain Lumber company. The latter organization holds accounts totaling over \$10,000 against the railway, Middleton stated in his claim.

Other suits have been filed against the little road since judgment was granted Wetzel and the Ray Woodbury company. George E. Dunkler, of Union, claims \$12,844.67 due him as an employee of the road. J. H. Hall, of Union, represented by Green & Hess, has filed a labor claim of \$2566.35.

SCORPION GIFT IS SURPRISE TO LOCAL CITIZEN

"Beware of the scorpion sting!" Such was the warning, penned on a card, which accompanied a five-inch scorpion on his journey from Tall, Cal., to La Grande, Ore. The deadly arachnid made the trip through the United States mails, consigned to field Godden, Mr. Godden, unaware of the harmless appearing package, opened it casually but upon viewing the venomous creature, which wiggled playfully, nonchalance vanished.

After showing it to several friends, he turned it over to the care of Glen Campbell. The scorpion is a gift from George Garlick, Jess George and Emerson Shrock.

Hospital for Girls Going Up in Portland

The Rev. E. C. Lee, of the Methodist Episcopal church of Weiser, Ida., is in Eastern Oregon in the interests of the juvenile hospital for girls, now being built north of Portland. Mr. Lee, assigned all of Eastern Oregon east and south of Pendleton, was in La Grande yesterday and states that Union county's quota of the \$60,000 it will take to erect the building, is \$1500. Wallawa county's quota is \$1100.

"This is the only institution of its kind in Oregon," he said, "and caters entirely to girls between the ages of five and 15. At present there are five girls from Union county being cared for at Portland and many from other Eastern Oregon counties."

The hospital, partly built, is a semi-state institution, inasmuch as \$17,500 of state funds were appropriated for it. The part now finished is already in use. Completion of all units will be effected by June.

BIBLE NOT UPHELD BY NILE FINDS

Professor Breasted Tells of Discoveries at Armageddon

IS ORGANIZING A 4TH EXPEDITION

Three Groups Now Engaged in Studying Inscriptions at Cairo Museum and Luxor.

NEW YORK, Apr. 21. (AP)—Professor James H. Breasted, returned from the scene of excavations in the Nile valley, says Egypt has yielded nothing among its thousands of ancient inscriptions to bear out fundamentalist interpretations of Bible stories.

He is directing the work of three expeditions and is organizing a fourth to penetrate far into the Nile valley. One of the expeditions is studying the coffin inscriptions in the Cairo museum, another the inscriptions in the temples at Luxor and a third has been excavating the ancient mounds at Armageddon.

"Remember, I am not fighting the fundamentalists when I say this," explained Professor Breasted, "yet I say emphatically there is nothing in the inscriptions to bear out their interpretations of the Bible. The fundamentalists will never be supported by the documents on which we are working."

One of the first finds made at Armageddon, Professor Breasted said, was a stone block on which was recorded the victory of King Sishak, of Egypt, over the Jews in the reign of King Rehoboam.

Annual Offender Fined \$150 by Municipal Judge

Bill Crawford, who was arrested recently on a charge of having liquor in his possession, pleaded guilty yesterday and was fined \$150 by Judge C. M. Humphrey, of the municipal court. Crawford paid the fine.

Police Chief Haynes reports that regularly every year since he has been with the police, a scorpion Crawford has been found—never less than \$50 nor more than \$100—for some law violation.

Storage of Water in Huge Idaho Dam Begins

AMERICAN FALLS, Ida., Apr. 21. (AP)—Storage of water in the American Falls reservoir, Idaho's largest irrigation project, started at 9 o'clock this morning, when the gates in the incomplete dam were closed. Enough water to meet the legal requirements of the Minidoka and Twin Falls projects was allowed to flow through the specially constructed gates. It was estimated that the storage today would amount to 23,000 acre feet.

Construction of the dam will progress at a rate sufficient to keep ahead of the rising water.

Jack Dempsey Signs to Fight on September 16

FIGHT WORTH, Tex., Apr. 21. (AP)—Jack Dempsey put his name to the dotted line today. The heavyweight champion of the world signed articles of agreement shortly before noon with Tex Rickard to fight a championship bout around September 16, at a place and against an opponent to be selected by Rickard.

Waving aside reports from New York that the New York state athletic commission might revoke his license and put in jeopardy his \$5,000,000 investment in Madison Square Garden if he should pick Gene Tunney as Dempsey's opponent or New Jersey as the scene of the fight, Rickard reiterated that his choice would be made between the two sites and that Tunney would be considered.

Oregon Juvenile Hospital For Girls



The Oregon juvenile hospital for girls, as it will look when completed. The structure is partly finished and will cost \$60,000, of which the state is furnishing \$17,500.

DRYS ASK FOR AN EXTENSION

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21. (AP)—Buffeted by complaints from both sides the senate prohibition committee began its hearings today in an atmosphere of increasing tension.

The drys again had the right of way, and as the time allotted them drew toward its close they put on the stand a succession of witnesses who spoke for prohibition organizations, farm groups and others, in opposition to any change in the Volstead act.

Asks Extension of Time

The managers of the dry side of the controversy formally asked that their time be extended, and the committee took the petition under advisement. It was pointed out by the dry leaders that Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, the committee's only wet member, had taken up with cross-examination much of the time allotted for dry testimony.

Senator Reed has complained that the drys are being favored by the committee's methods of procedure.

Pinchot Gives Views

Chairman Harrell announced receipt of a letter from Governor Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, declaring the dry's law can be enforced but attacking present enforcement methods. The chairman turned the letter over to the dry manager who indicated they would present it formally later.

Oliver W. Stewart, head of the flying squadron foundation, made a brief statement in which he declared conditions were improving under prohibition. Then the drys put on the stand S. L. Strivings, of Castle, N. Y., who said he spoke for the national grange. He filed a brief recapitulation of the attitude of the grange over sixty years on moral questions, and opposing any change in the dry laws. Many farms are going into the hands of foremen, he said, and the one way to incite patriotism in these people is for Americans to obey the laws.

NAVAL BOARD TO SEEK CAUSE OF BATTERY BLAST

NEW LONDON, Conn., Apr. 21. (AP)—With three seamen dead and nine others injured, six of them seriously, a naval board of inquiry had before it today the task of determining the cause of an explosion which shattered the battery room of the submarine S-49.

The blast took the lives of Leiph Edwards McCormack, gunner's mate second class of West Lynn, Mass.; Olley J. Cook, seaman, second class of Danville, Va.; and Theodore Holst Jr., chief boatswain's mate of Groton, Conn.

It was the second major disaster suffered by the submarine base here in less than a year. Last September the S-51, a sister ship of the S-49 went down off Block Island with 24 officers and men after a collision with the steamer City of Rome.

Leeches Suck Blood From Cow, Cause Death

GATES, Ore., Apr. 21. (AP)—A cow belonging to Harry Kessler, Southern Pacific workman, has been acting "queer" for nearly a year, but the family used the milk daily and could find nothing wrong with the product. The bovine became weak and finally died. An autopsy was decided upon and a gopher snake, 18 inches long, in a partially decomposed condition, was found in the cow's stomach. Four blood leeches were found attached to the liver and the quartet were all in apparent good health. The men say that there was scarcely any blood left in the cow's body and the heart was very much enlarged. The cow had been obtaining her drinking water from a nearby stream.

Glory, Once Rome's, Will Be Restored



The E. O. L. & P. Company building in Portland, which will be restored to its former glory.

E. O. L. & P. Company Awards \$11,000 Job to Federal Pipe & Tank Co., of Portland.

ROME, Apr. 21. (AP)—Romans today abandoned their usual activities and assembled in the gaily-beflagged streets and squares to celebrate the city's 2,600th anniversary with ceremonies symbolizing Mussolini's determination that Rome's ancient glory shall be restored.

Unlike most of the celebrations since the advent of fascism, today's occurrences were dominated by the participation of the working men instead of the military, in accordance with the dedication of the event under the slogan "the spiritual foundation of the new empire has been created; now the work of realization must begin."

Scores of national and black flags floated in a gentle breeze, and innumerable multi-colored proclamations covered the walls of buildings throughout the city. Early in the day the streets were filled with marching men, most of them in working clothes.

The first ceremonies were the laying of wreaths on the monuments to the war dead, notably the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where a pyre of incense was burning.

The Rome of yesterday and today were joined symbolically when two new tramway lines, designed by the fascist architects, were inaugurated.

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Bulletins

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—U. S. E. Washington 2 3 2 Philadelphia 5 12 0 Batteries; Coveleskie, Ogden and Ruel; Rommel and Cochran.

LAKEPORT, Cal., Apr. 21. (AP)—A fire which did damage estimated at \$80,000 swept through the downtown section of this little town last night. Five buildings were destroyed and two others slightly damaged. One of the burned buildings, the old Lake View hotel, was unoccupied. Five roomers escaped from the Monroe apartment house which was leveled by the flames, by sliding down pipes made of sheets. The blast originated in the rear of a restaurant.

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 21. (AP)—The state supreme court this morning refused to accept the petitions presented by Bert Hines, of Portland attorney, for a writ of mandamus to compel the county clerk of Multnomah to segregate the canyon road improvement proposal on the ballot for May election.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Apr. 21. (AP)—One man was killed and another injured when a delivery truck of a Portland bakery went over a high bank after skidding on the Columbia river highway six miles east of here today. Glenn Knutson, 25, of White Salmon, Wash., was the man killed. C. E. Archer, salesman for the baking company was injured.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21. (AP)—Secretary Jardine extolled provisions of the Tinscher farm relief bill in an address today before the American Dairy federation. The measure would seek to solve the surplus problem through government credits to cooperative organizations in times of need.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21. (AP)—An increased demand for American apples in Paris is reported by the department of agriculture.

Within the last month apples from the United States have been for the first time offered in Paris in sound condition and at reasonable prices.

In order to develop the market for American fruit, arrangements were made for taking apples from refrigerated cargoes at a continental port instead of trans-shipping from London.

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 19. (AP)—William McMurray, who asked to be retired May 1 from the position of general passenger agent of the Union Pacific system at Portland, died here late yesterday. He had been in poor health for about two years.

Death Claims William McMurray, U. P. Official

QUINCY, Cal., Apr. 21. (AP)—Baffled by a stubborn tangle of debris after one of six workmen buried in a cave-in in the Grizzly Creek tunnel of the Feather River Power company, 30 miles from here, had been snatched from death, rescue crews early today had dug to within a few feet of the place the other victims were believed to be trapped. The men were caught in a slide in the tunnel late Saturday night.

Thomas McDermott, who was pulled out from beneath a sheltering timber at 8:20 o'clock last night, was found to be unharmed except for exhaustion. He was taken to a bunkhouse nearby which had been fitted up as an emergency hospital, and after he had rested a bit, he said he believed his five companions would be found alive near the spot where he was found.

Mike Nicholson and F. Erickson, Oregon mucker, William Copke and McBride were still in the dripping catacomb today, with the shushy earth that extends from the facing of the rescue tunnel wiping out

Debris Hampers Rescue Crews After Releasing One Miner

The work of the rescue crews almost so far as they progressed. Driving northwest straight through the original bore of the tunnel, the rescuers are timbering and shoring as they go along, but the work is distressingly slow. The workers themselves are in a long chamber, eight by eight feet, picking their way along by painful inches and hoping that the hastily constructed tunneling behind them will not collapse from the weight of loosened rock and granite, or be undermined by the steadily trickling waters that drip upon them.

The scene is set, incongruous in a background of matches beauty. To the North Grizzly Creek runs through a channel through granite, and all about it rugged wilderness of pine and fir. A snow-covered trail leads to the nearest settlement, three miles away. Buck's Ranch, headquarters for the construction executives, is miles away over a rock and granite mountain. It can be reached only by horses or snowshoes over trails that have been marked through the snow.

45-33 VOTE IN SENATE GIVES OKEH

Attempt to Return Measure to Committee Is Defeated

DEMOCRAT LEADS FIGHT ON MEASURE

Reed, of Missouri, Delivers Fiery Denunciation of Mussolini in Futile Effort.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21. (AP)—The war debt settlement with Italy was approved today by the senate.

An effort to send the Italian debt settlement back to committee for further investigation failed. The vote was 45 to 33 with opponents of ratification lining up behind the motion to recommit.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21. (AP)—With a vote set for 4 o'clock this afternoon, the senate today engaged in its last hours of dry debate on the Italian debt funding agreement. Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, started the discussion with a fiery denunciation of Premier Mussolini, declaring the settlement would be a gift of a billion and a half dollars to the premier, "who is drunk with power."

"The vision that delights his eye," the Missouri senator said of Mussolini, "is an edifice of blood, through which he can walk in triumph."

Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, moved to recommit the settlement to the finance committee with instructions to investigate Italy's capacity to pay and this motion must be voted on before a vote can be taken on ratifying the agreement itself.

The settlement was defended by Senator Gerry, democrat, Rhode Island.

PARIS EATING U. S. APPLES

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