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SWEET POTATOES AND HISTORY

Columbus will always get the credit for being the discoverer of America; but for many years to come historians and archeologists will be busy trying to find out how many people actually got to the new world ahead of him. It has been pretty well substantiated that the Vikings made the trip repeatedly, long before Columbus' time. Now Dr. Roland B. Dixon, professor of anthropology at Harvard, declares that the Polynesian peoples of the South Seas also reached America in the pre-Columbian years.

Prof. Dixon bases his belief at least partly on sweet potatoes. Sweet potatoes, originally, grew only in Central and South America. But the first Europeans to visit the South Sea islands in the Polynesian group, he says, found the natives cultivating sweet potatoes; and the natural deduction is that the natives had touched the Americas and taken seedlings back with them.

These Polynesians had neither decked ships nor compasses, but they were doughty sea-going men. Voyages fully 2000 miles in length, in those frail-looking outrigger canoes of theirs, were by no means uncommon. Prof. Dixon believes it quite possible for them to have reached America by way of Hawaii. There are few more interesting by-paths of history than the one toward which this theory leads. When the Europeans reached America they found most of the land peopled by stone age savages; but in a few spots a high degree of civilization had sprung up, and the ancient cities of Peru and Central America and Mexico still excite the wonder and admiration of archeologist and layman alike.

How did it happen that the new world nourished these islands of civilization in a sea of utter savagery? Where did they come from, those people who built cities and temples and roads, learned the art of sculpture without metal tools and knew more about astronomy than the Greeks of Pericles' time? Were they 100 per cent American in their development, or did they draw their knowledge, somehow, from across the Pacific? Maybe we shall never know; but the questions are fascinating, and this theory of Dr. Dixon casts a new bit of light on one of history's most interesting riddles.

CONNALLY RITES HELD AT UNION

UNION (Special)—Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Cook Bros. chapel for James Connally, who died at the age of 70. He was in charge of the services. He was born in Red Oak, Iowa, August 2nd, 1860 and was married to Minnie Bell Mann at Rock Bluffs, Nebraska, in 1876. One daughter, Kate L., wife of Dr. T. M. Gilmore, of this city, was born to them.

With his parents, he moved to Julesburg, Nebraska, at the age of eight and grew up there, where in partnership with his father he was engaged in the freighting business for several years. In 1885 he was burned out by the Indians, losing all his mule teams and wagon train. After living in Cass county for 20 years, he and Mrs. Connally and daughter came to Oregon in 1900, locating on what is now known as the Stanton ranch. In 1904 they moved to Walla Walla county where they spent 20 years and then moved back to Union. He is survived by his widow and his daughter, Mrs. Gilmore, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

unnecessary his return to the county jail. The plea contended that detention of the Greek freighter Masetis in port at Istanbul was improper, his arrest, detention and finally delivery to an American diplomatic officer all without due process of law and tantamount to kidnaping. Samuel Insull Jr. was called first, and entered his plea of not guilty to the indictment alleging improper handling of assets of an insolvent company. Then came Harold L. Stuart of Halsey, Stuart and Company, investment firm; Philip J. McEntee, who was a vice president of corporation securities; John F. O'Keefe, secretary; Edward J. Doyle, president of commonwealth Edison company; Stanley Field, former chairman of the Continental-Illinois National bank and a director of corporation securities; William B. Irwin, and Charles W. Daniels.

UNION COUPLES FAIL TO WAIT UPON JUSTICE
WALLA WALLA, May 11 (Sp)—Justice interfered with matrimony Thursday. A double wedding involving four residents of Union, Ore., was lost to Justice C. M. Wilbur when the coroner of guards about the upper floor of the courthouse where trial of five convicts on first-degree murder charges is under way had orders to admit no strangers until after court had settled into its routine. The two couples, Russell Anderson and Leola Watts, and Max Watts and Zara Vaughn, tired of waiting to reach the justice's chambers and went elsewhere to have the knot tied.

START COURT BATTLE IN INSULL CASE

hearing until next Tuesday. Insull immediately returned to the judge's chambers and his attorney, Floyd E. Thompson, announced that surety companies were scheduling the \$200,000 bond which would make

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DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS GIVE BENEFIT HERE

A benefit program presented by the daughters of Union Veterans, the proceeds to be used to buy flags for the cemetery, was very largely attended and the crowd was entertained by a clever program.

The program began with a skit entitled "Sarah Ann and the Confidence Man," followed by a tap dance by Ione Kessler who was accompanied by Milton Schulte. Marjorie Woodell presented a reading and Milton Schulte played several accordion numbers. Jean Wetzel danced a Highland Fling and was accompanied by Eleanor Hickey. Mrs. Ray Green presented a very clever reading.

The Jewel Hebeak club of Sumnerville presented one of their usual clever plays "Auntie," which was a feature of the evening and two women of the club, Mrs. Anna Park and Mrs. Ruth Rollins sang a duet, for which they were dressed in Dutch costumes. A Dutch windmill which was the property of the North Side Improvement club and was loaned to the D. of U. V. for this event. It was made by Mrs. G. J. Price.

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spectators at the pageant will be entertained with some hurdle jumping by a local feminine equestrian, whose identity Mrs. Birnie is keeping a close secret.

"After hearing the reports and plans already made last evening, the pageant committee promises an extremely interesting equestrian section in the big show event of the celebration. "In the meantime tell us of the whereabouts of side saddles," is Mrs. Birnie's plea to the countryside. "Notify the chamber of commerce, if you will, and we will be glad to pick them up about July 1;—but tell us about it right now."

SUGAR AND FLOUR

PORTLAND, May 11 (Sp)—Sugar—Cane granulated, \$4.40; fruit or berry, \$4.50; beet sugar, \$4.30. Domestic flour—Selling price, mill delivery, \$5 to 55-bbl lot; family patent, 49¢; 60¢; 65¢; 68¢; 70¢; hard wheat, \$5.70; 60¢; 65¢; blended flour, \$5.00; 60¢; 65¢; bakers' bluestem, \$5.95; 60¢; soft white pastry flour, \$5.45; 60¢; rye, \$5.50; 60¢; whole wheat, \$5.80; granum, \$5.80 bbl.

Primary Election a Week Away — Interest in Straw Ballot Grows

With the primary election to be held just one week from today, interest in the Observer straw ballot is growing daily. But with six candidates on the Republican ticket and only two on the Democratic ballot, so far more Democrats have expressed their choice than members of the G. O. P.—somewhat unusual since the Republican party is the majority one in this county. The Observer is anxious that all vote in this straw ballot. Signing one's name is not required. All that is necessary is to mark the following ballot and signify that one is a registered voter:

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EAGLES LODGE IN BIG MEET ON THURSDAY

At an especially large meeting of the Eagles Lodge Thursday night, two new members were initiated into the order, and two re-initiations were made. Following the regular business session, dancing was enjoyed by the members until a late hour, when lunch was served.

Plans were made during the evening for the members of the local lodge to cooperate with members of the Pendleton Arie in a picnic at Emigrant Springs on July 4. A dance was planned for the benefit of the playground fund, to be held Saturday evening, May 12, at the Eagles hall. It was also decided that a queen would be elected by the lodge in the Union Livestock show.

Visitors were present from outside towns including 25 from Union, 19 from Mesham and seven from Baker. The two re-initiations were Charles Murchison and Harvey Cookson, and the two new members were Ed Klausner and Ed Malone.

The "Arctic pleasants" of Siam have "dancing floors" in the deep jungle where they "dance" in the mating season.

A number of sheepgrowers of Union county gathered at the Royal Allen farm at Cove Thursday for the purpose of witnessing a demonstration of the method of controlling ticks by spraying the sheep with chemical spray. Over 200 sheep were sprayed during a period of about two hours. The demonstration was put on by a private firm from Walla Walla and D. E. Lloyd of that city was the representative who conducted the spraying demonstration.

HIGHER PRICED MODELS GAIN PUBLIC FAVOR

With early season sales indicating a heavy preference for its higher priced deluxe models, Kelvinator corporation is sponsoring a special showing of these models, according to announcement by Ed Fitzgerald of the Fitzgerald Furniture Co., local Kelvinator sales representative, who are showing the deluxe model in the Sufeway cooking school.

"We already have noticed in our sales that the sensational 1934 Kelvinator deluxe electric refrigerators were proving exceptionally popular," Fitzgerald says, "and from information we have received from the company's headquarters this same interest is being shown by refrigerator buyers throughout the United States. The deluxe models have won acclaim from the refrigeration industry as well as from the general public for their design, performance and advancement. Including every possible convenience and practical improvement, they represent the utmost in refrigeration value. The famous Kelvinator 'four refrigerators in one' feature which provides a number of distinct refrigeration temperatures all operating independently of one another in the same cabinet, distinguishes these models. 'Food filling,' the new method for classified storage of dairy products, vegetables and leftovers, also is a feature of these models."

Mercury At 81—The Warmest This Month

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BROTH CONTINUES
CHICAGO, May 11 (Sp)—Apprehension over middle America's crop prospects grew hourly today. Parched prairie and plains, long baked by a hot sun and swept by swirling choking "black blizzards" of dust, swelled the alarm of agrarian and city dweller alike.

The only note of hope was the forecast of local showers tonight in Nebraska and North and South Dakota, and in Iowa tomorrow. Elsewhere no relief was in sight. Light showers have fallen in the Chicago area—the first in twenty-eight days—and in Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas, but they were regarded as of little value.

Whipped by strobe winds, the dust clouds from the vast plains of Western Canada swept across the border with undying intensity yesterday, veiling the entire area from Montana on the west, Texas on the South and the Ohio valley on the east. So thick were the floating sheets of real estate that airplane service between Chicago and St. Paul was interrupted.

One estimate was that some 12-000,000 pounds of dust had been swept into Chicago—four pounds for every man, woman and child in the city. The Baptist organizations have been meeting here in annual conference since Tuesday night. The meeting will end tonight.

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older type locomotive, done by John Bentner, took one's eye. In the fifth grade a large American map was marked by the students to designate where certain things are produced, etc. and in the sixth soap collection there and a large egg in the collection. They have the eggs to prove it! A sand map of Oregon was another outstanding exhibit here. A weather chart in the seventh grade and a civics chart in the eighth attracted much favorable comment and some excellent art work was on display also. Daily newspapers also were on hand, studied each day by the youngsters.

At Greenwood school a Hawaiian scene in the first grade room was very brightly done, and in the second there was an Indian tope and pottery. But most interesting in this latter room was a freeze of the Pillgrims, done in colored chalk by the children of the room, and with nearly every detail well brought out. Basket weaving was included in the work in the third grade and some very creditable examples were exhibited. In this school one of the most interesting rooms was the "Opportunity Room," where the fourth, fifth and sixth grades do their arithmetic work—and some of the displays there were much above the average expected for children of that age group.

In the sixth grade several freezes appeared and a bird project, with the art in each case of a high character. A garden in sand and samples of various kinds of woods in the seventh grade showed much attention to practical application of learning. The eighth grade here was a bit out of the ordinary with a movable wooden stage at one end of the large room—which is used frequently for assemblies.

SORE-ARMED JAVELINEER DOES HIS BIT FOR BEARS
BERKELEY, Cal. (Sp)—Without a single day of practice this season, Norman Fitzgerald, University of California javelin thrower, was drafted to try to take some points away from Southern California in their dual meet. The Bear thrower, who had been out all term with a sore arm, hurried back nearly 100 feet, then came back with one of 197 feet only to have it disqualify as a foul. But he took second place and narrowed the Trojan margin of victory to 7 points.

A survey made by the board of paroles and pardons in California showed 95 per cent of the persons sentenced to death in the state during the past 40 years have escaped the noose through commutations or transfers to insane asylums. John Kaminski entered the United States from Poland during the Civil war, but just received citizenship papers at Houghton, Mich.

Roosevelt Plans To Spend 5 Days Visiting Hawaii

WASHINGTON, May 11 (Sp)—Vice-President Roosevelt will spend a talk today with President Roosevelt that the president intended to spend about 5 days visiting Hawaii this summer on his long sea cruise. Mr. Roosevelt tentatively plans to start on his tour of the territorial possessions the latter part of June. Puerto Rico will be visited first and then the president will board a cruiser to cruise through the Panama canal and out to Hawaii, returning overland upon his arrival on the Pacific coast, from Hawaii.

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Miss Isabelle Miller, organist. Baptist church. Ladies chorus and string trio "The Living God" by O'Hara. Mrs. W. H. Parkinson, director. Glen Fox, accompanist. First Church of Christ, Scientist, "Enough to Know" by Ouden. Mrs. Floyd Sherwood, soprano. Mrs. Merlin Bailey, accompanist. LaGrande A Cappella choir: (a) "Lost in the Night" by Christiansen; (b) "Cherubian Hymn" by Bortniansky. Andrew Levey Jr., director. Mrs. Merlin Bailey, assistant. Benediction, Rev. C. A. Kopp, Episcopal rector.

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