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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Akin, 4337 42d avenue, March 24.

Mrs. Parsons, 7820 56th avenue, has a small peach tree in full bloom in her yard.

Mrs. Charles Walker, 4305 58th street, is visiting her mother at Chinook, Wash.

The Easter concert at the Arleta Baptist church was enjoyed by a capacity crowd.

J. J. Handsaker made a trip to Eugene last week in the interest of near east relief.

Mrs. Lloyd Elbon, 59th street, was quite sick with the flu last week, but is now better.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spence, 6317 94th street, have a new daughter, born March 29.

Mrs. Ward Swope, 5329 70th street, has been very ill with pneumonia, but is now improving.

Fourteen new members were received into Anabel Presbyterian church Easter Sunday.

L. H. Fishbury, 4715 71st street, is working with the Southern Pacific carpenter crew at Carlton.

Stafford Jennings, 6422 60th street, was married this week to Miss Florence Jones, 1010 Vernon avenue.

The ladies' aid society of the Millard-Avenue Presbyterian church met at the church Thursday afternoon.

The Kern Park Christian church is beginning preparations for an elaborate celebration of Mother's day.

Wilbur Newton, 5735 44th avenue, accompanied his father, Roy Newton, on a business trip to McMinnville, Friday.

Residents of 37th avenue are circulating a petition asking that the avenue be paved between 52d and 56th streets.

G. W. Stokes, 4711 47th avenue, deputy state fire marshal, returned home Friday from a month's trip to eastern Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker, 47th avenue and 60th street, are the parents of a boy, born Saturday, March 31, at Portland sanitarium.

Mrs. Mabel Lemar took a member of the Arleta Girl Scouts to Peninsula park last Saturday afternoon where they participated in an egg hunt.

Eleven-year-old Donald McAfee, 339 East 57th street, was operated upon at St. Vincent's hospital Tuesday afternoon for appendicitis.

Mrs. Sadie Orr-Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, has been confined to her home, 7118 53d avenue, for several days with the grip.

Kenneth Phillips and family, who have been living at 5422 37th avenue, left Wednesday morning for Medford where they will make their home.

Mrs. Fleck, 5628 45th avenue, who has been ill for two months with a nervous breakdown, is recovering nicely and is able to get outside and enjoy the spring weather.

Mrs. J. A. Troeh, 5029 42d avenue, who has been ill at Portland Sanitarium for several weeks, is now improving rapidly. Mrs. Troeh is the mother of Frank and Jesse Troeh.

Camille Lee, daughter of Henry Lee, 48th avenue and 76th street, was operated on Sunday night at Good Samaritan hospital for appendicitis. She is getting on nicely.

Mrs. S. A. Diel has just had her house, at 5505 37th avenue, connected with the sewer. With the completion of the Foster Road sewer, cesspools are rapidly becoming a thing of the past in this community.

The executive committee of the woman's society of the Arleta Baptist church met at the home of the president, Mrs. S. L. Barnett, 6804 46th avenue, Wednesday afternoon and drew up a comprehensive plan of work for the coming year.

Oscar Butler and family, who have been living in west side apartments, are moving back to their home, 5040 60th street. Mr. Butler, lightweight wrestler, is convalescing from a serious attack of pleural pneumonia.

Captain and Mrs. A. P. Foster and two small sons of Camp Lewis, Wash., arrived Saturday to visit with Mrs. Foster's mother, Mrs. Thomas McNish, 7703 55th avenue. Captain Foster returned to his post Monday, but Mrs. Foster and the children will make an extended visit here.

At the monthly meeting of the Mount Scott Improvement club, held in the Arleta library, Tuesday evening, C. P. Keyser of the park board talked on the possibility of park improvement in this part of the city. He said that some money would soon be available for this purpose and he thought the small park opposite the library building between Foster Road and 45th avenue could be properly improved the latter part of this summer. He seemed to feel that a well equipped clubhouse adjacent to the Millard-Avenue park might be secured if the people of the district worked hard enough for it.

The Mount Scott Mental Culture club met at the Arleta library Thursday afternoon. Possible courses of study for next year were considered. Mrs. J. H. Cooper 4815 75th street, is the chairman of the program committee for next year.

Mrs. Ella Ehmson Wilson, dean of girls at Franklin high school, left Wednesday evening for Spokane, where she will deliver an address before the inland empire teachers' association meeting.

The V. I. A. class of the Arleta Baptist Sunday school, taught by Mrs. J. A. Finley, will meet with Mrs. C. C. Hessemer, 7005 52d avenue, next Thursday for a social afternoon.

George Hubel is repairing his store and residence at 5741 59th avenue. The Teeny store on Foster Road which was badly damaged by fire in February, is being repaired.

J. J. Handsaker went to Salem Thursday to confer with Dr. E. C. Hickman, chairman of the near east relief, regarding the Salem campaign.

The baseball team of Kellogg school beat the team of the Marysville school Tuesday afternoon, 10 to 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Pepper, 6019 47th avenue, have a son, born March 30.

The senior class at Franklin high school observed "loud clothes" day on Tuesday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, 7704 63d avenue, March 26.

V. M. Carson is erecting a residence at 6035 41st avenue.

James, son of James S. Hogg, 5040 32d avenue, is ill with the flu.

U. B. Ladies' Silver Tea

Wednesday afternoon the ladies' aid society of the Tremont United Brethren church held a silver tea at the parsonage, 7121 59th avenue. This is one of a series of teas the women of the church are giving to swell the local budget of the church. Mrs. B. R. Evans and Mrs. Charles Wilden, president of the society, will be the hostesses of the afternoon. All women are welcome. This society has already raised \$300 on the \$1000 it has pledged toward the new church building.

Buster, pet dog of Elaine Handsaker, died suddenly Tuesday morning.

J. H. McMahon has sold his residence at 5619 37th avenue.

Miss Anna Mulkey, 6130 83d street, who was injured in a street-car accident two weeks ago, is recovering nicely and expects to return home from St. Vincent's hospital the last of this week.

Charles Walker, 4305 58th avenue, is painting his house.

Mrs. Lester Blakeley and two small sons, Dale and Harold, of Dixonville, Or., are visiting Mrs. Blakeley's mother, Mrs. A. H. Mulkey, 6130 83d street. Mrs. Blakeley was formerly Miss Bessie Mulkey.

C. E. Society Elects Officers

At a business meeting held in the Tremont United Brethren church Wednesday evening, March 25, the Christian Endeavor society elected the following officers: President, Alfred Guthrie; vice-president, Lester Altig; recording secretary, Grace Guthrie; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lucile Altig; treasurer, Mrs. Alfred Guthrie. Rev. B. R. Evans was appointed chairman of the look-out committee; Mrs. B. R. Evans, chairman of the prayer meeting committee, and Charles Snedegar, chairman of the social committee.

Arleta Parent-Teacher Notice

The Arleta Parent-Teacher association will hold its regular monthly meeting at Arleta school Friday afternoon, April 13, at 2:30. The business meeting will be followed by a program the general theme of which will be "Books for Parents and Value of Story Telling for Children." Several local women will participate.

LOWER MOUNT SCOTT CHURCH SERVICES

Tremont United Brethren

At 11 A. M., "John's Message to Ephesus"; 7 P. M., Young People's society of Christian Endeavor; 8 P. M., "The Man He Might Have Been."

Last Sunday there were 202 present. Sunday school meets at 10 A. M.

Millard-Avenue Presbyterian

At 11 A. M., "Four Prime Elements in the Preaching of the Gospel"; 7:30 P. M., "The Fine Art of Praising God."

The Christian Endeavor society meets at 6:30. The society is reading the missionary book "India on the March."

Kern Park Christian

At 9:45, Bible school; 11 A. M., "After Easter, What?"; 6:30, Christian Endeavor society; 7:45, "Believers' Baptism, What and Why."

There will be baptismal service following this sermon. The chorus is preparing special music for the occasion.

Arleta Baptist

At 11 A. M., "To Him That Hath"; 6:15 P. M., B. Y. P. U., leader Mrs. Lenna Sherman; topic, "Wise and Unwise Use of the Lord's Day"; 7:30 P. M., the pastor is completing a series of sermons on the road to happiness and his special theme will be "Faith and an Impersonal God."

The Bible school will meet in two sections. The beginners, primary and junior departments will meet at 9:45. The intermediate and senior departments will meet at 12, following the church services.

Anabel Presbyterian

At 11 A. M., "The Taste of Death"; 6:30, Young People's society, topic, "The Life and Work of General Booth"; 7:30 "The Fourth Chance."

Kellogg School Notes

An interesting assembly was held Tuesday at the Joseph Kellogg school. The national patriotic society is offering all the schools of the city a picture of Theodore Roosevelt, and in order to develop patriotism the school is being asked to frame it. The cost of framing will be about \$4.25 and each pupil is being asked to contribute 1 cent toward the framing. Later the picture will be unveiled with proper ceremonies. Already some of the rooms have brought in their full quota.

Mrs. G. W. Dustin Jr., 4531 71st street, member of the National Motion-Picture league, and chairman of the motion-picture committee of the Kellogg school, is doing an excellent work in promoting better films in our community.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Tremont United Brethren church will give a basket social at the Woodmere hall, 77th street and Woodstock avenue, Monday evening, April 9. A musical program will precede the sale of baskets.

Gleaners Are Active

The Gleaners of the Anabel Presbyterian church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Davis, 1205 Sherman street. About 35 women were present. Mrs. O. C. Howell and Mrs. C. Brockman read papers on Japan. They have won all the stars that can be obtained from the Presbyterian for women's activities. Last year they raised \$50 more than their regular apportionment for special missionary gifts and they enjoy a splendid fellowship in the society. They took charge of the church service on Easter evening, providing a musical program and they plan from now on to take charge of the service one Sunday evening each month.

Christian Endeavor Entertainment

The Christian Endeavor society of the Kern Park Christian church gave an entertainment Friday evening at the church. After a musical and literary program refreshments were served. A silver offering was taken and candy was sold during the evening. All the proceeds will be sent to the Multnomah County Christian Endeavor union to help pay the expenses of delegates to the national Christian Endeavor convention to be held in Des Moines, Ia., this summer.

High School Opera Broadcast

Next Sunday evening the first act of "The Gondoliers," the opera being prepared by the music department of Franklin high school will be broadcasted by the Oregonian station.

HAVE YOU NOTICED

That Russia is replenishing her supply of ammunition?

That the Ruhr question is far from settled?

That the Balkans are indulging in their usual spring war talk?

That hatred is not confined to Europe alone?

That nothing will bring peace on earth but good will among men?

That everyone has a cold or something worse?

That we seem to have forgotten M. Coue?

That he has been superseded in the public eye by King Tut and his treasures?

That that worthy ancient is almost forgotten now?

That something new is due soon?

That it is time to get out the old spading fork and roust out a few angle worms?

That the next thing will be the lawnmower?

That the first spring hatch of baby chicks soon will be "peeping" about?

That the Portland fire department cost over \$900,000 during 1922?

That the student body of Benson has purchased the radio broadcasting outfit formerly owned and operated by Willard P. Hawley Jr.?

That this is the first set to be owned by a high school in the northwest?

That the city dailies are publishing their sport finals again?

That the street signs down town are visible for all corners of the street?

That if they would be so constructed in other parts of town it would be an improvement?

That no one could object to the kind of weather we are having (except possibly frogs and angle worms)?

That the school board's action in paying what experts on the subject call an exorbitant price for the site for the Sunnyside school has caused much adverse comment?

Former Resident Buried

The funeral of Edward Strong, who died recently in San Francisco, took place Monday, March 26, from Finley's mortuary with burial in Mount Scott park cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. John M. Paxton, pastor of the Anabel Presbyterian church. Mrs. Paxton sang. The services at the grave were in charge of the Masonic order. Mrs. John Crowley, 5437 37th avenue, is his daughter. His widow will make her home with Mrs. Crowley. Mr. Strong was formerly a resident of this district.

Sing for Old People

Following the sunrise prayer meeting of the Millard-Avenue Christian Endeavor society Easter morning the young people breakfasted at the church and then sang Easter carols at the Woodmere Old People's home.

Mrs. Margory M. Smith, of the O. A. C. extension department, spoke to a large group of women in the Arleta library on Thursday afternoon on "Diet." The lecture was given under the auspices of the Joseph Kellogg Parent-Teacher association.

Pastor Turns to Gardening

Passersby are remarking upon the artistic work Rev. John M. Paxton is doing in improving the grounds around the Anabel Presbyterian church, and the manse adjoining it. Shrubbery is being artistically placed and flowers, and grass planted.

New Church Nears Completion

Excellent progress is being made on the new section of the Arleta Baptist church. The masonry work will be completed this month and the building will be ready for the finishers. It is expected the structure will be completed by June 15.

New Books at Lents Library

New books at Lents' branch library are: (Marshall) "Heart of Little Shikari." (Wapole) "The Cathedral." (Sanchez) "Life of Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson." (Case) "Parlor Games and Parties." (Mills) "Story of Scotch." (Hichens) "December Love." (Bindloss) "Northwest." (Cather) "Song of the Lark." (Eaton) "Boy Scouts at Crater Lake."

CROOK HARVEST THREE BILLION

Experts Figure Cost for Dishonesty in Nation During 1922 Was \$30 Per Capita.

New York.—Dishonesty in the United States last year paid an army of burglars, robbers, forgers, bucket-shop operators, confidence men and common thieves more than \$3,000,000,000.

Conservative estimators place the sum at \$3,325,000,000. That is approximately equivalent to the internal revenue receipts of the federal government for the fiscal year 1922. It is greater by \$500,000,000 than the imports of the country in 1921. It is an average tax on every man, woman and child in the country of more than \$30 a year.

Loss \$150,000,000.

Merchants throughout the country last year, wholesalers and retailers, marked off something more than \$150,000,000 in bad accounts. They charge this loss to operating expenses and the honest consumer foots the bills. Railroads of the country last year paid \$12,200,000 in claims for goods lost by theft or burglary. They receive that sum in higher rates.

During 1919 and the early part of 1920, according to an expert, piracy in the New York harbor and docks amounted to \$50,000,000 a year and probably half as much for other seaports of the country. While that loss is now reduced it is still considerable, he says. Jewelers alone lost more than \$1,000,000 in robberies in 1922.

Ten train holdups and twenty mail-truck robberies from April 8, 1920, to April 30, 1921, yielded bandits a haul of United States mail worth \$3,000,300. Railroads of the country last year paid claims of nearly \$12,500,000 for thefts of freight. In 1921 this loss was more than \$20,000,000.

Chicago's theft and robbery loss in 1922, exclusive of automobiles, as reported by the police department, was \$3,301,700, of which \$2,173,952 was not recovered. During 1921, in Philadelphia, with approximately 1.7 per cent of the country's population, 10,300 robberies and larcenies were reported, with a loss of \$1,500,088, exclusive of automobiles. Of that sum \$1,289,624 was not recovered. In the same year 3,352 automobiles were stolen and 1,031, with a value of \$1,686,710, were not recovered.

Autos Not Recovered.

In five cities in 1921, New York, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Los Angeles, 8,420 stolen automobiles were not recovered. On one day last year, December 29, New York's list of stolen property totaled \$41,837, and Philadelphia's \$28,529—a loss for the two cities at a rate of \$25,000,000 a year.

Bradstreet's records for 1922 show that 885 failures of business firms were due directly to fraud and speculation.

Every other man in the jails and penitentiaries of the country is there for a crime against property. Of the 111,498 prison population shown by the census of 1910 there were 5,000 robbers, 18,000 burglars, 30,000 thieves, a total of 53,000.

Before the war insurance experts estimated that there were three burglaries for every fire. Now they expect seven burglaries for every fire.

New Invention to Aid Heart Disease Victims

St. Louis.—Invention of a surgical instrument for operations upon the heart for relief of mitral stenosis, a narrowing of one of the valves, was announced at Washington university.

Surgical history reports only one such successful operation. It was stated. The new instrument has been used successfully on animals. It was added, but has not been employed as yet on human sufferers.

The narrowing of the valve in mitral stenosis, it was explained, causes blood to back up, enlargement of the heart, painful swelling of the feet and hands, and other effects, which result in death if unrelieved.

The new instrument, known as the endocardiotome, slits the valve, permitting the normal flow of blood. The operation, it was said, is simple.

Dr. Duff S. Allen of the faculty of Washington university is the inventor.

Aerial Mailman Saves Three.

Salt Lake City.—Three persons who were marooned in a cabin at the head of American Fork canyon, Utah, were saved from death by an aviator of the air mail service. The aerial mailman dropped a big package of food in front of the cabin. The marooned persons had been isolated by the snow for several weeks.

Grandmother Held for Torturing.

Osmond, Neb.—Charged with torturing her two grandchildren, three and five year old, Mrs. Laura Calunda, fifty-five years old, will be tried in court. Mrs. Calunda starved the children, beat them, and forced them to remain outside in the cold, it is charged. One of the children is in a serious condition.

USES 30 POUNDS DAILY

Soldier's Minimum Supply, According to World War Data.

Washington.—A million men at the front would consume 30,000,000 pounds a day of food and stores, army statistics indicate. American expeditionary forces' experience indicates that 30 pounds per man per day is the absolute minimum and allows nothing for storing up reserve stocks in the dumps for use in offensives.

The figures came up during recent calculations as to train operating personnel necessary to handle the flow of materials to the front. It was estimated that a single field army would require the movement of 6,000 tons a day of supplies of all kinds, exclusive of concentrations of stores and equipment for a contemplated major operation. In other words, railways to the front for this one army must be prepared to handle 12 trains daily each way.

An army railway battalion is approximately 600 men strong. It includes personnel necessary for the operation of six trains a day, from train crews to right of way and equipment maintenance forces, over one engine division of trackage, or about 100 miles of road.

In a pinch, a battalion might handle nine trains a day, but to be secure in preparing to handle a 12-train schedule behind a field army the experts hold that it would be necessary to put in two railway battalions per 100 miles of road to the front.

With this organization the railway troops for a limited period could handle 18 trains a day, it is estimated, and assuming that the army distance to the front is 300 miles, 36 railway operating battalions would be necessary for a full "six army" emergency.

Under the new plan of building up in the organized reserve, the complete framework of railway operating battalions from the personnel of the existing railway systems, 44 of these units are available. Even in the event that all were called suddenly into service, however, it is believed at the War department that there would be no serious impairment of the operating forces of the railroads, as not more than 5 per cent of the operating personnel would be involved.

The number of railway employees of necessary skill and experience is so great that double the number could be withdrawn, it is estimated, without tying up the roads, particularly under the new plan which allows a reserve battalion to about each 2,000 miles of each system.

Congress' Queer Needs Are Latest of Mysteries

Washington.—Now the capitol is confronted with another mystery. The annual report of the clerk of the house of representatives shows an amazing variety of articles, such as flasks, unbreakable pint bottles, ladies' bags, manicure sets and golf balls, bought for the house stationery room where congressmen obtain their office supplies. Curious persons are led to wonder as to office demands of congressmen.

In the exercise of congressional duties some of the representatives develop strange needs. The clerk's report shows that 319 pocket knives were bought and 12 dozen golf balls.

Congressmen are allowed a stipulated sum annually for "stationery." Many of the congressmen who couldn't use all this money on stationery and its accessories, had the clerk buy their safety razors, cigar and cigarette cases, golf balls, etc.

Because of this alleged abuse of the stationery fund, a rule was invoked that henceforth the practice was to stop. But the most recent annual report shows that, if anything, the rule was more freely violated than ever.

Here are some of the items: Safety razor and razor blades, 65 ladies' bags, 71 manicure sets, 10 flasks, 20 pint size unbreakable bottles, 5 scissors sets, 3 toilet cases, 12 dozen golf balls, 4 drivers, 4 brassies, 2 mashes, 4 masher nibblies, 4 mid-irons, 4 putters, 126 clocks, 319 pocket knives, 24 eight-day alarm clocks, tennis balls, more golf clubs, 1 Binah case (the dictionary offers no clue as to this item), a dozen sets of carvers.

Plan British Colony in Brazil.

London.—An endeavor may be made in the near future to settle 15,000 British families in Brazil.

A million acres of agricultural land have been purchased for the production of cotton, cocoa, sugar, tobacco, rubber, coffee and cattle breeding, and the mineral wealth of the region is to be explored.

Genoa Port Trade Increases.

Genoa.—The port business of Genoa has increased threefold under fascist administration. Two million tons of grain were unloaded in the last three months. Also labor troubles are virtually over. New labor-saving machinery has been installed on the docks, and vessels can load and unload 24 hours a day.

KLAN OATH FIGURES IN CHICAGO TRIAL

Chicago.—Revelation of oath of the Ku Klux Klan, and illustration of their signal of distress, were features of the hearing before the city commission of two alleged members of the Klan, in an effort to oust them from the Chicago fire department.

The charges against the city employees is "that they joined an organization which is a conspiracy to incite riot and which prevents their carrying out their sworn duty to the people."

In spite of the revelations of secrecy, prejudice, and an undercurrent of hatred for their fellow men, not of their cult, held by members of the organization, H. K. Ramsey, imperial kligrapp of the Klan, testified that "the Klan model of character is Christ."

Oath Taken by Firemen

Here is the revealed paragraph of the Klan oath, which the prosecutors of the firemen declare unfit for public service:

"I swear that I will keep secure to myself a secret of a klansman when same is committed in the sacred bond of klanship, the crime of violating this sacred oath, treason against the United States of America, rape and malicious murder alone excepted."

"The oath makes no mention of arson," pointed out one of the prosecuting counsel. "If a klansman committed arson, and the crime becomes known to a Klan fireman, the latter is by his oath, prevented from reporting the crime to his superiors."

Robert E. Shepard, treasurer of the American Unity league, the anti-Klan organization which is fighting to root klansman from the nation, revealed a vast inside knowledge of the secrets of the Klan, which he testified he had secured through a corps of investigators.

"Give us the Klan sign of distress," suggested Attorney P. H. O'Donnell, president of the league.

Shepard stepped forward, raised his right hand and drew his forefinger obliquely downward over his right eye from the center of his forehead to his right ear. The illustration brought a laugh from the crowd that filled the room.

SOVIETS EXECUTE PRIEST

According to an Associated Press dispatch from Moscow, April 2, "Monksignior Butchkevitch, vicar-general of the Catholic church in Russia, condemned to death for wilfully opposing the soviet government, has been executed by a firing squad."

Many protests against the inflicting of the death penalty were made by other governments, including the United States. The Federal Council of Churches, representing 20,000,000 Protestants of the United States urged the Russian government to reconsider its decision "in the interest of humanity and religious liberty."

The Allied Patriotic societies, including the Sons of the Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames and many others, also added their protest as did Bishop Manning on behalf of the Protestant Episcopal church. Archbishop Hanna, in the name of the Catholic Bishops of the United States, protested against a sentence which would outrage "the entire Christian world."

Friends of the soviet regime in other countries remonstrated against the inflicting of the death sentence on account of the unfavorable influence such action would have on world opinion.

The sentence of death pronounced upon Archbishop Zepiak has been commuted to ten years solitary imprisonment. His age and the state of his health led his friends to believe that he will survive but a brief period of the sentence.

India's Sacred River.

The Ganges is the sacred river of the Hindus. On its banks are many temples and holy places such as Benares, Allahabad, Hardwar and Gangotri. According to the legend Princess Ganda, a Hindu goddess, of long ago, turned herself into this great river, that she might enrich and purify the country. Devout Hindus bathe themselves in