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MERITS OF PROPOSED COVENANT ATTACKED

BOSTON, March 19.—The merits of the proposed covenant of the league of nations were debated to night by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge and A. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard university, before an audience that followed the speakers with intense interest and frequently expressed approval.

The debaters approached the general topic from different angles. Senator Lodge attacked the covenant "as agreed upon by the commission of the peace conference," as a "porous instrument" on the interpretation of which the signers themselves would be at odds within 12 months.

BAD CHECK ISSUANCE ADMITTED BY C. HALL

Louis E. Sauvie, attorney for C. M. Hall, appeared before the circuit jury Thursday and entered a plea of guilty for his client.

Hall was charged with issuing a worthless check in payment for a horse and when arraigned for hearing pleaded not guilty and was bound over to the grand jury, who brought an indictment against him. He was released on \$500 bonds, and was to appear for trial last Monday but failed to do so. He was given until Thursday to appear or forfeit the bonds.

It was alleged Hall entered into an agreement to purchase the horse from Mr. Marshall and gave him a check for \$500 in full payment. The check was dated sometime in April but was not to be presented for payment until July 18.

Hall took the horse and later sold it and went to Southern Oregon and when the check was presented for payment it was discovered there were no funds in the bank to cover it.

Hall was located and brought here to answer the charge of issuing the worthless check and was bound over by Justice Slevers.

WARRANTS FOR UNION HIGH SCHOOL TO BE VOTED ON MARCH 26

The election for school warrants in the amount of \$62,500.00 for the purchase of ground and the erection of a union high school in West Linn will be held March 26.

The Willamette grade school building, part of which has been used by the union high school district, is needed in its entirety for the grade school and before winter the high school must either be housed by itself or disbanded and the pupils sent to other schools in adjoining districts, state those favoring the construction of the new building.

About six acres of ground have been offered by Franklyn T. Griffith for \$2250, and the building of a cement sidewalk and a street to connect with the county road between Oregon City bridge and Willamette. The property is the best in the tract, located about 1000 feet from the suspension bridge.

The news items in daily papers stating a larger price for the land were incorrect.

The plan is to build a school second to none and then, as greater accommodations are required in years to come, add to the building, which will be designed on the sectional plan.

MANY SOLDIERS OF NINETY-FIRST ARE ASSIGNED FOR RETURN

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Assignment of practically all units of the 91st division and several organizations of the 5th army corps for early convoy was announced today by the war department. The 91st division is composed of men from Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming and Utah.

The 147th regiment, field artillery, originally with the 41st division, will return with the 32d division.

Flirting With a Duke Is Lots of Fun



Life at Palm Beach, even with its bathing, dancing and varied attractions, is dull at times. Hence this flirtation. The principals in the flirtation are Miss Virginia Willys, daughter of John M. Willy of New York, and Duke Emmanuel de Chauvins, son of the widowed Duchess Emmanuel de Chauvins, who is a daughter of Theodore P. Shonts.

CAPITAL CITY NAVIGATION CO. FORMED HERE

March 16 the Capital City Navigation company, recently formed in this city will take over the business of the Willamette Navigation company between this city and Portland. The Capital Navigation company was formed by several prominent men of this city who were formerly employed by the Oregon City Navigation company, which discontinued business last May.

The new company purchased the steamer Pomona and will make trips over the river as far as Independence every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and trips to Portland will be made every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The Ash street dock in Portland and Busch's dock in this city will be headquarters for the new company.

The reason of the Willamette Navigation company for giving up these runs was that they had too much business to attend to properly.

W. E. Pratt, well-known navigation man, will be agent for the new company here. Mr. Pratt has been in the transportation business for over 50 years, most of the time at Oregon City. He was formerly employed on the boats and later at the locks and for the Willamette Navigation company.

CRAWFISH TRIO PLEAD GUILTY AND PAY FINE

Ivan Hutchinson, Tom McHale and Lizzie Davis, the famous "Crawfish Trio," pleaded guilty, through their attorney, George C. Brownell, to the possession of liquor before Justice Slevers Saturday. Hutchinson was fined \$200, McHale \$400 and the charges against the woman were dismissed.

These people were arrested some time ago in a raid on the "Crawfish House" by Sheriff Wilson and deputies at which time much liquor was confiscated. The offenders were arraigned before Justice Slevers and pleaded not guilty and were released on \$1,500 bonds.

At the time set for their appearance Justice Slevers was ill and the trial was postponed to a later date. On this date Hutchinson was ill and sent a physician's affidavit to that effect and the trial was again postponed until last Saturday.

Shortly after their release from their first arrest they were re-arrested by the officers for having opium in their possession. They were taken to Portland and released on \$1,500 bonds but these charges have been dropped.

Suit on Crops Is Continued

The suit of W. M. Hostetler against R. F. Eccles was continued in the circuit court Monday on stipulation of the attorneys to allow the plaintiff to amend his complaint.

Hostetler had leased some land and planted it to grain and in the lease there was a clause providing for the sale of the property that he should receive for his labor and the seed planted.

The property was sold to Eccles and plaintiff alleges the former refused to give him the crop, which he estimated to be valued at \$2139.25. He asked a judgment for this amount and \$250 damages and costs.

WEST CANADIAN UNIONS JOIN I. W. W. FORCES

Ottawa, March 19.—The labor unions of Western Canada have voted to sever affiliations with the American Federation of Labor and to follow the I. W. W. plan of organizing by industries instead of by crafts. Two hundred and forty delegates, representing practically every A. F. of L. union from Western Ontario to Vancouver, voted unanimously to submit to a referendum of their local unions a scheme for reorganizing under the title of the One Big Union.

MANY RESPONDING TO COUNTY'S QUOTA IN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

About one-third of Clackamas county's quota for the membership drive for the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce has been subscribed. Business men who were solicited this week have responded freely after they have had explained to them the aims and plans of the State Chamber. The Hawley and woolen mills and the three local banks subscribed \$265, and local business and professional men in Oregon City are coming in for \$5 and \$10 subscriptions. Seventy dollars more has been subscribed or promised by the several commercial organizations and state-wide associations, and the balance will have to be made up from the banks of Canby, Wilsonville, Estacada, Molalla and Milwaukie and the business interests of the county.

Clackamas county's quota is about \$1800, and the remainder of more than \$1000 to be subscribed will be made up for the most part of \$5 and \$10 subscriptions. It is expected that the membership campaign will be terminated some time next week.

Col. John May Is Adjutant General

SALEM, March 19.—Governor Olcott this afternoon accepted the resignation of General Charles F. Beebe as acting adjutant general of the Oregon National guard and appointed Colonel John L. May, recently returned from overseas with the 162d infantry, to succeed him.

General Beebe asked to be placed on the retired list, which Governor Olcott announced he would do.

MUCH INTEREST MANIFESTED AT DAIRY INSTITUTE

The Dairy Institute held at Sandy Tuesday and Wednesday was a most successful meeting, and was largely attended. Professor Fitts of the Oregon Agricultural College, and Professor E. L. Westover, also of that college, made addresses both days. County Agent R. G. Scott and Miss Marie Anthony, home demonstrator, were in attendance, and told of the work they were carrying on in the county. Miss Anthony took for her subject "Cooking." Mr. Scott talked on better farming, improving the soil and improving the stock.

This was one of the largest attended meetings that has been held by Professor Fitts and Westover, and they were much encouraged over the interest of that section of Clackamas county.

A meeting was held by County Agent Scott and Miss Anthony at Molalla Friday; at Eagle Creek Grange Saturday; Monday, Damascus; Tuesday, Needy; Wednesday evening, Barton; Thursday evening, Boring; Friday evening, March 21, Estacada.

Paul V. Maris, county agent leader of the Oregon Agricultural College, who has just returned from Central Oregon, in company with W. L. Kaddy, assistant county agent leader, have been in Oregon City for several days, and are much encouraged over the work that is being taken up in the state among the farmers and their wives. Mr. Maris has attended a convention recently held at Salt Lake City, Utah, when ten states were represented in the work. Farmers throughout the United States are taken up with the various projects, and the people of other states are as active as those of Oregon carrying on the project work. Organization seems to be one of the main points in carrying on the project work.

PLANS TO ENLARGE COMMITTEE DEFEATED

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Efforts to add four members to the republican steering committee of the next house, which in directing the general course of legislation in the next congress is regarded by leaders as influencing the party platform of 1920, were defeated today at the final meeting of the committee on committees which framed the house organization.

The proposal was voted down, 155 to 36, but it was said an attempt might be made to reject the committee's action at the party conference which will be held just before congress reconvenes.

Commander of Indian Army On Western Front Now at Peace Conference



Following his service as commander of the Indian troops that fought with the allies on the western front, the Maharajah of Bikaner was chosen as a representative of India at the Peace Conference. His military career began in 1900. He was decorated the following years because of his success as commander of the Bikaner Camel corps while serving with the British army in China.

E. B. PIPER DISCUSSES WAR ZONE IN ADDRESS

Depicting the horrors of modern warfare from first hand observation, Edgar B. Piper, editor of the Oregonian, talked to hundreds of the employees of the West Linn mills of the Crown Willamette Paper company Friday afternoon. He was introduced by Mill Manager McHale and talked entertainingly for nearly an hour on his trip of 13 days across the Atlantic storm-swept, with 27 soldiers of the American army buried at sea, victims of the Spanish influenza. He told of the narrow escape from shipwreck on the English coast, and passed rapidly from the tale of the visit of the editorial party to the English King to an inspection of the area in France where the allied and German armies had struggled four years for supremacy. The inevitable humor of the colored soldier found its way into Mr. Piper's graphic narrative. His experiences were vastly interesting to the crowd who evidenced their appreciation by frequent applause.

OTTO KLAETSCH FOUND GUILTY IN CIRCUIT COURT

Following a four-hours' deliberation a circuit court jury Tuesday evening found Otto Klaetsch of Estacada, guilty of starting of brush fire on the lands of Robert McClintock. Klaetsch will probably be sentenced Thursday.

The case was an appeal from a conviction in the justice court last summer, when Klaetsch was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$200. The fire occurred early last summer and according to McClintock, the prosecuting witness, Klaetsch was in the act of starting several small fires in the canyon above McClintock's home when the latter discovered him. The resultant fire did considerable damage to McClintock's property.

The state showed that immediately after the flames were discovered by McClintock, he, with two neighbors immediately went in the canyon and fired several shots at the retreating Klaetsch. The defendant admitted that he was shot at by McClintock but claimed he knew nothing of the origin of the fires, having come into the canyon to look after some new fencing he planned. McClintock, who is an old Spanish American war veteran, claimed to have reported Klaetsch to the federal authorities some time prior to the fires, and declared that Klaetsch sought to burn him out on account of this report.

The case aroused considerable attention and a large crowd of East Clackamas people were in attendance at the trial. The prosecution was handled by District Attorney Hedges and Deputy T. A. Burke, while Attorney Geo. C. Brownell and John Collier of Portland, represented Klaetsch.

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JAPAN BLAMED FOR TROUBLE IN EAST SIBERIA

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Reports of growing anti-American feeling in eastern Siberia have for some time been in the hands of the state department. This was learned authoritatively today in connection with an Associated Press dispatch from Vladivostok, telling of widespread criticism in Eastern Siberia of the operations of the American military forces there.

Much of the hostility in Vladivostok toward Americans is attributed in well-informed circles here to the activity of Japanese agents. It has been reported that about three weeks ago a Japanese publicity agent arrived in Vladivostok.

Within a few days, these reports say, articles began appearing in the newspapers of Vladivostok, which are said to be under Japanese influence, reflecting upon the United States and its Siberian policy, or, as the articles described it, lack of policy.

WORK STARTS ON NEW QUARTERS OF POST OFFICE

Improvements on the new quarters for the post office are going forward rapidly and the large vault loaned by the city was moved to the new quarters the first of the month.

This vault, which was originally in the First National bank and when a new and larger vault was installed the old one was given to the city. The city intended to install the vault in the city hall but for the past four or five years it has been stored in the fire department building where it was deteriorating and doing no one any good.

The city loaned the vault to the government, and M. D. Latourette, who is transacting the business for the owners of the building, will install it.

The new quarters of the postoffice were formerly occupied by the Klemens Grocery company and Terk Brothers. These quarters are being remodeled and the interior and front changed and improved.

The postoffice expects to move about the first of the month.

TUALATIN RIVER IMPROVEMENT IS SUGGESTED

Improvement of the Tualatin river by the federal government was suggested here Tuesday by Warren Thatcher, a former resident of Washington county, who pointed out to the Live Wires of the Commercial Club the possibilities for navigation, reclamation and sanitation. It was stated that above the dam on the Tualatin, the river has a considerable depth, with a maximum of about 14 feet, and that the removal of the rapids at the mouth of the Tualatin, where it empties into the Willamette about three miles above Oregon City would be entirely practicable. Considerable of the area of Washington county is drained by the Tualatin, and the project will be brought to the attention of the Oregon delegation in congress this spring, while some of the members are in Oregon.

MONUMENT MAY BE ERECTED FOR PIONEER PAPER

With the object of permanently marking the spot of the building where was established the first newspaper printed on the Pacific Coast, George H. Himes, assistant secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, came to Oregon City Tuesday for a conference with W. P. Hawley, president of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company, the owners of the property. The Oregon Spectator was issued February 5, 1846, in a building located near the Falls of the Willamette, and the exact spot where the building stood, as nearly as can be determined by Mr. Himes, is the open square just north of the office building of the Hawley company. It is proposed to erect a suitable monument on this square, and to hold the unveiling ceremonies in August of this year upon the occasion of the visit to the Pacific Northwest of the National Editorial Association.

INDORSE MILITARY TRAINING

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Overwhelming indorsement of a universal military training system, coupled with equally strong support of the existing disciplinary relationship between officers and men of the army was expressed by a representative group of selective service men of the 12th division, Camp Devens, Mass., just before the organization was demobilized last January.

DIVISION OF LEAGUE AND TREATY DEMANDED

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Evidence accumulates that a force of United States senators potential enough to be effective is deeply in earnest in the intent to hasten ratification of peace with the central empires and to defer action on a League of Nations until that peace has been accomplished.

Today it was positively declared by members of this group that if President Wilson continues to insist upon interweaving the new issues and should succeed at the peace conference, steps immediately will be taken in the senate to separate them.

SALMON SEASON SOON TO OPEN AND MANY FISHERMEN PREPARE

The fishing season is close at hand, many young men and others who have had the luck, and some who haven't are commencing to get their row boats in readiness for the season. Several traveling salesmen of Portland, in order to be on the safe side this year, have purchased boats so as to get a hand in on their Sundays off. Last year there were many coming from Portland, who were unable to hire a boat for the day owing to the demand.

One of the first big fish to be caught with hook and line this season was caught Monday by Thomas Fairclough. This tipped the scales at 37 pounds, and it was a dandy. The river is somewhat high, and is still coming up, thus making it unfavorable for fishing.

LARGE HOP CONTRACT WITH CLACKAMAS MEN FILED HERE SATURDAY

Ralph E. Williams of Portland, and George H. Bird of London, England, have contracted with the Clackamas Hop Farming company of Sherwood, to purchase 30,000 pounds of hops at 35 cents a pound. The contract was filed in the recorder's office Saturday.

These hops are to be prime and in bales, delivered f. o. b. the warehouse of the growers. The first year's crop will be delivered in two lots, the first September 15 and the second October 15, 1919.

The contract extends over a period of three years, 1919-20-21, and the hops will be raised on a 75-acre tract of the company, located near Wilsonville.

B. T. M'BAIN IS TRANSFERRED TO PORTLAND

E. Kenneth Stanton will succeed B. T. M'Bain as mill manager of the Crown Willamette Paper company plant at West Linn, according to an announcement made here Friday. Mr. Stanton has been connected with the company's Portland office since the consolidation of the Willamette Pulp & Paper company with the Crown Columbia Paper company several years ago. Mr. M'Bain came here about 10 years ago from San Francisco, where he was connected with the old Willamette company and has been manager of the plant ever since. He has been transferred to the Portland office but will retain his residence at West Linn. He has been very active in behalf of West Linn and Oregon City having served two terms as president of the Oregon City Commercial Club and was largely instrumental in securing the establishment of the public library building here.

Storms Kill 36 In Middle West

CHICAGO, March 18.—With wire and rail communication completely disrupted in many sections and with but vague reports coming from tornado and flood swept states in the Middle West and South, the death toll stood at 39 today with property damage running into the millions.