

POSTS ARE WARNED TO AVOID POLITICS

Legion Officers Send Out Bulletin Advising Caution.

'DEALS ARE PUT HIGHER

Body Must Not Be Involved in Partisanship, Declares Note to Veterans of State.

Warning against partisan political activity of every character and individuals with political axes to grind was sounded at a meeting of the department executive committee of the American Legion at noon yesterday in a resolution which is being forwarded to every post of the organization in Oregon.

While the American Legion never has taken any of his civil rights and prerogatives by reason of services in the war, or that ex-service men and women should not participate in political activities, the resolution avers constant vigilance is held necessary to prevent posts of the Legion, because of energetic interest in public affairs, from becoming instruments for purely partisan propaganda and activity.

Posts Warned to Be Careful.

William B. Follett, state commander, pointed out at yesterday's meeting that it was imperative that a warning be sent to local posts of the American Legion because of numerous cases which have been brought to the attention of department headquarters where the innate spirit of the Legion has been lost sight of, temporarily, in the heat of a partisan campaign.

George A. White and Prescott W. Cockingham, executive committeemen, were named to draft the resolution. The bulletin and resolution being mailed to nearly 100 local posts follow:

In view of the numerous cases which have been brought to the attention of the department headquarters of the American Legion of efforts to introduce partisan political activities and to foster personal political ambitions within several of the local posts in the state, the following resolution, adopted by the department executive committee at its meeting of April 24, 1920, is quoted for the information of all posts in Oregon. It is recommended that this bulletin be read at the first meeting of your post.

Local posts are cautioned against recurrent attempts of partisan politicians to subvert the American Legion by the American Legion in Oregon to their own selfish ends.

Vigilance Is Needed.

It is only by constant vigilance that efforts along this line can be neutralized to the end that the Legion while taking the most energetic interest in public affairs shall not become an instrument for purely partisan propaganda and activity.

There is no inhibition either in the national constitution or in the spirit of the Legion against ex-service men and women taking such part in political activities as they deem fit. It is not contended that any person abrogated any of his civil rights and prerogatives by reason of service in the war.

But in this great organization of war veterans, dedicated to further service not only to our comrades but in a far greater sense to the welfare of our country, it is regrettable that anyone should attempt to bring into our meetings and our work any element of partisanship and selfish interest.

It is only by clear thinking, honest effort and strict adherence to the course upon which we have chosen that we can maintain steadily the course upon which we have chosen.

Posts, therefore, are asked to maintain vigilance against partisan political activity of every character and to be on the alert for individuals who may approach local posts with a political axe to grind.

The attention of posts is invited further to the section of the national constitution, which reads:

"Article II, section 2—The American Legion shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment, nor for the promotion of or incumbent of a salaried elective office, shall hold any office in the American Legion or in any department or post thereof."



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on a houseboat below the Northern Pacific mill. The officers reported taking 20 gallons of mash, a gallon of whisky and a pot used for a still.

ELKS PLAN NEW TEMPLE

Ground Floor 100x150 to be Leased for Commercial Purposes.

Plans for the new Elks temple, to be erected on the property recently purchased by the lodge at the corner of Eleventh and Alder streets, are being prepared and it is expected that actual building operations will be under way by summer. According to the plans being drawn up by Houghtaling & Dougan, the architects, the structure will be four stories in height with full basement, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$500,000.

Owing to the high ceilings that have been decided upon in all four stories, the building will be equal in height to the average eight-story office building. The first floor will be used for store purposes, and will be rented by the lodge. On the second floor will be the social quarters, card rooms, library and lounging quarters. The third floor, which will have a 24-foot ceiling, will be occupied by the banquet hall and dining rooms, and upon the fourth floor, which has a 30-foot ceiling, will be located the lodge hall. The structure will be 100 x 150 feet in ground dimensions. In addition to Houghtaling & Dougan as architects, the lodge has chosen Emil Schacht as superintendent of construction and W. W. Lucius as structural engineer. Bids will be called for in the early summer, it is planned.

Diking District Sought.

KEISO, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—Organization of diking district No. 15 of Cowlitz county to embrace the land lying between the railway tracks and the Cowlitz river south of town, or about 200 acres, is sought by owners of that district, and the county commissioners have appointed G. J. Pysky as engineer to make preliminary estimates. Owners petitioning for the district were Al Leichardt, J. W. Hutterworth and the Wallace land company.

Miss Mary E. Rose is general manager of the Shelby Northwestern railway of Shelbyville, N. C.

ROBBING GENTRY ARE BUSY

WARM WEATHER APPARENTLY GIVES IMPETUS TO THEFTS.

Harvest Reported to Police Includes Dogs, Cows, Valuable Furs, Wearing Apparel.

With the coming of the warm weather and the tendency of persons to go away from home leaving windows open, prowlers, thieves and other light-fingered gentry of the city have been reaping a good harvest, judging from the number of burglary reports received at the police station. Thefts reported yesterday range from dogs and cows to valuable furs and wearing apparel.

Mrs. O. S. Land of the Grant hotel reported that her room was entered and a fur valued at \$225 taken. She offered a reward of \$100 for the return of the fur, the police were advised.

The room of E. W. Hyde in the Bristol hotel was entered by some thief who took a kodak.

Mrs. Nellie Kirk of the Grant hotel reported that her room was entered by means of a pass key and a valuable hand-embroidered georgette waist taken.

E. Anderson, who rooms at the Winchester hotel, reported the theft of a suit of clothes from his room.

A house at 1101 Franklin street was entered by a burglar who jimmied a front window. Neighbors saw a man about 40 years old running away from the place with his arms full of goods.

The police are investigating.

The residence of James Minaty, 1512 East Yamhill street, was entered by a burglar who broke the glass in the kitchen door. The burglar was seen by a little girl and the police have his description.

Mrs. F. Techaust, 87 North Fifteenth street, reported the loss of a white fox terrier dog.

The loss of a cow, light brown in color with white spot, was reported to the police by S. Casalle, 287 Quimby street.

Webster Sauri, 1161 East Burnside street, reported the loss of an English bulldog, 5 months old.

Alleged Bootleggers Caught.

Charles Marquet and Louis Pientka, two alleged bootleggers who were arrested Friday night in a raid made by Patrolmen Fair, Smith, Willard, Powell and Crate, were yesterday turned over to the federal authorities by Municipal Judge Rossman.

Marquet, who is an electrician, was arrested at 412 East Sixty-third street North. The officers reported finding five barrels of raisin mash, one gallon of liquor and a still. Marquet is said to have just served a term in jail. Pientka was arrested

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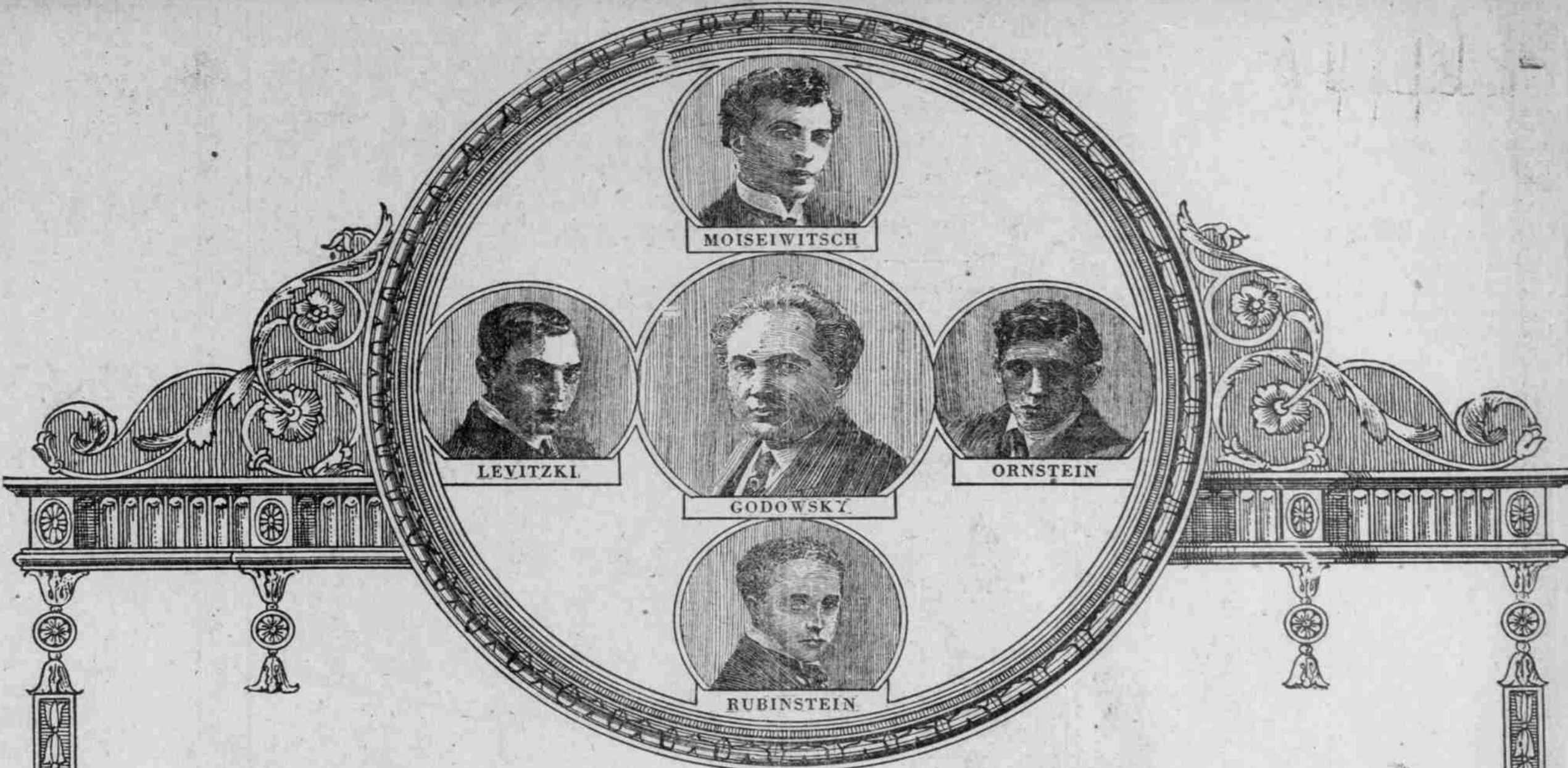
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The Morning Oregonian Wednesday, April 21st, said:

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