

FRENCH SCIENTISTS FLIRT WITH SPIRITS

Paris Dressmakers Forecast
Resurrection of Corset.

KING ALBERT "BETRAYED"

Monticelli, Famous Painter, Said
to Be in Poverty, Enjoying
Unusual Prosperity.

PARIS, April 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Three of the "highest brains" of the faculty of Paris Science university, generally known as the Sorbonne, have undertaken to supervise a series of spiritual manifestations and publish the results of their investigations.

The names of the trio are withheld for the moment, but Eva Carrière, one of the best known of French mediums, already has given three seances in one of the laboratories of the Sorbonne. Every phase of spiritualism is to be tested, including messages from the dead, movement of objects without contact and the materialization of spirits.

This action by the Sorbonne appears to be in consequence of the extraordinary amount of information laid before the faculty by physicians, who have been experimenting with the clairvoyant diagnosis of a celebrated medium, mentioned by Maeterlinck as one of the two who foretold the world war out of the 80 he consulted.

It would appear from the testimony that, without hesitation and while seemingly in a trance, she defined with precision organic and nervous maladies which are later confirmed by medical diagnosis and in some cases by post-mortem examinations.

She usually names the disease and always describes symptoms fully, giving the stage of the ailment and often suggesting a method of cure.

Paris dressmakers are congregating quietly for the return of corsets, discarded so joyfully three years ago. They are evolving gowns which they tell their customers should be worn with corsets to achieve the best effect. Their patrons are complaining bitterly.

Parisian women are trying to wear long, pointed shoes of the model that American women discarded a year ago, but their shorter and broader feet, accustomed to short vamp shoes, find only discomfort in the French brand of "American style" footwear. They say one shoe is big enough for both feet if it could be cut in two.

The fashion creators say that colors will fade forth shortly and that the granddaughters at the races soon will look like rainbows.

"Name your color; we will make a dress of that shade," says the gown makers. "Black is in, the discarded garb of the favorite material, and the design most featured is one of extreme modesty, with the circular neck cut very high, although the arms are still bare. Capes to match the frocks are considered essential to smartness."

A tall, distinguished gentleman with his left arm in a sling, mingled with the crowds in the boulevards one evening this week, sending greetings to his promenade. He attracted no more attention than the throngs of others until the correspondent, happening along, saluted him and exclaimed:

"Good afternoon, your majesty."

He recognized the tall gentleman the king of the Belgians.

A shadow of annoyance crossed King Albert's face as he returned the salute, with a deprecating little shake of his head and a look that was at once a warning and an appeal not to betray his identity. But it was too late; the crowds had taken up the cry: "Long live King Albert!"

His majesty escaped in a piebald taxicab. His fun was spoiled.

The legend picturing Adolphe Monticelli, the great French Impressionist, as another starving genius, has been exploded by the painter's cousin after the fiction had gone unchallenged for 25 years.

Monticelli has been described as dying in squalor at Marseilles, worn out by lack of food and excessive drinking. He was represented as selling for a franc piece glowing canvases now worth thousands of dollars. The painter's cousin now, after a long silence, has revealed the truth showing that Monticelli was a most respectable person absorbed in his art and marketing his pictures at good prices.

People often wonder how the jewelry shops in the Rue de la Paix maintain such big stocks after the wild post-war buying, but probably few know that more than half of these jewels are loaned by great companies, some of which have investments exceeding those of many great banks. One pearl corporation, with agents throughout the east, is reported to employ capital of 250,000,000 francs. All these firms sell to the trade, but all also loan large quantities to the shops.

EX-BANKER TO BE TRIED

Case Against R. D. Hines Is First
on Jackson County Docket.

MEDFORD, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—The spring term of circuit court for Jackson county begins Monday morning, at Jacksonville, and the first case on the docket will be that of R. D. Hines, ex-president of the defunct Bank of Jacksonville, who is charged with violations

of the state banking laws. District Attorney Moore has served a subpoena upon William H. Johnson, the bank's former president, who is serving a ten years' sentence in the state penitentiary, as a witness for the state in this trial. Johnson is a half-brother of Hines. Assistant Attorney-General Liljequist will assist the state in prosecuting the case.

Besides minor criminal cases the bootlegging trials of Ernest S. Wolcott, James Edwards, Magnus Hall and John H. Goodwin will come up at this term. The grand jury will convene for the May term of circuit court May 15 and the petit jury will be convened May 22.

MOTOR LICENSE UPHOLD

TEST CASE IS LOST IN JACKSONVILLE COURT.

Judge Calkins Declares Law Constitutional Because Payment Is Provided for Use of Privileges.

MEDFORD, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Of interest to the automobile sphere of Oregon is the upholding of the constitutionality of the state motor vehicle license law in circuit court at Jacksonville today by Judge F. M. Calkins in the test case brought here months ago and styled the state versus Thomas Merriman. The case will be appealed to the supreme court at once, Mr. Merriman and his attorney announced.

Judge Calkins overruled the demurrer filed against the information which in effect upholds the constitutionality of the Oregon motor law. The judge announced that he had made an exhaustive investigation of the law and would give a written opinion in a few days.

He announced that the chief reasons for upholding the law was the fact that a circuit court as a rule does not find a law unconstitutional unless it is so beyond all doubt and he would prefer in this case passing it to the supreme court for a final decision on that point, and, secondly, because he considers the law constitutional for the reason that it provides for the payment for the use of a privilege. He also stated that his idea of the law was that taxes did not have to be assessed according to value.

TAX RELIEF IS PROPOSED

Organizations of Douglas County
Outline Plan to Economize.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—A graduated state income tax, the elimination of the millage rate, lower wages and longer hours for public officials, were recommended at a meeting held here today at which representatives of five of the countywide organizations were present. The meeting was called for the purpose of outlining a plan to submit to the tax commission at its meeting.

The delegates regretted the postponement of the hearing, but appointed a committee composed of R. A. Hercher, C. O. Garret, W. C. Edwards, K. W. Hamilton and George Neuner Jr. to confer with the commission when it arrives here. The retention of the millage rate for the institutions of higher education was endorsed.

Freshmen to Repeat Play.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—The freshman class play which achieved such decided success in the presentation here last month will be taken to Hillsboro where it will be played May 14 in the Liberty theater. The name of the play is "Fanny and the Servant Problem," written by Jerome K. Jerome, and it abounds with good parts which were well taken by first-year players here. Miss Frances Ball, who carries the leading role of the play, is a Hillsboro girl and the class expects another success from the presentation.

Boys Strike Principal.

SALEM, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—When D. C. Shaffer, principal of the Livingston school here, last night attempted to settle a school row in which two boys, Ted Madison and John Brown, were the participants, he was struck between the eyes and received other punishment. The affair reached a conclusion at the local police station today when the two boys were reprimanded by the chief.

Elections Are to Be Quiet.

GRANTS PASS, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Elections in Josephine county will be quiet this year. For the county offices only three candidates have filed. These are Dr. S. Loughbridge for coroner, W. F. McCabe for commissioner and James Holman for justice of the peace. There will be a contest for the republican nomination for representative, T. P. Cramer Jr., J. N. Johnston and A. Wylberg having filed.

Recall Movement Broadened.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Petitions for the recall of the public service commission will be circulated in Douglas county about the first of the month, according to Phil Metchan, president of the Oregon Hotel Men's association, who was in Roseburg today meeting with the leading men of the community regarding this issue.

Only 209 Apply for Graduation.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 22.—(Special.)—Only 209 seniors have applied for graduation and there are many who must do so immediately or wait until November to receive their diplomas. Of the 18 petitions from seniors to the graduation deficiencies committee two-thirds were denied.

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STATE COMMITTEE AGAINST PRIMARY

Several Condemn Law, But
Platform May Be Silent.

CONVENTION CALLS SENT

Twelve Are to Be Named to Draft
Suggestions for Planks to
Be Presented in June.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., April 22.—If the republican state convention soon to be held should by any chance reflect the sentiment of the republican state central committee its platform would carry a fairly specific declaration for repeal of the direct primary law. Such a thing is possible, but it is hardly likely that the declaration will be made. What party leaders may agree upon among themselves doesn't always make the best sort of platform material.

The state convention will be held in Chehalis on Saturday, June 10. County conventions are to be held or county delegates selected by other means not less than a week or more than two weeks in advance of the state convention. The apportionment of delegates calls for two at large from each county and one delegate for every 300 votes or majority fraction thereof for the highest republican presidential elector in 1920. This will give a convention of 825 delegates.

Apportionment Is Given.

The apportionment by counties follows: Adams 7, Asotin 6, Benton 9, Chelan 15, Clallam 8, Clarke 18, Columbia 7, Cowlitz 10, Douglas 12, Grant 4, Franklin 5, Garfield 5, Grant 7, Grays Harbor 25, Island 5, Jefferson 8, King 19, Kitsap 19, Kittitas 11, Klickitat 7, Lewis 23, Lincoln 12, Mason 1, Okanogan 12, Pacific 11, Pend Oreille 6, Pierce 25, San Juan 5, Skagit 20, Skamania 4, Shoshone 23, Spokane 89, Stevens 13, Thurston 15, Wahkiakum 4, Walla Walla 22, Whatcom 33, Whitman 23, Yakima 41.

These matters were decided and the state and county convention calls authorized at a meeting of the state central committee held in Seattle today. There was good attendance, all counties being represented, and with but few proxies. The county conventions will either consist of delegates regularly elected in all the precincts or may be mass conventions at the discretion of county committees.

Each county convention will select its member of the state platform committee which must meet in Chehalis three days before the state convention to consider and prepare the party platform.

Platform Hints to Be Drafted.

Charles Hebbard, state chairman, was authorized today to appoint an advisory committee of not less than 12 to formulate a general statement of what the state committee thinks the platform should say. The statement chairman was also authorized to name a committee to prepare suitable resolutions of respect to the memory of the late E. M. Rands, ex-state senator of Clarke county, and for many years a member of the state committee.

In the course of discussion at the meeting speakers referred to the faulty workings of the direct primary law and the wish was outspoken that it might be repealed. Such statements provoked general applause and not a word was said in favor of the system. Committeemen in attendance showed no illusions as to the character of the coming campaign and agreed that much work must be done to re-elect a republican United States senator, five republican representatives in congress and retain control of the state legislature.

Achievements Are Reviewed.

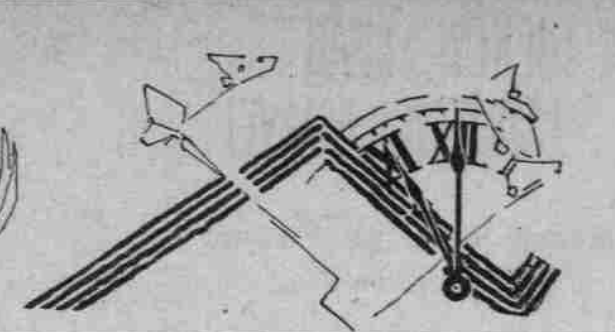
The achievements of the present republican administration, national and state, were reviewed at considerable length following the dinner given this evening by the Young Men's Republican Club of Clatsop county at which the visiting state committeemen and county chairmen were guests.

William T. Laube of Seattle spoke eloquently of the results already obtained through the statesmanship of President Harding and his chief counselors in dealing with national and international affairs.

Governor Hart reviewed the first year of his own administration under the operations of the civil administrative code.

Masons Offer School Prize.

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3 BRIDGES TO BE BUILT

Structures Washed Out by Heavy
Rains to Be Replaced.

EUGENE, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Three new county bridges in western Lane county that were washed away by the heavy rains of last fall will be rebuilt this summer, according to announcement of J. W. McArthur, county bridge superintendent, who is now working on the plans for all three structures.

One of these will be a 100-foot span over North Fork at Minerva, another a 75-foot bridge over the same stream at Carlson's cut and the third will be near Portage, also on the North Fork. These bridges will all be located on the proposed Eugene-Florence highway.

CLUBS TO BE ORGANIZED

Columbia County Boys and Girls
to Have Nine Organizations.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 22.—(Special.)—Nine boys' and girls' livestock clubs will be organized in Columbia county, reports L. J. Allen, assistant state club leader, who with F. C. Holbaugh, county agent, visited several communities there last week. A Jersey calf club in the Scappoose, Yank-

ton and Warren districts under Burl Smith is in the list.

West Salem Recall Blocked.

SALEM, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—An attempt to start recall proceedings against J. R. Bedford, mayor, and members of the West Salem council was blocked today when a large majority of the residents of

the city, gathered in mass meetings, voted to support the mayor and his associates. The trouble originated, it was said, following the authorization of bonds some time ago for the installation of a water system.

Lumber Foremen Get Training.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 22.—(Special.)—The state board of vocational education has opened a new course in training for the foremen of the Hammond Lumber company of Mill City. A. E. Nichols, supervisor of trade and industrial education at the college, is in charge of the course, which deals with human relations between the foreman and his men.

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