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THE WEATHER

Tonight and tomorrow, partly cloudy; westerly winds. Humidity, 61.

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# NUT CRACKER IS CLOSING IN UPON VERDUN

## Most Terrible Battle in History Proceeds, the Germans Claiming French Evacuated Entire Positions on Deadman's Hill.

## HILL 304 HELD JOINTLY BY CONTENDING ARMIES

## Temporary Lull in Infantry Attacks Comes Today Due to the Complete Exhaustion of Both Armies Following Yesterday's Combat.

**Tragic Scenes in World's Greatest Battle.**

Every man in a French force penetrating Fort Douaumont killed.

Soldiers fighting in dark underground tunnels, using hand searchlights, knives and bombs.

Hundreds of French and Germans buried alive in the wrecking of subterranean works.

Scores of men driven insane by the lust of butchery.

Surgeons, amputating legs and arms without anaesthetics, report the wounded continuing their struggle with knives, although unable to stand.

A French captain reported 7000 dead heaped along a 700 yard front.

Berlin, May 25.—(U. P.)—French trenches south and southwest of Douaumont were captured by Germans last night and three enemy counter attacks against Cumieres repulsed, it was officially announced today.

German flyers attacked British torpedo patrol boats off the Flanders coast. Destruction of two enemy biplanes was claimed. A quarry south of Haudremont, temporarily taken by the French, was reconquered, the war office asserted. Eight hundred prisoners and 19 machine guns were seized in Caillette forest.

Berlin, May 25.—(U. P.)—With the bloodiest fighting in all history the giant German nut cracker is closing in on Verdun today. Its right jaw has advanced on a front of three miles during the past 72 hours.

After sacrificing more than one entire army corps in an effort to retain the Deadman's Hill position, north-

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# BRITISH STEAMER OF 5000 TONS SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

## Italians Report Loss of Three Steamers, All Torpedoed by Teuton Submarines.

London, May 25.—(I. N. S.)—The British steamship Washington, of 5080 tons register, has been sunk by a submarine, according to announcement here today. The Washington was the largest vessel torpedoed recently, being 378 feet long and 52 feet beam. She was built in 1907.

The Washington arrived at Genoa from Newport News May 8, and presumably was on her way to England when sunk.

The Italian steamship Teresa Accame, 4742 tons, plying between America and Italy, has been damaged by a submarine, to what extent not being stated.

**Three Italians Sunk.**

Rome, May 25.—(I. N. S.)—Three Italian steamers have been torpedoed by submarines, according to announcement here today by the ministry of marine. The steamers were:

The Lovanzo, 3713 tons.

The Washington, 2819 tons.

The Birmania, 2215 tons.

The passengers and crews of the three vessels were saved, the announcement said.

Note.—London also reports the loss of the British steamship Washington, and it is possible that there has been some error in the transmission of the Rome dispatch.

# The Finn Is Winner Of the Metropolitan

**H. C. Hallenbeck's Great Colt Wins Handicap From Classiest Field Big Event Has Known in Many Years.**

Belmont Park, N. Y., May 25.—(U. P.)—The Finn, H. C. Hallenbeck's great 4-year-old colt, today won the Metropolitan handicap here from the classiest field the event has known in many years.

August Belmont's 5-year-old gelding, Stromboli, which won the event last year, finished second, and Spur was third. The Finn carried an impost of 130 pounds and Stromboli 122.

# Two Cruisers Patrol Coast About Eureka

**British Vessels Lie in Wait Apparently to Intercept Some Coastwise Vessel.**

San Francisco, May 25.—(P. N. S.)—The presence of two British cruisers off the coast of California was reported by the Norwegian collier Thor, which arrived here today from Nanaimo, B. C.

The Thor, steaming southward, sighted the warships shortly after daylight yesterday. They were lying almost abreast of Point Gorda, north of Eureka. Had they been steaming southward local shipping men would have concluded that they were bound for patrol duty in the South Pacific or along the west coast or bound for the coaling station reported to have been established by Great Britain on some island off the Mexican coast. But the cruisers obviously were not in a hurry to get anywhere. They were about 10 or 12 miles off shore and while in sight of the Thor made two wide circles.

It is believed here that the cruisers are either awaiting the departure of some craft from Eureka or have been stationed in the track of coastwise steamers to intercept some vessel. The battle craft were too far distant for the Thor to identify them.

# PRIESTS CHARGE THAT NEW YORK MAYOR HAS GARBLED SENTENCES

## Men Accused in Wire-Tapping Inquiry Claim City Officials "Read in" Meanings

New York, May 25.—(U. P.)—Senator George F. Thompson's legislative committee this afternoon heard the other side in Mayor Mitchel's wire-tapping conspiracy case. The mayor has testified that the telephone lines of certain Catholic churchmen were tapped during the investigations of an alleged plot to discredit the city administration, particularly the department of charities. Monseignor Dunn and Father Farrell appeared before the commission to answer questions.

Monsignor Dunn repudiated several conversations the mayor read as having taken place with Farrell. Dr. Daniel C. Potter, a former city employe, characterized the reported accusations as lies. He then asserted that the "phonagrams" submitted to the commission by Mitchel were in the hands of the mayor and his "confederates" for weeks before the hearing, and that they had been changed.

"If a man will tap a wire he will not hesitate to garble sentences and read into them the meaning he desires," cried Potter. "Perhaps the mayor would have succeeded in his purpose of taking God out of our institutions and our children's institutions, had he worked less speedily and with less ardor."

He scored Mitchel for trying to make it seem that the Catholic church was on trial in the controversy.

# Von Kluck 70 Today, Would Fight Again

**German Field Marshal's Health Fully Restored, Though One Bullet Remains in His Body.**

Berlin, May 25.—(I. N. S.)—Field Marshal Alexander von Kluck, who commanded the German forces in their first drive against Paris, and who was compelled by wounds to leave the front, today celebrated his seventieth birthday anniversary by again offering his services to the kaiser.

General von Kluck's health is fully restored, although one bullet still remains in his body.

Numerous messages of congratulation were received by the famous commander, including one from the emperor.

The foregoing dispatch is the first intimation of General von Kluck's promotion to field marshal.

# Flies to Washington From N. Y. in 3 Hrs.

New York, May 25.—(U. P.)—Victor Carlstrom today flew in an aeroplane from New York to Washington, with Alan Hawley, president of the Aero Club of America, as a passenger. He made the 225 miles in 187 minutes. After calling at the White House he returned by train.

# Student Aviator Falls to His Death

Pensacola, Fla., May 25.—(I. N. S.)—Lieutenant James V. Rockwell, a student aviator and member of the army engineering corps, was killed last night when his aeroplane buckled and plunged into the Gulf of Mexico from a height of 150 feet. His three children witnessed his death.

**Funston Wants More Militia.**

San Antonio, Texas, May 25.—(U. P.)—General Frederick Funston this afternoon contradicted Washington reports that he had not asked for additional national guardsmen. He declared he had requested that the militia of Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas be rushed to the border. He asserted he still hoped to get the Fourth Texas infantry sent to Big Bend.

**Colonel Bulger Reprieved.**

Denver, Colo., May 25.—(I. N. S.)—The state board of pardons today granted a 30 day reprieve to Colonel James C. Bulger, sentenced to death for the murder of Lloyd C. Nicodemus.

# WILSON TO ACT FOR ALL WHEN PEACE COMES

## President Tells Callers He Will Not Move for One Group but for All of Europe When He Suggests War's End.

## FAVORS CONFERENCE TO ENFORCE PEACE LATER

## German Officials Not Hopeful of Speedy Ending of the War, They Say.

Washington, May 25.—(U. P.)—A plan for the United States to aid in bringing peace to Europe was proposed in the senate this afternoon in a resolution introduced by Senator James Hamilton Lewis.

Washington, May 25.—(U. P.)—When President Wilson moves toward peace, he will act in behalf of all Europe, and not of a single group of nations. This was told callers at the White House today, and may cover his address next Saturday before the League to Enforce Peace.

The president discussed his position freely, indicating that he was basing his attitude on a vast amount of information from various sources. He did not disclose anything forecasting an immediate step in behalf of peace.

It is understood that the president is favorable to the proposition of having congress pass a resolution providing for the calling of a conference of all nations subsequently to the war, to adopt plans preventing a recurrence of hostilities.

**Germans Not Hopeful.**

Berlin, May 25.—(U. P.)—German officials cherish no hopes of an early end to the war, despite peace talk in Washington, Berlin and London. Great interest is manifested here, however, in President Wilson's speech at the Macklenburg declaration of independence celebration. It won wide notice in the German press.

Officials believe that, although they think England is tired of the war, France will exert such pressure as to

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# WITNESSES TELL HOW THEY PAID FOR LAND TO TIMBER LOCATORS

## In Return for $150 and Note for $400 Defendants Promised to Locate Them.

San Francisco, Cal., May 25. — (P. N. S.) — The Oregon & California land-fraud trial continued today in Judge M. T. Dooling's court, with George Michaels, an orchardist of Gardena, Cal., on the witness-stand most of the day. Elmer Patten, one of the eight defendants, who has not shown up for trial, has not been located as yet, and attaches of the marshal's office who have been looking for him are of the opinion that he has left the country. The Rev. Richard J. Fysh, former pastor of the Methodist church in Fresno, another defendant, who changed his plea from not guilty to guilty yesterday, is in the county jail today, awaiting sentence.

A. P. Black, one of the attorneys for the defense, made a motion that those defendants who had already been convicted and served time should not be required to testify. The motion was dismissed, however, when Clarence L. Reames, United States district attorney of Portland, who is conducting the prosecution, showed to the court that the men had been pardoned and their civil rights had been restored to them.

Michaels testified that he had paid A. J. Reetz and Sidney L. Sperry, two of the defendants, $150 in cash and that he had given them a note for $400. In return they promised to locate him on 160 acres of land in Jackson county, Oregon, and took an option on the timber on this land, which, they said, was worth $3000, according to the testimony.

# Woman Drowns in Well as Would-Be Rescuer Also Falls

Oregon City, Or., May 25.—Emma Zoe Inglis, 30 years old unmarried, was drowned in a well at the home of her brother-in-law, O. F. Frentress, one mile from Canby. At about 8:30 last evening Miss Inglis and her brother-in-law went into the yard to finish the chores and Frentress heard a scream. He found that Miss Inglis had fallen in a well 46 feet deep. He called to his wife and shouted down the well. He heard Miss Inglis shout that she was all right, and then he started down the well on a ladder. When he reached the middle of the ladder it broke, and Frentress fell 30 feet, striking Miss Inglis on the head. She sunk and when brought to the surface by Frentress she was dead.

The accident was investigated today by Coroner Hempstead.

# Davidson Will Succeed Jenks of North Bank

**New Official's Title Will Be General Superintendent of the S., P. & S. Railroad.**

President L. C. Gilman of the North Bank road announced this morning the appointment of A. J. Davidson, now superintendent of the Spokane & Inland Empire railway, as successor to C. O. Jenks, retiring general manager. Mr. Davidson's title will be general superintendent of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway.

Mr. Jenks will leave this week for St. Paul to become acting general manager of the Great Northern railway.

Mr. Davidson's appointment takes effect May 27. No announcement has been made of the succession to the superintendency of the Inland at Spokane. It is assumed here that Mr. Davidson will himself make the appointment when he takes his new position.

Mr. Davidson is one of the best known railway operating men in the country. At one time he was president of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad. Before his promotion to the superintendency of the Inland, he was superintendent of the Hill lines in Oregon, being lately succeeded by G. E. Votaw.

# LLOYD-GEORGE GIVEN POWER AS MEDIATOR FOR IRISH FACTIONS

## British Minister of Munitions Will Attempt to Pacify Ireland and End Disputes.

London, May 25.—(I. N. S.)—Minister of Munitions David Lloyd-George has been selected by the British government to act as mediator in the dispute of the political factions of Ireland and to attempt to pacify the island.

Official announcement to this effect was made from the floor of the house of commons here today by Premier Asquith. Lloyd-George has accepted the task. He already has started negotiations with Irish leaders to allay ill feeling.

Premier Asquith also announced that a provisional government will be established in Ireland.

"The government," he said, "is most anxious to do everything possible to facilitate any agreement between the factions of Ireland."

**Lynch Wore Uniform.**

Washington, May 25.—(I. N. S.)—That Jeremiah C. Lynch, the American citizen whose death sentence for participating in the recent Irish revolt was commuted to 10 years' imprisonment, actually participated in the revolution and was wearing a rebel uniform when arrested, was the advice contained in a cablegram received by the state department today from American Ambassador Page. Page said he had asked the foreign office for further particulars.

# Clean-Up Campaign Chairmen Report

**Fully 4000 Vacant Lots Cleaned Up and Nearly 1000 Vacant Lots Plowed and Planted.**

Reports from the 13 chairmen of the recent cleanup campaign were read last night at the Chamber of Commerce banquet of celebration. From these—not all complete—it was shown that fully 4000 vacant city lots were cleaned of rubbish, nearly 1000 vacant lots plowed and planted; 400 houses repainted and probably 500 large, unsightly tracts made beautiful.

Jacob Kanzler as toastmaster and George E. Hardy as Chamber of Commerce official backing the movement told of the good and permanent work accomplished.

Music was furnished by the firemen's select orchestra.

# Kills Two Brothers Over an Incubator

Raton, N. M., May 25.—(I. N. S.)—Dr. C. E. Brilles, a veterinary surgeon, shot and killed Fred and Paul Woolfolk, brothers, on the Woolfolk homestead, 50 miles from here, yesterday afternoon. The shooting resulted from a quarrel over an incubator.

# Goethals Commands Panama Military

Panama, May 25.—(I. N. S.)—General Goethals has not been notified that his powers have been extended to cover the command of the military forces in the Panama canal zone. He will leave today for New York unless he is ordered to remain.

**Mexican Elections Called.**

El Paso, Texas, May 25.—(I. N. S.)—Dispatches received today by Mexican Consul Garcia from Mexico City state that an official decree will be promulgated shortly calling municipal elections in July and establishment of free municipalities as the first step in the restoration of constitutional government.

The dispatches state that congressional and presidential elections will follow in order.

**Kenai Cannery Burns.**

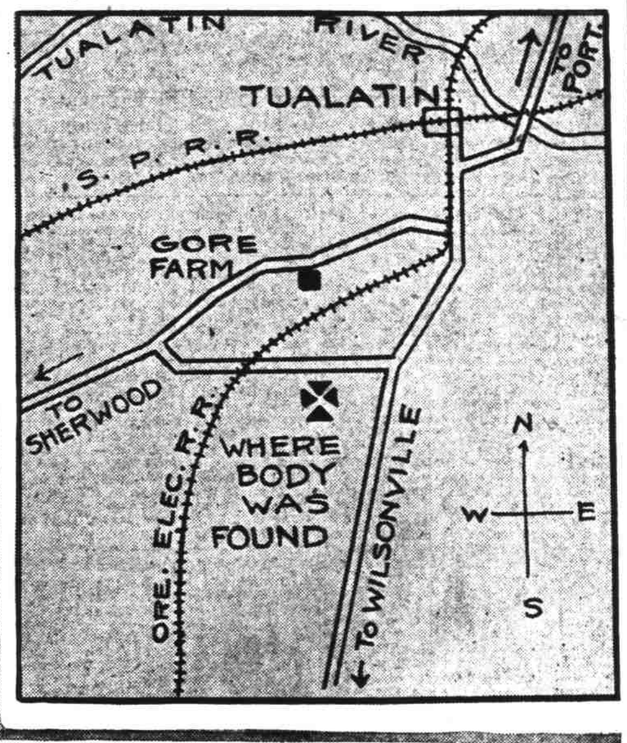
Anchorage, Alaska, May 25.—(I. N. S.)—Entailing a loss of approximately $60,000, the cannery, warehouses and web houses of the Northwestern Fisheries company at Kenai were totally destroyed by fire late yesterday. The origin of the fire is not known.

# *Fred Ristman's Body Found Near Gore Farm*

# *Murderer Crushed Skull With Blunt Weapon*

# *Discovery Made 2 Miles From Jennings Home*

**Fred Ristman, a jitney driver, was hired the night of May 15 to drive a passenger to the home of Mrs. Helen Jennings on the Gore farm near Tualatin. On May 16 Mrs. Jennings' body was found in bed, murdered. This morning Ristman's body was found over two miles south of Mrs. Jennings' home. In the picture below, Deputy Sheriff Phillips is standing above Ristman's body. The diagram gives a map of the surroundings.**



## Search by Deputy Sheriffs Results in the Discovery This Morning of Second Victim's Remains on Branch Road Seldom Used Near Scene of Jennings Murder on the Old Gore Farm; Body Had Been Hidden in the Brush.

The body of Fred Ristman, the missing jitney driver of the "jitney murder mystery," was found this morning in a thicket of brush about two miles south of the Gore farm where Mrs. Helen C. Jennings was murdered Monday night, May 15.

It was about a mile and a half from the spot where Sheriff Hurlburt yesterday afternoon found one of Ristman's gloves and in a southwesterly direction from the town of Tualatin. The glove which led to the discovery of Ristman's body had been picked up the morning after the murder by Chris Ladiges, a farmer, and fitted on a fence post.

The finding of the body is considered a most important link in the chain of evidence that is being welded toward the solution of the mystery which has puzzled the authorities of Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas counties for 10 days.

**Phillips Finds Body.**

The body was found by Deputy Sheriff "Bob" Phillips, who ran across it while searching in the woods near where the glove was picked up. Phillips was accompanied by Deputy Sheriff George Hurlburt, Sheriff Reeves of Washington county and by Al Howison, Mrs. Jennings' fiance, but was a little in advance of the others when he stumbled across the body.

The body was a little more than 100 feet south of a seldom used wagon road which paralleled the Newberg road, on which the Gore farm is located. This road was formerly known as the Graham's ferry road.

It was in a small hollow, bordered by brush and fallen trees and stumps. The body was lying face downward, with the coat partially pulled over the neck, giving the officers the idea that the murdered man had been dragged by the shoulders to the hiding place.

The body was what the officers called "sprawled" on the ground. The head and shoulders were nearest the road while the legs and feet were pointed in a southeasterly direction from the same road.

**Skull Is Badly Crushed.**

As contended by the officers who examined the bloody automobile found in the Jennings' yard, the skull of the dead man was badly crushed. The blow, apparently a sharp, quick one, according to the officers, caught Ristman a little back of the left ear and had evidently been inflicted by a heavy, blunt weapon.

The skull in back is devoid of hair and has a jagged hole nearly four inches in diameter. This hole was nearly covered over with the coat and

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# Ambassador Sharp Has Had Pneumonia

**American Minister to France Has Been Seriously Ill, but Is Now Convalescing—News Was Kept Secret.**

Paris, May 25.—(I. N. S.)—Ambassador Sharp, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is convalescing and has been pronounced out of danger. He is expected to resume work within a fortnight.

The illness, which lasted some weeks, had not been made public, at the ambassador's request, until his recovery was assured. Mr. Sharp, being unwilling to cause auxiety to his friends in the United States, made the request.

**Evelyn Thaw Marries.**

New York, May 25.—(U. P.)—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw announced today that hereafter she is Mrs. Virgil James Montani, having married Montani, whose stage name is Jack Clifford, at Ellicot City, Md., yesterday. In obtaining a license the bride gave her name as Florence Nesbit and her age as 31.

# Portland Rich in Chances; Proof in Journal Articles

All that Old Man Opportunity asks is for somebody to come to the door when he knocks. And he is one of the busiest little old knockers in the world. This has been demonstrated over and over in the course of the series of articles published in The Journal since December 29, 1915, in which the workers of Portland and their works have been presented to The Journal's quarter-million of readers, to their vast edification and encouragement.

Today's article, to be found on the editorial page under the title "Nothing the Matter With Portland," is one of the most striking in the line of displaying a wide open and perfectly obvious opportunity long neglected but at last seized by men of pluck as well as vision, and now wrought out into a great success. It is an article that is calculated to quicken the perceptions of the man who may still be casting about for "his chance."

# DR. WAITE TRIES TO AVOID DEATH CHAIR BY PLEA OF INSANITY

## Defense Claims Mental Taint Exists; Wife, Sweetheart and Friend Give Evidence.

New York, May 25. — Dr. Arthur Warren Waite's fight to escape the electric chair for the murder of his wife's parents started today. Insanity is the basis of the defense.

Dark hints concerning the "Man from Egypt" were thrown out by Waite's attorneys when the court battle was resumed. It was apparent the defense would seek to prove that this sinister shadow, figment of Waite's disordered intellect, was the real slayer.

An effort will be made to show that Waite was helpless in the power of this intangible power which, he claims, drove him to kill Mr. and Mrs. John H. Peck by the use of deadly poisons and disease germs.

**Women Testify for State.**

If Waite is convicted, it will be because of the testimony of three women, wife, sweetheart and friend.

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# Charles Sweeny Is Sinking Rapidly

**Members of Family at Bedside—Patient May Not Survive Day—Well Known Mining Man.**

Charles Sweeny, one of the foremost mining men of the northwest, who has been ill for several months at the Portland Surgical hospital, suffered several sinking spells this morning. During one of these the report gained currency that he had passed away. Afterward, however, he rallied slightly; but his condition at noon was very grave, with indications that he could not survive the day.

Members of his family were at the bedside this morning, having been called several days ago, when it appeared that his condition was becoming hopeless.

**Venice Raiders Brought Down.**

Rome, May 25.—(U. P.)—Two Austrian aeroplanes attempting to raid Venice have been shot down, it was learned today. They tumbled into a swamp.

# O. & C. LAND GRANT BILL PASSES HOUSE

## Oregon Delegation Succeeds in Defeating Foster Amendment Reducing Amount Apportioned to Counties.

## DIVISIONS REMAIN AS THE COMMITTEE FIXED

## Nearly All the Far Western Members Vote With Oregon Representatives.

Washington, May 25.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—A hard-fought battle this morning in the house gave victory by a majority of 39 against the Foster amendment to the Oregon & California land-grant bill and preserved the division of funds from the sale of timber fixed by the committee on public lands.

Following the rejection of this amendment on which Foster demanded a roll call, the bill was finally passed by a vote of 186 to 7. On this vote there was no roll call, but among the seven negative votes one was cast by Johnson of Washington.

**Oregonians Very Busy.**

After close votes were had on the Foster amendment late yesterday afternoon the Oregon delegation began personal work to insure success this morning. As members came to the hall, they were met at the doors by the three Oregon representatives, seeking pledges against the Foster amendment, under which the proportion of the fund received by Oregon counties would have been only 20 per cent and the total for Oregon 40 per cent.

Foster and his lieutenants also began personal work this morning, but too late to counteract what the Oregon members had done. Both party leaders, Kitchin and Mann, voted to reduce Oregon's share of the proceeds to the lower level, as did also three members of the public lands committee, Mays of Utah, McClintick of Okla-

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# PRESBYTERIANS PUT OVER HERESY CASES UNTIL NEXT SESSION

## Committee on Bills Asks General Conference That New Committee Be Named.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 25.—(I. N. S.)—Confronted by the revolt of the Auburn Theological seminary of Auburn, N. Y., and the threats of the McCormick seminary of Chicago to declare its independence if the proposal to resume the compact of 1879, by which the general assembly of the Presbyterian church would be given supreme authority in the ratification of faculty members in all Presbyterian seminaries is carried through, the committee on bills and overtures today shelved for one year the heresy charge involving the Union Theological seminary of New York, and recommended appointment of another committee to inquire into the legal status of the 1870 compact as it affects the Union seminary.

President George B. Stewart of Auburn, arrived today to press demands of his seminary for independence, asserting that the action of the general assembly at the Rochester convention last year gives all institutions the right to conduct their own affairs.

Eleven others, including the San Francisco seminary, with combined trust funds of $25,000,000, share in the compact proposal.

Overruling the protest of 15 members from San Francisco, the assembly indorsed the action of the California synod looking toward union of the Presbyteries of Oakland and San Francisco.

Erection of a new Presbytery at Couer d'Alene, Idaho, by the Washington synod, was ratified.

The delegates to the assembly voted to raise $1,000,000 for the establishment of chairs of Bible study at 65 Presbyterian colleges in commemoration of the four hundredth anniversary of Luther's reformation.

**Diamond Ring Lost —Will Trade Mandolin**

Mr. and Mrs. Metzger recently decided that the children were too young for canoeing and so they decided to sell their canoe. A Journal Want Ad did it, quickly. Read the classified section.

**Lost and Found—21**

LOST—Five stone diamond ring, one stone gone. Phone. Reward.

**Swap Column—25**

WANT to trade Washburn mandolin for what have you? Phone.

**Automobiles—44**

BUICK—5 passenger. Get busy and save $100.

The daily circulation of The Journal in Portland and its trading radius exceeds the morning paper by several thousands and is practically 50 per cent greater than its nearest afternoon contemporary.