

MAN WHO FACED AFRICAN DANGERS IS IN PORTLAND

Dr. Buchanan, Explorer, Lecturer, Journalist, Clergyman, Friend of Notable Men, Is Paralyzed.

In a quiet little room in the Patton home, his body racked with pain and his limbs almost useless from paralysis, lives one of the most interesting characters in Portland. He is Dr. George Davidson Buchanan, explorer, lecturer, journalist, clergyman and intimate associate with the great and the near great. Because of his acquaintance with a host of notable persons of the past generation, his experiences on Stanley's trail in the heart of Africa and his exposure to the atrocities in the Congo, his life story is of wide interest. He was a pulpit orator, and thousands of men and women all over the English speaking world have heard his lectures.

INTERESTING CHARACTER CONFINED TO HIS ROOM



Dr. George Davidson Buchanan

turned to America for greater safety. It is more than 35 years since Dr. Buchanan left Capetown, South Africa, but a few months ago he received a long letter from there filled with deep appreciation of his work. This letter was signed by many persons of prominence in the life of Capetown, and was filled with expressions of love for the man. Dr. Buchanan has held pulpits in Presbyterian churches in various parts of the world. He held pastorates in Sydney and Melbourne, Australia. Melba was his soloist at the last named city. He was also pastor of churches in Scotland, in England and America.

MADE FRIENDS OF PYGMIES

Dr. Buchanan was the first white man to enter the heart of Africa over Stanley's trail, and during that trip he met and became friendly with several tribes of pygmies. They were not only a tiny people, but timid, with habitations built in the trees close to the jungle rivers. At first they fled before him, but when he dismissed his native escort they slowly approached and finally clambered all over him, giving free play to their curiosity. Thus the big white man won their friendship, which he made firm by gifts of beads, calico and trinkets.

FIGURED IN BIG EXPOSE

When he left the first tribe of tiny people he had a march of three days before he came upon another tribe and was surprised when a delegation came forward and welcomed him. To this day Dr. Buchanan has not been able to figure out how the news of his coming reached that second tribe.

He gave a course of lectures in Portland in 1910-11, almost the last work he did on the platform, as he was stricken with illness early in 1912, and has been at the Patton home since.

Only One-Third of Taxes Are Paid, and Only 7 Days to Go

Multnomah county's freeholders are not paying their taxes as quickly as they did last year, according to a statement issued at the close of business Saturday night by Sheriff Hurlburt's tax office. With only seven more days in which to pay before the penalties are imposed, hardly more than a third of the levy has been collected.

To and including March 26, the total collections were \$1,837,290.25 and for this amount 33,167 receipts had been issued. To and including the same date in 1919, with a smaller assessment roll and fewer payers, the amount collected was \$1,829,248.91 and the number of receipts was 41,958.

For the next seven days, the taxes must come in at a rate of \$621,000 a day if the balance of the first half due April 5 is made up. The total balance unpaid of the first half is \$4,346,209.00.

ALL HOTEL ROOMS ARE ENGAGED FOR SHRINERS' WEEK

Reservations Still Coming and Many Are Being Delayed; Visitors to Get Fine Welcome.

Portland's 11,000 rooms in her 200 hotels have all been engaged for the week of June 23-24, as sleeping quarters for the thousands of visitors who will attend the national Shrine convention at that time. Many more thousand rooms will be needed in private homes of the Rose City to care for the huge crowd.

Reservations for visiting delegates are being made daily at the Shrine headquarters in the Gasco building. Most of these are from afar. Residents of Oregon, Washington and Idaho particularly are delaying their reservations for hotel accommodations.

RESERVATIONS ARE DELAYED

The executive committee has requested that these reservations be made at once, so that the visitors may be properly placed and cared for.

Portlanders having rooms available are requested to list them at Shrine headquarters, Main 2300 or Main 3801.

Hotel men and restaurant owners say they will spare no expense in arranging for the sleeping and eating accommodations of the visitors. The Hotel Men's and Caterers' associations have agreed that there shall be no increase in restaurant prices during convention week, and profiteering will not be tolerated.

The Shrine convention will be the biggest event ever staged by the order. In the three days there will be five big parades, dances at the various temple headquarters, dances, teas, movie displays from Los Angeles and many other unannounced stunts.

TO CLEAN UP CITY

To make Portland the cleanest city in the world during Shrine and Rose Festival week is the aim of the general committee which has asked that citizens give them all possible aid. The committee has asked that weeds and grass be cut from all lots, vacant and otherwise; that wood be carried in early so the streets will not be obstructed unnecessarily by unsightly woodpiles and debris; that all "for rent" or "for sale" signs on houses or lots, unless they are unusually large, be taken down; that rose bushes be trimmed and boulevards beautified.

Every resident of Portland wants to be known as a good fellow and those who own cars are urged to do all they can to give the visitors a lift when possible. Automobile owners are also urged not to park their cars in the business sections of the city during the week of Shrine convention and Rose Festival.

MAYOR MAKES APPEAL

"We cannot urge too strongly on the people of Portland the need for careful and proper treatment of the thousands who will be here that week," said Mayor Baker yesterday. "It means more for the city than could be estimated in the coin of the realm and the city officials might add that they are in hearty ac-

cord with the efforts of the Shriners to make Portland's fame greater and wider as a result of the session of the Imperial Council and the 1920 Rose Festival."

Railroads will be taxed to their capacity in bringing to Portland in June Shriners from the 147 temples throughout the country.

OTHER DELEGATIONS NAMED

Ilan temple, San Francisco, is coming 10 cars strong; Egypt at Tampa, Fla., will bring 11 cars, and Medinah already has arranged to travel in two sections of 14 cars each and possibly will require a third section to carry the crowd. Previous information from Chicago indicated that more than 1000 would come from the windy city.

Aladdin, at Columbus, Ohio, is sending a special train of 10 cars while Rajah, Reading, Pa., is traveling in two sections of 10 cars each. Syria at Pittsburg is coming in a special train of 10 cars, as also Alabama from Chattanooga. Medinah will require a special train of 12 cars to handle Arrat from Kansas City.

CONCESSIONS ARE GIVEN

Important concessions for Shrine week were announced Saturday by the general committee following a meeting of the concessions committee.

The Continental Producing company was named as the official moving picture photographer. G. E. Sanderson was designated official "still picture" photographer.

To the Paul Sales company went the contract for selling aluminum Shrine symbols for automobile fronts and a smaller design for windshields, as well as the privilege to sell postcard albums. A similar privilege went to H. P. Emery, Waller Bros. have the privilege to set an emblem for window decorations and for windshields.

Mrs. Eliza R. Barchus will have the privilege of selling portrait reproductions of her paintings of Mount Hood and Crater lake. Two important concessions were not let by the committee, but will be announced later. These are the soft drink and food rights in the grandstands and the balloon and pennant and allied privileges on the streets.

MYERS' SUCCESSOR TALK IS BUNCOMBE

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nearly all employees are Republicans, so far as their politics are known. Since the president placed all postoffices under civil service ratings, about 600 cases have been reviewed, but only four or five new ratings ordered, which shows exceedingly small percentage of cases in which civil service findings are reversed. Many last offices have been handled in this time, and senators are generally so well satisfied with results they acquiesce in selections made as result of competitive examinations.

REJECTIONS RARE

Senators still have a veto on nominations personally obnoxious to them, but rejections are rare. Balancing the few cases where controversies have arisen are others told in the cloakrooms, where efforts to set aside successful aspirants in examinations have met with failure. It is known to President Wilson himself, where only a shade of difference in ratings existed, but the appointment went to a Republican instead of the man in whom a high official of the administration was interested. Cases of this sort early in the game have served to discourage politicians since that time. It is realized that in some places stories are published for political reasons purporting to forecast nominations.

TRAGEDY TO MYERS

Such forecasts are good when they deal with the business experience and standing of candidates, and bad when they assume that politicians will control the appointment. This is the experience everywhere and will doubtless prove the same at Portland. Publication in Portland of stories to the effect that United States Marshal Alexander is the probable choice are believed to have made bids for the appointment. Robert Barclay post office inspector of Spokane, is still acting postmaster.

Back from his trip to Washington, D. C. where he sought rehearing of the department's action deposing him as Portland postmaster, Frank S. Myers had nothing to say Saturday night as to results of his journey. "As you have noticed," Myers said Saturday night, "the post office department does not yet regard the matter as settled and I don't care to discuss my trip."

Since Myers' appointment, the postmastership of Portland has come under civil service, and applications for the succession under the regime last Tuesday were received at Washington. A number of Portland men are known to have made bids for the appointment. Robert Barclay post office inspector of Spokane, is still acting postmaster.

Article on Twins by Journal of Heredity

The readers of The Sunday Journal will recall an interesting article printed last Sunday detailing the result of recent scientific research in regard to twins. The material in this article was taken from the Journal of Heredity, which is the official organ of the American Genetic Association of Washington. A paragraph to that effect was in the article giving credit to the Journal of Heredity, but in reducing the type matter to fit the space limitation on the page this important paragraph, among others, was cut out. The credit to the article should have been credited to the Journal of Heredity.

Solicitor Is Named

Washington, March 27.—(L. N. S.)—Robert W. Williams of Tallahassee, Fla. was today named as solicitor of the department of agriculture.

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PLANT FOR MAKING PAINT IS ESTABLISHED; TO REFINE COAL TAR

Building on Linnton Road Leased From Shell Oil Company by W. E. Sealey.

W. E. Sealey has leased the building formerly occupied by the Shell Oil company on the Linnton road and installed a plant for refining coal tar and the manufacture of Webofoot paint. The plant will be in operation about April 12 with 12 men on the payroll, according to Sealey.

Raw products used by the concern are secured from the Portland Gas & Coke company, being byproducts in the manufacture of gas. Processes used in the refinement of coal tar and the manufacture of Webofoot paint were invented by Sealey and, besides being more economical than methods formerly used, are said to result in a higher quality of output.

The Sealey concern is the only one of its kind in Oregon and with the exception of a small plant at Tacoma it is the only refinery of coal tar in the Northwest. The paint turned out by the Sealey factory is manufactured from paraffine asphaltum and tar erose. It is impervious to moisture and is practically fireproof.

Under the name of Webofoot paint this product is used extensively for roofing and by fishermen for preserving the wood of their boats and traps. It may be used on wood, iron or cement.

The Sealey company also manufactures a lacquer which is said to preserve iron and steel from rust. The output of the plant will amount to approximately \$30,000 annually at the outset, according to Sealey, and later additions will greatly increase the volume. The business was started here

about 12 years ago, but was discontinued in 1911 when Sealey moved to Los Angeles.

METSCHAN IS DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS

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Columbia. In 1861 he came to Oregon and in 1862 he and a companion launched a bakery on Front street, between Ash and Pine streets.

In the following year the gold fever proved an epidemic in Portland under the inspiration of recent discoveries on Canyon creek, Grant county, and Metschan rushed with the throngs to Canyon creek. There he operated a store for years, meanwhile holding county offices.

It was in 1890 that he was called by a popular vote from Canyon City to Salem, where he served as state treasurer for eight years.

Two years after settling in Canyon City, Metschan was married to Miss Mary Schumm, who died in Salem in 1885. Later he married Mrs. P. D. Sweeter of San Rafael, Cal.

Following his period in the state treasurer's office, by the record of which Metschan was widely known in the state, he returned to Portland and here, in 1895, he established the Imperial hotel at Broadway and Washington streets, and throughout the remaining years of his life was actively in charge of its affairs until his fatal illness appeared, when he surrendered the reins to his sons, leaving Phil Metschan Jr. as manager.

Metschan's connection with Oregon's political history made him a valuable counselor to his party, and he retained a personal interest in political affairs until the last. He was no less prominent as a fraternalist and prominently known to many lodges as past grand master of both the Masonic and the I. O. O. F. lodges. He was a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, and belonged to Portland lodge No. 142, B. P. O. Elks, as well as the A. O. U. W.

JOINS GOLD STAMPEDE

It is recorded of Metschan that when he arrived in California in 1861 with a span of travel-worn mules he was em-

ployed as a farm hand at \$50 a month. His mules recuperated from their long travels because floods interfered with farm work during the winter, and in the spring Metschan sold the animals and joined the gold stampede to Britton, Columbia. His interest in gold proved short lived and he promptly came to Oregon.

Writing to his father in Germany, under date of Aug.-21, 1862, Metschan said: "This city is a fitting place for another mining section. I arrived here after a two-day ocean trip on June 8. The place seemed lively and I concluded to establish a bakery in partnership with another baker, a business which was needed here, as there were only two bakeries to supply a population of 4000, besides the many strangers who were continually returning to the mines."

"We rented a house for \$35 a month. The building being an old one and very much neglected cost us considerable for repairs. We had worked on the building only one week when the river, owing to melting snows in the mountains, rose to such a height that the oldest inhabitants, except Indians, could not remember such high water. This experience spoiled our calculations, for the lower part of the city in which our house was located, was under water three feet. Through this experience we lost a full month and sustained a loss of at least \$300."

"On July 15 we started the second time and one week thereafter were ready. You may ask 'how is it possible to become indebted so much?' "It is very simple. Our oven cost \$200. Then we had to have a horse and wagon to deliver the bread to our customers, costing \$250. Everything else in proportion. Business was good the first month. It is not so good at present, but one is his own master, and I earn more, even now, than if I were working for other people. Old residents tell me that this is the dullest season of the year and the farmers are harvesting, which has a depressing effect on business."

"Oregon is a very fertile state, and by far the best fruit land in America. The apples, peaches, plums, etc., are the finest I have ever seen. I enjoy them very much."

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, probably in the rooms of the Masonic grand lodge. Services will be under the direction of the Oregon grand lodge of Masons and interment will be at Riverside cemetery. The body is at Holman's parlors.

CITY OFFICIALS ELATED OVER TRACT ACQUIRED FOR PLAYGROUNDS

Work of Grading Begins to Make Attractive Spot for East Portland Children.

"I feel that the city made a splendid purchase in obtaining the Buckman tract to care for the needs of children in East Portland," said Commissioner Pier, in charge of the park bureau, in commenting on the acquisition Friday of the site south of the Benson Polytechnic high school.

The tract contains 6 1/2 blocks and was acquired from various owners for \$102,700. The property is assessed at \$36,810. Ownership of the land was distributed among several private individuals, which necessitated much work in acquiring title according to Deputy City Attorney Label Mackay, who handled the legal side of the transaction.

Installation of playground apparatus is expected to be completed early in June, according to Pier. Workmen already have started filling in low places and grading other portions preparatory to fitting up a beautiful playground site. At least one good baseball diamond will be laid out within the next two months. No shrubbery will be planted this spring, it is announced by Park Superintendent C. F. Keyser.

"The place is right and I'm more than satisfied with the acquisition in every detail," said Pier. "The city is fortunate in being able to obtain property that will serve so many children. If we can purchase the property bounded by Seventeenth, Twentieth, Taylor and Belmont streets I will feel that the central east side district is well provided with playground property."

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