

COUNCIL MEETS AT ROSEDALE CHURCH

Friends Will Be Host to Sunday School Religious Educational Group

The Sunday school council of religious education will meet at the Rosedale Friends' church in the Red Hill district Sunday. The theme for the day will be "Loyalty." A basket dinner will be served at noon.

The morning service opens with song at 10 o'clock, with Fred Scott leader. Rev. Carl F. Miller will deliver the morning address with Rev. Clyde Thomas, Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Frick in charge of the lessons for the various departments. Mrs. W. C. Pettyjohn will be the soloist.

Rev. E. H. Shanks will deliver the afternoon address, with Mr. Scott again leading in the song service. Lyman McDonald will sing two solos.

Champoeg to be Mecca of Pioneers This Saturday

"Pioneers' day," anniversary of the meeting at Champoeg in 1843, at which Oregon pioneers founded the provisional government, will be celebrated at Champoeg park Saturday.

George H. Himes, at headquarters of the Oregon Historical society, has charge of arrangements. Judge P. H. D'Arcy of Salem, pioneer of 1857 and past president of the Oregon Pioneer association, will be chairman. The program will include addresses by past presidents of the Oregon Historical society and a reception to representatives of the men who participated in the original meeting at Champoeg.

Women Agitate Against Vow at Altar to Obey

LONDON.—Demands that the marriage service, which was "inspired by the ideals of the time of Henry VIII," be revised, have been made upon the National Assembly of Church of England by the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship. The Women's Freedom league also has come out for a change.

The marriage service is antiquated, according to Miss Florence Underwood, secretary of the Freedom league, who contends that her organization cannot agree to any formula which indicates less than absolute equality between men and women.

"We do not presume to suggest to the church any particular alternative form of words," said Miss Underwood, "as that is the business of the church and we leave it to the bishops to consider. But we certainly do object to the word 'obey.' It is most assuredly high time that a service was evolved which, while retaining all the beauty and sacredness of the one now used, would demand precisely the same from one party as from the other."

Scientists Declare Solids Form Part of Sun's Corona

WASHINGTON.—A summarization of scientific knowledge gathered from the sun's eclipse Jan. 24 has led the Bureau of Standards to three main conclusions. These are:

That the sun's corona, which is the scientific term for the radiant mantle of material stretching to great distances from the main orb, is in part composed of solid or liquid material, and not entirely of gas.

That the existence of an element in the sun, provisionally dubbed "coronium," which has never been encountered on the earth's globe, is fairly well established.

That a new method of timing eclipses, based on the phenomena of light, can be worked out and applied on June 28, 1927, when the next great eclipse of the sun, visible in Europe, is due.

Dr. George K. Burgess, director of the bureau, and his staff of experts who made a variety of investigations during the few moments the sun was veiled, reached these conclusions at a meeting at which they brought their preliminary compilations together. They are continuing comparisons with the findings of other scientists.

Dr. C. C. Kless, who took a spectra observation from the airship Los Angeles, detected again in his photographs the green and red lines which are believed to denote the existence of "coronium." His findings checked accurately with those of previous observers who have sought evidence as to the possible new element.

WRECKAGE AT MURPHYSBORO, ILL., AND PRINCETON, IND. IN WAKE OF TORNADO WHICH KILLED NEARLY ONE THOUSAND



These photographs were taken shortly after the most disastrous wind storm in the history of the country had swept over five states. The upper picture shows a section of Princeton that was razed by the storm. In the lower photograph are seen the remains of the room of the Longfellow School at Murphysboro where fifty children lost their lives.

once in the two temperatures gives ground for the inference that the corona is made up in part of dense matter, because if it were all incandescent gas, the temperature would be higher.

In measuring the time of the eclipse, or rather the time of duration of the obscuration, I. G. Priest, another bureau expert, sought to give astronomers better data for calculating the movement of the moon. There is a gap in proven data which makes the time of the coming of eclipse uncertain by several seconds, and although this circumstance is philosophically accepted by ordinary humanity, it is annoying to scientists.

Old Time Tea Plants Now Used for Hedges

SUMMERVILLE, S. C.—Hundreds of old tea plants, gathered from over the world during the time when tea growing in the United States was a profitable industry, have grown to the size of small trees and are now being transplanted here for landscape purposes.

Before the Chinese tea growers discovered that they could produce the leaf and market it in the United States at a greater profit than the American growers, the cultivation of tea was done at a financial profit in this section.

Dr. Charles U. Shepard, once owner of one of the largest tea plantations, who died in 1915, became interested in the industry after his arrival here from Connecticut many years ago. He collected plants from China and Japan and began scientific experimentation with them. Many of the trees on the Shepard plantation will be dug up for use in borders, and other landscape effects.

Radium Reposes Securely Behind Swinging Chains

PRAGUE.—Great ingenuity has been displayed by the Prague Radiological Institute in protecting the radium in its possession, and the methods are regarded as so complete that the kindly old professor responsible for the safety of the treasure has no fear of burglars.

The priceless substance, first of all, is stored in tiny, stoppered phials, and these are in a larger glass container completely sealed by fusing the orifice. Next comes a thick-sided lead box, which is carefully locked up in a modern, indestructible safe. All around the safe, a few inches apart, hang loose chains, making it impossible for any one even to approach the safe without moving them. The slightest movement of a chain rings an alarm bell in the watchman's quarters.

Leaks in St. Patrick's Day Liquor Displease Teetotalers

DUBLIN.—The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of Ireland, the conditions of membership of which prescribe that no one can join until he has totally abstained for two years from any form of alcohol, is not satisfied that St. Patrick's day, 1925, was a dry as the legislature intended.

All drink shops were closed, but there was an exemption in favor of bona fide travellers. One had only to go outside the city boundary, it was said, to get all the drink desired.

FRIEND OF LINCOLN DIES
SEATTLE, April 30.—Maurice H. Merriman, 96, an intimate acquaintance of Abraham Lincoln, died here today. Born in Elbridge, N. Y., Christmas day, 1828, Merriman came to Chicago in 1849, where he built what was then the finest building in the city. He became acquainted with Lincoln in the 50's.

COINCIDENCE IN NEWS OF DEATHS

In Oakland, Cal., the 16th, in Spokane, Wash., on the 18th of April

Mrs. Charles S. Weller has just returned from Spokane where she went to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Judge George W. Belt, who was instantly killed there in a bicycle accident April 18.

Yesterday Mrs. Weller received a letter from Ed D. Crandall telling her that his wife was instantly killed by an auto truck on April 16. Mr. Crandall lived in Salem in the '70s and was prominent in social circles here. He was employed on The Statesman.

His present address is 177 Ninth street, Oakland, Cal., and he is a teacher and leader of orchestras in that city.

HUGE POLICY IS TAKEN

SEATTLE, April 30.—A \$400,000 group life insurance contract has been sold by the Northern Life Insurance company covering all employees of the Ryan Fruit company of Seattle, one of the largest fruit dealers in the United States, it was announced here today. This is the largest group policy written in Seattle this year.

Police Court News

J. L. Cook forfeited a bail of \$5 when he failed to appear in court yesterday. Emil J. Wilke was locked up for safe keeping, while a report was filed concerning the escape of William Fogg from the State hospital.

Life is full of contradictions. We spend millions to encourage jazz, and other millions to eliminate static.

Business Drives Far-Famed Diana From Lofty Perch

NEW YORK—Madison Square Garden, scene of the last Democratic national convention, a landmark since 1890, a magic name since 1878, will pass out of the picture early in May. Wreckers then will lay jack, adze and crowbar to probably New York's most widely known institution to make way for the new 28-story home of the New York Life Insurance company.

The towered arena, surmounted by forlorn Diana drawing stringless bow against the north wind, will be reduced to rubble in a few months.

Madison Square Garden, there have been two buildings, was originally the abandoned passenger station of the old Harlem Railroad. Harlem trains from Albany in the late '60s were towed there, down Fourth avenue from 42nd street, because steam-power in the heart of the city was deemed unsafe.

Commodore Vanderbilt captured the Harlem line and subordinated it to his own Hudson River Railroad. The Harlem station was closed when he opened Grand Central station farther north.

P. T. Barnum, with a showman's eye, saw the possibilities of the deserted trainshed. It covered 32 city lots, the largest enclosure in Manhattan, and he leased it for his circus, opening its long career as a concourse for athletic meets, monster concerts and horse shows. It was also known under its present name from then on, save for four years as "Gilmore's Garden" during a tenancy of the bandmaster.

Show association. It was formally opened before 17,000 people on June 16, 1890, with Edward Strauss and his orchestra and two grand ballets.

The shows, political conventions, balls, mass meetings and national sporting events held in the Garden in the subsequent 35 years are familiar history. Also, during this period, the value of the building, which cost \$3,000,000 to erect, dwindled to a mere \$150,000 when the New York Life bought it in a foreclosure auction in 1916. The total consideration was \$2,000,000, land and all.

Because the Garden never paid financially, it had to go.

Rare Plant Persuaded To Bloom in Washington

WASHINGTON.—A full blown flower of the vine aristolochia,

better known as the goose or pellican flower, has been produced at last in the conservatories of the Botanic Garden. The vine is native to the West Indies, and the feat of making it bloom here represents ten years of effort by George W. Hess, director of the garden.

The head and back of a duck appear outlined in white, life size, in this peculiar flower, which is purple within.

BERLIN TOPS EIFFEL TOWER

BERLIN — Two broadcasting towers are now under construction in Germany that will exceed in height all others in the country. Both will be provided with elevators, and will be used as observatories as well. One, to be located in a suburb of Berlin, will be 3,049 feet high, topping the Eiffel tower at Paris.

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