

SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR

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CREATES LIFE,
CHEMIST SAYSOhio Bacteriologist Declares
He Has Solved Secret of
Organic Life

SCIENTISTS DOUBTFUL

Scoff at Claims That John F. Mazur
Has Changed Inanimate
Objects to Living
Organisms

LORAIN, Ohio, March 20.—John F. Mazur continues to cling to the belief he has discovered the secret of "creating" life cells, despite the verdict of scientists that he doesn't know what he is talking about.

Mazur, obscure dabbler in bacteriology, leaped into the limelight here by announcing through a local newspaper that he had succeeded in creating plant and animal life by artificial means.

Scientists at nearby universities refuse to get excited. While willing to give Mazur an opportunity to demonstrate his claims, they assert that there isn't a chance that he's right.

Prof. Francis H. Herrick, head of the biology department at Western Reserve university, Cleveland, declares that Mazur simply is mistaken.

"If he got life," Professor Herrick said, "it simply came from apparatus already contaminated by life. Invariably this has been the case every time claims of producing life from inanimate matter have been made."

Other authorities, interviewed by telegraph by newspapers, excited by the possibility of finding the secret of life, are of the opinion that Mazur is simply a charlatan.

But Mazur, mindful of the skepticism which greeted Galileo and other great discoverers, is steadfast in his belief that he knows what he's talking about.

He is anxious, he says, to perform his experiments before reputable scientists.

"I can convince any reasonable man," he added. "If they will apply the same logic to my work that they apply to their own work they will admit that I have created living organisms from inanimate matter."

"I don't wonder at their skepticism. If any one had told me five years ago that life could be created in the laboratory, I should have scoffed just as they scoff at me."

There is no question here of Mazur's sincerity. He really believes that he has seen life chemically generated before his eyes, that he has come pretty close to the very mystery of life, that a thousand ponderous volumes of scientific lore will have to be scrapped as a result of his work.

Both the evolutionists, who contend that all known species of life have been developments from lower forms, and the fundamentalists, who believe in special creation by

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124 GIVEN EMPLOYMENT

YMCA BUREAU SETS RECORD
FOR PRESENT YEAR

For the first time this year over 100 men have received employment in one week through the employment bureau of the Salem YMCA, according to the report filed by Sims Phillips, head of the bureau. There were in all 114 men to receive employment, out of 180 who sought employment. During the week 145 calls for help were received and 126 men were referred. Ten women received employment out of 28, to seek work. Twelve jobs were called in and ten women were referred.

Who's Who

Salem Public Schools

PRESENTING
ANNA BOENTJE

Anna Boentje, teacher of algebra and arithmetic at Parrish junior high school. Seven years in Salem school system. Ten years' teaching experience. Graduate of Kearney Normal school of Nebraska. Summer school at Kearney and at University of Oregon. Puts children on own initiative and coordinates work of her department with work of other departments.

A.B.C.'s of Special Vote
Set On Monday, March 29What Endorsement of the Proposed Teachers' Salary Increase
Will Mean to the School System, Teachers and
Taxpayers Analyzed

One week from tomorrow the special election to determine whether or not Salem taxpayers are willing to increase the pay of the city's public school teachers will be held. Citizens are asking themselves just what the raise in pay will mean, what it will mean to the school board, what it will mean to the school system, and what it will mean to the teachers.

To the teachers it will mean approximately a rise in pay of 10 per cent. This will bring the city's school salary schedule up to about level with the schedules of other cities in Oregon outside of Portland.

To the school system it will mean an increase in efficiency. Superintendent George Hug drew up the schedule to be adopted if the taxpayers favor the increase. The sum of \$10,000 is also included, to be used for repair and maintenance of school property.

This means that the school board, if the measure is adopted, will be able to have work done said to be vitally necessary for school property. The basement at Lincoln school, for instance, must be repaired. It is said the sewer has overflowed there this winter twice and caused the basement to be filled with filth.

To the taxpayers the salary increase, which amounts in itself to \$30,000, means an assessment of about two and two-thirds mills.

As to the cost of the election, Dr. H. H. Olinger, chairman of the school board, estimated that it will be approximately \$100, including the advertising of the election.

The election will be held in the office of the Salem branch of the Associated Oil company, directly across the street from The Oregon Statesman office. Voting booths will be open from 2 p. m. until 7 p. m.

Every service club in the city is backing the proposed readjustment of the salary schedule. Various meetings of property owners have resulted in volunteer offers of cooperation in securing the raise.

At the Lincoln school recently the residents of South Salem who were present voted unanimously to back the teachers in their request for higher pay.

Citizens representing practically every section in the city were present at a recent meeting of the school board and declared the sections they represented were ready to "go to the bat" for the measure. Only objection to the increase in pay yet voiced is that a special election will have to be held each year to make the raise constant.

Should the taxpayers vote a raise this year, and fail to do so next year, then the old schedule would have to be revived.

But those representatives present at the meeting declared that they will back future elections as they are backing this one.

These people say that the law hardly realizes the significance of the doctrine he preaches but that he has proven the possessor of a well trained memory coupled with unusual ability to speak with force.

It was learned today that the boy's step father is Levi Hietala, a member of the mechanical staff of the Toveri, a Finnish language paper printed here and widely circulated on the Pacific coast and in the middle west.

Hietala is said by neighbors to openly admit radical beliefs and to have expressed pride in his stepson's stand in the school affair. The boy's mother also stands firmly by her son.

Young Siro is said to be one of the leaders in the Young Pioneer group, the local organization of the "Young Workers' league."

The issue of the Toveri in circulation today carries a picture of young Siro and a long article regarding the school fracas, and is headed by a notice of a meeting of the "young pioneer" group to be held Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock at a local hall. It is reported that the society has meetings at this hall three times each week.

INGELS ON FAIR BOARD

CENTRAL OREGON REPRESENTED BY APPOINTMENT

Frank B. Ingels, prominent wheat grower and livestock raiser of Dufur, Wasco county, Saturday was appointed a member of the Oregon state fair board to succeed Wayne Stuart of Albany, who recently left the state. The governor said that Mr. Ingels was appointed in recognition of Central Oregon which has not had representation on the state fair board for many years.

Mr. Ingels is at the head of the Eastern Oregon Wheat Growers association, and is a close personal friend of Governor Pierce.

NATION HONORS
COL. COOLIDGEFather of President Is Laid
in Grave in Little Cemetery
in Plymouth

SNOW BLANKETS GROUND

Relatives and Representatives of
Nation and State Pay Homage
to Dead; Character Is
Extolled

PLYMOUTH, Vt., March 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the president, was laid to rest today on a bleak hillside covered deep in snow. They buried him among those of his kin who had passed before him, in the little town cemetery here. The president and Mrs. Coolidge, their son, John, representatives of nation and state, and a few relatives and life long friends stood in the snow at the grave side.

The funeral services were as starkly simple as the lives of these rugged dwellers in the Green mountain valleys. At the white farm house where Colonel Coolidge lived for many years and where Calvin Coolidge passed his boyhood, the brief burial service of the Episcopal church was read by Rev. John White of Sherburne, pastor of the Union meeting house in Plymouth where the Colonel

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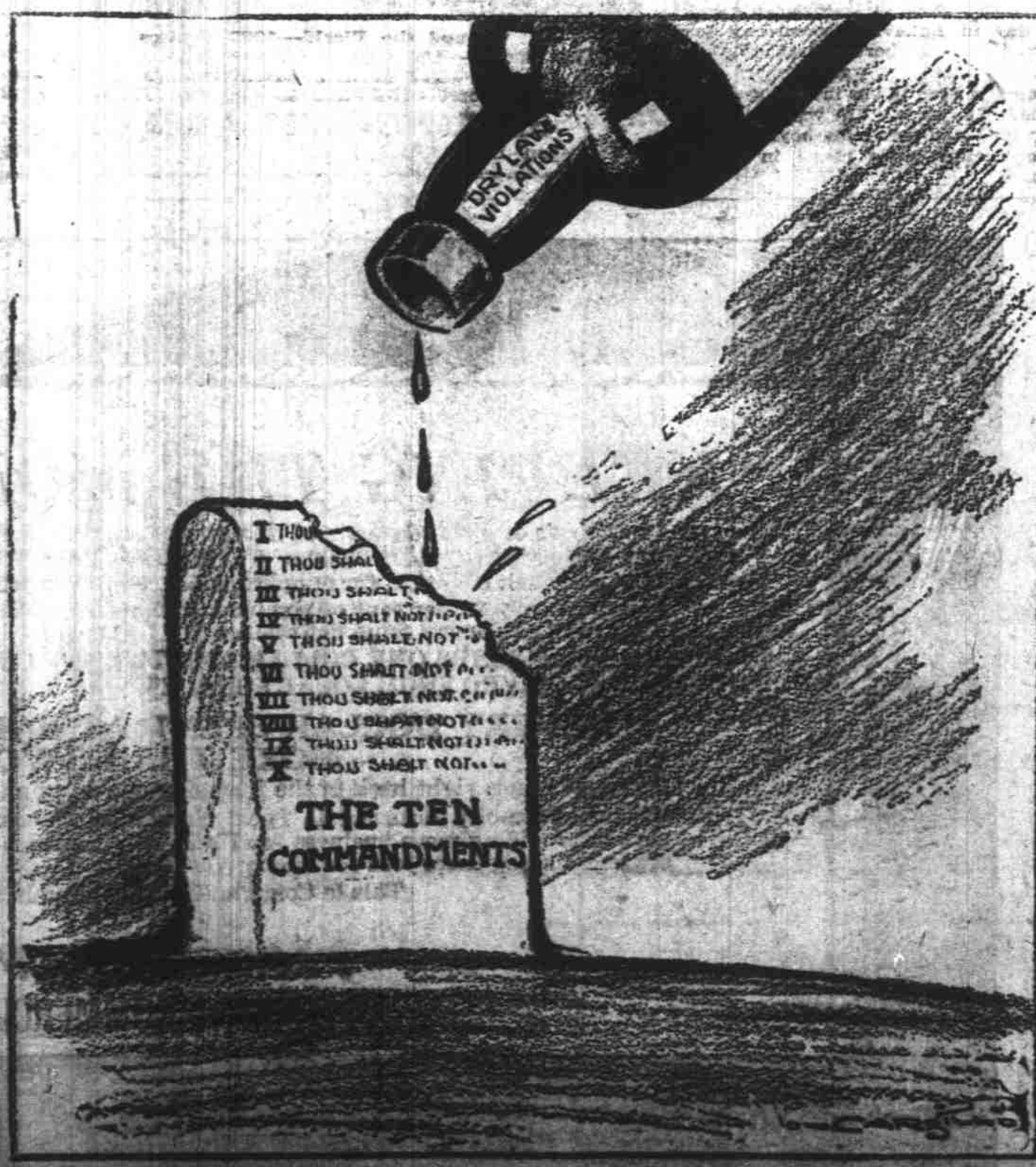
LIQUOR SENTENCE CUT

McMAHAN SOFTENS JOLT GIVEN BY BRAZIER SMALL

After appealing from the justice court where he was convicted on a charge of transportation of liquor, Jacob Deitz of Portland, entered a plea of guilty in the circuit court Saturday when he appeared before Judge L. H. McMahon. Deitz was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and was given a jail sentence of 60 days. In the justice court he was fined \$250 and received a jail sentence of three months by Judge Brazier C. Small. His drivers license was also revoked for a period of a year.

Deitz was involved in an automobile accident near St. Paul several months ago and his arrest resulted from an investigation of the crash. He operates a scavenger business in Portland. Deitz' jail sentence will not start until April 5.

DROP BY DROP!

U. S. STAND IS
YET IN DOUBTAmerican Participation in
Geneva Conference Subject
of Discussion

RIGHTS TO BE RESERVED

As Long as American Reservations
Are Respected, no Objections
Will Be Raised
Statesmen Say

WASHINGTON, March 20.—(By Associated Press.)—American participation in the Geneva conference next September called to discuss the American reservations to the world court depends upon the nature of the discussion planned.

An authoritative outline of the administration's viewpoint disclosed today that no American participation was to be expected if the conference planned to modify the American reservations or attempt their interpretation. If kept within the proper limits, no objection will be made to the convening of the conference, as suggested by a resolution of the council of the league of nations.

The Washington government does not believe that the conference was called with a view to any modification of the reservations, or that its action will in any way represent action by the league. Whether an American representative will participate will be decided after Secretary Kellogg has conferred with President Coolidge, Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee and others.

The Washington government does not understand that the league claims any power or jurisdiction over the United States.

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NEW PASTOR TO PREACH

HONOR RECEPTION WILL BE
GIVEN MONDAY

Rev. E. C. Whitaker, new pastor of the First Christian church, Salem, will preach his first sermon from the new pulpit this morning at 11 o'clock.

Rev. Whitaker arrived Saturday, though his family will not move to Salem until the spring school term is completed. On Monday evening at 6 o'clock workers and officers of the church will meet in conference and a reception given in honor of the new pastor at 8 o'clock to which the general public is invited.

Religious Questionnaire
Will Be Sermon SubjectStudents Declare True or False Questions Submitted to Test
Beliefs in God, Heaven, Hell, Christ, Immortality,
and Earth's Creator

What is Heaven? What is Hell? What, in fact, is immortality? These are some of the questions recently asked of Willamette university freshmen in a questionnaire sent out by the University of Oregon Psychological department.

Sinforosa Padilla, graduate of Willamette university, and now connected with the University of Oregon, composed the questionnaire, planning to use the results in the thesis by which he hopes to obtain his Master of Arts degree.

A statement is made. Then the student is asked to underline whether it is true or false. For instance, "Calvin Coolidge is president of the United States." True. "Man is an animal that has five legs." False.

Now, then, what is Heaven? "Heaven is a very large room somewhere in the clouds or sky." To this, 95 students answered false and two answered true.

"Heaven is a better world, definitely located in some place although unknown to us." True, 34; false, 62.

"Heaven is a place where people go after they die to enjoy a life of everlasting happiness, free of care, toil, and suffering." True, 57; false, 37.

"Only the good people; that is, people whose lives have a bent towards good, go to Heaven." True, 59; false, 33.

"Heaven does not exist at all in any form or state." True, 9; false, 88.

Students not having opinions on the questions merely reply that they don't understand. Several of the students refused to voice opinions one way or another.

Hell! What is this place, the very expression of whose name is considered profanity? "Hell is a dark pit or a hot place located somewhere." True, 10; false, 87.

"Hell is a place where people go after they die to suffer for their evil deeds." True, 49; false, 43.

"Only the bad people go to hell." True, 59; false, 33.

"Hell is only the punishment we get on this earth for our evil deeds." True, 14; false, 44.

"Hell does not exist at all in any form or state." True, 9; false, 53.

Even as there seems to be a wide split in the belief of the students.

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RADIO DEBATE PLANNED

OREGON AND CALIFORNIA
UNIVERSITIES TO COMPETE

EUGENE, Ore., March 20.—The University of Oregon will engage in a radio debate with the University of Southern California April 3, the Oregonian to broadcast over KGW, it was announced today by University oratorical officials. The contest will start promptly at 8 p. m. The Oregon team, Donald Beeler of Warrenton and James Johnson of Hood River, will uphold the affirmative on the question "Resolved, that internal rebellion, should be declared by a direct vote of the people."

Judgment may be left to the listeners, or judges may be on hand at the stations, it was said.

Hereafter this humorous weekly column, written by Rufe White, will appear in the Statesman on every SUNDAY OREGON STATESMAN.

HOWDY FOLKS! ... THE GLAD SOME SPRING IS HERE ... SPRING BLOSSOMS, backyard gardens and green colors.

ON ACCOUNT of our unusually mild winter, the open season on spring sports begins a month earlier this year.

SOME OF THESE guys who get up at 5 o'clock a. m. in the morning and hit out for the golf course would holler like heck if they had to get up at the same hour and split enough wood to get breakfast.

THE NICKEL SEEGAR has come back ... STRONG!

DOWN SOUTH they have colored mail carriers. Wouldn't call 'em blackmailers?

AN EMBRYO pugilist who appeared in a preliminary event on (Continued on page 3.)

TWO DIE AT CROSSING

TRAIN AND AUTO CRASH; TWO
OTHERS ARE INJURED

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., March 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Two persons were killed and two injured at 5:05 p. m. today when a Pacific Electric train struck an automobile at a crossing on the Foothill boulevard, 16 miles west of here. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Park, Los Angeles, were instantly killed. Mrs. Amelia Decker, 66 years old, and Mrs. Blanche Decker, 42, both of Hollywood, were injured. Parts of the automobile were thrown for 1,000 feet.

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UPTON ENTERS
FOR GOVERNORBend Republican First Candidate
to File With State
Department

CARTER CAMPAIGN OPEN

T. A. Livesley, Prominent Hop
Grower, Named as Candidate
for Mayor on Business Ticket

Reduction of motor vehicle license fees, strict enforcement of all laws, constructive reclamation legislation and abolition of the state emergency board, are among the outstanding planks in the platform adopted by Jay M. Upton of Bend, who Saturday filed with the secretary of state here a copy of his petition for the office of governor at the republican primary election. Mr. Upton is the first candidate for governor to file in the state department.

"If nominated and elected," I will give the people of Oregon a safe, sane and business-like administration. I will be governor for all the people."

Mr. Upton's slogan reads: "Fewer laws, better enforcement, no increased gasoline tax, encourage industry, develop Oregon."

William A. Carter of Multnomah county, who recently announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor, is a former resident of Marion county, moving to Salem with his family in 1905 from Jackson county. Mrs. Carter is a daughter of the late pioneer John Hughes of Salem.

Later he moved to Portland, where he is engaged in the practice of law. Mr. Carter was elected a delegate at large to the national convention.

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PIONEERS MEET TODAY

C. H. RICHTER, PORTLAND
AUTHORITY, TO SPEAK

All county and city Pioneer leaders, chief rangers and committeemen will meet at the Salem YMCA rooms this afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. C. H. Richter, secretary of the boys' department of the Portland YMCA, and recognized as one of the leading authorities on the coast of Pioneer club work, will be the principal speaker.

Local problems of the Pioneer clubs will be voiced at the meeting and Richter will offer advice. Preparations will be made for the County Pioneer club rally to be held in Salem, probably at the First Methodist church, April 11.

The Pioneer Rally will start at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 17th. Athletic events will occupy the afternoon. There will be a potato race, relay, basketball relay, shoe race, tug of war push-up, standing broad jump and three-legged race.

After the meet, there will be a campfire supper and two motion picture reels. This will be followed by a talk on Woodcraft by some experienced woodmen.

Saturday
In Washington

The federal trade commission came under fire in the senate.

The census bureau issued its final report on the introduction of the 1925 cotton crop.

A senate investigation of the Panama, N. J. textile strike was asked by Senator La Follette.

The house agriculture committee decided to invite Governor Hammill of Iowa, to reappear before it.

The interstate commerce commission was asked to subpoena Henry Ford in the consolidation proceedings involving his railroad.

Senate investigation of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad was postponed by Senator Goodak, republican, Idaho.

The American government was asked to have no objection to a conference of nations on American relations to the world court.