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God in you gives you authority. In Jesus' day the scribes taught as though they had learned scripture.

TEACH THEM AGRICULTURE At a meeting at the Liberty school house Thursday evening the matter of an agricultural course in the Salem high school was brought up and discussed with much interest.

WASHINGTON DOUBLING BEET ACREAGE Facts About Sugar, New York, the leading magazine of that trade, announces that the beet sugar acreage in Washington is to be doubled this year over last year.

30 AMERICANS STILL ASHORE THOUGHT SAFE the University of Nanking, began to arrive under the guns of the war vessels early tonight.

PROMINENT MAN DIED LAST NIGHT IN SALEM Elk, a Rotarian and a Woodman, and a member of the First Congregational church of Salem.

CHARGES AGAINST SEATTLE POLICE CHIEF DISMISSED SEATTLE, March 25.—(AP.)—Charges that W. H. Searing, Seattle chief of police has unlawfully accepted compensation from the police relief fund were dismissed tonight by the municipal civil service commission.

MAY HELP CHERRY GROWERS

Representative Cole of Iowa and Senator Stewart of that state introduced in the last congress bills to amend section 502 of the tariff act by increasing the import duty on blackstrap molasses.

The idea being to encourage the use of corn in the place of molasses in the making of industrial alcohol.

And these members of the federal law making body contend that this would bring about the use of 47,500,000 bushels of corn, on the basis of last year's production.

Or double the exports of corn from this country.

And without necessarily increasing the price to the trade of industrial alcohol.

These Iowa members of the two houses of congress propose to reintroduce their bills in the congress to convene in December, and to push them.

This is only one case of a number where various sections are calling for revisions of the tariff, up or down, in order to encourage and build up industries in the United States.

It would seem that there may be enough of them, by combining, to overturn the idiotic rule against taking up and amending the tariff a schedule or an item at a time.

The rule that requires the whole law or no part of it be considered for revision, thus disturbing the whole business of the country periodically.

This movement may affect beneficially our cherry growers. They will likely get the benefit of the elastic tariff provisions for which they are contending—through promulgation by the president—but this can give them only a raise of a cent a pound duty; from 2 to 3 cents a pound.

And the duty for adequate protection ought to be at least 6 cents a pound.

It will be a wonderful thing for the whole country if the idiotic precedent can thus be broken, and it become a matter of course that the tariff rates may be revised when public justice demands, a schedule or an item at a time.

That is so obviously sensible that it is a wonder the antiquated precedent has held for so long a time in a country supposed to be progressive and enlightened.

Bits For Breakfast Speed the movement—The movement for teaching agriculture in the public schools; and more of the useful trades.

In the death of Wm. E. Wilson, Salem loses one of her most useful citizens; and a man who was a good neighbor to all, besides being a kind husband and father.

The architect is employed for the proposed state office building. It is sorely needed, and, incidentally, it will be like adding a new industry with a big steady payroll.

Everything is about ready to go, full tilt, at the second Salem linen mill.

Once it was good manners for the host to drink last; now it's discretion.

Folks hate to hear their troubles, say. Don't tell them, or you'll be a frost; They're times for low the winner won; But none for low the loser lost.—EX.

"The deepest humiliation of a state is not in the loss of military prestige or of material resources, but in the degeneration of its citizens, in the overthrow and scorn of high ideals."—Robert Sharp.

Some find college work easy because they have wonderful brains, and some because they have wonderful brawn.

Pedestrians should be compelled to wear padded suits. Too many auto fenders are being dented these days.—News.

Los Angeles reports that it has a man who walks and acts like a monkey. What a wonderful leader for a jazz band!

With the death of one American missionary and the wounding of an American woman definitely reported, stories of brutality by uniformed Cantonese soldiers against American women, vandalism, outrages and wanton destruction were received from the war torn city.

During the anti-foreign rioting, the reports said, American women were subjected to great brutality, in many cases their clothing being partly torn off by soldiers in uniform.

The known American fatality her of the Northern Presbyterian was the death of Dr. J. E. Williams of Shawnee, Ohio, a member and vice president of Nanking university.

The wounded American woman, who was among those arriving at the waterfront tonight, was a Miss Moffatt, who had been shot twice through the body. (Anna E. Moffatt of Fort Sheridan, Ill., is listed as being at Nanking. She was sent to China as a missionary in 1920 by the Presbyterian board of foreign missions.)

The easing of the situation at Nanking after the ultimatum issued by the American and British naval commands there was preceded by a day of tension. Reports were received here throughout the day that all of the official and personal property at the American consulate was looted or destroyed by uniformed nationalists. There is reason to believe that most of

U. S. PLANE FIRED UPON

Rival Parties in Nicaragua Disclaim Responsibility

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, March 25.—(AP)—A De Havilland plane, manned by Pilot Campbell of the United States marine corps, holder of the service safe flying cup over Sebaco; 15 miles from Matagalpa. The bullet tore through the plane near the east tank, missing it by only a few inches.

The conservative forces disclaim responsibility for the act and since there are no liberals believed to be in the district, it is thought that bandits did the shooting.

The conservative forces are investigating the incident.

GEORGETOWN, British Guiana, March 25.—(AP)—Commander Francesco De Pinedo, Italian aviator, who left Para, Brazil this morning arrived here today at 5:25 p. m.

His next destination is Caracas, Dutch West Indies.

BANKERS WILL GATHER

Officials From Oregon and Washington to Meet at Tacoma

TACOMA, March 25.—(AP)—Bankers and trust officials of Oregon and Washington will gather in Tacoma tomorrow for the annual convention of the corporate fiduciaries of the two states.

There will be morning and afternoon sessions, a luncheon and an evening banquet.

An address by Winslow Russell, vice president of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance company of Hartford, Conn., on "Life insurance contract settlements and life insurance trusts," will be a feature of the meeting.

SURPLUS TO BE BIGGER

\$400,000,000 Prediction To Be Exceeded, Says Coolidge

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—President Coolidge understands the treasury surplus for this fiscal year will be considerably in excess of the \$400,000,000 previously estimated.

However, the president feels congress should measure its protective tax reduction by business conditions next fall which will determine the amount of surplus in sight for the coming year.

While congressional leaders of both parties have tentatively mapped out plans for abolishment of the remaining war time nuisance taxes and reduction of the corporation levy in the next revenue bill, neither Mr. Coolidge nor the treasury is prepared to announce any program for tax reduction.

Steel Mill Site Bought

by Eastern Corporation

LOS ANGELES, March 25.—(AP)—The Times says that it has learned that the United States Steel corporation has completed a deal to take over the site of the Pacific Coast Steel corporation for a steel plant on the inner channel at Long Beach harbor and will start construction soon.

The iron ore and the lime will come from the mountains of southern California and Arizona, and the coal from Utah.

Formal announcement is expected within the next few days that the United States Steel corporation has made arrangements with the Union Pacific to provide the coal.

The steel plant site consists of 105 acres of land fronting Long Beach harbor, the remainder of 226 acres originally purchased by the Pacific Coast Steel corporation syndicate for approximately \$2,000,000.

Chaplin Studios Left Out

of Lita's Divorce Action

LOS ANGELES, March 25.—(AP)—Chaplin Studios, Inc., one of numerous defendants named in the divorce suit of Lita Grey Chaplin against Charles Chaplin, was dropped from the case today with the filing of a notice of dismissal by attorneys for the film comedian's wife.

This action leaves Chaplin as the only defendant in the suit. Today was the last date upon which an amended complaint in the suit involving many defendants might be filed.

The application for dismissal by Mrs. Chaplin's attorneys followed their indicated intention to force the suit to speedy termination by abandoning "complicating technicalities."

The new course, they said, was adopted in an effort to bring Chaplin, now in New York, to answer his wife's charges at as early date as possible.

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When S. F. Martin of Marysville, Mo., an amateur operating station 9CKS, received a message recently he was relayed through his station he was somewhat disconcerted to note that the address was simply "In the Arctic."

Remembering, however, that the Canadian government steamship Boothie was at that time in Arctic waters, and knowing also that this ship had a short wave radio outfit on board similar to his own, he immediately put his set into operation in an effort to get in communication with the boat's operator.

After a few hours he was successful and passed the message to the Boothie. A few days later he was agreeably surprised to get an acknowledgment saying that the message had been delivered to the proper party, a Royal Northwest policeman on duty in the Far North, who in thanking the amateur operator wished to explain that this message was the second he had received from home in two years.

WHITE HOUSE WILL BE CHANGED LITTLE

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The traditional appearance of the White House will be jealously safeguarded under the plans approved by the fine arts commission for the extensive repairs and alterations to be made on the third floor and roof of the historic mansion this summer.

It will take a little more than four months to complete the changes, and in the meantime the president and Mrs. Coolidge, with their assistants and servants, will have at their disposal the Patterson mansion fronting on Dupont Circle, about a mile away.

Complete remodeling of the interior of the third floor and construction of a new roof are planned, at a cost of \$185,000. The old roof has been on the building since it was built. Although occasionally repaired it has been regarded as unsafe by engineers for some time.

The new roof will be more nearly flat than the old one to permit the raising of the ceilings of the outside third floor rooms, but the change will not be noticeable because of the high balustrade which tops the outer walls.

The first two floors of the White House were modernized during the Roosevelt administration. When the work on the third floor has been completed, it will be of fireproof construction and will provide two suites of guest rooms

and servants' quarters. In all, 16 rooms and seven modern bath rooms will be available there. Although certain rooms in the old third floor arrangement were designated as guest rooms, they have not been used since the illness of President Wilson, when they were assigned to his nurses. The projected alterations, however, are expected to make the third floor guest suites so attractive that no effort need be made to find accommodations for visitors on the other floors.

Trojan Runners Favored to Defeat Golden Bears

LOS ANGELES, March 25.—(AP)—The University of Southern California's track and field team, national intercollegiate champion, is favored to win the sixteenth annual meet with the University of California here tomorrow, and make it four Trojan victories to twelve for the Bears.

Walter Christie's Golden Bears came south today looking for revenge from this section for the defeat handed them last Saturday at Berkeley by the strong Los Angeles athletic club squad, and, in the opinion of Dean Cromwell, Trojan coach, may score enough points to force the final result to be dependent upon the outcome of the relay. Traditional rivalry between the two may be the spark to set southern California overconfidence afire, Cromwell says.

Neither squad has its full strength for the meet, but the Bears have the edge.

TOKYO OFFICERS RESIGN

Speaker and Vice President of Lower House Give Up Posts

TOKYO, March 25.—(AP)—The speaker and the vice president of the lower house of the diet resigned today. They held themselves responsible for the disorder which occurred in the chamber yesterday.

One member was seriously injured in disorders yesterday after a member accused the president of the opposition of misappropriating secret army funds during the Siberian campaign. The session was suspended and scuffles occurred in the lobby.

EARTH QUAKE INDICATED

Sharp Disturbance Recorded on Georgetown Seismograph

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—A very sharp earth disturbance was recorded on the Georgetown university seismograph today between 8:21 and 8:51 a. m., reaching its maximum intensity at 8:40. The shocks were computed by Director Tondorf to be 2,800 miles from Washington.

FOX BUYS CHAIN SHOWS

Largest Theater in World Included in Purchase, Report

NEW YORK, March 25.—(AP)—Purchase of controlling interest in the Roxy theater "chain" was announced by William Fox, motion picture producer and theater owner, here tonight.

Mr. Fox declined to disclose the purchase price but said the deal included the Roxy theater built by Major S. L. Rothafel at a cost of \$15,000,000 and said to be the largest theater in the world. The theater was opened two weeks ago. Two other Roxy theaters are proposed here.

Under the new arrangement Mr. Fox announced, Major Rothafel will continue his personal supervision and direction of the Roxy theaters.

Mother of Eight Appeals to President for Help

GREELEY, Colo., March 25.—(AP)—Mrs. Wesley Clauson of Atteville, Colo., mother of eight children, who was told that the late Theodore Roosevelt was president her family would be aided, has appealed to President Coolidge for assistance.

Her letter to Mr. Coolidge came public today when it was received by the county board of commissioners. From the White House it had gone to Cross.

In her letter, sent March 10, Mrs. Clauson called attention that she had eight children, including triplets. She mentioned she had been advised of Roosevelt's antipathy for race suicide and that an appeal to him, were he in the White House now, would not be ignored. She was forced to do washing and since she and her husband worked long hours, she could not give proper attention to her family. One of the triplets died since the appeal was made.

WABASH ON RAMPAGE

MOUNT CARMEL, Ill., March 25.—(AP)—With the Wabash river here at 23 feet, or seven feet above flood level, many residents of the lowlands today had abandoned their homes or had moved from first to second floors. Boats were used for transportation.

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