

# WISCONSIN HAS UNIQUE COURSE

## Fallacies of Americans Are Studied

### "Buy American" Heads List of "Notions" Asailed in Classroom

Milwaukee — (UP) — A course of study designed to dispel various American notions, classed as "fallacies" by three professors, is under way at the University of Wisconsin extension school here.

Prof. M. R. Schmittner conducted the first classes.

"At the head of the list of fallacies and quaint notions which we shall attack is the 'Buy American' misconception," Professor Schmittner said. "The contention that to 'buy American' helps American industries at the expense of foreign ones is the most idiotic piece of animosity of them all. It deserves to head the list."

Professor Schmittner's list of other ideas which he classifies as fallacies, follows:

"That the war debt ever can be paid.

"That bankers are experts in investment advice.

"That technocracy is the solution for problems arising from the mechanization of industry.

"That going off the gold standard would result in eternal ruin for the United States.

"That women in industry are a significant factor in taking jobs from men.

"That communism is less pure in its ideals than capitalism.

"That Wisconsin taxes are causing industries to move from the state."

"That American industry is less cruel to children than European.

"That war is more destructive of human life than low wages.

"That controlled inflation would be a scourge.

"That some awful blight would attack the country if the federal budget were not balanced every year.

"Prof. P. H. Pearson has chosen for his attack the following beliefs:

"That tendency to crime is inherited.

"That criminality is increasing in the United States.

"That the foreign born population in America is responsible for most of its crime.

"Finally, Prof. T. E. Streyer will attack the theories that:

"Modern warfare guarantees the survival of the fittest.

"That the American industry is essentially an American problem, brought on by the American desire to get rich quick.

"The course, called 'Present Day America', proved so popular with students and their parents last semester that evening lectures were arranged.

## Another Big Meteor Is Seen From Bend

Further enhancing the belief that the earth is passing through an uncharted meteor stream, the bombardment of skies over the northwest continued last night, with a flaming fireball sighted from British Columbia south to Oregon. In the past two or three weeks, nearly a dozen of these fireballs have been seen from the Oregon country and have attracted considerable attention, following the evening when one flashed from low hanging clouds over Bend and burst into a greenish-white spray.

Last night's fireball, sighted by a number of Bend residents, was widely seen in Oregon, judging from United Press reports received today by The Bulletin. Information from the western part of the state indicates that the fireball exploded before reaching the ground, but when last seen in Bend the interstellar visitor was still intact. Howard R. Hyde, local scoutmaster, reports that it appeared to originate in the constellation Ursa Minor or Draco. It disappeared behind Ashwey butte.

The fireball was variously described in Oregon and Washington as blue, white and green. As usual, it appeared to be just a short distance from all observers, be they in Salem, Madras, Portland, Bend, Yakima or Seattle.

The sky throughout the whole northwest was illuminated with a white glare when the body exploded, observers reported.

"These objects must be running wild," J. Hugh Pruett of the University of Oregon, representative of the American Meteor society, mentioned recently when discussing the meteoric bombardment. One re-

cently sighted at Rockaway, on the Oregon coast, was described as having plumed into the ocean.

The big fireballs spotted recently are not believed to be members of the Lyrid stream, supposed to reach its maximum tonight.

## Rome Is Celebrating 2,686th Anniversary

Rome, Apr. 21. — (UP) — Rome celebrated its 2,686th birthday today, since, according to the tradition, the city was founded in 753 B. C.

Today was, at the same time, Labor day, which was created by Mussolini in 1923 to replace the feast of May 1, which the socialists all over the world have observed since 1890.

In consequence of the festive work was at a standstill throughout Italy. All public and private buildings and offices were closed, and no newspapers were printed.

Many celebrations were held here and throughout Italy to commemorate the birthday of the Eternal City. Five statues of Roman emperors were unveiled in various parts of the magnificent Via dell'Impero, or Empire Way, here, which was inaugurated on October 28 and was constructed amid the ruins of the imperial fora. The statues represent Augustus, Vespasian, Titus, Nerva and Trajan.

Many public works in many parts of Italy also were inaugurated. The main celebration throughout Italy consisted in the so-called "fascist levy," the seventh so far, whereby fascist children and young men were "levied" into the various branches of the party. Ceremonies to this effect were held on especially raised stands in the main squares of the towns and cities. Over 120,000 "baldia" children from 10 to 15, passed into the ranks of "avanguardisti." More than 105,000 15 to 18, were transferred into the ranks of the "juvenile fighting force," while 148,200 of the latter group passed into the ranks of the fascist national militia and became full-fledged members of the fascist party.

## Alfalfa School Planning For Program On May 2

Alfalfa, Apr. 21. — (Special) — A special Oregon day program will be presented at the school house May 2. Mrs. J. W. Childers, Alfalfa school teacher, is in charge. A pot luck luncheon is to be served at noon.

A surprise party was given last week for Mrs. Lee Miller at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Reynolds.

Twenty one attended grange meeting last week. Those taking part in the program included Pauline Grater, Iva Bell Beymer, Ruth Adams, Beatha and Warren Stoffell, George Shubert, Jr., Volma Buckitt, Blanche Tretno, Josephine Duval, Mrs. A. Reynolds.

Mrs. Rae Leonard and Jack Williams made a trip to Klamath Falls last week.

The pear midge, a common pest in the pear orchards of the Hudson valley, is now moving into western New York.

Accidents, of one sort or another, injured one person out of every 14 in this country last year.

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## SILVER MINERS HOPE FOR BOOM

### Rise in Price of Metal is Encouraging

Denver, Colo., Apr. 21. — (UP) — A general revival in mining in the western metal states—possibly a boom—was predicted today by mining experts and bimetallists as a result of the United States having dropped the gold standard.

It was believed that metals would share in any advance made by commodities in general with beneficial effect. Chief hope, however, was based on possibilities of silver being re-mined at some fixed ratio with gold.

The fact that silver is mined as a co-product of lead, zinc, and copper, would mean that an increase in its value would make digging for the other metals more profitable by virtue of reduced production cost.

Except in the case of high grade deposits, however, mining of silver would not be profitable at the price of less than 60 to 70 cents an ounce, authorities said. The increase of about 10 cents which followed abandonment of the gold standard was viewed as a first step toward new higher prices.

From Leadville, noted silver camp of early days, Jesse F. McDonald, former governor of Colorado and

mining expert, said that the numerous angles involved in President Roosevelt's economic recovery program made it difficult to comment at the present time.

"I am confident, however," said McDonald, "that the use of silver in payment of foreign debts will help not only mining but all business."

John T. Joyce, state mining commissioner, believes that leaving the gold standard will help mining materially.

"The action throws a new emphasis on silver," said Joyce. "Its price is bound to rise with other commodities and so is the market of other metals."

Frank J. Cannon, former United States senator from Utah, and head of the Bimetallist association, was jubilant over abandonment of "the sacred gold standard."

"It is a great lesson in money," said Cannon who has battled a life time for re-mining of silver as an economic measure rather than from the point of view of mining.

Cannon regarded the president's action as destined to help mining and as presaging an international re-mining of silver.

Cannon thought it highly possible that President Roosevelt, if granted authority by congress, will revalue gold at approximately \$21 an ounce.

Such action, he pointed out, would make gold mining 50 per cent more profitable.

If silver were re-mined at a 16 to 1 ratio with gold at that new high price the white metal would

have a value of \$192, beyond the greatest dreams of silver producers who would have regarded silver at \$1.29 an ounce a tremendous aid to the industry. Under the present valuation of gold free coinage at 16 to 1 would bring silver up to \$1.29 and would mean a boom in mining camps.

## Soloists Entertain At Pine Forest Grange

Pine Forest, April 21. — (Special) — Two Carroll Acres boys, who took part in the soloists contests in connection with the state band competition at Eugene last week played solos at the meeting of Pine Forest grange last night. Dawson Nedrow, who placed third in the saxophone contest, and John Twomey, entered in the clarinet contest, were the soloists. Bonita Reidel, who placed second in the eighth grade oratorical contests in Bend this week, gave the reading which she had used in that contest.

The first speech of Congressman Walter M. Pierce in congress was read at the grange meeting. Pierce discussed the farm loan situation.

Plans for a baseball team and a horseshoe pitching contest with other grange home economic clubs were made at a meeting of the home economics club here Wednesday. Mrs. Jack Murphy was appointed chairman of a committee to organize the teams. There were 23 members

at the meeting. Mrs. Roy Van Vleet, Mrs. Lyle Trotter and Mrs. Ernest Nelson were hostesses.

## Price Fixing Scheme Is Held Still Required

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and what he pays about what it now is.

For these reasons, it was explained, the artificial price raising provisions of the farm bill still are needed to effect the proper balance. The administration apparently intends that farm products shall bring a price greater in relation to articles bought than the values established by inflation.

This might mean that the fair value which the bill aims to fix for agricultural commodities would be increased beyond the amount contemplated previous to inflation. Consequently, processing taxes might be set at a higher level.

In his testimony before the senate agriculture committee, in connection with the farm bill, Wallace said in part:

"I think we will all agree that if an increase in currency or credit

brought about a rise in the general price level the farmer would be beneficially affected because of the lightening of all fixed charges, the debt load, interest, the tax load, railroad rates, utility rates and the buy-

ing of the products of that part of city labor which has not come down. To that extent, the farmer undoubtedly would be beneficially affected by a higher price level.

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