The History of Coffee

and romantic history Just when one can say exactly. But that it was an Arabian discovery seems very likely in view of the fact that coffee grew wild in that part of the world before the ninth century after Christ, and fanciful Arabian nights tales have been handed down about the first brew.

The most popular legend concerns Kaldi, an Arabian goatherd, whose dull life on the hillside made him a gloomy Joe indeed. But he picked and ate some of the berries his goats were fond of nibbling, because he noticed that after eating these berries, the goats became gay creatures. Kaldi himself became a new man. Thereafter coffee berries were indispensable to his diet, and so carefree and lively did he become that he often joined his goats in a merry dance.

A monk, to whom Kaldi confided his experiences, prepared a drink from the beans and served it to the members of his order. They found the beverage sustained their energy and helped them to pray and meditate longer, so they adopted the drink and cultivated the plant.

Gradually the popularity of the beverage spread to Turkey, where, in 1554, the first public coffee house to the Venetians in 1615, the French | taining 132 pounds!

The fragrant cup of coffee which in 1644, the English and Viennese makes us civil every morning and in 1650, and it was brought to North renews us so often during the America in 1668. But promptly the day links many nations in a long power of the beverage to stimulate clear thinking and plain talkit first appeared as a beverage no ing converted the popular coffee houses into discussion clubs. And political debate that exploded into dissension, direct action and resistance made coffee houses the targets of tyrants like Charles II of England, who termed them seminaries of sedition.

But, according to Disraeli, London and Paris coffee houses of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries held the mirror to "the manners, the morals and the politics of a people."

Here in colonial United States, too, the coffee house became the meeting house of the town fathers, and after a time changed from purely social centers to focal points of merchant trade and political discussion. Daniel Webster called Boston's Green Dragon Coffee House "the headquarters of the American Revolution."

The Dutch took the coffee plant to South America back around 1718, with a result that every sixth grader knows. Today's coffee plantations in Pan-America produce three-fourths of the world's coffee. And because we are the world's greatest coffee drinkers, of course we're the biggest customers for the Pan-American yield. All previous invoices were topped in 1945, when the United States imported was established. It was introduced 20,279,690 bags of coffee, each con-

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nomination to the office of Secre- can.

tary of State in the primary election on May 17. Now serving his for re-election Farrell said: "Durfirst term in that important posi- ing my term as secretary of state tion Farrell is a native of Oregon, I have endeavored to conduct the

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In commenting on his candidacy



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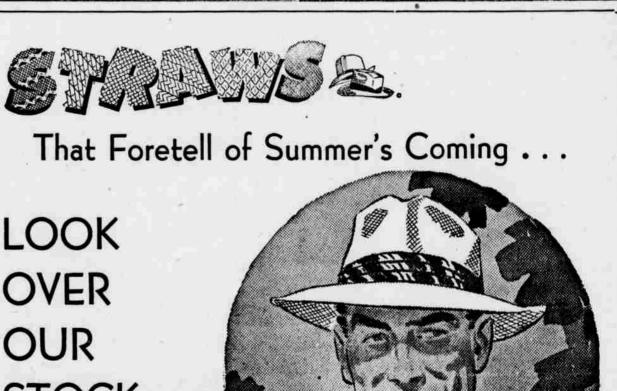
many and varied duties of that conscientious service to the many the Oregon Bar association and office in a prompt, efficient and boards and commissions of which was a member of the legislature courteous manner. If nominated the secretary of state is a member." and was elected speaker of the and elected I shall continue those Married and the father of two house of representatives during the efforts and will give sincere and daughters Farrell is a member of 1941 session.



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