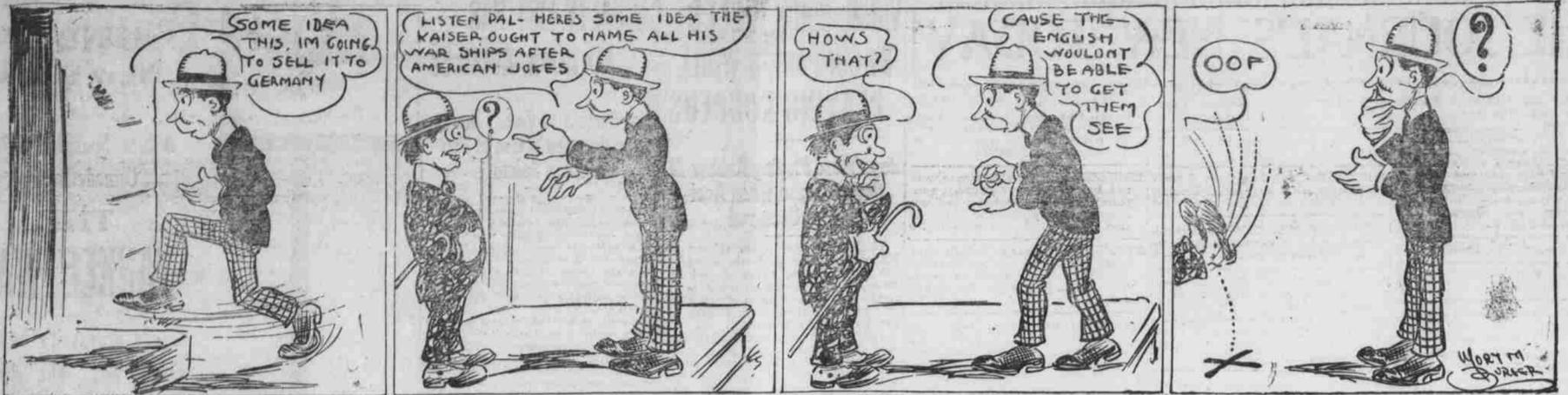


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ABRAHAM ROSENBERG WINNER OF CONTEST

Martin Bernards of Pacific Second, Irl S. McSherry is Third

Abraham Rosenberg, representing the University of Oregon, was awarded first honors in the annual state contest of the Oregon Intercollegiate Oratorical association held at the First Methodist church last night under the auspices of Willamette university. Mr. Rosenberg's subject was "Your Name Honored, Yesterday, Today Leashed; What Will It Be Tomorrow?" The honor carried with it a gold medal which is awarded each year to the winner of the contest.

Martin Bernards, representing Pacific university, was awarded second place, with an oration on the subject "The Soul of Belgium." Third place was given to Irl S. McSherry, of McMinnville college, who spoke on "Democracy versus Antocracy." Fourth position was awarded to J. L. Stuart, of Oregon Agricultural college, whose subject was "The Stake." Eight contestants competed for the honors.

The oratorical contest was preceded by a short musical program. An overture entitled "The Last of Summer," was rendered by Dr. Frank Wilbur Chase, and several selections were given by the Willamette University Women's glee club, Prof. Charles South also gave several violin selections. A pleasing feature of the musical program was a number of vocal selections given by a ladies quartet from the Meamouth normal school.

At a business meeting of the association held yesterday afternoon officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Dwight Wilson, University of Oregon, president; Marion Woolfolk, Pacific university, vice president; Harold Knell, Willamette University, secretary; W. B. Mainwaring, Oregon Agricultural College, treasurer.

Following the contest last night a banquet was served in the basement of the church to over 300 visitors and

Japanese Mission Brings Message to Wilson

A Pacific Post, Mar. 9.—A Japanese military mission, headed by Lieutenant K. Chikushi, reached here today with a personal message from the Mikado to President Wilson.

Members of the mission said they will visit France "to study military conditions and methods of trench warfare" before they return to Japan. They declined to discuss the question of sending Japanese troops into Siberia. "If Japanese troops enter Vladivostok, it will be a necessary military move," said General Chikushi. He added that he was not familiar with the latest moves of the Japanese government with regard to entering Siberia.

Accompanying the military mission is a group of Japanese railway men who propose to study the transportation problem of the United States.

SUIT BROUGHT ON NOTE

Suit was filed today by Shirley Back versus L. A. Thompson and The Merchants National bank, et al., to recover on a note for \$4750, alleged by the plaintiff to have been given by the defendant. It is charged that the note was one of five aggregating \$8,750, and that no part of it has been paid.

According to the complaint, the interest is also due, only \$150 having been paid, and delinquent taxes against property to \$74.73. A judgment for these amounts is asked together with \$400 as attorney fees.

FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTS SOCIALISTS

Chicago, Mar. 9.—Victor L. Berger, Adolph Bremer, secretary of the socialist party, and three other prominent socialists were indicted by the federal grand jury February 2, United States District Attorney C. F. Cline announced today. They are charged with violation of the espionage act, Cline stated, in alleged speeches and printed articles tending to disloyalty and obstruction of recruiting.

Friends, Toasts and speeches were made by the various delegations and another day had started before the banquet board was entirely deserted.

All Salem Bakeries Complying With Rules for Using Substitutes

Salem's bakeries are all complying with the rules of the food administration, it was announced today following an investigation by R. C. Jewell, from the Portland office of the food administration, and after samples of bread taken from the bakeries had been analyzed by Portland chemists. All of the local plants are using at least 20 per cent of substitute for flour. The investigation is the result of charges made through the commercial club, that some of the local shops were "padding" a trifle on the amount of substitute. The investigation showed that the difference in the appearance of the bread is not due to the difference in the amount of substitute, but to the difference in the methods of manufacture.

The investigation was started three days ago, and the report of the analysis was received from Portland this morning. The investigation of the methods used at the different bakeries was conducted yesterday afternoon.

Mount Angel Grants Railroad Franchise to Proposed Bend Line

Mt. Angel, Or., Mar. 9.—The city council at a recent meeting granted a franchise for the building of a railroad through the city. Apparently there has been much money spent on the surveys of this project which has for its object, connection with the Willamette Valley Southern railway at Mt. Angel extending from this point through Sublimity, Stayton, Niagara and Bend. The options covering the right of way call for completion July 1st, 1919, and January 1st, 1920.

Here Monday to Buy Potato Culls

J. C. Griffith of the Pacific Potato Starch company, will be in Salem next Monday for the purpose of arranging for the purchase by the company of the 1917 cull crop. The local growers have been trying for some time to sell

Serious Conflict Over Water Rights In Southern Oregon

State Engineer Lewis returned today from Jackson county, and reports finding a serious conflict in water rights, and unnecessary expense in the proposed plan of the Medford Talent Irrigation districts, which propose to irrigate some 30,000 acres in the Rogue River Valley. Mr. Lewis outlined a plan for a joint construction of the canals which would serve both tracts and beside avoiding a conflict of rights, would save the two districts from \$4 to \$7 per acre.

In addition, the practicability of saving in securing water for the districts from Johnson Prairie was suggested and it is asked that thorough investigation of the proposition be made. Construction work in the Talent district was approved only for the McDonald Creek unit, which will not be affected by a consolidation of plans. The work for this section will start in a few days, it is believed.

Mr. Lewis also inspected the Grants Pass and Gold Hill districts. Their plans are nearing completion, and if their bonds can be disposed of, it is probable they will start work at once.

Government Regulation of All Grain Prices Declared Necessary

Chicago, Mar. 9.—Government regulation of all grain prices and fixing of a high maximum wheat price is needed to force farmers to dispose of their grain holdings and increase their acreage, according to food administration officials here today.

With a maximum wheat price, the officials say, the government would control the market through its large buying powers. Through the proposed regulations, the food administration could force farmers to market their grain and the price of wheat substitutes could be lowered.

Farmers show no inclination to dispose of their grain at present prices. An Illinois farmer, appealed to by the administration, refused to sell 30,000 bushels of wheat at the \$2.20 government price.

The report of the bureau of crop estimates showing that 111,273,000 bushels of wheat is held by farmers in the face of a 49,823,000 bushel shortage in the visible supply, emphasizes the need of radical measures, say officials here.

READING CIRCLE GIVES PROGRAM

The Chau tauqua Reading circle now studying Goethe's "Faust" gave the following program:

1. Current Events. Response by each member.
2. Talk, "The Faust Legend," Miss E. E. Fisher.
3. Brief sketch of Goethe. Mrs. Lotie Dorens.
4. Sketch of Goethe's "Mephistopheles," Mrs. L. C. Timmerman. Carrie Chapel.
5. Sketch of Goethe's Faust, Mrs. Carrie Chapel.
6. Sketch of Marquette, Mrs. E. B. Goodin.
7. Talk, Comparison of the Witch scenes of Shakespeare's Macbeth with those of Walpurgis Night in Faust. Mrs. F. Fritkey.
8. Talk, Sin as treated in Faust. Mrs. Frank K. Wells.
9. Talk, The message of Faust, Mrs. E. C. Minton.
10. Symposium, My interpretations of Faust.

Arthur Walters, Trusty, Escapes From Prison

Arthur Walters, who made his escape from the state prison last night, is still at large, and despite the efforts of the warden's no trace has been found of his movements. Walters, who was a trusty employed as a runner in the office of the turnkey, left after supper last night. He apparently walked out between 7 and 9:30 as the trusties are not required to assemble for the count before 9.

Walters was sent to the institution from Multnomah county in 1917 to serve a sentence of from one to seven years for larceny from a dwelling. He is not considered a dangerous man. He is 20 years old, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs about 150 pounds, and has a light complexion, with brown hair. His prison number is 7731.

their 1917 crop to the starch company and the matter will be settled by Mr. Griffith's visit.

The reports from the men who are signing up acreage for the proposed plant of the starch company report that about 200 additional acres have been added to that which has already been secured, and that there is little possibility that the necessary 1000 acres will not be secured.

Fred Lockley Tells of Salem Men in France

In a recent letter to the Portland Journal, Fred Lockley, now in Y. M. C. A. work in France writes:

Reaching my base headquarters ready for a shave and a bath, I was asked if I could be ready to take a train in 30 minutes to a camp two hours distant by rail. I did not have time to get my bag nor my blanket roll, so I caught the train, reached my destination at 7:40 ate a quick meal and talked from 8 till 8:30 and fortunately found a cot and some army blankets available. After my talk a lad in uniform came up and said to me "My name is Richards. I used to hear you talk at the Ad club when they used to eat at Richards' cafe. My uncle ran the place. I was his cashier. I am not a Portlander, but close

to it, as I was born in Vancouver." A few minutes later, at another Y. M. C. A. hut, I fell into talk with a young man whose name was C. R. Randall. "I come from Salem, Oregon," he said. "I was a student at Willamette university and belonged to the more or less famous bachelor club called the Seldom In club. I was president of the college Y. M. C. A. I am not allowed to tell you where any of the companies are located, but if you want to find Lieutenant Paul Wallace I think you will be apt to run across him at— He is one of the best loved men in the regiment. He came up from the ranks on merit and the boys all swear by him." Another Willamette university boy from Salem I ran across was Ray Attebury. Still another Oregon man I met recently was T. E. Riles, who lived prior to enlisting in the Y. M. C. A. building at Portland. He hails from Agness, in Curry county, and he gave me

many interesting details about Uncle Bill Rumley, the one time slave, who is one of Curry county's pioneer settlers.

STRIKERS AT WORK

Philadelphia, Mar. 9.—Striking Hog Island woodworkers and machinists who walked out at the big shipbuilding plant yesterday in protest against a reduction in overtime pay, returned to work today. They won their demands and will get double pay for overtime.

HONORS TO REDMOND

Wexford, Ireland, Mar. 9.—Thirty thousand met the train carrying the body of John Redmond, noted Irish leader, and followed the cortege to the church here today. American naval officers and many notables were present.

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