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MR. BEVERIDGE SPEAKS SUNDAY

C. H. Colter Will Preside at Union Meeting at the Methodist Church.

PUBLIC IS INVITED

"The Bible is Good Literature" Will be the Interesting Subject.

Plans for the union meeting of those interested in the study of the bible to be held Sunday afternoon when the Hon. Albert J. Beveridge of Indianapolis, former United senator, famous orator and writer, a traveler, student and statesman, will give his famous lecture on the "The Bible is good literature," have been completed.

The meeting will be held at the Methodist church at two o'clock Sunday afternoon and Charles H. Colter, superintendent of the Sunday school will preside and will introduce the distinguished visitor.

The local men in charge of the meeting have not been notified as to the exact time of Mr. Beveridge's arrival here and consequently no plans have been made for meeting him. This word is expected by tomorrow however and it possible a committee will meet him at some nearby city and escort him to Decatur. He will speak at Fort Wayne in the morning it is said and at Portland in the evening. Those who have heard the lecture declare it a masterpiece and the public is invited to the meeting Sunday afternoon.

WINNER OF DEBATE

Miss Bernice Masters, a senior of the Pleasant Mills high school was proclaimed the champion of Adams county, when she competed last evening in a debate held at the Pleasant Mills school, with Clyde Myers of the Decatur high school. The judges who presided at the debate were Mrs. Faye Smith-Knapp, of this city, Professor Don Collum of Geneva and Professor C. O. Lehman of Berne. A very large crowd attended the debate, a number of people attending from here. Miss Masters will represent Adams county in the district debate to be held soon at Winchester.

FLOOD IN SOUTH INDIANA

Washington, Ind., Mar. 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Residents of the river bottom lands along the east and west forks of White river were fleeing from their homes today in anticipation of a flood that threatened to equal that of 1914.

The last fork rose six feet in 24 hours, a rise of four inches an hour being recorded this morning. The west fork was rising two inches an hour here and three inches an hour at Worthington.

Both east and west forks are flooding thousands of acres of land. Highways to the north, west and south are blocked by water.

TO BRING BODY HOME

Charles Tyger Will Leave Tampico Monday With Remains of His Son.

Washington, D. C., March 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Advises received here today are to the effect that permission has been granted by the government of Mexico for the removal of the body of Howard Tyger, son of Charles W. Tyger, of Fort Wayne, Ind., to that city for burial.

Howard Tyger, 909 Columbia avenue was killed while working in the oil fields at Tampico, Mex., nearly a month ago. Efforts were immediately made by the parents here to have the body brought back to the United States for burial, but this request was refused because, it was said, it was against the laws of the country.

Mr. Tyger, however, got into communication with the state officials at Washington and succeeded in securing a passport into Mexico. His purpose was to fully investigate the cause of his son's death and also to make efforts for the bringing of the body to Fort Wayne for burial. It is understood that Mr. Tyger will leave Tampico Monday.

The Weather

Cloudy tonight, colder in south portion; freezing temperature tonight; Saturday fair with slowly rising temperature.

DIVORCES ARE CHEAP.

(United Press Service). London, March 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Divorce is cheaper in London today than ever it was before.

Wives, suing as poor persons, are shortly to receive special concessions. Under the old rules a wife could not proceed with her case unless she first deposited twenty dollars in court.

With the new rules in force any poor woman can get her freedom and she will not be obliged to produce the twenty dollars court money, provided she swear in an affidavit to the effect that she has not that amount of money in her possession.

For years the poorer classes of workmen and women lived on together unhappily owing to the restrictions upon their appearing in court.

STUCK IN THE MUD

Oswald Ryan Unable to Appear Last Evening on Account of Misfortune.

MR. RALPH DALY Of Anderson Substituted—Program Appreciated by Small Audience.

Owing to the inclement weather of last evening, the audience that attended the public meeting held at the Athletic hall under the auspices of the American Legion, was not as large as had been anticipated, but those who were fortunate enough to be present thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the excellent program that had been arranged by the boys, and left the hall inspired with the zeal shown by the members of this great organization, and filled with enthusiasm to assist in every way possible with the furtherance of the intentions and ideals of the American Legion. The program was opened with the singing of "America," by the audience, followed by the invocation by Rev. W. R. MacSlavin. The Paramount orchestra and D. H. S. Girls Glee club delightfully gave a number of pleasing selections. Mr. J. H. Carmody, acting as chairman of the evening, made the opening remarks and gave some very excellent and interesting facts in regard to the Legion and its value to the community. Hon. J. W. Tyndall was then introduced and spoke for twenty minutes on "The American Legion as Viewed by an Outsider." Mr. Tyndall's remarks were exceptionally timely and well chosen and were enthusiastically received by the audience. Following Mr. Tyndall, Attorney D. B. Erwin gave a half-hour address on the subject, "A Real Community." Mr. Erwin lauded the old-time method of community meetings in which every resident and citizen stood a stand and had a voice in conducting public affairs, and deplored the present apparent indifference and inactivity that today prevails among the supporters of this government. It was with much disappointment that the audience learned that the speaker of the evening, Mr. Oswald Ryan, would be unable to be present. Mr. Ryan was called to Indianapolis yesterday morning and on his return trip by automobile was delayed to such an extent by the bad condition of the roads that it was impossible for him to make the necessary train connections. The local people were rewarded, however, by the substitution for Mr. Ryan by his law partner, Mr. Ralph Daly, a Legionaire, of Anderson. Mr. Daly spoke in a very convincing manner on the subject, "The Purpose of American Legion in American Life." Numerous instances were described, showing the ideals of the Legion and its desire to Americanize and educate to the highest degree, every foreign-born resident of this country and of the efforts that have already been put forth in this regard. The American Legion, according to Mr. Daly, is devoted to mutual helpfulness and along with that interest comes the bonus question. He stated that it was not the intention of the Legion to sand-bag the government, but to put something into the government. He also said the Legion was not made up of ex-service men, but of service men, whose ideals were to safeguard the traditions and the best in the land. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and a benediction by Father Seimeiz.

Dallas Hower of the Schmitt meat market has been unable to be at work this past week on account of a severe case of lagrippe.

YOUR LIBRARY

Cordial Welcome is Extended to the Public to Make Use of It.

MANY NEW BOOKS

Have Been Received—The Doors Are Open from 12:30 to 9:00 P. M.

The Public Library is the People's library; it is maintained by the people and for the people; it is the most democratic of our democratic institutions; therefore, to be of service to all the people of the community, to meet their needs, and to contribute to their pleasures, is its simple duty.

A welcome awaits you at the Decatur Public Library. The doors are open from 12:30 to 9 p. m.

Miss Anetta Moses, the librarian reports the receipt of the following new books:

"The Mirrors of Washington,"—(Brien.

"White Shadows in South Seas"—Paris.

"Historic Shrines of America," "What to see in America."

Emerson—"How to Know Him"—Edgar Guest.

"When Day is Done" (poems)—Sharp.

"Barroughs, the Sear of Slabides"—Bonce.

"Nerve control, and how to gain it."—Headland.

"Chinese Characteristics," "Court Life in China," "Village Life in China."

"The Chinese Boy and Girl," "Chinese Mother Goose Rhymes"—Chett.

"Day by Day with the Master" Cooper—"The Pioneers," "The Pathfinder," "The Prairie," "The last of the Mohicans," "The Deerslayer."

Knipe—"Dranthas Quest".

Farnol—"Martin Conisby's Vengeance."

Francis—"The Triumph of Virginia Dale."

"Military Essays and Recollections"—Campbell.

WILL GO ABROAD

Rev. Father Valentine Sails April 25th for Berlin to Take Charge

OF PASSIONISTS' HOME

Will be Pastor of English-speaking Church—Visit Here Several Days.

Rev. Father Valentine Leonard left this morning for Youngstown, Ohio, after spending a few days with his host of friends and admirers in this city. At Youngstown he will spend a day with his brother and will then go to Pittsburgh, where on Sunday he will deliver three sermons in the Catholic churches there.

On April 2th Father Valentine will sail for Europe and has been invited and delegated to take charge of a Passionist's home for the priests of that order and also be the pastor of the Catholic church in connection with the home. He will be gone at least five years. The Passionist's home will be for American priests visiting Europe and it has been practically decided that the home and church will be established in Berlin, the capital of Germany. American ways and ideals will be carried out in the home and all sermons in the church will be given in the English language.

Father Valentine is an educator of note, has had much experience and his many friends here extend to him every wish for success and a pleasant voyage.

REFUSE TO PLEAD

(United Press Service). Washington, March 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—C. W. Morse, wealthy ship builder, his three sons and eight associates, recently indicted on charges of a conspiracy to defraud the shipping board, refused to plead either guilty or not guilty when arraigned in the supreme court of the district here today.

Their attorney then filed demurrers and options to quash the indictments, asserting that the charges of alleged fraud were vague and indefinite. Arguments on these motions will be heard April 7. Because the alleged vagueness of the charges, the defendants said they could make no pleadings.

AMERICAN HISTORY DAY BY DAY

By T. P. Green.

March 31

The Boston Port Bill was passed by Parliament on March 31, 1774.

The Confederate camp at Union City, Tenn., was captured on March 31, 1862.

General Longstreet's command retired from Tennessee to Virginia on March 31, 1864.

The Chinese Embassy arrived in the United States on March 31, 1868.

\$5,000 yearly pensions were granted the widows of ex-Presidents Garfield, Polk and Tyler on March 31, 1882.

LEGAL QUESTION

Arises Over Death of Siamese Twins—Is Franz Son of Both or One?

A CASE IN COURT

Will Settle It—An Estate of \$100,000 is at Stake—Case is of Interest.

(United Press Service). Chicago, arch 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Doctors here today clash over this question:

"Is Franz Blazek the son of Rosa Blazek or of both Siamese twins who are dead here?"

On the question, which will be threshed out in Cook county probate court, will depend the disposition of an estate of \$100,000 left by the famous pair.

Rosa and Josefa Blazek, known the world over, died here yesterday.

Dr. Ben Breakstone stated today that Rosa was the mother of Franz, the 12-year-old boy. He said the twins must be considered as different entities.

Dr. C. W. K. Briggs holds that Franz is the off-spring of both sisters as they cannot be considered two complete persons.

In case it is decided Rosa is the mother, Franz will bequeath \$50,000 and Josefa's fortune will be sent to her family in Czechoslovakia. In event it is decided Franz is the son of both, the entire \$100,000 will go to him.

Attempts to obtain a court order to conduct a post-mortem to establish the parentage of Franz will be made. This follows refusal of Frank, a brother of the twins, to allow the sisters to be separated in interest of science.

A SALES COMPANY

U. S. Grain Growers Announce They Will Market Grain in Ninety Days.

PLAN OF SEVENTEEN

Will be Used After a Hard Battle—Will Open Market in Several Cities.

(United Press Service). Chicago, Ill., Mar. 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—U. S. Grain Growers' Sales Company, an auxiliary organization to the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., will be in a position to market grain in the several large markets within ninety days.

Announcement to this effect was made today by C. H. Gustafson, president of the organization.

The company will operate along the plan of the "committee of seventeen." Relative to the recent convention of the organization a statement issued today said:

"There is no disposition on the part of the present U. S. Grain Growers' administration to flout their victory in the faces of those who held contrary views."

Six of the newly elected directors of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., from Illinois and North Dakota, have notified the executive officers by a signed resolution that "they will decline to attend the meetings of said board until such a time as the injustice is remedied," referring to action taken at the recent annual convention.

RIISING RAPIDLY

Waters of St. Mary's River Raise Four Feet in Twenty-four Hours.

FIELDS ARE COVERED

And Banks Submerged—Is About Ten Feet from the Level of 1913 Flood.

A decided increase was noted this morning in the volume of water being carried by the St. Marys river, it having climbed the scale over four feet during the past twenty-four hours and has now entirely submerged the banks and has covered the lowlands with from three to six feet of water. With the ground soaked by the rains of the first part of the week, the downpour of Wednesday night and Thursday was carried directly into the channel of the river by the swollen feeders and tributaries, and with the rain still continuing, it is expected that a much higher stage will be reached within the next forty eight hours. No alarm is felt in this vicinity however, as the waters are still about ten feet from the high water mark reached in the disastrous floods of 1913. Roads have been badly damaged by the rains and at some places are even now impassable. Ditches and small creeks have in a great many cases overflowed their banks and a further rise will do much more damage to roads, culverts and fences. Reports from Fort Wayne state that the Maumee river has reached a stage of 17 feet and that the Baltes avenue flats and Edsall avenue district are entirely submerged and in many cases residents in these districts have already been compelled to move to the second story. The police river patrol has been ordered out and prepared for all emergencies in carrying on what rescue work may be demanded.

Mr. and Mrs. David Werling and children of Ossian spent the day shopping in Decatur.

RAISES A HOWL

Because Senator New Used Government Wireless to Make Speech to Indiana

KING IS PROTESTING

Denby Explains That Any Senator or Representative Can Use Privilege.

(United Press Staff Correspondent). Washington, Mar. 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Because he permitted Senator New, Indiana, republican, to use the powerful Arlington wireless station to broadcast a political speech to Indiana Secretary of the Navy Denby is being forced to make numerous explanations today.

Senator King, democrat, Utah, already has protested to Denby against allowing the government wireless "to become a part of any man's political propaganda."

King may criticize Denby on the floor of the senate.

Denby explained the navy department has no intention of permitting the Arlington station to be used for political purposes and will extend the same privileges to any senator, democrat or republican.

In the New instance however he was reminded that the mischief already has been done and Former Senator Beveridge, New's opponent is personally campaigning in Indiana and has not the same opportunity as that accorded to New.

EARL ADAMS A CANDIDATE

(United Press Service). Indianapolis, Mar. 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Earl B. Adams of Decatur, today filed with the secretary of state his declaration of candidacy for the republican nomination for joint representative of Wells and Adams county.

Thursman Gottschalk of Berne, present representative is the only democratic candidate to file so far.

JUDGE ATKINS DEAD.

Huntington, Ind., March 31.—C. W. Atkins, well known northern Indiana jurist died at his home here today. He was 73 and was reported to have been one of the youngest soldiers in the civil war.

He was formerly judge of the Huntington circuit court.

DEMAND A RANSOM.

A story is going the rounds, said to have been originated by on less an authority than by the intended victim himself, to the effect that a Bluffton married man recently was a caller at a certain residence in Bluffton and when he got ready to depart found himself locked in a room, and his captors, two married women, a mother and her daughter, demanded \$150 ransom money before they would release him. He is said to have expressed a willingness to pay the price for his liberty, but plead that he did not have any such sum with him, and would have to go to a friend and get the money. Once liberated he failed to procure the money, and the two women were left holding the sack.—Bluffton News.

ANNOUNCES DATE

Miss Betty Butler, in a Beautiful Afternoon Party and Dinner

REVEALS A SECRET

Will be Married April 9th to Dr. J. R. Peterson of Knightstown.

Mrs. S. U. Butler entertained a number of her daughter's most intimate friends yesterday at a beautifully appointed afternoon party and dinner, during which she announced the marriage of her daughter, Miss Betty, to Dr. J. R. Peterson of Knightstown, the wedding to take place Sunday, April ninth.

During the afternoon the guests had the pleasure of listening to a group of songs sung by Miss Jirene Gregory. Sewing and victrola music made the afternoon a most enjoyable one and at six-thirty the guests were invited to the dining room where the long table seated the fourteen guests. A lovely basket of pink poppies formed the centerpiece to which were attached fourteen pink ribbons leading to the dainty place cards, which were tiny faces peeping out of flowers. After the dinner course the guests were asked to pull the ribbons on the end of which each found a pink egg tied. Miss Fanny Heller discovered that the egg which was attached to her ribbon could be opened and inside was a dainty piece of paper on which was written, Betty and Pete, April 9th. Happy wishes were showered upon the bride-elect after which the last course of angel food cake and ice cream was served.

Guests at the announcement were Misses Mabel Hower, Bee Leonard, Naomi Meyers, Angelina Sirks, Cella Andrews, Ruth Parrish, Jirene Gregory, Gladys Butler, Ruth Frisinger, Fanny Heller, Velma Peterson of near Monroe, and Mrs. Dwight Peterson of Indianapolis.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. U. Butler of West Monroe street, a graduate of the Decatur school and a student nurse, and for the past two years has been residing in this city where she held the position as dental assistant to Dr. Burt Mangold. Dr. Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Peterson of near Monroe, graduated last spring from the Indiana Dental College and has established a practice in Knightstown, Indiana. He has made many friends during his visits to this city and was well liked in Indianapolis where he was a member of one of the most prominent dental fraternities. Both are popular among their scores of friends here and elsewhere.

PROMINENT FT. WAYNE CLUB WOMAN TO LECTURE HERE

Miss Marjorie Hanna of Fort Wayne will give one of her interesting talks on birds Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the gymnasium for the pleasure of the Woman's club, the program being under the auspices of the Civic Department. Arrangements have also been made for Miss Hanna to talk to the school children Monday afternoon at the gymnasium. These talks are made doubly interesting by the accompanying lantern slides.

SOCIAL AT PLEASANT MILLS

The Pleasant Mills Methodist Episcopal Church will serve a free banquet in the basement of the church Saturday evening, April 1st. Everyone who is interested in the church are invited to attend.

This is not to be an April Fool banquet. Come and enjoy the evening.

COAL PRODUCTION TO STOP TONIGHT

Five Hundred Thousand United Mine Workers Will Drop Picks

AND WON'T RETURN

Until New Wage Scale is Arranged—About 8,000 Mines Will be Closed.

(By Fred G. Johnston)

(United Press Staff Correspondent). Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Coal production stops at midnight in three-fourths of the nation's mines.

Five hundred thousand united mine workers of America will drop their picks as the whistles blow tonight and will not return until a new wage contract supplants the one now expiring.

Nothing can stop the strike. The few hours remaining before it becomes effective are too short a time for union officers to cancel their orders.

President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers said the strike will close 6,000 of the 7,500 mines in the United States and Canada. He said it will be one hundred per cent effective and there will be no violence.

"As far as interfering with the strike, the length of time is now too short to reach a satisfactory understanding even if the operators are willing to meet with I understand they are not," Lewis said regarding eleventh hour efforts of the government to bring the operators into conference.

Thousands of miners are already idle from mines closing down in preparation for the strike. Other thousands declared this a holiday to celebrate the start of their "vacation" which every one expects to be long. Bitterness operators expected to abandon their refusal to enter the interstate wage meeting provided by the existing wage scale. The government is not expected to actively interfere until the sixty-five million tons of coal reserve stored in the nation's bins is exhausted.

Without drawing on the thirty percent production of non-union mines, the surplus would tide the country over a period of six weeks under a normal rate of consumption.

In the face of these figures and with a war chest of only \$2,000,000 Lewis was optimistic. Everything he said inferred confidence in the outcome. As he talked to newspaper men, pacing the floor, the miners chief leaped on top of his desk to show he was not worried.

He and secretary-treasurer William E. Green were waiting at union headquarters here until midnight when the contract expires. Their plans were all laid, their orders sent out in detail.

Wilkes Barre, Pa., Mar. 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Work in the anthracite mines began to slacken today, the final working day under the wage contract which expires at midnight.

Actual mining will continue until about noon. The afternoon will be devoted to bringing the mules to the surface and placing the mines in order for indefinite suspension.

Columbus, Ohio, Mar. 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Ohio coal fields were quiet today on the eve of the nation-wide coal strike.

Early reports were that everything was in readiness for the tie-up and the strike would be 100 percent effective in Ohio.

MORE FILED TODAY.

Fourteen democrats and one republican filed their declarations today with Clerk Kelly as candidates in the coming primaries. The Democrats to file were: Charles Werling, Thomas J. Dowling and Ed. Green for committee men; Samuel F. Krill for assessor of Root township; E. Burt Lenhart for prosecuting attorney; Edwin Altoider, Fred Mathys and E. S. Armstrong for members of the advisory board of Wabash township; William Adame, Martin Reef and Otto H. Baker for members of the advisory board of Jefferson township; Samuel BoBoler, constable of Wabash township; O. Ferris and Finley Kelley for justice of peace of Wabash township. The republican to file was William wards for assessor of Blue Creek ship.