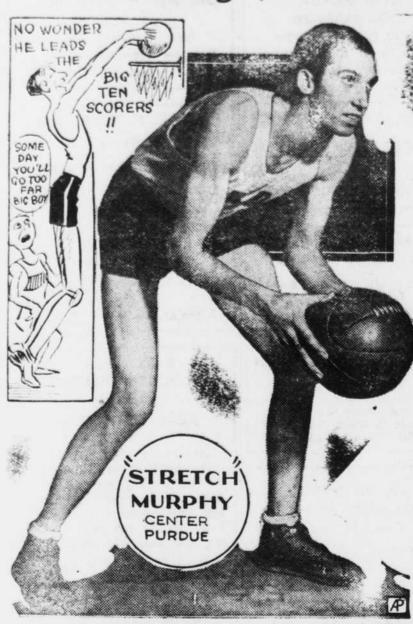
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# Court Clown Turns Hero; Smashes Big Ten Record



Because he was taller than hi s playmates, "Stretch" Murphy clowned his way about the floor n ihis early high school days. Later on he took his work seriou sly and has become one of the best shots in basketball.

MARION, Ind. Mar. 21 (AP)-They laughed at "Strech" Murphy the first time he stepped upon a basketball court. But this year he scored 143 points in Big Ten competition, nine more than ever made before by a single player ..

Murphy doesn't owe his success

Purdue university got him. As a freshman he was six feet, six inches tall, but weighed only 158 pounds. He played on the fresh- alist troops, from the province of liam Howard Taft, chief justice, man five in 1927. Good coaching Anhwei reached the town of advises that all who are itnerested and natural growth have increased his weight to 180 pounds.

NANKIN, Mar. 21, (P)-War beto a home study course, but to the tween the Nationalist government very thing which brought laughter and the faction controlling the in Marion a few years ago—his height.

Wuhan cities of Hankow, Muchang and Banyang is believed here to be inevitable.

> PEKING, Mar. 21, (A)-Nation-Hankow today.

## \$100 RAISED FOR H. S. BOY

Howard McMullen, local high school student, for whom a hun-dred dollars was raised at the Elks' benefit dance last night, is sufficiently recovered from his appendicitis operation to be in school, but was not sufficiently recovered to attend the dance.

McMullen is working his way through Las Vegas high school, and having to submit to an operation is enough of a trial for anyone, to say nothing of a student

who is "on his own." And so the Elks donated the hall, and the seven-piece Olympians or-chestra also are said to have donated their time for the cause. The dance was well attended.

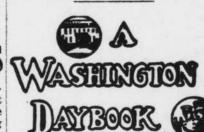
# CARLTON FACES ASSAULT COUNT

An assault and battery charge was filed this afternoon against F. W. Carltton by Prosecuting Attorney Harley Harmon.

Carlton was arrested by Offcer Nash yesterday afternoon and is lodged in the city bastile for knocking down L. J. Ament, kicking him, breaking one of his ribs and blackening his eye.

## 12 SEARCHLIGHT LOTS ARE SOLD

Twelve lots in Searchlight were sold by County Treasurer J. M. Ullom Tuesday as trustee property Roy P. Swanson, realtor, and Mrs. D. H. Johnston, both of Las Vegas, were purchasers of some of the the remainder being bought lots. by Searchlight parties, according



By HERBERT C. PLUMMER

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.-Wil-Litiehsien, 70 miles northeast of in when he will retire will simply have to wait until July, 1931. At the present time he is untroubled and happier in his daily work than he hase ever been bfeore, in or out of office.

Congress passed a bill in February which which would permit him to retire from active service on pay without waiting until he completed 10 years' continuous But the chief justice and ex-president has no intentions of taking advantage of that unless he is

"It will be July, 1931, before I will have served 10 years. I expect to remain on duty at least until

that time," he says.

Anyone who knows Mr. Taft will tell you unhesitatingly that he would rather be where he is today than in the whiteh ouse. He would be unhappy unless he could remain in harness. He would not know what to do with himself were he not able to carry on the work of that unparalleled career which began 48 years ago when he became an obscure county official in

Mr. Taft guards his health with

the greatest care. Long ago he gave up golf. No longer does he write court decisions in long hand. There is an electric elevator in his home to obviate the necessity of climbing stairs. And not going out at night ha sbecome one of his inviolable rules.

His favorite form of exercise is walking, and almost every day the court is in session he may be recognized in the neighborhood of his home on Wyoming avenue strolling along much the same as any other

pedestrian. He is possessed of a sense of humor unrivaled in Washington. infectious Taft chuckle has been commented on by everyone who has ever been in his presence.

Transformation There is a story going the rounds in Washington of how the other day while the chief justice was walking to his office he was passed by a mother and her little daughter. The mother whispered to

'That's Chief Justice Taft. Once he was president." Not long afterward the two chanced to meet the chief justice again. The little girl dropped her

glove by accident and and Mr Taft gallantly picked it up and handed it to her. "Do you remember who that is?" the mother asked the child. "Yes," she replied after looking him over; "you used to be Mr.

The following story is a part of The Associated Press files here: painter working on one of government hotels near the capitol yesterday dropped his brush. It landed no the terrace, and he asked a large pedestrian who passed opportunely to hand

it to him. The passer scrambled up the terrace and lifted the brush the workman. "Thanks," said the painter.
"Don't mention it," heplied Chief

### HIGH SCHOOL IN NEW LOCATION

Two Las Vegas high school girls will debate a team from Needles high school in the local high school auditorium at 2:30 tomorrow. They are Alice Doherty and Mona Kay, and they have been working long ing to this city was the construc- and hard to fit themselves to compete in the state forensic contest to be held in Reno April 9 to 15, according to Wilma Squires, debate

> Abe Miller and Calvin Cory, who also hope to take part in the state meet, will debate Needles at Needles Saturday afternoon, on the same subject, which is:

"Resolved that the American capital invested in foreign countries should be protected only by the country in which the investment

MAY CHANGE FLAG SIGNALS American championship auto race drivers have voiced unanimous approval of proposed changes in race flag signals for communicating information to drivers as they whirl around the tracks. The new code calls for a green flag to start or go; blue flag to pull over, another competitor is trying to pass; red flag, held stationary, caution watch out for conditions ahead or get your car under control, bad conditions ahead; red flag, waved, slow down still further; black flag to stop next lap for consultation; white flag, you are entering your last lap; checkered flag, you are

VIENNA Mar. 21 (A)-"Shooting snipes," particularly cigaret stubs, will hereafter subject beggars who look to the gutters to their smokes to heavy fines and imprisonment Vienna medical authorities persuaded the government to put the regulation into effect on sanitary grounds

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# About New York

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK NEW YORK, Mar. 21,-Back in the 1860's a pair of theatrical impresarios named Jarrett and Palmer brought to New York a "marvelous" European ballet corps, one of the first to whirl scanty skirts on the American stage.

From the glamorous and naughtier stages of the old world they came, from London, Paris, Berlin and Milan, where the ballet was having its palmiest days, or nights. The sight of these sumptuous belles, therefore, was a rare treat indeed when they first appeared in "The Black Crook," that scandalous extravaganza written especially for them.

Since that premiere performance the toe-trippers have had their ups and downs in America while By having us clean them, we their art went through the various phases that brought it to the present state of speed and undress. Today, thanks to "The Black Today, thanks to Crook's" revival in Hoboken and the devotion of S. L. (Roxy) Rothafel to the ballet, students of that form of dancing may review its progress down the past century.

> Movie Spectacle Roxy might be called the present patron of the ballet in the United States. The gyrations of the Hoboken troupe were created and directed by Miss Agnes De Mille, who used to dance in his theater. The original aggregation of buxom beauties in "The Black Crook" was foreign trained, their master being one Signor David Costa. But, while the members of the present corps wear the billowing spirts of white tulle long associated with the balet, and follow the traditional dance forms, their mentor is American, being none other than the daughter of William De Mille,

> the movie director. Miss De Mille, who is in her early twenties, came from California three years ago with her mother. And where else but in a movie theater should she have gone for

> experience? Despite the American influence, however, Europpe still supplies the United States with ballet masters. Roxy just recently imported Leonide Massine, "internationally known choreographer," to take charge of his corps of steppers, Massine is a Russian and first visisted this country in 1916 as principal danc-

er with the Diaghileff ballet. Roxy's avowed purpose is to Americanize the ballet, and to that end he is having Massine study the native dance forms. The girls themselves need no further modernization, nor do their costumes. Both A well iced larder means are exceedingly slender and abbreviated in comparison with those of the old days. (Incidentally, the Amazons' costumes in "The Black Crook" have been padded, to create, if possible, an illusion.)

Into Oblivion And speaking, as we were, of costumes, the stage apparel of Nora auction, attended by only a few of Our iceman passes your Bayes has been dispersed at public her Broadway friends. The garments, mostly outmoded, and her brought approximately \$21,000, which will be used in the education of her three adopted children in a private school on

ASTRAKHAN, Russia. Mar 21, VIENNA, Mar. 21, (A) - Thirts (A)-Forty-three noblemen have thousand horses were consumed by been exiled by a decree of the Vienna last year says the National Central Executive Committee of Butchers Association. Many Austhe Kirgiz Autonomous Republic. trians assert horse flesh is more nourishing than beef and some peasants. Their property has passides it costs less than beef.

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### C. A. Birch, general contractor, is now established in an office at 323 South Main, where he has taken a one year lease on the Lorenzi property, with a one year

Birch plans to erect a new of-

fice building on this property eventually, he stated today. Birch's last big job before comtion of a unit of 125 homes in Oakland in five months.

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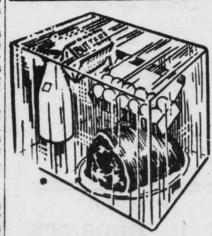
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