

BANQUET TO END MONUMENT TASK

Italians to Celebrate Completion of \$22,000 Fund on Wednesday.

STATUE TO BE ORDERED

12-Foot Likeness of Columbus Will Be Erected in Syracuse

More than 800 persons are expected to attend the Columbus day dinner at 7 o'clock Wednesday night in the ballroom of Hotel Syracuse which is to be given under auspices of 23 Italian societies in Syracuse and Solvay in celebration of the consummation of a task started seven years ago.

That task was to bring to Syracuse a monument in commemoration of the man who on August 3, 1492, started out on his momentous journey in search of the gold and spices of the east only to be hailed as the discoverer of America more than two months later after a perilous and painstaking voyage.

Something commensurate with the growth of the city which might add to its beauty and dignity was sought. Back in their native land Syracuse Italians knew of a famed sculptor, Prof. Renzo Baldi, and after much dickering he was engaged to fashion a model of Columbus.

\$22,000 Drive Successful.

This was soon accomplished and the Columbus Monument Association, Inc., formed. A drive was started immediately to obtain the necessary funds, \$22,000, and it has gone on with a dogged persistency ever since until those in charge found they were within a few hundred dollars of the goal.

Workers were given the assurance the deficit will be made up before Columbus day, and on that night the contract for the completion of the work will be signed. The monument itself will be in bronze, and will be 12 feet 2 inches in height without the granite base. The stone work for the lower section also will come from Italy.

Altho several sites have been talked of as locations for the monument it has been indicated that it will be located in the small park at the juncture of Erie and Oswego thoroughfares. However, this report has not been verified and members of the committee are leaving the site up to Mayor Hanna and it will be announced the night of the banquet.

Bennett Is Chairman.

It is expected that the delegates to the first Italian Republican League convention, scheduled for the same day, will swell the number of those attending the dinner. Arrangements have been in charge of Pasquale H. Bennett, chairman of the association; J. A. Vaccaro and J. Lanzetta, secretaries; and A. Macqua, treasurer.

John Falcone, Joseph Nave, Anthony Macqua, Nicholas Pirro and Albert Chiarulli are members of the banquet committee. Joseph Peluso is chairman of banquet tickets. Two or three members from each of the societies affiliated in the association are assisting in the arrangements.

Chief entertainment will be provided by Archie DeFabbio's specialty dancers who give interpretations of Italian folk songs and dances. Other Syracuse singing and dancing artists also have been engaged.