

MUMMY OF FAT MAN PRESERVED

(By Associated Press)

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 7.—The mummified body of a fat man, an early resident of Philadelphia, is being preserved at the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology as a rare example of adipose, a substance which is a soft waxy mass resembling soap. According to officials the man was Wilhelm Von Ellenberger who lived in the city when it was the capital of the United States and George Washington was president. In 1792 Von Ellenberger fell victim to the yellow fever plague and was buried in Pottery field, then on the outskirts of the city. Many years of burial in the moist soil of the field gradually converted the body into an adipose mummy and when the field was turned into a public square the body was exhumed by workmen and identified.

Dr. Henry H. Donaldson of the Wistar Institute staff, said recently that the mummified condition while not common, sometimes occurs when many bodies are buried together and that the specimen while "not unique is humanly good."

The mummies of three Egyptians which occupy a place at the institute with Von Ellenberger are not as well preserved as the latter. This was accounted for in that they were dried while being mummified and the tissues shrunk.

LINE ORDERS DUE

Orders for line should be placed at once with the secretary of the state line board, Dean A. B. Cordley, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis. Thirty carloads at \$4 a ton will have to be ordered to justify opening the plant. Should 1000 tons a month be ordered the present price could be materially reduced.—O. A. C. Experiment Station.

BLACKBIRDS HAVE APPEARED

STARKLEY, Mar. 7.—The blackbirds have arrived after their winter's absence and all signs point towards spring although the Starkley ranchers don't expect to have grass until May.

Several nights last week were rather cold. The temperature was 19 below last Monday and Tuesday mornings and the warm weather during the day caused but little snow to melt. At the rate the snow is leaving spring will be late.

Ralph Sullivan and family and Mrs. and Mrs. Elam Briggs and baby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Burnett.

The dance Saturday night at Sol Twidwell's was well attended and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Elam Briggs returned to La Grande Monday.

Jack Starito and Mr. Emerick went to La Grande Monday.

A. B. Burnett spent three days in La Grande on business last week.

Miss Margaret Johnson spent Wednesday night at the A. B. Burnett home.

William Briggs is sawing wood for Len Ingham with his dog saw. J. S. Rose has taken the job of sawing 100 ricks of wood for Jessa Trunkett. Gene Wheeler is helping fall the trees.

Mr. Emerick is employed at Jack Starito's outfitting the summer supply of wood.

Mrs. Ward Smith will be able to return home in a few days. Mrs. Smith underwent an operation this winter.

Cloud Donale came down from Carson today. He reports that traveling is hard on roads or show-shows. He is on his way to Portland.

BRYAN'S HOME FOR HOSPITAL

(By Associated Press)

LINCOLN, Neb., Mar. 7.—The home of William Jennings Bryan and a five-acre plot surrounding the same of the earlier life of the now famous lecturer, orator and statesman, located on a hilltop southwest of Lincoln, has been offered tentatively to the Presbyterian church as a permanent home and hospital for missionaries, teachers and members of families that have become incapacitated in the service of the church.

The Bryan mansion, which has been idle and devoid of activity since the time when the Congressman resided in Florida, recently was visited by members of the board of relief of the church. The members reported the home admirably suited for this purpose and would accommodate 1000 poor patients after a few alterations and repairs have been made. Henry B. Meyer, one of the members of the board, said it would be an honor to offer when the board meets on the offer when the board meets to Philadelphia.

The board represents the Presbyterian church of the north. The board suggested the use of the home as an infirmary for patients

from China and Japan. Far Eastern missionaries and teachers of the church, incapacitated in service now are sent to hospitals farther east, members of the board stated. Mrs. Bryan is reported to have at one time offered to sell part of this land but the home and ten acres were reserved.

LAST RESTING PLACE ISOLATED

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Mar. 7.—Grytveken, chosen by Lady Shackleton as the last resting place for the body of her late husband, Sir Ernest Shackleton, British explorer who died aboard his tiny craft "Quest" last January 5, is an isolated, isolated habitation of 20 persons who cling to the frozen shores of South Georgia Island, called the "Gateway to the Antarctic."

Sir Ernest's body was brought from the Antarctic to Montevideo following his death and will be accompanied by Captain Frank Huxley, a member of Shackleton's expedition, when it starts again on its journey into the Polar regions.

Lady Shackleton's decision to halt removal of the body to England is in accordance with a life-long wish of the explorer that he be laid to rest amid the scenes where his life work had been carried on. Only at the outbreak of his last voyage, he told friends he wanted "to die with his boots on, like an old sea-dog."

South Georgia Island has figured several times in Shackleton's career. He served under Captain R. F. Scott in 1901 when that intrepid pioneer in the discovery of the south magnetic pole.

One hundred miles long, with a rocky, forbidding coast line, so indented that its width varies from 20 miles to only one-half mile, most of its mountainous interior is covered with ice and snow throughout the year. Huge ice cliffs overhang its fjords and bays and great icebergs breaking off from massive glaciers make it a dangerous haven for the occasional whaling ships which touch its shores.

The island was discovered in 1675 by Anthony LaRoche. Captain Cook in 1775 took possession in the name of the British Empire. Until more than 100 years later, when it was visited by a German expedition aboard the Moltke, it remained unexplored, but the presence of herds of seals and sea lions made it the occasional rendezvous of whalers for the first few years of this century, until the animals there became nearly extinct. Ducks, pigeons and Arctic fowl still are numerous on the island.

It was while drifting with the ice past the settlement of Grytveken, bound toward the midnight sun on a voyage of exploration which was to have covered 30,000 miles, that Shackleton suddenly died. His comrades removed his body from the "Quest" to a Norwegian whaler bound for Montevideo and continued the expedition under the leadership of sub-commander Frank Wild.

They landed in the direction of the "lost" Enderby land, a vague country just south of South Georgia Island, which was reported discovered 99 years ago, but which no one has been able to locate since.

Shackleton's body has been placed in a plain wooden coffin made by the whalers at Grytveken, and hermetically sealed with zinc. It will be placed in a rock-piled cairn, among the mounds marking the graves of other explorers, adventurers and whalers who lost their lives at the "Gateway to the Antarctic."

A simple burial ceremony will be held in the crude church at Grytveken, with only Captain Huxley, of Shackleton's world of admirers, to see that his wishes and the commands of Lady Shackleton are carried out.

DEALERS IN BUYING MOOD

In January and February associations of retail lumbermen hold their annual conferences and the business outlook can well be judged by the comments remarks made at these meetings. Last year the dealers did not want to buy anything, nor talk to extension; this year, according to the American Lumber

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NEW NATIONAL PARK PLANNED

HILLO, Island of Hawaii, T. H. Mar. 7.—An area of 47,000 acres of volcanic formation comprising land that was practically unknown until last year even to inhabitants of the Hawaiian Islands would be added to the Hawaii national park on this island under the senate bill pending in congress, which gives the secretary of interior authority to accept the tract which was set aside for park purpose by territorial authorities a year ago.

As constituted now, the Hawaii national park has three sections; the dormant volcano of Haleakala, on the island of Maui, and this island, the summit of the volcano Mauna Loa, with its greater active crater of Mokawewa and the whole of the crater of Kilauea, said to be the largest continuously active volcano in the world, with much of the surrounding country.

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SEWING CLUB IS ORGANIZED

(Special to The Observer)

IOWA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mar. 7.—Miss Vada Briggs, teacher of the school, has organized a girls' sewing club in her school. The club meets every Friday afternoon. There are eleven members at this time. Miss Briggs is the club leader. They are now working on Division I of the state club work.

Frank Salisbury and Lester Posey spent most of Saturday visiting in the Mount Glenn neighborhood.

Verna Masters and family are confined to their home with illness. Mr. Masters is now able to be up.

Cleo and Zelma Evans returned to school Monday morning after an absence of two weeks on account of sickness.

John Williams has purchased a large stack of hay from N. K. West and has been busy hauling it from the ranch.

Hugh Holise and Fred Posey have been helping Mr. Williams haul hay the past week.

Saturday seemed to be town day for people of this district. Many people were in La Grande on business and shopping trips.

Mr. and Mrs. Dierks spent Sunday with Mr. Terry and family.

Jack Frost is showing himself quite prominent on trees and bushes here this morning.

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