



One of the strongest sentiments of every human being is respect for the dead. In all ages and in all stages of society, from the most ignorant savage to the highest representative of the race, is found this instinct to respect their dead and to defend from desecration the graves of their ancestors. Sorrow for the dead is a universal human emotion. Each nation or tribe has its customs for expressing this emotion. These customs, though differing greatly in their form, are all centered around the one great universal human belief that man possesses an immortal as well as a mortal being. Most religions teach that "When Time shall be no more" the immortal part of man will be reunited to his mortal being never again to be separated throughout all eternity. This is one of the basic doctrines of the Christian religion and it is in conformity to this belief that burial customs are founded. The office of funeral director is therefore no less sacred than that of priest or minister. In his contact with the loved ones, relatives and friends of the dead, he deals with the most tender and deepest emotions of the human soul in its hour of trial.

It is thus fitting and proper that a funeral director be a person of the highest type of honor, integrity and probity; that his establishment and appointments be of the style and type suitable to the sacred rites and services to be

performed. It is in perfect accord with our advancement along lines of progress that our funeral customs be adjusted to the newer conditions. In the pioneer days it was not possible that any one make special preparation and plan to employ his entire time in a professional way to care for the dead, but as population increased and such services became more in demand it was natural that those who had assisted in the burial of the dead during the pioneer days qualify as professional funeral directors. W. T. Rigdon, and Son, proprietors of the Rigdon Mortuary, belong in this class.

Mr. W. T. Rigdon, when a year old, was brought to Oregon by his parents. This was in 1856. They settled in Marion county. Here he grew up on a farm. He learned the carpenter trade and in his capacity as a carpenter was called upon to make coffins for his neighbors and assist in the burial services. From this he qualified into a professional undertaker and located in Salem where he has conducted a prosperous business for the past 33 years. He was a student at Willamette University, has served Marion county as a member of the state legislature and has always been an active participant in public affairs as a speaker and leader. His life has been intimately interwoven with the life of Salem and community and has been an important factor in shaping the community life along the high plane to which it has always been held.

Lloyd Rigdon, junior member of the firm, was born in Salem and educated in the public schools of Salem. He has always been associated with his father in the business since old enough to take part in affairs. His only vacation was during the time he served his country in the last war. He is president of the State Funeral Directors' Association.

The Rigdon Mortuary in the 33 years of service in Salem the Rigdon funeral parlors have occupied five different sites. Each change has been caused by the ever increasing business. The company has now completed and recently occupied its new quarters located at the corner of Cottage and Chemeketa. This is a new concrete building with stucco finish designed and built especially to fill the public demand for a strictly up-to-date modern mortuary. It occupies a lot 50x100 feet. It is two stories high with full basement. Its chapel holds 125 seats and the loggia is so arranged as to accommodate that many more. A covered driveway leads from the street to private parking grounds provided for the accommodation of the autos used by the family and friends of the deceased. Private entrances are also provided for the family and relatives from this parking space. The casket is placed in the hearse and the family and relatives enter their automobiles in specially prepared places so that the funeral procession is formed where it is free from street traffic as well as having the sheltering veil of privacy.

The Mortuary is located in a most convenient place in relation to the busy business district of the city and convenient to the church center. The Rigdon company own 145 feet of parking space along their property front and the church parking spaces are near



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by so that there is not likely to ever be a congestion of traffic or undue confusion in forming the funeral procession.

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A full and complete line of caskets and burial furnishings is carried by the company and displayed on the second floor.

No effort is spared to extend the utmost privacy to the family and friends of the departed. The mortuary is supplied with parlors, rest rooms, private writing room supplied with stationery and telephone. The fittings and furnishings of the entire place are selected for their special adaptation to the general plan of extending comfort and calm relief to the afflicted while duty brings them into business relations with the Rigdon company.



**ALLEN KAFOURY**

Allen Kafoury, former Salem business man and member of Salem Lion's club, who recently moved to Portland and is now connected with the Kafoury Bros. store in that city.

**SALEM TELEPHONE EXCHANGE**

The Salem telephone system has shown a steady increase during the year 1924. This is indicative of the growth of the city. Additions have been made to the plant covering both local and long distance. Two sections of toll or long distance switchboard have been added and additional jacks provided for the local board; new and improved testing boards provided; additional aerial and underground cable installed and the entire outside plant repaired and renewed wherever necessary. An additional section of local board will be provided within the next two months. Extensive alterations to the building are being completed to care for the increased equipment.

During the year 1924 additional toll or long distance circuits have been provided to McMinnville and Mill City. The entire local and long distance equipment have been installed at a cost of approximately \$81,000.00. Additional long distance circuits are projected for 1925 in addition to extensions to the local plant.

The Salem exchange has the distinction of having the largest number of rural or farmer subscribers connected of any exchange in the United States, this due to the many fruit and berry raisers in the Salem district. There are connected to the Salem exchange, 2100 stations; of these 1075 are farmer or rural stations. The operators handle an average of 1050 long distance calls and 25,000 local calls each day.

There are 62 employees of the Telephone company in Salem and many of them are more than employees, they being owners of stock in the company, the company having a plan whereby its employees may become stockholders.

The yearly payroll will average \$75,000.00, all of which finds its way back to the merchants of Salem. The Telephone company recognizes its responsibility to its employees and has provided many benefits for them. In its exchange it provides comfortable rest rooms; there is also a provision for sick, disability and death benefits. This applies to all employees who have been in the service of the company for two years or more.

A cordial invitation is extended to the citizens of Salem and vicinity to visit the telephone exchange and see what is behind your telephone. We will be glad to show you around.

The Salem district is a great poultry country; industry booming here; has repeatedly taken world prizes in laying contests; has been first in a number of world records. Can produce eggs at a lower cost than any other district in America, counting original site and building outlays.

Salem was the original Pacific coast hop center; has been ever since; is yet, and will always be, as long as hops are made as long as malt yeast bread is eaten or malt drinks consumed.

## Supreme Court is Important

### Men Who Sit Upon Bench Highest Type Lawyers; Personnel Changes From Year to Year

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M. Wade H. and George A. Pipes; the daughters are Miss Nellie and Mrs. Harry Beckett, all of whom are living in Portland. A year after his marriage Justice Pipes moved to Oregon. Here he taught school two and a half years, in the meantime studying law. He was admitted to practice in 1881. In 1886 he served a term in the Oregon legislature from Polk county. In 1890 he was appointed Judge of the 2nd Judicial district where he served two years. He then moved to Portland where he has lived ever since and practiced his profession. He was appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in October, 1924, by Governor Pierce. He retired from this position in January, 1925, after which time he will resume his law practice in Portland.

Justice Pipes well earned reputation as a lawyer and judge is based upon his mental attitude towards whatever problems come before him for solution. He is not only a skilled mathematician but takes pleasure in that form of mental exercise. He is also a great lover of literature. French and Latin are almost as familiar to him as English and he delights in daily reading from classic literature in those languages. His knowledge of languages enabled him to command an English vocabulary which has been a great factor in his professional success.

Justice Pipes is of a studious disposition and this tendency has largely directed his activities. His books have been his choice companions and their authors his most loved associates. He has always been a great lover of nature and many of his spare hours have been spent with gun or rod. Hunting and fishing have been about his only sports and pastimes. Since nine years of age he has been the owner of a gun so he understands guns and game.

**Associate Justice Rand**  
Associate Justice Rand is a native of New Hampshire, having been born on a farm near the city of Portsmouth, October 28, 1861.

He grew to manhood on the farm; received his education in the Portsmouth public schools and at Dartmouth College, from which institution he graduated in 1883. Shortly after graduation he came west and located at Walla Walla, Washington, where he served as a member of the faculty of Whitman college. While teaching in Whitman college he studied law and was admitted to the bar of

the state of Washington in May, 1885. The following April he was admitted to the bar of the state of Oregon. He located at Baker where he practiced his profession until his appointment by Gov. Olcott to the Supreme Bench in October, 1921.

During the years of his residence at Baker he served two terms as district attorney and one term as state senator. For many years he was an active member of the school board of Baker.

He was married in 1895 to Miss Edith Packwood. Two sons have been born to them, Irving Rand, now a practicing attorney in Portland and Langdon Rand who is engaged in business in the east.

Justice Rand was elected at the regular election held in 1922 and his term will expire in January, 1928.

**Associate Justice Brown**  
No native son of Oregon has been more intimately associated with the growth and development of Oregon jurisprudence than Associate Justice George M. Brown. He was born in Roseburg, Oregon, May 5, 1864. His parents were Thomas and Sarah Brown, pioneers of Douglas county. He was educated at Umpqua Academy and Willamette University, graduating in 1885 with the degree of B. S. He then taught school for a few years thereby earning the money necessary to enable him to complete a law course. He studied law in the office of Hon. J. C. Fullerton and was admitted to the bar in 1891. A year later his public service began with an appointment as district attorney of the 2nd district. He was elected and re-elected to this position until he had served 15 years and 6 months.

In 1910 he formed a law partnership with B. L. Eddy and the firm practiced law at Roseburg until 1914 when Mr. Brown was elected Attorney General for the state of Oregon. He served nearly six years in that position. In October 1920 he was appointed Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court by Governor Olcott and at the November election was elected for the full term of 6 years. He came to the supreme bench with experience in the particular field in which he labors. This is due partially to the fact that during his long and useful life he steadfastly refused to accept any office or follow any line of activity which did not pertain strictly to the profession of law. Another factor entering into his



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special qualifications for the high office is the judicial temperament with which nature endowed him and which has been the outstanding feature of his public career that has always attracted the attention of the public to his support when he has been a candidate for a public office.

He was married to Miss Bertha A. Ballows, Nov. 8, 1895. Three children have been born to them. Thos. Leland Brown, who has just been admitted to the bar; Marjorie Brown, a teacher, and Elaine Brown, a student in the Salem

high school. The family residence has always been held at Roseburg, although during the time he was Attorney General they lived in Salem. They are residing in Salem during his term on the Supreme Bench.

Justice Brown has been an active member of society in his native city. He is a member of the various Masonic lodges, the L. O. O. F., the B. P. O. E., the W. O. W. and the Commercial club of Roseburg. In this restless western country he holds the unique distinction of having resided his

entire life in the city of his birth, though at the same time filling a large part in the development of the state of Oregon.

The organization of the Supreme Court, beginning with the new year, will be Chief Justice McKridge, Associate Justices Harrett, Dean, Brown, Rand, Cashow and Bell. Associate Justice Ball being a new member of the court.

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