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Brodie Is Abroad

THE editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times reports that E. E. Brodie of the Oregon City Enterprise happened to drop in on a friendly call the other day. They chatted as editors do about the narrative and state of religion—we mean politics; and Editor Ingalls made the discovery that Editor Brodie thought all was duck soup for Governor Patterson. Mister Brodie was not at all his usual self if he made such a firm commitment which his colleague would dare to publish as soon as he was out of town. For is not Brodie the diplomat of Oregon, ex-minister to Siam and Johnny Kelly's appointee as minister to China? We wonder if the Corvallis editor is not breaking a confidence to divulge that Mr. Brodie is all lined up on the Patterson band-wagon?

Or may it be—perish the thought—that Editor Brodie is on his biennial excursion into the hinterland, calling on the "boys," seeing that the state is safe for republicanism, private ownership of utilities or what have you? If that is the case we feel badly slighted. For how could the Oregon City editor get to Corvallis without passing through Salem? And if he passed through Salem, why didn't he stop here and stick a fever thermometer under our tongue to see if we were normal or not? If the state press is to be "lined up," why here we are.

Ah, we have it. Mr. Brodie surely stopped in Salem, but instead of calling at 215 South Commercial he worked the other side of the street, and "lined up" Editor Putnam for the governor. We shall see, we shall see. Our intentions were good, but if the editorial ambassador has slighted us, we will certainly have to support Joe Bennett.

Salem's Bank Merger

SALEM'S bank merger is a clean deal. Both of the institutions now consolidated were thriving and successful. Both had justified their existence over a long term of years. Both had the full confidence of the public. The purchase of the Bank of Commerce by the First National was a straightforward business undertaking. Some of the executives of the former desired to relinquish the responsibilities of banking; the latter organization occupying fine new quarters were naturally eager to enlarge their assets. So the deal was in no sense a promotion enterprise but a sound business undertaking on both sides.

At that there is always regret at the passing of a bank. It leaves a gap in the ranks. It sunders those intangible assets of personality which a bank may possess as well as an individual. There is always some dislocation whether of personnel or clientele. Like the horse who always wants to turn in at the gate of a former master, many a depositor will find himself trying to enter the former banking house with his daily deposit. Banking, like newspaper reading, falls so easily into a habit.

The officers of the old Bank of Commerce, who probably regret more than anyone else, to see it pass from the picture, may take commendable pride in their achievement. Under their administration the bank has grown and prospered, and they turned over assets clean and "in good health." The First National now can grow on the good foundation laid by both institutions.

The Fall Crop of Thieves

WHEN the cold commences to nip in the fall, then the thieving, petty and grand, commences. Living expenses go up for summer's jungles are no longer inviting to vagrants of the road. Employment opportunities go down. So the easy road to a living is chosen. Stealing is resorted to. Criminals and near-criminals swarm to the cities with their lights and cheap lodging houses and warm pool halls. They gang up for jobs big and little. An outbreak of crime is as certain in early winter as one of epizootic. Officers are hard beset to keep the peace. House-breaking, store-breaking, service station hold-ups, they break out all over a city.

Portland is having such an experience now, with its "wave of crime," accompanied by disclosures of immoral conditions there. The police force is girding itself to close down on the criminal element. That means of course that the gang leaves town. If it can't work in Portland it will move to other cities.

So Salem must be ready to guard its own gates and keep out the undesirable element. Sometimes stores and homes may deserve to be robbed, so little precaution is taken by the owner. The proprietor of a business ought to check his hazards, to see that his storeroom is safe from entrance by persons on evil mission. The police force can't be everywhere. If the store-keeper properly locks up his place of business, that is better than adding a regiment to the constabulary.

Football an Ancient Game

HUNDREDS of thousands of people witnessed the football games of last Saturday. Folk think this turning out en masse to see such contests is comparatively recent. Not so; turn to William Fitzstephen's "Description of the Most Noble City of London," written in 1174, where the following appears:

"After luncheon the entire youth of the city (London) goes to the fields for the famous game of ball. The students of the several branches of study have their ball; the followers of the several trades of the city have a ball in their hands. The elders, the fathers, and men of wealth come on horseback to view the contests of their juniors and in their fashion sport with the young men; and there seems to be aroused in them (the elders) a stirring of natural heat by viewing so much activity and by participation in the joys of unrestrained youth."

There is the complete picture though the phraseology is somewhat different from the reviews of the sporting editors A. D. 1929. The students "have their ball." The game is played after luncheon. The whole city turns out, particularly the dads who snort around with the same unbridled enthusiasm as the dads of university lads today. The only element lacking is the alumni, who hadn't been invented then. And nothing is said of the yell leaders in white panties. Otherwise the picture is quite complete.

It was a big day for the university alums at Eugene Saturday. They saw their ancient foe humbled at Hayward field and participated in the festivities of home-coming. But there are no reports on how many coins were dropped in the slot-box for the infirmity.

Changing Pilots



BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Merrill Moores:

The news columns some days ago contained information of the death of a former resident of Salem and student of Willamette university. He was Merrill Moores, aged 73. Stepping in the path of an automobile in a driving rain, on the streets of Indianapolis, Indiana, on the evening of Monday, October 21, he was hurled to the pavement and fatally injured. He had left his own automobile parked and had started across the street with an umbrella, which obscured his vision. He suffered a fractured skull and an injured spine and died three hours later in a hospital.

In the seventies Mr. Moores was a student at Willamette university while living at the home of his uncle, J. H. Moores of Salem. He was a cousin of C. B. Moores of Portland and A. N. Moores of Salem.

The Indianapolis Sentinel in its issue the following afternoon contained many tributes to Mr. Moores from leading citizens of that city. He was admitted to the Indianapolis bar in 1883. He had been prominent in law and politics in that state and the nation. He was elected to congress from the Marion county (Indianapolis) district in 1914, and re-elected four successive times, serving 10 years in all. He was a republican and a Presbyterian, and unmarried. He served on important committees in the house, part of the time being on the committee on foreign affairs when great issues were being considered.

He was the son of Charles W. Moores and Julia Merrill Moores of Indianapolis, and was born in that city April 21, 1856. He was graduated from Yale in the class of 1878 with William Howard Taft, with whom he was on terms of intimate friendship. He commenced his study of law in the firm of Baker, Hord & Hendricks, leading old time lawyers of that state.

When Mr. Moores was assistant attorney general of his state, he was sent by Governor Mount to Kentucky to make a special investigation of the Famous-Goebel-Taylor case, to acquaint the governor with all the facts and as to whether Taylor, charged with conspiring in the assassination of Goebel, should be given up on the requisition of Kentucky. This was not done. Mr. Moores held various responsible places in the local state and American bar associations; was a member of the commission to make uniform state laws for Indiana. He belonged to the outstanding clubs and societies of Indianapolis. He organized a cavalry troop for the Spanish-American war, but it was not called to the service, as the army authorities ruled that cavalry was not needed.

Excerpts from an editorial in the Indianapolis News of October 22 are of interest here. Under the heading, "Merrill Moores," that paper said, "Those who knew Merrill Moores best knew him as a man who would go far out of his way to serve and be helpful to others. What he did in this day he did gladly, seeming to take an unfeigned pleasure in it, and even in the sacrifices it often entailed. Mr. Moores was a man of keen and strong mind; wide and extensive knowledge, learned in the law—and in the history and philosophy of the law. A great reader, he was familiar with the best that has been known and thought in the world."

"As representative of this district in congress, he devoted himself to his task with entire conscientiousness, and of course with

great intelligence. In this relation, as in all relations of life, Mr. Moores was faithful, faithful to the people he served and to what he conceived to be their interests. Few men in this community knew more about the political history of the country—or in deed of Great Britain. The origin and nature of our institutions had been the subject of his life long study, and he had pretty well mastered the subject. In the house of representatives he was recognized by his colleagues as a man of ability, and respected as such.

"But it is of Merrill Moores as friend, associate and neighbor that those who knew him best will think today. Through his family connection he was a sort of institution in this town. The old-timer felt that he was one of them. Sometimes men do not need to be very old to become a sort of tra-

dition. It was so with Mr. Moores. Both in his own personality and by his inheritance he was part of the community life as few are. And he was a worthy representative, and also he was true to the tradition in which he lived. There will be many to deplore his death, many who will remember him with kindly thoughts, and also many who will feel that they have lost a friend."

Is that not a tribute that any man might crave to have paid to him upon his passing from this sphere of action? Outside of these intimately interested, like the growers and the packers, what is the proportion of our people who realize the epochal things that are happening in our fruit industries? All the six to eight millions of pounds or more of strawberries sent from the Salem district this year in the various cold pack forms have been sold. And that is true of the big pack this year (the first year for these in quantity volume) of evergreen blackberries. It is true, too, of all our loganberry pack in

Determined To Win!



She Wants to be Miss M A J E S T I C

Will You Help Her?

- HOW—Save daily coupons from the Oregon Statesman and those given with Fox Elsinore theatre admissions, each counts 50 votes.
- THEN—All of these coupons must be deposited in ballot box in foyer of Fox Elsinore Theatre.
- ALSO—Names of persons to whom Majestic radios can be sold will count 20,000 to 40,000 votes if sale is made.
- NAMES—Of all girls in contest appearing regularly in the Statesman.
- WHEN—Vote for your favorite contestant now. Contest closes November 27th.

Who Will Be Miss Majestic?

Vibbert & Todd
143 N. High St.
Imperial Furniture Co.
467 Court St.
Salem Majestic Radio Dealers

See The Majestic Radio Show Fox Elsinore Theatre

this form. And that pack would have been many times larger, had the berries been available.

Do Salem market and packers are the pioneers in exploiting our strawberries and bush and tree fruits in the cold pack outlet to nation wide markets. They made fair sized ventures for the first time in 1927, and they risked a good deal of money, and spent a good deal on sample packages, last year. This year this outlet was the venture. It is over. They "put it over." Assuming this to be the case, there is no predicting how far this will go. It is pretty certain now to be the means of bringing many millions annually to the Salem district that could not be expected to come without it; and with all the raw products turned off at a profit to the growers.

There is also much encouragement in the favorable protective tariff rates that are now quite well assured for our nut and cherry and built and other growers. This will mean more rapid expansion of our nut orchards. Instead of 7000 acres of filberts and 15,000 acres of walnuts, we will before many years have 100,000 acres, and we will have large plantings of chestnuts, and perhaps of black walnuts in our forest areas. The returns will mount up into many millions annually. And we will get marketing facilities for our cherries, and many more and larger packing and canning and processing concerns.

With all this development, with the enormous growth in our flax and linen industries that is on the way, with major irrigation systems, and still water in the Willamette river, and all the other things that are surely coming, can any man with vision see anything but growth and prosperity for Salem, and for this whole valley?

We surely have the land of diversity and the country of opportunity. What we need is a new birth of what may be termed the superiority complex in our people regarding their opportunities and their ability to and duty of developing and taking advantage of them.

They Say ...

Expressions of Opinion from Statesman Readers are Welcomed for Use in this Column. All Letters Must Bear Writer's Name, Though This Need Not be Printed.

Champoeg Park, Nov. 16, 1929.

Editor Statesman:

Allow me to endorse your editorial in yesterday's Statesman entitled "Asides on Pronunciation." Here is something that our college presidents, college professors, school superintendents, high school and grade teachers are neglecting. If one thinks differently, all that he or she has to do is

to pay particular attention to the pronunciation of public speakers. Lawyers do not count. Here we have National Educational week, and what do we hear? The president of the United States said "government" and "governmental." In his inaugural address he used the word "government" sixteen times and the word "governmental" four times. In his Armistice day address he adhered to his pronunciation in the inaugural address. Down at the teachers' meeting in Oregon City this week a prominent official used the word "government." Another said "this eastern government." The only public official speaking from Washington, D. C., this year who put an "n" in government, heard by me was Galvin Coolidge. I heard this year five presidents of Oregon colleges say "government." ALBERT T. ZIER.

Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

NOV. 19, 1904

The University of Oregon team is in readiness for the big game at Corvallis tomorrow. Coach Smith of Oregon isn't underestimating the strength of Coach

Beckie's man. Oregon's team was fed at the Palms restaurant last night at the expense of the University rotunda.

H. S. Lamport will build a two-story brick addition to his building on Commercial street if the city council grants his petition.

Ralph Cox, who has been in the service of Wells Fargo and company here for the past six years, has been named temporary manager at Astoria.

Willamette university won from Pacific university at the game here by the overwhelming score of 38 to 0.

Harvard Barely Gets 12-6 Win

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 18. (AP)—Harvard was forced to use almost all of its football strength to subdue the light and scrappy Holy Cross eleven by a 12 to 6 score here Saturday when the Crimson and Purple played their tenth consecutive game before 55,000 spectators.

For sale signs, for rent signs, legal blanks, etc. for sale at the Statesman.



Special service to the Old Country for the holidays, via Canadian Pacific! Sleeping car service from Vancouver, B. C. direct to ship's side. Across the Atlantic on a fast Canadian Pacific liner. Minimum cost and maximum convenience. Plan now to go home this season!

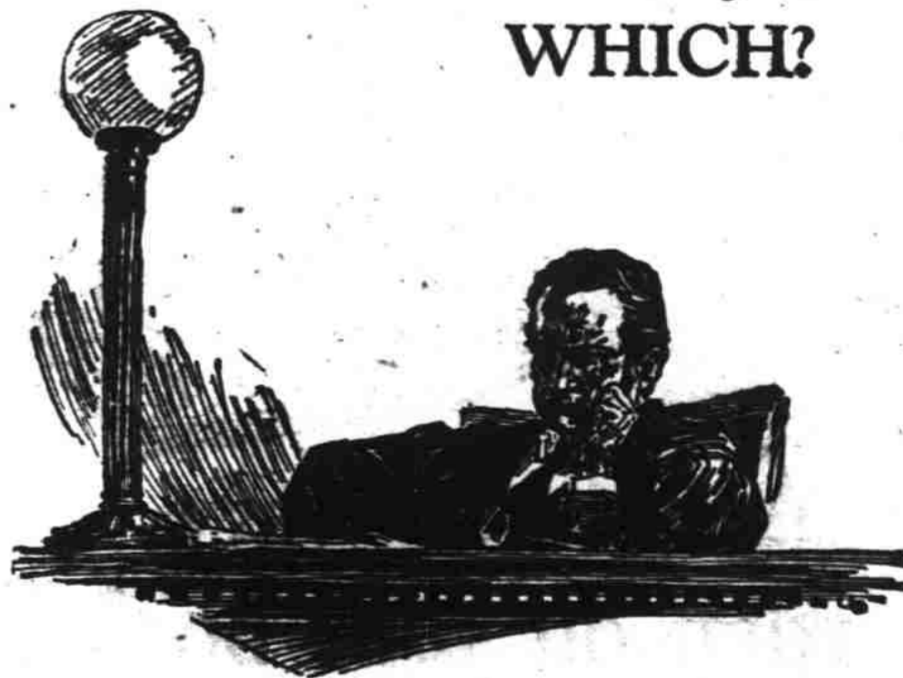
Here are the sailing dates:

- Nov. 26 - S. S. Minnedosa to Glasgow, Belfast, Liverpool from Montreal.
- Dec. 6 - Duchess of Atholl to Glasgow, Belfast, Liverpool from St. John, N.B.
- Dec. 12 - S. S. Montreal to Cherbourg, Southampton, Antwerp from St. John, N.B.
- Dec. 14 - Duchess of Richmond to Glasgow, Belfast, Liverpool from St. John, N.B.
- Dec. 18 - Duchess of York to Glasgow, Belfast, Liverpool from St. John, N.B.



SPEND A DAY SAFEGUARDING THE WORK OF A LIFETIME

YOU or the JUDGE WHICH?



EITHER you or the court will appoint someone to settle your estate. It must be settled—either according to the flexible law of the state, if you make no Will, or according to your wishes, if you do make a Will.

The time to do that is now before accident can intervene. In your will you will name an executor and perhaps a trustee. Before you do that you owe it to yourself and your family to investigate the many advantages offered by this institution as your Executor and Trustee. These advantages are practical and definite. Our Trust officer will gladly discuss this important matter with you and aid you to plan your will so that you can have your attorney draw it. There is no obligation!

TRUST DEPARTMENT



Salem's Consolidated Community Owned Bank