

Local News Briefs

Want Repair Fund — Diversion of a part of the county relief funds for the purpose of making needed repairs to properties taken over by the world war veterans state aid commission, has been suggested to Governor Meier in a letter prepared yesterday by Jerrold Owen, secretary of the commission. Owen said that up to this time the commission has not had funds available for reconstruction of these properties and that many of them had fallen to a state of disrepair. He declared that the commission would furnish all equipment and materials necessary for the reconstruction work. Funds diverted from the county relief allotment would be used in paying wages.

Mum plants 50 varieties to choose from — Oseos greenhouse, Pacific highway north. **71 in Class** — Seventy-one students make up the graduating class of Willamette university next month according to preliminary figures released by the dean's office there Thursday. The final list for graduation will be determined until additional class work is finished. The 89th annual commencement at the university will be held on the campus Monday, June 19.

Youth Disappears — Giving no reason for his action except a note saying that he was leaving and that it would be useless to search for him, Jay Teed, young son of Mr. and Mrs. James I. Teed, left home last night and has not been heard from since. Although a thorough search has been made, young Teed had left and gone to Albany for a few days some time ago without leaving any word.

Home cooked eats for sale Saturday at Adams the Florist, 453 Court, by Ladies of Sons of United Veterans auxiliary.

Granted Child Custody — Custody of a child and \$5 a week money for its support during the pendency of her trial, was granted to Mrs. Louise Miller yesterday in a circuit court order. She is seeking a divorce from Gerhard Miller, her husband. She was granted the right to occupy their home until June 5 and Miller was ordered by the court not to molest or encumber any of their personal belongings.

Many Gardens Planted — An estimate that 250 acres in Salem had been planted to gardens this year with seeds furnished by the federal government was made yesterday by Roy Melson, county commissioner. His figures were based on a survey made of one of the five districts in which the city has been plotted. Peas and beans have been planted in large quantities.

Plummer on Board — O. M. Plummer, of Portland, manager of the Pacific International Livestock exposition, has been appointed by Governor Meier a member of the state board of conciliation. Plummer succeeds William L. Brewster of Portland, whose term expired in January of this year.

Complaint Filed — Lulay Brothers Lumber company yesterday filed suit against W. P. Brantley and others, seeking judgment and a lien on certain real property for materials allegedly furnished for a house constructed and not yet paid for. The suit was filed in circuit court.

Entertain Wives — The men of the Y. M. C. Y. Breakfast club entertained their wives at the regular meeting at the Y Thursday morning. Professor Vazakas of Willamette university was present and gave a short talk.

Obituary

Park — At the residence, 410 South 24th street, May 25, Harriet H. Park, aged 63 years. Leaves husband, William E. Park of Salem; son Everett O. Park of Salem; sister, Mrs. Lottie Jarvis of Osceola, Mo.; brother, George A. Oelder of Ogdensburg, a member of the First Methodist church. Funeral services Tuesday, May 30 from the chapel of W. T. Rigdon and Son with Rev. Fred C. Taylor of Portland officiating. Interment Belcrest Memorial park.

Parker — In this city Thursday, May 25, Mrs. Ella Parker, aged 81 years. Beloved mother of Ernest R. Parker of Porterville, Calif.; Mrs. Robert Parent of Salem. Funeral announcements later from the Salem Mortuary, 545 North Capitol street.

Mahon — At the residence, 249 West Miller street, May 25, Mary Mahon, sister of J. J. Mahan, and Mrs. John O'Conner, both of Granger, Iowa, and Mrs. Gardett of Crookston, S. Dak. A native of Iowa. Aged 72 years 11 months 4 days. Friends are invited to attend the funeral services Saturday, May 27 at 9 a. m. from St. Joseph's church where requiem masses will be offered. Interment St. Barbara cemetery. There will be a recitation of the holy rosary Friday evening at 7 o'clock at the Terwilliger funeral home, 770 Cheveketa St. Rev. Father Buck officiating.

Berg — At the residence on route 1, Shaw, Wednesday, William F. Berg, aged 81 years. Beloved husband of Katherine Berg; father of Mrs. Elizabeth Battliner and Mrs. J. L. Amos of Shaw, Wash. County, Neb.; and Mrs. William and Guido of Nebraska. M. H. Berg of Waterloo, Iowa, George of Salem, I. J. Berg of Lobsenz. Funeral services Saturday, May 27, at 9 a. m. for the Catholic church at Shaw under the direction of the Salem Mortuary, 545 North Capitol street. Remains will lie in state at the home in Shaw after 5 p. m. today.

42 MILLIONS PAID IN TAXES, OREGON

Was Over 52 Millions two Years ago; Education Is Heaviest Cost

Aggregate real property taxes levied in all divisions of government throughout Oregon for the 1932 year amount to \$42,045,000 according to a compilation released Thursday by the state tax commission. For 1931 the figure exceeded \$50,000,000. Of the total taxes levied, schools took by far the greatest sum, the total of state, county and district school taxes for 1932 aggregating \$19,357,144. Cities and towns showed tax rolls aggregating \$10,387,035. General road taxes, materially reduced from former years, aggregated \$1,573,652; for market roads the various counties levied only \$383,000 this year.

County tax levies, apart from roads, school and debt service, totaled \$4,593,862. For bond interest and retirement the 36 counties of the state levied a total of \$2,125,103, although eight made no levy due to the fact there was no funded, outstanding county debt.

Marion county was the only one in the state able to pay its tax for state purposes without inflicting a millage levy on property; this county took its payments from road funds on hand.

DISPUTE OVER HOP YARD LEASE HEARD

Morley Contends his Uncle Given Possession for One Year Only

A battle royal with four attorneys taking part on each side is on in circuit court here over a disputed hop lease. Frank M. Morley, plaintiff, contends his uncle, John Morley, defendant, was assigned the lease for only a year and that the lease which is on 100 acres of hop land near Silverton and has three more years to run, should be returned to him. Defendant Morley contends the lease was assigned to him for its full term, that he gave his nephew \$3500 in cash or by debt assumption as consideration, and the nephew has no further claim to the lease.

Contracts Hops At 40 - 50 Cents

A contract has been made this week by John Brophy for 125 bales of hops a year for three years, the 1933 crop being priced at 50 cents a pound and the 1934 and 1935 crops at 40 cents a pound. The agreement was made with Cliff Noakes representing A. J. Ray and company and is considered among the best agreements on futures thus far made.

McGivra to Speak

Hugh McGivra, publisher of the Forest Grove News Times, will be the speaker at the Ad club luncheon today noon on the subject of advertising in the country field. McGivra is a graduate of Willamette university.

Beddingfield Files

J. B. Beddingfield, ex-district attorney of Coos county, has filed with the secretary of state as a delegate to the constitutional convention to vote on repeal of the eighteenth amendment to the federal constitution. Beddingfield favors repeal.

Arrange Exhibit

The annual exhibit of Salem Heights school children's work in all grades will be held at the school Friday from 2:30 o'clock to 7:30 p. m. A health program will be given by the children at 1:30 o'clock.

In Hospital Here

Mrs. Merle Ebbe of Independence is at the Salem hospital recovering from a major operation performed this week.

Home on Visit

Miss Grace Satchwell, student at Capital Business college, left last night to spend several days at the parental home in Shedd.

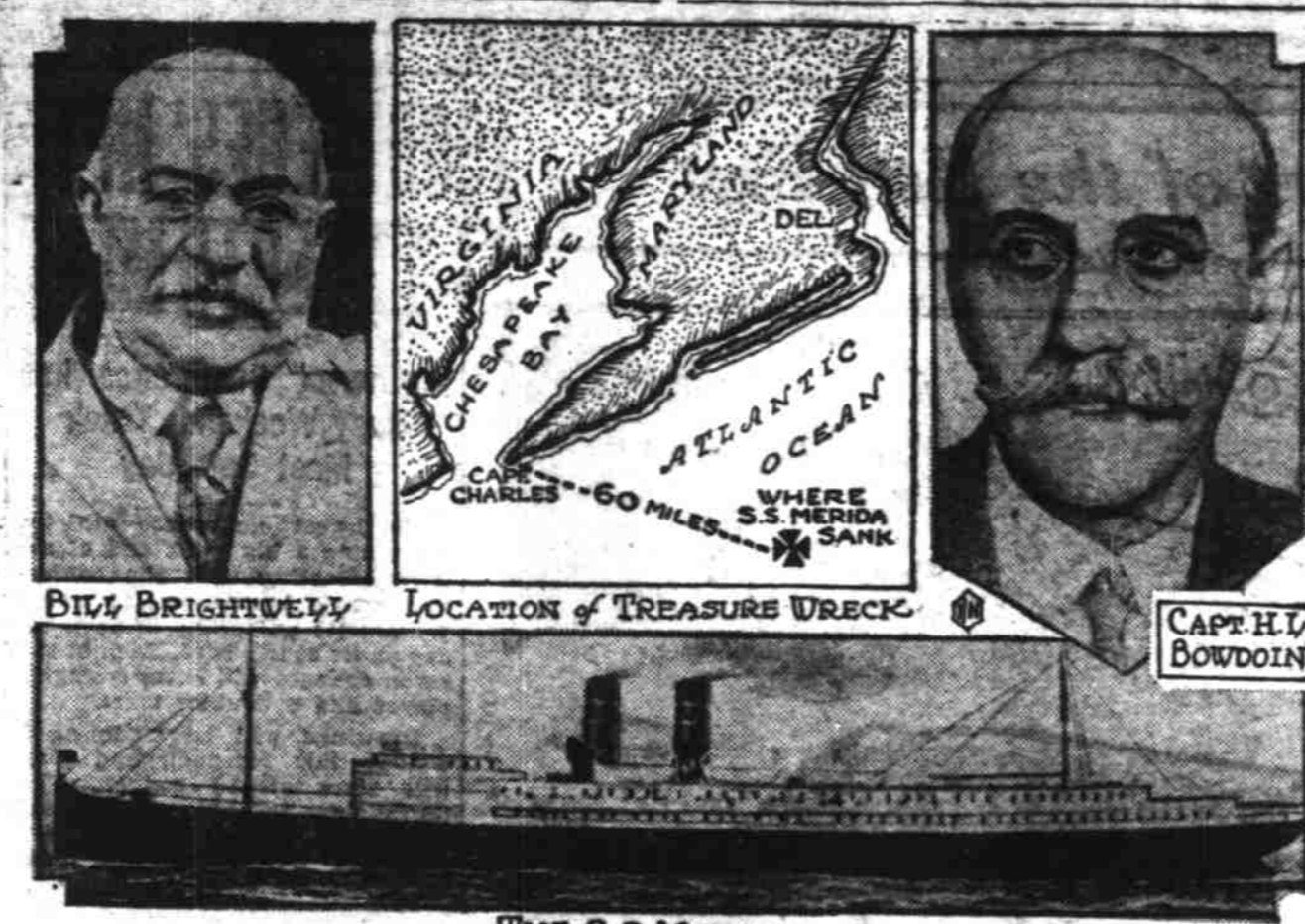
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TWO EXPEDITIONS CLAIM MERIDA TREASURE



With the reported discovery of the sunken liner Merida, sixty miles off the Virginia Capes, the trouble entailed by 22 years of seeking it is so nothing to what appears to be brewing now that it is found. In the first place, two rival expeditions, one headed by Captain H. L. Bowdoin, of Norfolk, Va., the other by Captain John Hall, of Gloucester, Mass., claim priority rights, both insisting their expedition was first to locate the wreck. A situation that might have developed into a miniature naval battle was averted by the intervention of the U. S. destroyer Davis, which hurried to the scene of the treasure hunt and is acting in the role of peacemaker. The wreck of the Merida, which sank after a collision in 1911, is said to contain jewels and gold, variously estimated at between four and six million dollars. Chief among the sunken valuables are the crown jewels of the executed Emperor Maximilian of Mexico, which brings us to Bill Brightwell, Bill, a London fishmonger, claims that he is the son and heir of the Mexican Emperor. What more, he has the Hapsburg lip to prove it. Soon after Captain Bowdoin began his search for the Merida's treasure, the royal fishmonger's lawyer served notice that if and when the treasure is recovered, his client intends to lay claim to "any or all of the estate of his father that may be found in the wreck." Brightwell asserts that, at the proper time, he can prove his parentage. All of which must be rather disturbing to the men who are risking their lives in the battle with Father Neptune for a treasure of which the alleged Hapsburg, without wetting his fingers, may take the lion's share.

Lightning Hits Auto, Woman is Injured, Report

Mrs. Rose W. Babcock, 621 South Commercial street, learned Thursday that her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver C. Jessup, and their young son, were in an automobile which was struck by lightning near Clackamas Wednesday night. Mr. Jessup and the boy were not hurt seriously but Mrs. Jessup was cut across the head, just how seriously it was not learned here. They were taken to the Oregon City hospital.

Moody Selected To Try Charges Of Ballot Theft

Ralph Moody, Medford attorney, yesterday was assigned by Attorney General Van Winkle to represent his department in the prosecution of all persons involved in the Jackson county ballot theft cases. Several of these persons already have been indicted and their trials probably will be set by the court within the next few weeks. Moody succeeded the late William S. Levens, assistant attorney general, in prosecuting Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Banks for the murder of Constable George Prescott of Medford. Banks was convicted on a charge of second-degree murder, while Mrs. Banks was acquitted.

Coming Events

- May 26-27—Oregon State Association of Master Plumbers, annual meeting.
- May 30—City-wide observance of Decoration day.
- June 2-4—Fourth Annual Willamette Valley Flower Show.
- June 7—Marion county Jersey Cattle club, fast-ground.
- June 17-19—Class-day, baccalaureate and commencement exercises at Willamette university.
- June 20-22—G. A. R. and affiliating bodies annual campment.
- June 25—Missouri Annual picnic, Municipal auto park.
- July 24-26—Annual Encampment, Spanish War Veterans.
- Sept. 4-9—Oregon state fair.

DOMESTIC WOOLS STRONG BOSTON, May 25 (AP)—Medium quality domestic wools are moving freely at very strong prices. Strictly combing 56s and 48-50s Ohio and similar fleeces, bring 31-32c in the grease, late sales being mostly at 32.

Drama Guild of Church Studying Voice Problems

The Drama Guild of the First Methodist church has been spending the past few weeks studying voice problems as they relate to the field of dramatic art. Professor Herbert Rahe gave a demonstration of proper voice placement at one of the meetings and Miss Margaret Stevenson spoke of the need for flexibility of tone to give variety as an aid to interpretation of the play. In Mrs. Herbert Rahe's class in pantomime the need for correct gestures in character impersonation has been stressed.

The guild is busy working on its next production, a one-act play entitled, "The Lord's Prayer," which will be presented Sunday evening, June 4. This play won first place in the Religious Drama Festival last winter in Chicago. Miss Stevenson has coached the production.

STUDENT OFFICERS INSTALLED AT HIGH

Athletic Awards Presented And Other Events Mark Closing of Year

Thursday was the busiest day for a long time at Salem senior high school, activities beginning at 1:50 p. m. assembly period, with formal installation of student body officers for next year. The old officers, with a short accompanying speech, formally turned over their duties to the newly elected students, who each in turn accepted his position with a few spoken words.

The new student body officers elected by popular vote last week and early this week are: Bob Brownell, president; Margaret Hauser, vice-president; Iris Jorgensen, secretary; Betty Abrams, Clarion editor; Harold Packard, annual editor; Otto Wilson, Clarion manager; Kenneth Woods, annual manager; Eugene Tower, forensic manager; Arthur Clemens, sergeant-at-arms; Don Coons, athletic manager; and Dorothy McLeod, song leader.

Athletic letters were presented to the members of the baseball, wrestling, tennis, swimming, golf and track teams. Robert Read, president of the student body for the past year, was presented with a token of appreciation by members of the student council.

A short skit taken from the student body play, "Applesauce," to be presented in the auditorium May 29, was given by members of the cast, and gave every indication that the complete comedy will be well worth attending. At the close of school the

NEWS

From the Oregon Journal Sunday, May 21

Rate for Heating Water Reduced by Electric Company

A new low rate of eight-tenths of a cent per kilowatt hour for electric service supplied to modern installations electric water heating installations has been set up by the Portland General Electric company, according to an announcement by A. C. MacKicken, general sales manager.

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