

# Local News Briefs

**Answer Filed**—An answer has been filed by the Casualty Insurance company admitting that the wife of E. O. Price, who is suing the company, had a diamond ring but denying that the ring was worth \$500. The company admits that the plaintiff gave notification that the ring was stolen and that the plaintiff later wrote a letter to that effect but otherwise denies the complaint except that the plaintiff had a burglary insurance policy. It was alleged by the plaintiff that his home was burglarized and the ring stolen and that the insurance company has refused to pay on the policy.

**\$3.95 Dress Special.** The Fashionette.

**Pledges Gillette**—A former Willamette student, Leland B. Gillette, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Gillette, 2405 South Commercial street, has been pledged to Alpha chapter of Alpha Sigma Mu, national honorary society at the Michigan school of mines where he has been studying on a scholarship. Before going east Gillette spent two years at Willamette and one at Oregon State.

**Flowers for Memorial Day.** Sweet peas, 25c bunch. 1400 Edgewater.

**Housing Funds Received**—A total of \$254,000 has been approved by the war department for housing improvements at Vancouver, Wash. Governor Martin was advised yesterday by Brigadier-General E. A. Collins. Collins said an additional \$99,600 probably would be available later. These funds, which are part of the war department housing program, will be used for construction of new quarters for officers and men.

**Math Club Elects**—The Mathematics club of Salem high school elected James Cole president during the last meeting of the club held this week. The officers elected were Warren Biggestaff and Lee Andrews to the advisory committee. Retiring officers are: President, Dick Smith; vice-president, Marjorie Crane; secretary, Kathryn Boyle.

**McLean Files Suit**—Action has been filed in circuit court by T. E. McLean against School District No. 96, Suisun, for \$324 he alleges is due him on a contract for transporting students to Salem high school from that district. His contract, he says, called for \$27 a pupil for the year and that he carried 27 students for which he has not been paid.

**Luggage Sale, 20% off.** Shoe repairing. Shafer's Leather Goods.

**Patton Sale Reported**—Confirmation of the sale of the store of the Patton store here was made in probate court here yesterday. James L. Cooke was the purchaser of the stock for a total sum of \$4850, \$3000 being paid in cash and the balance in monthly payments with interest at 6 per cent on the deferred obligation.

**We are in the market for Royal Anne and Black Republican cherries for cash.** Willamette Valley Prune Association.

**\$13,300 in Estate**—The estate of the late Margaret Moisan has an estimated value of \$13,300 according to preliminary papers filed yesterday in probate court. Alex Moisan is administrator of the estate. Personal property left by the deceased has an estimated value of \$10,800.

**Want Bond Bids**—The state bond commission yesterday called for bids on the purchase of Oregon bonds or bonds of any county in the amount of \$400,000. Bids will be opened July 10. The investment will be made with funds of the state industrial accident commission.

**Bonus Board Meets**—The state bonus commission held a meeting yesterday with Edward E. Kelley, Medford, in attendance for the first time. Kelley was appointed a member of the commission to succeed Senator Walter Fisher of Roseburg.

**Final Report In**—Final report was filed here yesterday in the estate of the late Bortha Tize whose property has been administered by Albert Tize. Cash income to the estate was reported at \$4187 and outgo at \$2284.

**Obituary**

**Brewer**  
Ronald Brewer, in this city, May 27, at the age of 78 years, survived by mother, Mrs. Grace L. Brewer of Pendleton; two brothers, Chauncey of Astoria, Ore., and C. E. of Hugo, Ore. Funeral arrangements by the Clouck-Barrick company.

**Kendall**  
George W. Kendall, at the residence, 895 South 21st street, May 28, aged 65 years. Survived by widow, Sarah Jane Kendall of Salem; two daughters, Mrs. Ruby Mull and Mrs. Lena Victor, both of Salem; three sons, William O. Kendall of Goble, Ore., Merle O. Kendall of Portland and Byron T. Kendall of Salem. Eleven grandchildren also survive. Funeral services Friday, May 31, at 2 p. m. from the Clough-Barrick chapel, Rev. Guy L. Drill, officiating minister. Interment City View cemetery. Members of the Woodmen of the World will be pallbearers.

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# TAX ACCOUNTING TO BE IMPROVED, HOPE

## Neet Recommends Machine System to Grand Jury and County Court

Marion county's tax collection accounting machinery will be made the most efficient and modern in the state if recommendations made by the sheriff here meet with the approval of the grand jury and of the county court.

A major change proposed by L. E. Neet, deputy sheriff in charge of collections of taxes, is the installation of a bookkeeping machine to record all tax charges in a looseleaf ledger system. Instead of utilizing large bound books for each year of taxes the ledger will record the taxes cumulatively so the inspection of one ledger card will show the aggregate of taxes assessed and paid on any specific piece of property.

**Control Ledger Planned**  
With the ledger system there will be installed, if the new tax accounting plan is approved, a general ledger setup for the control of the tax accounts receivable. With such a system the tax collection office can tell at all times the aggregate amount of taxes levied and unpaid in the county.

Another improvement proposed will be the installation of a cash register which to receipt tax payments. This register will list all payments made and total them and will be used to check against the ledger statements.

At the present time tax collection accountants must work through as many different books as there are years of back taxes. To avoid this chore when the taxpayer comes to the courthouse to make his payment, the tax collection department has prepared tax collection statements which list all the current and back taxes due from a property owner. Duplicates of these statements are kept for reference when the taxpayer presents his money.

**State Officials Encouraging**  
The auditing department of the secretary of state's office as well as the state tax commission is encouraging the sheriff with his plans here. Both are hopeful that Marion county can work out a plan which will be a model of efficiency and one which other counties can adopt.

**HONORS ANNOUNCED AT COMMENCEMENT**

**SILVERTON, May 29**—Special honor was paid to Lynn Johnson as the outstanding boy and Evelyn Stewart as the outstanding girl of the senior class here Wednesday night at commencement exercises. No higher honor can be accorded a graduate of the Silverton high school than this that was won by these two of having their names inscribed on the T. N. T. honor plaque.

**Americanization and character honors** brought the names of Edward Blyer to be the first engraved on the new honor plaque, the gift of the Delbert Reeves Post of the American Legion.

**Herman Kramer**, principal of the senior high school awarded honors and Robert Goetz, superintendent of Silverton schools, presented the diplomas. Dr. F. MacGruder of Oregon State college was the evening speaker.

**President Sends Floral Spray to McIntire Funeral**

A large floral spray from President and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was among the many floral pieces placed at the Clough-Barrick chapel yesterday afternoon for the funeral of Mrs. Addie F. McIntire, whose son, Dr. Ross T. McIntire, is the president's personal physician.

**Out of town members of Mrs. McIntire's family** who attended the services were a daughter, Mrs. Douglas Dodd of San Francisco; a son, Floyd Harvard McIntire of Portland; and sisters, Mrs. Olive Gilson of Lebanon and Mrs. Ellen Allebury of San Diego. Dr. McIntire was unable to come because of pressing duties at the national capital.

**New Members Named**—Governor Martin yesterday appointed Mrs. Esther B. Earl, Earl R. Goodwin and Mark A. Meyer, all of Portland, as members of the soldiers and sailors commission. John Guy Strohm and Eugene K. Oppenheimer were reappointed members of the commission.

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# Judge to Speak



**Edward F. Ashurst of Klamath Falls, judge of the 18th district in Oregon, is a colorful member of the bench in Oregon. He will speak at the annual banquet to be held here next Saturday night in the Masonic temple, celebrating the 51st anniversary of the Willamette university law school. Justice James F. Ailshe of the Idaho supreme court and Justice James U. Campbell of the Oregon supreme court will also speak.**

# ARCHIVES SOON TO BE RESTORED, WORD

Early restoration of the archives in the secretary of state's office here is expected with most of the printed volumes already on file in his new offices in the state office structure or being repaired and indexed by the state library preparatory to filing.

Most of the volumes in the archives came through the fire unscathed; those that were damaged or destroyed are to be replaced. Included in the official documents are the senate and house calendars, messages of the governor, session laws and supreme court reports.

Some additions to the archives are to be made by the secretary of state's office. Included in these additions will be the journals of the 19th session of the legislature which was scheduled to meet in 1897. Actually the house and the senate did not organize so no journal was printed by the state; however such proceedings as the legislative body did take were printed in the form of public document No. 62 of the 58th congress. The secretary of state's office has written to the librarian of congress for this document which will be added to the archives collection.

New cabinets have been prepared to house the archives in the state office building and the fireproof condition of that structure will give them fairly adequate protection from fire.

# CAPITOL PUT HERE BY BARE MAJORITY

Only 79 votes constituted the majority by which Salem was designated the capital city by popular vote in 1864, records unearthed yesterday by Ralph Moody, assistant attorney general, revealed.

The election was held July 6, Salem received 6108 votes with Portland the runner-up with 3864 votes. Eugene, then known as Eugene City, received 1588 votes. Scattering votes totaled 577. Corvallis polled 189 votes, Astoria 1, Oregon City 10, Springfield 6. Marion county cast 1443 votes for Salem and 13 for Portland. Multnomah county polled 1317 votes for Portland and 21 for Salem.

The vote tabulation was signed by Governor Addison Gibbs.

**SODALITY WINS**  
MT. ANGELO, May 29—The Sodality chalked up another victory when it defeated the Knights 3 to 2, in a city league game at the Elmer hall park Monday evening. Both sides played good ball. Batteries: Sodality, May and Beyer; Knights, Kehoe, Bean and Hasing.

**Daveys Return**—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davey have returned for a visit of several days' duration in Portland.

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# WEST SALEM PARK PETITIONS SIGNED

## Highway Commission to Get New Request for River Front Scenic Spot

Petitions bearing signatures of many Polk county and Salem residents and asking that the strip of land between the highway and the river in West Salem be purchased for a state park will be presented to the state highway commission within a short time by a group of West Salem men led by Colonel C. A. Robertson and a delegation from the Salem chamber of commerce.

With only two blocks left along the water front on the Salem side of the river, boosters to make the strip on the West Salem side a park hold that if this matter is not taken up soon the last chance for a desirable river-side recreational center will be lost.

The strip which the petitions ask the highway commission to secure is about a mile long, stretching from the county bridge to the tracks near the west entrance of West Salem.

**Railing Reversal Hoped For**  
The matter has been discussed with the highway commission, which body has held that it does not want to set a precedent in buying property for park purposes in an incorporated city, according to Colonel Robertson. However, backed by the petitions, the sponsoring groups hope to see a change of heart on part of the commissioners.

Robertson estimates, with what donations probable, the commission could buy the lots along the river bank now for about \$30,000. He holds that it will cost, within a few years when plans are made to widen the now 60-foot highway through West Salem to an 80-foot one, fully that amount for additional right of way alone.

Another factor which the petition bearers will present to the highway commission is that when development of the Willamette river comes, as now in sight, value of the land will soar and it will not be possible to purchase at the cheap figure possible now.

Robertson himself sometime ago offered to donate for the cause several hundred feet of land he has on the upper, or Kingwood Heights, end of the strip.

# SIX COUPLES SEEK LICENSES TO WED

Marriage license business continued to be brisk yesterday at the courthouse with the customary "spring rush" asserting itself. Six couples applied for licenses. They were:

Ernest D. Pearson, 21, Turner, a farmer, and Pearl Kivett, 22, Newberg, a student.

Frank Butler, route one, Salem, a farmer, and LaVerne Holland, route one, Salem, a housekeeper.

Dale Miller, 26, Scotts Mills, a farmer, and Alma Stafford, 21, Scotts Mills, a housekeeper.

Joseph A. Bahr, 31, route two, Woodburn, a farmer, and Genevieve Prantel, 22, Mt. Angel, a housekeeper.

Robert W. Goodrich, 23, route three, Salem, a salesman, and Dorothy E. Salchenberg, route three, Salem, a student.

Dwight H. Soken, 26, Salem, a gardener, and Helen K. Gosser, 20, West Salem, a waitress.

**PROJECTS GROUP CALLED**  
An important meeting of the Willamette Valley Projects committee has been called by Douglas McKay for 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the chamber of commerce here.

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# Coming Events

- May 31—Norwegian musical program arranged by Mrs. J. A. Sholseth in Y. M. C. A. lobby.
- June 1—51st anniversary of Willamette law school observed with banquet at Masonic temple.
- June 2—Salem high school baccalaureate service, Elsinore theatre.
- June 2—Picnic Marion-Polk Federation Community clubs, Silver Falls state park.
- June 4-5—Pacific Coast Association of Nursesmen.
- June 6—Musical program arranged by Lena Hry Dotson at Y. M. C. A.
- June 7—Salem high school commencement.
- June 10—Willamette university commencement and inauguration of President Baxter.
- June 12-14—P. E. O. state convention.
- June 14—In Y. M. C. A. lobby, musical program arranged by Mrs. Henry Lee.
- June 17—City school election.
- June 17-18—Oregon Bankers association.
- June 26-29—Northwest Association of Dairy Milk Inspectors.
- June 30—Missouri state fair.
- June 25-30—Annual Oregon conference Methodist church.
- July 5-6—Oregon State Archery association tournament, Olinger field.

# NATIONAL BAPTIST LEADERS MEET HERE

Nearly 100 pastors, superintendents, officers, teachers and leaders in the Central-Willamette Baptist association met at Calvary Baptist church here Wednesday for an all-day session with the Christian Education caravan, consisting of three national directors and two state leaders.

In charge of the three meetings was T. H. Hagen of Portland, director of Christian education for the Oregon Baptist convention. Rev. C. S. Tunnell of Portland, professor of religious education in the Western Baptist Theological seminary, addressed the group meeting last night.

The three national members of the caravan, which will be in Eugene tomorrow before going to northern California, are Richard Holland, director of young people's work for the American Baptist Publication society; Miss Pearl Koser, director children's work; and A. J. R. Schumaker, director of leadership. Miss Louise K. Hunderud, Portland, director of children's work for the state convention, served as one of the resources leader, and D. E. Hat, manager of the Seattle branch of the A. B. P. S., had charge of the book exhibit.

Applications are being taken by Sergeant Lee B. Mable, Salem recruiting officer, to fill vacancies in the Hawaiian Islands United States army service.

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# Power Company Progresses In Program of Financial Reorganization, Reported

The Portland General Electric company is far along the road of financial re-organization which should assure its freedom from problems of meeting maturities, paying heavy interest charges and avoiding court actions—all matters which have greatly concerned the corporation the last three years. Such was the word brought to Salem yesterday by representatives of the company who are working out the final details of the company's financial program.

The final step in the adjustment should come by July 1, 1935, spokesmen for the company said. By that time holders of \$6,482,000 of the underlying 5 per cent bonds of the company are expected to have acceded to the extension since 60 per cent of the required 90 per cent of these bond owners have already approved the proposed plan for extending the maturity dates.

**To Extend Issues**  
Under this plan the Portland General Electric company is going to extend its \$6,482,000 underlying bond issues to July 1, 1950. The principal, which is due July 1, 1935, will be paid out of a sinking fund thereafter to be set up each six months by the management of the company. The bonds will be callable at the price offered by the trustees as soon as the pending refinancing program is accomplished.

The preliminary step toward extending the underlying bonds was securing consent of 85 per cent of the bondholders for the \$40,000,000 first and refunding mortgage debt on the company. The benefits to accrue from such a consent were so quickly seen by the bondholders that more than 90 per cent signed up for the new arrangement.

**Pepco Secures Release**  
The Portland Electric Power company owns the voting stock in the Portland General Electric company. The former has secured a five-year release from paying interest on the \$16,000,000 indentures it has issued.

With the threat of court action almost entirely gone due to these readjustments with bond creditors, Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland General Electric company, feels the utility is on a sound financial basis.

All three bond issues or bond issues will have been taken care of July 1, 1935. The \$16,000,000 indentures of the Portland Electric Power company will have been placed on an income revenue basis. Holders of bonds secured by the first and second mortgage for \$40,000,000 are content to waive the requirement that the \$6,482,000 of underlying mortgages be paid when due while the holders of the latter are agreeable to a 15-year extension with their bonds paid off on an amortized basis within that period.

Industry is attracted to cheap power; but it wants also a settled policy on taxation; and fair treatment from government. Consequently, in the judgment of the commissioner Oregon should not engage in political bushwhacking to frighten away industries now drawn here by the Bonneville development.

**DON'T ROCK BOAT, M'COLLOCH PLEADS**

Economic tides are running in favor of Oregon, said Frank McColloch, public utility commissioner, in addressing Salem Rotarians yesterday. It is important that there be no political experimentation and boat-rocking to kill the effect of these tides and prevent Oregon from making rapid progress in the next six to eight years. Speaking as a native of Oregon, who through residence on both sides of the mountains had intimate acquaintance with the state, McColloch commented on the advantages and the drawbacks which Oregon had had. Comparative development of neighboring states has been more rapid, he said.

Now, with new power development virtually at hand, the open opportunities for attracting industries and promoting development. The range for economical power transmission is about 200 miles, and that means, he said, that western Oregon and the Willamette valley should profit most.

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