

SENATOR HOLM O. BURSUM GOT HIS START WASHING BOTTLES IN DRUG STORE

Left an Orphan at Tender Age Worked Way to Top Despite Loss of Parents and Hard K

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—An orphaned boy of eleven years bent over a tub filled with bottles in a Denver drug store. There were holes in his shirt, patches in his worn knickerbockers. His shoes were the worst from wear.

But he washed cheerily as he washed bottles, his hands red from frequent immersion in scalding water and yellow soap. He had a job. Although his parents were dead he was sure of a bite to eat and a place, however hard, to rest his tired little body when night intervened between him and his toil.

Today the boy, grown to manhood, is a member of the United States senate, after long years of hard work and bitter struggle. His name is Holm O. Bursum.

As the one republican senator from New Mexico, Bursum was returned to the senate recently by a majority sufficiently large to be hailed as a republican victory at the end of a closely-contested campaign in which the policies of the Harding administration were made the issue.

His First Appointment.

Bursum's first entry into the senate was when he was appointed by Governor Mechem, of New Mexico, as the successor of secretary of the interior Albert B. Fall on March 11. Strangely enough, Bursum and Fall were political enemies, and Fall opposed Bursum's selection to fill his unexpired term when he entered the president's cabinet.

Bursum's appointment was construed by his friends, however, as a fitting reward for his activity in New Mexico politics for a quarter of a century. His success in the recent special election which returned him to the senate for a full term of six years was regarded by them as additional proof of his popularity with the people of his state; for, recognized as an unwavering believer in "party regularity" and a consistent supporter of the Harding administration, he was accused by the "progressives" of his own party of being "reactionary" and "Old Guard."

A Self-Made Man.

The senator has been aptly described as an example of the American self-made man who has come up under his own power over rough roads and mounting obstacles.

He was born at Fort Dodge, Iowa, on February 16, 1867. His parents were Norwegians. They settled in Iowa shortly after the Civil War. His father, a school teacher, died when he was but two years old. His mother died when he was eleven years old. It was then that the orphaned boy found a job in a Denver drug store. From washing bottles there he turned later to washing dishes and waiting upon tables. In the English kitchen, once a famous purveyor of food in that city, he found employment. After toiling all day and into the night he snatched an education from his spare moments.

At the age of fourteen he found his way to New Mexico from Denver to work in a store at Carlsbad, Socorro county, owned by an uncle. He was able to attend a public school at San Antonio when he was not working.

Handled Freight.

When he reached manhood Bursum landed a freight handling contract at the military post of Fort Wingate. He worked four six-mile outfits between the post and the nearest railroad. He later became a railroad construction foreman, and from this came on to enter the sheep business, in which he has been engaged ever since, and in which he is said to have amassed a fortune.

Bursum married in 1893 and has three daughters, two of whom are students at Leland Stanford University, Cal., and a son, Holm O. Bursum, Jr., fourteen years old.

Since his election as sheriff of Socorro county, in 1894, Bursum has made rapid strides in New Mexico politics. He was a member of the Territorial legislature in 1898, warden of the state prison from 1899 to 1906 and in 1904 was chosen republican state chairman. In 1911 he became his party's choice for governor. He was defeated by a coalition of democrats and republicans.

As a delegate to the republican national convention in 1908 he secured the adoption of a plank pledging statehood for New Mexico and Arizona, after a bitter contest, in which he formed a combination of delegates from all the territories, including Porto Rico and Hawaii. He was again defeated as a candidate for governor in 1916, but kept plugging deeper into New Mexico politics and, despite the factional strife so often rending the republican ranks, in that state, finally became the republican national committeeman and then a full-fledged republican senator.

OHIO SHELTERS MANY NON-RESIDENT INSANE

COLUMBUS, Nov. 26.—(U. N. S.)—Proper safeguards to keep Ohio from being made the dumping ground for non-resident insane have been recommended to Governor Davis by the former state board of administration as a means of stopping the growing numbers of these persons who are being admitted to state institutions.

"The number of non-residents admitted to our hospitals during 1919 was 100 and during 1920 was 114," declares the board's report. "The total number of deportations for the two years was fifteen. The average maintenance cost per inmate for a year in our hospitals is \$255. The total number of non-residents in the several institutions at any time is at least 175. These inmates cost the state \$45,000 a year for maintenance and occupy facilities at the institutions representing a capital outlay of over \$150,000."

"It is evident it would be good business for the state to pay the expense of transporting these non-residents to their place of residence wherever it is possible to do so and to take steps to prevent the commitment of non-residents in the first instance. Efforts should be made to secure the cooperation of the probate judges in making a more complete and thorough investigation to determine place of residence and in transporting non-residents directly from the counties before commitment to the state institutions."

"The law should be amended so as to make it mandatory for all probate judges to transport all insane non-residents and aliens to their places of residence and to authorize the expenditure of county funds for this purpose."

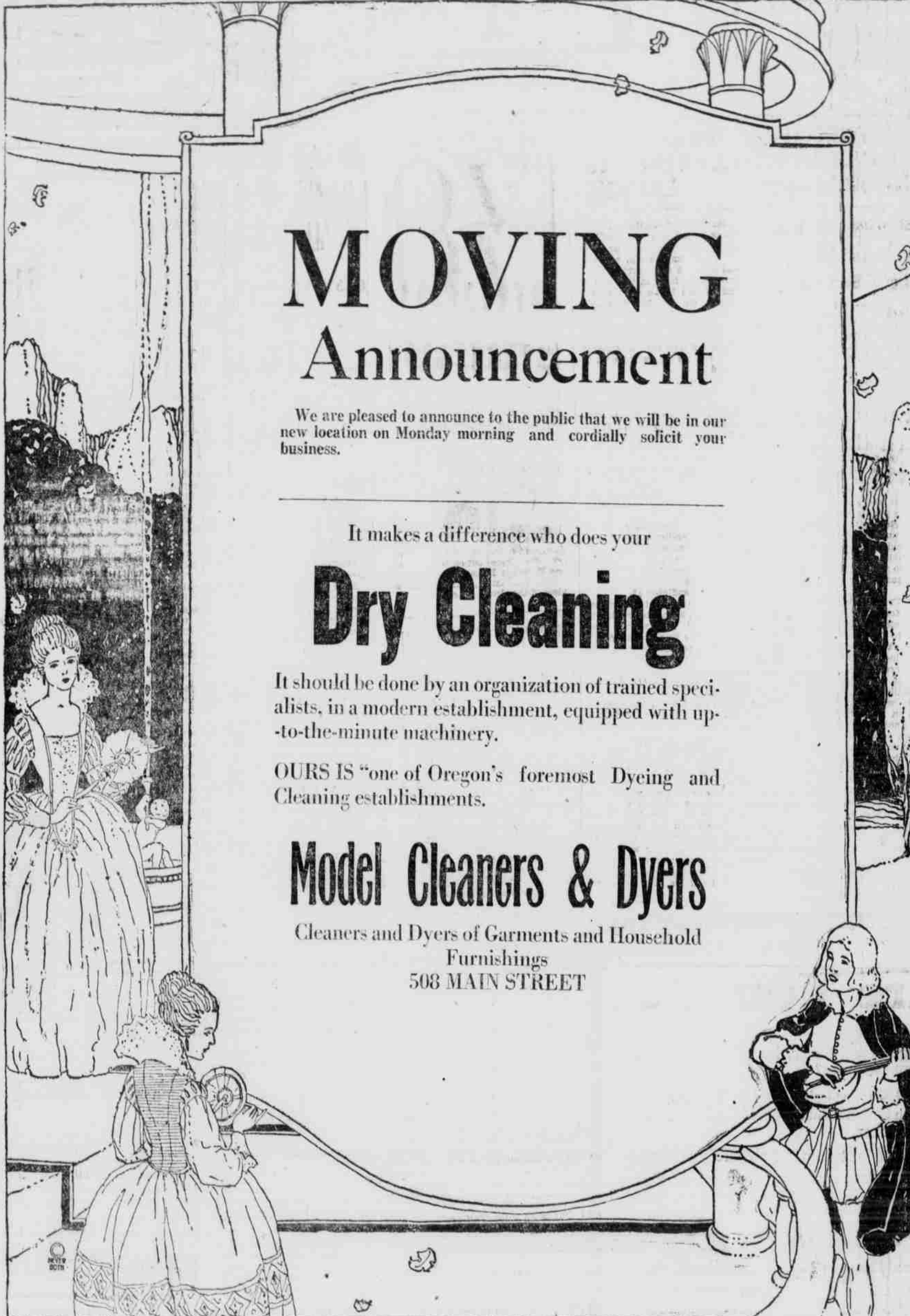
RADIOGRAPHY AIDED BY SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

LONDON, Nov. 26.—(U. N. S.)—An important scientific discovery, making it possible for surgeons to obtain more accurate location of foreign objects in the human body than is at present attainable, was disclosed at the annual exhibition of the Royal Photographic Society.

The discovery, the outcome of researches carried out by the society, will, it is stated, take radiography to a much higher scientific plane than has hitherto been possible. The new process, it is claimed, will enable operators to take a photograph of the growth, showing not only what it is but also its exact location, depth and position.

It is also claimed that the new process of X-rays dermatitis, which has ended fatally in the case of more than a dozen research pioneers, and at the same time permit a larger number of exposures to be taken without inconveniencing the patient.

Another recent discovery which was shown at the exhibition was in connection with autochrome photography, making it possible to take colored pictures.



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BRIDE SEEKS DIVORCE AFTER THREE DAYS

CHARLESTON, Mo., Nov. 24.—(U. N. S.)—After three days of married life Mrs. John W. Sexton has filed suit for divorce from Rev. John W. Sexton, Princeton graduate and pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church here. Mrs. Sexton charges incompatibility.

"It was a very unpleasant dream," she said of her marriage, "and I wish to forget it."

"I cannot understand it," the pastor declares. "My wife has appeared happy since our marriage and I know it was."

Members of the board of elders of the church asked Rev. Sexton for a statement regarding the affair. The statement was furnished.

"We will stick by him," was the verdict, "until he is tried. It would be contrary to biblical teachings to concur in his divorce."



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