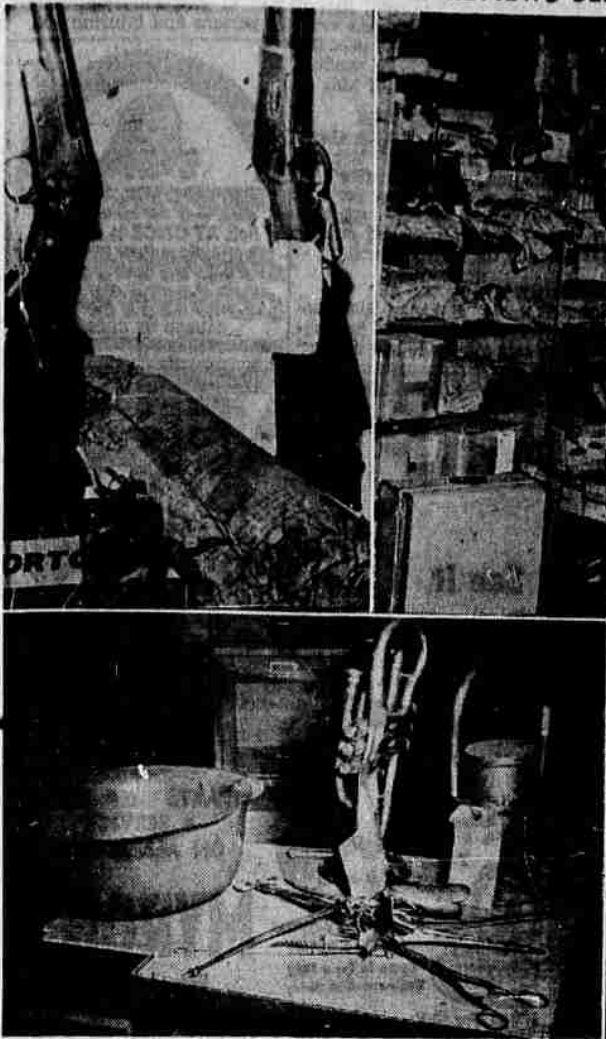


SUPREME COURT REVIEWS BEDBUGS AND VALENTINES



Bedbugs, Valentines Among Court Exhibits

By BEN MAXWELL

Exhibits ranging from bedbugs to valentines have been inspected by Oregon's Supreme Court in the review of 18,000 cases presented before that tribunal during the past 90 years.

Many of these, dating back 40 and more years, are retained in the basement storage of the Supreme Court building.

Exhibits presented by litigants at the conclusion of their cases may be reclaimed. Some do withdraw them. Others are content to let bygones be bygones and leave the exhibits in custody of the court.

In this case the plaintiff had purchased an apartment house of sorts in Portland on a purchase contract. Soon she (the plaintiff was a woman) was disillusioned with her bargain and sued to break her agreement with the defendant.

The court took a dim view of the plaintiff's case and sustained the lower court that bound her to her agreement and the bedbugs, too.

Well, what's next? Tubbs vs. Portland, Eugene and Eastern Railway is next. Exhibit A in this case consists of a battered cornet.

Tubbs was a bandsman in a dog and pony show that hit Albany more than 40 years ago. With the others he was tooling down the main street of Albany following the street car track.

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They are Jess Gard, who also is Oregon republican national committeeman, and George J. Alstadt.

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aside. Not Tubbs with his cornet and lyre. He stayed in the track and kept on playing.

The disconcerted motorman tried to stop, but, alas, too late for Tubbs. He was run over and his cornet smashed.

At the hospital, teeth were found missing and amputation of a leg was imperative.

A lower court allowed Tubbs \$20,000 in personal damages. The Albany street railway company appealed. Here is a case not recorded in the reports.

Before the case came up for a hearing the matter of damages was settled by stipulation. What Tubbs finally received for physical injuries, his battered cornet and his broken lyre is nowhere recorded.

Yonder twisted bicycle. What story does it tell? It recalls a sad and recent death involved in the case of Spence vs. Rasmussen.

The accident occurred near Gold Hill in Jackson county and was filed with the court January 24, 1951.

Trusty rifle, how many niches does your gun-stock bear? One said the court in the case of State vs. Pearce and sustained a lower court finding the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree.

When that lethal weapon smoked in the hands of L. W. Pearce, Coos county moonshiner, Culver, a bachelor, fell dead. The quarrel? Well, if it matters now, was about a line fence.

The case was filed February 17, 1925, and on May 22, 1925, old man Pearce, 67, and the oldest man ever executed at Oregon State penitentiary, was hanged.

The light that failed was submitted as an exhibit in the case of Adakim vs. the O. R. & N. railroad.

Adakim sued the company for damages involving personal injuries arising out of an accident nine miles west of LaGrande.

Somehow, the railroad's electric lantern carried by Adakim, a brakeman, appears to have failed and was a contributing factor to his injuries.

Will you be my valentine? The court said yes in a small way to the plaintiff in an action for damages in a breach of promise suit when it awarded a judgment of \$1 against the defendant. Who was the plaintiff? A person of no particular distinction. Who was the defendant? A scion of one of the more distinguished families in Portland.

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Legion Gets Birthday Cake

The 34th birthday anniversary of the American Legion was observed Monday evening in the Legion Club with about 150 attending.

In the absence of Commander James A. Garvin, who is ill, Don Dill, vice commander, accepted the birthday cake from Unit President Mrs. A. D. Apperson.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Earl T. Andresen who presented the following: From Jon-Mar Dancing Studios was a soft shoe dance by Patty Whalen.

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Members are asked to bring sweaters to the meeting to be sent to the Korean children.

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Top, left: Bottle and bundled sheet contain mummified bedbugs entered as exhibits in a case in the Oregon Supreme Court 35 years ago.

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Hearing Tonight On Zone Code

The first public hearing on the city's new zoning code will be held Wednesday night at West Salem City hall by the city planning and zoning commission.

The code, which has been well publicized, is subject to changes, and already the commission has received a number of requests for changes before its final adoption.

Denial was recommended by the commission at its meeting Tuesday night for a request from Henry Torvend for a zone change at Center and 20th streets to permit offices for two doctors.

On the same date hearings will be given J. E. LeClerc who wants to have a real estate office at 1898 North Capitol, and Mrs. Marguerite Wheatley, who wants to operate a tea room at her home 725 Court.

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Washington School Hosts Members of Mothers Club

East Salem — Two special programs by pupils of Washington school were presented the past week, one for the Mothers club and one as the program preceding a tea hour for members.

The play for the Mothers club was "Keep Oregon Green" by pupils of Merlin Marsh's fifth grade. The announcer was Sharon Bishop.

Participating were Cherrill Doty, James Elliot, Duane Bosteder, Jean Bohls, Loretta Kay, Judell Hepp, Douglas Howard, Sharon Bishop, Dickie Graham, Marlis Hann, Dickie Carlisle, Deliah Jack, Billy Carlisle, Jerry Henne, Merlin Henderson, James Anderson, Harry Kepper, Melvin Holland, Florence Epley, Billy Clayton, Larry Isham and Clark Engle.

Special for the mothers of the sixth grade room of James Watson was the play, "The Lazy One." The announcer was Thomas Prock.

Taking part were: Larry Patzer; Dem Stoops; Gene Stoutenburg, Melvin Mocabee, Betty Caples, Karen Kocobee, Judy Gardner, Lorena Randolph, Beverly Smith, Donny Stettler, Ted Milburn, Charles Carter, Richard Steinke, Robert Graham, Jimmy Shires, Dickie Robinson, Barbara Kertz, Sharon Taylor and Carol Page.

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COLUMBIA BILLS GIVEN

Washington (AP)—Bills authorizing expenditure of 150 million dollars instead of 75 million for flood control and related work in the Columbia River Basin were introduced Tuesday by Reps. Angell (R-Ore.) and Mack (R-Wash.).

Lancaster Dr., is spending her vacation from school with a friend, Miss Patricia Shepherd in Seattle, Wash.

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