

## SERVICE MEN PAY FINAL HONORS TO HOWARD ARMSTRONG

Approximately 150 former service men in uniform attended the funeral of Private Howard Armstrong, held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, in the Reid Memorial church. Hundreds of citizens lined the streets on the line of march to the cemetery, and the hillside in Earlham cemetery where the grave had been dug, was covered with a crowd of people estimated at from 1,000 to 1,500 persons.

Full military honors were paid the deceased veteran at the funeral which was conducted under the auspices of Harry Ray Post, No. 65, American Legion. The American Legion band, the gun carriage on which the coffin was carried to the cemetery and the escort of helmeted veterans, all combined to make the funeral one of the most impressive held here since that of Corporal Harry Ray, last fall.

The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. W. McClean Work, the pastor, who took for his text, "Greater love than this hath no man, that he give his life for his friend."

### Obituary Read.

The obituary was read by N. A. Powell, commander of Harry Ray Post, American Legion, and a prayer by Clarence Engelbert, post chaplain, completed the church service.

Oscar Bridgeford, brother-in-law of the deceased, and his two brothers, Sidney and Leonard, appeared in uniform.

Spectators along the line of march who failed to show respect due the dead were brought to attention by members of the body guard on three occasions. One of the men, who said he had a cold, and failed to remove his hat on that account, complied with the request of the guard readily enough. Another, mounted on a motorcycle, took off the rider's cap and hung it on the machine.

In the third case, a man's hat was removed by one of the guard and handed to him. The former service men returned from the cemetery in a body, disbanding after reaching the corner of Eighth and Main streets.

### Warn Against Purchase Of Italian Clover Seed

Word that the purchasing committee of an Ohio county farm bureau has bought several hundred pounds of Italian Red Clover seed impels crops workers of the Ohio States University again to announce that tests show conclusively that this Italian-grown seed does not winter nor yield as well as American-grown seed.

More than 16,000,000 pounds of this clover seed was imported from Europe largely from Italy, in 1921, and it is being offered for sale in all parts of the country.

**AUTO OCCUPANTS SHAKEN UP**  
ANDERSON, Ind., March 6.—Autos driven by Harry Mitchell and Ira Cox collided at a street intersection here Sunday and an auto driven by John Hogan collided with another machine. The occupants were shaken up.

### Second-Hand Book Marts

By FREDERICK J. HASPIN

NEW YORK CITY, March 6.—New York probably has more second-hand bookshops than any other city in the world. Dozens of single shops, with their outside tables piled high with books, may be found on every main thoroughfare, while occasionally whole clusters of them appear together, as is the case on lower Fourth Avenue between Eighth and Fourteenth streets, and on Fifty-ninth street running east from Fifth Avenue.

To book lovers, these dingy book marts are a never-failing source of delight. There is an atmosphere of romance and mystery about their dusty shelves that is never encountered in the new-book stores where the standard prices and neat paper jackets of the volumes proclaim their absence of an eventful past. There is also a certain tranquility about them that is extremely gratifying to those who like to choose their reading matter with care and deliberation. You can move slowly about a second-hand bookshop, inspecting book after book, without interruption from brisk, ambitious salesmen. You can read whole chapters, even whole books (many people do) in utter peace and quiet while the proprietor rummages industriously around somewhere in the rear of the store, apparently oblivious to your presence. He isn't, though, as you will soon perceive if you carry absent-mindedness too far and attempt to walk out with a volume without paying for it.

Second-hand books are interesting not only because of their bargain possibilities, but because they are mysterious. They have lived eventful, sometimes hectic, lives, and are usually widely traveled. In the second-hand book stores of New York may be found derelict volumes from all cities and countries. Some of them have fallen from high estate, as is evident from the names and inscriptions on the fly leaves, while others have the tawdry, battered, and widely rubber-stamped appearance of outcasts that have passed restlessly from one bookseller to another. Sometimes a book of very little value brings a high price because of its fly leaf which bears the autograph of a celebrated author, so that all fly leaves are generally respected by book-sellers and are not torn out, even though their inscriptions are seemingly of a trivial nature.

**Watch Fly Leaves Carefully.**

"Some of these fly leaves are worth looking at just as a matter of human interest," declared one second-hand book dealer the other day. "Take this classy old Bible now," he suggested, exhibiting the large, fine, black leather-bound volume to which he was carefully administering a coat of shoe-polish. "It's a family Bible, and you wonder how it ever happened to go astray. It's come all the way from Schenectady and it's got a full record of family births and deaths in the back of it. I'm getting it ready for a customer who says she believes she knows some of the people recorded in it. Funny, ain't it?"

"Such coincidences often happen. Once, several years ago, I remember, there was a quiet, studious young man standing by the table over there looking over the day's bargains when suddenly he dropped the book he was holding and stood staring at it where it lay on the floor as if he was paralyzed. Then he picks it up and comes running over to me, very much excited. 'This book,' he says, 'is inscribed with the name of my brother whom I haven't seen for years. He left home 10 years ago, and we haven't heard from him since. My father would give anything to know that he was here in New York, alive and well, and here at last is a clue. Don't you know where you got this book—whether it came from a private house or a hotel or—'

"The man who sold me that book along with several others lives right around the corner, and he often comes in here," I interrupted, and going back to my desk, I looked up the address and gave it to him. And do you know that book was the means of this young man and his brother meeting and making up a quarrel of long standing? Well—as I was saying to a customer the other night—truth is stranger than the fiction even we second-hand dealers carry."

### Fabulous Bargains Are Rare.

Some fabulous tales are told concerning the bargains always to be found in second-hand book shops, but it is probable that such delightful instances are rare. Most of the dealers are good judges of literature, as well as shrewd business men, and they are not likely to part with a literary gem for a price below its worth. The profit on used textbooks and on the best sellers of yesteryear is very slight, it is said, but that on first editions, books that are out of print, and books of a sensational nature is immense. Volumes which receive the official taboo of the Society for the Suppression of Vice are also given a cordial welcome by many of the dealers, who find it easy to sell them at a fat price. It is reported that one downtown dealer made enough profit on the sale of James Branch Cabell's "Jurgen" alone to open another bookshop uptown.

It is not surprising, therefore, to find most of the second-hand booksellers strongly in favor of a rigid censorship of our literature. In fact, their only criticism of the Anti-Vice society is that it is too lenient. One such admiring dealer on the West Side even has a photograph of the late Anthony Comstock conspicuously in evidence on the wall above his desk.

"The world is getting worse and worse," lamented this gentleman recently, echoing the views of New York's much discussed preacher, Dr. John Roach Stratton, "especially in its taste for books. The movies have ruined it. You can't sell the good, sweet love stories our mothers used to read any more. The new girls want something snappy. Today, a young girl not any older than my daughter came into the store, drew me over in the corner there where none of the other customers could hear her, and asked me if I had in stock a copy of 'Ulysses'—that's the book the society suppressed in this country last year. Ah, you know it? Hmm"—here he paused and gazed at the customer a trifle suspiciously, but at last seemed to be reassured by what he saw—

### TWO SISTERS MAY BE CONGRESSMEN AT NEXT SESSION



Mrs. Irene C. Buell.

Mrs. Irene C. Buell, city prosecutor of Ashland, Neb., is running for congress this year. At the same time her sister, Mrs. A. K. Gault, mayor of St. Peter, Minn., is running for a similar post. This is the first time in the history of American suffrage that two sisters have entered the race for congress at the same time.

"have you seen the latest Lawrence novel? I happen to have one there on the back shelf. And here is another that is likely to be suppressed soon." He held up a brand-new copy of a book and added irrelevantly, "I am getting in a large stock of this book tomorrow, although, of course, it is a little late for the society to act at once after nearly everybody has read the work."

**Sources of Book Supply**  
The great majority of the books sold in the second-hand shops are obtained by the dealers at auction sales of large estates and from other sales of private libraries, but a great many are also bought up at a low price from European dealers and shipped to this country. To one who is a close observer it is also apparent that at least a few of the dealers (or perhaps the people from whom they have purchased) rely upon the public libraries for a certain percentage of their stock. Indeed, in

the past the libraries have suffered some losses to the second-hand book trade that they recently secured an amendment to the penal code of the state of New York, protecting them from such deprivations.

"At one time," declares a library official, "it was possible to go out and find whole pushcarts full of library books, bearing library names and marks. Some years ago I found a whole circulating subscription library full of them. They were all library books, which had been rebound to make identification less easy, the 50-cent bindings removed and replaced by 18-cent bindings. This was a subscription library where people paid so much a week to take out a book. We don't have many cases of this kind now, though."

If the dealers are occasionally guilty of selling a library book which somehow wanders into their possession, however, they themselves are the victims of much bold thievery. They are constantly losing valuable first editions in this way. Only the other day a bookseller on the East Side lost two volumes worth at least \$300 to a clever and distinguished looking old bibliophile, who moved in the best society, and is said to earn a handsome income by supplying coveted first editions to millionaire collectors.

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