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## CITY BAKERY CHANGES HANDS

Smith & Son are not "bakers and candlestick makers" but they are bakers and confectioners. Last Monday they purchased the City Bakery from Mel Baldwin and took possession of the new business at once. Since the "fire" Smith & Son have been unable to operate their pool hall and have devoted their time to the confectionery part. Wishing to broaden in business they have taken over the bakery and will for the present operate both, and it is evident they will make a success of their new business. Mr. Baldwin has owned the bakery for several years and has been decidedly successful in every way. He will remain with Smith & Son for a short time and will rusticate in the mountains for a while before entering again into active business; as he says he feels he has a rest coming after his close confinement. He has many substantial friends here who hope he will heed the call of Independence when he "settles down" again.

C. E. Hicks has arrived from Portland and assumed management of the tractor and implement department of the Stewart Motor Co. Mr. Hicks was formerly with the Ford Motor Co. of Portland and has had a number of years' successful experience along the same lines in other cities of the good old U. S. A. He will have entire charge of the tractor sales and service for the Stewart Motor Co. Mr. Hicks is a man of pleasing personality who displays push, energy and perseverance it is certain he will give service that satisfies.

Dr. F. G. Hewett is making his professional visits in a new Oakland coupe.

## Early Hops Are Being Picked this Week

(Contributed)

Hop picking starts this week in all its glory. Preparations are now under way and soon the early yards will be filled with rosy faced and happy children, overall-clad girls, the old folks and all the rest of the folks. Everybody will be happy and the goose will hang high. The hop house dances will soon be in full swing and for a couple of weeks Independence will be one of the busiest places on the map. It is well to say here and now that all the yards are going to do their best to make the picking season as pleasant and profitable as possible for the pickers, but they will not only expect, but demand and enforce clean picking. The last few years the hops have been picked so dirty that the Oregon hop has become a joke on the market. The buyers have notified the growers that if they do not pick cleaner this year that under no circumstances will they pay for a pound of hops that is picked dirty. They have also notified the growers that if they do not pick cleaner hops this year that it will ruin the market for the future on all Oregon hops. The hop business of Oregon distributes more money all over the country than any other line of agriculture, making it possible for many children to get school supplies, and furnishing work for a large army of people at a time when it would be extremely dull were it not for the hops. In view of this fact, who wants the great hop industry to be discontinued? No one should. They help to keep up this paying industry by doing your part. Pick clean.

### Picnic at Wilhoit

About forty-six pleasure bent Independence people enjoyed a good old-fashioned picnic dinner at Wilhoit Springs last Sunday.

## Seeing Oregon's Scenic Beauty from a Motor Car

Last Saturday morning amidst the peals of thunder and the flash of lightning, a party composed of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ecker, started to Seaside by way of Portland and Astoria. Everything was lovely and the Oakland worked beautifully until we got a number of miles out of Portland on the way to Astoria. We left Portland at 2 p. m. driving over the splendidly paved highway, viewing the beautiful scenery and negotiating the magnificent curves and drinking of the rare beauty of Oregon, when all at once the driver's heart sank into his shoes upon hearing a strange and weird sound somewhere under the hood of the motor. Upon investigation we found that the fan had broken, and had torn a hole in the radiator and the precious cooling water, which is the life's blood of a motor on a long drive, was fast ebbing away. We turned and made a garage man a few miles back on the trail happy by unfolding to him our woes, and after spending two hours' time, some money and much profanity, we were again on our way. We drove less than 60 miles an hour. One reason for our leisure was the speed cops are by far too active along the Columbia, another reason was it is a shame, almost a crime to speed over such a magnificent drive and stand a chance of missing any of the natural scenic beauty as well as the artificial beauty of the great highway. I have talked with a number of tourists and they all agree that Oregon surpasses them all for the scenic beauty and grandeur of its highways. It is my opinion that we Oregonians become so familiar with the natural beauties of our state that we fail to fully appreciate what an asset to the state of Oregon the great highways are. Some of the rich-

est of the Eastern states haven't a foot of paved highway. The people of Oregon are, and ought to be, proud of their highways, their beautiful natural scenery, their trout streams, their productive soil, and their mild and temperate climate, even if it does rain a little in winter. The next five years will bring to the Willamette valley and to Oregon in general the largest bunch of homeseekers that has ever been known here. People are getting tired of the long cold winters and the hot and uncomfortable summers in the East and North, and the automobile is making it possible for them to make a trip both of pleasure and homeseeking that is not so expensive as the old way of traveling, and they have time to see more of the beauties of Oregon and the great highways are such a drawing card that many of them will make homes here that otherwise would never see the state. We made the last 25 mile lap to Astoria after night, and none of the party will soon forget their initiation to Astoria. We had to make a detour over the mountains to Astoria Heights, and in going down into the town we had to descend a hill almost as steep as the roof of most houses, and the pavement was as slick as greased lightning, and our car commenced to skid, and after skidding several yards turned completely around on the hill. No damage was done to the car, but none of the party will ever look the same again. Sunday we drove to Seaside over a detour and had some further thrills. The paved road was closed to traffic and we had to drive back over the roughest and slickest mountain this side of kingdom come. However we are all still alive and proud of it, but the flirtation with the undertaker will not soon be forgotten.

—O. L. F.

## Miss Eva Robertson Weds George DeWitt

Announcements have been received here of the marriage of Miss Eva Robertson and Mr. George D. DeWitt. The event was celebrated at a charmingly simple service at the Baptist church in Oregon City last Monday. The pastor of the church read the service in the presence of a few friends and relatives including a sister, Mrs. W. H. Craven, Miss Lucile Craven and Paul Hall from Illinois, a house guest at the Craven home. Following the service the wedding party made the trip over the scenic Columbia Highway. Later a wedding repast was served. Mrs. De Witt is the daughter of Mrs. S. E. Robertson of this city. She is a charming young lady of many admirable qualities and is thoroughly capable of making a real home. Mr. DeWitt is a brother of Mrs. Bertha Ferguson and formerly lived here. He is an architect of ability and is accorded the credit

## THUNDERSTORM TERRIFIC AFFAIR

Between 3 and 4 o'clock last Saturday morning Independence people needed no alarm clocks to start them on their anticipated journeys. A flash of lightning and a bolt of thunder equal to the "crack of doom" made Easterners think they were "Way Down East" and also served to awaken the remainder of Independence population from their peaceful slumbers. However, the D. P. McCarthys on B street were more disturbed than anyone. The lightning unstrung the telephone and light wires and also slightly demolished the roof, but aside from extreme fright no further damage was sustained.

for some of Independence's most beautiful homes.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt are at present at the Palace Hotel in Portland until their home on the East Side, which is under construction, can be completed.

## "There Is Nothing So Destructive of Business as Is Uncertainty"

By HERBERT C. HOOVER, Secretary of Commerce



The relation of trade associations and trade institutes to the anti-trust laws has been discussed at great length in the administration. Of the many thousands of such organizations there is a small minority who have degenerated into ways that make for restraint of trade. All are agreed that the purposes and actions of the vast majority of national associations are a constructive contribution to public welfare.

Many of them collect information as to production, stocks of raw and other material, percentage of industry in active operation, total orders in hand—all of which when available to the public contribute both to stability and increasing efficiency of industry and to protection of both the smaller manufacturer and the consumer.

A smaller number of such associations have been engaged in the collection of data on the prices for the exclusive use of their members. Some of these associations have been charged with delimiting areas of commodity distribution among their members and other misuse of information. Whether these latter practices constitute a violation of the anti-trust laws must be determined by the courts, and this the attorney general is proceeding to find out.

All this raises anew the question of the authority of the federal trade commission. The original conception of the commission was that it should, among other things, advise business men what constituted a violation of the restraint of trade laws, but these powers were struck out in the course of actual legislation.

It seems to me that seven years' experience with the commission should now enable a reconsideration of its powers with a view to giving it a more constructive function, subject, say, to review by the attorney general, by which it could remove the uncertainties from the minds of business men as to the line between the field of co-operation and promotion of production and trade and the field of practices against public interest. There is nothing so destructive of business as is uncertainty.

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Yours truly,

**O. A. Kreamer**

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## Ayer Elected President Of State Normal

Fred C. Ayer, formerly professor of education at the University of Oregon but at present holding a similar position with the University of Washington, was selected as president of the state normal school at Monmouth to succeed president J. H. Ackerman deceased, at a meeting of the board of regents of the school here this afternoon.

Professor Ayer, who was selected from a list of 23 applicants for the position, is well known to the teaching fraternities of Oregon through his connection with institute work in the state during his four years with the Oregon university and comes to his new position with the recommendations of some of the best known educators in the west. Professor Ayer received his B.S. degree at the Upper Iowa uni-

versity in 1902, earning his M. S. degree at Georgetown university in 1905 and his Ph.D. degree at Chicago university in 1915. His teaching record follows: principal Wanona, Ia., high school, 1901; instructor Marion, Ia., 1903; professor, South Dakota normal, 1904; professor Arizona state normal, 1905-1910; professor of education, University of Oregon, 1912-1916; professor of education University of Iowa, 1917; professor of education University of Washington 1918-1921.

With a good crew of men and efficient "bosses", work on the alley pavement from C to Monmouth was finished yesterday. Today the block from C to B was finished. Everything was given the "rush act" except the approaches which were carefully constructed by John Bohannon.

"Smiling" Billy McAdams was here this week.

## Notice to the Farmers

We now have a representative in the East who will send us buyers for all kinds of farms. We are also carrying ads in the Eastern papers that are bringing us in touch with people who want to buy farms. We will soon be able to furnish you a buyer on short notice. We want to show your farm when the buyers come, so please come in or write us your list at once.

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