

INDEPENDENCE MONITOR

VOL. 2

INDEPENDENCE, POLK COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, SEPT. 5, 1913

NO. 6

PICKING MONEY FROM VINES

The Rain Hindered Picking This Week Some

All Yards in Operation This Week and Hops Fine

The town has looked like a fourth of July celebration for several days. The rain this week has kept many pickers in town and the city has been a busy spot. Tuesday the twelve car special train from Portland to the Wigrich hop yard arrived and the people went out to the yard over the American Bottom extension where arrangements have been made to take care of them.

Practically all yards are being picked this week and while the crop is not a heavy one it is fine for quality.

Erroneous reports have gone out from unreliable sources that the conditions are not favorable here for the pickers. This report was published without investigation and the conditions are just the opposite. All yards are in fine condition, camping facilities good, and we have heard no complaint regarding pickers not being able to find work. The first of the season it looked as though there might possibly be an over supply of pickers, but this seems to have been caused by an underestimate of the number of pickers that would be needed.

The army of pickers are here to make money and have a good time and appearances indicate they are doing so.

Conkey & Walker, Fluke & Johnson and Drexler & Alexander have been crowded with people getting supplies and they have had all the trade they could handle. The hardware stores have been busy and business generally has been fine.

JOURNAL MAN VISITS MONITOR OFFICE

Touring Willamette Valley Investigating Land Condition

A. D. Cridge, representing the Oregon Daily Journal, was an Independence visitor this week and while in town called at the Monitor office. In speaking of conditions here he said: "Independence is the center of a fine section of this valley. With the electrification of your railroads, you will support a greater population and a richer agricultural community. The building of the new railroad into the Siletz timber means much to your community and the mill you have promised you will be of great value to your people as a steady pay roll. I see much permanent improvement going on in your city and the paving of your streets is a big step in the right direction."

In speaking of his trip, he said he was sent out to see regarding the values of land and thought the acreage was too great, rather than the price too high. You must get your farm down to a paying basis and this requires small farms or more intensive farming" was his opinion from the investigations he had made thus far.

WEATHER CLEARS UP THURSDAY EVENING

People All at Work Again Picking Hops

The hop pickers awoke happy Friday morning. The clouds had rolled away and old "Sol" was looking down with his brilliant

eye turned toward Independence and the hop fields this morning and the pickers immediately prepared to take up their work of gathering in the crop. The rain has helped the hop crop quite materially and leaves everything in nice shape for the pickers. Every indication now points to a good season for picking.

GOVERNMENT IS INVESTIGATING SHIPPING

H. J. Ramsey in the Valley Looking Up Conditions

The Monitor is informed that H. J. Ramsey is in the valley this week looking up transportation and storage matters for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, especially investigating the shipping of fruit. This work is being done extensively by the department and he is interested deeply in the conditions in this valley. He visited at Salem Wednesday.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR THE NORMAL

Superintendent Ackerman Well Pleased With the Outlook

Supt. Ackerman was a passenger through Independence to Monmouth this week, after having spent a day in Salem. He states he is well pleased with the outlook this year for the normal.

Every indication points to quite an increase in attendance at the school when it opens this fall and the large increase in the attendance at the summer course is also indicative of this prospect.

Last week Lester E. Stone of Monmouth was arrested and tried before Justice of the Peace Winn on charge of assault and battery and fined. This week word comes from Dallas that his wife, Violet E. Stone, aged sixteen, who less than a year ago married him has brought suit for divorce. Mrs. Stone is a daughter of a Mr. Conkey of Monmouth. The merits of the contention of each party is not known to the Monitor, although the charge of being drugged at the time of the marriage is one of the allegations of the complaint for divorce.

R. J. Taylor reports the sale of the W. S. Kurre residence property on Sixth street this week to Prof. Wetman

The rainy weather is holding up the paving and the streets ready for the bitumcrete mixture and cement base are impassible. A few days clear weather will see them busy at work again.

FOUR AUTO RACERS SPEED TO DEATH

Before Audience of 5000, Machines Pile Up Going 60 Miles an Hour.

Nashville, Tenn.—Death claimed a heavy toll in the Labor day automobile speed races at the state fair grounds here, when four of the high-powered cars entered in the 25-mile free-for-all race were wrecked on the far side of the mile track in view of 6000 people.

Four of the racing men were killed and three received minor injuries. Two of the cars with their drivers and mechanics flashed through the tangled wreckage of broken cars and mangled bodies at a speed of 60 miles an hour, escaping injury.

The tragedy came without warning to the spectators.

The six cars were speeding around the circular track at a terrific rate on the fifth lap when the Studebaker "Whiskbroom" carrying the ill-fated number 13, about 20 yards in the lead of Mercer No. 2, Clyde Donovan, driving "The Whiskbroom," feeling his right front wheel give way, after swerving to avoid striking a negro boy, turned into the outside fence to avoid blocking the track in the path of the following cars. Mercer No. 2, flashed by in an instant. The Stutz, running third, drove into the wreck and turned a somersault, killing its crew. The Buick followed and struck with a terrible crash, turning over several times. The two occupants were dead when picked up.

PACIFIC LET IN CANAL

Waters Pour In and for First Time Lap Masonry of Miraflores Locks, Panama.—The last remaining barrier at the Pacific end of the Panama canal was blown up by dynamite Sunday morning.

A workman seized a shovel and made a small trench through which a rill of water trickled. Gradually it widened until an hour later a raging torrent, with a 25-foot fall, poured through an opening 400 feet wide into that part of the canal between Gamboa dike and the Miraflores locks.

Board Says West Unjust to Morson
Salem, Or.—Declaring that they would not be parties to a "persecution" of the Deschutes Land company, and would do everything in their power to get the federal government to extend the contract with the state for two years, Treasurer Kay, Attorney-General Crawford and State Engineer Lewis have issued a signed statement explaining their position as members of the Desert Land Board in the controversy with Governor West. Governor West, in answer to the statement defending the Deschutes Land Company, calls J. E. Morson, president of the company, a "shoe-string promoter."

COUNTY FAIR IN SEPTEMBER

Meetings in School Districts Planned Soon

The Polk County Fair will be held on September 23, 24 and 25 and we want to make it a number one fair, this cannot be without the aid of every boy and girl in the county, and we hope that you will see that you have something at the fair.

Mr. Mackin, the Rural Supervisor, or myself will visit the different school districts and we hope at that time to meet many of you and will explain the manner of making the entries and will have entry blanks with us.

All articles at the county fair will be entered at the State Fair as a County exhibit and also you will have the chance for the individual prizes offered at the State Fair.

Each child making an exhibit at the State Fair will be given a ticket admitting them to the fair for any one day.

Last spring before the close of the different schools you reported to us many articles for the fair, be sure and have them here and do not forget the bird houses, because we are going to have a great exhibit of bird houses.

If your district is going to make a district exhibit, have your articles in that exhibit and you will have a chance for all individual prizes, but if your district is not going to make a district, send in your articles anyway and you will have the same chance.

Be sure and have your entry blanks filled out, also at the same time you fill out a blank for the county fair, fill out one for the state fair and hand or send both to me.

Remember the School Children's Department of the county fair is your fair, and its success will depend upon you, see that you do your part to have something at the fair and try and be present yourself.

Following are the dates and hour upon which Mr. Mackin or myself will visit your school house to meet you in regard to this work, if possible try and be present at that time.

Dates for Mr. Mackin
September 8, McCoy 9 a. m.; Crowley, 11 a. m.; Oak Grove, 2 p. m.; Greenwood, 4:30 p. m.
September 9, Polk Station, 9 a. m.; Smithfield, 11 a. m.; Enterprize, 2 p. m.; Red Praire, 4:30 p. m.

Sept. 10, Harmony, 9 a. m.; Buell, 11 a. m.; Gooseneck, 2 p. m.; Fern, 4:30 p. m.

Sept. 11, Pioneer, 9 a. m.; Liberty, 1:30 p. m.; Oak Point, 4:30 p. m.

Sept. 12, Mistoe, 9 a. m.; Antioch, 11 a. m.; Sunny Slope, 2 p. m.

Sept. 13, Bridgeport, 9 a. m.; McTimmonds Valley, 11 a. m.

Dates for Supt. Seymour
Sept. 8, Suver, 1 p. m.; Valley View 2:30 p. m.; Fair View, 4 p. m.

Sept. 9, Highland 9 a. m.; Parker 11 a. m.; Buena Vista 1 p. m.; Hopville, 2:30 p. m.

Sept. 10, Guthrie 8:30 a. m.; Lewisville, 9:30 a. m.; Montgomery 11 a. m.; Pedee, Cherry Grove at Pedee 1 p. m.; Fir Grove 3:30 p. m.

Sept. 11, Rickreall, 8 a. m.; Eola 10:30 a. m.; Mountain View, 1 p. m.; West Salem, 2:30 p. m.

Sept. 12, Popcorn, 9 a. m.; Brush College, 10:30 a. m.; Lincoln, 12 m.; Spring Valley, Lone Star at Spring Valley, 1:30 p. m.; Zena 3 p. m.

Sept. 13, Oak Dale, 9 a. m.; Oakhurst, 11 a. m.; Falls City 1:30 p. m.

Sept. 15, Orchards 8:30 a. m.; Salt Creek, Upper Salt Creek, Concord, at Salt Creek, 9:30 a. m.; Butler, 11 a. m.; Valley Junction, 12:30 p. m.; Rogue River, 2:30 p. m.

Sept. 16, Elkins, 9:30 a. m.;

Monmouth, 11 a. m.; Independence 1:30 p. m.
Sept. 17, Bethel 1:30 p. m.; Perrydale, 3 p. m.; Ballston, 4:30 p. m.

Sept. 18, Cochran, 9 a. m.; Ward, Airlie at Airlie, 4:30 p. m.

Anyone having any questions in regard to the School Childrens Department of the County or State Fair, write to us and we will try and explain all to you.

H. C. Seymour,
School Superintendent,
Polk County, Oregon

Sherbrooke, Quebec, Sept. 3—Harry Thaw today lost his fight to defy deportation by remaining in the Sherbrooke jail.

Judge Hutchinson this afternoon sustained a writ of habeas corpus calling for his release.

Thaw remained dazed for possibly three minutes. The crowd began to leave the Judge's chamber in silence. Thaw followed aimlessly.

As he crossed the threshold, E. Blake Robertson, Assistant Superintendent of Immigration, tapped him on the shoulder and placed him officially under arrest as an undesirable alien.

The crowd then surged from the building, and it was announced that Thaw would be taken immediately to Coaticook for a hearing.

Thaw's lawyers seemed stunned. Special officers of the immigration department jostled them in the corridors.

"I'll see you in Coaticook, boys," said Thaw, waving his hand to the reporters.

Judge Hutchinson's voice trembled as he read the decision, which in effect started Stanford White's slayer on the road back to Matteawan. The judge's hands shook so that he could hardly hold the parchment.

Thaw did not take his eyes off the reader. In his right hand Thaw held limply two little pennants of the fair which a little girl thrust upon him. There were 40 persons in the judge's chamber. The court's reading was slow and while there were indications that he would sustain the writ, it was not until the last few paragraphs that this became positive.

The court held, briefly, that Thaw was being confined illegally and that John Boudreau, Chief of Police of Coaticook, the petitioner, had a right to demand the prisoners release.—Telegram.

Kate C. McCorkle has brought suit against the Wigan Richardson Company for damages in the sum of \$18,290, for alleged defects in the auto owned by the

company, which caused the death of her husband, Jesse McCorkle. The accident killing him happened at a bad of the road near Eola.

Hop tickets printed at the Monitor office.

F. B. HARRISON



F. B. Harrison, the New York Congressman who was named Governor General of the Philippines.

SMUGGLING RING DISRUPTED

Nine Customs Guards at San Francisco Are Involved.

San Francisco, Cal.—Warrants for the arrest of nine customs guards, suspended from service, is the first step of what promises to develop the biggest smuggling scandal ever brought to light on the Pacific coast.

Details of the operation of the opium ring, which is alleged to have gone on for years along the Pacific coast with the connivance of these customs guards is in the hands of Collector of the Port J. O. Davis.

Collector Davis declares that the opium ring, thoroughly organized, with representatives in China and Pacific coast ports, has engaged in illicit operations from which the profits amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Thaw's Weapon is Used Against Him

Sherbrooke, Quebec.—Harry K. Thaw's favorite, though ineffective, weapon in the New York courts—the writ of habeas corpus—was turned against him by his old prosecutor, William Travers Jerome, as a means of forcing Thaw into court here Tuesday in order that the immigration authorities may deport him to Vermont in what Jerome hopes will be the first leg of the return to Matteawan asylum.

S. P. Appeals Big Land Case.

Portland, Ore.—Appeal was taken by the Southern Pacific company in the federal court here from the decision of Judge Wolverton rendered July 1 whereby 2,300,000 acres of land in the Oregon and California grant were declared forfeited to the government. The case now goes to the United States circuit court of appeals at San Francisco and from there, however it may be decided, it will be taken to the United States supreme court.

MORE PAVING NOW PLANNED

Council Orders Bids Made for Paving C Street

Remonstrance Privilege Allowed After Bids are Made is Plan

At the meeting of the city council last week J. S. Cooper was elected councilman to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of A. L. Sperling.

The council then took up the matter of paving and passed a resolution favoring the paving of C street from Railroad street west to and through the city block square. This, if not remonstrated against, will add about six more blocks of paving to the main streets of the city.

Mr. Kibbey of the Linden-Kibbey construction company was present at the meeting and stated the street could be finished in thirty days after the contract had let.

Notice for bids are published this week and those desiring to remonstrate are given notice when to appear.

A school meeting was held this week at the public school building and the vote was against paving the block at the school house, about 60 legal voters attended the meeting.

CORN SUCCESSFUL GROWN AT WOODBURN

Boys Corn Club Under Charge of Govt. Agent Chapin

Luther J. Chapin of Salem delivered an address on general agriculture at a picnic held in a grove at Woodburn Saturday afternoon. A special feature was an exhibition of corn grown by the boys of that vicinity, which, according to Mr. Chapin, was exceptionally good, nearly every stalk having two well-developed ears. He says that this shows what can be done and in his opinion what will be done with corn in this valley when the people learn how to prepare the ground and care for it. Mr. Chapin acted as judge of the corn exhibit.

A petition was circulated the first of the week asking the council to rescind its action to allow the Government to use the rock on the acre tract of city property opposite Independence. This property was bought several years ago for the purpose of using the springs on it for a city water system.

Considerable contention has arisen since as to whether this water supply is adequate for city water purposes and the matter was dropped owing to this variance in opinion.

Engineers were consulted but their reports did not satisfy those who were opposed and the matter has never been thoroughly investigated.

The tract was purchased for \$1000 and located about two miles from the city at a good height above the city.

C. W. Leonard returned a few days ago from his fishing and hunting trip and reported one fine deer as a part of the game. The Monitor force is skeptical and has not had a sample that would allay that skepticism.

E. E. Paddock attended the funeral of Editor Foster at Dallas, Wednesday.

Dr. Foster, the chiropractic was in the city Thursday.

JUST A FEW WORDS

The hop picking season is now with us again and we are ready to supply you.

REMEMBER we carry the largest and best stock of supplies in Polk county, just such as are needed through the hop picking season.

Comforts, Blankets, Hats, Gloves, Tape, Overalls, Jackets, Sweaters in all colors and at prices to suit the purse, Aprons, Dresses and Rompers for the little folks.

We also carry a complete line of Men's and Boys' Suits, Pants, and hats, together with a complete line of Dry Goods and Shoes, which we are offering you at reasonable prices.

We solicit your trade.

CONKEY & WALKER

THE LEADING STORE

INDEPENDENCE, OREGON

DON'T WASTE TIME

Going from store to store buying a little here and a little there to get what you need.

Come to our store where you can get dry goods, groceries, hats, shoes, clothing, hop picking supplies, everything in general merchandise.

Here you can secure the Pure White flour, Monopole canned goods, Selz, White House, Buster Brown and Royal Blue shoes, all the standard brands of coffees, teas and extracts, and the price is right.

We give good service and thus hold our customers.

When in Independence we would be pleased to have you call and inspect our lines.

We take your provisions, butter, and eggs at the highest market price.

DREXLER & ALEXANDER

GENERAL MERCHANTS

INDEPENDENCE, OREGON