

### WILLAMETTE THE FINEST CLIMATE CAN'T BE BEAT

#### Bill Richardson Famous Hop Man From London Says Its True

"I have been in every civilized country in the world. I wish to say this: Oregon has the most delightful climate in the world." This was the declaration made by Basil E. Richardson, member of the firm of Wigan, Richardson & Company of London, England, the hop firm that does the most extensive hop business in the world.

Mr. Richardson arrived here Tuesday to transact business for the firm.

"How does the climate of England compare with the climate of the Willamette valley?" Mr. Richardson was asked.

"Well, Old England has a most excellent climate—a most excellent climate, but really it cannot compare with this," said Mr. Richardson, as he looked through the window at the smiling sunshine and across green lawns and green shrubbery.

The Wigan-Richardson company has one of its most important hop dealing headquarters in Salem.

It is owner of the famous Wigan ranch, named after members of the firm, by a conjunction of the abbreviations of the names of the members of that firm.

The ranch in question was formerly known as the Krebs ranch and is located near Independence, in Polk county. It is probably one of the largest single hop ranches in the world. It was purchased from Ladd & Bush a few years ago at a cost of \$130,000.

When the purchase was made another record was also established in Salem.

This record represents the largest amount of money ever cashed into the city. The Wigan-Richardson company cabled \$80,000 from London, England, in connection with the purchase and the tolls on the cablegram reached into a great sum.

#### FERRY AT SIDNEY

A ferry will soon be running across the river at Sidney. The survey has been made. The county will install and maintain the service and the Oregon Electric will make the cut from the river to the landing.

### COUNT THE BIRDS

The department of agriculture is intending to take a census of all the birds in the United States and has requested the Monitor to ask its readers to assist. The object is to determine how many pairs of birds of each species breed within definite areas.

The plan of counting as suggested by the department is to begin at daybreak some morning the last of May or the first week in June and "zigzag back and forth across an area of forty acres counting the male birds of each species."

The Monitor is willing to assist and has appointed the following committee of Independence business men to take the census: Macy, Conkey, Cooper Jr., Hibbs Sr., Reeves, Hirschberg, Brown, Knapp, Merwin, Draxler, L. E. Butler, Fluke and Paddock. This committee of thirteen are advised to meet at once and divide the territory of the south half of Polk county into equal divisions so they will be able to begin the census promptly at daybreak May 15. The count should be finished on the evening of June 15.

"The final results of the census should be sent to the Department of Agriculture about June 30, accompanied by a statement of the exact boundaries of the selected area, defined so explicitly that it will be possible 25 years hence to have the census repeated. The name of the present owner of the land should be given, together with a careful description of its character, including a statement whether the area is dry upland or moist bottom land, the number of acres in each of the provincial crops or in permanent meadow, pasture, orchard, swamp, roads, the kind of fencing used, and whether there is much or little brush along any fences, roads, or streams or in the permanent pasture."

If any of the committee finds it impossible to tell the male from the female, they may wait until one of the birds lays an egg. The bird that doesn't lay the egg will be the male.

### FINDS HE HAS FATHER LIVING

Frank Kerslake of Airline Gains Son And Also a Daughter-in-law

Pendleton, Ore., May 2.—Living for a quarter of a century under the impression that he had no father living, and bearing a name not his own and sharing it with another, a well known young man of this city who has been known all his life as Frank Griffith, but whose real name is Floyd Kerslake, has just discovered that he has a father who is a wealthy rancher near Salem. With his wife he has joined his parent to make his home. A peculiar feature of the affair is that Griffith-Kerslake and his wife, who was formerly Miss Hattie J. Taylor, were remarried when they discovered the new identity to make sure of the legal status of their marriage. Two years ago they were married under the name of Griffith. The young man's parents were divorced when he was a baby and the mother kidnapped him. She married a man named Griffith and gave that name to her child. While in the employ of a local music house not long since, he learned that his real father was living near Salem. He got in communication with him. The elder Kerslake sent a substantial check to his son and bade him and his wife join him.

#### TUN TUN

Newspapers are talking about the clothes a certain actress wears. As near as we can judge from the comment there is not much to talk about.—Cottage Grove Sentinel.

### REV. CROW TO RETURN

Rev. Ben C. Crow will again be pastor of the Christian church of Independence, having been called at a special meeting of the church people held Sunday night.

However, he will leave about June 1 for Chicago to finish his musical studies, returning to Independence about October 1 to resume his duties as pastor and also to instruct a large class in music which he will have. During his absence a supply will occupy the pulpit.

### MOOSE ELECT OFFICERS

The Independence Moose Wednesday evening elected the following officers for the coming year: M. C. Williams, past dictator; Eley Fluke, dictator; Geo. Sloper, vice dictator; P. W. Bickley, secretary; Dr. Dunsmore, prelate; C. M. Thorpe, master-at-arms; R. R. DeArmond, treasurer; F. E. Coquette, inside guard; Homer Mills, outside guard; D. Davidson, W. M. Huff and P. L. Hedges, trustees.

### PRIMARIES HELD TODAY

#### ALL THE STATE VOTING

#### Main Contest For Governor In Both Republican and Democratic Ranks

If everybody who is registered or could vote today in the four precincts of Independence does so there will be 801 votes cast, divided as follows: 444 republicans, 264 democrats, 39 prohibitionists, 5 progressives and 24 who refused to state their political faith. A vote of about 700 is expected.

The total registration of Polk county was 5060 divided as follows: 2705 republicans, 1578 democrats, 408 prohibitionists, 115 socialists, 66 progressives and 188 miscellaneous.

In the county there are three republican contests. Fred J. Holman and H. Chas. Dunsmore for treasurer, C. R. Canfield and A. L. Raines for surveyor and C. W. Beckett and G. A. McCulloch for commissioner. The democrats likewise have three contests. Edward J. Himes, Fred M. Saver and Sandford B. Taylor for surveyor, J. Henry Savery, W. J. White and J. F. Morrison for sheriff, John Simpkins and George Canfield for commissioner.

The most important contest in both the republican and democratic ranks is the governorship. Crawford, Brownell, Johns, Geer and Withycombe apparently have about an even break for the republican nomination. Smith and Bennett seem to be the democratic favorites although it is said that Manning has a show.

The congressional fight between Hawley and Johns for the republican nomination is keen. Hawley has the advantage. The democratic nomination will go to Fred Hollister who will defeat Meredith.

For Justices of the Supreme Court there are eight republicans for the four positions.

George M. Brown will undoubtedly secure the republican nomination over four others.

The republicans also have contests for state engineer, commissioner of labor and railroad commissioner.

### ROBBERS AGAIN

Independence was again visited by robbers Saturday night. This time Nelson's meat market was broken into but the haul was hardly worth the chance. Only \$2.95 in cash was secured. Several aprons and a sweater were also taken. Entrance to the shop was made in the rear by cutting a screen and throwing a latch. During the same night the warehouse at the docks was robbed of some merchandise.

Somebody is going to be caught very soon if this work is not stopped.

#### CAN HARDLY WAIT

It was a Kansas man who became so enthusiastic over his first "Go to Church Sunday" that he declares it will be hard for him to wait until the day comes again in 1915.—Lebanon Express.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial services will be held at the Methodist church at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, May 24. Rev. Sandifur will deliver the sermon. All churches and everybody are kindly invited to meet with us.

A. M. Bingman,  
Commander G. A. R.

### MRS. HOFFMAN SURPRISED

Mrs. W. T. Hoffman thoroughly enjoyed a surprise from her neighbors last Monday evening, when they went in with lunches and merry smiles to make cheerful her birthday evening.

### DEMOCRATS VOTE FOR BAKER

R. W. Baker, manager of the Independence Seed and Feed Store of Independence, asks all Democrats to write his name on their ticket as candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace for this district.

Paid adv.

### Vote for McNary

FOR

### Supreme Judge

Charles H. McNary, of Salem, candidate for re-election to the position of Justice of the Supreme Court, is clean, able, has a good record, and is entitled to the votes of all republicans.

His work should be appreciated. Remember him when you go to vote.

Paid Advertisement.

### DEAR MOTHER HAS HER DAY

Independence Churches Observe Event  
Hundreds of White Flowers Worn

The movement started ten years ago by Miss Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia, to observe Mother's Day, has been so warmly received that almost the entire civilized world joined in celebrating last Sunday.

Nothing else would be so fitting for the day as a white carnation whose qualities of strength, endurance, and fragrance represents the fragrance of a mother's love and her spirit of sacrifice.

A very impressive service was held at the Methodist church in the morning. Rev. Sandifur made some pretty and appropriate remarks, paying high tribute to Mother.

Little Miss Baker and Mrs. Paddock beautifully rendered appropriate solos at the service.

In the evening appropriate services were held at the Christian church by the pastor.

A pretty tribute was paid to father in the solo, "Daddy," rendered by Mr. Crow. There was something uncommonly sweet about the fitting in and suggestion of the song, reminding us that we should not overlook the debt we owe to the father who toils for us and sets for us an example of bravery and virtue.

Congress has named the second Sunday in May as National Mother's Day.

V. S.

### TEACHER'S MEETING

The last local teacher's meeting of the year was held at Willamina in conjunction with Yamhill county on Saturday, May 9th. This was one of the best meetings of the year. In the noon hour the visiting teachers were served with luncheon at the Willamina Hotel as the guests of the citizens of Willamina, for which every teacher extended to them their appreciation and went away with the best thoughts for Willamina and her citizenship.

### BUSY MAN

Congressman Hawley is busy writing letters to Independence people this week. The gentleman does not like to have the Monitor dare question the advisability of again electing him to Congress when the opportunity is presented to send a better man.

### KERMIT'S LUCK

The decision of Roosevelt not to go to Spain to see his son married places upon Kermit the responsibility of being the leading man at his own wedding.—McMinnville Telephone Register.

### HOP MEN TO FIGHT "DRYS" ORGANIZE TO BATTLE

#### Think Prohibition In State Will Wipe Out 2000 Hop Men; Kill Industry

Believing that if Oregon goes dry the hop industry of the state will be wiped out, and the 2000 growers, with their \$25,000,000 capital invested, ruined, an organization of growers and dealers was formed in Portland Saturday to work against prohibition.

More than 100 men engaged in the growing and selling of hops were present at sessions held in the Morgan building in the morning and afternoon. Of the 15 counties in Western Oregon that produce hops, ten were represented.

The name selected for the organization is the Hopgrowers' and Dealer's Association of Oregon. The officers selected are: A. J. Ray, of Portland, president; T. A. Livesley, of Salem, first vice president; F. W. Durbine, of Salem, treasurer; Harry L. Hart, of Portland, secretary; Hal V. Bohm, of Salem, assistant secretary; E. C. Kirkpatrick, of Dallas; J. C. Wold, of Silverton; George W. Lewis, of Salem; Joseph Harris, of Salem; George L. Rose, of Independence and Julius Piacus, of Portland, executive committee.

County organizations will be formed, and the president of each county association will be a vice-president of the state body. This work will be taken up at an adjourned meeting in the Independence opera house Saturday, May 23. It is proposed to hold meetings each Saturday at some point in the hopgrowing districts.

It was declared at the meeting that, should state prohibition carry in Oregon, the hops of this state will certainly be boycotted by Eastern brewers to the advantage of the California and Washington producers.

"Not only will the farmers that grow hops suffer, but hoppickers will be deprived of the opportunity of earning much money in the fall months," said one of the speakers. "In many cases these hop-picking wages furnish the cash for winter schooling and clothing in farmers' families, and with this resource cut off no similar occupation will be afforded by other agricultural lines."

"Hop land now planted will depreciate 50 per cent in value if plowed up," said President Ray, and the hophouses and extensive machinery used solely in the handling and drying of hops will become a total loss. Country merchants in the hop belt, implement dealers and many others will be affected by the elimination of the hop-growing industry."

"The hop crop, in proportion to its total value, brings more outside capital into the state than any other farming," another speaker declared. "The value of the Oregon crop ranges from about \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 a year. It is practically all sold in the Eastern states and Great Britain."

Since 1894, when Oregon first became a large producer, about \$55,000,000 of Eastern and foreign money has been paid to hop-growers of this state, and a large part of it paid out for hop-picking and other labor.

"The purpose of the newly-formed association is to bring these facts before hopgrowers, hoppickers and others whose livelihood depends in any measure on hop production and in that manner offset the efforts of prohibitionists. Beyond this, the association will take no part in political matters."

### SO THE PEOPLE MAY KNOW

G. A. Hurley has sold his interest in the Monitor to D. C. Boyd. The transfer took place this week.

Mr. Boyd is an old newspaper man of experience and ability. We feel safe in saying that he is the best job and ad man that ever worked in this city.

This is a very good thing for you as well as the Monitor. He will be able to give you very classy work and very promptly too. When you have a piece of job work large or small come to the Monitor office and see Mr. Boyd about it. It will pay you to have good work done. Poor work does not pay at any price.

So, the Monitor introduces Mr. Boyd to you and is sure that you will like him and he will like you.

### RAILROAD BUILDERS AT WORK

Fifty Men With Two Steam Shovels and  
Fifteen Mule Teams Make Dirt Fly

Airlie, May 14—(Special to the Monitor)—C. J. Cook's grading camp is running in full blast with two steam shovels and fifteen mule teams and they will soon move above Hoskins as it will take them three or four days to finish the cut and fill at Bush's point.

One bunch is clearing right-away and going some above Hoskins to get out of Cook's way.

The V. & S. Ry. Co. has about fifty men at work now. They are laying track and up to last Saturday night were to the Pee Dee bridge and next Saturday will find them at Ritar Creek.

### NO MEETING

There was no Commercial Club meeting Tuesday night for the purpose of voting on the proposed amendment to the constitution increasing the dues to 50 cents a month. Secretary Cooper appeared, turned on the lights, but not enough others appeared to hold a meeting.

### SENIORS WILL PLAY

The Senior class of the Independence High is preparing to present a play the last of this month or the first of June, which promises to be first-class in every respect. The pupils always reflect great credit to their instructors in all their entertainments.

### DAD TO HAVE HIS DAY

We always thought that Dad would finally get a day. Our good Methodist people will give him due praise and consideration Sunday morning.

### COUNCIL VOTES TO PAY

#### PAVING BILL ALLOWED

#### All Councilmen Vote Aye Except Paddock; Unclean Toilets Must Go

At a meeting of the City Council held Tuesday night, the long and much agitated question of to pay or not to pay for the paving recently done in this city was settled. The contractors threatened to sue and it was up to the city officials to pay or fight. Having engaged the services of a supposed expert to look at the paving and he pronouncing it O. K., the council concluded to pay. Councilman Paddock voted no. So ends an important chapter in a matter that has been much argued and discussed for several weeks. A number of citizens opposed to the payment alleging that it was a "bum" job, have talked of injunctions, recalls, etc. Whether they will do anything further, of course the Monitor does not know. Anyway the council has voted to pay and the question is settled unless some individual starts something.

The ladies of the Civic Improvement Club reported to the council the location of all unsanitary toilets in the city and the marshal was instructed to notify the owners to have said toilets removed. This includes those in homes which have no water connections and those in back yards. This order on the part of the council is made for the best interests of all concerned and may be the means of preventing an epidemic of some kind. It will also destroy the greatest breeding place for flies.

### OUT BOOSTING

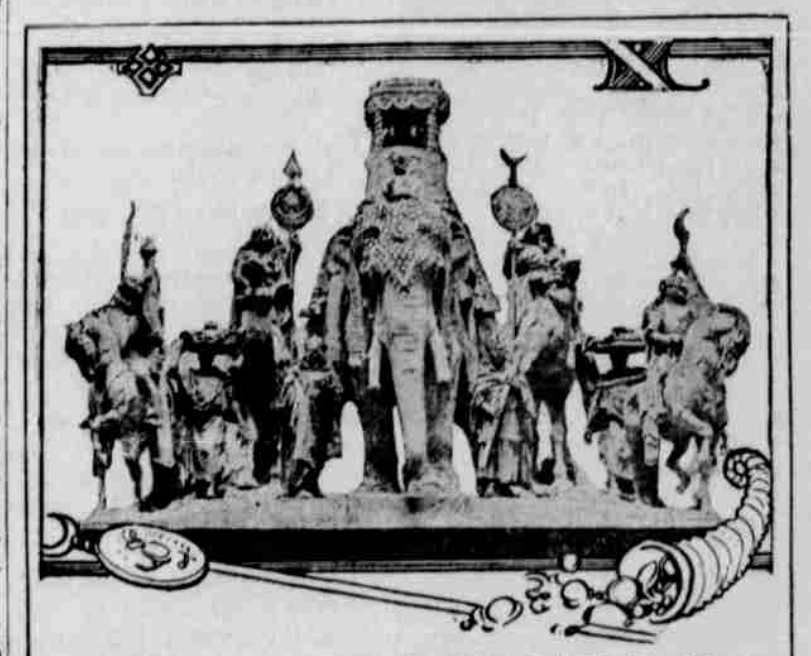
President Macy and Secretary Cooper went to Suver Monday night where Mr. Cooper addressed a meeting in the interest of the Commercial Club. An invitation was extended to the people of Suver and vicinity to join the Club and there is every indication that many of them will do so.

### COMPLIMENTED

Miss Mabel Cooper, 1907, is studying library work in the New York City Library. She has so mastered the make-up of this gigantic collection of books and treasures of art that is found now and then at the information desk. She will return to her home in Independence for the summer.—Oregon Emerald.

### TO THE PUBLIC

The management of the Saturday night dances given at E. Clement Horst's hop ranch will in future have a deputy sheriff on the grounds to keep order. 1-m Buffum Bros.



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### "NATIONS OF THE EAST" AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, SAN FRANCISCO, 1915.

THIS superb group of statuary is a model of the "Nations of the East," which will surmount the Arch of the Rising Sun in the Court of the Sun and Stars at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco in 1915. Reading from left to right, the figures are as follows: 1. Arab Sheikh; 2 and 3. Negro Servitors; 4 and 5. Mohammedans; 6. Arab Falconer; 7. Hindu; 8. Tibetan Lama; 9. Mongolian Horseman. The four pedestrian figures are by A. Stirling Calder; the equestrians by Leo Lentelli and the elephant and camel and their riders by Frederick G. R. Roth.