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THE FOURTH IN INDEPENDENCE

ITS NOISY ALL THE DAY

Independence Day In The Town of Independence Big Noise and S. Back's Night

For a town that had no regular celebration scheduled, Independence made a big noise July 4th. True, most of her inhabitants had gone to Monmouth, Falls City or off on a picnic lark, but what remained, or a major portion of them, spent their money freely for all kinds of noise-producing explosives and touched them off on C street. It was one continual roar from 7 o'clock to noon in the forenoon and from five o'clock until nine in the evening. It can be safely estimated that two hundred dollars went up in smoke on one block.

Independence got through the day without the loss of a life, an eye or a finger. No fire, no fights, no nothing much but noise and it was a plenty.

There were many picnic parties about town where a few gathered, had a lap dinner and supper, etc., some ice cream, shot off a few crackers and let it go at that. It was a very enjoyable way, not so expensive and the "morning after" was a moderate feeling and left no bad taste in the mouth.

In the evening, our distinguished Chinese citizen Seid Back properly equipped with two hundred dollar's worth of fireworks, performed his annual stunt on the banks of the Willamette and closed the day with a shower of Roman candles and sky rockets. Hundreds of people gathered at the river side and witnessed the spectacle.

Taking it all together, Independence had a pretty good time and enjoyed herself immensely.

LOU DAVIS GETS NEW TRIAL

Oregon Supreme Court Reverses Jury Who Convicted Of 2nd Degree Murder

Judge Webster Holmes has ordered Sheriff Grant to make a demand upon the proper officials of the state penitentiary at Salem for the return to Polk county of Louis Davis, who has been granted a new trial on the charge of murder. On April 7 last the supreme court entered a judgment reversing the judgment of conviction made against Davis, and the case was ordered remanded to the circuit court for new trial. Davis will be returned to the custody of Sheriff Grant within the ensuing few days, and will be incarcerated in the county bastille until the August term of court.

Davis is charged with having murdered Eliza Stuart of Ballston on June 30, 1913. He was tried at the August term of court a year ago, and after a trial lasting five days was convicted of murder in the second degree, and sentenced by Judge Holmes to the penitentiary for life. Through the efforts of his appointed attorney, Walter L. Toole, Jr., the case was taken to the supreme court, where the verdict of the jury was reversed on the ground that there was error committed on trial.—Dallas Observer.

THE SAW MILL AGAIN

A visit to the burned-over district in the Siletz timber regions at once reveals the necessity of prompt action in logging operations in order to save this dead timber. Work on the Valley & Siletz railroad is being pushed as rapidly as possible, and while the line will be only fourteen miles in length it will touch much valuable timber, which will go out via Independence into the Willamette river. It is probable that a mill will be built at Independence.—Dallas Observer.

MUSIC

The Polk County Band will give a concert on the streets of Independence next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Monitor always leads.

FOURTH AT MONMOUTH

GLORIOUS CELEBRATION

Account of First July 4th Celebration Held In the Town 24 Years Ago

An immense crowd celebrated in Monmouth and was splendidly entertained by the people of our sister city. The whole program was carried out well. The literary program was good, Dr. Smith made a dandy speech and the sports were all interesting. Nothing unfortunate occurred to mar the pleasure and glory of the day and taken as a whole, Independence Day in Monmouth was a great success.

Concerning the first Fourth of July celebration in Monmouth, 24 years ago, a writer in the Sunday Oregonian says:

Monmouth's observance of Independence day today brought up early recollections from the older inhabitants of the city of the celebration held here in the year 1890, 24 years ago.

Monmouth's business section stood to the more eastern part of town, making up what is many times referred to now as "Old Monmouth." These buildings were destroyed in the disastrous fire of 1896. One wing of the present Oregon Normal School building was standing.

The morning of July 4, 1890, arrived with good weather for the celebration and at 9 o'clock the parade, if it may be called such, formed at the City Hall. It was made up of two parts—a float and a logging wagon, drawn by an ox team. For the float a hay rack had been carefully decorated on which the Goddess and the small children of the community rode, Miss Nettie Ground (Mrs. David Foulkes) was Goddess of Liberty and Miss Mary Coates (Mrs. T. O. Meador) acted as Columbia. The float, followed by the ox-drawn wagon which unexpectedly came from a nearby logging district, moved through the town and stopped at the normal school campus, where the program of the day was held in the grove. Preened by musical numbers, the Declaration of Independence was read.

The management chose a unique way of financing the celebration. The heads of the families brought dinner to the dining hall of the normal school, situated in the southern part of the grove, where a force of young women placed the "eats" in a general lot. At noon the lunches were sold at counters, and, although the citizens thought back what they themselves had prepared, there was no objection to the plan.

Of the pioneer group who settled Monmouth in the early '50s, but one now survives—Mrs. Elizabeth F. Lucas, who was unable to be present at today's festivities. She resides in the southern part of the city. The celebration of 1890 was honored by the presence of the man who was responsible for Monmouth getting its name. It was the late Ira F. M. Butler, who was then at an advanced age. As chairman of an early meeting of the inhabitants of the town he cast the deciding vote for "Monmouth" in preference to "Dover."

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OBJECT TO "FLAG" AT SIDNEY

Oregon Electric Does Not Consider Sidney a Suitable Place To Stop At

A petition for a flag station on the Oregon Electric near Sidney was contested by that road in an answer filed with the railroad commission today. The reasons given in the answer were that from Talbot to Sidney is only 2.89 miles and that the proposed new station is only one mile from Talbot and between that station and Sidney. This the company argues is near enough to serve the patrons of the road from either direction and that the establishment of a station would simply make more delay in the passage of local trains. Again it is set forth in the answer, there are a number of cross roads clamoring for stations, and if any are granted it will be only a short time until it will be necessary to lengthen the running time of the trains in order to stop at the various crossroads. The petitions were presented by E. H. Belknap, George Sharp and William S. Finlay.—Salem Capital Journal.

HELP THE KIDDIES

There are hundreds of boys and girls in Portland who were never outside the city in their lives. They have never breathed the pure air of the country or seen any of the rural scenes that we behold every day. Wouldn't it be the greatest treat they ever had to get out in the country and stay a week, ten days or two weeks? Now good people in Portland are helping the youngsters and sending as many out into the country as they can find a place for. Many towns over the state take pleasure in entertaining the city boys and girls, and the Monitor is real sure that there are a number of Good Samaritans in this vicinity who would only be too glad and happy to entertain one of these youngsters for a few days. It would be just the grandest thing you could do. What do you think about it? Don't you want to "order" one or more? If so "phone the Monitor and we will see that you get what you want.

CALF EATS ADS

Frank Cooper, of Albany, has presented a bill to M. Sternberg & Co., of that city, for \$35 damages on account of the death of a calf. It seems a short time ago one of firm's advertising men placed a cloth sign on Cooper's barn, which soon after the horses in the lot tore loose. The innocent and adolescent bossy, not realizing the deadly character of that kind of advertising, ate the cloth, swallowing the statements printed thereon along with it. It is not stated that this caused its death, but as even a calf can chew the rag with impunity, it is fair to presume the statements taken on its stomach were what caused its premature demise. The moral to this is: "Put your advertisements in the newspapers, where folks instead of calves will be attracted by them.—Salem Capital Journal.

HURT IN RUNAWAY

Ed. Stringer, while raking hay with a team at J. H. Burton's, had a thrilling and serious time of it Wednesday. The harness broke suddenly, one horse commenced kicking and the other started a runaway. Stringer was thrown under the rake and dragged for a few rods, and while being dragged one of the horses kicked him in the face.

OLD TIMER DIES

Mrs. Virginia A. McDaniel, who lived at Rickreall for many years, died Wednesday at the home of her son, A. J. McDaniel in Portland, aged 86 years. Mrs. McDaniel was a pioneer resident of Polk county, having settled here in 1847.

OBJECT TO SIZE OF LIGHT BILLS

APPEAL TO COMMISSION

To Ask for Reduction of Electric Light Charge to Private Consumers.

If the purposes of certain prominent citizens are not abandoned, and there seems no likelihood that there will be, an appeal will soon be taken to the Oregon Railroad Commission asking for a reduction of the rates that the Oregon Power Co. is collecting for light from private consumers in the city of Independence. Many have wished that this action be taken before but their seemed to be none who would take the matter in hand. But the Monitor was told this week by a well known citizen that he would make the appeal just as soon as he had secured some information relative to another grievance against the same corporation. It is not likely that any complaint will be made regarding the public service given by the light and water company because the city is tied up with a five years' contract, and the Railroad Commission has never shown much of a desire to listen with favor to differences of opinion regarding whether or not a contract is being violated.

The policy of the company in demanding what they term a "deposit" when one becomes a customer of theirs is another thing that lots of people don't like. The amount of the "deposit" varies and they do not ask it of all. Under this plan the corporation gets the use of several hundred dollars for an indefinite time for which they pay no interest. This "deposit" question stands an excellent chance of being carried to the Railroad Commission also.

FOURTH ANNUAL PICNIC

On July 4th the Baraca class of the Baptist Sunday School held their fourth annual picnic about five miles south of town, their guests for the day being the Philatheas and the Farther Lights. Assembling at the church at 8:30 a. m., the jolly crowd climbed aboard a gaily decorated wagon and were soon on their way to the picnic grounds.

At noon a delicious lunch was served and the afternoon was spent in games and athletic contests which were entered into with the spirit that makes the Baracas famous.

The event was a decided success and Ernest Ewing, president of the class, expresses himself as being highly pleased with the manner in which the various class committees combined to add this picnic to the already long list of successful "stunts" held by the class.—Contributed.

FITCHARD GOES EAST

Harold Fitchard left Independence Wednesday morning for Utica, N. Y., to see his wife and baby and bring them to Oregon. The baby, six weeks old, he has never seen. Mr. Fitchard has rented the Purvine property on Main street which has been remodeled.

BIG TIME SCHEDULED

Moose Picnic, "New Sheridan Day" and Breeders Horse Show all in one day at Sheridan, Saturday, July 18. Last July 18, the town was destroyed by fire and like Frisco has risen from the ashes.

BARN DESTROYED BY FIRE

On Farm of Abraham Nelson In Outskirts; Hose Would Not Reach.

Wednesday forenoon fire destroyed the large barn of Abraham Nelson, who lives on the outskirts of the city. Citizens and firemen could only look on and watch it burn as it was too far away to fight the flames with city water. Those present, however, saved some minor buildings near the burning structure. Outside of a little hay and some grain nothing else was burned. No one knows how the fire started, but it looks as if some one had carelessly dropped a lighted match. The loss is estimated at \$1200 with \$600 insurance.

Men, women and children from Independence took the mile run and qualified for service in the fire company. One man counted 418 present at one time.

THE HOP SITUATION

The outlook in this vicinity is thus described by the Independence correspondent of the Oregonian: "The hot weather of the last few weeks has kept the hops free from vermin in this district. The growers are going ahead and preparing to spray their hops just the same. The vines are showing a good growth and are in first-class condition and a good crop is looked for from this part of the Valley. A few yards are a little spotted, but this is due somewhat to a slow growth of some of the vines. Walker Brothers yesterday sold 80 bales of their 1913 hops for 16 cents. This is the only sale recorded here recently."

36 MILES OILED

During the past season, according to Roadmaster Finn, a total of approximately thirty-six miles of Polk county highways have been oiled, which includes the main roads between the larger towns.—Dallas Observer.

NOT VERY LOUD

The following two-liner has appeared in half a hundred Oregon papers: "Independence merchants are demanding a canner. If so, they are not demanding it very loudly. A canner well and successfully operated would be a good thing."

ASKS FOR FIVE THOUSAND FOR PERSONAL INJURY

Mrs. Waltman So Elects To Do; As Yet the City Fathers Dont Feel Anxious To Pay

Mrs. W. F. Waltman, wife of the superintendent of the Independence schools, has served notice through her attorney that she will ask the city to pay her \$5000 damages because she was injured from a fall on a defective sidewalk. The city council had a special meeting Tuesday night to consider the matter and arrived at the conclusion that the claim would have to be shaved considerably before they would vote to pay.

The threatened damage suit has caused much discussion pro and con. Mrs. Waltman has many friends who say that if she was injured as she claims, she has something coming and should get it regardless of the methods she is using to collect it, while many others are of the opinion that her claim should have been presented to the city council in the first place and not given into the hands of an attorney who would get a liberal compensation if the claim was a meritorious one; that considering the position her husband holds she should have saved the city the money that would have to be paid an attorney.

Many rumors regarding the case and the actions of officials are abroad, but most of them are untrue. City officials deny that any threats were made to force Mr. Waltman out of the schools. But under the circumstances, and after what has occurred, Mr. Waltman may not find his school work here this year as congenial and harmonious as he or the patrons might desire. If Mrs. Waltman has a just claim it should be paid. Perhaps not all of it but as much as is deemed equitable.

Scene When London Police Made Raid on Suffragettes



Photo copyright, 1914, by American Press Association. WARFARE against the government by the suffragettes continues unabated in England, and numerous arrests have been made during the last few days. Destruction of valuable property is going along regularly despite the vigilance of the police. The illustration shows the scene near the houses of parliament when officers arrested Mrs. Pankhurst again, together with several of her companions. One of them seized the bars of an iron fence, as shown in the picture, in her violent attempt to prevent the police from locking her up in a station house.

Shattered Hull of New York After Pretoria Hit Her

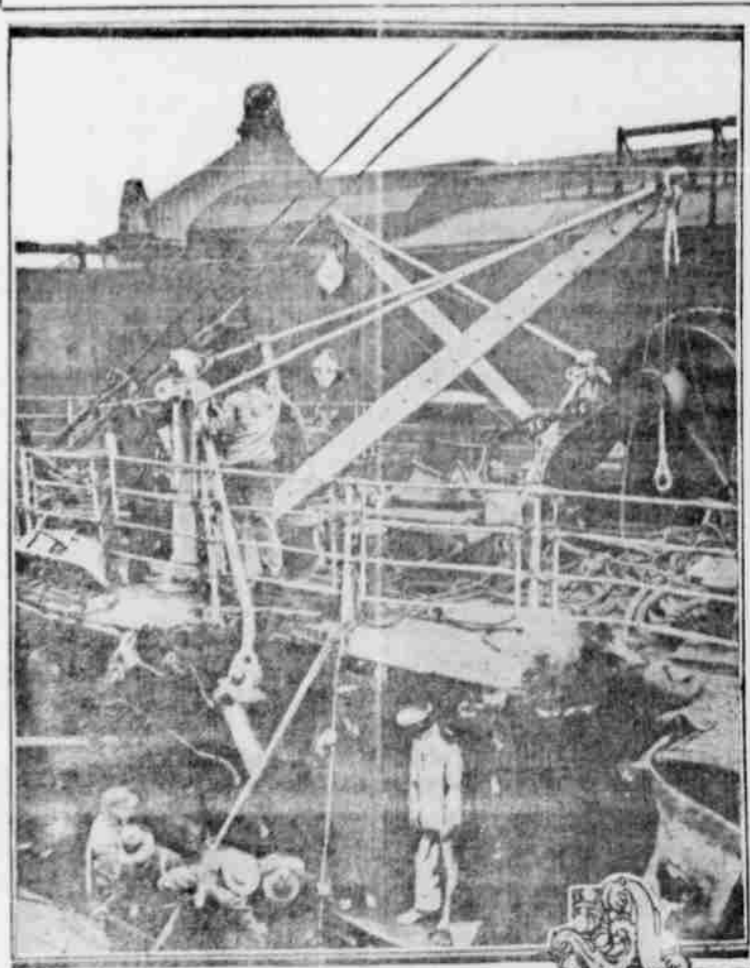


Photo copyright, 1914, by American Press Association. THE liner New York had a very inky collision with the steamship Pretoria if an accident at sea can be termed lucky. The Pretoria crashed into the New York off the New England coast, tearing a hole thirty-two feet long above the water line of the latter. No one was killed or injured. The illustration shows the New York as she appeared on her arrival at New York city.