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## TRAIN DROPS THRU BRIDGE OVER THE LUCKIAMUTE

### Engineer and Fireman Both Injured; Whole Train Falls Into Water Below

Dallas, Or., July 10.—Local freight No. 239, on the way to Black Rock out of Salem on the Salem, Falls City & Western, went through bridge No. 20 over the Luckiamute at noon today, the train was wrecked and the engineer and fireman badly burned by escaping steam.

Feeling the bridge giving away under him, George Faulkner, engineer, threw open the throttle to the last notch, in the hope of getting the engine across before the span fell.

Just as the head of the engine reached the opposite bank the span gave way and the train crashed into the stream.

His foot caught in the machinery, the engineer was imprisoned under the locomotive, while steam played over his body. By crawling into the water and burying his face in the river he was able to protect himself, to a large extent, and his injuries are not dangerous. His leg was broken and will have to be amputated.

Joe Fritz, the fireman, was unable to reach the water and the steam sprayed over him, burning about one-third of the flesh. His recovery is considered improbable.

Both men finally managed to escape from the wreckage and crawled to the bank.

Physicians were rushed from Falls City in a special train and the injured men returned to the hospital here.

Fritz has worked on the line for a number of years, is unmarried and has several brothers and sisters in Dallas.—Oregonian.

## WILLAMETTE RIVER VERY LOW

### Annual Summer Rise Did Not Come This Year; No Snow in Mountains

On account of the fact that there has been practically no snow in the mountains, the annual rise of the Willamette river has not materialized this summer. At present the river stage is at one-tenth of a foot above low water mark with a steady fall of about a tenth of a foot per day. The records show that for July, 1913, the river stood 3.4 feet higher than it does this year on July 9.

The average low water mark for the river is .4 feet below low water. It is expected that the low water mark will be reached in a short time, as the supply of water is running short in the mountains. Usually the winter piles up a large amount of snow and in the late spring and early summer it melts.

There is little traffic moving up or down the river at present, according to a statement of C. C. Graham, agent, as it is now just between the shipping seasons. It is too early for the new crops and too late for the early crops. At present a small amount of hay is being shipped. The cargoes from down the river consist of general merchandise. This season an exceptional amount of sugar has come up the river.—Salem Capital Journal.

## SWEET PEAS GROW HIGH

A mixed variety of sweet peas grown by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Craven, of Monmouth, have attained a height of 13½ feet, nearly reaching the upper windows of their residence. The peas thrived from the start, and now have an abundance of blossoms. It is believed that their height is a record one.—Oregonian.

## GOETZ ON THE JOB

Councilman Goetz has been authorized by the city council to fix the steps on Main street which are very dangerous to life and limb. The one in front of the Reeves grocery, he shaved off with a pick leaving it not a thing of beauty but more safer, which is more important. He will see that all are fixed.

## C STREET PAVING UP COUNCIL CONSIDERING

### Actions Indicate That City Fathers Will Vote To Pave If Snags Are Removed

An innocent bystander at the City Hall these days would only take one guess regarding the C street paving proposition and that is that C street will be paved. The city council is certainly making its way in that direction with only Mr. Paddock in active opposition. At its Wednesday night meeting bids were opened and read and adjournment was taken until last night. The matter is under discussion as the Monitor goes to press. However, the road is yet long and there are many rocky places to get over, and the innocent bystander might change his mind if he was "on to the ropes".

The Monitor certainly favors paving at any time providing a majority of the people favor it and the city is financially able to bear the expense. Councilman Paddock opposes the proposition believing that neither a majority of the people favor it nor that the city should contract any further indebtedness at the present time. He will oppose strenuously the attachment of the emergency clause.

## DEATHS

After an illness of four years, the last eleven weeks of which has been bedfast, Isaiah Govro died at his home in North Independence Wednesday, July 15, aged 67 years. The funeral services were held in G. A. R. Hall, of which organization he was an honored member, the day following conducted by Dr. H. Chas. Dunsmore. Interment in Albany cemetery.

Isaiah Govro was born in Chicago February 2, 1847. Enlisted as a private in Co. K., Illinois 17th regiment of cavalry, and was discharged Nov. 21, 1864, because of disability caused by typhoid fever.

Married Malissa Swart, at Clear Lake, Iowa, Jan. 16, 1870, and moved to Sioux Falls, S. D., where he resided until he came to Oregon overland by team in 1895, locating at Lebanon. Moved to Independence in 1900. Besides a widow he leaves two sons, William A., of Albany, and Walter A., of Portland, three brothers, Henry, of Villard, Minn., George, of Trio, S. C., and Jerome, of Rockford, Ill., and four grand children.

Mr. Govro spent the last three winters in California in the hope that he might be relieved but without success, so relatives and friends had expected his death at any time. During his fourteen years in this city he gained and held many warm friendships.

J. G. Cleland, a former Independence man, died in Portland last Saturday. He was a member of the W. O. W. here.

Mrs. Rachel A. Waller died Tuesday, June 14, at the age of 76. Funeral services were held yesterday at the Christian church in Monmouth, Rev. H. F. Jones officiating. Interment in Knights of Pythias cemetery.

## EZRA MEEKER IN TOWN

Ezra Meeker with his ox and covered wagon was in Independence Tuesday and all were objects of much curiosity. It may not be out of place to say that Ezra's brother was the first man to plant hops in Oregon.

## BRIDEGROOM ACCIDENTLY SHOT

### Francis L. Jones, Former Independence Boy On Honeymoon Gets Bullet in Legs

Francis L. Jones, a former Independence boy, son of B. F. Jones, while spending his honeymoon in Newport, was accidentally shot by his brother. The bullet went through both legs. Concerning the affair a special to the Oregonian says: "Mrs. Jones rushed to her husband and helped carry him to their chamber, which was immediately transformed into an emergency hospital, where she now acts the role of nurse. The bridegroom's father hurried from Roseburg to be with his son, whose quick recovery is looked for, while other relatives, surgeons and friends arrived to swell the honeymoon party from a lone two to a 'right decent sized crowd.' So far from being lonesome and deserted on the edge of the famous Devil's Punch Bowl, the bride and bridegroom, both of tender years and experience, are waited upon and entertained by a large host of 'sympathizers.'"

## BARN TO STAND

Roast us if you wish till we are dead, but let that old barn stand, they said.

The barn over on Seventh street that has become a nightmare to many residents in that vicinity and which has become famous because of the notoriety it has gained on account of agitation for its removal, will evidently stand where it has always stood. At the council meeting Wednesday night, the committee, who had it under investigation, reported a majority against further action. A member of the council told a Monitor reporter that to condemn this particular barn would undoubtedly get the city into litigation and they had all the litigation at the present time they cared for and also that the "clean-up" ought to start on Main street or not at all.

## POWER CO. IN REBUTTAL

A representative of the Oregon Power Co. called upon the Monitor one day last week and recited at length how the corporation had fared in Independence, that the light rate here was the same as in other Willamette Valley towns with one or two possible exceptions, and that the mayor and other city officials and officers of the commercial club were satisfied with their rates and service in Independence. This is real "news" to some, but the main fact is that certain reputable parties in Independence have said that they propose to take the Independence light rate to the Railroad Commission and seek a reduction, the Monitor published it as a matter of news, no comment was made pro or con, and if the Oregon Power Co. don't like to see it in print, we have no objections.

The Monitor did, however, comment on the policy of the incorporation in demanding a deposit from certain parties when the lights were ordered, and the corporation spokesman informed us that seven percent interest was allowed for the use of the money which we admit is a good investment if collected. But why we made a trivial error in the statement was because the corporation, through its authorized agents, forgets to mention the matter of interest to all the depositors and as the corporation representative says it is not mentioned in the contract, a whole lot of depositors go along with the idea that the Oregon Power Co. has some of their money which it merely keeps as a guarantee that the depositor will pay a little one or two dollar light bill at the end of the month. Just how much interest has been distributed in Independence, we will let you guess at.

The Monitor always leads.

## ANY GOOD SAMARITANS? QUITE A NUMBER, SURE

### Proposal to Bring City Children to Independence Meets With Favor

Don't you want a city kiddy. Just for a day or two. We will send you a sample, Mrs. If you really think you do.

The state wide movement to send Portland children out to the farms and rural communities for a vacation of a fortnight, that they may breathe the pure air of the country and see "things" they have never seen, has "took a hold" in Independence. The Civic club has become interested in the proposal and Secretary Cooper of the Commercial club is going to lend his assistance in securing a bunch of kids for Independence. He will officially open communications with the Portland Good Samaritans this week and by this time next week we want "orders" for a whole carload of youngsters. Remember it costs you nothing outside of "the keep" while the youngsters are in your possession. So all of you Good Samaritans send in your names to the Monitor or Mr. Cooper.

## STUDENTS VISIT SALEM

Students of the Monmouth normal school, 250 strong made a visit to Salem yesterday, the party being in charge of Superintendent Ackerman and H. Hirschberg of the Independence and Monmouth railroad. The state house, state hospital and various other state institutions were visited by the students. The visitors took luncheon at the Marion. The railroad made special rates for the trip over, and the Portland, Eugene and Eastern furnished special cars to take them about the city.—Sunday's Salem Statesman.

## STARTS SUIT

Mrs. Waltman started her damage suit of \$5100 against the city this week, service being made upon Mayor Eldridge. This indicates that it wasn't a "bluff" as most people thought. It is needless to say that the city will fight the case from A to Z.

More people are more concerned about the school question than they are the damage suit. A dissension between city officials and the superintendent of schools may prove of demerit to the best interests of the schools. Lack of harmony between school board and superintendent is not a pleasant state of conditions.

## THE HOP SITUATION

There are no signs of activity in the hop market in any quarter. Buyers on the Coast and in the East are in a waiting mood, and exporters show no interest. Crop prospects generally are from fair to good. Conditions, domestic and foreign, are almost identical with a year ago. It cannot be said, however, that the crop is safe, as there is opportunity in the next six weeks for material changes to occur.

Taking a broad view of the situation, it may be said that the world's yield promises, at the present time, to be the same as in 1913, and requirements will also be the same, but the market has this advantage over last year's, the fact that the carry-over is only a third as large.

The Oregon yards are making a fine appearance. Very few lice are to be found and there is hardly any spraying, except on the low lying lands.—Oregonian.

## HUERTA GIVES UP AT LAST

### Resigns As Mexican President and Leaves for Europe; May Settle Trouble

Victoriano Huerta has finally given up, resigned as President and sailed for Europe. Licentiate Francisco Carbajal, named as his successor, will proceed to treat with the Constitutional leaders and arrange for the surrender of the government to them. If Carranza and Villa can now restore peace throughout Mexico and establish a staple government, the "watchful waiting" policy of the United States will be vindicated. If they do no better than Huerta, the United States cannot avoid intervention.

## PARTY TO TURNER

Abroad an auto truck driven by Glen Newton and chaperoned by Mrs. J. Dornisfe, the following went to Turner Sunday to attend the state convention of the Christian Church: Messrs. and Mesdames Denny and three children, F. Finch and son, French, Martin, J. R. Collins, Mesdames Martha Richardson, Quarsdorf, Dornisfe, Will Finch, Jarvis, Bell, Miss Mary Ireland and Messrs. Bennett and Goble. Mrs. Collins says they had a very pleasant time, had no accidents and did not get lost.

## TEACHERS SELECTED

At a meeting of the school board held Monday afternoon, Miss Agnes Johnston of Corvallis was elected for teacher of domestic science and art. Miss Johnston comes well recommended. She taught in Oregon City last year. Miss Amanda Facklam, late of Enterprise, Kansas, will be the fifth grade teacher. She has taught three years in fifth grades and high schools in Kansas and holds a life certificate from the Kansas State Normal School at Emporia.

## TROUBLE AT OUR DOOR

The doorway of the Monitor office has been a favorite place for domestic troubles this week. Saturday night a woman proceeded to tell a man where to head in at, Sunday another woman rapped her husband over the head with an umbrella and Tuesday night a couple quarreled violently over what kind of meat to buy. It so upset our big newspaper press that it acted up and we are expecting the engine to go back on us before the week end.

## ANOTHER FIRE IN OLD HOTEL QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED

### Old Fire Trap Threatens Half Block Of Other Wood Buildings Very Regularly

The old hotel building, known as the habitual fire-trap, belonging to J. M. Starr of Eugene, on the corner of C and Railroad streets, caught fire yesterday for the 103rd time, but was put out after a ten minutes' bath of water. The water pressure was very good. It looked rather threatening for a few minutes and occupants of adjoining buildings commenced to get their stocks and fixtures out. Everything was taken out of the real estate office and barber shop in the same building and a few things from the saloon of Whitney & Walker. The damage is estimated at \$300.

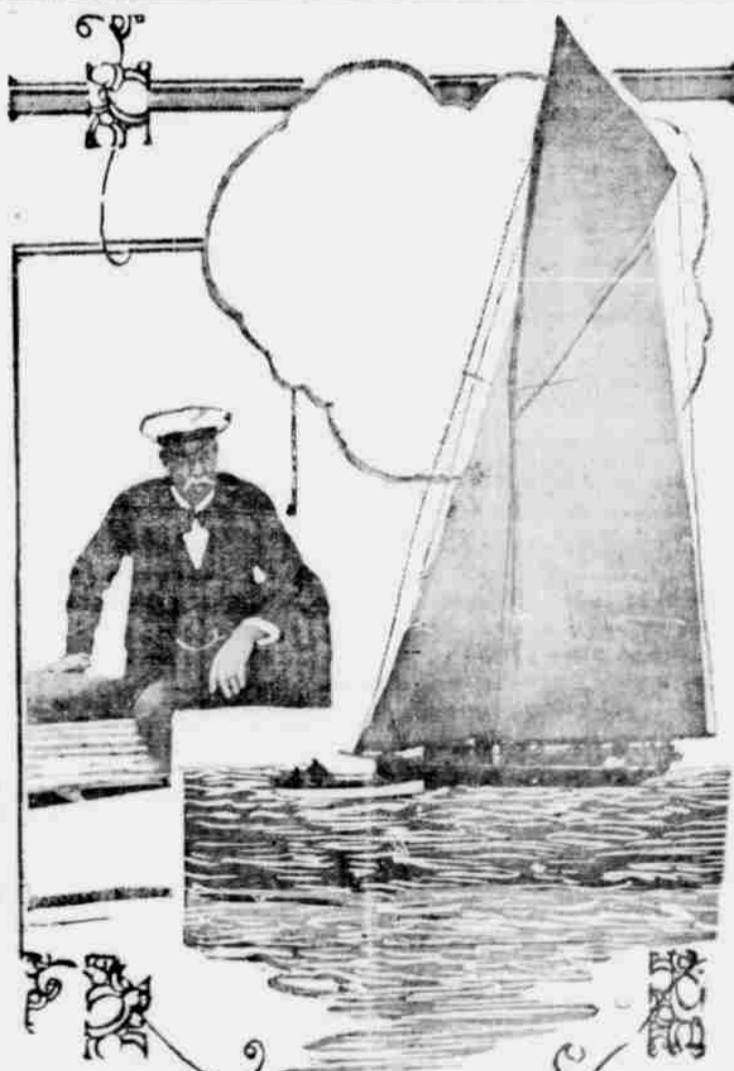
There is a common saying that this building catches fire twice every year, which it seems history vindicates and everybody prophesies that sometime it is going the hot way. The fact that four other business houses would undoubtedly burn at the same time it does, makes it an eyesore and a hoodoo to the city and citizens.

## BAND CONCERT

The concert given by the Independence-Monmouth band was listened to by scores of people and very much appreciated. It is hoped the same will be repeated very often. Every number was good and much applause was given each. Miss McDevitt and Mr. Macy both rendered pleasing solos. The band boys have an ambition to build a hall to be used for dancing and other purposes, and they will give dances and entertainments to better themselves financially. Should they receive the liberal patronage of the people in sufficient quantities to justify them, it is not improbable that they will erect a building.

Independence has now had the proverbial three fires.

Sir Thomas Lipton and Photo Of His Racer, Shamrock IV.



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Now that Great Britain has captured the international polo championship cup from the United States, the Yankee sportsmen are praying that a similar fate will not overtake the America's cup, emblematic of the world's yachting premiership. Sir Thomas Lipton, however, has a remarkably swift craft in Shamrock IV. It is agreed by impartial critics. The sloop has an abnormally high mast and consequently carries an immense spread of sail. She is said to be unusually fast in light air and in smooth water, and weather conditions in September will have an important bearing on the result of the contest.

# Monitor Bargain Week

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### THEN PROCEED TO SAVE MONEY