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ALL READY FOR HOP PICKING

MORE PEOPLE TO WORK

Skads of Workers Arriving Daily; Interesting Gossip Regarding the Industry

"Well, how many boxes have you picked this morning, sis?" "Oh, when I get this one, and another and two more, I will have four."

The above is part of a conversation taking place in one of the hop yards near this city and is brought back to us by the nearness of the 1914 picking season which will open up next week.

Pickers are commencing to arrive on every train and by wagon and by the end of this week it is expected that every train entering the city will be loaded "to the guards." They will be met by the representatives of the different yards who they have already registered for the season and will then be transported "via wagon route" to their respective yards. Camps will then be pitched and all will eagerly await the order of the boss to commence work.

This city has been preparing for the last sixty days to take care of the enormous crowd that will arrive, stop with us for three weeks and then leave as quickly as they came. The groceries are well stocked with provisions and the stores at the different camp grounds have been cleaned and gotten in readiness to handle the wants of the tent cities.

The hops are in good condition this year and the picking will be good. The yield is not so heavy as last year but the hot weather has made the hops free from lice and there does not seem much chance for mold.

There will be the usual entertainments at the yards to take up the evening of the pickers. There will be at least three dance halls going from three to six nights a week and also there will be the usual number of small, in-

formal dances when a space will be cleared in the hop house and a few couples at a time will scrape over the rough floor. There will be shows for those who want this kind of amusement and there will be the same old "lover's trails" and the same old stars to make love under for those who get an amateur love affair.

There will be the usual trials for breaking the record of the previous year, but the two records gained in the Wirrich yard last year of 23 boxes in one day and a daily average of 18 boxes for 6 days will probably stand for some time.

Also there will be the usual wagon loads of people from town who take their annual vacation by toiling two or three weeks in the hop yards and thereby making a little pin money to do them during the fall and winter months.

There will be the usual varied classes of people here as before. There will be those who come for the excitement and who spend more than they make. They are probably taking their vacation and come with that idea. There will be the roughs, who it seems impossible to get rid of, as much as the growers would like to do so. But by far the majority will be the class who depend upon this three week's work to help them live through the winter. There are many people who would have a hard time to get along during the winter months when there is very little work to be done, were it not for the hundred and fifty or so dollars that they can make in the hop fields. And it is labor that can be performed by the smallest and youngest as well as the older folks.

But the crowds will soon be upon us and it is the hope of the growers and townspeople to have as orderly a bunch with us this year as we have had in the few years just passed.

MARRIED

Wednesday afternoon Lloyd Hunnicutt and Miss Ola B. Truitt were married by Judge Winn at his office. Both parties live near Independence.

IS THE TOWN HOODOOED?

CAUSING MANY FIRES

Many Ways Suggested By Which City Officials May Remove Jinx If One Here

Either there are too many black cats in town or the place is hoodooed. Something is the matter for the old fire bell rings too often for downright solid comfort. This uncanny feeling that comes a-creeper over you every night when you crawl into bed that before morning the alarm will tingle and you will have to jump into your pants or skirts as the case may be and hurry out to see which one of your neighbors is burning down. Surely not much joy and fun in it and you, like everybody else, want it stopped, and by all the Big Guns of Europe it must stop. Here we have a mayor, six councilmen, police and other officials and it is their pious duty to hunt out and exterminate the jinx. Many ways are suggested but the most feasible plan is for them all to have their fingers crossed continually, kill all the black cats in town, throw salt over their left shoulders when they sit down to eat and never pass a graveyard after dark. If they do this we will have no more fires this year.

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GIRL BURNS TO DEATH

The Oregon Normal School faculty mourns the death of Miss Edna Phillips, a graduate of the 1914 June class, who, with her brother Arthur, aged 21, and Minnie, aged 17, was burned to death in a big fire at Morgan, on the Heppner branch of the O. W. R. & N. Railroad Friday night. Miss Phillips was queen of the May at the Normal this year and after graduation had accepted a position as instructor in the Estacada schools. —Telegram.

SEND THE MONITOR

The Monitor will be mailed to any address for the next four weeks for 15 cents cash. This gives you a chance to favor your relatives and friends elsewhere with an account of the "big doings" during hop picking which will be very interesting to them without doubt.

ASKS DAMAGES

Mr. and Mrs. Brundige have commenced suit in justice court against W. A. Patton for \$150 in which it is charged that a horse owned by the Brundiges was run into by an automobile driven by Mr. Patton and injured so badly that it had to be shot. \$100 is asked for the horse and \$50 for loss of time and wages.

POPE PIUS DEAD

Pope Pius, head of the Catholic church, died in the vatican at Rome early Thursday morning. He was a good man and was noted for his charitable deeds.

According to the law of the church, the cardinals must meet within ten days after the death of the pope and elect his successor.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT

James Collins had a peculiar accident Tuesday. A team passing one that Mr. Collins was driving commenced to kick. Mr. Collins was hit in the foot by one of the kickers, making a very ugly wound.

The Monitor always leads.

RUSHING C STREET PAVING

Want To Get It Finished Before Rainy Season Comes; Will Do It Too

The work of paving C street goes merrily on. There's not much time to spare between now and the rainy season and nobody knows this better than Glen E. Kibbe. Hence his hurry. No telling—we might have a period of dampness before the regular season. So Mr. Kibbe, or rather the men working for him, are making the dirt fly and very soon a number of them will be mixing the stickem. Curbings are being made this week which necessitates considerable measuring and squinting.

A proposal to pave a block on Sixth street between C and Monmouth looks more like a joke on Councilman Goetz than anything else. Mr. Goetz and three others are the sole owners of the frontage on this block and none of them it is said would be favorable to the proposition.

CITY WATER O. K.

The Monitor has been informed by Dr. Butler that the city water has been analyzed by several competent persons, and all of them have reported that it is all right, and that there is no danger in using it.

CASE OF DESTITUTION

Last Thursday morning a case of destitution and illness was found to be existing in our progressive city. The subject discovered was Mrs. Alma Jarvis, who is confined to her bed, where six children, ranging in age from 5 to 16 years, gather at the mother's bedside and pitifully watch her sufferings in an almost starved condition.

About four years ago the father left the family to provide for themselves, then there were seven children, but death has since claimed one.

Mrs. Jarvis' condition was discovered by Mrs. Arrell, who sent a physician to the sick room. Later, Mesdames Arrell and Houghton circulated a petition asking aid for the distressed family, and a splendid response was given, in fact enough to supply the immediate wants though many things are needed to make the patient comfortable. Cash to the amount of \$22.85 was contributed. Nearly all of the grocery stores responded with supplies and Mesdames Arrell and Houghton, in behalf of the Jarvis family, thank the good people of Independence who so readily responded to the call of charity.

They also wish to state that anyone wishing to contribute clothing or any other necessities for the family may leave them with Mrs. Arrell, who will see that they are delivered to the Jarvis family.

DRY BACK IN '83

Many farmers are asserting that Oregon, or rather the Willamette Valley has been recently experiencing the longest dry spell of its history, as we have not had any rain in this section since considerably before the 4th of July. They forget the summer of 1883 when we were without precipitation for 90 days from before hay cutting until after grain harvest. And smoky something fierce, so old settlers say. —Dallas Itemizer.

NOT WANTED

Getting "load" and unruly in Fowler's restaurant Monday, a Salem young man, in town after booze, was thrown out by Ed Fowler, the proprietor. He came back in a few moments during Mr. Fowler's absence and was removed by the police. Thirty minutes afterwards back he came again and Mr. Fowler threw him out again. Then he was taken to jail. The next morning it occurred to him that he was not wanted in Fowler's restaurant and went home.

LOU DAVIS IS FOUND GUILTY

KILLS MOTHER-IN-LAW

Jury Brings In Verdict of Second Degree Murder; No Appeal Likely

Louis Davis, accused of the murder of Eliza J. Stewart at Ballston, in June, 1913, was today found guilty of murder in the second degree. The jury reached a verdict in an hour. The law prescribes imprisonment in the penitentiary for life as the penalty for murder in the second degree. Walter L. Tooze Jr., appointed by the court to defend Davis, says appeal will not be made. In the former trial the Supreme Court reversed the case for error in the record and ordered a new trial.

The trial began Monday morning and at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon the case was placed in the jury's hands.

The state's principal evidence was to the effect that Davis had threatened the lives of Mrs. Stewart, Stewart, Mrs. Mattie Davis, John M. Grant, sheriff of this county, and others. The only doubt raised in the case was the question whether the bullet that killed Mrs. Stewart was fired by Davis, the bullet bearing the wide rifle marks of the ordinary revolver rather than the narrow groove of the automatic.

Mrs. Mattie Davis, ex-wife of the prisoner, was the strongest witness against him. She testified that she saw Davis point the automatic revolver at her mother's head, saw him pull the trigger, saw the flash and then saw her mother fall. She testified that while Mr. Stewart was absent from the home in quest of aid, Davis sat in the house with a gun threatening to use it and that both she and her mother were in mortal fear of him. Strong testimony against Davis was that he lay in an old barn near the Stewart premises all night preceding the trouble and that a wallow was found in the Stewart yard where some one evidently had been lying down, smoking cigarettes and drinking whisky. —Press Dispatch.

HOP MEN HIT

That the ruling of the industrial welfare commission limiting the hours of women employed in industries of the state to fifty-four per week is applicable to the hop industry is the substance of an opinion handed down by the attorney general yesterday. The ruling was made at the request of Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff. The opinion holds that the picking of hops is an industry within the meaning of the ruling. —Salem Statesman.

CLOSES SEASON

Governor West on Monday closed the hunting season in Oregon. Danger from fires carelessly set by hunters is given as the reason.

APPEALS CASE

Andy Wilson has appealed his case against the Monmouth creamery to the Circuit Court. The fracas is over the ownership of a cream check and has been tried in the justice court twice.

BREAKS ARM

A daughter of George Reuf's fell from a horse one day this week and broke her arm. The child is doing nicely.

GREATEST WAR OF ALL TIME

Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria and Japan Are All Expected To Become Involved

The latest war bulletins announce that a great battle is now going on between Germany and the allied forces in Belgium. The Germans are seeking to invade France by way of Belgium. The French forces are advancing into Germany. The Russian army is about ready to invade Germany and Austria from the east. Turkey is about to come to the assistance of Germany and Austria and if she does Greece and Bulgaria will take the other side. Japan has given Germany until Monday to get out of China. A refusal will cause Japan to get into a fight. English and French battleships are clearing the seas of all German and Austrian ships.

President Wilson has again reminded the American people that they must maintain a strict neutrality.

The United States is in a very delicate position and it will take skilled manipulation and diplomacy to avoid becoming involved.

THREATENED BY I. W. W.

Glen E. Kibbe was yesterday compelled to discharge some men belonging to his paving construction crew, which brought out the fact that I. W. W. agitators are here. Mr. Kibbe was threatened with bodily injury. From the above it would indicate that members of the I. W. W. have arrived in this section to be present during hop picking.

STORK STOPS

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hanna on Monday.

OLD TIMER HERE

W. H. Parry, who thirty years ago was editor of the Independence West Side, was in the city Wednesday. He said that things looked different here than they did thirty years ago, a statement that no one will dispute. Mr. Parry now lives in Seattle and in company with his wife is touring Oregon and California in an automobile.

O. A. Macy returned from his outing last night.

BIG ADVANCE IN HOP PRICE

GROWERS NOT SELLING

Offers of Eighteen Cents Turned Down; European War Upsets Calculations

Local hop men turned down offers of 18 cents for their 1914 crop this week and it is believed that if 20 cents was offered that a good majority of them would refuse it. The future market, because of the European war, looks unusually well and events may cause hops to bring a price that will break all records. Krebs is predicting that the price will go to a dollar but this is considered very foolish by hop men here. But the uncertainty of the length of the war and whether there will be much of the European crop harvested, has every producer here on the anxious seat.

This morning's Oregonian says: "Taking the usual elements that figure in the situation, the strong demand from abroad, together with the almost certain serious curtailment of the European crop, the Oregon grower is almost certain to profit materially from a considerable advance. The uncertainty of a long continued war gives the market a strong speculative element. South America and Japan may make bids for American hops this season also, thereby adding a new element of strength."

PLENTY OF FISH

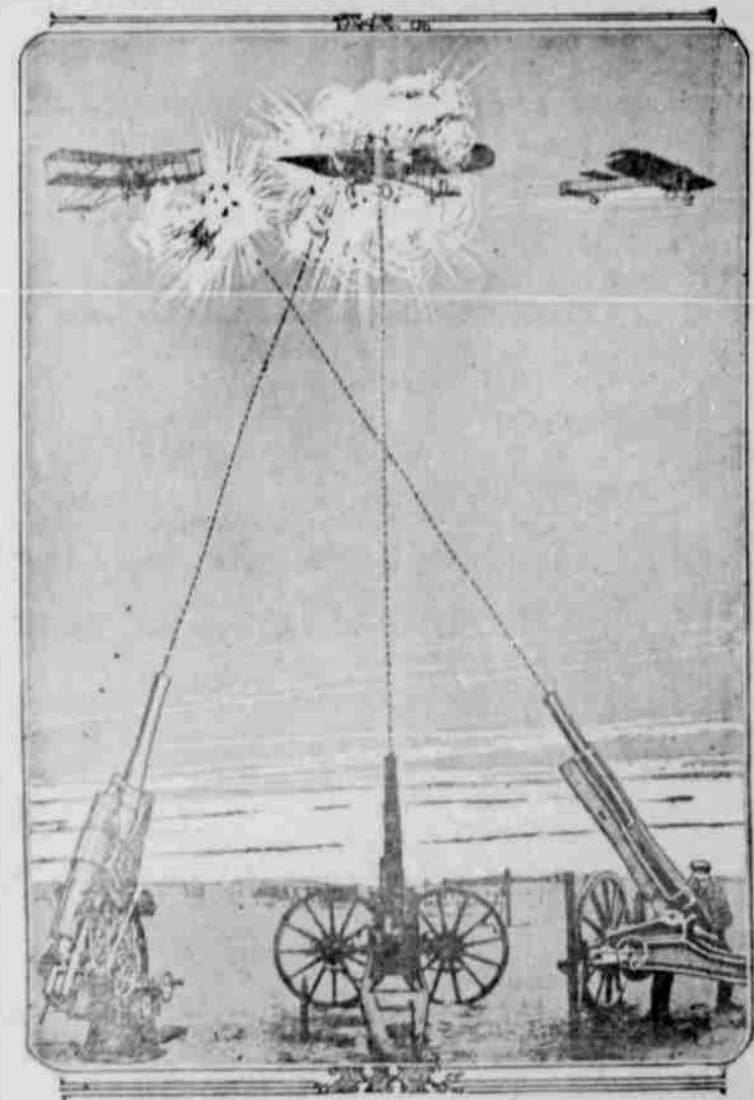
Among the parties who have been enjoying mountain life recently are Dr. and Mrs. O. D. Butler, Mrs. J. B. V. Butler and Mr. Boshey of Monmouth. The gentlemen of the party were out a week before they were joined by the ladies. They were in the Alsea country and report plenty of fish, but no deer. The party returned by auto Monday.

Admiral von Tirpitz, Naval Adviser of Kaiser Wilhelm



THE leading war authorities agree that the present European war will be chiefly decided on the seas. The navies of England, France, Russia and Germany are all up to date and prepared for almost any emergency. England's navy ranks first and Germany's second among the world's powers. Admiral von Tirpitz, one of the greatest of the Kaiser's sea fighters, is one of the most important men in Germany in the present circumstances. He is laying out the plans for the sea campaigns and is probably the chief adviser of the Kaiser in regard to matters affecting the navy.

Aeroplane Destroyers In Action; a German Invention



GERMAN military men have devised new guns adapted for destroying aeroplanes and dirigible balloons. Their operation and effect are shown in the accompanying illustration. The battles in the air have already begun in Europe, and a new page in the history of fighting is being written. The range of these aeroplane destroyers varies from three to five miles.