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TWO DROWN IN WILLAMETTE BOTH PORTLAND BOYS

One Goes Down In Sight of Many; Both Came Here For Hop Picking

Two Portland young men were drowned in the Willamette river near Independence Monday. Louis Howlett, aged 23, who had come here to pick hops at the Percival yard, attempted to swim across the river about two miles south of town and it is supposed that he became exhausted and went down. His body was soon recovered and was brought to town where it was prepared for burial and was shipped to Portland via Salem the same evening.

George Buys, aged 20, was the second victim. He was drowned about 1 o'clock in the afternoon near the gravel bunkers. Many people saw him but were powerless to act. Buys with two others was wading near shore and was not aware that the gravel shovels had made great holes in the apparent shallow water. He stepped into one of these holes, and not knowing how to swim, became frightened and had gone to the bottom before those on the shore had hardly realized what had happened. The body was recovered Tuesday afternoon by the use of grappling hooks, and will probably be buried by the county as his relatives are very poor. His mother is a picker at the Horst yards.

CHANGE OF VENUE

Geo. H. Poersel has brought suit in the circuit court against the county of Polk to recover \$2,000 damages for injuries he claims he sustained when he fell from a bridge on a road between the east end of C street in Independence and the Willamette river. A motion that the suit be tried in Marion county was granted by the Polk county court on the ground that the people of Polk county were prejudiced. Mr. Poersel states that he fell a distance of about eighteen feet and received injuries which necessitated doctor's bills to the amount of \$2,000.—Salem Statesman.

CANNOT GET CITY DELIVERY

Postmaster Merwin Writes That Post Office Department Has Vetoed Plan

Editor Monitor: Referring to your local in last week's Monitor relative to village delivery for Independence.

The Post Office Department has abandoned village delivery as it did not give the service as satisfactory as the local postoffice gives. I exhausted all my energy in trying to get village delivery for Independence, but now that that branch of the service has been abandoned, keep on boosting and with the present rate of increase, we will have city delivery in Independence in 1915.

Respectfully,
M. Merwin,
Postmaster.

THE LONGEST DRY SPELL

"This is the longest dry spell, with a single exception, that I ever saw in Oregon," said the Hon. Thomas Brunk to the Observer this morning. "In 1883 no rain fell from early in April until the sixteenth day of October, and naturally everything in the crop line suffered even greater than during the present season. I remember in the fall when we were threshing," continued the speaker, somewhat hoarse from having spent several days in the dense smoke at Chehalis, where he had been judging stock at a fair. "I thought I felt a drop of rain on my face, and my heart leaped with joy. I uncovered my head to ascertain to a certainty whether or not the long drought was about to be broken, but only a few drops descended through the heavy smoke that hung over the valley. And it did not rain for several weeks after that time." Dallas Observer.

TWINS GO VISITING

Born August 8, 1828, Messrs. J. A. and W. W. Haines of this county, are undoubtedly the oldest living twins within the confines of Oregon. They first saw the light of day in Illinois, and came to Oregon in 1857, where they have since resided. The Messrs. Haines, who reside at Monmouth, were in Dallas on Wednesday, and notwithstanding their eighty-one years both are hale and hearty. While transacting business in different parts of the city, they went from place to place with a spryness that would do credit to men one-half their years.—Dallas Observer.

Fire destroyed the hardware store of J. C. Talbot at Falls City Monday morning.

INNOCENTS ABROAD.



—Kessler in New York Evening Sun.

MORE PAVING IN PROSPECT

CITY COUNCIL ACTS

It is Now Proposed To Pave Half Block on C and Full Block on Sixth

Having paved considerable, Independence may pave some more. At the regular council meeting Wednesday night, "intention" to pave two more places was voted. That portion of C street between First and the cement bridge was run through with Walker, Goetz, Williams and Irvine voting yes and Drexler and Paddock voting no. The proposal to pave Sixth street between C and Monmouth passed with Walker, Drexler, Williams and Irvine voting yes and Paddock voting no. As Councilman Goetz lives in the district affected by the proposal, he did not vote.

The Monitor has not learned how the property owners on the C street district stand. There is a likely chance that a switch of votes may take place and defeat it further on in the proceedings. In the Sixth street district there are four property owners, W. W. Percival, James Hanna, M. Goetz and Miss S. A. Richardson. Percival and Hanna petitioned for the paving. The Siletz Valley railroad is supposed to be built on Sixth street and enters incidentally into the affair.

PATHETIC

The pathetic end of an old man is recorded from Independence in the following:

"This deed is done by my own hands. I am broke and old. I am 72 years old. I was born in 1842. No one cares to give me work as I am too old. My name will stand unknown. I am glad it is over."

With this farewell to an unfeeling world he passed on, un mindful of the road he was to go. His fate is that of many others who have seen their youth and manhood slip away with no thought of the future. Charity there was none for him, or perhaps he was too proud to ask it.—Gresham Outlook.

MAYOR AND GOETZ DISAGREED

His honor, the mayor, and Councilman Goetz had a "reunion" at the council meeting Wednesday night and there were some fireworks for a few moments. Mr. Goetz did not like the way the council by the mayor's deciding vote had previously passed a resolution providing for the cement walks on Sixth street and expressed his opinions of the proceedings rather freely and the mayor resented his remarks and threatened to put him out. Without going into the merits or demerits of the question at issue or whether he was right or wrong in his contention, Mr. Goetz is courageous enough to say what he thinks, let the chips fall where they may.

"BILL" HANLEY HERE

"Bill" Hanley, candidate for U. S. Senator, was in Independence Tuesday and made a "hit." Everybody talked about him after he left town. While apparently Mr. Hanley has a hard battle before him, he seems to think that his chances are very good. Well, Oregon might do worse than to elect "Bill." Democrats dissatisfied with Chamberlain and republicans who do not think that Booth is progressive enough are flirting with "Bill" openly and he will get their support and influence.

The Monitor always leads.

"BASE" ON C ST. FINISHED

Now For the Grand Finish; Eight More Working Days For Kibbe To Win Out

The base of the paving on C street was finished today and Contractor Kibbe has eight more working days to make good on his prediction that he would have the job completed by Sept. 15.

Mr. Kibbe will undoubtedly bid on the other paving contracts now in prospect in this city.

REPUBLICANS MEET

The Polk County Republican Central Committee had an enthusiastic meeting in Dallas Saturday and planned for the campaign. With the exception of one or two misfits on the ticket, the republican candidates are all capable men. Several ladies met with the men and organized an auxiliary with Mrs. Mary Stine of Monmouth as president and Mrs. Nettie Boche of Dallas as secretary.

NEW STORE

Independence is to have another general store. The lower floor of the old hotel building on C street is being remodeled and a man from Sheridan will put in a good sized stock. He expects to be able to commence business some time next week.

ARRESTED

D. N. Dudley, representing what is known as the Cataphoric Medical Institute of St. Louis, advertised to appear in Independence for two days this week, did not come. There's a reason. He was arrested at Lebanon Friday on a charge of violating a state law making it a crime to advertise the curing of sex disease.

ARMENIANS AT WAR

Our Armenian population has been disagreeing among themselves rather extensively this week and there has been several personal encounters. The most grievous breach of the peace occurred in the city record r's office Monday afternoon where a small riot was started. The arrest of one of the offenders stopped the disturbance. While all the oratory was conducted in the foreign tongue it is reported that one of the Armenians called another a xxxzykxzyx which would make anybody fight.

WILL SPEAK SUNDAY

Edward Adams Cantrell, former preacher and of late a Chauhanqua and Lyceum lecturer, will discuss the "Twelve Fundamental Fallacies of Prohibition" in Independence next Sunday, Sept. 6. No admission fee will be charged.

GIRLS ENTERTAIN

Last Saturday afternoon Misses Lucile Craven and Lois Hewitt delightfully entertained a bevy of girls, including their close friends, at the Craven home.

The diversions of the afternoon consisted in needlecrafting, music and mirthful chatter, followed with a dainty repast.

HOP KING AS SPY

Baron Lewis von Horst, of Coburg, Germany, part owner of the Horst hop yards near Independence, has been arrested in London as a spy. The Horsts are the largest hop growers in the world. His brother, E. Clement Horst, of San Francisco, is appealing to the United States to save his brother. The Baron is quite well known here as he maintained a branch office in Salem up to about three years ago.

NEW POPE ELECTED

Cardinal Della Chiesa was elected pope yesterday on the ninth ballot. He is an Italian. He has taken the name of Benedictus XV.

Italy and Turkey have jumped into the European fracas.

GOING UP! GOING UP!

WHY HOPS OF COURSE

Five Cents Per Month As Long As European War Continues Is the Prediction

For several months at least the price of hops will advance five cents for each month the present war in Europe continues. This is the opinion of an expert and a conservative "guesser" on conditions and prices of hops.

It is said that American brewers and others that use hops will soon attempt to contract for a sufficient supply to last them a year as they are becoming alarmed lest they face a possible shortage, due to the European war. South America will be obliged to buy American beer, which has not been done heretofore, and North American breweries will have this additional demand to fill.

WOMEN IN HOP FIELDS

Independence, Or., Aug. 29.—(To the Editor.)—To clear up the matter of a woman working over eight hours in the hop yards, as mentioned by Mrs. A. P. in The Oregonian. Last week one of the Portland papers had an item from Attorney-General Crawford in which he said that the 54 hours a week, as a limit to female labor would very probably apply to the hop yards. He did not say that it would be unlawful, but that it probably would be.

The hop men of this vicinity feel that it would not apply in this case. The workers are not hired to work by the day, month, or even the hour, nor are they given a certain number of hours to work. The work is piece work and a person is allowed to put in as many hours or as few hours as he or she cares to do. The growers feel that each person is working for himself and has a right to work as long as he wants.

J. S. Cooper, Jr., Secretary Independence Commercial Club.

The only limit that could legally apply would be an order issued by the Industrial Welfare Commission. The question has been referred to that body and the reply given that no order so far issued affects women workers in the hopfields.—Oregonian.

A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT

Hanging in graceful clusters, half hidden by the green foliage of the vines that are trellised in rows, the hops present a beautiful sight. Though the work is arduous it pays well. It is a merry crowd that lines up for the first day's picking, and it is a happy crowd that counts the checks at the close of the season.—Lebanon Express.

DOUBTING

There is a question in the mind of the writer whether the toomer of hop prices is performing a friendly service to the growers. It is a gamble. If the war continues for long, there will surely be a great curtailment of the ordinary uses of hops.—Salem Statesman.

DANCING AT WIGRICH'S

The Moose had charge of the first dance at Wigrich's, since which time Wm. McDonald is the manager. Dances are given every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights, with very good music from the O. A. C. Tuesday night there were 250 girls and women present and an excellent time is reported. Mr. McDonald guarantees the dances to be first class and orderly which no doubt will be under his management.

THEY'RE OFF! ALL PICKIN'

They're off. In nearly every yard in Polk county they are picking. And there are more than enough pickers. Every train brings more of them in. It can be safely estimated that there are 15,000 at work in the Independence district. Many of them are complaining that they cannot make as much as in former years because the hops are not as good.

Hop checks will be thicker than hops in Independence Saturday night. At least 5000 of them will pass over the counters and pass as legal tender. It will be some crowd with plenty of money, or rather hop checks to spend. The first big "blow" comes Saturday night. The merchants and people of the city are amply prepared to allow the "blow" to come, in fact they welcome it, let the hop checks fall where they may. So Be It.

Tom Rogers, of McMinnville, has made a survey of the outlook and there is quite a pessimistic view in his report. "It may be as some expect—almost a bumper and again it may not," says Tom in an interview. "One can never tell. The pendulum may swing either way when all the hops are harvested and put in the bale. One thing is evident, however. The long dry spell has left its mark on all yards, big and small, on upland as well as lowland.

"As seen from the river bluffs, up and down the Willamette, from Lincoln south and to far-away Independence confines, the yards present a fine appearance. All this is changed, however, once you drop down the grade and go in careful research. There are yards everywhere—high-trellised yards, low-trellised yards, pole and stake yards—a great green canopy, reaching away and away seemingly to the very dropping-off place.

"It is on the high-trellised yards that the dry spell is most noticeable. The low-trellised yards have withstood the weather better; have longer arms, have a decidedly better color and are full of hops. Even these, like their towering sister yards, will produce a top crop.

"On all yards on our trip we found the burr smaller than for many seasons. There is no getting around it. A good soaking rain might aid materially in producing a fair average crop, but I doubt it. That time has long since passed.

"As you wade out through the sea of weeds and look up into these high-trellised yards no great amount of hops greet the eye. They are not there; they lie on top of the green canopy overhead out of sight in clusters of twos and threes and bushel-sized bunches. There will be no taking hold of a long arm this year and stripping it, half filling a basket at one fell swoop. So, taking it on the whole, and as the Independence section produces by far the most hops in the valley, the coming crop will be a disappointing one, the new acreage not nearly offsetting the shortage.

"In many yards we found the red spider. Spraying is going on all the time.

"Seemingly the upland hop has the best of it this year. This especially is true of the Rickreall, Salem, Brooks and St. Paul districts. They present a better appearance—are better filled, are larger and of better color. The Burch yard at Rickreall is up to standard; so are dozens of others. There are dozens of others, though, that are not so good. Yamhill county is way off the line; so are portions of Polk, Washington and Benton counties. As viewed by H. C. Eccleston, W. C. Miller and Edward Briedwell, all experienced hop men, the Oregon crop will average from 85,000 to 100,000 bales.

"Asked as to the yield in the Independence section this year, Henry Eoof, a heavy grower and most conservative man, put it at 1000 pounds dried hops per acre."

Well, we will soon know whether Tom has the right dope or not.

Polk county will no doubt go into the hop business; for a short time at least. Not from choice, but because creditors have attached the crop of Krebs brothers. The crop will have to be picked just the same and Sheriff Grant will be the man to have the picking in charge. All hop appurtenances on the farm were also attached.

FELLOW WORKERS.



—Bronstrup in San Francisco Chronicle.