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JAP FULL ON HOP CHECKS

SHERIFF TAKES HAND

Stops Poker Game By Arresting Frank Mitoma and Bunch of Other Japanese

Frank Mitoma, Japanese hop man of near Independence, not content with a good crop at good prices, branched out and established a new industry last week. Not a "new" industry in this community but "new" in this particular case because of the fact that the scion of the Mikado didn't cover it up with a "blanket." He notoriously opened up a poker game. His several hundred Jap hop pickers took to the pastime enthusiastically and dumped their Mitoma hop checks into the jack pots with a regularity that was very pleasing to Mitoma.

Business certainly was good and had reached that stage where it was more profitable than raising hops, when Sheriff Grant with an army of deputies appeared on the scene and took a hand. It was evident to the sheriff that according to Hoyle a Jap full on hop checks couldn't win anything, and also that the law of the commonwealth would not permit such a game to run wide open and with so much publicity as to cause anybody to get caught at it. So he took the pot, Mitoma and several other Japs over to Dallas and landed them safely in the stockyards.

STARTS THE BOYS OUT

Tom Warren was in Linn county last week where he rented a farm, purchased some cattle and machinery and started his sons, Rex and Max, out for themselves. Tom says the boys are mighty good fellows and entirely worthy of the lift the "old man" is able to give them. He will keep both eyes on them and occasionally go over and see how they are getting on.

BROKE AUTO, FINED

Wiley Williams was fined \$15 in Judge Winn's court Tuesday for taking liberties with an automobile belonging to an Airline man. It was alleged that Williams borrowed the machine and broke it.

"OUT TO WIN" NERS BANQUET

Will Eat At the M. E. Church Tonight And Listen To Prominent Speakers

The Independence "Out To Win" club will eat tonight. A banquet will be spread at the M. E. church with many guests around the festive board. After the inner man has been replenished, addresses will be made by U. G. Hinshaw, national chairman of the prohibition party, and Ernest E. Taylor, secretary of the state committee of the same party.

The local club was organized about ten days ago with D. C. Bones as president and Mrs. Alice Kurre as secretary, and will labor diligently for a "dry" Oregon.

SEE THE COMET

If you care to look, any clear evening you can see the comet in the north skies. It is plainly visible to the naked eye and can be located below the two lower stars of the big dipper. It is only 135 million miles away and will get brighter as it comes a few million miles nearer. As it only makes an appearance every 1800 years not many of us will see it again.

"WAR" IN TEN LANGUAGES

(Portland Telegram)
English—War.
French—Guerre.
German—Krieg.
Russian—Voyna.
Hungarian—Haboru.
Italian—Guerra.
Turkish—Moharebe.
Polish—Wojna.
Japanese—Sen Fo.
Sherman—H—.

NO CONTEST

The Monitor was visited this week by a representative of a "popular girl" contest company who insisted upon giving us \$500 without any effort on our part. He said he was sure that quite a number of merchants would "fall" (this is the way he put it) for the scheme in which you would give votes for trade. The Monitor turned the proposition down because we do not believe that any merchant profits by one of these contests and the same contests arouse bitterness in a community which hurts the newspaper and the merchants. In spite of their efforts to conduct it fairly, suspicions of unfairness are apparent at the least provocation, and the result, while a pleasure to a few, disappoints many. The Monitor wants no contest of this kind and should we ever put one on, it will be of a much different character.

HOW LIVELY RAISES HOPS

TELLS REPORTER MUCH

His Methods and System; Increased the Yield Over Two Fold; Uses Machine

A day or two ago Mr. Livesly took George F. Rodgers, president of the Salem Commercial club, Fred Bynan, the club secretary, myself and two moving picture men for a visit of inspection to his hop ranch. "This, my main ranch, consists of 663 acres," said Mr. Livesly. "In addition to the rich river bottom land which was cleared, I had about 150 acres of timber. I leased a sawmill plant and cut over a million feet of lumber for use on the place. Part of this lumber went into my hop picking machine building, which is 80x120 feet, some of it went into dryers and other buildings such as my apartment house built for the use of my employes and pickers."

"Last year I put out 71 acres more to hops. That makes over 240 acres set out to hops on this place. I also set out 30 acres to loganberries and put out a peach orchard."

"I found that I was getting from 700 to 1200 pounds of cured hops to the acre when I bought this place. The average yield over all the Willamette valley is about 1200 pounds to the acre. I set out a hop nursery. I bought 40 carloads of sheep manure from the Union Stock Yards. I dug good sized holes, put in some fertilizer and planted the best hop roots from my nursery. I put in an underground piping system all over my hop yard. The pipes are two feet deep so the plow never disturbs them. I put in plenty of stand pipes. This meant I could, at small expense and with but little labor, spray my hop vines whenever spraying was required. The result of the fertilizing, spraying and cultivation was that the yield increased to 3000 pounds an acre. Very few people will believe such a yield possible but we can prove our statements as we kept careful statistics."

"Growing hops is not a hazardous proposition. Science wins the game here as elsewhere. Organization is the secret of success. Last year I brought 900 pickers here from Portland. Each picker had a number. His baggage bore his number. When his ticket was handed him he was given a check with the number of his tent. We met them at the depot here, hauled them to the yard, escorted them to their tents which were all ready for them, delivered their baggage and had the 900 pickers comfortably settled within four hours. Not only that but we had wood and water at the door of their tents. This year we have something over 300 pickers; the hop picking machine has taken the place of the other 600. Next year we will need no hop pickers. We will be practically independent of the labor market and if it rains my men can go out with slickers, cut the vines and bring them into a dry building to the hop picking machine. —Fred Lockley in Portland Journal.

BUENA VISTA SCHOOL

The Buena Vista School opened Monday with the enrollment of seventy pupils, fourteen of whom are in the high school. The number in the high school room is expected to reach twenty before the close of the month. The two new teachers are Miss Veva Burns of Dallas, intermediate room, and Miss Helen Cook of Parker, primary room. The students seem well pleased and everything indicates a very successful term.

JEAN SHARMAN DROWNS

Well Known and Popular Young Lady Loses Life at Florence While Boating

Miss Jean Sharman, a former resident of this place, was drowned in the Siuslaw river at Florence Sunday. She was out boating with three other young ladies when the boat was upset. The others had no difficulty in reaching the bank in safety but Miss Sharman struggled in the water and before help could reach her sank for the first time. News of her sudden death reached this city Monday and was a severe shock to her many friends in this city where she lived for many years. She was greatly admired and respected by all. Miss Sharman was assistant principal at Florence and her home was in Bay View.

STRENGTH IN UNION

The proposition presented by the Independence Commercial club, that all Polk county public organizations join in an effort to induce the location of manufacturing institutions here, is an exceptionally good one, and should have the indorsement and co-operation of every booster club within the county. The interests of the several communities are practically identical, and there can be no good and sufficient reason why concerted action should not be had in promoting our material interests, not only along this particular line but along others. There should be no jealousies existing between the different sections, but on the other hand all interests should combine heartily and cordially for community development, the result of which would surprise the most optimistic booster within the balwick.

Polk should have a County Development league, with every community in membership. Meetings will be held at stated intervals for an interchange of ideas along promotion lines and for the promotion of just such things as is proposed by the Independence organization. Take, for instance, the matter of publicity at the Panama exposition. This county, one of the foremost in the Northwest, should be represented at this big show by illustrated literature adequately setting forth its resources, advantages and possibilities, each community contributing financially to the undertaking, the whole paying no particular attention to individualism but calculated to induce settlement in Polk county through honest and unbiased effort. —Dallas Observer.

JAPS WANT HOPS

That Japanese dealers are becoming interested in Oregon hops is indicated by a letter which was received from a prominent hop buyer of Osaka and Tokyo, Japan, at the commercial club yesterday. The dealer states that he is considering investing extensively in the hops of the Willamette valley. It is considered that owing to the war it is difficult for the Japanese to ship hops from England this fall and as a consequence the Oregon hop growers will probably have to furnish the Japanese this year. —Salem Statesman.

THE COUNTY FAIR

The third annual Polk County Fair was good and it is too bad that many hundreds who planned on going could not do so because of the horrid weather. A county fair is one thing that should be encouraged and promoted, and the Monitor will be the first to wish for a bigger and better fair in 1915 and good weather during the event.

LEAGUE TO MEET

The Independence Civic Improvement League will resume their meetings and will meet Saturday afternoon at the usual place.

MORE PAVING TO BE DONE

KIBBE GETS CONTRACT

Half Block on C and Block on Sixth To Be Improved City Council Votes

That section of C street between First and the concrete bridge and a block on Sixth street between C and Monmouth will be paved this fall and Sixth street from Monmouth to G will be curbed and graveled. Glen E. Kibbe gets the contract for all the work and will commence the job as soon as all the legal requirements are complied with. Thus decided the city council at meetings Wednesday and Thursday nights. Councilman Padlock voted no during the proceedings and Councilman Goetz did not respond.

Property owners in the affected district will not be notified through the Monitor or any other newspaper of the proposed assessment as the ordinances covering the same require that the city marshal post notices in five places in the city. If this "hardbill" method is resorted to in the future, property owners will have to stop and read every notice and advertisement they see posted on telephone poles, bill boards and dry goods boxes for fear that their property be assessed for some purpose and they not know it.

REPUBLICANS TO WIN

Councilman Goetz of Independence was a Dallas visitor Saturday, and insinuated his august presence about the inner sanctum of The Observer. Mr. Goetz is a republican of long standing and his predictions as to results are given heed. Therefore, it may be interesting to know that he prophesies the election of the entire republican ticket, from United States senator straight down the line this fall. —Dallas Observer.

THROWS AWAY MONEY

It was the pleasure of a Monitor reporter to see H. Hirschberg in his annual stunt of "throwing away money" on the last day of hop picking at the Hirschberg-McLaughlin farm north of Independence. Mounted on a box and surrounded by a good-sized crowd of youngsters, he threw nickels in the air and the scramble after them was worth going miles to see. At least forty dollars' worth of change was distributed in this way among the children of the hop pickers. Then Mr. Hirschberg tossed pennies to the women and they proved as dexterous as had their offspring.

No one enjoys this stunt better than Mr. Hirschberg. He has gained a reputation among the kids of Oregon and often when in Portland or some other city or town in the state, is greeted with the cry, "There's the man who throws away money."

HIGH FINANCE

F. F. Overstreet, a lad of 19, was arrested by the police yesterday on complaint of hop pickers near Independence, who claim to have given the boy their hop checks for small sums to be cashed by him in Independence. The boy cashed the checks, it is said, but failed to return the money. When brought to the station he was recognized as an escapee from the reform school. He was returned to the institution to serve his time. —Salem Statesman.

HOPS SELL AT NINETEEN-HALF

Looks Like They Were Going Into the Twentys For Sure; Picking All Over

Nineteen and a half cents was paid for hops in Independence this week, the highest price of the year. The market is slowly climbing and many who were planning to sell at twenty are now looking at the quarter.

All the yards in the Independence district are through picking and the last of the non-resident pickers have gone.

RAT THE ROBBER

Independence, Or., Sept. 19. —The citizens of Independence are enjoying a good laugh at the expense of the police force. At midnight on Thursday the night chief heard mysterious noises in a butcher shop on First street. He called his four assistants and they surrounded the shop. A passerby was sent to telephone to the proprietor of the shop and tell him that burglars were circling his safe. Upon arrival the owner found that a large rat had been caught in a trap and was trying to gnaw its way out, making a noise similar to that made by a drill working in steel. —Portland Telegram.

MONMOUTH HIGH

The Monmouth High School opened Monday with an increased enrollment over last year, the number reaching 51. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss McCosky is filled by Miss Florence Rees of Newberg, who will have charge of the English department. Courses in German and in typewriting have been added to the high school curriculum. A new gymnasium has also been fitted up. —Portland Telegram.

BUSY MAN

H. Hirschberg, the Monitor editor and three others sneaked into C. A. McLaughlin's private office one day this week but did not stay long. He merely asked us if we had any hop checks and being answered in the negative, he replied, "All right, get out," and we got. He had hop checks in front of him, to the right of him, to the left of him, on top of him, under him and over him and still more were being handed in from all sides. He was engaged in the patient pastime of "cashing in" and after getting out we wondered why he didn't throw a brick to hurry us out.

BRIDGE CLOSED

The bridge over the Willamette at Salem is now closed from midnight until 6:30 a. m. of each day. It is being repaired.

WILLIAM BALL BADLY BURNED

RECOVERY DOUBTFUL

Breathed Flame Into Lungs From Rock Heater; Second Time He Has Been Burned

William Ball, engineer for the Kibbe Construction Co., now paving C street, was seriously if not fatally injured, when he was burned Wednesday while lighting the blast of the rock burner. About ten days ago he was burned on the face and hands in the same way. Ball was taken to a Salem hospital as soon as possible. Reports last night were not very encouraging although it was reported that he was resting easy. While burned on the face and hands, the breathing of the flame into his lungs may take his life. Another workman was burned also at the same time but not seriously.

William Ball is a well known resident of Independence and is a hard working and industrious man. He is married and has two sons. They live in north Independence.

ANOTHER BURNED

While carrying a bucket of hot tar yesterday morning, a workman for the Kibbe Construction Co. stumbled and fell and a quantity of the tar covered his feet burning them badly.

SCHOOL MONDAY

The Independence schools open Monday. All the teachers are in the city ready to begin work as soon as the first bell rings. The names of the teachers were published in last week's Monitor.

THIEVES GET AWAY

No trace of the robbers, who robbed the Airline postoffice last week of \$320 in cash and \$150 in stamps, has been found. It is supposed that they belong to a gang who has been operating in this part of the state for several months.

COMPLETES PAVING

The paving of C street was completed today and from all appearances is a very creditable job. C will be opened for traffic tomorrow and another splendid thoroughfare added to the city. If all the yards along the way were beautified, it would be delightful.

TIME TO MAKE IT A REALITY.



—Taylor in Los Angeles Times.

FROM THE FRONT.



—Carter in New York Sun.