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TIED FOR THE GILBERT CUP TO BE SHOT OFF TODAY

Bankers Fenton and DeArmond Have Even Score; History of the Gilbert Cup

With 89 each out of a possible hundred, R. R. DeArmond and J. J. Fenton are tied for the Gilbert Cup, which will be given to the member of the Independence Gun Club having the highest average. This afternoon they will shoot off the tie.

A conservative estimate shows there are at least one-half million trapshooters in the country and it is safe to say that the history and records of Fred Gilbert, the greatest trapshot who ever entered the game, are familiar to all. Twenty years ago, in October, 1895, to be exact, Fred Gilbert, a product of the prairies around Spirit Lake, Iowa, and entirely unknown and unheard of outside of his own precinct, made his debut to the shooting game at Baltimore, Md., and in the contest for the world's championship he vanquished a field of the best shots ever gathered together and instantly ascended the ladder leading to the topmost niche in the hall of trapshooting fame, from which, it is conceded by all, he has never been removed, as in all the years that have passed, his equal has not been produced, and very likely never will be.

To properly commemorate the 20th anniversary of Mr. Gilbert as a shooter, a gigantic nationwide celebration in his honor took place Wednesday at Wilmington, Del., where a complimentary shoot and dinner was held. To give the hundreds of gun clubs throughout the country an opportunity to honor him, a silver loving cup was offered to all clubs that would hold a "Fred Gilbert shoot."

The official score of the Independence Clubs is as follows: DeArmond 89, Fenton 89, Johnson 88, Irvine 87, Allin 86, Alexander 85, Rich 85, Huff 82, Skinner 82, Cockle 81, Withers 81, Kurre 75, Fitchard 74, Baker 70.

Undoubtedly the costumes to be worn at "The Liar and the Baby" production next Friday night will be as "nobby" as ever before worn in Independence.

"A VALLEY OF CONTENT"

A Pretty Tribute By George P. Putnam; Worthy a Place in Your Scrap Book

"A broad valley, rich, prosperous, and beautiful to look upon, is the Willamette, and a valley of many moods. Neither in scenic charms nor agricultural resourcefulness is its heritage restricted to a single field. There are timberland and trout stream, hill and dale, valley and mountain; rural beauty of calm Suffolk is neighbor to the rugged picturesqueness of Scotland; there are sky-lines comparable with Norway's, and lowlands peaceful as Sweden's pastoral vistas; the giant timber or their relic stumps, at some pasture edge, spell wilderness, while a happy, alder lined brook flowing through a bowlder dotted field is reminiscent of the uplands of Connecticut. Altogether, it is a rarely variegated viewland, in this vale of the Willamette.

"You have seen valleys which were vast wheat fields, or where orchards were everywhere; in California and abroad you have viewed valley dedicated to vineyards, and from mountain vantage points you have feasted your eyes upon the greenery of timberland expanses; all the world over you can spy out valleys dotted with an unvaried checkerboard of gardens, or green with pasture lands. But where have you seen a valley where all of this is mingled, where nature refuses to be a specialist and man appears a jack of all trades? If by chance you have journeyed from Medford to Portland, with some excursioning from the beaten paths through Oregon's valley of content, you have viewed such a one.

"For nature has staged a lavish repertoire along the Willamette. There are fields of grain and fields of potatoes; hop yards and vineyards stand side by side; emerald pastures border brown corn fields; forests of primeval timber shadow market garden patches; natty orchards of apples, peaches and plums are neighbors to waving expanses of beet tops. In short, as you whirl through the valley, conjure up some antithesis of vegetation and you must wait but a scanty mile or two before viewing it from the observation car."—George Palmer Putnam.

The evening supply of milk left on the doorsteps around town disappears very frequently before the housewife can gather it in.

CITY FATHERS REGULAR MEET CONDEMN SIDEWALKS

Devote Most of Evening To Waiks, Grades and Other Troubles in North Town

32 sidewalks in all parts of the city were condemned by the city council in regular session Wednesday night. This includes nearly if not all the wooden walks yet remaining in the city and no favorites were played, two of the councilmen themselves having walks condemned with the others.

North Independence occupied the attention of the city fathers for most of the evening. A petition signed by all but two property owners on Williams street was presented asking for the grading and graveling of the street. The council looked rather surprised and pleased at the request and readily granted it. The same petitioners wanted an extension of time in order to build cement walks and the question led to much oratory and a difference of opinion regarding the matter of consenting to a postponement. Councilman Goetz, who was rather inclined to grant the delay, incidentally revealed a freak of nature. According to Mr. Goetz there are several spots in North Independence that have no bottom, and he spoke in such a low tone just at the time that it is impossible to quote his exact words, but some understood him to say that once upon a time a team of horses disappeared in one of the spots that has no bottom and fell through into China. Like lightning out of a clear sky, G. W. McCamey delivered an address relative to the situation in North Independence. Sink or swim, survive or perish, Mr. McCamey demanded that it be done right or not at all, E pluribus unum, etc. Incidentally, the grade in front of McCamey's residence is nearly as high as the top of his fence and should the walk be built according to grade, he would be obliged to install an elevator to get out of his front yard onto the walk. This gives the public an idea of the situation in North Independence and no wonder the poor city councilmen have something on their hands. This matter, the repairing of the footbridge and half a dozen other propositions were passed to the street committee. This committee, which consists of Goetz, Sloper and Henkle, have a strenuous time of it and are finding out very emphatically how nice it is to be a city councilman.

The most pleasant announcements of the evening came from Mr. Paddock when he boldly proclaimed that very soon he would proceed to put up the street signs.

Mrs. Wright Porterfield is so much improved that she came home from Salem where she has been in a hospital for some time.

BAPTISTS CALL NEW PASTOR

Which Will Give Independence Two Preachers of the Same Name and Initial

The Baptist church of this city has extended a call to Rev. W. S. Stewart of Richmond, Cal., and the reverend gentleman will assume his duties and preach his first sermon here on Sunday, March 28. The Baptist church has been without a pastor for several months and its members are pleased with the announcement that Rev. Stewart is coming. He is not a total stranger, having preached here several times while attending college at McMinnville.

When Rev. W. S. Stewart arrives, Independence will have two preachers by the same name and both with a "W" for their first initial. This will result in some confusion and inconvenience. To avoid this difficulty we will have to call one "Stewart, the Methodist" and the other "Stewart, the Baptist."

WILL BE A DANDY

The home talent production, "The Liar and the Baby," which will be staged at the Opera House Friday evening, March 26, for the benefit of the Civic Improvement League, is a dandy and will be unusually well played. Its rich comedy from start to finish will be greatly enjoyed. A more detailed description is given elsewhere in this paper.

LIBRARY TEA

The tea given Wednesday afternoon for the benefit of the library was a glorious success financially, over \$57 clear profit being realized. This proves to a great extent the interest our people feel in the public library and their liberality in contributing to its support.

KEITH ROBERTS WINS

At the Boy Scout meeting Tuesday night, Keith Roberts was awarded the silver cup for having the highest average in the physical contest just concluded. He had a score of 80. This contest aroused much interest and the competition was keen. Another cup will be awarded July 15 under like conditions.

AMONG THE FARMERS

Reports received from the farming section indicate that the farmers are planning to plant more grain this spring than has been planted for several years past. The spring plowing is now well under way and before long the planting will be over. There will be an increase in grain acreage. The fact that there will be a great shortage of the output in Europe is the largest factor in the increased acreage in this country. The present high prices is also a strong factor in encouraging farmers to plant more grain this season. Reports from some of the nearby sections of the county are to the effect that some farmers have plowed up their clover fields and will sow them to wheat. The rich clover sod is expected to produce excellent wheat and with the price up and the clover pests worrying the clover growers, they feel that they are justified in making the change. Polk county farmers are well pleased with the outlook and expect to have a very prosperous year if nothing happens to change the present prospects for a large yield.—Dallas Observer.

W. H. Bloch returned home last Friday from Washington where he had been for ten days.

MINOR NEWS OF INTEREST

MANY BRIEF MENTIONS

All About Your Neighbors, the City, Community, Etc. 10 Baptised in River

Postmaster Merwin was a Portland visitor this week.

Miss Aletha McKinney was an over Sunday guest of home folks.

Mrs. L. Crane has returned home from a week's visit in Salem.

The "Saturday Specials" at Nelson's market is selling the meat.

Harry Miller arrived home last Friday from the eastern part of the state.

Spring has arrived. Billy McAdams appeared with a straw hat today.

The serious and comic situations come thick and fast in "The Liar and the Baby."

Hop growers are now cultivating. A majority of them report but a few missing hills.

A little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Grider fell off a porch Sunday and broke her collar bone.

Cement walks are being built in front of the homes of Mrs. A. J. Cooper and D. D. Davis in North Independence.

The school board is choosing the corps of teachers for next year and already a number have been selected. When all positions are filled the complete list will be announced.

Prof. G. M. Butler, of the Mining Department of the Oregon Agricultural College, delivered an address to the pupils of the High School in this city Thursday morning.

Miss Gretchen Kremer, with several of her Normal friends, spent a very pleasant day at her home last Sunday, celebrating her birthday, which occurred Saturday, March 13th.

A meeting of the members of the Hop Growers' Association for the purpose of electing permanent officers will be held in Salem Saturday and the Independence district will be well represented.

The baptism of ten persons of the Pentecostal faith, in the Willamette river at the ferry landing Sunday afternoon, drew an audience of at least four hundred people. It is a tenet of this religious body to baptize in the name of Jesus Christ and not in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, as do most other sects. In his introductory remarks Sunday, the leader made a brief explanation of why this was and challenged the position of the other sects on the question.

THE PILL BOX

This may be just a notion or maybe it's a sell, but when you've got the mumps, isn't it just swell?

J. S. Cooper is registered at the Imperial hotel in Portland so frequently that we wonder why he doesn't buy it and reduce the cost of living.

"This is the life form," cried Billy, as he put on the old straw hat, "it drives away the blues, nothing else but my shirt and breeches, kick off the socks and shoes."

SEEKING WORK ON RAILROAD

Many Come In Quest Of Work; Dirt To Fly Within Month It Is Stated

There will be no trouble in getting labor to complete the building of the Siletz & Valley Railroad to Independence, as already a number have been here in quest of jobs.

No time has yet been set for the commencement of the work but as far as can be learned, dirt will commence to fly before May 1. The company's engineer is in the city today. The work of securing title to the right-of-way is now occupying the time of the officials.

MRS. KETCHUM BETTER

News received last night from Woodland, Cal., concerning the condition of Mrs. E. L. Ketchum indicates that while she is still in a serious condition, there is every reason to believe that she will recover. The amputation of one of her limbs, made necessary by blood poisoning, took place last week.

MONMOUTH

Mrs. J. L. Murdock is selling her daughter at Island City.

U. G. Hefley has purchased a new auto.

A new switchboard has been installed in the Monmouth central.

Thomas Boulden has received the happy news that he is now a great-grandfather.

The Monitor always leads.

MONITOR NOW LEADS FIELD

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PIANO FOR HIGH

A chorus of thirty-four voices, comprising the best singers of our city, met at the Opera House Friday night to organize for the Opera "Pauline," to be given the early part of April.

Everyone should be interested in seeing the High School pupils enjoy a good piano in the assembly room. The proceeds of this "musical treat" will be used by the school board toward securing a high grade instrument in the near future. Watch for further announcements regarding "Pauline." It is going to be the best thing in home talent, musically, ever given by Independence people.

STALE NEWS

From a week to three years after the Polk county newspapers publish an item of news, it gets into the Portland dailies. While the daily papers, because of their frequency of issue, are supposed to beat the weeklies, it is not the case as far as Polk county is concerned.

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