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## NOW BUILDING RAILROAD

### MEN AND TEAMS WORK

After Over a Year's Delay, Valley & Siletz Wends Its Way Toward Independence

After many weeks of expectation during which time public sentiment see-sawed between optimism and pessimism, the Valley & Siletz railroad has commenced the building of its line from Airline to Independence.

The present force will be supplemented Monday and Chief Engineer Donald will be in personal charge. Visitors at the camp this week report that teams and scrapers and two steam shovels are kept busy.

Should the present anticipations as to the revival of the lumber interests materialize, the saw mill will be built in Independence this fall.

Other than the vast amount of timber that will be handled over the new railroad, it will prove of advantage to the farmers living in the west portion of the county who will be able to get their crops to market in short order.

### PRUNE CROP SWELLS

While the prune crop in Polk county this year will be normal, the increased market facilities are going to make it a very profitable year for the growers. The acreage has been increased because of the bright outlook and the total crop this year will be enormous.

### DELICATE OPERATION

An operation of unusual delicacy was performed yesterday at the Salem hospital on Mrs. L. Baldwin, of Independence, when her eye was trephined for glaucoma by Drs. Finley, Hewett and Hewett. Mrs. Baldwin was operated on seven years ago in Portland for the same trouble, and since then, has been almost totally blind, having but a slight perception of light. Since the operation of Thursday, the prospects are very favorable for the return of her eyesight. This is probably the first case of trephining the eye on record in Salem.—Salem Capital Journal.

## IT'S A LONG, LONG WAY TO TIPPERARY

(continued from last week)

"You'll be the death of her," choked Rooney. "You scoundrel!"

Tenderly he supported her limp form until she regained consciousness, while Maloney, with a malignant tone, said threateningly as he departed:

"I'll settle things with you, Rooney, when there aren't any woman folks around to protect your dainty little self. You'll never win Molly Molloy, not as long as there's a breath left in the body of Mike Maloney."

The scene at the recruiting office in the town of Tipperary became a busy one within forty-eight hours after war was declared. From even the borders of the great waste Bog of Allen the men came, and they were the hardy men who fought with their human muscles the fight against the forces of nature that made it supremely difficult to wrest from Mother Earth the peat that earned them their livelihood. They were weak in earning capacity, but strong in the sense of duty to their empire.

Colonel Downs, in charge of the recruiting, had with him Captain Wilkes and Lieutenant Smithers. Seated on a platform, they greeted the recruits and placed before them the army's official recruiting book, which every so called "rookie" had to sign.

A multitude had gathered in the Tipperary town hall, which had been turned into a recruiting station, when Patrick Rooney strode in. He had his rifle with him and 200 rounds of ammunition. A long row of friends and acquaintances had drawn up in a line, leaving a clear entrance to the platform where Colonel Downs was presiding.

"I'm for my country and for my king," announced Rooney boldly. "I am here with a gun, 200 rounds of ammunition and a stout heart for Britain, be she English, Irish or Scotch or Welsh. Britain is all four in one. United we stand, and divided we will be the prey for any powerful foreign government that is the foe of education, advancement and freedom!"

Colonel Downs arose from his seat on the recruiting station platform and advanced to the edge of it.

"Young man," he said, "Welcome to the fighting supporters of his majesty's government."

As Rooney moved forward and affirmed his name to the recruiting roll another figure appeared. Michael Maloney it was. He also signed his name to serve for Britain and its king. Patrick, hailed by the multitude and passing among the cheering crowds, found himself suddenly hated.

A young girl threw her arms tensely about him.

"You must not go away. You must not," she hysterically exclaimed.

But Patrick, with firm resolution, hurt him though it did to the depths of his heart, forced Molly Molloy gently away from him and went forward to the railroad train which was to carry him away, perhaps forever, from the Tipperary that he loved so well.

All the while he realized, did Paddy Rooney, that Michael Maloney was on the same train—that they were both in the same regiment, and that both would spend days and nights in London before being sent to the firing line.

Each man knew that their quarrel must come to a conclusion—a violent one too—before either saw the hills and dells of lovely Tipperary again.

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William Jennings Bryan will speak in Albany this afternoon at one o'clock.

## PETITIONS FOR RECALL OUT

### SERIOUS CHARGES MADE

Judge Teal and Commissioners Wells and Beckett are Vigorously Attacked

Petitions for the recall of Judge Teal and Commissioners Wells and Beckett are now being circulated.

The charges made against Teal are as follows:

"Said J. B. Teal has favored certain localities and has acted extravagantly and disregarded plain provisions of law:—instances of which:

1. The expenditure for road purposes during 1914 of \$21,397.75 in excess of the amount which lawfully could be expended. This deficit was created in face of the written protest of Commissioner Petre, entered in Court Journal August 5th, and in violation of Chapter 234, Laws 1913, and Section 19, Article XI, Oregon Constitution.
2. Twenty-one hundred dollars more than the bid accepted was paid for Savage bridge, near Willamina.
3. Up to July 1, 1915, all 1915 road tax but \$1262.60 had been expended. Completion of work now underway will leave an unlawful deficit as great as last year.
4. Rank favoritism shown to certain localities, particularly Judge Teal's and Commissioner Beckett's districts, where amounts greatly exceeding levies have been expended.
5. Persistent violations of law in employing a private surveyor and paying him more than the lawful rates for doing County work."

The charges against Wells are nearly identical with those against Teal. Those against Beckett are:

"Said C. W. Beckett has favored certain localities and has acted extravagantly and disregarded plain provisions of law:—instances of which:

1. The total tax levied for road purposes for 1915, including special district levies, amounts to \$9,819.66. Up to July 1st \$58,557.06 had been expended. Completion of road work now under way will create an unlawful deficit of more than twenty thousand dollars.
2. Rank favoritism has been shown to certain localities. In Judge Teal's district all road taxes were expended before July 1st and seven thousand dollars more will be spent there unless the Court be stopped. In Commissioner Beckett's district, where \$830.34 was levied, \$2,262.58 has been spent, and the work is just fairly started. In Commissioner Wells' district the whole tax has been unlawfully given to the district.
3. The County Court have persistently violated the law by refusing to permit the County Surveyor to plat the roads to be improved, but have employed a private surveyor and paid more than lawful rates for doing County work."

The Monitor has not learned the identity of the candidates to replace the present court, but have been informed that good, capable men will be in the race.

The democratic politicians are inclined to stay out of the fight, alleging that it is a republican mess and no concern of the

## WHITE HELP FOR HOP PICKING

Japanese To Be Barred This Year According to James Feller, Hop Grower

Without official action the word has gone forth that the white man is to be given preference in the Willamette valley during the coming hop picking season, and so far as known not one of the growers has shown any reluctance to fall in line.

"This understanding among the hop growers has nothing whatever to do with races or the color line," said James Feller, president of the Farmers' Fire Relief association and well known member of the Willamette Valley Hop Growers association. "We came to the conclusion that financial conditions, for one reason or another, are just now at ebb tide, and decided, without official action, that there are enough white men and their families at hand to take care of our hops without calling in alien labor. We reached this determination some time ago, and the decision has since been strengthened by letters from men prominent in public life in which such action was suggested.

"We figure that the employment of white labor will considerably relieve conditions for a while," continued Mr. Feller. "Last year there was approximately \$3,360,000 paid out for wages during hop picking, and the season lasted about two weeks.

"This amount takes in hop picking only and does not include incidental expenses, which would be one-twentieth of that amount additional. A total sum like this goes a long way toward putting a family on its feet and buying shoes for the children before the coming school season."—Portland Telegram.

## TO BUILD HOP HOUSES

Dane J. Purvine has just made arrangements to build two large hop houses near Independence. Work will begin at once in order that they may be ready for the fall business. These hop houses are to be not only larger than the average, but each will have a new system of ventilation and drying, with the expectation of putting out a fancy hop.—Salem Capital Journal.

## NOTE FROM BIRTCHET

Portland, July 27.—Will you please specially announce that the regular services of the Presbyterian church will be held on next Sunday, Aug. 1. Mrs. Birtchet is getting along so nicely that we expect to be able to bring her home about Friday. In any case, I shall be in Independence for the services next Sunday.

Grover C. Birtchet.

## REVIVAL MEETINGS

Big meetings still in progress, crowds are coming night after night. If you have not heard the Evangelist yet, don't tell anyone but come out tonight, you will be well paid. Time, 8:15 p. m.

democrats.

One of the promoters of the recall says that "we will have the support of the three influential papers of the county, the Itemizer, Observer and the Monitor." This statement is rather premature. The Observer has already taken a stand favorable to the County Court and the Itemizer like the Monitor is reserving judgment.

## CARD GAMES IN DANGER

### THEIR LIFE THREATENED

Even the Ladies Could Not Play For Prizes If Proposed Ordinance Is Passed

The reign of old King Poker and his companions of chance such as pitch, pedro, solo and seven-up, may end in Independence next week. Old King Poker, of course, has never been allowed to exhibit himself promiscuously because of his unsavory reputation, but the other games have flourished wherever man is prone to assemble. The games for treats only have been a source of much pleasure, quite harmless if indulged in moderately and their going would cast a gloom over certain places that would never be dispelled.

But the ban has been ordered and will be waiting at the city hall next Wednesday evening. Whether it will go away empty or have the corpse in it remains to be decided by the six councilmen of the city of Independence. An ordinance prohibiting all card games for money, trade, checks or the representative of any value whatever, has arrived at the third reading stage of its career and can be passed at the next meeting of the city council. Should it go thru it would also bar the giving of prizes at card clubs.

Other than the reading of a half dozen ordinances, Wednesday night's meeting of the city council was uneventful.

## POLK COUNTY SCHOOLS

According to County Superintendent Seymour's annual report there were 5219 of school age in Polk county November 25, of which 2692 were male and 2527 female. There are 73 districts with 81 buildings. The number of teachers employed were 160, the males numbering 29 and the females 131. The average monthly salary of male teachers was \$80.00 and that of the females \$55.80.

## SQUIRE MARRIES PAIR

Sylvester Flood and Bessie P. Redfield, of Douglas County, who came to Independence for the hop picking season, called upon Judge E. T. Henkle Tuesday to tie the knot that would make them man and wife, which the squire proceeded to do at his residence with much grace and dignity.

## OLD TIMER VISITS

Mrs. Sarah Helmick, of Albany, visited the old homestead on the Luckiamute one day last week. It was in 1845, seventy years ago, that Mr. and Mrs. Helmick located on this farm. Although blind and 92 years of age, she is spry and vigorous and shows marvelous vitality.

## NO BEE IN HIS HAT

Mentioned as a candidate for commissioner if there is a recall election, Verd Hill says, "Not for me. I have not yet made up my mind whether I will favor the recall of the present county court or not."

## TEACHING CORPS COMPLETED

Vacancies Are Filled by Election of Theodore Ellestad and Miss Bramburg

The two vacancies in the Independence schools have been filled. Theodore Ellestad, one of this year's graduates of the O. A. C., has been chosen for the manual training department. Mr. Ellestad is very highly recommended. Miss Magdaline Chase resigned her place as fourth grade teacher to accept a similar one in the schools of Tacoma, Wash., and Miss Crissie Bramberg of Independence, who is well qualified and competent, has been elected to fill the vacancy.

The schools for next year will be in good hands, and under the leadership of Prof. Teats will be maintained on a high level. The discord of the past two years will be gone and teachers, pupils and school board will be in harmony.

## BAPTISTS PICNIC

The young people's society of the Baptist church celebrated its weekly meeting by having a picnic Tuesday evening. A crowd of over fifty had a weinie roast on the banks of the Willamette and had a gay time.

## JUDGE IS NEUTRAL

Judge Butler was obliged to issue a statement this week and deny that he had turned his office into a recruiting station for some European belligerent. The presence of a large body of Armenians in and around his office was occasioned by their desire to collect wages due them from a farmer near town.

## GOING TO EUROPE

H. Hirschberg of Independence and D. W. Sears of McCoy, will go to Europe soon on a pleasure and business trip.—Portland Oregonian, July 24, 1915.

## RECALL EXTENDED

The Monitor learns this morning that a fourth county official will have to face the prospects of a recall.

## P. O. FIGHT WARMS UP

### FIVE ARE MENTIONED

But Monitor Learns That Only Two Have a Chance; It Is a Friendly Contest

Candidates for the Independence postoffice are making their presence felt. Some of them are not only doing some hustling themselves but their friends are in the game and are passing the good word down the line. Senators Lane and Chamberlain, who will name the winner, realize that the keen but friendly rivalry of the opposing forces means that they must exercise considerable ingenuity and shrewdness in order to avoid future embarrassment to themselves by making as few enemies as possible.

The five most prominently mentioned candidates are Homer S. Woods, P. M. Kirkland, M. Merwin, Roscoe Staats and Catharine Jones. But little consideration is given the candidacy of one of the five named, and the Monitor has it from a very reliable source that the appointment has narrowed down to a choice between two. Just who these are, we will let the public surmise.

## DIED

David H. Craven, a former resident of Independence and a cousin of W. H. and W. E., of this city, died in Portland last Saturday. He was a photographer by trade and had a studio in Independence a number of years ago.

## MARRIED

Miss Lavilla Dickson of Independence and D. H. Greer of Silver Bow, Montana, were married on July 22.

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A NOVELETTE BASED ON THE STIRRING MOVING PICTURE FEATURE OF THE SAME TITLE...

BY FREDERICK R. TOOMBS



Completed In This Issue

## "THE WHITE TERROR"

Here is a throbbing true to life story, a story based on actual facts, which exposes the insidious evils of the so widely advertised "sure cures" for consumption. There is no exaggeration in it. Thousands of people suffering from tuberculosis have gone to their graves on the patent medicine route. Harmful as well as harmless drugs are shown to be contained in most of these nostrums which not only do not cure or delay the progress of the disease but frequently aggravate it. You will get something of interest as well as of value in following the careers of Emerson Boyd, the great medicine maker; Matthew Brand, his one time enemy, and Eleanor, the charming daughter of the millionaire manufacturer. This narrative is one with a purpose as you will discover.

## STARTS NEXT WEEK

The second number of good short stories for Monitor readers. No long serials.