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RAILROAD IMPROVEMENT INDEPENDENCE CENTER

Electrifying of the S. P. and Building of the V. & S. Ry. Benefits This City Greatly

Another project that will add to the prosperity of Independence will be commenced at once.

Independence will be a busy city this fall with the electrifying of the S. P. and the building of V. & S. A large number of men will be employed and Independence will be the center of the activity.

Work on the Valley & Siletz goes on. Grading, leveling and bridge building engage a large number of men. Unless the work is abandoned for some purpose, the new railroad will "arrive" in this city about November 1.

TO RAISE CELERY

John R. Cooper of Independence, who now conducts a "thirtet parlor" at that point, is planning to develop 21 acres of beaver dam land near Medical Springs into a celery ranch after his business is closed up at the end of this year. He has another 180 acres of land near the beaver dam land which he also plans to put into cultivation. He believes that considerable success can be met with in the development of the celery ranch. Mr. Cooper also owns one of the best hop ranches in the Independence section.—Salem Messenger.

ODD INCIDENT

One of the very strange coincidences happening 50 years after the civil war occurred at Corvallis last week. General Thorp of the Union army was buried, and Rev. J. R. N. Bell, a confederate soldier, was the officiating minister. Bell had fought against Gen. Thorp's army and was captured.—McMinnville Telephone-Register.

LECTURE COURSE ASSURED

Business Men Guarantee Payment and There Will Be 4 Numbers This Winter

Independence is to have a lecture course of four numbers this winter thru the efforts of Rev. W. C. Stewart and a few others who made a canvass of the city and secured the signatures of twenty or more business houses to stand behind the guarantees. The attractions all appear to be high class judging by their endorsements and press comment.

It is planned to sell season tickets at one dollar each and it is the expectation that 300 will be sold before the first number is given.

OVERLOOKED

The Independence Monitor evidently pins its faith to the old adage, "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." In the recall now being agitated against the county court, it imagines a division in the Republican party at the next election. There is another trite saying the editor of the Monitor possibly has overlooked, in regard to "cat fights."—Falls City News.

PAROLED

Governor Withycombe, upon the recommendation of state board of pardons, has paroled Emsie Hunnicutt. Paroled prisoners are released as soon as employment can be secured for them.

POLK COUNTY ROADS

Polk county has received almost as much good advertising on account of its oiled roads as from any other one thing. Automobileists from everywhere who have toured this country pronounced the roads the best in the state.—Dallas Observer.

THE WHITE TERROR

(continued from last week)
A lesson of life is that at frequent intervals the things about which we care the most are the first to suffer or to be destroyed. On Eleanor's return home from the Clarion office the weakness in her chest, which she had felt increasing for days, but had concealed from her father, became more pronounced. She was feverish and delirious a cough. She had to retire early.
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FLY TIME



—Weed in Philadelphia Public Ledger

HOP HARVEST NEXT WEEK NOW FOR THE PICKING

Portland Telegram Digest of This Year's Crop and Market Conditions

Hop picking will begin in all the yards next week and no shortage of help is anticipated. Fact is, most of the yards had their pickers engaged two weeks ago. The price of 40 cents a box instead of the usual 50 cents, evidently has not made any difference as far as labor is concerned and one hears but little grumbling over the reduced price. Most of the yards are going to insist upon cleaner picking and the bosses will watch the gatherers closely. There are some pickers who are not very particular how they do the work and it is this class that will have to do better, or they will find trouble in securing work in this section in future years. J. R. Cooper's Early Fuggles were picked this week. They turned out well.

Lice and honey dew caused some damage in all the yards, the percentage of loss differing according to the work and experience of the owners. The hop man who fought the lice by spraying all the time suffered but little.

The Portland Telegram has the following to say about this year's crop and the market:

"Previous estimates of the hop crop in Oregon of 160,000 to 165,000 bales have been reduced, following a tour of inspection of many of the yards in some sections of the state, and it is now believed the crop will not reach more than 150,000 bales. This figure is placed as the maximum. Bull interests in the market have flooded the East with telegrams declaring the crop here will not be over 100,000 bales with chances favoring even a smaller figure. Their efforts were fruitless as no orders resulted.

A well known grower, in fact, one of the largest producers of hops in the state, commenting upon the 100,000 report issued by various interests, declared it a joke, pure and simple. He said there was every indication of a vastly larger yield and that unless a cyclone swept over the yards, mighty close to 150,000 bales would be harvested. The idea of spreading the other report, he said, was in an effort to secure business and boost prices. "Everybody who knows anything about the game, knows why these alarmist reports have been placed in circulation," he said. "The Easterners are not as slow as some people wish they were and they wont bite."

Many of the yards which have been poorly cultivated and where spraying was delayed, will show a greatly curtailed yield this year. This is what accounts for the reduced estimates on the Oregon crop. Unfortunately there are a large number of such yards but the principal yards of the state where proper precautions were taken will show an increased yield over a year ago.

There is nothing doing in the market in this state. In short, there does not appear to be any market at present. Reports of a couple of sales at 13 and 13 1/2 cents in California have been given publicity as fresh business. As a matter of fact, one sale was

TWO PASS INTO ETERNITY

Mrs. W. H. Murphy and Charles McCauley Died in Salem Hospitals

Mrs. W. H. Murphy died in a Salem hospital on Friday, after an illness of several weeks. The funeral was held at the home on Sunday, interment taking place in the Buena Vista cemetery.

Mrs. Murphy was a pioneer resident of the Buena Vista neighborhood where she has lived for over a quarter of a century, during which time she had gained a legion of friends who will never forget her kindly ways and helping hand. She is survived by her husband and one son who have the sympathy and consolation of the entire community.

Charles McCauley, for thirty years a resident of Independence, died in a Salem hospital Tuesday. The funeral was held in the Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a member, Wednesday, Rev. G. C. Birchett officiating. The body was taken to Portland for burial.

Mr. McCauley was born in New York but came west at an early age and was 49 years old at the time of his death. He was never married. He has one brother, George, living in Portland, and three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Richardson of Fallon, Nevada, Miss Alice McCauley of Portland and Mrs. Nellie Graves of Independence.

CARELESS READING

A few weeks ago, the Monitor re-published an article from the Portland Oregonian of 25 years ago, in which it said that H. Hirschberg and D. W. Sears were planning a pleasure trip to Europe. While the Monitor gave the date at the end of the article, many people overlooked this part of it and imagined that the two men were going to venture to Europe at the present time and they have been kept busy denying that they intended to take any chances in the war area.

BIG CROPS

Abundant crops in the McCoy neighborhood this year. Henry W. Domer got 4000 bushels of wheat from 100 acres which he sold at 90c. His 40 acres of oats yielded 2950 bushels. Fred Rhode had 20 acres of oats which averaged 118 bushels to the acre.

SHOOT SUNDAY

The Independence Gun Club will hold a shoot Sunday which will be of more than ordinary interest because of a contest for beginners. For the event the DuPont Powder Co. have donated the prizes. A handsome bronze watch fob will be given to the man or woman making the high score. Only beginners are eligible. Then a beautiful sterling silver spoon will be awarded to the woman with the high score. All women may compete.

CLOVER YIELD

Clover threshing is in progress. The yield is running from two to three bushels to the acre.

made at least two days ago and the other fully a week ago.

The East does not appear to care what is going on here and is manifesting absolutely no interest at the moment.

According to cables from England, the crop there is now showing some improvement, but, at that, will not be much more, if any, than one-half of what it was a year ago."

THE HOPS & HOPPERS NEWS OF BUSY WEEK

Number of Pertinent Items Dumped Into a Bunch and Labeled As Above

A drifter tried to steal a kodak from Craven & Huff's store Wednesday night but was detected in the act. He begged so hard that they let him go.

The first "hop special" will arrive at noon today. There will be another one tonight, one Sunday and two Monday. A fare of \$2.60 is given from Portland.

The commercial editor of the Portland Telegram arrived in Independence yesterday and is making a canvass of the hop yards in order to secure an estimate of this year's crop and the quality. The Telegram's commercial page is always reliable and unbiased.

Confident that the fire that destroyed his drying houses some time ago was of incendiary origin, Frank Mitoma installed a night watch on his place north of this city. Saturday night an attempt was made by three men to burn the rest of his buildings but they were scared away by the watchman who fired several shots at them.

Salem Capital Journal: The hop crop this year depends largely on the weather for the next three weeks more than at any season for the past 15 years. This is the opinion of a prominent hop raiser who has been in the business near Salem for the past 18 years. Warm, clear weather is needed to insure anything like a crop.

Wednesday night Wm. McDonald kindly allowed a drifter to sleep in his barn who repaid him by stealing a tent. On discovering his loss the next morning, Mr. McDonald, accompanied by "Doc" Mills, captured the culprit in the outskirts of the city. They brought him back and lodged him in the city jail until the sheriff came and got him. Judging by his remarks the thief believes the world owes him a living and threatened to burn McDonald out because he caught him.

Salem Messenger: That the Oregon hop crop will not exceed 100,000 bales this year is the contention of J. S. Cooper, Jr., who has been over most of the yards of the east side of the river the last week in the interests of several insurance companies. Mr. Cooper says in summing up the conditions, "in the Jefferson and Independence districts the hops are in generally good condition and are clean although there are several yards there that will not produce enough to cover cost of raising. In a few cases unless there is a great improvement in the next few days the yards will never be picked. The worst district on the east side is in the lower portion of Marion county, where there are a great many yards that will never be picked."

NEW P. M. FOR PARKER

A civil service examination will soon be held for the appointment as postmaster at Parker. The office only pays a few dollars a month.

JUDGE HENKLE LOSES LEG

Has It Amputated At the Knee To "Cure" Diseased Foot; Doing Well

Justice E. T. Henkle went over to a Salem hospital where he had a leg amputated at the knee Tuesday. For some time he has been troubled with a cancerous growth on his foot which has gradually grown worse and amputation was necessary to save his life.

Mr. Henkle went thru the operation in fine shape and is doing better than expected. In a few weeks he will be back again on the streets and while one of his legs will be wood, it will be more satisfactory than a real one that troubled him at all times.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Work has commenced on the new normal school building at Monmouth, which will be erected across the street from the main college building. It will be 84 x 128, two stories and the basement.

FIREBLIGHT FOUND

Within the past fortnight Prof. Pusey of Corvallis has located fireblight in forty-six places in Polk and Marion counties, several patches being one mile north of Independence on both sides of the Willamette river.—Dallas Observer.

KNIFE KILLS DEER

Frank Whiteaker, of Albany, who has been in camp at the springs for some time past, was walking down the McKenzie from the springs a few days ago, taking an early morning walk. Suddenly he heard something in the brush across the river, and was surprised to see a deer jump out and start swimming the stream, coming straight toward him. A dog had been chasing the deer and the latter intent upon its pursuer, did not see Whiteaker on the bank of the river, coming out within a few feet of him. Whiteaker had no gun, but as the deer looked back to see if the dog was coming, he pounced upon the animal, and with his jack knife cut its throat. He first slashed the animal's neck with the small blade of the knife, but this did not seem effective, and still holding the struggling deer, opened the larger blade and succeeded in stabbing it in a vital spot.—Eugene Register.

INJURED IN COLLISION MAY RESULT IN DEATH

Charles Rathbun Riding Motorcycle Runs Into Auto Both Machines Going Fast

Charles Rathbun, until a few days ago motor policeman in Independence, was probably fatally injured in a collision with an automobile driven by O. K. Edwards of Newberg Wednesday forenoon, one and a half miles south of Independence. Mr. Edwards appears to be exonerated from all blame as Rathbun was on the left side of the road in making the turn when he should have been on the right. The collision could not be avoided. His right arm was fractured, two bones in his left leg broken, he was horribly bruised on the head and face and received internal injuries that may cause his death. He was at once taken to a Salem hospital and his parents, living at Lebanon, notified. Later—Rathbun will live.

THE "RECALL"

Whether the recall has flickered out or is just sleeping, we don't know, but the animal has not been seen or heard in this section for several days now. Surveyor Canfield won a victory in the circuit court Monday when Judge Belt overruled a demurrer in which the defense contended that the plaintiff, Voth, had no legal capacity to bring suit in his own name; that Canfield should have been the plaintiff. This is the action in which the county court is enjoined from paying the Himes Construction Co. for surveying.

NEW MINISTER

Rev. F. Claude Stephens of Raymond, Wash., has been elected pastor of the Christian church and will assume his duties Sept. 1.

WANTED

After reading this page you will agree with the Monitor that one of Independence's greatest needs is a hospital.

THE INLAND EMPIRE CHAMPION.



—Hodge in Spokane Spokesman-Review.