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## 3 BUSINESS HOUSES TURN POSSESSION GIVEN

### New Proprietors All Appear To Be the Right Sort, Progressive Live Ones

Three business changes took place in Independence within the past few days.

Charles Calbreath and James Jones purchased the Reeves grocery store. Mr. Calbreath was formerly engaged in business here and his return gives general satisfaction. Mr. Jones is an experienced hand in the grocery business, having been chief clerk at Fluke & Johnson's for some time. The new firm will meet with success.

The retirement of L. G. Reeves is sincerely regretted. He is popular and not only had the confidence of his trade but is greatly respected by all. He retires to spend the remainder of his life in a less strenuous way.

Brenner & Son have bought the clothing store of M. Goldblatt. It is their intention to enlarge the stock considerably and build up a permanent business with good goods and honest values. Both father and son are very pleasant and congenial men to meet and appear to be just the right kind to make successful and progressive business men.

Wednesday, Miss I. W. Markley sold her photograph studio to Benj. Robb, a very agreeable young man from Portland and very well experienced in photography. His work will be satisfactory. Miss Markley goes to Portland to live.

### CHANCE FOR HONOR

Ray Grounds, whose essay on the "Liquor Traffic" won the W. C. T. U. state prize, stands a very good chance of winning the national prize.

### BIG STOCK SALE

"Pat" McArthur's annual sale of stock takes place near Rickreall Sept. 8. See ad.

## NUMEROUS HURTS & BRUISES

J. M. Akers, W. H. Roy, Claude Skinner and C. O. Sloper Are Injured

J. M. Akers was quite seriously injured Saturday when his automobile turned turtle and was thrown under the machine. He was rescued by a passerby soon after the accident occurred, it being impossible for him to get out from under alone. It was Mr. Akers' initiatory effort as a driver, he having purchased the Ford in Monmouth and was driving it home.

W. H. Roy fell from the roof of a hop house on his farm near Buena Vista on Wednesday of last week and not only threw his shoulder and finger out of place but was bruised otherwise. Coming just at the commencement of hop picking, it was unusually hard on him. However, he is all right at this time.

One day last week, Claude Skinner was injured on the head by the explosion of an automobile tire he was removing from a machine.

C. O. Sloper bumped into an iron rail with his head like a Billy goat last Saturday and the doctor had to take several stitches in his scalp.

## THE "NEWS" WAS NEWS

H. Hirschberg was very much surprised to learn last Saturday that I. & M. was to be electrified soon, even the cost and probable saving being figured out for him. A Dallas paper spun the yarn.

## BRYANADE WINNING

Loganberry juice is making a great hit with the thousands at the Exposition.

## THE WHITE TERROR

(continued from last week)  
The papers endeavored to connect him with the crime when one of the dead was recognized as that of Duncan. The accepted theory, however, finally was that Duncan was in the building to have another conference with Brand, if possible.

The editor and his backer, now in the city hospital, were found to be seriously but not fatally hurt. Their recovery was assured, and a bulletin to that effect issued by the hospital staff gave widespread joy among the public.

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## INDEPENDENCE HOP INDUSTRY

### ITS MANY YARDS EXCEL

### Portland Telegram Commercial Editor Visits District and Writes Thereof

The commercial editor of the Portland Telegram visited the hop yards of the Independence district and here is what he says: "Typically favorable conditions for hop culture are probably seen over a wider spread area in Polk county than in any other part of the Willamette valley. In the vicinity of Independence is the largest hop yard in the world. In this locality also are to be seen many yards in which hops are given scientific cultivation and where the yield is probably the largest this season of any place in Oregon, if not on the entire Pacific Coast.

Picking hops will commence September 1 in the yard of Clem Horst, four miles north of Independence. Containing 567 acres this is said to be the largest hop yard in the world. Undoubtedly some features of this yard challenge comparison. From 1250 to 1500 pickers will be employed and, besides, a picking machine will be used. This machine cost \$17,000 to build and, while it requires 40 persons to operate it, the machine picker does the work of 100 human pickers.

In growth and yield, the hops in the Clem Horst yard are almost phenomenal for quantity and quality. The vines are from 10 to 12 feet high and literally loaded with hops, presenting a magnificent sight and making the picking comparatively easy. A crop of 5000 bales of hops is expected, about the same as last year's crop, which is equivalent to 1000 to 1500 pounds to the acre, states H. N. Ord, the manager.

The Clem Horst yards are provided with model camps for hop pickers. Wholesome drinking water and sanitary toilets for employes of both sexes are features.

In producing such a fine yield of hops, the management of the Clem Horst yards paid the planters and cultivators 2 cents for each hill producing hops. A further reason contributing to the immense yield is that spraying to eradicate lice was commenced July 5 and continued four weeks, using one gallon of spray to each plant. Only a little trouble was caused by red spiders.

Hop pickers around Independence will be paid 40 cents this season. Last year the rate was 50 cents, but on account of the low selling price of hops this year the majority of the growers fixed the lower price.

C. A. McLaughlin, the hop grower declares that it is inconsistent to expect that growers will get more than 12 cents for this year's hops. "Growers cannot pay as much this year for picking as formerly when better prices were obtained for hops," he said. "At 40 cents a basket a 13-year-old girl can make from \$2 to \$3 per day, which pays better than any other kind of unskilled work that I know of."

McLaughlin is known as the "white man" in the hop growing game. He has had no trouble with pickers and expects none.

By September 1 it is believed (continued on page 2)

## WEDDING BELLS KEPT BUSY

Number of Young People Rush Into Matrimony During the Past Week

An epidemic of marriages set in last week and there is no telling when and where it will end. Many are threatened and many who are not would like to be. We are hoping for the best. This column is an overflow from the society page.

A pretty nuptial event that ushered in September was the uniting of Miss Neona Roberts and Mr. Willis Howard Small on Wednesday at high noon. The scene of the wedding was the suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Roberts, the bride being their only daughter.

The living room was a flowering mass of vari-colored sweet peas mingled with ferns, while the decorations in the dining room were prettily developed in pink.

Mendelssohn's wedding march was sweetly played by Miss Howard of Salem, and to its strains, the bride, robed in shimmering white, carrying a shower bouquet of pink sweet peas and maidenhair fern, entered the living room unattended, where the groom was in waiting with Rev. W. C. Stewart, pastor of the Methodist church, who impressively spoke the ring service, giving Neona Roberts into the keeping of Willis Howard Small.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held followed by a splendid buffet breakfast, Miss Lois Hewitt presiding at the punch bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. Small left at once for Newport where they will pass their honeymoon, after which they will be at home near Turner, where the groom is a successful agriculturist. Mrs. Small is a popular Independence girl of many charming qualities and has every capacity to make a home life ideal.

The following out of town guests attended the wedding: "Grandma" Small, Mr. and Mrs. Small and daughter of Turner, relatives of the groom, and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Roberts and family, and Miss Howard of Salem.

Mr. Albert Cox and Miss Grace Bogynska, well known young people, were married Saturday. They will reside in Independence. Mr. Cox is steward of the Moose club rooms and his bride has been employed at the Beaver hotel for many months. Both have many friends who wish them much joy and happiness.

## BRIEF SESSION

The city council had a short session yesterday afternoon, transacted a little necessary business and Mayor Walker and Councilmen Sloper and Hubbard hiked back to the hops.

## DOING WELL

Justice E. T. Henkle, who had a limb amputated at the knee last week, is making good time in his recovery. It will not be many days before the judge will be with us again.

## BERT PARAGRAPHS

In times like these the shadow of the Fourth of July cannot grow less.

The society (not of buckling down to woman's work will, of course, set the fringe dancers and golfers to building our railroads.

In the consumption of sugar per capita this country leads the world. Now, who says (Berty) isn't sweet?

England can drive her laborers to the gun and powder mills, but she can't make them work.

## THE HOPS & HOPPERS

### SECOND BUSY WEEK

### All Hands Picking; Crop Less Than Last Year; Police Keep Busy; Business Good

All hands now picking. 14c. was offered for fuggles this week. Nobody would let go for that price.

The crop is short compared with last year. It is too early to estimate the shortage.

"Only two Johnnies helped me pick today", sighed a girl last night. A pretty face and smile gets the checks.

The hop cheeks are piling up in the stores around town. Most of the merchants report a better business than last year.

It has threatened to rain for several days. No rain is wanted. While a little would do no harm, a lot would be disastrous.

The postoffice is jammed crammed and jammed. Two thousand hop pickers expect a postal card every day and call to see if it has arrived.

There is a scarcity of pickers. 500 more could find work. There is not as many local people picking as in former years. Arch Sloper says he could use 100 more.

The experts widely differ over the volume of this year's crop. The maximum is 160,000 and the minimum is 100,000. Opinion seems to be that the net profits will be the same regardless of the size of the crop.

John Montgomery of Eugene, who lived in Independence thirty years ago and has never visited since, arrived Monday night with his family and will pick hops for recreation. "Some difference in thirty years," says Mr. Montgomery. "I didn't know the place."

There are eighteen police officers on the job. Saturday night after the city jail was filled the dog pound was used. When the pound would hold no more, the river bank was utilized. The bunch in the pound broke a window and made their escape during the night.

A pretty maid in picking hops, puts in the vines and all the tops, turns in sixteen boxes every day, that's the way to make it pay. This was her dream, but in reality: When a pretty maid in picking hops, puts in the vines and all the tops, she's quickly "canned," gets no cash, has to make a job at singing hash.

Wednesday's Portland Oregonian.—The most unsatisfactory reports come from the Aurora, Silverton, Sheridan and Ballston sections, where the abandoned acreage will be large. The Independence section, one of the most important in the state, appears to have suffered least, but conditions there cannot be called good. Picking started yesterday in several of the large Independence yards, and the reports that came in last night were that the pickers were going through them at a rapid rate, indicating a thin top crop. It is feared that many of the pickers who have gone up from this city will be disappointed in finding work.

## LADY BUGS BOTHER PICKERS

But a Bug That Would Bite a Pretty Girl 'Cause She's Picking Hops is No Lady

### TO VISIT SCHOOLS

In the interest of the county fair, County Superintendent Seymour will visit the schools of the county at the time given below. Pupils, parents, teachers and school officers are requested to be at their school houses to meet them.

Thursday, Sept. 9—Highland, 9 a. m.; Parker, 10 a. m.; Hopville, 11 a. m.; Buena Vista, 1 p. m.; Suver, 2 p. m.; Valley View, 3 p. m.; Airle, 4 p. m.

Saturday, Sept. 11—Monmouth 10:30 a. m.; Independence, 2 p. m.

## "THE SPY" WAS NOT

A young man who was drawing pictures of scenes in this neighborhood, aroused the curiosity of the police and they eyed him several days suspiciously. "Maybe a foreign spy," says they, so the chief tapped him on the shoulder and says, "young fellow, come along." He was led into the presence of the court and the third degree administered. The young man proved his connection with an eastern picture concern and everybody felt relieved.

## "LAMBS" KEEP STILL

The Beaver-Portland cement plant at Gold Hill will be operated. The Oswego plant is now to be heard from.—Woodburn Independent.

When you hear from it, let us know. It doesn't appear this was promoted to be heard from. Stock was sold up and down this valley. Woodburn, Dallas, Independence, Salem and Corvallis have it. The buyers don't want people to know they were lambs. They keep still and as long as they remain silent the Portland promoters aren't going to start anything.—Corvallis Courier.

## CRISIS OVER

Germany has promised to "submarine" no more American ships without warning and the crisis is over.

## GARRISON SILENT ON ARMY PLANS UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETE



—Berryman in Washington Star.

## THE LUNACY COMMISSION.



—Harding in Brooklyn Eagle.