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## TWO FOR DELEGATES

### INDEPENDENCE MEN

**E. E. Paddock and O. A. Macy To Represent Polk At State Conference**

O. A. Macy and E. E. Paddock of Independence will be two of the five delegates from Polk county to attend the state conference for the purpose of considering the land grant case, which will be held in the state house on September 16. The other Polk county delegates are Walter Toozee of Dallas, Waldo Finn of McCoy and Ira Merling of Falls City.

This conference will be one of the most important ever held in the state and is for the purpose of expressing the state sentiment relative to the disposition of the lands in question. There seems to be a wide difference of opinion and the conference may be exciting. It is feared that politics may enter into its deliberation and "color" the result. The Portland Journal alleges that a "cut and dried" program has been decided upon and the "steam roller" will be used to eliminate opposition to the plans of the Withercombe administration.

## TALKING BRIDGE AGAIN

The county courts of Polk and Marion counties are again conferring and figuring on building a new bridge over the Willamette at Salem. Marion stands ready to pay two-thirds of the cost but a financial embarrassment on the part of Polk causes its legislative body to hesitate.

## DIED

Eunice Hoffman, the 9-year-old daughter of Mrs. Ethel Bufum, died at Horst Bros.' camp No. 1 on Tuesday, Aug. 31. She was sick but a few hours. Mrs. W. H. Houghten tells the Monitor that the little girl was a favorite among the pickers and that her death cast a spell of gloom over the entire camp.

## FANCY SHOOTERS COMING

Ad Topperwan and Wife Will Be In Independence Tuesday, Sept. 21

Mr. and Mrs. Ad Topperwan, "premier fancy and trick shots of the world," will give a demonstration of their ability in Independence on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 2 o'clock.

The local Gun club is planning on making the afternoon one of enjoyment by adding a trap shoot in which all may enter.

## PLACE OF ACCIDENTS

F. M. Brown believes an auto hospital located on his farm north of Independence would be a profitable establishment because of the frequent accidents that occur on the road there. In most cases when two automobiles want to run into each other, they pick out this particular spot to do it. Last Friday, a touring car ran into a horse and buggy there throwing the driver, Elmer Chase, out. Sunday afternoon, a touring car and a Ford, going in opposite directions, both went into the ditch to avoid a head-on collision because a team occupied the center of the road at the spot where they should pass. It took the owners three hours to get their machines righted. Mr. Brown does not have to come to town when he craves excitement. All he has to do is to sit on one of his hop houses and await for a collision. Then to add to the pleasure of the occasion, the verbal arguments that follow as to who is to blame are usually interesting.

## VIGOROUS AT 92

Mrs. Sarah Helmick and Mrs. James Helmick, both of Albany, were guests of Mrs. Verd Hill the middle of last week.

Although past her ninety-second birthday, grandma Helmick made the trip from her home to Independence by automobile and thoroughly enjoyed it.

While visiting at the farm on the Luckiamutte, Grandma spent a day at the Tedrow hopyard and enjoys telling her friends about the box of hops she picked—a bushel box it happened to be, but that is her joke.

Both Grandma and Mrs. Jas. Helmick are old Polk County residents having lived for years at the Helmick bridge on the Luckiamutte.

## INDEPENDENCE HOP INDUSTRY AN OREGONIAN STORY

### Large Yard Crops Good and Yield of 25,000 Bales Is General Expectation

The principal hop region adjacent to Independence and paralleling the Willamette River on the edge of Polk and Marion counties is about ten miles from Salem and 70 miles from Portland, south. It is here, in a radius of five miles, using Independence as a center, that there are, roughly, 3000 acres devoted to hopraising this year.

About 225 pickers are required to the 100 acres. When the yards are full manned there will be about 7000 persons at work. Nearly 3000 of them will come from Portland, the rest from nearby towns and the South.

At this time all of the yards are short-handed, due, it is said, to the earliness of the season, causing an overlapping with the grain harvest, and to a cut from 50 cents to 40 cents per box by the growers for the picking. As it is, the growers are paying the highest price they can bear.

Greater activity by hop pests, the red spider, honey dew and the hop lice, has caused almost continual spraying. The price outlook for 1915 non-contracted hops is not encouraging; neither is it depressing. The average hop man will say that the price will be somewhere between 10 cents and 40 cents. Ten cents is reckoned as the bottom price, because it will cost 10 cents to get the hops "in the bale" this year.

The growers say the price this year will depend mainly on the following: The ability of the Hopgrowers' Association to control a majority of the supply; the buying activity of the London market; the quantity and quality of the general output. There is no doubt that market equilibrium will be brought about in time by the formation of hopgrowers' associations. Hop men agree that if a fair percentage of the supply can be controlled the business can be made conservative. Anyway, these associations which now have taken definite form are eliminating the middleman by selling directly to the brewer.

J. S. Cooper, of Independence, who is engaged in association work, is of the opinion that 50 per cent of the non-contracted hops will be lined up by the association this year. If London firms come briskly in the market and cheerfully pay the excessive extra cost of war insurance, high exchange and prohibitive freight rates, the price will be good. It is evident that there is a shortage of hops in the country generally, but the quality is excellent. This ought to make far better prices certainly.

Contrary to some reports, the crop around Independence is both heavy and of high quality. C. A. McLaughlin, big owner and a man whose opinion is given much consideration, says his yard will average 1400 pounds per acre and believes about 25000 bales will be shipped from the country tributary to Independence.

When one realizes that 7000 persons' economic welfare is yearly in a way dependent upon

## POLICE DO CREDITABLE WORK

Besides Handling Army of Drunks, They Have To Look For Crooks

Chief Parker and his force have handled the "policing" in a very creditable manner. They have maintained order rigidly and the streets have been free of drunken nuisances and brawls. Other than the drunks, there are a number of crooks here but nothing has been pulled off so far as known that the officers did not "nip" the guilty parties. "Accommodations" at the city jail have been taxed to the limit and to have a dozen in at the same time is not uncommon. Officer Feagles arrested eight all at the same time Tuesday night.

Quick time was made last Saturday in capturing a sneak thief. A suit case containing \$75 worth of jewelry was left unguarded in a buggy for a moment. It disappeared and the entire police force began a search for the thief. Chief Parker was sure that an attempt would be made to sell some of the loot and posted the second hand dealers. His deduction was correct and in less than an hour and a half after the theft occurred, the thief was wearing a pair of handcuffs and was on his way to Dallas. Most of the stolen property was found hidden near the S. P. depot.

An individual wanted at Albany for larceny and forgery was picked up Sunday. Chief Parker says there is another bad actor with the pen here at the present time.

The motor cop has been a busy man. He stops several speedy ones every day who make a contribution to the city. As the motor cop gets half the fines he is not complaining of "poor business."

## MAKING AN "EXAMPLE"

We learn from the official organ of the county court that the wife of the county assessor, deputy in the office, was "doxed" part of her August salary because she was absent from duty. The Observer says that "the county court believes that it should have value received from county officials as well as from other sources." But why pick on the wife of the county assessor? Has she been the only person on the county pay roll who has been absent from duty? How about the others who have been "vacationing" and junketing?

## DIDN'T CATCH HIM

The police overlooked something Tuesday afternoon. A suspicious looking fellow from Dallas by the name of Orr, assisted by local parties, entered an Independence house in broad daylight and took away a piano.

It, he is reminded that it has become a mighty institution in Oregon.

An Oregon homebuilder was there from somewhere on a timber claim or homestead in the Siletz River country. He was picking in the Cooper yard with his wife and ten children, and together they averaged 50 boxes a day. The \$20, after the cost of living was paid, netted them, he said, \$16. The mother said they hoped to make near \$300, if the picking held out. This money was spent for clothes and school books. She also said she hoped she could manage to let Anna take music lessons this year.—Portland Oregonian.

## THE HOPS & HOPPERS

### THE THIRD BUSY WEEK

Number of Smaller Yards Will Finish This Week; Full Week More For Others

20c. wanted.

Fowler's restaurant fed over 700 last Saturday.

To facilitate handling in shipping, larger bales are proposed.

"Bigger and better than ever" is the report from the Wigrich.

There is still a shortage of pickers. 300 more could find work.

Because of last night's fires, all the yards will take extra precautions.

100,000 bales is now the conservative estimate of the 1915 yield in Oregon.

The first sale of the 1915 crop took place in California Monday. The price was 12 1/2 cents.

A number of the smaller yards will finish picking this week. The larger yards have a week or more.

It has been an ideal year for picking so far. No rain to muddy the yards or make camp life disagreeable.

F. M. Brown was showing a freak in hops this week. Leaves were sprouting and growing in the hop itself.

Officials of the association are confident that the association will be able to handle the market with profit to the members.

Last week the Monitor spoke of the maiden who in picking hops, put in the leaves and all the tops. Well—she is picking "yet," but not enough to really sweat.

The Aurora Observer says that the quality of the hops in that section "appears to be a strong redeeming feature of the crop and will prove a valuable aid in establishing the market at a fair price."

A threatened strike in the McCarty yard across the river was nipped Monday. Marion county officials assisting. A demand for more pay caused the trouble. The leaders were banished and the pickers went back to work.

Portland News: Either the times are better or else the plain people have learned how to live without work; otherwise how comes it that for the first time in Oregon there are thousands of hop pickers wanted and no applicants?

There were 5000 in Independence Saturday night. "Painless" Parker extracted teeth free of charge, the Pentecostal members sang, prayed and preached, there was an automobile congestion on every corner and dozens of spooney couples paraded the streets.

If the maiden, who in picking hops, puts in the leaves and all the tops, had not such a pretty way, she would not be picking hops today; but she has the sweetest smile and works the dimples all the while; poor check man, she's got his goat, the boss's, too, we're pained to note.

## TALK OF RECALL REVIVED

This Time County Surveyor Is In the Net; County Court Recall Slumbers

According to the news reports from Dallas sent to outside newspapers, recall proceedings against Surveyor Canfield are threatened. Why recall him? Right or wrong, the county court seems to be getting along reasonably well without his services.

The attempted recall of the county court has almost died away. There is, however, a possibility of its becoming alive again. The next time, (if ever there is a next time), there will be more generals and likely more privates, altho there was no shortage of the later in General Canfield's army.

But the district attorney has promised a grand jury investigation of the whole smear. Then perhaps we will learn a whole lot we don't know but would like to know.

## TO MEET SEYMOUR

As announced in the Monitor last week, County Superintendent Seymour will meet the parents, teachers and pupils at the school house Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, to make arrangements for the school exhibit at the county fair.

## BANK PROSPEROUS

At a meeting of the directors of the Independence National Bank one day last week, a semi-annual dividend of six percent was declared.

## COMING ATTRACTION

An attraction of considerable prominence will be the Fall Millinery Opening tomorrow afternoon at both shops.

## GRAND JURY TO MEET

The grand jury convenes next Wednesday and has a grist of work before it. There are five prisoners in the county jail awaiting its condemnation or mercy. Then a complete investigation of the surveyor-county court difficulty is expected to be made, let the chips fall where they may.

## FIRE BURNS BARN & HOPS

### THREE THIS MORNING

Barns With Horses At Wigrich; Hop House With Crop At Ruef's and Young's

Two large horse barns at the Wigrich ranch were destroyed by fire this morning, including five head of horses. The other horses were rescued. The origin of the fire is unknown but it is thought to be due to carelessness of some smoker. There is some insurance.

At about the time the Wigrich barns were burning, Earl Ruef's hop house containing his 1915 crop was destroyed. It was insured.

At 9 o'clock this morning, fire was discovered in E. M. Young's hop house in which his 1915 crop was stored. He had just finished picking yesterday. His loss will be covered by insurance.

Rumors that other hop houses were burned are not true.

## DIED

Mrs. Martha Ann Alexander died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Scott, south of Independence, Monday. She was 78 years old and came by ox team to Oregon in 1865. The funeral was held in the Baptist church Tuesday and interment in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Her life was an eventful one full of charity and good deeds. Every acquaintance was a friend.

She is survived by nine children: J. H. Alexander and Mrs. A. S. Locke of Portland, W. N. Alexander, Mrs. W. A. Scott, Mrs. D. P. Stapleton, P. R. Alexander and Mrs. James Simonton of Independence, Mrs. J. W. Scott of Monmouth and Mrs. John Stapleton of Montana.

The Monitor always leads.

## LOOKING AFTER UNCLE'S COMFORT.



—Osborn in Richmond Times-Dispatch

## THE ANNIVERSARY TOAST.



—Nelson in St. Paul Pioneer-Press