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## JUST LIKE "BACK EAST"

### SNOW BLOCKADES CAR Willamette Valley Gets a "Right Smart" Dose of Minnesota Weather

For the first time in many years, snow actually blocked a train in the Willamette valley. Last Sunday and Monday trains were halted between Independence and Corvallis. Monday morning's north bound passenger due in Independence at 7:45 did not get here till 1:30 p. m.

The cold wave which struck the valley about the first of the year reached the climax on Wednesday when the thermometer registered six above. This is not the coldest winter Oregon ever had, as many are claiming, for in February, 1907, it fell to three below. There is about seven inches of snow on the level which has made sleighing fairly good.

As long as it continues to be cold there is not much hope for the abatement of the lagrippe epidemic. The sick are sticking by the fire which is a very wise thing to do and perhaps it is better in a way for were it warmer they would be out and exposing themselves.

### CONFIRMED

The nomination of Homer S. Wood as postmaster for Independence has been confirmed by the senate. Now, as soon as his bondmen are secured, his commission will arrive and he can take possession of the office, which is not likely to occur until March 1.

### SCHOOL BURNS

The public school building in Rickreall was destroyed by fire Tuesday. It was erected two years ago at a cost of \$8000. Insurance \$4000.

### ARE ARRAIGNED FOR ARSON

Mrs. Amanda Rexford and D. C. McMurray Plead Not Guilty; Trial Jan. 31

"Not guilty," was the plea of an aged and grey-haired woman who appeared before Judge H. H. Belt yesterday afternoon to answer a charge of arson contained in an indictment brought by the January grand jury against Mrs. Amanda Rexford and her agent, Dennis McMurray. The indictment was a sequel to the destruction by fire of an Independence rooming house in the early morning hours of Saturday, November 6, when more than a quarter block of frame buildings, centering on the corner of Railroad and C streets, was wiped out by a blaze of unknown origin. Mrs. Rexford was the lessee and proprietress of the rooming house and McMurray was employed by her, busying himself at keeping books and such tasks.

The origin of the fire was entirely a mystery to the casual observer, but Sheriff Orr and insurance adjusters had suspicions. The sheriff and district attorney have secured much evidence with which they will prosecute the case when it comes up for trial on January 31, the date set yesterday by Judge Belt. Mrs. Rexford and McMurray were arrested by Sheriff Orr on Wednesday and were later released upon a bond of \$250 each to guarantee their appearance yesterday. The two were in the courtroom to enter their plea of not guilty; Mrs. Rexford, an old woman with the cares of many years weighing her down, and the grey hairs of age creeping vandy over her forehead beneath a faded pink scarf; McMurray, a heavy young man of perhaps twenty-seven years, with dark-speckled eyes. These people will fight the charge placed against them by the grand jury when their case comes up for trial on the last Monday in the present month. — Dallas Observer.

### ROSE FAIR SLOGAN

"For you a rose in Portland grows" is the official 1916 Rose Fair Slogan.

The Monitor always leads.

## GOOD START PIANO CONTEST

### MANY CANDIDATES IN The Race Will Be Begun Monday and It Will Excite Until the End

The big prize voting contest announced in these columns last week is creating more interest than we imagined it would at the beginning. Nominations of contestants are being sent to this office and soon there will be many who would be willing recipients of a fine \$400 Obermeyer & Sons Piano or other valuable prizes enumerated in the list.

All of these handsome prizes are enumerated in the announcement on another page and will be given to some of the young ladies of this vicinity.

The question is, how can I do it? All that is necessary is to get your friends to subscribe for The Monitor and to trade with the merchants who give out voting coupons with cash purchases.

For each one year subscription to this paper you receive 600 votes and for each renewal 500 votes. Of course it is to be understood that no coupons will be issued by the merchants except on cash purchases and the same applies to subscriptions.

We have been asked if the wife or daughter of a merchant co-operating with this paper in this voting contest may compete for any prize. No! The reasons for this are obvious, and we are very sure that the merchants will feel just as we do in regard to the matter. We want this contest conducted with the greatest possible fairness, with no occasion or opportunity for anybody to criticize. The ballot box is at The Monitor office ready to receive votes. The box will not be opened until the first count is made on February 11th. The judges will be absolutely disinterested people, in whom everybody will have confidence, and every count will be participated in by representatives of the Publisher's Music Co., who are managing this contest. There will be no favoritism shown. The lady who secures the largest number of votes will win the piano, and so on down for the rest of the prizes. We wish there were pianos enough to go around for all the girls, but there are not, and all but one will have to be content with one of the many other beautiful prizes offered.

Use the free vote coupon in this issue. If you know of any lady who has not been nominated and whom you think would make a good race use the nomination blank elsewhere in this issue and send her name to this paper or bring it in person and her name will be entered. It matters not if she be married or single.

Read the rules in the big ad in this issue or we will mail them upon request. Inspect the offerings of the merchants and learn how you may secure votes for yourself or friend. Be sure to ask these merchants for coupons. Those who do not understand the rules and regulations of this contest can call at this office or write us and we will be pleased to go over the proposition with you.

EXTRA PRIZE OF \$10.00 IN GOLD. The first count in the contest is made on February 11 at which time \$10.00 in gold will be awarded to the contestant having the

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### TO BUILD LARGE HOTEL

So Mr. Stark Tells Independence Man; Up Town Depot In Connection Rumor

J. C. Stark, owner of the old hotel building that was burned several weeks ago, in a conversation over the telephone with an Independence man, said that he would erect a modern structure in the spring that would be one of the finest hotels in the valley.

It is a supposition that the Southern Pacific will use part of the new building for an up-town depot as it would be much more convenient to the travelling public especially when the railroad is electrified and there are more trains than at present.

### THE GRIM REAPER

Joseph Wellington, aged 74, a native of England, died at his home in Independence on Wednesday of this week. He is survived by a widow and one daughter, Mrs. W. E. Fuller. The funeral was held at the residence yesterday afternoon, Rev. W. C. Stewart officiating.

Mrs. H. C. Dunsmore died in Edmonton, Alberta, on Jan. 12, after an illness of two weeks with the grippe which developed into pneumonia. Dr. Dunsmore was unable to attend the funeral because of ill health and had he gone it was almost certain that he would have been on the road for ten days at least owing to the bad storm prevailing in Canada. Mrs. Dunsmore was buried in Edmonton.

### LOOKS GOOD

John M. Scott, General Passenger Agent of the Southern Pacific, says:

"On the present trip in the Willamette valley I find a very encouraging tone. The valley's largest business, that of the lumber industry, is so nearly back to its normal position that dealers and manufacturers are enthusiastic. Commercial lines of all kinds are on the up-grade toward prosperity, and the outlook for the coming months is indeed bright. I am, of course, most directly concerned with the railroad business, but the railroads merely reflect the trend of business and industry in general, and in the outlook in this line I can see no cause for complaint. All over the lines of the Southern Pacific company a demand for cars presages big things for the immediate future, and by the immediate future we may judge for a much greater time, for when prosperity does return it is to remain with us. Our business is showing a daily gain that encourages enthusiasm, and with that the railroads are more than apt to do their share toward bringing and maintaining the prosperity that all are so anxious to enjoy."

### GOVERNOR SPEAKS

Governor James Withycombe addressed a capacity house at the Methodist church Tuesday night under the auspices of the Men's Club. There were so many present that the Baptist ladies who were furnishing the refreshments for the occasion could not accommodate all those who attended.

### HALEY MAY GET IT

It is reported that School Supervisor Parsons is disqualified for county superintendent and that Prof. Haley of Falls City is now in the lead for the appointment to fill vacancy.

## COUNTY POLITICS

### CANDIDATES NUMEROUS Some Early Birds After the Worm; Others Almost Per- suaded, a Few Need It

County politics is commencing to simmer and you have commenced to talk about the candidates.

Asa B. Robinson will be the democratic candidate for clerk if he wants to be. It's a cinch all the way for Asa B. County Treasurer Hansen desires a job that a man can support a family with and seeks the republican chance for clerk. Dr. H. C. Dunsmore is prominently mentioned but has not yet thrown in his hat.

The trusteeship, which would be an excellent side line for a Dallas janitor, will not enrich the county in filing fees. In a conference between E. E. Paddock, a local republican boss, and the editor of the Monitor to fix a republican slate, it was decided to give the trusteeship to Lew Cates. This may cause the Dallas Observer to bolt the republican ticket but the people must rule regardless.

For sheriff, John Orr will be nominated and re-elected. No democrat has offered to be the lamb.

It is reported that Assessor Meyer will ask for another term. Republican candidates for this place are still in the woods.

For district attorney, Sibley, democrat, now holds the job. He has not taken the public into his confidence regarding his political future. B. F. Swope is an announced republican candidate for the place and Walter Toozie is prominently mentioned.

Every surveyor in the county, regardless of politics, will be after the surveyorship.

For the two places in the legislature on the republican side, Mike Goetz has the float nomination all to himself so far. W. J. Clark might be seduced to take the county nomination. There will be some democratic candidates soon.

The republican who the county court picks out for superintendent will be opposed by Prof. Crowley, democrat, at the November election.

County Commissioner Wells, republican, will be a candidate for re-election so the wise ones say and he will probably have opposition at the primaries. Democrats will have a candidate in the field, among those being mentioned are Verd Hill and S. H. McElmurry.

### SHORT TERM

The supreme court has decided that justices of the peace appointed to fill vacancies can only serve until the following election, so if our honorable county court ever feels disposed to appoint a justice in this district as a matter of convenience to our people the appointee will only have a few months to serve.

### MANY NOMINATIONS OFFERED

First Week of Merchants-Monitor Piano Contest Brings Out Large Field

The following have been offered for candidates in the Merchants-Monitor piano contest. There is yet time for others to enter as the canvass does not commence until Monday. Candidates are requested to come to the Monitor office Saturday afternoon or Monday if possible.

Mildred Allen  
Mrs. H. F. Behrens  
Laura Baker  
Eloise Davis  
Mrs. C. E. Franier  
Mrs. Forest Finch  
Heleen Gillispie  
Mrs. W. A. Lawton  
Mrs. Wm. McDonald  
Lizzie Nelson  
Mrs. Glen Newton  
Carric Quasdorf  
Mrs. A. Slaughter  
Mrs. F. C. Stephens  
Mrs. Frank Smith  
Nona Saunders  
Mrs. W. S. Stewart  
Frances Townsend  
Mrs. C. S. Tharp  
Mrs. E. E. Tripp  
Glady Williams  
Mrs. Ed Wunder  
Christena Zerr  
Mrs. Harry D. Huff, R 2  
Jessie Webber, R 1  
Maud Sanderson  
Etta Meyer R 1  
Mrs. John E. Wells, Buena Vista  
Mrs. Emmanuel King, Parker  
Mrs. O. T. Murphy, Suver  
Wilda Fuller, Monmouth  
Glady Thompson  
Grace Parker  
Grace Williams  
Mabel Johnson  
Gaynelle Shore  
Ira Fishback  
Mrs. Guy Scheible

Twelfth Century Football. In the twelfth century football was a game for the streets. The chronicler of that period tells how after dinner the city youths "addressed themselves to football" and how the scholars of each school and the apprentices of particular trades would each have their peculiar ball. There were spectators, too, in those days, enthusiastic spectators. Fathers would come to watch their sons and "become as youthful as the youngest, their natural heat seeming to be revived at the sight of so much ability."

In later years there was a famous ball game played in Hyde park. In 1654, then, "there was a hurling of a great ball by fifty Cornish gentlemen on one side and fifty on the other; one party played in red caps, the other in white." And—here the historical value of the contest—Cromwell was a spectator and applauded the "great ability of body" displayed.

## "DON'T KISS" SAY DOGS

### IF YOU HAVE THE GRIP But 131 Independence Boys Say They'll Take Chances Regardless

T. D. Beckwith, Bacteriologist of the O. A. C., writes: "This department has recently received a certain sample from the Independence Water Supply. We have examined this sample and are pleased to be able to report that we find no trace of contamination within the same."

### GOOD WATER

Sloper and Patton sold 230 bales of hops this week for 11 1/2 cents, the Alluvial Farm Co. disposed of 331 bales at 9 1/2 cents, and Hubbard & Jones let 204 bales go at 10 and 11 cents.

### To Our Water Consumers

Your plumbing needs attention when it becomes necessary to allow the water to run continually to insure your pipes against freezing. The water company considers this a needless waste and in all such cases the water will immediately be shut off and a reconnection charge of fifty cents will be made.

As soon as your pipes begin to thaw, give them immediate attention and avoid a water famine such as Portland and nearly all other Oregon towns are facing.

Yours in behalf of your own protection,  
OREGON POWER COMPANY.

### MARRIED

Miss Bessie Williamson and Woodson Smith of Independence were married in Dallas this week.

William Mattison and Mrs. Mary Dean of Astoria were married by Dr. Dunsmore at the home of the groom's brother, Henry, in this city Wednesday night.

The river is rapidly rising and a "high water" flood is expected.

### HANDICAPPED.



—Fitzgerald in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

### WHO IS GETTING THE WORST OF IT?



—Evans in Baltimore American.