

JOBS PROVIDED BY HOP SEASON

Employment Situation Here Improved States Gram; Plans Further Aid

With thousands of men and women going to the hop fields in different parts of western Oregon, the employment situation has improved slightly during the past week, according to reports received by C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner. Other thousands of men and women will be employed in the hops yearly when the season opens officially early next week. Gram made it plain that there still is a serious condition prevailing in many sections of Oregon, and large numbers of men and women have not been able to find steady employment. Many of these have accepted part-time work, however, and will remain in the hop fields until late in September or early in October. Reports received by Gram indicated that the hop yield is quite satisfactory, and the quality is good. Prices are uncertain, but are expected to improve.

In a statement issued here Saturday Gram warned against the importation of labor from other states. He said there is ample labor in Oregon to care for all seasonal work at this time, and that transients would find it difficult to secure jobs. This warning has been sent to California, Washington, Idaho and other Pacific coast states.

Will Confer on Federal Projects

Gram said that he probably would confer with Senator McNary within the next few days with relation to a proposal to interest the federal forestry department in the construction of new trails in the Oregon forests. Gram pointed out that such a program would reduce materially the fire hazard in the forests, and at the same time provide employment for a large number of men. Data obtained by Gram indicated that money is now available for this work, and that an appropriation would not be necessary. Gram also urged a speeding up of state, county and municipal work. He said there was much public work proposed at this time, but for some reason actual operations were delayed. Virtually all of these projects could be constructed during the fall and winter months when employment is at its lowest ebb. Gram pointed out that the proposed program would do much to eliminate suffering during the coming winter, and improve business conditions.

Wages Collection Serious Problem

One of the serious problems now confronting the state labor department is that of assisting workers in collecting wages from fly-by-night employers. Gram said the existing laws are far from satisfactory, and he will request a number of amendments at the next legislative session. During the past year an unusually large number of wage claims were filed with the state labor department, but the collections were smaller than for many years previously. This condition was due to the present business depression, Gram said.

Gram declared that he especially was opposed at this time to the importation of Japanese and Mexican labor into Oregon. He said that several large properties were now being operated with this labor.

CHARLES BECKE OF AURORA PASSES ON

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officiate, and music will be furnished by the choir of the Aurora Presbyterian church. The pallbearers will be nephews of the deceased: William Gooding, John Kraus, William Hendricks, Paul Hendricks, Elmer Glossy and Ernest Becke. Interment will be in the family plot at Aurora cemetery.

The life of Charles Becke Jr., was typical of the pioneer spirit. At the age of 25 he spent a term in the construction department of the Southern Pacific; helped build the line to Silverton. Then for a time he had a term of merchandising in the general store at Aurora, after which he acquired 193 acres of land near Aurora; mostly

covered with virgin timber. He hewed out of that forest one of the finest farms in the Willamette valley. Having sold his farm, 11 years ago he retired and built a modern home in Aurora; on the street that is the Pacific highway through that city. Mr. Becke took a trip to Europe two years ago, calling on relatives in Germany and touring in historic spots. He got a great deal out of that visit. Only a few weeks ago, he went to Yellowstone park with his son, Karl of Salem and the latter's wife. The same three were to have gone around the Mount Hood loop on a Labor day excursion. Charles Becke Jr., will be sadly missed in Aurora. He was a progressive farmer, an enterprising citizen, and a wonderful neighbor. He was the Luther Burbank of this section, almost; he knew how to make things grow; how to make flowers bloom beautifully. He was a friend to all. Scarcely a farm or home in this city or section can there be found that has not had a touch of his handiwork in growing things furnished by him. He literally made two blades of grass grow where only one grew before, and flowers bloom where none were found before. He was the owner of two apartment houses in Salem.

WILLIAM R. SLADE DIES AT HOSPITAL

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and was president of the Oxford Manufacturing company. For eight or nine years prior coming to Oregon he was stipendiary magistrate for Cumberland county. Funeral Plans Not Completed

Since coming to Salem he has lived retired from active business. He was a member of the First Baptist church here. Mrs. Slade passed away in 1920 in Nova Scotia, where they again lived for a short period after coming to Oregon. Funeral arrangements have not been completed. Remains are at the Rigdon mortuary.

Besides E. F. Slade, Mr. Slade is survived by the following other children: Mrs. John J. Robertson of Salem, who is now in Dresden, Germany, where her daughter, Miss Mildred, is studying music; Mrs. Gertrude Cameron of Silverton; F. M. Slade of Montreal, Canada; Claude Slade of Eureka, Calif.; and Mrs. Kenneth Bailey of Seattle.

Three in Family Die of Mystery Malady in Week

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 30. (AP)—An 11-day-old baby, the third member of a family of six to succumb within a week, died today at the general hospital, where her brother Gerald, six, and sister, Merice, six, are fighting a rare infectious disease. Mrs. Florence Vickers, the mother, died three days ago, a few days after the death of a son, Orville, four. The entire family was taken to the hospital last Thursday.

Balloon Feared Fallen in Lake; No Trace Found

CLEVELAND, Sept. 2.—(AP)—(Tuesday)—Two of the balloons in the International Gordon Bennett race were reported as seen by residents of Erie, Pa., heading out over Lake Erie at 12:30 a.m. (EST) today according to information received here. Identification of the balloons was impossible because of the darkness. Crews of the two coast guard boats returned to Cleveland at 10:15 p.m. and reported failure to find any trace of the balloon said to have been seen flying low over Lake Erie near Sheffield village.

DISCOVERY OF ANDREE TOLD

Harpooners Seeking Water Made Historic Find, Dr. Horn Relates

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the beach where the brave Andree and his men 33 years ago ended their last Polar wandering." Bodies Taken From Rude Grave

As soon as he was apprised of the harpooners' discovery, Dr. Horn and the other officers of his expedition went to the place where the boat lay, a worn sledge eyes circle about for what they must have both hoped and dreaded to find.

Their search was not long. Not many yards from the boat and sledge was found a body—if indeed a skeleton in the fur garb of an Arctic explorer may be called a body—laid between two mounds of earth and partly covered with small stones. So had the last rites been observed by the survivor or survivors for one member of that gallant crew.

And somewhat farther on, leaning against the mountain slope, feet buried in the snow, was a second skeleton. It was headless, this one, and yet identifiable as Andree by a monogram on the jacket. In the boat were a few bones, but Dr. Horn and his fellow scientists were not able to determine whether they were human and represented all that was left of the expedition.

M'INNIS TESTIFIES ON ALLEGED GRAFT

SEATTLE, Sept. 1.—(AP)—William M. Whitney, former assistant prohibition administrator, took \$1,500 in 1925 to "keep me out of trouble after I was indicted in the first Olmstead case." Edward H. McInnis, former run runner, testified in the Lyle-Whitney conspiracy trial in federal court here late today.

McInnis, who denied that he ever had direct dealings with the Roy Olmstead liquor gang, said he met Whitney in February 1925, soon after being indicted with the gang and asked the former assistant administrator "how to go about getting out of this." The witness testified Whitney said "he would have to see 'a party' about it and told me to call him up in three or four days. The next time I saw Whitney was at the union station here." It was at the meeting at the union station that Whitney took the money, McInnis testified, quoting the former dry official as saying "give me \$2,500 and I'll get it all fixed up for you." The witness testified he told Whitney he had but \$1,500.

FIVE DIE WHEN AUTO CRUSHED

Southern Pacific Train Hits Machine at Turner, all in Party Killed

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The engine struck the car broadside, railroad men reporting that the car seemed to jump and stop as though the engine died at the crossing. Auto Is Thrown About 100 Feet

The light car was thrown through the cattle guard about 100 feet to the north landing in the ditch of the right-of-way. Two bodies were rolled along the track and one was very badly mutilated, the arms and head being severed. One body was left about 300 feet from the crossing and the other 891 feet. After the remains were removed there were still visible portions of brain along the ties and small fragments of skull. Three bodies not so badly mangled were extracted from the wreckage of the car. The train was brought to a stop but not before the engine was over a quarter of a mile from the crossing. Trainmen and Turner

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Inquest Will Be Held Tonight

Announcement was made last night by Coroner Lloyd Rigdon that an inquest will be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight. The railroad company will probably hold an inquiry, and the public service commission may conduct an investigation.

Men Folks in Mountains

Husbands of two of the women, Art Robertson and Herbert Briggs, had left Saturday to go up in the mountains above Mill City to pick huckleberries. They were reached by telephone and L. C. Ball and Ben Wipper went by car to bring them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Briggs have been making their home in Portland, but came up Saturday, Herbert to go on the mountain trip and Lois to work in the cannery with her mother and sister.

Many Visits

Scene of Tragedy

All day long people visited the scene of the accident. The car lay alongside the track, a tangled mass of iron, utterly demolished. Some of the belongings of the occupants were strewn about, a shoe, work aprons, a hand basket. On down the track was a coat worn by one. The railroad runs parallel to the highway for some distance north of Turner, and many passing cars, attracted by the group examining the wreckage, stopped and inquired what had happened. The car was evidently astride the track when struck because stones on the far side were moved out of place and the cattle guard on the same side was smashed where the car had been thrown along it.

been thrown along it. Mrs. Arthur E. Robertson, nee Frankie Barnett was born in Turner in October, 1888. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Barnett who located in Turner from Iowa in 1877. She was married to Mr. Robertson 22 years ago and the family continued its residence in Turner. Besides the daughters, Lois and Allene who survived with her, a daughter Margaret, 16, and a son Albert, 13, who was away from home with his father, H. M. Barnett, father of Inez, one of the victims, was her brother. Other brothers are Mrs. I. L. Robertson, Harry Barnett, Mrs. H. Wipper of Turner and Mrs. Guy Chapman of St. Helens.

Lois Robertson Briggs was 20 years of age and was a native of Turner. Her sister, Allene Robertson was 17 and would have been a senior in the high school this year.

Mrs. Betty G. Briggs was born in Clilhowie, Virginia, June 16, 1869. She was married to Albert Briggs in California and some 23 years ago the family came to Turner. Her husband was killed in an auto accident about 10 years ago. She leaves three children, Herbert of Portland, Harold, who has been employed as chauffeur for Col. E. Hofer, and Mrs. Bernice Baker of Turner. She leaves a brother, George W. Farris of Turner. Grant Farris of Salem is a nephew.

Inez Barnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Barnett, was born in Turner, July 3, 1915. She would have been a junior in the high school this fall. She is survived by her parents and four sisters, Mrs. Roy Baker and Merle Enslay of Salem and Stella and Lorraine at home.

All the victims were identified with the Christian church of Turner as members or attendants.

DEPUTY KILLS GETTY

SHELTON, Wash., Sept. 1.—(AP)—George Getty, 51, who was sought on a warrant charging assault with a deadly weapon was shot and killed by Deputy Sheriff Melvin Dobson in the woods near here today.

CHANGES MADE AT AUTO CAMP

Arrangement is Altered for Convenience of Patrons and Management

The municipal camp ground has undergone considerable improvement the past week, with changes made that will make for greater convenience for both patrons and management. The old community house, which has stood to the right of the entrance and which has been little used, has been moved to the center of the grounds just to the end and right of the entering road.

With this change, the office, which has been left at the entrance is moved also, and is now located in the community house. This house will be partitioned to give one end for the office and reading room and the remainder for its original purpose. It will be some days before the structure is entirely ready for use as H. S. Polsal, superintendent, and his assistant are doing much of the work. Other improvements are contemplated.

There was some slump in patronage Labor day, but Sunday every cabin was full. It is expected business will continue good until after the state fair.

Silverton Beats Mt. Angel Team

SILVERTON, Sept. 1.—Silverton American Legion juniors took an easy victory from Mount Angel on the Mt. Angel diamond Sunday. The final score was 9 to 1.

The Silverton boys hope to get in one more game this season on the home diamond. Just with whom the game is to be played has not as yet been arranged.

West Salem

"The Carpenter of Nazareth" was the topic of Rev. M. A. Groves' sermon Sunday morning at Ford memorial church. This service was a special observance of Labor Sunday and members of the labor union locals and all working people were specially invited to be present. Miss Ruth Rees and Miss Digman sang a duet. At the evening service the topic was one in a series of the Lord's prayer. Following this, Mrs. Groves spoke on "Prohibition as I observed it on my trip." Special music included a vocal solo by Miss Vina Emmett. The Senior Epworth League held their meeting at 7 o'clock in the evening with Miss Ruth Englehorn as leader.

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