

Independence Has Second Mystery Fire In 2 Weeks

Independence, Or., Dec. 30.—Another mysterious fire started late Tuesday night in a house owned by Pearl Cooper in North Independence. Mr. Cooper recently sold the property to Henry Hogan on contract and Hogan was paying off of the property in monthly installments. The building was occupied by Mr. Hogan's father and his nephew, D. Ackerman.

Mr. Hogan Sr. was visiting at Laocomb at the time of the fire. Neighbors made the discovery as the flames began pouring out from the roof and the fire department made a quick response, but all efforts to save the property were of no avail. The household furniture belonged to Mr. Hogan Sr., and was consumed with the building. How the fire originated is not known.

Mr. Hogan says his nephew was the last one in the building so far as can be learned. About 5 o'clock the young man went in the house after his gun. It is the opinion of Mr. Hogan that he dropped a lighted cigarette in the room, causing the fire. Neighbors, however, say that the flames started in the upper part of the building and could not have originated from a cigarette in the room below. The building burned rapidly. It is said the building was a one-story structure and was insured with the Metropolitan company for \$400.

The Miller house located near the one which burned Tuesday night was consumed a couple of weeks ago, and no one was at home when the fire started. The origin of this fire is also a mystery. It is believed that some boys had taken possession of the house during the evening to have a quiet game of cards and left a lighted cigarette lying around. The Miller house had not been occupied for some time but it was furnished.

Haste to Reach Family Reunion Accident Cause

Independence, Or., Dec. 30.—Because Dr. M. J. Butler was in a hurry to reach the Butler home at Monmouth Christmas night to attend the Butler family reunion he is at present laid up with a fractured collar bone.

Dr. Butler had been doing some dental work for Dolle Pomeroy, who is in the city from Mable visiting relatives, and he promised the doctor that he would take him to Monmouth that evening. The work was consequently finished and Pomeroy undertook to make good his promise. In his car were Ross Nelson, "Dick" Baker, Dr. Butler and Pomeroy as pilot. They were traveling at a rapid rate of speed and as Pomeroy applied the brakes before turning the corner near Monmouth the machine skidded and rolled over in the ditch. Dr. Butler sustained a fractured collar bone and Baker received a severe bruise on the side of his face. The other passengers were uninjured. The machine was only slightly damaged. It was late however, before Dr. Butler was able to attend the reunion.

Independence Items

Independence, Or., Dec. 30.—Mrs. John Kraus of Aurora is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cooper. Mrs. Kraus was busy for several days entertaining her many friends who were called for an introduction to the new baby.

J. G. McIntosh, who has been ill for some time, is again able to be at the store. He was in Salem on business Tuesday.

Captain Frank Skinner and wife of Portland have been visiting his mother, Claude and family. Captain Skinner was for many years engaged in the steamboat business on the Willamette river south of Salem.

Sam Muhlman Sr. has sold most of his property in the vicinity and expects to move to Oregon City in the near future. Mrs. Muhlman died a couple of weeks ago.

The Masonic and Eastern Star lodges held joint installation at the Masonic hall Monday night, and supper was served after the work was finished.

Company K will give a New Year's ball in the armory Saturday night.

W. J. Clark and family visited in Salem the fore part of the week. Mr. Clark hopes to move to Salem in the near future. He was formerly publisher of the Independence Enterprise.

It is said that Independence claims several victims in the bonding house failure at Portland. Among those named as holders of interests in the failed concern are Ward Hill, Clyde William and Dr. Hewett.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Word Butler have issued invitation announcing the coming wedding of their daughter, Bernice Lenora, to Robert E. Smith of this city. The wedding will take place at their home New Year's day, and the ceremony will be performed by Dr. Charles H. Dunsmore.

Harry Mix, cashier of the First National bank in Corvallis, and his wife have been visiting relatives in the city. Mrs. Mix has an independence boy and a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Mix.

Word has been received from Portland that H. H. Buckner, who was arrested last August for operating a moonshine still on Tice Island east of here, was found guilty and the charge a few days ago and fined \$300.

L. R. Floyd and wife have arrived in Oregon from the Philippines islands and are visiting his parents at Oregon City. They are expected to visit friends here this week. Mr. Floyd has been in the aviation service.

William Schmitt is visiting his mother at the old home in Rolfe, Iowa. He expects to be there several weeks.

A special meeting of Lyon lodge, A. F. and M. W. was held last night and candidates were present for the master's degree.

Largest Ivory Mat
The largest ivory mat in the world measures eight by four feet and, although made in the north of India, has a Greek design for a border.

Bringing Up Father—By George McManus



Dallas
Dallas, Ore., Dec. 30.—The members and friends of the Methodist church will hold a watch night party at the church on Friday night of this week. The members of the Epworth League will have charge of the social entertainment, games, etc., and the Ladies Aid society will provide refreshments. A varied program has been provided consisting of the following:
The party will begin with a New Year's Eve candlelight at 8:00 p. m. This will be followed by an hour's entertainment given by the Willamette University male quartette and readers. Following will come a period of games, etc. In charge of the Epworth League. Then a rest period, during which time will be shown a series of stereoscopic pictures on "The Indians of the Painted Desert," followed by refreshments, more fun, and a "Happy New Year."

Boy Scout Troop Is Organized at Monmouth Now
Monmouth, Ore., Dec. 30.—Under the direction of Rev. Pace, pastor of the Baptist church in this city, a company of Boy Scouts was organized at an enthusiastic meeting held here Tuesday evening. A fairly large company has been organized and they plan to make progress during the winter months.
Miss Mary Will, who finished her course at the State Normal, has returned to her home in Aurora.
At a meeting of the Oddfellows of Monmouth a movement was started Tuesday in the direction of providing a new home for their

order. No definite plans have yet been reached, but it is more than probable that the organization will build a hall during the coming summer. The Marshall property, which was recently purchased by the State Normal, is being remodeled and will be occupied in connection with the dormitory. The building was formerly used as a rooming house. It will be a great convenience and at the nominal price paid it becomes a great asset to the Normal property.
For the first time since its completion the new community room in connection with the Baptist church which was built recently, will be occupied by the Monmouth Grange New Year's day when a big community meeting will be held. A community New Year's dinner will be served at noon and in the afternoon and evening a literary program will be rendered.
B. O. Powell, representative-elect from Polk county to the next state legislature, is visiting at the home of his nephew at Mt. Pleasant, in Clackamas county.
Miss Hazel Olsen, a student of the Normal school, is spending her vacation with relatives in Eugene. Superintendent of schools E. F. Carleton, and Mrs. Carleton of Eugene, have been visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Superintendent and Mrs. J. H. Ackerman of the State Normal in this city.
Prof. and Mrs. Russell of Pilot Rock, arrived here from Albany this week, after a visit at the latter's home, and are spending the remainder of their holiday vacation with relatives in Monmouth.

Miss Ruth Rodine of Albany has been visiting friends in this vicinity for a few days. She had been invited to attend the wedding of her friend, Miss Esther Brightman to Irvine French.
College Girls Make Best Farm Wives
Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 30.—The American method of selecting a "farm wife" is a "happy-go-lucky" one in which a man takes a chance and goes at it without looking into the future, declared R. L. Adams, professor of farm management of the University of California, before a meeting of the "Ag Club," in discussing "The Selection of a Farm Wife." Professor Adams declared that "the girl that makes good as a farm wife is the one who has had a college education."
The First Lifeboat
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- Men's Heavy Work Shirts, blue and black-and-white stripes, 2 pockets, full size cut, also heavy black Sateen Shirts at, each 69c
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