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There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

Question Good Faith Of Hotel Purchasers

A case has been filed in the district court involving the title to Beaver hotel building, grounds and furniture at Independence.

The action is brought in the name of W. S. Walker, as guardian of M. W. Walker, the guardian having been appointed by the county court on Saturday, December 22. As quickly as this case could be filed following this Attorney Oscar Hayter secured from the court a temporary restraining order by which the defendants, Harry F. Kimble and Gladys C. Kimble, Albert H. Fischer and Irene L. Fischer, from disposing of the property or removing any of the furniture.

As told by the petition, it is claimed that M. W. Walker, the former owner of the hotel, has been incapable of transacting his own business for the past several months. While he was in this incapable condition it is claimed that the defendants named heretofore induced him to agree to sell the hotel building, grounds and furniture for the sum of \$15,000, whereas it is asserted that it was easily worth \$36,500. Securing the option to buy at this price the defendants, it is alleged, sent to Portland and there secured from the Pacific Savings & Loan association a loan of \$18,000, giving mortgages on the entire property for the sum. With the \$18,000 defendants are alleged to have paid M. W. Walker the \$15,000 purchase price and assumed possession of the hotel, putting the extra \$3,000 they secured to their own use.

Following the filing of the deeds and bill of sale involving the transaction the relatives of M. W. Walker got busy, and so did the defendants. The deal was made on December 13, and a few days later both Kimble and Fischer transferred to their wives all their interests in the hotel and property, and are accused of having removed from the hotel a piano and other furnishings of the value of \$1000. In addition, it is set up, the defendants are trying to sell the property, and have had quite a number of persons in Independence as prospective buyers.

Plaintiff therefore asks that the deed and bill of sale to the property be set aside as having been secured by fraud; that defendants be enjoined from selling the property or any part thereof; that M. W. Walker be decreed to be the owner of the entire property; that plaintiffs recover from the defendants the \$3000 they secured from the mortgage company above the purchase price of the property; that a receiver be appointed to conduct the hotel during the pendency of the action.

Moss W. Walker, who has been declared incompetent to transact his business, is one of the best known men in the county. Following the

sale of the property, when it was brought home to him that he had sacrificed his financial interests, he suffered a stroke of apoplexy, from which he continues to suffer. To show that the Kimbles and Fischers knew what they were doing, it is pointed out that they saw to it that Walker paid off the \$8,000 in mortgages on the building and furniture when the \$15,000 was paid for the \$36,000 property, and by complicating the title have so acted that it will take some time and involve considerable expense, to say the least, to straighten out the tangle. Public sentiment against the Kimbles and Fischers is said to run strong in Independence, where it is felt that they took advantage of Walker's mental condition and secured the property at less than half its real value. There it is predicted that the purchasers will not make a serious effort to retain the property, realizing that the courts will be against them.—Capital Journal.

High School Players Win From Independence

Nobody thought that it was possible, Independence folks are still trying to explain how it happened, but the truth remains that the M. H. S. basketball five, doped to lose by a two to one score, upset the dope pot, and won by a margin of one basket from their Independence rivals.

The game was one of, if not the most interesting game that the Normal gym has ever seen, as well as one of the closest ever played on a local floor. Never for a moment was the outcome sure. The lead went from side to side and only by two lightning plays in the last few minutes of the game did Monmouth cinch the victory, and even then Independence threatened seriously several times before the whistle blew. Independence High School has what looks like the makings of a wonderful team, but it is lacking both in practice and experience. Even as it stands, great credit is due, both to the Monmouth team for the fight they put up and to coach Zeller who has trained them.

Lyon Lodge Elects

At a meeting of Lyon lodge, A. F. and A. M. in Independence Wednesday night the following officers were elected or appointed and installed:—Howard Morlan, W. M.; A. L. Keeney S. W.; A. A. Justin, J. W.; H. Hirschberg, treas.; Ira Mix, secy.; J. G. McIntosh, S. D.; W. J. Mulkey, Jr. J. D.; Robert Smith, S. S.; Roy Kullander, J. S.; J. B. V. Butler, Jr., tiler. The first meeting of the new year will be held January 9 when the master mason degree will be twice conferred with the new officers in charge. There will be a modest banquet during the course of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Sickafosse had their Christmas dinner with Mrs. J. Dornis.

Farm Bureau to Hold Christmas Programs And Family Reunions

The annual meeting of the Polk County Farm Bureau has been called for January 4th at the Commercial Club rooms in Dallas, at 10 a. m.

The report of the year's work and of the finances by the executive committee will be followed by the election of officers and the adoption of a program for 1924.

Even without the leadership and stimulus of a county agent for the past year, the Farm Bureau has carried on extensive campaigns of squirrel and gopher poisoning the squirrel work being quite general and successful over the county and the gopher campaign almost eliminating this pest from an area of nearly 20,000 acres.

The T B testing of dairy cattle was started in the county by the farm bureau and during the past year more than 8000 cattle have been tested.

The work done in these three projects, not to mention several others of nearly equal importance, has more than justified the existence of the farm bureau in the county.

The continuation of these projects and the adoption of others no less important offer a big opportunity for future work.

Airlie Pioneer Woman Buried Last Monday

Ann F. Staats, a native Oregonian and pioneer resident of Airlie died at her home there December 22nd. She was born in Yamhill county, July 4th, 1849 and has lived in the Airlie district nearly forty years. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burns, pioneer residents of Yamhill county. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. F. M. Waters of Airlie and Mrs. L. A. Hecker of Albany; two sons—Willie Staats of Airlie and Roscoe Staats of Independence; two sisters—Mrs. B. F. Smith of Lewisville and Mrs. Phya Daily of Portland. Funeral services were held at the residence near Airlie on Monday, December 24 at 11 o'clock. Rev. H. Charles Dunsmore of Independence officiating with A. L. Keeney as undertaker. Burial was in the family plot in the English cemetery at Airlie.

Loganberry Situation Discussed
Approximately 7000 acres are devoted to loganberry production in Oregon. This state produces 85 per cent of the loganberries grown in the United States.

Growers are confronted with the alternative of pulling up many of their vines or increasing use and market for this especially adapted crop.

A thorough analysis of the loganberry situation will be made at the agricultural economic conference to be held at the state college, January 23 to 25.

First National Buys City Improvement Bonds

The First National Bank of this city was the successful bidder for the improvement bonds which the city offered for sale at the meeting of the council last Tuesday evening. These bonds are issued under the Bancroft Act to cover the cost of paving the intersections and the space between the paving and curb on Monmouth avenue, the total amount being \$10,322.17.

Three bids were received for the bonds. Clark, Kendall & Co., of Portland bid \$100.25 and accrued interest and the Lumberman's Trust Company bid \$100.36 while the bid of the First National was \$100.75. Another issue of \$10,000 to take up outstanding warrants is to be held in the near future.

OREGON POULTRY FUTURE TO BE DISCUSSED AT O. A. C.

Facts useful in determining the future of the poultry business in Oregon are being gathered by members of the O. A. C. poultry staff.

Comparative cost of egg production in this state and others, prices of eggs in the leading markets of the country, standard feed rations, operation of certified hatcheries, registration of breeding stock and functions of the state poultry association are some of the points covered in the study.

Results of this survey will be available for consideration by the poultry section of the economic conference to be held at the state college January 23 to 25.

"Solution of the many problems that have arisen in the last few years as a result of the heavy increase in poultry and egg production needs careful thought," says the committee in charge of the conference.

Oregon imported eggs by the car lot recently but sent 100 car lots out of the state only last year. Means to enable Oregon producers to compete on even terms with producers of the east and midwest will be sought.

Famous for its "bred to lay" stock Oregon is now called on to find a way to protect its reputation from unscrupulous advertisers.

The enormous five million dollar poultry business in Oregon is entitled to government aid in control of diseases that constitute a limiting factor, the head of the college department believes. Some 20 to 25 veterinarians are at work on dairy cattle diseases in Oregon he points out.

Many problems as great as these will be considered in the leading and special farm activities of Oregon at the conference.

Whitman Sisters Die In Auto Accident

Returning from a Christmas shopping tour to their home in the exclusive Wilshire district, Miss Myrtle Whitman, 40, and her sister, Miss Beattie Whitman, 38, were killed early last evening when run down by a large touring car going west on Eighth street. It was driven by John W. Nicholas of 1415 South Gramercy Place. He was taken into custody of the police on a charge of manslaughter.

Nicholas, son of Henry E. Nicholas, wealthy San Pedro and Eastport, Me., packer, is alleged to have struck down the Whitman sisters while they were "walking upon a public street." He was arrested and was later transferred to the County Jail on manslaughter charges growing out of the death of the two girls.

He was released on Friday by Judge Robert A. Scott on \$10,000 bond.

According to witnesses, the two women were thrown nearly a hundred feet by the impact of the heavy machine.

The two sisters, inseparable since childhood, were struck down by the automobile as they stepped from the curb at Eighth and Catalina streets, their arms burdened with bundles of Christmas toys and gifts for relatives, but a few blocks from their home. They lived with their widowed mother, Mrs. H. D. Whitman, and brother, H. S. Whitman.

Although severely mangled, one of the sisters remained alive until she was placed in an ambulance to be rushed to the hospital. Both victims, it was found had suffered fractured skulls as well as numerous other injuries.

The mother was prostrated by the news of the tragedy.—Los Angeles Examiner.

Good Showing Made In Red Cross Roll Call

Mrs. M. A. Young, Polk County Director for the A. R. C. Roll Call, sends in the following report of the membership drive for 1923:

Valsetz, \$207.00, Mrs. R. L. McCready, chairman.
Monmouth, \$120.50, Mrs. Cletus Butler, chairman.
Independence, \$70.50, Mrs. A. L. Kullander, chairman.
Airlie, \$27.00, Miss Maude McDaniel, chairman.
Falls City, \$15.00, Mrs. Hazel Courter, chairman.

Dallas, 0, Committee consisting of three members of the American Legion and Commercial Club.

Expenses incurred in making drive, including transportation, advertising, telephone, postage, etc., \$25.

Native of York State Dies in Independence

Russell James Wright, a retired farmer, resident of Independence, died at his home in that city last week. Funeral services were held chapel with Rev. H. C. Dunsmore officiating. Mr. Wright was born in Wrightsville, Louisiana, N. Y., August 9, 1850. He had lived in Independence for the past eleven years. Two brothers survive, S. P. Wright of Grand Junction, Colorado and W. E. Wright of Clifton, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wright attended the funeral. Burial was in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Deceased was never married.

Chronology of the Year 1923

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DISASTERS

- Jan. 2—Twenty persons killed in collapse of bridge at Kelso, Wash.
 - Feb. 8—Mine explosion at Dawson, N. M., entombed and killed 129 men.
 - Feb. 10—Explosion in mine near Cumberland, B. C. killed 39 men.
 - Feb. 15—Twenty-two patients and three attendants killed in insane asylum fire on Ward Island, New York.
 - March 2—Fifteen miners killed in blast at Arista, W. Va.
 - March 10—One hundred and fifty Greek soldiers drowned when transport Alexandre sunk.
 - April 12—Six hundred persons killed by tidal waves in Korea and Japan.
 - May 14—Flood and fire partly destroyed Hot Springs, Ark.
 - May 17—Severe earthquake at Quito, Ecuador.
 - Seventy-three killed in burning of schoolhouse at Cleveland, S. C.
 - June 10—Disastrous floods in Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado.
 - June 15—Reports received of earthquakes in Persia in which 6,000 perished.
 - June 17—More earthquakes in Persia; 2,000 killed.
 - June 18—Mt. Etna in violent eruption; several towns destroyed.
 - Aug. 14—Explosion in coal mine at Kemmerer, Wyo., killed 30 men.
 - Aug. 15—Terrific typhoon at Hongkong, destroying vessels, property and lives.
 - Aug. 21—Million dollars' damage done by flood in Arkansas valley, Colorado.
 - Sept. 1—Earthquakes and resultant fire destroyed most of Tokyo and Yokohama and other cities; 235,000 killed.
 - Sept. 8—Nine United States destroyers and one liner wrecked on coast of southern California in fog; 27 lives lost.
 - Sept. 15—Typhoon and floods killed 5,000 in Japan.
 - Sept. 17—Sixty blocks of Berkeley, Cal., destroyed by fire.
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