

Independence Enterprise

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MONMOUTH

We would like to attend the state fair but will be too busy. It comes too early in the season to allow a large attendance from this section of the valley.

We will be glad when the busy season is over. After the fall rains without the dust to mar the pleasure, come one can take a pleasant ride Marion Phelps, a last year's student at O. S. N., is a pleasant visitor in town this week.

Mrs. John Dickinson visited friends in town Thursday.

Monmouth cannery is making a fine run this season on Bartlett pears.

Most every family is represented in some of the many hop yards in the valley.

Mrs. Rebekah Williams of Portland and Mrs. Mary Lee of Dayton, Washington, visited at the home of R. H. Simpson, their uncle, Tuesday.

Wood hauling and wheat hauling and hurrying with the season's too busy duties don't give much time to hunt news.

Prune gathering and drying will begin the middle of the month.

Grandma Wolverton still continues very feeble at her home in this city.

S. H. Peterson will soon move from Corvallis into his new home recently purchased from L. J. Smith.

Mrs. T. J. Craig and Mrs. A. L. Finlay returned to Portland after a visit with their mother, Mrs. A. A. Catron.

August was an ideal month for harvest in the Willamette valley.

Special Trains to State Fair

On account of the state fair the S. F. C. & W. railroad will run a special train from Falls City to Salem daily during the week of the fair. The Independence & Monmouth railway will make connection with these trains at Dallas.

Hop Contracts

AM Hendricks to Isaac Pincus & Sons, 15,000 pounds each of 1909 and 1911 crops, price 104 cents. This contract was entered into in December, 1908, but was not filed for record until last week.

HIT HIM AGAIN

Talented Literary Man Writes Story For the Enterprise

"All fools are not dead yet"

That is the only true statement in the item wrote in last week's Enterprise, under the heading: "Gave his son a twenty-two to play with." For that item was certainly written by a fool, or perhaps a liar would be a better name for that person, as F. W. Mulkey hasn't got a son or a 22 either, or never has had.

His little daughter was accidentally shot by her little cousin while at McLaughlin's hop yard last Friday morning. While Mr. Mulkey and his brother-in-law, Mr. Rust, were out side staking the tent, the latter's little boy found an old pistol in an old trunk where it had unknowingly been put away loaded. The boy was trying to see if he could work the gun, and fired it off just as the baby stepped inside the tent. The bullet struck on the right cheek, coming out at the neck, making a flesh wound which Dr. Butler dressed and which is now doing nicely.

No doubt the party who wrote the item in last week's paper concerning the accident thought it sounded bright and witty, but I would much rather when he writes of me, or concerning me, he would write the truth. And I think if he wishes to show his talent for story writing his stories would look much better in a Diamond Dick novel than in a newspaper as an item of truth.

MRS. F. W. MULKEY.

The information regarding the accidental shooting, referred to above, was furnished to the Enterprise by a reliable person and any statement made that does not confine itself to the truth in the unfortunate affair is to be regretted.

If people would take as much pains in reporting news to the paper as they often do in picking flaws in it after it is printed it would result more mutually agreeable all round.

—Ed.

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EVENTS IN OUR STATE OF MINOR IMPORTANCE

Marshfield.—The Grand Commander of the Knights Templars, Albert M. Knapp, of Salem, visited with the local members of the order last week. This is his annual visitation of lodges in the state.

Roseburg.—William Vincent's sawmill, at Coles Valley, 16 miles west of here, burned Saturday afternoon. The total loss to lumber and mill is \$4500. Sparks from the engine-room caused the fire.

Salem.—Mayor Rodgers has received a telegram from President Taft's secretary that it will be impossible for the President's itinerary to be so arranged as to allow the President to stop at Salem on his Western trip.

Salem.—The Marion County Court granted the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company a franchise for the construction of a \$7000-transmission line from Mount Angel to Woodburn. The new line will be modern and high-grade in every respect.

Salem.—Hop picking is progressing under most favorable conditions. Though vermin cannot be said to be disappearing, it is not increasing. This week picking will be general all over the valley, and 75 per cent. of the crop will be picked, cured and ready for the market.

Hood River.—At a large meeting of fruitgrowers, a permanent organization was formed for the purpose of holding an annual fruit fair at Hood River and also to take steps to secure the erection of a permanent fruit fair building. The dates set for the fair this year are October 28, 29 and 30.

Eugene.—With the Opening of the University of Oregon only two weeks away, the prospects for attendance during the coming year are exceedingly bright. The indications are that the freshman class will number at least 300 members and the total attendance for all of the departments at Eugene will be 25 or 30 per cent. larger than last year.

Eugene.—The county surveyors of Lane and Linn Counties have completed locating the new division line between the two counties as established by the last Legislature. Linn County now owns a portion of the Blue River mining district that was formerly in Lane County, and Lane owns a portion of the Mohawk country formerly in Linn County, about 25 even exchange.

Salem.—Citizens of Milton have petitioned the railroad commission to make an order directing the Oregon Railway and Navigation company and the Northern Pacific railway company to install a switch connecting the two systems at that point. The petition has been made before and the railroads object vigorously to making the desired connections.

Hillsboro.—Sheriff Hancock of Washington county jumped into the ring in the fourth round of the fight between Kid Scaler of Spokane and Bobby Evans of Portland at Hillsboro Saturday night, and stopped the milling, much to the disgust of some 400 sports who journeyed up from Portland to witness the battle.

The Dalles.—Angered because he was refused a ride on the cowcatcher of an engine, Fred George hurled a rock at M. W. Pullen, brakeman, who fell from the running-board of his engine, and was crushed to death in the O. R. & N. yards here at 11 o'clock Friday night. George, who is now in jail awaiting trial on a charge of first degree murder, is a son of Jack George, of 761 Rodney avenue, Portland, one of the oldest engineers on the road.

Marshfield.—The Commission of the Port of Coos Bay has decided to issue a series of port bonds to the extent of \$500,000. These will be sold in amounts of \$50,000 as the money is needed. They will draw 5 per cent and the first block of bonds will fall due in 1919. The plan is to lay out an extensive harbor improvement and to secure a dredge. Bids are now being secured from owners of suction dredges.

Portland.—A decision given by Judge Bean in the Federal Court accomplished the restoration to the Government of 1120 acres of valuable timber land, patents to which had been acquired unlawfully by Horace G. McKinley and associates. The land is located in Linn County and is included among the plunder obtained by the land-fraud artists in what has come to be known as the "11-7 case." It was for this offense that McKinley was convicted in the United States Court and sentenced to the jail term he is now serving.

Astoria.—Monday morning the members of First Company, Coast Artillery Corps, O. N. G., left for Fort Stevens on their annual encampment of ten days. While there the local company will camp with the 106th Company of Regulars and will participate with it in the drills with the 10-inch guns and in operating the searchlights.

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A Chance to Get the Enterprise Free. Next week the Enterprise will endeavor to give the number of acres in hops this season and the number of pickers employed in each yard. Heretofore the exact number of pickers employed has never been really known. Small growers will confer a favor by dropping us a postal card giving the number of acres and the number of pickers employed. The estimate of the number of pickers working in the district at present is placed anywhere from 8,000 to 25,000. We will give a year's subscription to the one guessing the nearest to the number of pickers employed in the district. Send in your guess early.

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