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## YOUTH NEARLY LOSES LIFE

SERIOUSLY BURNED WHILE TRY-  
ING TO SAVE CHICKENS

Ralph Brooks Meets With a Sad Ac-  
cident at the Home of His Par-  
ents Tuesday Evening

Trying to save some chickens from a burning incubator Tuesday evening proved to be a serious undertaking for Ralph Brooks, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brooks, who reside about three miles north of this city.

The industrious young man had an incubator and brooder in operation in the chicken house and had been giving the industry much attention for a few weeks. In the incubator were a lot of eggs hatching and young chickens just hatched in the brooder. Ralph filled the lamp with oil about five o'clock and it is presumed that it exploded. He had been out of the chicken house only a short time when he discovered flames coming from the building. Apparently without realizing the seriousness of the situation the young man rushed into the building, which was almost entirely enveloped in flames, and in his effort to save the little chickens was seriously, if not fatally, burned. The blaze knocked him down, he says, as soon as he entered the door, but he had the presence of mind to crawl out backward on his hands and knees, but not until he had sustained injuries which will confine him to the house for some time, if indeed he is not maimed for life. The flesh on his hands and arms was burned almost to a crisp, and his face showed the result of coming in close contact with flames. The young man's coat was on fire when the attention of other members of the family was called by his cry for help, and had it not been for timely assistance he would have burned to death.

Dr. Butler was immediately called to the Brooks home by phone and in his car reached the sufferer in a few minutes. Upon examination the lad's injuries were found to be of a serious nature, but the doctor has hope of his permanent recovery. The boy did not inhale any of the flame and his burns are such that will heal under careful treatment.

The building and contents were entirely consumed, but the fire was confined to the place of its origination, and no further damage resulted.

Ralph Brooks is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brooks, and his young life has been one of hope and energy. Those who know him well say he is a perfect business man and his great misfortune came with deepest regrets on the part of his friends.

### DIED SUDDENLY

Mrs. O. B. Robertson, a former resident of Independence, died suddenly at Fossil on the 19th inst, where she went only a few days previous to visit relatives. Her home was in Portland, where they went from Independence a number of years ago. O. B. Robertson, husband of the deceased, is a cousin of Mrs. W. E. Craven of this city, and is well known here.

Mrs. Robertson's remains were taken back to Portland, where interment was made. Besides her husband she leaves two small children.

Croupe is said to have been the immediate cause of her death.

### PLAYED HOOKEY

Some of the 8th grade girls played hookey Tuesday afternoon. They apologized before the class Wednesday morning.

A STUDENT

### TO ELECTRIFY ROAD

S. P. Railroad Company Making Arrangements to Electrify Road

The announcement some little time ago that the Hill interests would extend the Oregon Electric line south on the west side of the river has apparently caused the Southern Pacific Company to sit up and take notes. In order to meet the competition that they will have in the future, the S. P. has decided to electrify two of its roads in this territory, the west side division from Portland to McMinnville, and the Yamhill division from the Jefferson street depot in Portland through to Oswego and St. Joseph. When this is accomplished a more frequent passenger service will be rendered.

This means that eventually the Southern Pacific people will put on a better service through to Independence and Corvallis. The activity in railroading on the west side of the river is going to benefit all towns in this part of the valley, and without doubt Independence will this year have better railroad accommodations than ever before.

### JUST A SUGGESTION

Some people of this city seem to have an idea that it is necessary to buy flour manufactured at some far away point in order to obtain good bread. This is a wrong impression. Independence has one of the best flouring mills in the valley and is turning out an excellent grade of flour.

The management is doing all possible to make his business rank high and the flour sell on its merit, and the enterprise is deserving of more local patronage than it is receiving. You Independence consumers of flour who have been buying brands manufactured elsewhere are not only working a hardship on a good home industry, but you are working a hardship on yourselves.

### MEAT MARKET SOLD

Sperling Bros. sold their shop last Thursday afternoon to W. Blok of Portland, who for some time has been a traveling representative of a butcher supply house. They will give possession soon after April 1st. Just what the Messrs. Sperling will do in the future is undecided at this time. Mr. Blok will move his family here this week.

### WILL MAKE SMALL FARMS

We are informed that W. W. Wilson, who purchased the Sperling 202 acre farm near here a couple of three weeks ago at a consideration of \$15,000, will cut the place into small tracts and sell to homeseekers, who are coming in thick and fast.

### DALLAS COLLEGE PLANS LARGER BUILDINGS

At a meeting of the trustees of La Creole Academy and Dallas College, it was decided to sell the present building and grounds, and erect larger buildings. A special election will be called and that school district asked to purchase the land, as it is near the new high school.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Statistics gathered at the recent visit of Rev. Springston show that almost a thousand people in or near Independence do not attend Sunday school; and it is quite probable that as many do not attend church. This note is a special invitation to those people to attend church. "Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die" lost in time and eternity.

Sunday school at ten; morning worship at eleven; B. Y. P. U. at six-forty-five; and evening worship at seven-thirty.

The pastor conducts a question box every Sunday evening and invites you to come and bring a question.

ARTHUR R. BLACKSTONE.

## BAD ACCIDENT MAY HAPPEN

RAILROAD BRIDGE A DANGEROUS  
PLACE FOR BOYS

Party of "Kids" Meet With Close Call  
to Death While Crossing Trestle  
One Evening.

For a long time boys, and men too, have persisted in the dangerous practice of crossing the railroad bridge at all times of day and night and unless there is a stop put to it a serious accident will occur sooner or later.

One evening this week several little boys drawing a wagon were seen to cross the bridge just as the freight train was passing and they left the track at the north end of the bridge barely in time to save their lives. The engineer grasped the situation immediately and reversed his engine, which saved the life of some mother's child, but if the train had been going in another direction the result would have been different. A turn in the road at a certain point makes it impossible to see the bridge from a distance, and before the engineer could stop the train pedestrians on the bridge would be run down and killed. There is no way of escaping. To jump from the bridge, a distance of possibly twenty feet, would mean death nine times out of ten.

Parents of Independence should see that children do not pass over this dangerous trestle and men should not set the example.

### PIONEER PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Amy Clendenon Wilson, wife of Mr. B. Wilson of this city, died suddenly on Sunday evening, March 26, at the age of 61 years, 7 months, while on a visit at the home of her brother-in-law at Salem Heights. Mrs. Wilson (nee Smith) was born in Barnsville, Ohio, Sept. 16, 1849, was united in marriage with Mr. Bascom Wilson on Dec. 2, 1867. Besides her husband and one son, Frank, Mrs. Wilson leaves her father and three sisters.

For many years Mrs. Wilson was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. A brief funeral service was held at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. J. D. Man, by Rev. Sanford Snyder, a former pastor, and the interment was at the beautiful River View cemetery at Salem Heights Tuesday forenoon.

### MAY BE AN ADDITION TO TOWN

A Portland real estate company is negotiating with Verd Hill for a tract of land in the outskirts of the city, which, if the deal is consummated, will be sold off in lots. It is quite probable that the transfer will be made, and several new houses will be erected in that portion of town.

Geo. Kutch sold his farm on the east side of the river during the week to Harold B. Fletcher, who has already taken possession.

### WILL OPEN OFFICE

The Monmouth Real Estate Company has been doing a very fine business in real estate. By special invitation of the business men of Independence they have decided to open an office in Independence. T. J. Goodenough of Salem, will come in with them and he will be on the office force in Independence. Dr. McInturff and Mr. Goodenough were in town on Thursday locating their office and will open on April 1st.

Don't waste your time trying to figure out "why a black hen lays a white egg"—but get the egg. Well furnish the egg, any style, at the Mission Cafe.

### Result of High School Debates

The results of the recent series of debates held in the Polk County High School Debating league are as follows—The subject for debate at the series was, "Resolved that free text books should be furnished to the schools of Oregon by the State."

Each school had two teams in the league and had each side of the question, and all points made by either team counted for the school.

At Dallas Bethel was defeated by Dallas by a three to nothing decision, at Monmouth, Monmouth was defeated by Independence by a two to one decision, at Falls City, Falls City was defeated by Monmouth by a three to nothing decision, and at Bethel, Bethel was defeated by Falls City by a two to one decision. Ferrydale withdrew and gave their points to Dallas and Independence, the two teams they were to meet.

The judges were all men who understood debating work and were all parties who were not in credit in either school or team, the judges were as follows: Dallas—Supt. W. W. Wiley, Prof. Wm. Pettys, Newberg, and Hon. Ira C. Powell, Monmouth; Falls City—Rev. Dunsmore, Independence, Rev. L. L. Myer, Dallas, and Chas. H. Jones, Salem; Monmouth—E. F. Carleton, Salem, Supr. W. R. Rutherford, Prof. W. B. Wilson, McMinnville, and at Bethel—Prof. W. A. Weist, Prof. Zophar Sharp, Prof. A. I. O'Reilly all of Salem.

The result of the series of debates in the league are as follows: Dallas has 13 points, Independence, 10 points, Monmouth—9 points, Falls City—7 points, Bethel—5 points, and Perrydale—4 points.

The Seymour cup which was won last year by the Falls City school and which remains the property of the league until won two years in succession by some school will this year go to the Dallas High School.

### M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Regular services will be held Sunday, Sunday school at 10, preaching at 11. Evening song service at 7:30 (instead of 7, as during the winter), and preaching at 8. Prof. Sherwood of Kimball College of Theology will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening.

The third Missionary Lecture in "The Tour Around the World" will be postponed one week and will be given Friday, April 14th, instead of April 7th, as printed on the tickets.

## BIG HOP DEAL CONSUMMATED

MOST OF 1909 CROP OWNED IN  
INDEPENDENCE.

McLoughlin Lot of 1909 Hops Sold  
in Local Market Saturday for  
Thirteen Cents.

Within the past few weeks the hop market has shown a little more activity than has been observed for some time. Last Saturday the McLoughlin crop of 1909 hops, consisting of 1,425 bales grown near this city, was sold to Louis Lachmund for 13 cents per pound. This lot goes to the London market.

This is said to have been the largest single block of hops remaining in first hands in the world, and comprised about one-third of all the 1909 crop left in this state, according to a statement published in the Oregonian.

The fact that the Lachmund purchase is going out of the country is calculated to make the transfer a strengthening factor in the market. Further developments are looked for in the coming week.

California advices are of continued activity in the contract market. Flint has made a contract in Sacramento for 10 bales for three years at 14 and two 13s. In the Sonoma section 16 was freely offered, but growers who would consider anything at all asked 26 1-2 cents. In the spot California market Richardson offered 17 1-2 and 18 cents for some of the 1910s left, but the growers demanded 19 and 20 cents.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

At the annual congregational and business meeting of Calvary Presbyterian church, held last Thursday, several new officers were elected, and reports presented by the various societies of the church. Dr. Dunsmore asked for and was granted leave of absence for three months, to visit the Holy Land and Egypt and other places on the Continent. He expects to start about the end of May and will probably return during August.

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