

HOP-PICKING BEGINS THIS WEEK

Train Loads of Pickers Arriving Daily To Harvest The Hop Crop of the World.

Thursday Witnessed the Greatest Activity Among Hoppickers and Hop Growers this Year.

The hop harvest of 1912 has commenced in this vicinity and the city is thronged with people from all parts of the country going to the different yards in this locality. In most of the yards, however, the general rush will not commence until the first of another week.

Harvest operation will be generally under way next week, and with favorable climatic conditions, there will be no letup until the crop is under cover. The rain Tuesday afternoon was just a little discouraging to pickers who arrived on the morning train and were transported by teams to the yards where they were employed, and some of the growers had a melancholy expression over the unfavorable appearance of the weather, but up to the present time no rain has fallen in a damaging degree, and it is believed that good weather will prevail through the season.

Most of the picking that started this week was actuated by a fear that damage to the crop might result if the hops were allowed to remain longer on the vines. In some of the yards where spraying was neglected, at the critical period, mold is said to have developed to some extent, and the growers in such cases are anxious to get their crops gathered with the least possible injury, taking chances even on premature picking in preference to waiting a few days or a week longer.

Every train and every boat running to Independence is bringing pickers, and by the end of this week the help will be on hand. It is said that pickers are easily obtained and unless unfavorable weather should set in and cause some to abandon the yards, the grower will have no trouble this season in securing help.

The crowd this season is better provided for in the way of hotel accommodations, but practically every available room in the city has been occupied every night this week. It is the opinion of some that the crowd is not so large at present as it was last year, but all are not on the ground at this writing and before the harvest is over the number of pickers may exceed that of the previous year.

The greatest arrival of pickers so far this week occurred on Thursday. The streets were lined with people and teams after the arrival of the morning train from Portland.

The Fifth Child Gone.

Wellington Fuller, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fuller, of this city, who has been critically ill for several days, passed away Sunday evening. The funeral was held at the home at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. F. N. Sandifur, pastor of the M. E. church, and interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

This is a very severe blow to Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, as it is the fifth child they have lost. They have the sincerest sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Starts Another Boat.

Besides making the regular trips with the launch, Independence, Cap. Claude Skinner will run the launch, Louise, between here and Salem during the hopping season.

The first trip was made Monday, and the boat is in charge of Cap. J. D. Mitchell of Portland. It leaves Independence in the morning, going to Salem and will run up as far as Hall's Ferry. From there it will run back to Salem and return to Independence in the evening. Besides the passenger service the launch will carry freight and express.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. B. F. Whiteaker and family wish to express their heartfelt thanks for the kindness and sympathy shown them by friends and neighbors during their recent bereavement.

AFTER THE BUSINESS

Oregon Electric to Provide Equipment at East Independence.

L. B. Cramer, electrical engineer for the Oregon Electric Railway Co., and C. M. Cunningham, of Portland, were in the city the latter part of last week making an estimate on the cost of building a hoist at the East Independence dock to take care of the freight and express business handled by the Oregon Electric people and Mr. Skinner.

Mr. Cramer stated that it is not very probable that the Oregon Electric people will build a road into Independence very soon, if ever, but they intend to make provisions to handle the freight business in and out of this city by means of the boat between here and East Independence. The plan is to erect a large hoist at the East Independence dock to be operated by electricity. It is also intimated that the company will establish an express office in this city.

A BIG PAY ROLL.

Thousands of Dollars Will Be Paid To Hop Pickers.

The enormity of this city as a hop section can be partly imagined when it is known that the Enterprise this week printed 35,000 hop checks for one grower. C. A. McLaughlin, who operates the H. Hirschberg ranch north of the city, and the man who gave this order, is only one of many large growers in this vicinity. It is safe to estimate that the pay roll of Independence during the next five or six weeks will exceed that of any one town in the state with the possible exception of Portland.

The hop harvesters number at least 10,000. These are making an average of \$3.00 per day for this one industry, or a combined pay roll of \$30,000 a day.

Another New Building.

C. R. Bise has purchased an option on the lots owned by Mrs. Jasper on the corner of Monmouth and Railroad streets, and he informs us that he will begin the construction of a three story building within a very short time.

Just who and what will occupy the building is not known definitely, but it is intimated that at least one room will be occupied by a theatre company.

Mr. Bise is not alone in the undertaking. Others will be interested in the enterprise with him in a financial way and the stock holders expect to make it a modern building in every respect.

Rural Mail Carriers Meet.

The rural letter carriers' association will meet at Dallas next Sunday and Monday. P. J. Dickinson as A. Parker of Independence, are on the committee of arrangements and will attend the meeting.

Polk county has the honor of entertaining the state rural carriers' association, and it is estimated that more than one hundred carriers will be present. The state association has a membership of 166. They will discuss ways and means of improving the service. Good roads is one of the principal subjects for discussion.

Farm House Robbed.

The house owned by John F. Robbins four and one-half miles north of Independence on the Salem road, was robbed Monday afternoon while the family was absent. The most valuable article missed is Mrs. Robbins' gold watch and chain. Some other articles of smaller value were taken. It is supposed to have been the work of some knight or knights of the road.

Foreclosure Proceedings.

B. F. Swope, attorney for C. W. Irvine, has commenced action in department No. 2 of Polk county circuit court against Mrs. Lulu Dornis and Van Dornis of this city to secure the payment of a certain note and mortgage and asks judgment in the sum of \$478, interest and attorney's fees.

C. G. Long was over from Tangent the fore part of the week.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 23D

New Features and Additional Equipment Augur Well For Coming School Year.

Hearty Co-Operation of Community With School Board Necessary For Success of Schools.

The city schools will open September 23d with a bright outlook for a progressive year. The personnel of the board of education is as follows: Chairman, C. D. Calbreath; Director, B. F. Swope; Treasurer, M. W. Mix; Clerk, Dr. Ketchum.

The schools are indeed fortunate in having a board composed of gentlemen of high standing and splendid integrity. They are alive to the situation and are equipping the schools in a thorough and up-to-date manner, which will put them on a solid basis and place them in the fore-ranks among the schools of the state.

The coming year is one of great promise. The board have added many improvements and they are contemplating more. The library has been replenished with new books from the state appropriation, new dictionaries have been purchased and the grade school building and grounds repaired and made more attractive. Other improvements already planned will be completed in the near future.

The board is making progress in the industrial lines and this is a feature interesting and essential. It is heretofore endorsed by the State Department, and other schools of the state have made great progress along these lines. No effort will be spared to give the pupils of Independence schools opportunities equal to any in Oregon.

A special course in manual training will be one of the new features introduced and the board plan to equip this department complete with excellent apparatus for a thorough practical course. The work will be adopted in the seventh and eighth grades and will continue through the four years of high school.

Greater facilities will be added to make the domestic science course a strong one, and everything will be arranged that will be necessary to make this course thorough and complete in detail.

The school has long been in need of a physical laboratory and heretofore there have been no facilities with which to teach the practical demonstration and actual experiments in the sciences of Physics, Botany, etc. The board are awake to the need and plan to strengthen the science department with a laboratory. This is a need of great importance to the standing of this school among other schools since the Universities and Colleges are eliminating from their accredited list all high schools not so recognized. The efforts of the board are heartily appreciated by the public at large, endorsed by all interested in the advancement of the city's schools and most of all by those who realize the great burden of responsibility that rests upon the shoulders of the board of directors.

Boost your schools, get in line with the forward movement, for the schools are the very foundation of a progressive city.

A word of praise is also due the board of directors for their fair-mindedness in selecting a faculty for the coming school year, Prof. Chute, elected as principal, is a man of much ability in educational work, and under his supervision the success of the schools is assured.

NEW BUSINESS HOUSES

Merchants Show Their Faith in the Future of Independence.

The first week in September will witness the advent of several new and valuable additions to the business interests of the city.

Wetherbee and Jones will move their stock of goods from the cannery building, where they have been stored for a couple of weeks, to the new building on Main street, erected by H. Hirschberg expressly for them. This stock comprises everything in the line of dry goods and has been selected by a man thoroughly conversant with every branch of merchandising.

The store with the immense stock of goods, will be a benefit to all Independence, as it will call a class of trade to this city which has heretofore gone elsewhere.

In the Whiteaker building on Main street, L. A. Carey, a merchant from Spokane, whose experience in general merchandising is unlimited, will open his store to the trade the fore part of next week. This house will carry a well selected stock of dry goods, notions, etc., and promises to be an important industry in the busy and bustling city, Independence.

But this is not all, W. W. Gaines opens a pool hall in the new building erected by Asa Taylor. A candy kitchen will be started in the store room vacated by A. Nelson this week, and O. Hodge of Seattle, has rented the dining room of the Independence Hotel and will open a restaurant at once.

With the improvements that are being made in store buildings and the increased stocks, Independence will be better prepared to handle the fall trade than ever before.

COMMENCED WORK

Independence & Monmouth Railroad Co. at Work on New Road.

Within sixty days cars will be run on the new railroad extension of the Independence & Monmouth railroad from this city to the Wigwrick hop ranch in the American bottoms, and the extension will be built to Buena Vista in the near future. Mr. Hirschberg, president of the road, put a large force of men and teams at work Wednesday, and the construction will be completed within a few weeks.

It became necessary to change the survey slightly and this caused some delay in the construction work, but the right of way has been secured to the Wigwrick ranch, and can easily be obtained to Buena Vista as soon as the company gets ready to build.

Since the article appeared in the Enterprise a couple of weeks ago, stating the purpose of the company, President Hirschberg has received numerous letters from Buena Vista and farmers in that vicinity expressing a willingness to render the new enterprise every possible assistance.

At The M. E. Church.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Classes for all.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Theme "A Christian in the Wrong Place." Epworth league at 7 p. m. Topic: "The Nobility of Youthful Enthusiasm." Evening service. Prof. F. S. Franklin of the Albany College, will deliver a sermon on education at 8 p. m. Good music and a cordial welcome.—F. N. Sandifur, Minister.

PIONEER OF POLK COUNTY DIES

B. F. Whiteaker Came to Oregon in 1848—A Resident of County Ever Since.

Funeral and Interment Held Near the Home Occupied by Whiteaker Family for Many Years.

B. F. Whiteaker, a pioneer resident of Polk county, died at his home near this city last Saturday, of paralysis.

While in the city on business one day last week Mr. Whiteaker was seized with a light stroke of paralysis, and was taken home in rather a critical condition, but under the care of his physician rallied and it became apparent that he would survive the stroke. But he suffered a relapse and death followed soon after.

Mr. Whiteaker was born in Illinois May 25, 1835, and came with his parents to Oregon in 1848. They located near this city where he has since made his home. He was twice married, his first wife being Narcissa Hammar, and to this union were born W. H. Whiteaker of Portland, A. J. Whiteaker of Raymond, Wash., Mrs. W. O. Cook of Eugene, and Mrs. Roe of Enterprise. After the death of his first wife he married Miss Adelaide Fetzer, to whom were born Mrs. Etta Kantner of Seattle, and Frank and Glen of Cocharan, Ore. The funeral was held at the home Monday afternoon and interment was made in the cemetery near the old homestead.

Uncle Ben, as he was familiarly called, is the last son of that pioneer Whiteaker family. He was a man of warm and generous impulse. His friends were numbered by his acquaintance, and he was a fine type of the pioneer. His hand was always ready and his home always open to assist the needy. His life was one that leaves a lasting memory.

Cap. Claude Skinner was in Salem Tuesday.

COUNCIL MEETS --BUSY SESSION

Franchise Ordinances Laid Over Until Regular Meeting—Vacating Ordinance Passed

Mayor and Entire Council in Attendance at Adjourned Session. Night Watch Appointed.

The adjourned meeting of the city council, Wednesday, was truly a business session. Mayor Eldridge called the meeting to order in the usual form and the entire council was present when the roll was called, except councilman Campbell, who came in later in his report, Mr. Hanna, chairman of the police committee recommended that the council dispense with the punch clock carried by the night watch.

The ordinance relative to vacating that portion of Monmouth street east of Main street was introduced for the third reading. In putting it on its final passage the vote was as follows: Mix, Bohannon, Campbell, Dixon, yes; Sperling and Hanna, no. A majority of the council having voted in favor of its passage the mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

It is understood that the land will be given to the Masonic lodge and Ross R. Nelson, who will erect a building thereupon and as a matter of consideration the lodge and Mr. Nelson will donate to the city \$1000.

The franchise ordinances, which have been held up so long, were laid over until the next regular meeting.

Davis & Son made application to the city for a license to operate a pool and billiard hall and on motion the application was accepted, placed on file, and the recorder instructed to issue the required license.

W. W. Gaines also applied for a license to conduct a pool and billiard hall. Lot Brown, employed as attorney for Davis & Son, presented a protest, contending that R. L. Gaines, and not W. W. Gaines, is responsible for the establishment of this new enterprise, and that the said R. L. Gaines agreed in writing not to start a like business as long as Davis & Son are operating the pool hall purchased from Gaines and Taylor. The council, however, looked upon this as a question for the courts to settle and ignored Brown's appeal entirely. The recorder was instructed to issue the license prayed for.

The recorder was instructed to pay \$390 interest due on warrants for paving held by the Independence National Bank, and also \$480 due on some sewer bonds.

J. H. Feagles was nominated as night watch to succeed P. J. Ducep, resigned, and his election was unanimous, the recorder having been instructed to cast a ballot for his election. It was also decided to dispense with the clock until October 1st.

W. M. Hamilton, who applied for a

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