

## JESSE McCORKLE KILLED BY AUTO

### Well Known Hop Buyer Meets Sudden Death In Automobile Accident at Eola.

#### Salem Police Are Notified and Make Immediate Investigation—Coroner Takes Charge of Body.

Jesse McCorkle, who has been employed at the Wigrich ranch since it has been under the management of his father-in-law, John Carmichael, met sudden death between here and Salem at about 11:30 Tuesday night, when his automobile went over an embankment near the water tank on the Salem and Independence road.

Mr. McCorkle left Salem alone in his car a few minutes after 11:00 o'clock that night, expecting to drive to the Wigrich ranch five miles south of this city. Just how the accident occurred, or what caused it will probably never be known. It is believed, however, that something went wrong with the steering apparatus on the car at this point of the road, and before the machine could be stopped it turned turtle over the embankment and crushed the driver to death instantly.

The overturned machine with Mr. McCorkle's mangled body beneath it was first seen by a couple of young men and their lady companions, who were going from Dallas to Salem. One of the girls, it is said, fainted at the sight of the man's crushed form, and for her relief the party hurried to Salem, not stopping to offer assistance, or to apprehend the unfortunate party.

#### Officers Are Notified.

When the party reached Salem the police were notified by the young men and one of them took W. W. Gaines and C. N. Matlock to the scene of the accident in a very few minutes. They reached the spot where Mr. McCorkle met his death within one hour from the time the accident occurred, but only to find the driver dead, and it is the opinion of the officers that death was almost instantaneous.

Mr. Matlock went to Eola and telephoned to Coroner Chapman at Dallas, obtaining permission to turn the body over to Coroner Clough at Salem, who was also notified of the accident and made immediate investigation and took charge of the body.

The bank over which the car plunged is about five feet, but it is not regarded as a dangerous place. It is clearly evident that the machine was not in good repair.

Jesse McCorkle was well known in this city, and at Salem where he has lived nearly all of his life. During the past summer he lived on the Wigrich ranch, but had moved back to Salem for the winter only recently. He has been engaged in the hop business one way and another for a number of years. He was about 30 years of age and is survived by a wife and one child.

#### Sheriff Sells Silverware.

Sheriff Grant sold a consignment of silverware on the streets of Independence last Saturday to secure costs of an action started some time ago by the Sterling Silver Co. against R. H. Knox of this city. Mr. Knox won the case and the sheriff attached the goods consigned to the defendant, and sold the same to get money to pay costs of the case.

#### Will Sell Fine Horses.

O. T. Murphy will hold an auction sale at his farm in American Bottoms six miles southeast of this city, on Wednesday, October 9th, and has a number of very fancy driving horses with speed records included in the lot. See his ad in this issue.

#### Three Squashes Make Load.

Walter Huntley came to the city Tuesday with a wagon load of squashes and the total number comprising the load was three. It was not a very big wagon, but they were monster squashes.

#### WILL INCORPORATE

##### Dr. Mott & Company Will Plant 240 Acres To Loganberries.

Dr. W. S. Mott of Salem, one of the owners of the 290 acre farm north of this city which was recently purchased from Van Walters, was in the city Friday.

Dr. Mott says they will incorporate under the name of the Oregon Loganberry Culture & Land Co., with a capital stock of \$50,000. They will begin immediately to make extensive improvements in the place and during the coming summer will plant it to Loganberries.

This is a handsome piece of property and when fully developed according to the plans laid will be one of the most valuable farms in Polk county.

#### Says It Will Grow.

Geo. Wilcox and family, of Cornelius, visited in the city Sunday. Mr. Wilcox was for many years station agent in this city.

In speaking of the wonderful improvements made in Independence, Mr. Wilcox said the city has developed more in the year that he has been resident than it has during the past thirteen years previous. And he is firm in the belief that it will continue to develop.

Mr. Wilcox is one of the oldest railroad employees in the state, having served in the capacity of agent and operator for more than thirty-two years, and most of that time was in the office at Independence.

#### Will Drill 200 Feet Well.

Sloper Brothers have secured the contract of drilling the well at Monmouth for the city water system. It seems that the contract had been let to a party at Dallas, but he could not secure the necessary equipment to complete the work according to the plans and specifications and the work was then turned over to the Independence well drillers. It is to be a ten inch well and probably 200 feet deep.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Sloper went to Portland Tuesday where the former will buy tools and other necessary articles to complete the contract, and it is expected that the work will be commenced during the early part of next week.

#### Held Pleasant Meeting.

Last Wednesday evening the members of the Fraternal Union held a very pleasant meeting in the K. of P. Hall. At this meeting several resolutions were read and the members are now planning for a grand time at the initiation which will be held in the near future.

This lodge is one of the most popular beneficiary orders in the west, and is rapidly pushing forward in Independence. During the coming winter they anticipate a large increase in their membership.

#### Dr. Hewitt is Plaintiff.

Dr. L. L. Hewitt is plaintiff in an action started in Judge Wilson's court against Mrs. Lindsey who lives a few miles north of this city. Personal property belonging to the lady has been attached and the case will come up for trial next week. Jas. Hilliard, et al, are said to have assigned accounts against the lady to Dr. Hewitt, who sues to recover the claims.

#### Will Elect Officers.

Annual election of officers of the Polk County Soldiers and Sailors Association will be held at the Armory in Dallas at 2 p. m., Saturday, Oct. 5, 1912. It is earnestly requested that all veterans of the civil war in our county be present on that day, as it is the closing day of the County Fair. It is the intention to hold a County Soldiers' Reunion each year hereafter.

#### Pedee Man Passes Away.

Harry Lacey died at his home at Pedee Friday night at 12 o'clock after a lingering illness with tuberculosis. The funeral was held at the family home Sunday.

This is the second death in that home within two weeks. Mr. Lacey's daughter having died with spinal meningitis a week or ten days previous.

### REMEMBER: THE SINGLE TAX SERPENT MUST BE FED!



## WHAT DID BULL MOOSERS DO?

### They Hold Secret Session and Enterprise Man Didn't Have the Pass Word.

#### M. Goetz Also Considered Incurable And Could Get No Line On The Meeting.

A number of Bull Moosers from Dallas were in the city Saturday evening and it is said that they effected an organization in this city, but if so it was done so quietly that but few knew anything about it. Mike Goetz, prefect committee man, and the Enterprise man undertook to join their ranks, long enough at least to obtain some knowledge of the affair, but they refused to admit us on the ground that "twenty men can drive a horse to water, but a pencil must be lead."

#### Consider River Improvement.

A delegation from the Commercial Club went to Albany yesterday to attend a meeting made up of delegates from the different Valley towns interested in the proposed improvement of the Willamette River. There is some question as to the feasibility of a six-foot channel from Oregon City to Corvallis and this will probably be settled at this meeting.

#### Candidates Active.

Since the harvest is nearly over and the busy season passing for the present, county candidates find it possible to look around in their own interests.

Election is drawing near, and there is work that need be done before the 5th of November.

#### Suffers An Operation.

Miss Retta Cuthbert, accompanied by her mother and sister, Effie, left for Dallas Tuesday evening where the former will suffer an operation for a pediculitis.

#### Visits Her Parents.

N. W. Chirns and wife of Colfax, Wash., arrived in the city Monday evening and are visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Russell.

#### At the M. E. Church.

Sunday School and the usual services at the M. E. church next Sunday. Morning subject: "The Most Profitable Crop to Grow." Evening subject: "Why Fire Burns."

## QUICK ACTION SAVES BUILDING

### Chemical Fire Extinguisher is Brought Into Play at Conkey & Walker's.

#### Conflagration Narrowly Averted By Timely Discovery of a Blaze in Rear of Store.

Fire originating in a pile of rubbish in the rear of Conkey & Walker's store Friday afternoon, came near causing a serious conflagration. Just how the fire started is something of a mystery, but it is presumed that some careless smoker threw a lighted cigar stub into the rubbish as he was passing through the alley.

Henry Ford, one of the clerks at the store happened to go into the warehouse for something when he discovered a blaze ranking up the back end of the building about fifteen feet. He immediately gave alarm and the private fire extinguisher kept in the store was put into service. The blaze was extinguished before any damage was done, but it was a narrow escape. Had the fire burned a few minutes longer it would have been beyond control, and considerable damage would have been the result.

The fire was extinguished so quickly and so quietly that only a few feet of work in the immediate vicinity knew anything about it, and the assistance of the fire department was not required.

When the fire was discovered it was eating its way to the warehouse back of Zed Rosendorf's store. There is no telling what the result would have been if it had started in the night or had a few minutes more to get started.

#### Brant-Addison Wedding.

Mr. Harrison H. Brant and Miss Millie Addison, both of Independence, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Addison, southeast of this city, Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Brant is a young ranchman of splendid worth, and has been living on a farm two miles southwest of Monmouth. Miss Addison is one of the very highly respected young ladies of this vicinity.

The young couple departed immediately after the ceremony for southern California, where they intend to make their future home.

S. H. McElmurry injured his foot a couple of weeks ago by having a rusty nail penetrate the member. He is now able to navigate by the use of crutches.

#### DIES FROM OPERATION

##### Mrs. Bloch's Death Caused From Diseased Kidney, Say Doctors.

Mrs. Will H. Bloch's death, a brief mention of which was made in the Enterprise last week, followed an operation at the hospital in Portland.

For some time it has been the belief of relatives of the unfortunate woman that she was suffering from tuberculosis, and the Enterprise stated that her death was caused from that dreaded disease, but the operation revealed the fact that her long suffering was caused from a diseased kidney, the probable result of an accident when she was quite young.

Frank M. Tozer, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tozer, was born in Ashland, Oregon, March 21, 1887, and most of her life was spent in that vicinity. September 20, 1910, she was married at Portland to Will H. Bloch, and until a year ago last April, when they moved to Independence, they lived in that city. Her death occurred in Portland on the 22nd of September.

During her long suffering she was given everything to comfort her that money and skill could provide.

Mrs. Bloch was a kind and affectionate young lady and had many warm friends in this city who regret her early departure in life.

Her remains were shipped to Ashland last week and the funeral was held, per her parents' request, under the trees at the old home place where she played so often in her happy childhood. Interment was made in the Ashland cemetery, where Mr. Tozer has owned a lot since 1847, and Mrs. Bloch is the first member of the family to be buried there. The funeral address was delivered by Rev. Van Fosen, of Astoria, a friend of the family, and who was attending the M. E. conference at that place when the funeral was held.

Mr. Bloch returned from Ashland Friday.

#### Buys Polk County Farm.

E. E. Tripp reports the sale of the Baisy farm located one mile north of Independence, to Ben Leask of London.

Mr. Leask and family are well pleased with Independence and will begin at once to make improvements in the place where they expect to make a life home.

#### Will Buy More Seats.

At a meeting of the school board held last Monday it was voted to purchase more seats for the high school building and also to erect a new woodshed. Improvements continue.

#### Need More Houses.

Lewis von Gal, who purchased the Perce farm last week, has also purchased 30 acres adjoining it from Joe Craven. Mr. Pease intended to move to Independence, but was unable to find a house and has moved to Monmouth for the winter. Some one, it seems, ought to build a few more houses to rent.

## COUNCIL SAYS NO FRANCHISE

### City Dads Vote Down The Two Franchise Ordinances After Long Deliberation.

#### May Introduce Ordinance At Adjourned Meeting, Granting Franchise For Water Plant.

In the absence of Mayor Eldridge President Mix called the council to order in the usual place and form on Wednesday evening. Members of the council present were Messrs. Bohannon, Campbell, Dixon, Hanna and Sperling. Aside from the regular routine of business little business was transacted.

One important feature was an order made to have this foot-bridge repaired immediately. The ordinance intended to grant a franchise to H. Hirschberg for the construction and maintenance of an electric light and water system, which was introduced three or four months ago, was taken up and placed on its final passage, but was lost by the following vote: Messrs. Bohannon and Dixon, yes; Messrs. Campbell, Hanna and Sperling, no. The ordinance intended to grant Mr. Hirschberg a street railway franchise was also treated in the same manner. Toward the close of the session, however, Mr. Campbell made a motion to the effect that the ordinance committee bring in a bill for an ordinance granting to Mr. Hirschberg a franchise for the construction of a water plant and the motion prevailed.

The council adjourned to meet on Wednesday of next week.

Verd Hill, democratic candidate for representative, and A. B. Robinson, democratic candidate for county clerk made a trip over in the northern part of the county Tuesday, with August Sperling at the wheel of the Overland.

Mr. Underwood of Humboldt county, passed through the city Wednesday enroute to Woodburn, where he goes to visit friends. He was very much pleased with Independence and the surrounding country.

There will be a meeting of the W. O. W. Camp Friday evening in Woodman hall and all members are requested to be present, as there is important business to come before the meeting.

W. S. Kurze purchased S. H. Clodfelter's house Tuesday, and Mr. Clodfelter has purchased a lot from J. G. McIntosh on G. street, and will build at once.

Parties are here from Portland today taking inventory of Zed Rosendorf's stock of goods. What disposition will be made of the stock is not known. Mr. Rosendorf is now in a hospital at Portland.

# Just Received

Our new clothing for Fall and Winter. If you want something GOOD at the RIGHT price we can give it to you



Yours truly,  
**O. A. KREAMER**