



ENRAGED MAN USES A KNIFE

Wm. McDonald Is Seriously Cut In Head and Face By An Angry Rancher.

Homer Is Arrested In This City After Drawing Money From Bank Tuesday Morning.

Because he was rebuked for not doing his work properly at the Wigrich ranch south of this city, Tom Homer, a transient who has been employed at that place for a couple of months, assaulted Wm. McDonald Monday afternoon, with a knife and the latter received two ugly wounds in the face and head.

According to McDonald's story, Homer has been abusive to him and also to Frank Fluke, under whom he was working.

McDonald was in the city Monday forenoon and upon reaching the ranch about noon he was advised of Homer's conduct. He informed the employee that his services would be no longer required, when a discussion arose over the amount of money Homer had coming, whereupon he took a knife from his pocket and made a desperate rush at the foreman. In trying to avoid injury Mr. McDonald fell, but before he struck the ground the sharp pointed blade penetrated his right cheek, passing entirely through the flesh, and leaving a gash nearly four inches in length. The knife came very near reaching the jugular vein. McDonald turned his face in an effort to avoid further injury, but the enraged man thrust the knife blade into the back of his head, inflicting a more serious wound than the first. It is surprising that McDonald was not killed.

Homer, having seemed to accomplish his purpose, said he wanted Fluke next. But he evidently realized the seriousness of the case and fled to the woods without even going to the house after his coat or to get his pay.

With blood running from his wound McDonald drove to this city, a distance of five miles, before anything was done for his relief. In the meantime J. H. Feagles was sent in pursuit of the offender, but by the time he reached the scene of the affray Homer was not to be found.

He evidently found his way to Independence during the night, as he engaged a room at the lodging house near the depot. The next morning he drew his money out of the bank and stepped into a barber shop to have his mustache shaved off, when he was arrested by Marshal Tupper and taken before Judge Wilson. In court he waived examination and was bound over to the grand jury. Sheriff Grant came over from Dallas Tuesday and took the prisoner to jail.

People at the ranch say Homer has acted strangely for some time and it is believed that he is not entirely sane. He is said to have taken the Keeley cure for the drink habit and some are inclined to think that it has effected his mind. He always seemed to think that people were all working against him.

BASKETS SOLD WELL

Rebekah Lodge Gives Interesting Social Friday Evening.

Baskets representing all manner of things from a log cabin to the launch, Independence, were seen at the social held last Friday evening in the Oddfellows Hall, by the Rebekah lodge, and they were filled with delicacies suitable for any occasion. The baskets were put up at auction, W. L. Blee wielding the hammer, and made them go at from 50 cents to \$3.00. Most of the baskets sold for more than \$1.00 each. It was truly an enjoyable occasion. The bidding was brisk and interesting, and considerable competition was manifested in some instances. Mrs. J. E. Hubbard's basket sold for the highest price, it having brought \$3.00.

Before the baskets were sold a short program was rendered, and after supper a few hours were spent in dancing. The occasion was a success from beginning to end.

AGED WOMAN DIES

Airlie Lady Passes Away at the Age of 97 Years.

Mrs. Martha Simpson, aged 97 year and 14 days, died at her home near Airlie last Friday morning.

Martha Jackson was born in Franklin county, Tenn., November 8, 1815. In 1830 she moved with her parents to Alabama, and after three years went to Arkansas. She lived in Arkansas for ten years and was married there to Isaac Middleton Simpson on August 16, 1835. They moved to Missouri and remained one year, and crossed the plains to Oregon by ox team in 1845. They arrived in this state during the month of October, and settled in Airlie in December of the same year, where she has since resided.

Four children were born, three of whom are still living. Mr. Simpson died in 1887.

They Like Oregon.

Mrs. John Grounds and daughter and Mrs. Kooch and son of Kansas, are visiting at the home of their cousin, P. P. Grounds, south of the city, and expect to spend the winter in Oregon. They are well pleased with the country and will probably locate here permanently in the near future.

NEED NOT REGISTER

We stated in the Enterprise last week that it would be necessary for women to register before voting in the municipal election December 2. In looking up the law we find that it has no bearing upon municipal elections in cities of this size, consequently women of the city who have attained the age of 21 years, are eligible to vote.

For Thanksgiving.

Knowing our admiration for pumpkin pie Mrs. Thomas Fennell sent us a big ripe pumpkin this week to make our Thanksgiving more complete. And to show that pumpkins are not all they produce on the east side of the river she included a big mess of potatoes—all in one, and a red-top cabbage. Surely we are thankful.

At The Catholic Church.

Sunday, December 1st, services will be held in the Catholic church at 7:30 a. m.

The social meeting that took place last week at Mrs. Wm. Huff's residence was well attended and we intend to keep them up at least every other week. Thanks to all those who answered the invitation.

Will Be Appreciated.

Thanksgiving is an all important time of the year for the children at the receiving home of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon to receive donations from those who wish to render assistance to a good cause. The home will be glad to receive any contributions you may have to offer. Send your donations, large or small, and be assured that they will be appreciated.

All donations will be carried free by the boat and railroad companies.

Sudden Death.

J. R. Zook, brother of Mrs. Cochran of this city, was found dead in his room at Portland last Saturday morning. Mrs. Cochran and her uncle, Mr. Johnson, went to Portland immediately upon receiving the sad intelligence of Mr. Zook's death, and took charge of his remains.

Mr. Zook had lived in Oregon only a few months.

Just a Suggestion.

Prospects are favorable for a glass factory in Independence. Incorporation papers have been filed in the secretary of state's office—this much is a fact—and it is reported upon good authority that the incorporators have purchased an option on North Main street property in this city. The parties were here last Friday looking over the field.

Gone Down To Stay



—From the Chicago Inter Ocean.

STATE NORMAL IS INSPECTED

Southern Pacific Railroad Co. Runs Excursion Train to Monmouth, Saturday.

Yamhill and Washington County Teachers Spend a Day at the State Institution.

Nearly 200 teachers from Yamhill and Washington counties made an excursion from McMinnville Saturday to observe the work of the Oregon Normal School.

Regular class work was carried on and every effort was made to give the visitors a clear conception of what is accomplished daily in each line of work. The three regular lines of work were presented as usual in the training school.

The domestic science department served lunch to all the guests.

Miss Brenton, head of the art department, gave an illustrated lecture and Miss Parrott, of the English department, gave a lecture on Shakespeare's tragic drama, "Macbeth." It was also illustrated. Short talks by President Ackerman and Superintendent Duncan were given, after which a number of musical selections were beautifully rendered.

At 4 o'clock everyone repaired to the gymnasium to observe Miss Wilcox's gymnastic classes. One division gave a splendid demonstration of folk dancing, followed by another class which gave regular gymnastic drill.

DAVIS APPEALS CASE

Losing Case in Justice Court, Defendant Carries it Higher.

A. S. Davis has appealed the case which he lost last week in Justice court, and the matter will probably be decided in circuit court next month.

This rather unusual the sale and subsequent lease of the J. H. Collins farm north of Monmouth, which was given to F. O. Parker previous to his commencing proceedings against Davis to get him off the place. There is no telling when the end will be reached now. Mr. Parker, however, has taken a lease on Mr. Collins' farm west of this city and a new house will be erected for him at once. Mr. Parker will move his family here from Woodburn this week.

Old Couple Wed.

Mr. L. C. Bennett and Mrs. Hilda Ball, both well known residents of this city, were married at Dallas on Saturday of last week. In the evening the boys gave them the usual reception accorded old, and sometimes young people, under similar circumstances.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett will reside in North Independence.

CIRCUIT COURT ON NEXT WEEK

Independence Furnishes Both Criminal and Civil Cases For This Term.

Several Cases of Local Interest Will Be Disposed of in Circuit Court Next Week.

The December term of Polk County Circuit Court convenes in Dallas next Monday. The docket contains several cases of local interest. Markey Hibbard, who was recently bound over to the grand jury, will probably come before the court this term. Mr. Hibbard is now being held in the county jail on a charge of forgery, the particulars of which are known to our readers, having been published in The Enterprise a few weeks ago.

The case of Davis, vs. Collins, appealed from justice court in this city last week, is another action which will be watched with great interest on the part of Independence people. This case was tried in Justice Wilson's court last week and a jury of six men found a verdict for the plaintiff, J. H. Collins. Mr. Davis has appealed the case to circuit court.

Alex. Boley, who is just finishing a six months' term in the county jail, having been found guilty of unlawful cohabitation, in circuit court last spring, is likely to face a charge of rape, the case having been continued from last term. The docket this term is quite lengthy.

We Need a New Play-house.

From the manner in which people crowd the Star theatre every night it would seem that another and more adequate play-house in Independence would be a successful investment.

This one house is inadequate to accommodate the crowds of theatre going people in this city, and is uncomfortable in its almost nightly packed condition.

It has been reported several times that Nelson & Henkle expect to put up a new house—it is hoped they will—but so far as can be learned nothing more than making the plans and specifications has been accomplished. It is hoped that something will be done immediately in the way of providing more comfortable quarters for the entertainments.

Buys Blooded Stock.

W. H. Bloch returned from Portland this week where he has been attending the stock show. Mr. Bloch purchased three blooded Short-horn cows and one bull, which were shipped to this city. It is surely a fine bunch of stock.

Mr. Bloch was in The Dalles during the week and there purchased a fine saddle horse which he will use in connection with his stock business.

May Re-count Ballot.

Arthur Allen of Rickreall, was in the city Friday. Mr. Allen was the defeated candidate for county assessor and thinks he has found reason to ask for a re-count of the ballots. According to the official count he was just three votes behind the democratic candidate. He claims to have found precincts where ballots were thrown out because of alleged improper marking at the head of the ticket, and in these he would have received a sufficient number to put him in office. Other things, it is said, have occurred to warrant a re-count, and the case will come up in the December term of circuit court.

First Game of Season.

The basket ball season was opened in this city Monday evening, when the Sophies, and Freshies played the Juniors. The former team won by a score of 10 to 8.

Wednesday evening a game was played between the second team of Dallas and the Independence second team, which resulted in favor of the former. Score 25 to 17.

THE ENTERPRISE FREE

We will send the Enterprise free for three months to any person now living outside of Polk county, whose former home was in this county. In order to have the Enterprise sent free the names of these former Polk county folks must be sent to this office during the first half of December, '12. Send in the names of your son, daughter or friend, who has moved from here and The Enterprise will go to them 3 months free of charge. This is a plan to aid in the contest to be inaugurated next week.

Rickreall Couple Wed.

The marriage of Miss Esther Edger to Harry Sherwood, both of Rickreall, occurred at high noon yesterday at the home of the bride's parents near Crowley Station. Rev. J. W. Osborne officiating. The wedding was attended by about 40 of the relatives of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Edger left immediately after the wedding feast for Portland and Oregon City for a short honeymoon, after which they will be at home in Aurora, Oregon, where Mr. Sherwood is interested in business. The bride is well known in the vicinity of her home as one of the most charming of ladies and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Edgar, old-time residents of that community.—Polk Co. Observer.

Addressed The Students.

Rev. McFarland, pastor of the Baptist church in this city, and Rev. Vine, pastor of the Baptist church in Dallas, delivered interesting addresses before the students of the High School in this city Wednesday morning. Rev. Vine is assisting Rev. McFarland in a series of meetings in progress this week.

LUMBERMEN HERE FROM CHICAGO

Financiers of the Independence Mill Project Inspect The Grounds Wednesday.

Eastern Capitalists Enjoy Visit in Independence.—Highly Pleased With The Situation.

E. R. Hutchins and Wm. Cobb of Chicago, two of the financiers of the Independence saw mill project, and Fred Belcher, President of the Falls City Lumber Company, were in the city Wednesday, looking over the situation. Mr. Hutchins was accompanied by his wife.

The entire party seemed very much pleased with the preliminary work that has already been accomplished and offered expressions of delight over the prospects for the future.

Mr. Belcher said there is little that can be done now until we can make arrangements for the construction work to begin, which will be within a very short time. Independence citizens have completed their part of the contract in subscribing the money required to purchase the mill site and pay the bonus asked by the company. More than \$5000 has been paid over to the committee in charge and the money placed on deposit in the banks. Wednesday a sufficient amount was drawn in favor of Mr. Nelson to pay for the land, and the deed was delivered immediately.

Messrs. Belcher, Hutchins and Cobb visited the mill site while in the city and they regard it as an ideal location for a lumbering enterprise. The gentlemen returned to Portland in the afternoon on the Oregon Electric, but they will visit Independence again before the eastern members of the company return to Chicago, and in the meantime arrangements will be made to put a crew of men at work excavating for the mill and pond.

Notwithstanding reports and insinuations to the contrary, the saw mill will be established in this city, and before September 1st, 1913, lumber from the Independence mill will be put on the market. Not only is it a certainty that a new mill will be established, but it is more than probable that a railroad will be constructed from Independence to the Siletz country, from which the timber for the mill will be taken.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold their annual Bazaar in the Opera House on Friday, December 6. An excellent literary and musical program has been prepared for the occasion and a one act drama will be rendered. Full program will be published next week.

The Needle Craft of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Geo. Graves next Wednesday.

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Yours truly,

O. A. KREAMER

Jeweler and Optician