



## ENGINE COLLIDES WITH HAND CAR

### I. & M. Train Runs Down Road Workers and Instantly Kills One Man.

Fog Said to be Primary Cause of Locomotive Striking Hand Car North of Independence.

A serious accident occurred near Bala on Thursday of last week when the I. & M. morning train ran down a hand car and instantly killed F. Fukuda, a Japanese laborer in the employ of the Salem, Falls City & Western railway. The car conveyed M. Manston and three laborers besides the unfortunate Fukuda.

A dense fog enveloped the river bottoms that morning and the accident is probably due to this cause.

S. H. McElmurry, who was selected by President Hirschberg to visit the scene of the accident Friday, relates the circumstance in substance something as follows:

The hand car on which the laborers were riding, was traveling eastward, following the morning train from Dallas. They were expecting the Independence train, but the fog prevented their view until the engine was within a few yards of the car. The fog also made it impossible for Engineer Dorasife to see a great distance ahead. As soon as the approaching engine was observed close in the rear, Mr. Manston applied the brakes to the machine in an attempt to stop it, but finding this would be impossible he told the men to jump, which all did, but Fukuda in some manner, fell across the track and the train passed over his body, cutting it in two. The slippery condition of the track made it impossible for Mr. Dorasife to bring his engine to a stop for some time and it ran fully 300 feet before he realized the seriousness of the accident.

This is said to be the fourth fatal accident that Mr. Dorasife has witnessed during his railroad career, but no blame is attached to him on account of the accident Thursday. Had the atmosphere been clear the car could have been seen fully 800 feet ahead at that point, but that morning it was difficult to observe an object more than 100 feet ahead.

Coroner Chapman took the body to Dallas and an inquest was held which brought out the facts as related above.

#### Says Roads are Bad.

J. B. Parker of Orville, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Parker said it had been a month since his previous visit to Independence, and it will be another month before he comes again unless there is some improvement in the road, which is not very likely at this time of the year.

The rural service was abandoned between that point and Salem for a short time, but the roads are better between there and Salem than they are between Orville and Independence.

#### Too Much Fog.

The Pomona did not make its trip up to Corvallis Saturday night on account of the dense fog which covered the river, and was obliged to lay up a little way below East Independence until daylight Sunday morning.

#### Would Sell Stock.

Parties were in the city last week endeavoring to sell stock in the big fruit ranch at Derry. So far as can be learned but few of our people were interested.

Prof. Peck of the O. A. C., was in the city Saturday working in the interest of the athletic department of our high school.

Don't fail to attend the Bazaar at the M. E. church Friday and Saturday.

Miss Kora Browne will visit friends in Albany Saturday and Sunday.

## INSTRUCTORS HERE

Speak Very Encouragingly of the School Work in Polk County.

State Superintendent Alderman of Salem, Dr. Buttrick of Rockefeller Institute, New York City, Dr. Foster of Reed Institute of Portland, and County School Superintendent, H. C. Seymour of Dallas, were in the city Tuesday. They came over from Salem in an auto and were on a tour of inspection of those rural schools doing home credit work, having selected Polk county schools. The party went from here to Buena Vista. Dr. Buttrick is especially interested in this work, which is his chief mission in the west.

The able instructors expressed themselves as being much pleased with the educational work as it is conducted in Polk county.

## Masons Will Build.

Preparatory to tearing down the old warehouse at the foot of Monmouth street and erecting a new building in its place, J. D. Hibbs & Company have been asked by the Masonic lodge to vacate the building in thirty days, and in consequence of this request Messrs. Hibbs & Co. are closing out their entire line of vehicles, farm implements, etc., therein contained at greatly reduced prices.

The new building will be occupied by Hibbs & Co. and will give them much more store capacity and a much better room than they have had.

The lodge will join walls with Nelson & Henkle, who will begin work about the first of the year on their new play house. With these two handsome structures finished, the south portion of Main street will be greatly improved in appearance.

## Government Wants More Money.

Postmaster Merwin has received instructions from the First Assistant Postmaster General to increase the price of rental for post office boxes commencing with January 1, 1913. Boxes heretofore renting for 35 cents will cost 45 cents per quarter; 45 cent boxes have been increased to 60 cents and mail drawers formerly rented for 60 cents will cost 75 cents after January 1st.

These conditions are brought about by the increased patronage of the office, which has given it a higher rating. From this it can be seen that Independence will soon be entitled to free delivery.

## Deposits \$65,000.

A mistake was made in the report of the Farmers State Bank published in The Enterprise last week and we publish the correct statement this week. The individual deposits are \$65,000 instead of \$25,000 as published. The deposits show a good gain over the preceding quarter and it is certainly a good showing for an institution established only a little more than six months.

## Foils A Foul Plot.

When a shameful plot exists between liver and bowels to cause distress by refusing to act, take Dr. King's New Life Pills, and end such abuse of your system. They gently compel right action of stomach, liver and bowels, and restore your health and all good feelings. 25c at all druggists.

## Birthday Dinner.

A birthday dinner was given at the home of Mrs. Susan Jones, Wednesday which was made in the form of a reunion of the pioneer family and it was a very pleasant occasion, attended by numerous relatives.

The event was her seventy-second anniversary, and all or the children were present except two daughters.

## New Delivery.

I. O. Young has a neat pony and delivery cart in connection with his meat market. He commenced the new service last Saturday and it is giving universal satisfaction among his patrons.

## Notice To Breeders.

I claim to be the owner of the best bull in Oregon.—H. Lalberly.

## QUICK ACTION SAVES BUILDING

### Burning Film at the Moving Picture Show Comes Near Causing Fire.

Panic in the Moving Picture Show is Narrowly Averted by Quick Action of Operator.

Quick action on the part of Ray Lacey, operator at the Star Theatre, prevented a serious conflagration and possible panic at the show Tuesday evening, when he hurled a blazing film out of the front window to the street. The work was done so suddenly and so quietly that but few in the room were cognizant of the situation until the danger was all over.

During the progress of the motion picture show a film became ignited from the arc light, and but for the presence of mind of the operator the front end of the building would probably have been enveloped in flames before anything could have been done to prevent it, and the play-house, a frame structure, might have been entirely destroyed together with other adjoining buildings. While the celluloid film was blazing fiercely Mr. Lacey threw it from the window. Not until it struck the walk in front and finished burning did anyone inside know that the accident had occurred.

Aside from the entire destruction of the film, which is valued at \$150, and a slight burn sustained by the operator, no damage was done. It was a close call to say the least. Had the fire become uncontrollable there is no telling what the result would have been. The operating room is situated above the main entrance and exit, and the only means of escape aside from this is through a side door at the rear of the building.

With a crowd of men, women and children in the room, a panic could not have been averted if the fire had, by some mismanagement, been allowed to spread.

## Chrysanthemum Fair and Bazaar.

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold their Bazaar and Chrysanthemum Fair in the church parlors on Friday and Saturday of this week. Friday evening an excellent program will be rendered by local talent, in which they will be assisted by Miss Liston, a reader of considerable fame. The price of admission is 10 and 15 cents. Home cooking will be on sale Saturday afternoon.

## Change in Time Card.

The Oregon Electric Schedule will be changed Sunday, December 15, 1912. Persons desiring information regarding same should phone G. C. Skinner or Williams Drug Store. The time card will appear in our next issue.

## New Building Going Up

The Independence National Bank is erecting a building west of the bank building on Monmouth street, which will be occupied by McBeth & Wiltshire, Plumbers. The building they now occupy will be torn down as soon as it can be vacated.

Miller & Karne, the cabinet makers who have a shop in the north room of the Garage building, are so well pleased with the patronage they are receiving that they expect soon to put in new machinery and become better equipped to do the work. They are turning out some very creditable furniture.

Mrs. M. W. Wallace will sell for the next two weeks. Winter Millinery at your own price, as she desires to close it out, and her store will be closed after the first of the year for a few weeks. Next door to post office.

G. P. Graham of Newberg, visited his son, L. L. Graham, the fore part of the week. He likes Independence and hopes to locate here in the near future.

## NEWS SO OLD AS TO BE NEW

Items Taken From The West Side Enterprise Published November 8th, 1883.

Hon. F. A. Patterson, one of the pioneers who went east, returned the first of the week.

I. Clegggett is building a shipping house on the river bank near the Vandoy & Smith warehouse.

The new shingle mill will soon be in operation and will turn out many thousands of shingles.

J. R. Cooper is advertising a lot of brick for sale. No occasion for defective lines.

Rev. J. R. N. Bell of Corvallis, will preach in the M. E. church at this place Sunday, next, morning and evening.

The new seats for the public school have been ordered by the directors. The seats will come from Portland, and are models of ease and comfort.

The members of the Christian church have purchased a lot on the corner of Third and D streets and will erect a building as soon as sufficient funds can be raised.

For several weeks a small steam launch being constructed near Douy's saw mill at the foot of C street, has been the object of great interest to many of our citizens.

## EXCELLENT WORK

M. A. Baker is An Artist at the Age of Seventy-five.

While at the Soldiers' Home in California recently M. A. Baker busied himself in making many beautiful ornaments from eucalyptus, some of which he brought home with him.

He has an eucalyptus portrait of his own make on exhibition at L. G. Reeves' store which shows remarkable ingenuity on the part of the venerable soldier, who is past 75 years of age.

While others at the home were idle and discontented, Mr. Baker was making himself useful and happy, and his visit in the south was profitable as well as a pleasure.

## Home Team Wins.

The Independence High School basket ball team defeated the Mt. Angel Athletic Club in a game at that place Saturday night by a score of 30 to 17. The Independence boys out-played them throughout and the game was at no time in danger. The home boys took the lead soon after the game began and held the best of their opponents to the finish.

## Buys 11 Cent Hops.

C. L. Fitchard, last week, purchased 387 bales of hops from Walker Brothers of this city at 14c per pound and 62 bales from Peter Heater at 11c. The hops purchased from the Walker lot is said to be the best lot in this vicinity that was unsold at that time.

## Famous Stage Beauties

look with horror on Skin Eruptions, Blisters, Sores or Pimples. They don't have them, nor will anyone who uses Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It glorifies the face. Eczema or Salt Rheum vanishes before it. It cures sore lips, chapped hands, chilblains; heals all burns, cuts and bruises. Unequaled for piles. Only 25c at all druggists.

Annual Shareholders' Meeting. Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Independence National Bank will be held on the Second Tuesday in January (January 14, 1913) between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., at the bank for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1912.

R. R. DeARMOND,  
Cashier.

J. L. Hanna, J. G. McIntosh and A. Whitney were in Salem Tuesday to attend a meeting held to consider the matter of a deeper Willamette river.

## MONMOUTH SETS BETTER SERVICE

### Railroad Commissioners Hear Complaints of Citizens at Normal School Town.

Railroad Officials Blame the Local Agents for Conditions at Monmouth, and Promise Relief.

Messrs. Field, Scott and Ormstead, Southern Pacific officials, and Mr. Campbell of Salem, Railroad Commissioner, were in the city Tuesday en route to Monmouth where the investigations were made concerning the complaint filed some time ago by the Monmouth Commercial Club. Mr. Hirschberg, president of the I. & M. road, accompanied them to the Normal School city.

The hearing held there upon this occasion, to adjust the alleged grievances of the community on the complaint filed, is said to have been an important hearing. The citizens were represented by a committee consisting of Dr. F. R. Bowersox, J. L. Murdoch and P. H. Johnson, and the railroad by Attorney Day, and the officials named above.

The complaint alleged that tickets were refused passengers from points except the Union depot in Portland, and these did not provide for baggage for her trip Dallas or Independence; that the depot in Monmouth is unsanitary and there are not adequate accommodations for handling livestock and freight. In support of their contention witnesses were introduced in each complaint proving the lack of proper ticket and baggage accommodations by students of the Normal School and others, and from stock shippers, merchants and business men showing the loss on livestock and merchandise shipped in and out of Monmouth.

The railroads made no defense to the charge on the ticket and baggage matter, but Messrs. Fields and Scott offered profuse apology, saying such tickets should not have been sold, throwing all the blame on their local agents, and promised to remedy the freight facilities so as to grant the relief asked for.

## Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Independence & Monmouth Railway Company will be held at the Independence National Bank in Independence, Oregon, on the 28th day of December, 1912, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing officers for said company for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business that may properly come before said meeting.

D. W. Sears, Secretary.  
Dated Dec. 10, 1912.

Dr. Duganne, Dentist, over Independence National Bank. Both Phones.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Get your "Home Cooking" at the M. E. church Bazaar tomorrow.

FIRE INSURANCE. See T. R. Nunn, Independence, Oregon.

J. L. Hanna was in Albany and Eugene on business, Tuesday.

G. C. Skinner transacted business in Portland yesterday.

John Schaffer and family moved to Raymond, Wash., Monday.

Fred Sloper is drilling a well for Geo. Huntley this week.

Lee Brown of Albany, was in the city Wednesday.

Sam Irvine returned from Portland Monday.

D. L. Hedges is having a Wilson kitchen built in his house.

J. G. McIntosh sold a couple of lots this week to Mr. Becker, who will soon erect a new house.

A Snap.—8 acres bottom land, 700 cords of wood on place.—T. R. Nunn, Real Estate, Independence, Oregon.

10 acre tract, close in, good terms, fine soil.—T. R. Nunn, Real Estate, Independence.

Mrs. Fred Chambers of Eugene, is in the city, having come here to attend her mother's seventy-second anniversary party.

Miss Lillie Smith, a former resident of this city, died in Portland on Monday and was buried at Amity Wednesday.

Claude Oviatt and family returned to Independence this week and will probably make their future home here.

Peter Kurre injured his foot last Tuesday, while engaged in moving a house for C. G. Long, and will be on the retired list for a few days.

A horse ridden by Harry Bloch fell Wednesday, throwing the rider to the ground with sufficient force to render him considerably disabled.

The subject for the morning discourse at the M. E. church Sunday is "Spirit Filled Light." In the evening, "Conscience is a Safe Guide."

Homer Link of the Luckiamute, who has been hunting in Linn county, returned home, sick, Tuesday.

H. C. Hannon returned this week from Salem, where he has been in the hospital since returning from the east.

The old house near the public school, owned by W. F. Campbell, which was damaged by fire a year ago, is being torn down.

Hanna Brothers are going to put a new awning in front of their store buildings on Main street, similar to the one in front of the Hotel Lerona.

The business houses have been most beautifully decorated this week for the Holidays, and rare taste is manifested in many instances. The interior of Wetherbee & Jones' store has been converted into a beautiful palace.

## A SHAPELY COLLAR



IS EVERY GENTLEMAN'S DESIRE, AND SHAPELY COLLARS ARE THE ONLY KIND WE KEEP IN STOCK. THE VERY LATEST STYLES IN DRESS SHIRTS, LINEN COLLARS, AND THE NEWEST THINGS IN NECK TIES ARE ALWAYS TO BE FOUND IN OUR STORE. THEN, AGAIN, YOU WILL FIND THAT WE SAVE YOU MONEY ON CLOTHING. MAKE THIS YOUR HEADQUARTERS FOR USEFUL XMAS PRESENTS.

YOURS TRULY,

O. A. KREAMER

Jeweler and Optician