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PICKING COST AT WIGRICH \$40,000

STARTS NEXT WEEK
EARLY HOPS—FULL CREW
READY ENGAGED

A full force of hop pickers are already engaged, the Rancho, over which Major Rose is the presiding general, everything in readiness for the event. Operations will start Wednesday, or early hops, and on the cluster about 10 days later.

Wigrich will pay out for help more than \$40,000 during the season, and the monthly during the summer months are more than \$5000.

When 600 and 700 pickers have engaged and there will be 1000 attendants and extra help. The pickers will come from Lebanon, Corvallis, Stayton, McMinnville, Dallas, Portland and points in Washington. To these it will be a reunion have been coming to this for years. An attractive ground is provided, with lots of water, free wood, free use of tables and benches. Strictly paid to sanitation.

The picking of the Wigrich is a veritable beehive and is a community unto itself. The great dance hall in Polk county is to amuse those who depend their spare time in summer. It will be run under the supervision of Mr. Buffum and Independence. A fully equipped will be conducted by Plant, a butcher shop will be run by Hogan, and a restaurant by Davis.

It is thought that there may be at all times, an office has provided for a deputy sheriff. Orr has selected Mr. Hooker for this post and he will there during the entire picking. The expense is borne by the Rancho.

Many years hop growing has been the principal industry at the Rancho. It is owned by Wigan, Rose & Co., an English corporation. Shortly after it had been bought by this concern, Major W. Rose was sent here as manager, and with the able assistance of Mrs. Rose, a notable business experience in English and a training for nearly 25 years as officer in the English army, Major Rose has brought the Rancho to a high state of cultivation and has made an attractive place of it. Everything is kept in the best of condition. J. T. Wigrich, a member of the firm, and general in the English army, was a brother officer of Rose in the same regiment. In addition, they were personal friends. General Wigan is a very old man in English affairs, his titles are: C. B., C. M. G., and M. P.

but a natural sequence to Major Rose retired from the army, he was prevailed upon to stay here. He served 25 years in the Royal Woomanry Cavalry, with a rank from the first life to a senior brigadier quarter-

Wigrich Rancho comprises 100 acres of forest. It has a large portion of about half a mile, particularly well adapted for present time there are over 1000 hops and another 3000 of Fuggles will be added. The life of a hop vine is from 12 to 14 years, but the vines have been continuously for 20 years and one 15 years old, and one seven, and a good hop yard.

As to the hops there are 1000 of logan berries, 11 devoted to 100-year-old apple orchard, and acres of asparagus and grain.

The Rancho has an attractive residence, and the grounds are kept and decidedly English appearance. There are two barns and 19 kilns for curing hops, and tenant houses, barns and other buildings. These are

kept in excellent repair. This season a new pay office and an office for a deputy sheriff have been added to the equipment.

There is a fine water system, with three gasoline engines for pumping. The Rancho equipment is extensive, including six gasoline sprayers, two tractors and 16 head of horses. During the winter months all machinery is thoroughly overhauled and about 400 cords of hardwood are cut for use in curing hops and household purposes.

"As far as possible we try to make this Rancho of commercial benefit to Independence," says Major Rose. "All our supplies are purchased locally."

The Southern Pacific has a spur running to the Rancho with a station designated as "Wigrich." All of the hops from this place are shipped direct to England, usually by rail to New York.

The crop this season is exceptionally good. Weather conditions have been favorable, the right soil and proper handling, combine in producing a heavy yield. It is a whole lot better than last year and somewhat above the average.

HIGHWAY WORK STOPPED; MANDAMUS CASE APPEALED

All highway work in Polk county is at a standstill. The highway commission has announced that unless it can have its way in locating the route of the Pacific highway through this county operations will be indefinitely postponed. This not only applies to the Pacific highway but likewise to the Salem-Dallas post road.

An appeal to the supreme court has been taken by the realtors in the mandamus proceedings brought by Dallas and Independence to compel the highway commission to build the highway in question as the law provides and without unnecessary delay.

Judge McCourt, in the Multnomah county court, held that the Pacific highway must be built through Polk county as specified by legislative enactment, but made no ruling as when it should be done. Hence the supreme court appeal is deemed necessary to get the question settled.

EUGENE MEN HIT DEER WITH AUTOMOBILE

Mayor Peterson of Eugene, and J. A. McLean, proprietor of the Griggs hotel of that city, hit a deer with their car as they were returning from Oakridge Tuesday afternoon and were rounding a sharp turn on the grade. The animal sprang blindly over the 1500-foot precipice, crashing on the rocks below and falling into the underbrush. There is no doubt, the men said, but that the fall killed the animal, which was a large doe.

The men stayed near the place for about an hour trying to devise some way to procure the game, but because the descent was so steep they gave it up.

SAYLES ADDS DODGE AGENCY TO BUSINESS

B. P. Sayles of the Sayles Automobile company, has been designated as the agent of the Dodge Bros. motor cars, with territory embracing Independence, Monmouth and nearly the entire southwestern part of Polk county. Mr. Sayles expects to have a touring car on exhibition within a few days and will be able to make deliveries of all designs without delay.

Mr. Sayles will handle the Dodge in connection with his Chevrolet agency.

ENTERPRISE PRINTING THOUSANDS HOP TICKETS

The Enterprise has already printed, numbered and bound more than 100,000 tickets and is prepared to handle all orders expeditiously and accurately. It is advisable, however, to place your order as soon as possible in order to avoid the rush usually attendant upon the opening of the picking season. Early orders will likewise avoid a duplication of colors and consequent confusion when turned into the offices.

SOME DAMAGE BY HEAVY WINDS

C. A. McLAUGHLIN IS REPAIRING TRELLIS TO ABOUT 100 ACRES OF HOPS

A heavy wind Monday afternoon did considerable damage in the hop yards of C. A. McLaughlin, north of town. About 100 acres of trellis were blown down. The vines are extraordinarily heavy this year. The wind caught them with sufficient force to break wires and snap off posts. The work of repairing the damage was started at once, and in a few days Mr. McLaughlin will complete the task.

Picking will start in the McLaughlin yards Monday, September 6. With more than 400 acres of the finest hops he has raised in years, Mr. McLaughlin is putting the final touches on the preliminary arrangements for the opening of the picking season.

Mr. McLaughlin has been in the hop game in the Independence field for more than a quarter of a century, and he has made a big financial success of the business. Hops are his hobby, and he has stuck by them through the lean as well as the fat years. He knows the grief of a marketless season and likewise the keen enjoyment of hops selling for nearly a dollar a pound.

There is no man in this district or probably in the state of Oregon who is better posted on the hop situation, be it the best method of cultivation and harvesting or probable market conditions, than Mr. McLaughlin.

While he grows hundreds of acres of grain, hay and other crops, in operating the 1500 acre ranch of H. Hirschberg just to the north of town, and does this successfully, hops are his long suit all the time, and during the growing and harvesting time the major portion of time is spent in the yards giving personal supervision to the work.

During picking season, nearly 700 people will find employment in the McLaughlin yards and he never has any trouble in securing all the help required.

AURORA FARMER HEIR TO SHARE IN BIG ESTATE

John Pugh, a Fargo, Marion county, farmer, is one of the heirs of a big estate in Indiana. The News of that city says:

"With his whereabouts unknown to his family for 45 years, John Pugh of Aurora, Oregon, has appeared to claim his share of the estate of Marshall Pugh, wealthy Indianapolis land owner who died last year.

"The appearance of Pugh, whom his parents believed dead, made necessary the changing of a court decree made by Judge Louis Ewbanks in the circuit court last week, naming the 25 first cousins of Marshall Pugh who shall share in the estate he left, and attorneys have included the Oregon man's name in the court order. The share of each heir will be more than \$25,000."

CALIFORNIA-WASHINGTON CARS IN CRASH NEAR HERE

Two cars met with a crash Tuesday afternoon at a right angle turn just this side of the Luckiamute bridge on the highway to Corvallis. One had a California tag and the other a Washington license. Both cars were damaged, but the Californian's to the greater extent.

From all reports, the Californian man had the right of way, but was evidently driving recklessly, and the Washington man attempted to cut a corner which was obscured by a heavy growth of brush.

A verbal battle ensued. Sheriff Orr was appealed to but as hostilities lacked definite action, he did not consider that he had a finger in the mix-up.

"Loppy" Nye of the Independence Garage went out and put the cars in running condition and they were brought here for further repairs.

The men were unable to adjust their difference, and Judge Baker, Attorney D. E. Fletcher and others were appealed to, with the result that settlement was finally effected by the Washington man paying the Californian \$90.

SURPLUS GAS IN INDEPENDENCE

CAR SECURED BY BUSINESS MEN NOT SOLD AS READILY AS ANTICIPATED

In Independence gasoline is a drug on the market. In order to relieve what was regarded as an acute condition in the situation here, a carload was secured by the Retail Merchants' association from Oklahoma and offered to the public at 37 cents per gallon. The demand for the gas was not nearly as keen as was anticipated, with the result that the business men found that at the end of five days they still had on hand approximately one-third of the car. In order to avoid paying further demurrage charges the gasoline was drawn off in tanks, placed in storage Monday and Tuesday, and will be sold through local service stations at 40 cents per.

President R. M. Walker feels that there has been lack of support in this movement. He says: "Solely as the good Samaritan did the association attempt to relieve the gas situation here. There were weeks of delay in getting the car, as it had to come from Oklahoma, which meant additional expense, yet we believed it was so essential to the welfare of the community that it would be taken in short order. After offering the gas for five days we were able to dispose of only about two-thirds of it, and consequently we have had to devise storage wherever it could be procured in order to get the car unloaded and avoid further demurrage charges."

"In no sense of the word was it a money-making proposition. It was either a question of paying 32 cents for what the oil companies were able to furnish, and experience was showing that they were no where near meeting the demand, or securing an additional supply at an increase in price. We found that in order to meet the expense we would have to charge 37 cents. This we did, but it is apparent that it was regarded as too high. Dallas received a car of this same consignment and it was disposed of in one day at 40 cents. At Albany and Corvallis 40 cents has been the ruling price for this special gasoline and it has found a ready market. Without one cent's recompense to the members of the gasoline committee, who spent much valuable time attending to the distribution, the preceding carload of gas showed a profit of less than \$30, or approximately one-half cent per gallon, according to the balance sheet compiled at the time, but since then the railroad company has filed a claim for about \$50, alleging an undercharge on freight of this amount, hence a deficit of several dollars with no mention of the attendant grief."

"Confronted with existing conditions it is not probable that the association will make any further attempt to stabilize the gas supply."

NEW PRINCIPAL OF AIRLIE SCHOOL VISITS THIS CITY

H. W. Copeland, who has been engaged as principal of the Airlie school, was in Independence this week. Last year Prof. Copeland was the head of the Maupin schools and has had many years experience in school work. He is getting things in shape for the opening on September 20. Prof. Copeland will have three other teachers.

Prof. Copeland is also an optometrist, being a graduate of the Thompson institute in Portland, and spends his vacation in following this profession.

ATTORNEY SWOPE BUYS THE MERWIN RESIDENCE

B. F. Swope has purchased of M. Merwin of Portland, the residence property at the corner of Sixth and E streets, and has taken possession. This is one of the modern, desirable properties of the city, having been built only a few years ago by Mr. Merwin, a former well-known resident and for several years postmaster.

The deal was handled by Tripp & Kurrie.

HIGHWAY CAUTION AND DIRECTION SIGNS NEEDED

Motorists become careless, or reckless, or whatever it may be termed. While the highways in Polk county are probably as good as the average of the state, there are many places where carelessness has resulted in grief to car owners. Undoubtedly some of this could be eliminated by the use of conspicuous caution signs where there are obstructed sharp turns.

Several cars have been partially wrecked at the turn a couple of miles south of town. Attempting to round the corner at a fast clip, the cars skid into the ditch, and a repair bill is the result, with one or two narrow escapes from serious injury. Farther south, on this same highway, two cars came together on a turn where the view is obstructed by brush. There are several other similar places which could easily become a snare to the motorist.

Of course, the careful driver will take no undue chances, but there is always the possibility of becoming a victim of the other fellow who may be trying to hit the high spots.

Numerous complaints have been registered by motorists of a lack of the proper sign board at Brunk's corner, directing traffic to Independence. There is nothing to indicate which road to follow, with the result that tourists either stop and bother residents in that locality asking directions or they traverse the wrong road.

MARRIAGE CELEBRATED AT HOME OF BRIDE'S MOTHER

Miss Mildred Mae Oleman was married to Allan Jordan at the home of the bride's mother in Monmouth last Sunday. Dr. Dunsmore of the Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony in the presence of a few immediate friends of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan will reside in Independence, the groom being an employe of the Independence steam laundry.

HOSKINS WOMAN GETS LICENSE TO HUNT

The first woman in Polk county to secure a permit to hunt deer this season is Mrs. Charles Hale of Hoskins, and unless the records of previous years are broken she will be the only woman in the county to seek big game.

For several seasons Mrs. Hale has made it a point to bring down a deer. She handles a gun with accuracy and knows where to find the game. Mr. Hale is likewise a sportsman.

SEARCH OF HOMES FOR LIQUOR IS LIMITED

Robert C. Saunders, United States attorney at Seattle, announced Thursday that he had instructed federal prohibition agents to make no further searches of private residences for liquor unless they had absolute proof that unlawful sales were being made.

Home brew for consumption of family and friends is safe from federal intervention on a search warrant. Home-made beer and wines are exempt as well as any imported stocks, intended for strictly social purposes, in-so-far as a search warrant applies. Unlawful possession of liquor, the prosecutor said, may be met with prosecution, but the home where it is kept is inviolable from search. From the instructions issued to the federal prohibition squad it is understood according to federal officials that no special effort will be made to locate stocks of exhilarating beverages unless their use is flagrant and offensive.

The instructions issued, he said, are based on the fourth and fifth amendments to the federal constitution, especially the fourth amendment, which makes a "man's home his castle," and on section 25 of title II of the Volstead act, which reads as follows:

"No search warrant shall issue to search any private dwelling occupied as such unless it is being used for the unlawful sale of intoxicating liquors."

The new instructions do not apply, Mr. Saunders said, to lodging houses, hotels and rooms over stores where the transient public resides. The ruling is to apply to the home-owner and the permanent resident citizen who has a family and is maintaining a household.

TREE DAMAGE QUITE HEAVY

EFFECTS OF FREEZE OF LAST WINTER BEING FELT—CULTIVATION IS THE KEY

(By Paul Carpenter, County Agricultural Agent.)

Some alarm has been sounded at the rather general withering and dying of prune and other orchard trees during August. The damage extends from an occasional tree in the best orchards to a half or more of the trees in a few extreme instances. Some worry over the safety of prune growing has found expression.

It is normal for trees to die. Just as a hen or a pig occasionally will be found dead from natural causes, so trees go in this same manner. The experienced orchardist expects to lose a few trees each year and thinks little of it. However, this year the loss is so heavy as to draw attention.

The loss is caused chiefly by winter injury, insects, disease and poorly drained soil. The first is the only one not thoroughly familiar to every grower and the one causing the chief loss this season. It is not to be denied that the freeze of last winter did no good to fruit trees. In many cases the bark loosened up on one side of the trunk. Some carefully nailed back the loose bark with the hope that everything would be all right and their hopes were heightened when the trees leaved normally, set fruit and put forth new wood.

These trees did well up to about July 20th, with no insect infection on well drained soil, and above all, well cultivated to conserve the soil water during the drought. These trees are coming on in good shape. Even with half the bark on the trunk temporarily out of service, with thoroughly good cultivation these trees will bear a normal crop and suffer no permanent injury.

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With a limited bark capacity, however, such trees are extremely sensitive to moisture conditions and will show any neglect in maintaining the soil mulch. A large and vigorous top in the hot weather we have had recently makes demands upon soil water and the impaired bark capacity that simply cannot be met. As long as there is plenty of soil moisture easily available the trees carry on well, but when the soil dries out, as it has done very quickly in neglected orchards, the loss will be high.

Winter injury Not All.

While winter injury accounts for a large part of this year's loss, yet other causes are contributing. The trees on poorly drained soil are shallow rooted. With the soil water within reach they may do fairly well but in the dry season they suffer very quickly and only the best cultivation will keep them thrifty. Any disease, such as root rot, or insect injury, by borers for instance, will show up at this time because the tree is in full leaf, growing wood and fruit and is working hard. Dry weather with indifferent care imposes an additional load that many of these trees cannot stand.

Industry Not Endangered

The extreme temperature of last winter was unknown in recorded history. It probably will not be repeated in a life time, if ever. There are no reasons for changing plans for making additional plantings just because of that freeze. The Italian prune is thoroughly at home in the Willamette valley and there is no occasion for any loss of faith in the fruit.

The experience of this season only emphasizes the fact already generally recognized that trees, like corn, must be cultivated and cultivated well.

TURNBULLS TO RUN STORE AT SLOPER HOP YARDS

A. & H. Turnbull of Buena Vista will run a branch store at Sloper Bros. hop yards during the picking season.

H. Turnbull's niece, Miss Helen Turnbull, has arrived from Hope, North Dakota, and is assisting in the store. Mr. Turnbull's son is on his way here from North Dakota in a car.