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CORN SHOW AT INDEPENDENCE

Preliminary Arrangements For Exhibition the Latter Part of November

Corn steadily growing in this part of the Willamette valley. Independence is to stage a corn show this fall. The days of exhibition have not been named, but it will probably be held the latter part of November. Preliminary action was taken yesterday evening at the regular meeting of the Retail Merchants' association. Paul Carpenter, Dallas, county agricultural agent, presided at the meeting in which he pointed out the advantage of encouraging the growth of corn in this section. He believes that this will be made a real corn country with the addition of it as a general crop the Willamette valley would prove still more attractive to an agricultural standpoint. Considerable corn is being grown in Polk county, and it is steadily increasing in favor. Senator Patterson of Eola, is making a notable success with it and probably has one of the finest 20-acre fields in the Willamette valley. There are others who have been raising corn for several years and successfully, both for the silo and for the feed corn.

"Dinty" Is Corn King

The committee selected to handle the show is composed of A. C. Moore, C. D. Calbreath, and others. They are all hustlers and in touch with the Polk county farm conditions. The burden of direction will fall on their shoulders but to make an affair a rousing success all will render assistance.

To encourage the growing of corn, the Norwood and Leland Cray Bank, last spring furnished seed to any boy or girl in Polk county who would plant either one-half acre, and agree to exhibit to the show here in fall. Among those taking advantage of this offer were:

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BUSINESS MEN PUT UP DIRECTION SIGNS

Independence is extending a welcome to the tourists and other travelers, and is doing other things which add to the comfort of the travelers.

At Brunk's corner a large sign-board has been placed, pointing the direction and giving the distance to Independence, Corvallis and Eugene.

At the city limits to the north, a sign has been placed, on one side: "Welcome to Independence," on the other, "Thank you, come again." Like signs are to be placed on the highway leading south and on the Monmouth road. Smaller signs giving the distance to Independence are to be placed on all highways leading to town.

At the street intersection of Main and C a sign has been placed pointing the direction to the auto camp ground. Autoists are taking advantage of the grounds, some 15 or 16 being there Wednesday night.

The sign missionary work is being done under the direction of U. G. Berry, F. C. McLain and G. C. Skinner, the committee appointed for this purpose by the business men's association. J. S. Bohannon has been doing the construction work on the signs. Mr. Riggs has deftly wielded the brush, and President "Mike" Walker and others have been handling the post digger. It's a community affair.

STATE LAW WILL KEEP LID SECURELY

Though there is serious question as to the right of the federal government to invade the sanctity of a home with a warrant for the arrest of the brewer of a few quarts of amateur beer, the state law leaves no loophole in Oregon for the escape of the mixer of hops and malt, even though the beverage is intended only for home consumption, says the Oregonian.

Commenting on the instructions of Robert C. Saunders, United States attorney at Seattle, to prohibition agents to make no raids on private residences unless they had absolute proof that unlawful sales were being made, United States Attorney Humphreys of Portland, declared Monday that the arm of the federal government was not very effective against the home brewer, but that he could be reached easily under the state laws of Oregon.

Earl F. Bernard, deputy state district attorney, turned to the "bone dry" act of the 1917 legislature and read the provision making it unlawful for "any person to receive, import, possess, transport, deliver, manufacture, sell, give away, or barter any intoxicating liquor within this state." The only exception as to possession was the possession of liquor lawfully acquired before the passage of that act.

"The federal prohibition act specifically says that no search warrant can be issued affecting a private dwelling unless it is based on an affidavit that intoxicating liquor is being sold there," asserted United States Attorney Humphreys. "It is my interpretation of the law that a home being used as a distillery no longer is a private residence and is not embraced in this ruling."

As the maintenance of a distillery includes the use of a condenser, which brewing of home beer does not, Mr. Humphreys conceded that the law of the United States scarcely could touch the home brewer, though his activities might not be approved by the spirit of the act.

There is a ray of hope for the brewer, nevertheless. It was furnished Monday by a leading member of the Multnomah bench, whose personal inclinations lie along prohibition lines.

"All laws can only be enforced within reason," he recommended. "Too strict an attack on the sovereignty of a man's home and his personal liberty would never be successful. There is not a jury in the land which would convict a man of violation of federal or state prohibition acts when the evidence in his case showed plainly that he had concocted a few bottles of beer for personal use. The law may deny him the right, but the average juror never would."

C. W. Leonard of Monmouth, was a pleasant caller at the Enterprise office Thursday while attending to business matters.

HIGHWAY CASE ARGUED MONDAY

Temporary Injunction Will Come up for Final Disposition in Portland

Confident of ultimate victory in the Pacific highway controversy for Independence and Dallas, John W. Kaste of Portland, who is handling the legal part of the fight, was here Tuesday consulting with interested parties.

The temporary injunction which suspended operations upon the highway in this county will come up for final hearing before Judge John McCourt in Portland Monday. It will then either be made permanent or dissolved.

Mr. Kaste is of the opinion that the highway commission is basing its case solely upon what will be the interpretation of the supreme court as to whether the word "to" Dallas and Independence in the highway act means through these towns, or purely a connection with these places by stub roads.

In the opinion of Mr. Kaste the action of the highway commission in arbitrarily changing the route through Polk county is not the only one which can be questioned. Highway bonds are being sold under par which is contrary to the provisions of the act.

MRS. REYNOLDS HOSTESS ON BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

In commemoration of her birthday and with Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Kelley whose birth month is likewise August, as honor guests, Mrs. J. A. Reynolds gave a luncheon to the members of the Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church Thursday afternoon in the church parlors.

Tables were elaborately set for the occasion and there were beautiful floral decorations. A most appetizing luncheon was served to about 35, among the delicacies being home-made ice cream.

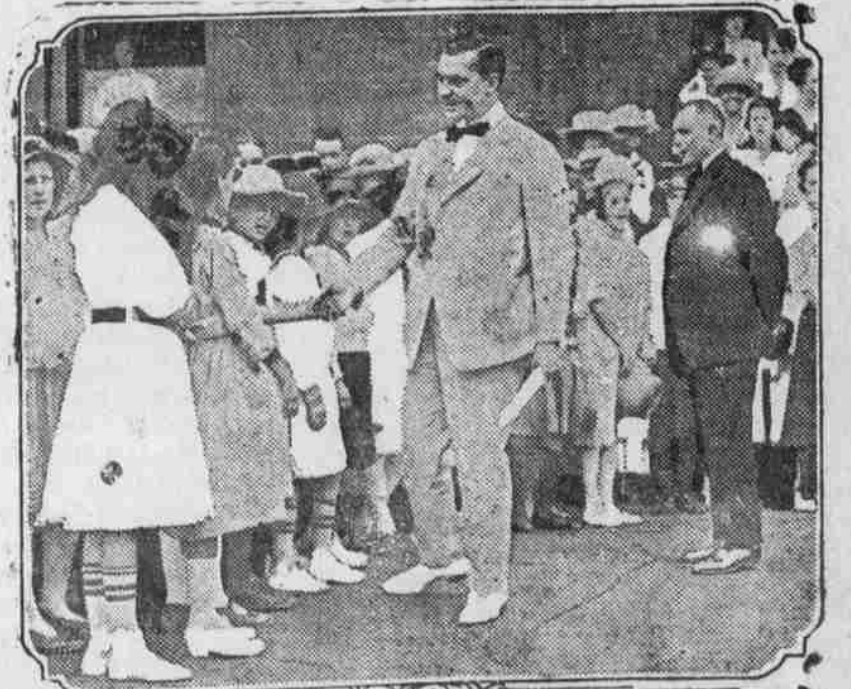
The society has the pleasing custom of celebrating the birthdays of its members and last Thursday's affair was an extremely enjoyable one.

FRANK EVANS PAYS FINE \$100 AND COSTS

For permitting a still to be operated in the house he occupies in Independence, Frank Evans was fined \$100 and costs by Justice of the Peace Sibley at Dallas Monday. Evans pleaded guilty. Evans claims that while he had knowledge of the still, he had no interest in it and passed the "buck" to the South brothers as being the real culprits.

When Sheriff John Orr raided the place on August 9, two men effected a hurried exit through the front door. Evans claims that he was not one of these and stated further that he was away from home at the time.

MARYLAND CORN CLUB WINNERS AT CAPITAL



Boy and girl club winners of Maryland have an advantage over other state competitors in one way. That is their nearness to Washington. This shows the various Maryland winners who enjoyed a trip to Washington and the Agricultural Department, where they were personally presented to Secretary of Agriculture Meredith.

NO GYMNASIUM UNTIL NEXT YEAR

No Contractor is Willing to Take Job for Money Available for the Purpose

The school board has \$15,000 in perfectly good money which it would like to spend for building a gymnasium on the high school grounds in Independence. Apparently, there is nobody wanting the job, and it is probable that no further attempt will be made to erect the structure until another season.

The board had plans drawn by a Salem architect for a building at an estimated cost of around \$13,000. Only two bids were submitted, both being in excess of \$16,000. They were rejected and an effort was made to have the plans slightly modified in order to come within the limit, but this could not be done without sacrificing the dimensions and durability of the structure.

Possibly by another season there will be a reduction in building costs. Lumber has already dropped to some extent, and other material and labor may follow suit.

SALEM MAN INJURED HERE WHEN CAR TURNS OVER

A representative of the Advance Thresher Company of Salem was injured Thursday night by having his car run into a pile of wood in front of Mrs. Rich's residence on Monmouth street.

The car turned over on its side, catching the man's leg, cutting two quite severe gashes, although no bones were broken. After his injuries had been attended to by a physician, the man proceeded upon his way, the damage to the car being confined principally to a broken windshield.

Alleging that he was driving his Ford slowly, the man claims that he did not see the woodpile until after his car met with the obstruction. However, there was sufficient force to push the car on top of the wood and it toppled over on its side.

SKINNER MAKES RECORD DRIVE TO NEWPORT

G. C. Skinner in his Studebaker Six made the run to Newport last Saturday afternoon in three hours and 50 minutes. While it is but 76 miles and the road is in fair condition with the exception of one detour, making fast driving hazardous. He was accompanied by Lee Robinson and Emerson Groves. On the return trip Mr. Skinner had with him Mrs. Skinner and daughters, Kathleen and Alice, and Mrs. Guy Walker, who had been recreating at Newport for three weeks. Mr. Robinson returned Monday. While sojourning at Newport he stripped the gears of his car and as there had been delay in the delivery of the new parts he came here to ascertain the cause, and upon his return there found that his delay was caused by negligence in the express office in the beach town.

GRAIN IS LIGHTER THAN ANTICIPATED

Threshing of fall grain is pretty well along in this section and some of the farmers are shelling out their spring crops. Generally the yield is not as heavy as was anticipated, particularly in this true with the winter grain. The straw was exceptionally heavy and this naturally led most of the farmers to believe that bumper returns of grain would be the result. The heads did not fill out as strong as was expected, due probably to the rain coming a few days too late. One of the successful grain farmers is of the opinion that the yield this year will be about what it was last season.

BROTHER INDEPENDENCE MEN PASSES AWAY AT DALLAS

A resident of Polk county for 67 years, George Hubbard of Dallas, and a brother of J. E. and B. E. Hubbard of Independence, died at the home of his daughter in Dallas last Friday. The itemizer says:

George Hubbard, aged 77, who had been a resident of Polk county 67 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. D. Staats, on Church street, Friday morning, August 20th. Funeral services were held Sunday and interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. Hubbard was born in Illinois, but came to Oregon when a boy, settling with his parents in Polk county. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. H. D. Staats, and the following brothers and sisters: F. K. Hubbard of Falls City; Mrs. H. S. Tetherow of Dallas; J. E. Hubbard and B. E. Hubbard of Independence; Perry Hubbard of Centralia, Wash.; James Hubbard of Spangle, Wash.; Mrs. Lydia Ford of Falls City; Mrs. Amanda Redfield of Silverton.

SIX MEN ARE FINED FOR PLAYING POKER

Six young men were arrested Tuesday night by Sheriff John W. Orr and Deputy Chase, charged with gambling in the pool hall of Smith & Son. They were playing poker. They were arraigned before Justice of the Peace R. W. Baker, pleaded guilty and were each fined \$10.

NORMAL SCHOOL

Mr. Gentle and Miss Arbuthnot are scheduled for institute work at Klamath Falls September 1, 2 and 3. Arrangements are being made by which they will return by way of Crater Lake. Mrs. Gentle and Miss Levis are planning to make the trip with them.

Miss Bramberg, registrar, returned Monday from a vacation which was spent in southern Oregon and at Bayocean. She reports a very enjoyable time.

President and Mrs. Ackerman are spending the week in Portland and Hood River. Inquiries are being made relative to the new commercial course which will be offered this fall and for the information of such it may be stated that no one will be allowed to take the commercial course unless he takes at least four periods per day in the Normal, and a part of the subjects will be educational, such as psychology, general methods, school management, etc. The object of this course is to fit students to teach commercial subjects.

The student body had a picnic at Luckiamute last Wednesday evening. Everyone reports a most enjoyable time.

Mr. Gilmore is supervising the work of putting in a new floor in the gymnasium, the old one having become so weak that it was found necessary to replace it entirely. He is also supervising the erection of playground apparatus and a tennis court on the training school grounds.

Miss Arbuthnot has just spent the last three weeks in teaching the county summer school at Oregon City, and reports a very pleasant and profitable time.

Miss McIntosh and Miss Brénton returned last Friday from Portland where they have been spending a part of their vacation time.

Miss Levis left Tuesday for Bayocean, where she plans to spend a week before going to Crater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Craven and daughter of Monmouth are on a motor trip to Bandon, Coos county.

PICKING SEASON OPENS SEPT. 6

With Lots of Help Hops Center of Attraction Next Month.

The stage is all set for the big hop show which will open in real earnest in most of the yards September 6. There is an abundance of help this year, undoubtedly due to the fancy price of 70 cents per box which is being offered. Practically all of the yards have full crews engaged including the day hands and in some instances there has been an excess in the supply available.

The Wigrich started picking Fugles Thursday, but this is only a little preliminary to the cluster hop harvest and will be finished in four or five days.

C. A. McLaughlin is rushing the reconstruction of his trellises and expects to get the job completed this week. These hops have not apparently suffered from their fall, the principal damage being to Mr. McLaughlin's pocketbook in replacing the network of wires and posts.

The hop harvest is going to be a heavy one this season and of exceptionally good quality. It is estimated that it will require nearly 5000 people to do the picking, curing and other work necessary to make the harvest. Quite a number of pickers have already put in an appearance and from now on until the work starts in full blast they will arrive steadily.

STANDARD ADDS HALF CENT TO GASOLINE PRICE

There has been another increase in the price of gasoline by the Standard Oil company. It is half a cent a gallon this time. There will be no change however, in the price charged at local service stations, 32 cents being the ruling charge.

GOVERNMENT BOAT IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Fire damaged the government pile driver scow which is being used to repair the revetment just to the north of town, yesterday. The cabin was burned off, and it required quick work on the part of the crew to prevent the entire boat from being destroyed.

LACK SUITABLE FUEL CAUSING POWER TROUBLE

Since the burning of the Dallas mill the Mountain States Power company is experiencing considerable trouble in securing a supply of suitable fuel for the power plant at Dallas. The effect was noticeable here Sunday night. The lights were out for some little time, causing an interruption at the Isis theatre and resulted in the resurrection of candles and oil lamps in many places. During the period of darkness some miscreant gave the fire bell a tap and some confusion followed. The firemen responded but fortunately their services were not required. In a statement to the Enterprise, Manager Joslin says: "We are doing all we can to maintain service and in a very short time we expect to have it in the best of condition. In the meantime we must beg the indulgence of our patrons for the discrepancies which may occur."

CARLOAD OF STUDEBAKERS UNLOADED BY SKINNER

A carload of Studebaker Sixes was unloaded Wednesday by G. C. Skinner of the Independence Garage. It consisted of four seven-passenger machines.

One of the new Studebaker light Sixes will be placed on exhibition in this establishment in a few days. It is the pet of the Studebaker corporation and many months have been spent in bringing it to what is claimed perfection. Light in weight, strongly built and with a 40-horse power engine, it is attracting an unusual amount of attention.

Mr. Skinner has just added the Commerce trucks to his line. They are built in two sizes, ton and ton and a half, with a half ton overload with either.