



WERLINE HAS BIG CROP HOPS

New Kilns Have Been Built To Handle This Year's Harvest

his acreage increased to more than 100, George W. Werline has been making extensive plans to harvest and cure his hops and furnish accommodations for the 300 or more workers to be employed during the picking season.

Experienced as a hop grower, he took over the place three years ago and confronted with the necessity of grubbing timber to increase his acreage and building all new trellis, equipping it with machinery and building other buildings, Mr. Werline has been having an exceedingly busy time, but so well has he been planned that at the opening of the picking season this year, he is in readiness for harvesting one of the best hop crops of the district.

Werline's yards are exceptionally well located as to soil conditions, and are irrigated on three sides by water, and the dry spell is not reflected to any noticeable extent in the growth of the plants. In fact, the hops are showing a vigorous growth and a high percentage of bales.

Under the supervision of William Werline, Mr. Werline is just completing three new 30x30 kilns and a cooling room, equipped with a large blower which will handle 5000 lbs. of hops in half a minute. This kiln has six kilns, three having been built a few years ago. The arrangement is with a trip-hopper on either side with the main in the center, forming a long building.

Werline is planning his kilns to follow the customary method of being high in the air, so that it is necessary to haul the green hops to the second story for entrance to the kilns. Instead of providing an air space of approximately 10 feet in height only about eight feet was allowed. Mr. Werline contended that the same curing heat can be obtained at a considerable less expenditure of fuel.

There is only a slight grade on the road leading to the kilns, eliminating the necessity of using a cable to haul the lead to the unloading area from where the hops are conveyed the short distance to the kilns.

The drying room is of sufficient size to hold 100,000 pounds of cured hops. The bales are erected in the kilns and protected with movable covers so arranged that it can be opened at the bottom, as the hops are crowded into bales, thus saving the loose hops to gravitate toward the bales.

Regarding their families, there will be 500 people on the Werline place during the picking season. There is no small task to provide accommodations for so many and various arrangements have been made. Werline has one furnished apartment-house, it has 18 apartments of various sizes, each with a stove, bed, table and chairs. The building has two rooms and a bath, and there is still another building with 55 tents.

Werline says: "Considerable ground now in hops I have had grubbed and blasted from the pickers. It is expensive but the yield is the very best in the valley and producing wonderfully.

Due to my lack of experience when I first took over the place, I have been fortunate in having a very capable foreman, J. C. Eoff. It has cost a lot of money to bring my yard to its present condition, but if you are going to play the game you can't be a piker and come to the expenditure of \$5000.

Werline has his hops under contract including the harvest of 1924. He receives 40 cents per bushel. Werline believes in patronizing local institutions and when equipping his apartment house he bought his stoves at one tick from J. G. Co. and his lumber has all come from the local plant of the R. Spaulding Logging company. Werline yard are some of the

oldest hop vines in the Independence district. A 17 foot trellis is used and there has been a very thorough cultivation during the present season. The vines are loaded with hops. Even the "babies" are making a remarkable showing.

OFFICIAL FIGURES INCREASE RECORD OF ILLIFF COW

The remarkable performance of Harry D. Illiff's "St. Mawes" Lady is confirmed by the American Jersey club, the official figures showing that she has not only broken the world's record for a junior yearling but the butterfat production for the year is determined at 829.09 pounds, an increase of 1.62 pounds over the yield as announced last week.

St. Mawes' Lady completed the test in a fine physical condition. She is due to freshen again in November and it is possible that she may again be put on test, although this will necessarily have to be determined by subsequent events.

BUENA VISTA COUPLE WED IN INDEPENDENCE

Mrs. Jessie Saywers Martin and Harvey M. Nash of Buena Vista were married at the Presbyterian manse last Saturday afternoon, by Dr. H. Charles Dunsmore. The ceremony was performed at 4 o'clock and was witnessed by Mrs. Georgia Saywers, the bride's mother, Mrs. S. Nash, the groom's mother and sisters Mrs. W. R. Devine and Mrs. J. K. Tanny, and H. E. Prather.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash went from here to Salem, and will return to Buena Vista, where a home is being prepared for them. They will be at home to their friends after September 15.

Both the bride and groom have a large circle of friends, and felicitations are being freely extended.

SMITH-CAR IN DITCH; ONLY SLIGHT DAMAGE

Frank Smith, while driving in his Ford sedan in front of Verd Hill's place just south of town, yesterday, the machine plunged down a five-foot embankment on the east side of the highway. Mr. Smith is of the opinion that the steering gear failed to function properly. Anyway, the first thing he realized he was in the ditch, with machine tipped over on its side. The only damage was a broken light in a door, through which Mr. Smith's feet had found terra firma. Mr. Smith was driving at a very moderate pace, and this is probably what prevented a serious accident.

WOODCUTTER WITH NECK BROKEN, TAKEN TO SALEM

Ole Anderson, a woodcutter in the employ of J. T. Merritt in the camp about four miles north of Independence, had his neck broken while felling timber on Thursday of last week. He was working alone and backing. When he did not put in an appearance at supper time, other occupants of the camp began searching for him. He was found lying across a small log with his limbs paralyzed.

He was taken to the Salem hospital and breathed his last just after being placed in a ward. An autopsy was performed the following day, by Dr. F. G. Hewett of Independence and Dr. Mott of Salem, showing a fracture of the neck.

Anderson was about 55 years old. In his personal effects were a few sales slips indicating that he had lived in Portland for a time also a few dollars in change, other than this there was nothing to show whence he came. It was understood around the wood camp that he had a family at some point in the San Francisco country, from whom he had separated. He was working under the industrial accident insurance.

KULLANDER BROS. ARE BUILDING HIGHWAY CULVERT

Kullander Bros. have taken a contract to build a cement culvert on the Pacific highway north of Rieckreall. Work was started Tuesday and will be rushed to completion with the customary Kullander push.

FOUR CARLOADS GRAIN LOADED AT PARKER

Four carloads of grain from the Parker-Buena Vista district have been loaded at Parker during the past week and consigned to the Oregon Grain Growers' association in Portland.

FITZ-GERALD PAID \$1000 BY YEOMEN

Local Man Is Given Fine Present on Seventieth Birthday

L. E. Fitz-Gerald, a well-known resident of the Independence district, received a thousand dollar birthday present a few days ago, and in coin of the realm, too.

Mr. Fitz-Gerald has been a faithful member of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen for many years. The organization has a provision that when a member attains the age of 70 and is totally disabled he will be paid one-half of the policy in a lump sum, and the balance in subsequent payments. In conformity with this Mr. Fitz-Gerald, who has been incapacitated from work for some time, was paid one-half of his \$2000 policy.

The local organization, known as the Independence Homestead, has not been very active during the past few years, owing to a considerable number of members moving to other places, and no effort was made to add recruits.

Plans are now being perfected for activity. On the first Tuesday evening in October a meeting will be held in the Knights of Pythias hall for the election and installation of officers for the ensuing term, and then the purpose is to hold regular meetings on the first Tuesday evening of each month.

Mrs. Roi Walker, who took an active part in Yeomenry circles in the Coos Bay district, has been appointed a district deputy for this district. The present officers of the Independence homestead are:

Foreman—Mrs. F. R. Arrell.
Master of Ceremonies—Francis Brown.
Correspondent—Mrs. Roscoe Staats

CHRIS MULLER INJURED AT BALDEREE CAMP

Chris Muller of Balderree camp, was seriously injured last Monday afternoon while at work in the rigging. The young man was caught in a tightening line and thrown into the air with fearful force.

The injured man was taken to the Dallas hospital at once and surgical aid rendered. Mr. Muller is an ex-service man about 25 years of age, and unmarried.

Mr. Muller died in the Dallas hospital Wednesday morning.

He was one of three brothers to enlist in old company L, Third Oregon, at the beginning of the war. All saw active service overseas. Walter and Frank were seriously wounded, but Chris, the youngest, escaped unharm.

A military funeral will be held at Dallas today, under the auspices of Carl B. Fenton post of the American Legion.

SKIFF MILL IS BURNED; EMPLOYEE IS INJURED

The sawmill of Dr. Skiff of Salem, located near Kings Valley, was entirely destroyed by fire Monday night. In attempting to save his car, which was stored near the mill, A. S. Lyday, an employe, was seriously burned about the body. He was taken to the Dallas hospital for treatment.

Hard knocks are good for a man unless he's doing the knocking.

HOP PICKING IS WELL STARTED

Pickers Are Coming Strong And There Is Room For Many More

The hop harvest is on. Picking has been started in number of yards, but it will not be in full swing until Monday. Hundreds of people have come here from outside points and trains and automobiles will continue to swell the number until after the first of the coming week.

It will require approximately 5000 people to handle the work during the picking season. A large majority of these come from outside points, prepared to spend about three weeks in getting back to nature by indulging in camp life, and at the same time earn enough to pay expenses and accumulate a little stake.

Walker Bros., Hugh H. Hanna, the Burton estate, Sloper & Pat. on, with yards just to the north of town, started picking yesterday; the E. Clemens Horst company will start the ball rolling today; E. M. Young is at it and Homer S. Wood is well under way, and so are Cook Bros.

C. A. McLaughlin will begin Monday in both yards, Sloper Bros., Walker & Walker, Donald P. MacCarthy, Sam Irvine at approximately the same time. George W. Werline will open operations today, and Mr. Pankalla started work yesterday.

The Wigrich is under way, but it will probably be Monday before operators there attain full capacity.

Messrs. Damon and Herron, who do their picking jointly are working in the Herron yard. Davidson & Hedges will start Monday.

S. F. Morihiro, at the Dewey Hill yard, has started, so has R. E. Porterfield.

Varco Butler starts Monday. Virgil DeCoster and the J. R. Cooper estate are busy with the harvest, operations having been underway since the starting of the early picking.

In fact, in all of the local yards, there will be activity during the next few weeks.

In some yards additional pickers can be used to advantage. There has been about the usual switching from one place to another by pickers, but growers are of the opinion that there will be plenty of help to handle the crop.

Indications point to favorable weather conditions for the next two weeks and if this proves to be the case the harvesting will go forward rapidly.

25 TONS STRAW FOR CHICKENS TO PLAY IN

Some idea of the magnitude of the chicken business of Dr. R. E. Duganne can be gained from the fact that 25 tons of straw have been provided for the chickens during the coming 12 months. The straw is baled and was delivered at the Duganne place during the past week by James Winters. It was secured at the McLaughlin ranch.

In order to make chickens function regularly as egg machines, it has been found that they must be kept busy. All grain is fed by most poultry-men in a straw litter, the purpose being to make the chickens do a regular course of exercise in order to get their breakfast, or supper, as the case may be.

Dr. Duganne will have this fall and winter about 1500 laying hens. Boarders are not countenanced in his yards.

The Port of Missing Men



B. F. DUNSMORE IS EXPECTED HOME TODAY

B. F. Dunsmore, son of Dr. H. Charles Dunsmore, is on the last lap of a journey which will bring him to his home here after spending two years as a United States sailor in the submarine service. He will arrive in Portland today, it is expected, on the destroyer Celilo from San Pedro, where his enlistment expired August 24.

Enlisting in New York, he spent the major part of his time on submarines on the Atlantic coast and in the Gulf of Mexico, winding up with a cruise through the Panama canal and to San Pedro, Calif.

Young Dunsmore, previous to his enlistment, was in a hospital for eight months, recovering from an accident which occurred while he was working on a boat running into the Nome country.

In letters to his father, he has expressed his intention of permanently forsaking the sea, and may remain here.

OLDEST LIVING OREGON PIONEER HERE ON VISIT

Benjamin Biers, for many years a resident of this locality, and the oldest living Oregon pioneer, is here visiting with old friends. Mr. Biers has been with his son in the Yaquina river country for the past year or so.

Born in Connecticut, Mr. Biers landed in Oregon with his parents in 1837, the family settling at the old Methodist mission north of Salem, when about a year and a half old, and Oregon has since been his abiding place.

Mr. Biers is 85 years old, but the years are resting lightly upon him. Aside from a slight inconvenience from an injured limb, he appears to be in fine condition, and is still in the harness.

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MAIL DELIVERY IN VOGUE NOW

With David Haley as carrier, the delivery of mail matter in Independence was started yesterday, and is a welcome progressive step. Mr. Haley found his first delivery retarded slightly from various causes, but expects that within a day or two everything will be working smoothly and regularly.

This is the first city delivery service to be established in Polk county. Dallas made application for the service, and it would have been started there at this time, but some of the residents of the city neglected to secure the required mail boxes, with the result that action has been postponed until the mail box requirement is fulfilled.

To secure the best results from the mail delivery it is necessary that the patrons do what they can to cooperate with the carrier, by having their street and number placed on all mail matter. In fact, his is a requirement of the postoffice department.

The task of getting the delivery started throws considerable additional work upon Postmaster Wood, and this coupled with the fact that it is hop picking season and hundreds of strangers are temporarily having their mail come here, makes it impossible for Mr. Wood to devote as much time to the delivery service as he would like to. He stated yesterday, however, that inside of a few days he will have everything working smoothly.

ADDISON FALLS 30 FEET ONLY SLIGHTLY INJURED

The giving away of a ladder Wednesday noon at the Grant McLaughlin place gave Frank G. Addison a 30 foot fall. He landed on a platform with the ladder across his body, unconscious, and after coming to and taking stock of his injuries, found that a wrenched ankle was his major grief, although there were bruises from head to foot. Mr. Addison feels that the goddess of chance was with him in this case, as the settings were all there for a much more disastrous ending. Mr. Addison was hobbling around yesterday on crutches but expects to be back in form in a few days.

VETERAN CIVIL WAR DIES HERE

Charles A. Dick Is Victim of Heart Attack—Masonic Ceremonies

Charles A. Dick, a veteran of the Civil war and a resident of Independence for many years, died at his home here August 26, a sudden attack of heart trouble being the cause. He was past 79 years old.

Funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Dr. H. Charles Dunsmore officiating, and interment was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery with Masonic service by Lyon lodge, of which the deceased had been a member for just half a century.

The pall bearers were: D. E. Fletcher, C. A. McLaughlin, Frank Dickson, G. C. Walker, Ross Nelson, Fred O'Rourke. Funeral director, A. L. Keeney.

Mr. Dick was born in St. Charles, Missouri, March 13, 1842. He enlisted in the Civil war in Schenk's company H, Missouri volunteers, August 20, 1862, and was discharged February 20, 1863, on account of weak lungs. He passed several years in Montana, coming to Oregon about 1874. He was married to Rebecca Layton at Albany, Oregon, Oct. 8, 1876. Mrs. Dick died last December. Two daughters survive: Mrs. Eva Dunn of Toledo, Ore., and Mrs. Maggie Graves of Independence, and three grandchildren.

In addition to being a member of Lyon lodge, A. F. & A. M., he was affiliated with Independence Chapter, Royal Arch Masons and a charter member of General Gibson post, G. A. R.

Mr. Dick was devoted to his family, a good neighbor, and had a kindly pleasant disposition, which won for him a large circle of friends.

HENRY E. CAIN DIES IN CORVALLIS AFTER OPERATION

Henry E. Cain, for the past year and a half field agent for the Independence creamery, died in Corvallis last Saturday, following an operation for abscess. Mr. Cain was well-known here, having made frequent visits during his connection with the concern.

Funeral services were held from the home in Corvallis, Monday, in charge of the Corvallis Masonic lodge, of which the deceased had been a member for a considerable time.

At the burial services those in attendance from Independence were: Manager E. C. Bradner, Tom Clifford, Oscar Anderson, Fred DeArmond, Miss Betty Stillwell and Miss Faye Johnson of the creamery force.

Mr. Cain was held in high esteem by the Independence creamery officials and employes.

Mr. Cain was born near Amery, Wis., July 9, 1870. He was married October 17, 1895. To this union three children were born, two of whom survive: Mrs. Roy L. Couch of LaGrande and Mrs. George E. Hinze of North Bend.

In 1897, Mr. Cain, with his family, moved to western Kansas, where he lived until November of 1908, when he went to Salt Lake City, remaining there until February, 1913, when he moved to Corvallis, where he had since resided.

He was a member of St. Thomas lodge, No. 306, A. F. & A. M. of Colby, Kansas, and Bruce Commandary, Knights Templar, Phillipsburg, Kansas; Knights of Pythias at Independence.

He was converted at the age of 11 years and united with the Baptist church and was a member of that organization at Corvallis.

For nearly six years his wife had been practically an invalid, and his one thought and aim appeared to be to do all he could to lighten her burden.

SAM HANNA HAS GOOD YIELD CLOVER SEED

From a 50-acre field of second year clover S. C. Hanna, a well-known south of town farmer, harvested six bushels of clover seed to the acre. Not only is the yield good, but it was remarkably free of foreign substances.

Mr. Hanna is a great believer in the efficiency of clover for the rejuvenation of the soil.