



AGITATORS GO; TROUBLE STOPS

Attempt Is Made to Cause Strike at Horst Company's Yards

A little bunch of agitators, about number and some of them com-

ing the same price as was prevalent throughout the district; that the

They offered their services in raising peace and order. The

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JURY DISAGREES; SECOND TRIAL RESULTS IN ACQUITTAL

Richard Sanders was the defendant in two actions which were brought in Justice R. W. Baker's court Monday, George Whitfield being the complainant in both instances.

In the first case, Sanders was charged with violating the motor laws by failing to give assistance to another machine with which his had come in contact. He denied the charge and was represented by Attorney John Bain of Salem.

The second offense with which Sanders was charged was failure to maintain speed after passing another car, and on this he was acquitted. The members of this jury were P. J. Peterson, George A. Wells, H. C. Dunsmore and John Loy, O. A. Wolverson and William McKinney were drawn for this jury, but as both were out of the county, the trial was made before the four.

District Attorney Helgeson represented the people in both actions and after the jury had brought in a verdict of not guilty in the second case recommended to the court that the first action be dismissed, which was done.

KULLANDERS HAVE CONTRACT FOR TWO ROAD BRIDGES

Kullander Bros. of Independence have taken a sub-contract from W. N. Trent for the construction of two 20-foot span cement bridges on the road south of Monmouth.

Work was started Monday with a crew of five or six men and it is expected that it will require about four weeks to complete the work.

INDIAN PORTRAYURE OF "HIAWATHA" AT ISIS

An added attraction at the Isis theatre on Friday evening of this week will be a portrayal of Longfellow's "Hiawatha," by Chief John of the Siletz Indians and a company of 10 of his braves and squaws. There will also be Indian dances and songs and the usual run of pictures.

ROAD DECISION FOR PLAINTIFFS

Judge Kelly Overrules Demurrer of State Highway Commission

Another step has been taken in the Polk highway case. Judge Percy R. Kelley has overruled the demurrer of the state highway commission to the second amended complaint of the plaintiffs and the defendants are given until September 20 to file answer.

In spite of the fact that Mr. Devers, the attorney for the state highway commission, is apparently endeavoring to exhaust every legal tactic in an effort to delay the case as long as possible, a final decision in the case by Judge Kelly will undoubtedly be forthcoming in a very short time. The arguments are all in his hands and the objection tactics of the plaintiffs have about run their course.

A decision by Judge Kelly on the merits of the case will clarify the situation. While it is probable that the case will be carried to the supreme court, whichever way the decision goes, it means that the case is nearing the end.

The spreading of the highway propaganda is going ahead steadily, and of course there is the customary misrepresentation. Under a Monmouth date line the Oregonian published a story one day last week, stating that the plaintiffs had defaulted in filing their second amended complaint; the Monmouth Herald is making the assertion that "now we have the highway" and the Dallas Observer continues on its trend that the decision cannot be anything but favorable to the highway commission.

And in the meantime, the grading of the road south from Monmouth is progressing. Judge Pipes, one of the attorneys for the plaintiffs, has made the declaration that in the event the final decision is favorable to the plaintiffs that neither the state of Oregon or Polk county is going to stand the expense of this road work.

HERREN HOP HOUSE BURNED

Part of L. Damon Hop Crop Is Destroyed by Fire at Monmouth

C. W. Herren's hop kiln on the old Craven place about half a mile south of Monmouth, and several thousand pounds of hops belonging to L. Damon of Independence, were burned early Wednesday morning. The last kiln was being fired and would have been finished a few after the fire occurred.

Both the kiln and the hops were insured, but it is probable that both Messrs. Herron and Damon will be some losers.

They have adjoining yards in Independence and forces are united at harvest time.

Mr. Herron's hops were picked first, baled and delivered at the warehouse. Then the Damon yard received attention. All the hops had been picked and the last batch was being cooked when the fire broke out. Eighteen bales of the Damon hops had been taken to the warehouse, the fire destroying between 5000 and 6000 pounds.

Both men had their hops sold on contract for a term of years, the buyer being Mr. Lawson of Portland, who represents a London house. Mr. Damon says: "The quality of my hops this year was exceptionally good. A premium was paid for picking in order to have them clean."

STEPTOE BARN AND TWO HORSES ARE BURNED

The barn on the E. Steptoe place, about a mile west of Independence, was destroyed by fire between 11 and 12 o'clock, last Friday night. One horse was so badly burned that it fell over dead as it was stumbling out of the burning building and the other wandered down in the field and had to be killed.

Nothing was saved from the barn which contained the winter supply of hay and many tools. There was no insurance on either the contents or building and the loss comes as an extremely heavy one.

There is no accounting for the origin of the fire. Mr. Steptoe and his family were aroused by Mr. Small, a neighbor, who had seen the blaze. The building was then a mass of flames, making it impossible to release the horses.

Mr. Steptoe is nearly 73 years old, and is having more than his share of misfortune. Less than a year ago, he fell fracturing a hip, and had a very serious time with it, although he has now regained the use of it.

Undaunted, work was started Monday on clearing away the debris of the fire and lumber is being hauled for a new barn.

PARKERITES ARE HUNTING DEER IN SOUTHERN OREGON

Postmaster Lacey of Parker has an exhibition in a show window of the Willard E. Craven hardware the head and antlers of a buck he killed in southern Oregon. "Dad" is imbued with the idea that he is a repeater. In company with P. J. Peterson and son, Jimmy Peterson, also of Parker, he left Tuesday morning in the Peterson car for the Riddell country in southern Oregon. The hunters are without a return limit, other than the tags on their hunting licenses.

SCHOOLS WILL OPEN SEPT. 26

High and Grade Schools Will Start Year's Work at Same Time

The high school and the grade school will start the year's work at the same time—Monday, September 26. Plans were made for opening the grade or training school next Monday, but the board of education, finally decided that it would be advisable to defer the opening date until the Monday following.

The high school, with the exception of Principal O. D. Byers, will have a new staff of instructors. Much care has been taken in the selections and it is expected that excellent work will be accomplished.

There is an increase of one teacher over last year, the new ones being: Thomas K. Vannice of Corvallis, Miss Lyle M. Yexley of Oregon City, Miss Ruth Straw of Silverton, and Bernard Morse of Salem.

The grade school, operated as a training institution by the Oregon Normal under the able supervision of Miss Catherine Arbuthnot, will have but one change in critic teachers. Miss Burroughs will have the first and second grades; Miss DeVore, third and fourth; Miss Houx, fifth and sixth, and Miss Arbuthnot, seventh and eighth. Miss Burroughs succeeds Miss McChesney.

TWELVE TO O. A. C. AND SIX TO NORMAL

Independence will be represented at the Oregon Agricultural College this year by 12 and possibly more enrollments. Five of these are graduates of the high school last year. The list, while probably incomplete, follows:

- Lucille Craven, music, home economics. Robert Craven, commerce. Opal Hewett, pharmacy. Gerald Hewett, pharmacy. Ulla Dickinson, home economics. Charles Calbreath, Jr. electrical engineering. Glenn Burright, commerce. Otis Scott, agriculture. Cyril Reynolds, pharmacy. Helen Turnbull, commerce. James Turnbull, commerce. Gilbert Loy. The most of these will go to Corvallis Sunday in order to be on hand for registration on Monday. Six from Independence will attend the Oregon Normal: Winona Wood, Ruth Mills and Florence Whipple, starting upon their second year, with Lulu Grigsby, Kathleen Skinner and Helen Jones as juniors.

CHEVROLET AGENCY IS TAKEN BY G. C. SKINNER

The agency for the Independence district of the Chevrolet cars has been taken by the Independence Garage of which G. C. Skinner is the owner.

There are many changes in the 1922 model of the "Four Ninety," which is now on the market, including a substantial price reduction. A complete line of parts will be carried. Mr. Skinner says that "this model is now a real car, the defects of the former models having been remedied and additions made."

JOHN PETERS HAS LARGE CROP OF FINE PRUNES

John Peters, who lives about three miles southwest of Independence on the Highland road, has one of the finest prune crops to be found in Polk county this season. He has three acres of eight-year-old trees, which are loaded with big luscious prunes. The orchard has been given very thorough cultivation, and the yield will not only be heavy but of exceptional quality.

He brought to Independence Tuesday morning a box of very choice ones for H. Hirschberg, who has shipped them to a friend as a reminder of what the Independence country is producing.

Mr. Peters started picking Wednesday. Last year he harvested but 100 bushels, the crop being light and damaged by rain.

ACOCKS GETS BIG YIELD OF FUGGLE HOPS

Walter V. Acocks of the Hopville district south of Independence has a \$6000 profit from nine acres of fuggle hops. He had an exceptionally heavy yield—1915 pounds to the acre from second year hops. From the baby hops on this yard last year the yield was but two bales.

Mr. Acocks put out this field after securing a contract for the sale of the hops for a period of years, this season receiving 48 cents a pound.

This is Mr. Acocks' first appearance in the hop game, although he has been farming in the "bottom" for several years. He tried sugar beets and he raised spuds but this is the first real "touchdown" which he has made.

It is needless to state that Mr. Acocks is well satisfied with his hop crop this year. Fuggles, which ripen about two weeks earlier than clusters are generally regarded as a lighter producer.

Mr. Acocks has delivered his hops and received his money for them.

BANK EARNINGS 3 TIMES CAPITAL

Big Return to Stockholders by Independence National Bank

During its career of 30 years, the Independence National bank enjoys the distinction of having net profits of more than \$150,000 on a capitalization of \$50,000. Of this amount, \$130,500 has been paid to stockholders in dividends, there is a surplus fund of \$15,000 and in the undivided profits there is over \$8000. This makes an annual average earning to stockholders for the 30 year period of 10 percent, and some of these years were decidedly lean ones in the general business world.

Started as a private bank by H. Hirschberg it was soon afterwards converted into the Independence National with Mr. Hirschberg as its president and still its directing head.

The building at the corner of First and Monmouth, which was erected by the bank at the beginning of its existence, is being repainted on the exterior for the first time during that period. The color is being changed from a brick red to a gray, adding much to its appearance. The interior is likewise to be repainted and re-decorated.

The present officers of the bank are: President, H. Hirschberg; vice president, C. A. McLaughlin; Ira D. Mix, cashier, and B. R. Wolfe, assistant cashier. The board of directors is composed of Messrs. Hirschberg, McLaughlin, Dr. Otis D. Butler, W. H. Walker and D. W. Sears.

EUGENE MAN FINED; COLLIDES WITH MOTOR CYCLE

Everett Wooley, claiming Eugene as his home, was fined \$5 Monday by Justice Baker for running into a motor cycle belonging to John Williams at the postoffice corner. Williams was slightly injured.

LOCAL PRUNE MEN ARE PICKING THEIR CROPS

Picking has started in the prune orchards of town, and reports of good crops will be harvested. P. Harris, Fred Weatherston, Charles Lane and Charles Harman are all busy harvesting their crops.

WHEEL BURSTS; SMILEY KILLED

Distressing Accident Occurs in Operating an Ensilage Cutter

Ernest A. Smiley, a successful farmer living just to the west of the city limits, was instantly killed Wednesday afternoon on his farm by being struck with a large piece of casting, when the cutting wheel of the ensilage cutter which he was operating literally flew into pieces. A piece of iron, weighing many pounds, struck him on the left side, penetrating the heart.

The cutter was being driven by a tractor belonging to Alfred Yungen and operated by him. A stop had been made to tighten a loose belt and the machine had just been started with Mr. Smiley walking toward the cutter when there was a terrific crash. Frank Kelley and his father, J. W. Kelley, were assisting in the work, and they went to Mr. Smiley's assistance, but he expired almost instantly.

Another broken piece was hurled through the roof of the barn, another piece entered the barn near the roof at one corner and made its exit through the other side carrying straw with it. One piece was hurled several hundred feet, landing in a grove of trees.

Mr. Smiley was the only one who happened to be in the path of the flying missiles, although the Kelleys were within a few feet of the wrecked machine, and Mr. Yungen was but a short distance away operating the tractor.

The cause of the trouble is unaccountable. The cutter was running empty and the tractor was equipped with governors to prevent excess speed without load. In order to force the ensilage into the silo the wheel upon which the cutting knives are fastened is operated at a high rate of speed.

The noise of the bursting of the machine caused the Smiley team, attached to a wagon, to run away, scattering the rack and parts of the wagon on the road leading to Independence.

Mr. Smiley had owned the farm, where he met such a tragic death, for about 11 years, coming here from California. He was born in Nova Scotia 46 years ago the past June and previous to coming here had lived for some time in California. He is survived by a widow and one daughter, Ernestine, seven years old; a brother, Charles D. Smiley, who lives on an adjoining farm; another brother, A. J. Smiley of Alton, Humboldt county, Calif.; three brothers and two sisters living in the East and a mother in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Smiley was a good citizen and a good farmer, and his death under such distressing circumstances came as a shock to the entire community.

The body was taken to the undertaking parlors of A. L. Keeney and the funeral will be held from the Methodist church today, at 2 o'clock, Rev. F. S. Clemons will officiate.

Interment will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

FARMERS STATE BANK ADDS TO EQUIPMENT

An order has been placed by the Farmers State Bank for a burglar-proof and fire-proof vault door with the Diebold Safe & Lock company of Canton, Ohio. It will have six inches of hardened steel and including the bolt work will be 11 1/2 inches in thickness. The door will weigh 13,000 pounds. It is being made to order and it will be about three months before it will be ready for delivery.

It will be the latest thing in vault door construction and is so substantial that burglars will be unable to phase it. It will be the first one to be installed in Polk county, and in fact, it is only in the larger cities that this safeguard is being utilized, the cost being a large item.

MONMOUTH ROAD SOUTH IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED

The road leading directly south from Monmouth is closed on account of road work and traffic is detoured to the Highland road, about midway between Independence and Monmouth, south to the Morrison corner and then west to the Edwards corner on the road in question.



Back to the Good Old "Jinny" Time