



TRACE FOUND OF FITCHARD CAR

Jackson County Prisoner Partially Confesses To Theft of Machine

Sheriff John W. Orr has information which leads him to believe that he will be able to locate a Ford touring car belonging to Miss Dorothy E. Fitchard, which was stolen about a year and a half ago.

While the car was parked on a Salem business street on the night of April 1st, 1921, it was stolen. Miss Fitchard thought at first that friends were playing an April fool joke upon her, but she was unable to secure any trace of the machine, after diligent search, and the Salem police were notified.

Sheriff Orr received word a few days ago from Sheriff Tyrrell of Jackson county that one of his prisoners had partially confessed to the theft of the Fitchard car and that it is now in the possession of some one at Eugene. Investigation is being made by Sheriff Orr and it is quite in the range of possibility that Miss Fitchard will regain her car.

It was practically a new machine when taken. It was a present to Miss Fitchard from her father, Charles E. Fitchard, a well-known rancher living north of Independence.

GRAND RONDE INDIANS DEFEATED BY LOCAL BOYS

Independence came back with a whack last Sunday, taking the Grand Ronde Indians into camp to the tune of 6 to 2. It was a genuine exhibition in which much spectacular work was performed and was witnessed by one of the largest crowds of the season.

The Grand Ronde aggregation put up a valiant fight, but the opposition was just a little bit too strong. The visitors secured their two runs in the first inning and Independence performed a like feat. In the fourth the local boys picked up another tally and added three more in the sixth.

Zosel, a Salem man was on the mound for the locals for the first seven innings, and Pete Stoltenberg was there for the other two. The rest of the lineup was: Schrunck, catcher; Calbreath, Fisher and Black, first, second and third; Ansil, short; Loy, Stoltenberg and Farley, in the field; Adkins, a Chemawa Indian pinch hitter and Frank Miller, substitutes.

Hudson and Tom were the battery for Grand Ronde. Hudson permitted only four hits to five for Zosel.

Grand Ronde was not quite satisfied at the outcome, and it is possible that another game will be played before the season closes.

REVISION IS MADE IN COURSE OF STUDY

Salem—A revised course of study for the elementary schools of Oregon has been issued by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools. In changing the course the experience of teachers with the former course was solicited, and Mr. Churchill says that hundreds of them offered valuable suggestions, many of which were used in revising the course. Mr. Churchill, in a statement, directs attention to the following features in the revised course:

"1. American citizenship is the chief goal of the public school. As an aid to the teacher in accomplishing this fundamental purpose, the courses in civics and American history have been strengthened and enlarged.

"2. Every pupil in the state, before leaving the elementary school, should acquire a knowledge of the history of Oregon and a proper respect for the pioneers who made our present state possible. The first six weeks of the eighth grade is to be devoted to the study of the history of Oregon.

"3. The course of study should be the teacher's chief guide and aid in planning her work from day to day. In the present course the attempt has been made to specify definitely just what the teacher is expected to accomplish in each grade.

"4. The minimum term of school in Oregon is eight months. This course is planned, therefore, on a basis of 32 weeks. It should be very easy to adjust it to the requirements of schools having a longer term."

ONE MAN TOP IS USED ON NEW FORDS

The Stewart Motor company has received its first 1922 Ford and it shows a number of improvements. It has a one-man top, a sloping windshield and improved lines on the back.

The company announces the sale of coupes to H. F. Meyer, Portland; Edwin L. Hansen, Rickreall; Mina M. Cook, Salem; Samuel B. Collard, Salem; touring cars to Arthur Bennett, Dallas; John Yeater, Monmouth; Louis Von Gal of Independence; Norman Barker, Independence; truck to K. C. Carson of Dallas.

C. A. Elliott, owner of the Stewart Motor company, has been fortunate in being able to secure delivery on an unusually large number of cars in anticipation of the shutdown of the Ford plants on September 16th. All of the information received here indicates that preparations are being made for a cessation of operations until such time as the rail and coal strikes are settled. A large order for Oregon woolen goods for use in upholstery on Ford cars has been cancelled by wire from the head office, according to advices received by Mr. Elliott.

M. H. PENGRA BECOMES A HIGHWAY CONTRACTOR

M. H. Pengra has acquired an interest in the Albert Anderson company of Grants Pass, and the company has been awarded a contract for rocking 17 miles of state highway on the Mt. Hood loop. Two crusher plants are to be installed along the route of the highway, and the plan is to use eight trucks in the distribution of the rock. It will require about a year to complete the job. Work is to be started at once and continue for about two months, when weather conditions will make it necessary to lay off until the coming spring.

Mr. Anderson, who has been engaged in highway work for several seasons, will be the active manager on the new contract, although Mr. Pengra will serve in an advisory capacity. Mr. Pengra will continue to direct the affairs of the Independence Sand & Gravel company.

CITY PAYS BILLS AND PASSES TRUCK FRANCHISES

Truck franchises were granted to the Oberson Transfer, Charles Kurre and Grant Bros., at the regular meeting of the city council Wednesday night. Trucks are now regulated by franchise instead of license. The fee is the same, \$16 per year for each truck.

Stage and jitney franchises were deferred to a subsequent meeting, the idea of the council being to defer action until such time as it is possible to prepare franchises which will be fair to all concerned.

The following claims against the city were audited and allowed:

F. O. Parke, marshal	\$100.00
L. Damon	60.00
Halladay & Justin	1.50
Mt. States Power Co.	212.27
J. D. Hibbs & Co.	5.45
B. F. Swope	41.50
Spaulding Log. Co.	15.46
Oberson Transfer Co.	6.00

A. L. KEENEY BUYS MODERN LOWERING DEVICE

A modern lowering device has been added to the equipment of the A. L. Keeney undertaking establishment. It is a contrivance by which with a slight pressure of the director's foot, the casket slowly descends into the grave.

The somber black as the insignia of death is apparently passing. Delicate shades of light colors are now the vogue in caskets, and some are equipped with storage batteries which throw a ray of light over the head of the casket, the purpose being to symbolize life rather than death.

MARION WILL PLAY HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Marion is scheduled to meet Independence on the local ground Sunday afternoon. Marion, it will be recalled, is the aggregation which handed the Independence boys a goose-egg a few weeks ago. The aforesaid egg is still in the incubation period and it is expected that it will be returned to Marion Sunday afternoon. Manager Barton has everything in readiness to enact the necessary ceremonies if the weather man will permit an exhibition.

GRAPHOPHONE, RINGS, TAKEN

Felix Wattenbarger Home Is Ransacked During Middle of Day

The Felix Wattenbarger home, about a mile south of Independence, was ransacked, a \$50 graphophone, records, and rings belonging to a daughter were taken, some time between 11 o'clock in the morning and 6 in the evening on Thursday of last week, but the theft was not discovered until Saturday night.

Following a custom which is quite prevalent in the country district, the house was not locked when the family departed in the morning for the day. Returning in the evening, it was noticed that the music box and records were gone, but Mr. Wattenbarger presumed that they had been taken by his son, who is employed at the E. Clemens Horst company ranch and thought no more about it until he met his son in town here Saturday night and found out that he had not taken them.

The son had visited the home on Thursday at about 11 o'clock to get a shaving outfit and remembered that the graphophone was in its place at that time. Mr. Wattenbarger has no clue as to the identity of the thief. Who ever did the job, apparently felt no need of haste. The records were gone over and selection was made of the ones desired.

HARRY D. ILIFF SHIPS CALF TO WISCONSIN

Harry D. Iliff of Sunny Lea Jersey farm, located just south of Independence, shipped Monday by express St. Mawes Lad II to E. A. Ellenson at Chippewa Falls, Wis.

This youngster is just a little over six months old. He was sold shortly after he put in an appearance for \$1000, delivery to be made at the age of six months, at which time insurance becomes effective.

The express charges were more than \$100, which are in addition to the purchase price.

St. Mawes' Lad II has by lineage the right to enter prize winning ranks. He has been given the best of care by Mr. Iliff and is well developed. Including the crate he weighed 675 pounds.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT AT COBBS & MITCHELL PLANT

Major W. R. LaLond has resigned as mill superintendent of the Cobbs & Mitchell company's sawmill at Valseltz and has been succeeded by Fred K. Baker, an experienced mill man from the Washington country.

Major LaLond has formed connection with a Portland lumber brokerage concern and will act as lumber buyer. He has moved his family to Portland. The change became effective September 1st.

SMITH BUYS LOT ON FOURTH STREET FOR HOME

C. B. Smith of the Independence Realty company has purchased a lot on Fourth street, directly opposite the Sherman S. Hays property and is now negotiating for the construction of a five room bungalow for his own use.

George Tieberg has purchased through the Independence Realty company a 50x132 foot lot on G street.

WOOD PRESIDENT, JUSTIN MANAGER

Illness Compels S. C. Halladay to Retire From Iron Works

S. C. Halladay has withdrawn from the Independence Iron Works and has sold his interest in the business to his partners, A. A. Justin and George H. Wood. Illness forced Mr. Halladay to take this step. Low blood pressure is his trouble, and physicians who have diagnosed his case have plainly told him that he must take an absolute rest of from six months to a year. Mr. Halladay intends to follow directions. He will remain here for the present and possibly will stay here right along. Mr. Halladay, accompanied by his family, returned a few days ago from a several weeks' sojourn at Bremerton, where he had spent several weeks in the anticipation that the change might prove beneficial.

The withdrawal of Mr. Halladay from the firm has resulted in some changes. Mr. Wood has been made president and Mr. Justin manager, and the purpose is to hit the ball harder than ever. Some new equipment has been ordered for the works.

Mr. Wood is now devoting a portion of his time getting things in shape for manufacturing a Fordson hitch of which he is the inventor and a subsoiler. Both are to be on display at the state fair and possibly the Polk county fair.

CHAPMAN KILLS TWO DEER IN SOUTHERN OREGON

W. N. Chapman, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rue, returned Wednesday from a 10 day outing and deer hunt in Curry county. Two deer were killed, a four-point and a spike, and Mr. Chapman states that he found the finest fishing he ever had in the wilds of Curry. They also visited Crescent, Calif., and had a very enjoyable outing. Mr. Chapman says that the road between Grants Pass and Crescent are in fairly good shape. He drove from Grants Pass to Independence in one day.

SAMUEL GROSS TO MOVE FROM PEDEE TO LENTS

Samuel Gross, who has been operating the old Gross homestead near Pedee belonging to his mother, Mrs. Margaret Gross, will dispose of his personal effects in a joint public sale with property belonging to his mother on September 16th, and will move to Lents, just on the outskirts of Portland.

M. F. White of Dallas will be the auctioneer and Clay S. Taylor, Pedee merchant will be clerk.

J. J. Edwards will operate the Gross ranch on a lease, taking possession October 1st. Mr. Edwards has been running the ranch of his grandfather and is making the change to secure a smaller place.

LOGGING OPERATIONS ARE STOPPED AT GATES

Due to financial troubles, logging operations have been stopped at Gates. Several local men have been employed there, Grover Mattison having a log hauling contract for his truck. Dole Pomeroy was acting as logging superintendent.

HAPPENINGS IN THE ELKINS COUNTRY

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harman spent Sunday at Walker's hop yard visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Holcomb of Lebanon.

Miss Kathryn Murphy, a student of O. N. S. spent the weekend with Misses Ruth and Mildred Tetherow.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tetherow were business visitors in Salem Saturday.

Mrs. C. C. Marks is on the sick list.

Mr. Hibbard of Dallas visited Saturday with his wife and daughter, who are picking berries for S. M. Ray.

Mrs. Susan Jones and daughter Grace, of Corvallis were visitors Monday at the home of George Jones.

Frank McEldowney, Nic Nelson, Ruth and Mildred Tetherow and Kathryn Murphy attended an ice cream social at Pedee Saturday night.

Dr. J. K. Locke and wife of Portland spent the weekend with his sister, Mrs. C. E. Tedrow. Dr. Locke is just recovering from an auto accident.

CITY IN BRIEF

Dee Good has returned from Gates where he has been employed in logging work for the past few months.

Postmaster Homer S. Wood, accompanied by his family, motored to Portland, Sunday, and assisted in the celebration of the 75th birthday of his father, J. H. Wood. All of the children, accompanied by their families, were present, the others being Mrs. L. A. Carey, Mrs. Devere Childs and J. Rollo Wood. Mr. Wood, Sr., is hale and hearty. He has led an extremely active life, being an extensive eastern Oregon wheat rancher up until his retirement a couple of years ago.

Julius Stallings is critically ill at his home on Monmouth street. He was stricken with paralysis on August 29th, rendering him helpless and speechless and since then has been hovering between life and death. Mr. Stallings is 83 years old and has resided in Independence for the past 12 years. A son, George Stallings, mayor of Aberdeen, Wash., is here assisting in his care, and two other sons, James and Herman, arrived yesterday from South Dakota.

Mrs. G. C. Skinner and Mrs. Virgil De Coster met unexpectedly at the National bank corner, yesterday afternoon. The Skinner car has a broken running board, a jammed rear mud guard and the De Coster car sustained a broken front bumper and other minor damage. Mr. Skinner and Mr. De Coster met on the street a little later and congratulated each other that the damage was not greater.

MONMOUTH HEIGHTS NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

Frank Swearingen was in Dallas on business one day last week.

J. P. Walker was a business caller at the Harris farm home at Highland last Saturday.

Miss Ina Fishback was in Eugene on business last Saturday.

A. J. Shipley was transacting business in Dallas Saturday.

Jay Clark and Elmer Rapp are working in the Locke hop yard near Buena Vista.

W. M. and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fishback of West Salem were Sunday night and Monday visitors at their old home.

George and Frank Swearingen and families are picking hops for Sloper Bros. near Hopville.

Dow Hamar and family are picking hops for Walker Bros. near Independence.

Clare Eggleston and Silas Coats of Monmouth hauled straw from Paul Riley's Monday.

WOMAN DIES AT THE MITOMA HOP YARD

Mrs. Ellen Jensen died at the Mitoma hop yard Monday night. An autopsy was held Tuesday by Coroner R. L. Chapman, revealing that death had been due to heart trouble.

In company with her husband, Andrew Jensen, she arrived at the Mitoma yard about two weeks ago. Mr. Jensen stated that they had tramped it from San Francisco, working when ever they could find a job. Mrs. Jensen was 38 years old. Interment was made at Dallas.

MORE PICKERS NEEDED HERE

Hop Harvest Is Progressing With Highly Satisfactory Yield

More hop pickers are needed is the report from several of the yards in the Independence field. Otherwise, picking is progressing quite satisfactorily. Rain during the first days of this week caused some apprehension and delayed the work, but sunshine was the order yesterday and with a week or 10 days of good weather picking will be pretty well along. Some of the smaller yards have already finished.

Hops are still green and will not suffer if they are not picked for another couple of weeks, but with rain as the bugaboo, the growers are anxious to make the harvest as quickly as possible.

The yield is going to be considerably heavier than was anticipated, is the statement of a number of hop men.

A noticeable condition this year is the absence of "rough stuff." With thousands of people here from outside points, there has been no trouble of any kind. Hop pickers appear to be intent upon accumulating a stake rather than attempting to spend their money in boisterous ways.

EDWIN NISSEN SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Last Monday evening a merry crowd burst suddenly into the home of Edwin Nissen to remind him that he had reached another birthday. The surprise was complete, so far as Mr. Nissen himself was concerned, but he seemed to feel sure that his wife and daughter knew more about it than they would tell. The evening passed pleasantly with singing and conversation, marvelous fishing and hunting stories occupying an important place on the program.

Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and coffee were served by Elva Nissen, assisted by Margaret Sportsman with the help also of two young men whom they pressed into service in the kitchen.

The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Halladay, Mrs. and Mrs. J. S. Robbie, Mr. and Mrs. S. Taylor Jones, Mrs. Esther Herring, Mrs. M. J. Bulloch, Misses Margaret Sportsman and Galena Kurre, David L. Kratz and Russell Jones.

ANNIE L. COOPER IS ASKING FOR A DIVORCE

Dallas—Alleging cruel and inhuman treatment, personal indignities and threats to kill not only herself but her four children, Mrs. Annie L. Cooper, a resident of the Bethel district, has brought suit in the circuit court at Dallas for an absolute divorce from Charles P. Cooper, praying the court for custody of the children, who are minors.

The trouble in the Cooper family has been aired in the court twice, but this is the first time suit has been brought. On one of these occasions Cooper was brought to Dallas on the complaint of officers and neighbors and underwent examination as to his mental condition, being judged sane at the time.

The Coopers were married at Salem one May 17, 1910, and from the union four children were born, all of whom are now living at the home of the mother. Mrs. Cooper is the owner of a 143 acre farm and it was over the possession of the land that all the trouble has arisen. In her complaint filed with the county clerk, Mrs. Cooper alleges that Cooper has wanted her to transfer the title of the farm to him or else to allow him to dispose of it. On her refusal to do this she states that Cooper assaulted her at one time, heaped upon her gross personal indignities and otherwise mistreated her until it seriously affected her health. Mrs. Cooper further alleges that since 1915 her husband has refused to live with her or to contribute to the support of herself or children, making his home on the farm in separate quarters.

"Dick" Gaines and hop picking put in an appearance at the same time. Dick has been at Gates during the past summer, and when the concern by which he was employed got in financial straits, he lost no time in beating back to the old town.

