



LOCAL MEN HELD UP; \$30 TAKEN

"Stick 'em up" is Greeting to Two Armenians at McNary Station

"Stick 'em up!" was the greeting given to Mike Parsegion and George Vaganian, Armenians employed at the Catlin hop ranch, by four men just this side of McNary station on the Independence-Salem road last Saturday night. The two men were returning from Salem in a car and shortly after crossing the railroad track at the station, they were signalled to stop. They found themselves confronted with four men who had masks over their faces, with the demand that they throw up their hands. The Armenians did not at first sense what was wanted and not complying with the request, they were told that if they did not stick 'em up holes would be blown through them. They readily complied. They were compelled to get out of the machine, and while two men kept them covered with guns the other two searched them. They claim that they each had about \$40, having cashed their pay checks in Salem for that amount just before departing toward home. After being relieved of their cash they were told to get into the car and move on. Upon their arrival here they met Homer Mills, with whom they were acquainted, and told him of the robbery, and he in turn told Chief of Police Parker, who questioned the two men concerning the robbery. It was dark and they were unable to give any tangible clue to the highwaymen, other than that two were tall and two were short. They were standing by the side of the road when the Armenians drove up.

E. M. YOUNG TALKS HOPS WHILE IN PORTLAND

"I'm through with hops for the season," said Eph Young, pioneer hopman of Independence, Ore., who was in Portland yesterday. Mr. Young operates a 50-acre yard in Polk county and has developed it to the point that after the crop is gathered and dried and sacked and disposed of, he has the winter for his playtime, so each winter Mr. Young goes to San Diego, Cal., with his machine, so that he can scout across the international boundary into Mexico and watch the race horses. "I hear that some yards had trouble about pickers this year, but I had twice as many as I required," said Mr. Young. However, I didn't turn any away, but used them, deciding to clean up the yard as fast as possible." In the Young yard a nine-bushel box is used in which the picker places the hops, this being the standard size. If one or two persons pick into a large box, the hops settle rapidly and it is nearly a solid pack. Sometimes half a dozen people pick into the one box, and by this system they fill it more quickly than the hops can settle, and if the pickers are fast enough sometimes a nine-bushel box will not contain enough hops to make ten pounds when dried. Mr. Young has what is known as an "old contract" so he will not be concerned about the market price of hops for the next two years.—Oregonian.

FORMER BUSINESS MAN HERE ON A VISIT

J. P. Linden, a former owner of an Independence meat market and a holder of several pieces of realty, was here on a brief visit last Saturday. He was in the company of Mrs. Linden, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Simon and son Milton of Forest Grove, and Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Shaver of Salem. The Simons at one time owned the Peter Hanson farm south of Monmouth. Mesdames. Linden, Simon and Shaver are sisters and this is their first reunion in 12 years. The Lindens went from here to Winona, Minn., where Mr. Linden became very successful in various business enterprises and is now taking life easy. The Lindens drove through from Minnesota in a big car and are spending their time between Salem and Forest Grove and will probably decide to locate at some point in the valley.

E. O. SEELEY SUCCUMBS; BURIAL AT OREGON CITY

Erastus Oren Seeley died at his home, 842 E. street, last Friday, after an illness of several months brought on by complications following an attack of the influenza last winter. Funeral services were held from the home Sunday morning, Rev. J. S. Green of the Methodist Episcopal church officiating, with Funeral Director A. L. Keeney in charge, and interment was made in Mountain View cemetery at Oregon City, in the family plot. Many old friends were there to meet the family. Pall bearers were: G. C. Skinner, A. C. Moore, O. D. Byers, T. K. Vannice and C. W. Irvine.

Mr. Seeley was born at Rockland, Sullivan county, New York, October 6, 1846, making his age nearly 76 years. His parents moved to Iowa when he was a youngster and he grew to manhood there. He was married in Iowa January 3, 1872, to Miss Ellen A. Ryan. Four children were born to them, three of whom survive: Mrs. J. H. Harper, Tacoma, Wash., J. E. Seeley, Portland, and Mrs. C. G. Irvine, Independence.

Mr. Seeley led an exceedingly active life. From Iowa he went to Colorado, took up a homestead and subsequently laid out the townsite of Otis, which proved a highly successful business venture. From Idaho he went to Weiser, Idaho, and then into Washington, and about 20 years ago came to Oregon, establishing himself and family at Oregon City, where he remained until 1919, when he came to Independence and had since resided here. For a period of years he was engaged in the mercantile business. He was a member of the Methodist church.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Mr. Seeley was a good man, honest, upright and kindly considerate of others, and his death came as a blow to the widow, other members of his family, and a large circle of friends. The home here is to be closed. The first of the coming week Mrs. Seeley will accompany her daughter, Mrs. Harper, to Tacoma to remain indefinitely.

MEMBERS BUDGET COMMITTEE NAMED

Meeting Will Be Held Next Wednesday Night on City Finances

C. A. McLaughlin, J. E. Hubbard, William Cottle, Charles G. Irvine, Donald P. McCarthy and A. C. Moore were named by Mayor Walker at the regular monthly meeting of the city council Wednesday night, as a taxpayers' committee to meet with the city council next Wednesday night and assist in the preparation of a budget to cover the expenses of the city for the coming year. W. R. Maille was granted a franchise to operate a transfer truck, and a franchise for the Willamette Transfer company was passed to the secretary company was passed to the secretary and reading, where it was held up pending a determination of what the franchise fee shall be. There is a difference of opinion by members of the council as to what the charge should be.

The question of accepting the Kullander bid for the paving of Third street was continued owing to there being no assurance of an early delivery of cement and it now appears quite probable that paving of this street will be deferred until spring. L. Damon, C. G. Irvine, Mrs. A. L. Thomas, Mrs. P. L. Hedges and Mrs. J. E. Hubbard were appointed election officials. The following claims were audited and ordered paid:

Spaulding Logging Co.	\$101.94
Oberson Transfer	1.00
Mt. States Power Co.	212.97
J. D. Hibbs & Co.	18.15
F. O. Parker	100.00
R. W. Baker	13.08
Independence Bakery	4.20
Irvine Bau	3.50
Chris Burright	34.00
A. E. Horton	47.50
L. Damon	36.00
J. B. Chapman	28.80
H. W. Birkholz	64.80
Mr. Leonard	7.45

CAR SMASHED BY ESPEE HERE

Occupants Have Close Call From Death at Grade Crossing

A Ford sedan belonging to Leo McKenzie was literally torn to pieces last Saturday morning by being struck by the north bound Southern Pacific electric train in the north part of the city. Mr. McKenzie was driving the car, and Jesse Davis, an uncle of Mrs. McKenzie was riding with him. Both escaped with only minor injuries.

With the view obscured by fog, Mr. McKenzie did not see the train until he was within a few feet of the track. He applied the brakes, stepped on the reverse pedal, the car moved backward about a foot and the engine died, leaving the front wheels on the rail. The impact of the train pushed the front of the machine free from the track, skidding the rear of the car against the train, and this performance was again repeated until the car had been carried the full length of the crossing and deposited bottom upward in the ditch.

The accident was witnessed by Mr. McKenzie's mother, and it was first believed that both men had been killed. They had no chance to get out of the car but they had presence of mind enough to drop to the floor, and while the top of the sedan was caved in when it turned turtle, they miraculously escaped injury, other than a few bruises which they sustained while the machine was being cuffed along by the train.

The car is a total wreck, even to the engine, one rear wheel being practically the only salvage.

The train came to a stop a short distance beyond the crossing. Some slight damage had been done to it, but only enough to cause a few minutes' delay.

The crossing where the accident happened is the farthest one north in the city limits.

EVERETT WARD AND THELMA MOE MARRIED HERE

Everett Ward, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ward, who reside south of Independence, and Miss Thelma Moe, daughter of William Moe of Buena Vista, were married at the Methodist parsonage here Monday morning by Rev. J. S. Green, the pastor. The ceremony was witnessed by the immediate families and Mr. and Mrs. Ward departed soon afterwards by automobile for a month's honeymoon at Hood River and The Dalles.

The groom has spent the greater part of his life in this community and his bride has lived at Buena Vista for the past five years. Both are deservedly popular with a large circle of friends and felicitations will be freely extended upon their return.

H. J. "Babe" Steele, who has been operating the old Steele ranch just across the river from Buena Vista, disposed of his farming implements and household goods at a public sale Tuesday, and will take a position at the state hospital farm at Salem. C. W. Irvine and A. E. Horton acted as clerks of the sale. Prices were quite satisfactory.

OPENING GUN FOR SCHOOL BILL HERE

Miss Elizabeth Schaffen, a Former Sister Speaks at Baptist Church

Miss Elizabeth Schaffen of Portland addressed a meeting at the Baptist church Monday night in the interest of the compulsory school bill. Professing to have served 31 years as a sister, 15 years of this time in the capacity of a nurse in St. Vincent's hospital in Portland, Miss Schaffen was introduced by Rev. Mr. Proppe, the pastor of the church, as a lecturer and author.

With the opening declaration, "Know Ye the Truth," the speaker told of alleged experiences—not sensationalism—and views of the inner workings of the Catholic church. She left the service nearly 10 years ago, and in the meantime has written a book in which she relates in detail the story of those 31 years of bondage as she terms it.

Miss Schaffen came here under the auspices of the Ku Klux Klan, at least this inference could be drawn from the fact that Klan literature was distributed at the conclusion of the meeting. The church was literally packed with people, and the speaker was listened to attentively all during her talk. After telling in outline the story of her life, she took up the question of the compulsory school bill and urged that it be adopted. This bill, or properly an amendment to Oregon's compulsory educational act, proposes that all children between the ages of eight and sixteen years, or until the completion of the eighth grade, must attend a public school. The present act permits the child to attend a private or parochial school if so desired.

Miss Schaffen commended the Scottish Rite Masons for their initiation of the bill and the Ku Klux Klan for its endeavors in its behalf. At the conclusion of her talk a collection was taken to defray her expenses and from 75 to 100 of her books were sold.

CHILDREN'S HOME MAN COMING HERE SOON

Salem—Rev. W. E. Ingalls, a Methodist minister who is taking a year of rest from pastoral work in his home in the suburbs of Salem, has been engaged as field secretary for the children's farm home of the W. C. T. U. and is beginning his work in Marion county, being enthusiastically supported by the Ministerial association of Salem.

Rev. E. J. Hammond of the Kimball School of Theology, Willamette university, and Rev. Long, pastor of the Salem Presbyterian church have been a special committee to assist in this work.

The campaign in Salem will be opened about Oct. 15th. Marion county quota has been reduced to \$5000.

Rev. Ingalls began his work by presenting the home claims to the Friends church at Rosedale last Sunday, at which time a vigorous local committee was appointed to canvass the entire community. They plan to raise \$200 to pay for a Rosedale acre of the farm.

Rev. Ingalls will visit Independence soon.

VERDICT IN CIRCUIT COURT FOR HILYARD

Claiming that James Hilyard, Independence blacksmith, was indebted to him approximately \$1900, A. L. Lady of Myrtle Creek brought suit in the Polk county circuit court, Tuesday, to collect this amount.

Mr. Hilyard owns a prune ranch near Myrtle Creek and during 1916 and 1917 Lady was in the employ of Mr. Hilyard. Mr. Lady alleged that there was an unpaid wage account of \$1200, \$320 due for fencing, and \$387 of money loaned to Mr. Hilyard.

The case was submitted to a jury and a verdict was returned for the defendant. Mr. Hilyard was represented by Oscar Hayter of Dallas, and his witnesses included George Conkey, H. W. Birkholz, C. A. McLaughlin, and George Winkler of Independence, and Mr. and Mrs. "Bob" Grounds of Myrtle Creek.

PEDEE DAIRYMAN WILL DOUBLE HIS HERD

Some five miles back of Pedee, G. H. Genteman is making preparations to double his herd of dairy cows. He now has about 40 milkers and his intention is to increase to 80.

Mr. Genteman, who is a son-in-law of E. Steptoe of Independence, has a ranch of 500 or 600 acres, much of it in the rough, but with a sufficient amount under the plow to furnish the feed for a big, profitable dairy.

Mr. Genteman has a pretty well equipped ranch, operating his own electric lighting plant, and has just added an International tractor, which he purchased from J. D. Hibbs & Co., and which was delivered to him the first of the week by Messrs. Thomas and Horton.

TYPEWRITING, SHORTHAND ADDED TO HIGH SCHOOL

Typewriting and shorthand have been added to the course of study in the Independence high school. These studies will be under the supervision of the Oregon Normal and mark the advent of the Normal in high school instruction here. The same arrangement is in effect in the Monmouth high school.

The Independence high school enrollment has increased to 109.

WARREN TRIAL STARTS MONDAY

Two First Degree Indictments Returned—Special Venire 30 Drawn

With two indictments returned against him for first degree murder, the trial of Phillip S. Warren will be opened in the circuit court at Dallas next Monday with Judge Harry Belt presiding. A special venire of 30 has been drawn in order that the selection of a jury may not be delayed by the exhaustion of the regular panel.

When arraigned, Warren pleaded not guilty to the murder of Grover Todd and Glenn L. Price, prohibition officers at Grand Ronde on September 4th. District Attorney J. N. Helgeson will be assisted by Walter L. Tooze, Jr., of McMinnville, and Warren will be represented by Oscar Hayter, Attorney General Daugherty has informed Mr. Helgeson that Lester Humphreys, the federal district attorney in Portland, is ready to assist in the prosecution if it is desired.

The indictments against Warren are both for first degree murder and identical in their provisions except that one charges the murder of Todd and the other Price.

WILLIAM DAWES AND MRS. ORPHA PALMER MARRIED

William Dawes, a well-known local capitalist, and Mrs. Orpha Palmer of Monmouth were married at Everett, Wash., on September 25th, and after a brief honeymoon in the sound country they returned to the groom's home on Monmouth street, and were given a surprise reception on Thursday night of last week by a large number of admiring friends.

Mrs. Dawes has resided in Polk county for many years and is a charming, attractive woman, and Mr. Dawes has made his home here for quite a long time. They are receiving the felicitations of their many friends.

MAYOR, COUNCILMEN RENAMED

Citizen's Ticket is Selected at City Caucus Monday Night

There was unity of action and apparently unity of thought at a caucus held in the city hall Monday night. R. M. Walker, who is serving his first term as mayor, was selected to head what is termed a citizen's ticket for another two year term.

J. S. Bohannon, Willard E. Craven and Guy G. Walker were named as councilmen for four year terms to succeed themselves.

Arthur E. Horton was placed in nomination for city recorder. All of the selections were by the unanimous choice of the meeting, which was fairly well attended for a caucus.

D. E. Fletcher presided at the meeting and A. L. Keeney served as secretary. It was a love feast—an instance of where there was perfect accord. None of the nominees was seeking the place and permitted his name to be presented under protest after being assured that it was necessary for the good of the service.

In order that the candidates may receive the proper grooming and that they may be impressed with the dignity of their respective honors, Chairman Fletcher named A. C. Moore, Charles D. Calbreath and Chief of Police Parker a campaign committee. This committee is presumed to formulate a platform and furnish the necessary for an active campaign.

The city charter provides that another caucus may be held, but there does not appear to be any probability of such an event.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED BY PARENT-TEACHER

The Parent-Teacher association held its first meeting of the school year Tuesday afternoon. The attendance was good, about 35 becoming members of the organization. The program was short, the day being the time set for annual election of officers. An instrumental trio composed of Doris Dole, violinist, Edwin Dole, saxophone, and Evelyn Kurre, pianist, was much enjoyed, followed by a most laughable monolog by Faith Kimball, impersonating a young lady at the matinee, after which the election showed the following results.

President—Mrs. S. C. Halladay.
Vice President—Mrs. Ray.
Secretary—Mrs. D. P. MacCarthy.
Treasurer—Mrs. Frank Bush.

A social hour and light luncheon followed in the school kitchen and plans for the ensuing year were enthusiastically discussed.

STUDENT BODY AND CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED

Student body, senior, junior and sophomore class officers of Independence high school were elected Wednesday. Student body officials are:

President—Ruth Merrill.
Vice Pres.—Faith Kimball.
2nd Vice Pres.—Rita Ruch.
Secretary—Alma Kullander.
Treasurer—Karl Byers.
Member executive committee—Clifford Smiley.
Boys' athletic manager—James Stapleton.
Girls' athletic manager—Ruth Merrill.

Yell leader—Roy Seaman.
Senior Class
President—Fern Hays.
Vive Pres.—Manley Burright.
Secretary—Loretta Byers.
Treasurer—James Stapleton.
Class advisor—O. D. Byers.

Junior Class
President—Karl Byers.
Vice Pres.—Kathleen Mitchell.
Sec.-Treas.—Marylou Myers.

Sophomore Class
President—Mildred Bush.
Vice Pres.—Lida Bullis.
Secretary—Verna Peterson.
Treasurer—Roy Yung.
Class advisor—Thomas K. Vannice.

HORST COMPANY HAD 4150 BALES OF HOPS

The E. Clemens Horst company harvested its entire hop crop in fine shape. It totaled 4150 bales of approximately 200 pounds each.

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