

RUSH IS OVER

Still a Vast Amount of Labor Between Now and Hop Picking Season.

Building of New Hop Houses and Kilns will Require Considerable Mechanical Force.

The rush incident to the first training of hops following a backward spring is over, but there is no rest for labor in these parts. There is a vast amount of work to be done in this vicinity between now and the close of the hop picking season next fall.

The cultivation of hop yards and training of the vines in their different stages of growth will require the attention of many ready hands. The building of new hop houses and kilns now under way will require a considerable mechanical force. Stacked in the yards of the Independence Lumber Company's mill are hop house orders that runs up into the hundreds of thousands of feet.

Dick McCarter of Buena Vista has on the ground an 18000 foot order for a new hop house.

W. P. Bevens of the same neighborhood has a large order for a new hop drying building. Mr. Bevens' dryer will be a departure from the old style and more on the order of a fruit dryer. It will have two floors and it is claimed will dry twice as many hops as the old style dryer.

Sloper and Patton are getting ready to build a new house and have 14000 feet of lumber ordered.

The Walker Brothers are now hauling the lumber for their new building. They will put up two houses this season using 47000 feet of lumber.

Joe Hubbard is building a kiln and store house and will use 20000 feet of lumber.

John Burton has completed a new hop house in North Independence and it was dedicated with a ball Saturday night. It is of unique style. In the construction of his hop and store houses and barn Mr. Burton has used 60000 feet of lumber this spring.

C. L. Fitchard has an order for 48000 feet ready for use. He will build three or four additional houses and a kiln.

George Rose is now hauling lumber for the building of five hop houses besides a big store house 50 X 90 on his yards across the river. He will use 80,000 feet or more of lumber.

A number of others whom the local mill could not supply will build this summer. W. W. Percival is preparing to build two hop houses, a baling room and store room which will require 50,000 feet of lumber.

H. J. Ottenheimer will require 70,000 feet of lumber for the construction a large store room and four drying kilns.

Horst Bros. have let contracts for the building of six hop houses and a large store room and will use about 200,000 feet of lumber this season.

Independence Launched.

Over five hundred people gathered on the banks of the Willamette river at 8 o'clock Friday morning to witness the launching of the new boat "Independence."

Notwithstanding the early hour, people were here from Monmouth and Salem as well as from Independence. Everything being in readiness at the appointed hour, Miss Frances Cooper, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Skinner boarded the boat, the ropes holding the craft in place on the bank of the river were loosened and as if waiting for the occasion the little boat

glided gracefully into the river, bow up stream. Just as the boat touched water, Miss Cooper broke a bottle of wine on the new boat's bow, pronouncing the christening words, "I christen thee Independence." Owing to the extraordinary thickness of the wine bottle, it did not break the first time nor second and fell overboard each time and sank into the depths of the river. No waters are too deep, no feats too hazardous to thwart a Salem man when a bottle of sparkling champagne is in sight and Clarence Hamilton, the well known furniture man of the capital city recovered the bottle from the bottom of the river in both instances. The third time the bottle was broken into thousands of pieces amid the cheers of the crowd on shore and the launching of the new boat was over.

Pleasant Afternoon.

A pleasant afternoon was spent at the residence of Mrs. Thomas Fennell Friday afternoon. Mrs. Albert Jessup, of Salem, was the guest of honor and whist formed the amusement for the afternoon. The first prize was won by Miss Helen Daugherty, the second by Mrs. Wilson. Those present were: Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Adkins, Mrs. Messner, Mrs. Cressy, Miss Cressy, Mrs. Nelson, Miss Helen Daugherty, Miss Francis Daugherty, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Albert Jessup and Mrs. Thos. Fennell.

O. R. & N. Booklet.

The Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co. has issued a booklet entitled "Restful Recreation Resorts" that brings out the features of the Northwest indicated in the title in an effective manner. The booklet is prepared by R. M. Hall, one of the best advertising writers ever turned loose on the coast. The cover design represents an incoming train and steamer, while the graceful figure of a woman with a picture hat. Mr. Hall's ideal of feminine beauty, waves a flirtatious welcome to the passengers with a lace bordered handkerchief, and a sea gull circling beneath the azure sky admiring the reflection of its own beauty in the waters depths. It shows by illustration and graphic description some of the wonderful attractions of both the upper and lower Columbia river including the pomological beauty of the Hood River country, the medicinal value of Hot Lake and other points of interest along the O. R. & N. lines. It will require some pains on the part of the Southern Pacific to advertise the Willamette Valley and Southern Oregon in so attractive manner.

An "At Home."

A most delightful "at home" was given by Mrs. A. A. Catron at her pretty home in Monmouth on Saturday, May 24th. That Mrs. Catron's well known skill in raising flowers has not failed her was manifested by the great clusters of roses from her own garden, which added to the attractive appearance of her parlors and to the enjoyment of her guests. The kind and genial hostess was assisted by the Misses Butler, Mrs. Chas. Rice, Mrs. L. Bedwell and Mrs. C. F. Fisher. The tea table was beautifully arranged with its dainty service and Papa Gontier roses, where Mrs. Rice presided with her usual charm and grace of manner. Some very bewitching costumes were worn and among those present were, Mesdames, Cooper, Ketchum, Butler, Powell, Campbell, Bingley, Bedwell, Rice, Fisher, Butler, Wolverton, Mahoney, Pennell, Murphy, Boothby, Meader, Crowley, Hawley, Waller, Bentley, Mulkey, Best and Misses Cooper, Nash, Whealdon, Bingley, Lewis, Butler, Huber, Baird, Smith, Stamp, Burke and Buckham.

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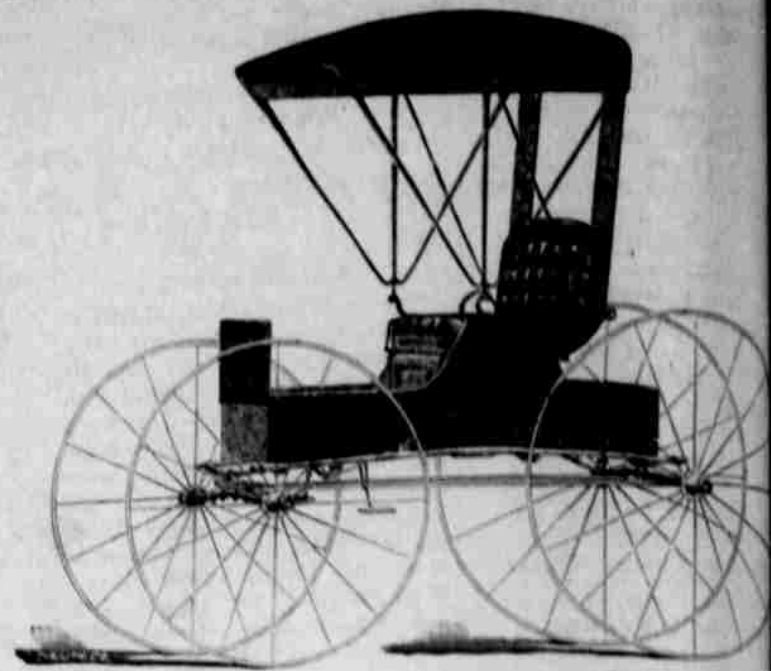
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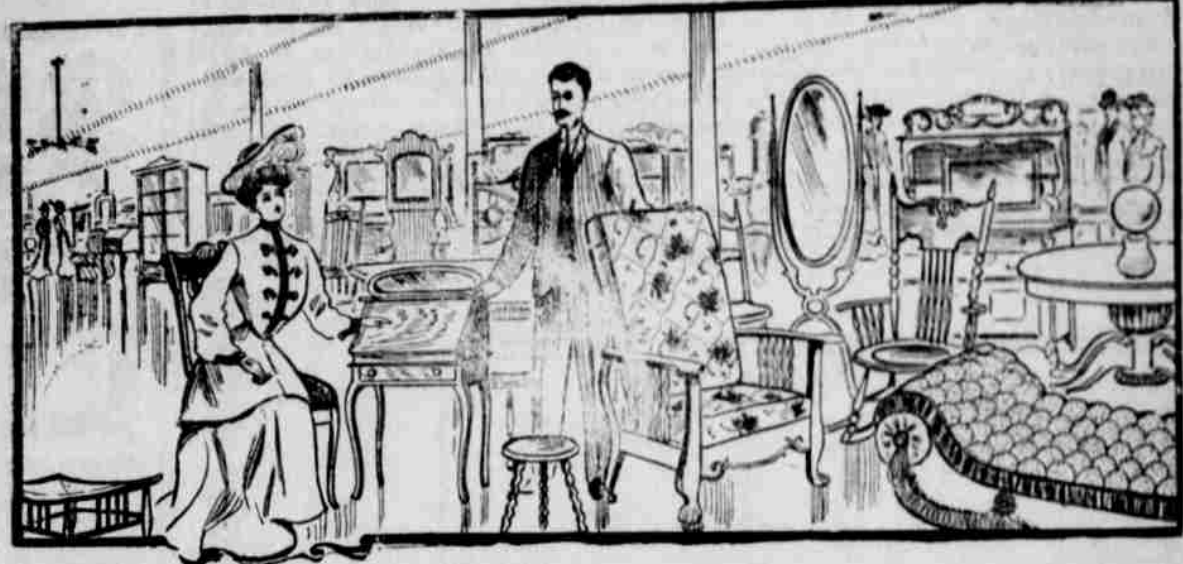
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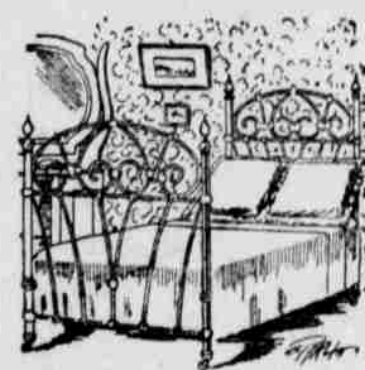
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