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POLK'S CLASS ONE MEN ALL GOING

(Dallas Itemizer.)
Men from the 1918 class will probably be drawn on to fill the first of the draft calls for August from this county, as all of class 1 of the 1917 class has been exhausted, or will be by the time all July calls are filled.

In addition to the 52 men to entrain here next Monday at 8:15 a. m. for Camp Lewis, calls are now pending for 175 men from Oregon (of which Polk county's quota has not yet been designated) for work in logging camps and sawmills; three from Polk county to go to Spokane on August 15 to take special training in auto truck repairing and driving and a call for eight general service men to be sent to Camp Fremont, Cal., about August 5.

For the lumber workers and auto from any class of registered men, for the former up to July 23 and for the latter to July 22. After that date if volunteers have not filled the quotas, the men will be selected by the local boards.

Assignments to class one from the deferred classes, which will result from the reclassification now going on, are expected to furnish sufficient men to fill all calls on this county up to the August consignments, but it is possible that class two may have to be invaded to secure two or three at the last moment.

With the announcement that 300,000 men are to be called to the colors in August and an equal number in September, it is possible that all of the new 1917 registrants in this county who are put in class one, will be in service by October 1, unless quotas are based on men still available in the old class one in which event Polk county and most of Oregon will be exempt.

BOYS ARE WELL CARED FOR WRITES LIEUTENANT FINN

Lieutenant Finn in a letter home says: "I am sure that the mothers of the boys of the 102d Infantry would heave a sigh of relief if they could know how well cared for, and how clean, neat and gentlemanly their boys were, thanks to our Colonel May and Chaplain Gilbert.

"The regiment is billeted in a very quiet village, in the country away from the evil influences of the larger cities. There isn't even a railroad to disturb the peace, only a small line similar to Joe Hirschberg's railroad between Independence and Monmouth only not half so noisy."

FORMER INDEPENDENCE MAN IS KILLED IN MISSOURI

J. D. Reeves received a telegram Wednesday from Chillicothe, Missouri, bearing the sad news of the accidental killing of his brother, Horace Reeves. No details were given in the telegram.

Horace Reeves was at one time a resident of Independence.

A WOMAN PROTESTS

A lady has protested to The Post against any Smokeless Days. "The female of the species," she says, "is suffering enough now without hanging anything else on them. Why if hubby couldn't suck a pipe for a whole day, there'd be no living in the same house with him. His wife and children would have to move out."

HOME GUARDS TO PARADE AT SALEM BRIDGE OPENING

Salem—What will be the largest parade of members of the Oregon Guard held since the formation of this military branch is being counted upon as one of the features of Salem's bridge day celebration.

Governor Withycombe is expected to issue an order in a few days calling upon no less than 1000 uniformed members from Multnomah, Polk and Marion counties to appear here for that occasion.

Marion county will be able to furnish more than 400 uniformed members of the guard. Polk county is expected to furnish two companies and Multnomah will probably be looked to for the remainder or about four companies.

If the troops are assembled as planned exhibition drills will be part of the day's program and competitive drills may be arranged.

POLK COUNTY HAD TOTAL OF 39 FIRES IN YEAR 1917

During the year 1917 a total of 39 fires were reported for Polk county by insurance companies to the office of Harvey Wells, state fire marshal.

Mercantile buildings and contents, 10; insurance \$23,300; loss paid \$10,959.53.

Dwellings and contents, 19; insurance \$15,770; loss paid, \$14,998.28.

Farm dwelling and contents, 8; insurance \$9,800; loss paid \$6,555.51.

Hop kilns, 2; insurance \$6,000; loss paid, \$4,900.

Totals—Fires 39; insurance \$54,870; loss paid \$26,513.32.

The thirty nine fires were attributed to the following causes:

Overheated or defective flues 8; overheated or defective stoves 4; matches 2; careless smokers 2; conflagration or exposure 3; lightning, electricity 4; petroleum or its products 2; rubbish or spontaneous combustion 3; sparks arising from combustion or running machinery 5; unknown origin 4; incendiary or of suspicion origin 2.

FIRST REPORT OF VICTORY

(Message to American headquarters from Commander of U. S. Troops at Givray.)

"Met Boche on his line of resistance. Sharp fight. Boche turned tail and ran like hell, pursued by our troops. Hope have more prisoners."

Prize Fish Story Of the Season

Following is the prize fish story of the season. It was told by an Independence man in the presence of four reputable witnesses. Owing to the gentleman's good reputation in the community for truth and veracity and to spare his wife and children from humiliation, his name is charitably suppressed.

"They don't do much jug fishing nowadays—no, I don't mean what you're thinking—I mean real jug fishing where you turn a jug upside down with a three-foot line and a big cat-fish hook at the end of it, baited with liver, and throw it out in the river and you follow it in a boat. One day I borrowed a boat and a couple of jugs and dropped 'em over. I sculled along after 'em for a couple of hours and it looked like I was never goin' to get a bite, when one of the jugs suddenly went under close to a little island. When the jug came up I grabbed it and I saw right away that I was in for a big job. The way that fish made off I could hardly hold my seat in the boat and the jug at the same time and things got so ticklish once or twice I came near letting the jug go. But my fighting blood was up and I hung on. Luckily for me, the old fish headed straight for the island and the boat grounded in the shallow water. I jumped out into about three feet of water and I saw at once that there was a wrestling match on—I wasn't goin' to let that fish get away from me. I dropped the jug and threw my arms around the fish about his waist, and I tried to pull him ashore, but he gave a quick turn of his tail and in some other way or other seems like he just got on top of me and down I went with that blamed fish on top of me and it looked like I'd never get from under. Say, I thought I was a goner, sure—all the mean things I ever done in my life floated thru my mind—it seemed like I was hours under there. Then all of a sudden I seemed to hear something holler to me from somewhere, 'Give him the strangle hold and the toe hold,' and in a minute or less I worked my elbow into the fish's throat and shot my left hand down and got a firm grip on his tail and gave him a twist that almost bent him double. Say, I've never heard a fish talk, but he made sounds that were mighty like fish language. We both came up to the surface together and I could see in a minute he was all in, and I dragged him out. I weighed him the next morning and he balanced the scales at 149 pounds. There was a piece in the paper about it at the time."

ORVILLE CROP REPORTS ARE NOT FLATTERING

Following is the Oregon Electric crop report from Orville:

All crops are almost a failure in this vicinity account of no rain. Lots of the grain in this vicinity that was planted did not come up at all and what did come up was no good. The farmers either cut it for hay or else turned their cattle in on it and pastured it. The hops are looking fair, but will be a light yield, probably not half a crop. Beans are not doing good, lots of them planted here, but from all reports they do not amount to very much. Potatoes are looking good and if there should be a good rain in the next short while there should be a good yield of potatoes in this vicinity. Corn did the best of any grain that was planted around here.

POPULAR SUVER COUPLE MARRIED LAST TUESDAY

Philip Thurston and Miss Lulu Peterson, both of Suver, and well known young people in that community where they have many friends, were married at the home of the bride's father, Grove Peterson, last Tuesday. Mrs. Thurston is a graduate of the State Normal and been a very successful teacher in the county.

SISTERS AND SISTERS-IN-LAW YET ONE ASSAULTS OTHER

Albany—Mrs. Bertha Hayes and Mrs. Etta Hayes are not only sisters, but sisters-in-law, having married brothers. Despite this double relationship when Bertha met Etta yesterday afternoon she struck her and pulled her hair. Her dog helped too for Bertha "sicked" him on and he bit Etta several times.

When Bertha plead guilty to assault and battery, she said that Etta had talked about her.

MISS MABEL STEVENS MAY GO OVER SEAS TO FRANCE

Independence may be represented in France by one of its fairer sex. Miss Mabel Stevens, who for several years has been the capable English teacher in the Independence high school, is in Portland now reviewing her book keeping. Very soon she goes to Bremerton to receive further instruction for the Naval Yeomanry. She has enlisted for foreign service and hopes to be of some help to her country by going over seas. Prior to her having the chair of English here, Miss Stevens had done clerical work and was very proficient, hence her friends predict much success along that line. Should she be called across, her numerous friends wish her bon voyage and a safe return to the U. S. A.

FORMAL OPENING OF NEW BRIDGE JULY 30

Salem—Formal opening of the new bridge, across the Willamette here, connecting Marion and Polk counties, has been set for July 30, and elaborate plans are made for a celebration. The Red Cross will get all receipts. Privilege of first crossing the bridge in a vehicle will be auctioned off. All who desire to walk on the bridge must purchase a flag.

MARY MAKES HAY

(Monmouth Herald.)
Miss Mary Rice is doing her share in helping win the war. She is spending her vacation working for Fred Huber and has done the mowing, raked the hay, run the hay baler, doing anything and everything she can set her hands to in the way of farm work.

GREATEST WIN OF THE WAR

The beginning of the end started yesterday when the troops of the Allies, including the Americans, battered the Hun lines on the Marne and beat the enemy back for several miles, capturing twenty thousand prisoners and three hundred and fifty guns. The Huns are rushing reserves to the scene of their disastrous defeat of yesterday, and the battle is raging today. Yesterday's was one of the Allies' greatest victories of the war as it has stopped the Hun offensive toward Paris and the enemy is now on the defensive rather than the offensive. The victory equaled in importance the defeat of the Austrians by the Italians a few days ago.

Hunland is desperate. The military despots see the hand writing on the wall and defeat and disaster for them on the West front cannot longer be kept from the German people by lies and deception. When the morale of the German people breaks, the kaiser and his cabal of blood thirty are done for and they cannot for long drive men to slaughter like so many cattle.

All America celebrated the victory last night. Here in Independence the fire bell rang and the people gathered upon the streets. The G. A. R. fife and drum corps played martial music with as much vim as they did back 56 years ago; From an automobile Dr. H. C. Dunsmore and B. F. Swope addressed the people telling of the victory and the bravery of the American boys; Mrs. J. W. Richardson sang as she never sang before. She has two sons over there and like all mothers of America looks forward to victory and the return of the boys; The Home Guards carried on their two-weekly drill but they never walked prouder than they did last night.

God speed VICTORY and PEACE.

"The Garden Of Allah"

IN Twelve Acts

WITH Helen Ware

AND Thomas Santschi

NO ADVANCE IN PRICE

8:15 SHARP

ISIS THEATRE

Sunday, July 21

SATURDAY NIGHT'S "BLUEBIRD"

ELLA HALL in "A Mother's Secret"

Canning Season

is approaching and the far-sighted housewife will this year above all others buy her requirements early.

We advise that you do not delay in buying all of the jars that you need as a traveling salesman told us that only about ten per cent of the glass factories in the United States are running. We have quite a generous supply on hand and are selling Mason's for—

Pints 85c dozen
Quarts \$1.0 dozen
½ Gallons \$1.25 dozen
Zinc Caps 30c dozen

Yours Truly,

JOHNSON & COLLINS