

THE POLK COUNTY POST

VOLUME 1.

INDEPENDENCE, OREGON, TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1918.

NUMBER 1.

Liberty Day To Be On Saturday

GOVERNOR WITHYCOMBE AND
MAYORS OF ALL TOWNS
WILL SO PROCLAIM.

ANNIVERSARY OF WAR DECLARATION

Canvassers Will Begin to Solicit
Sale of Liberty Bonds on
That Date.

Saturday, April 6, will be proclaimed Liberty Day by Governor Withycombe and the mayors of all Oregon towns. It is not only the anniversary of the declaration of war against Germany but it is the opening of the Third Liberty Loan drive.

Much of the preliminary work incidental to the drive has been done so Saturday morning, bright and early, the canvassers, who will cover every nook and corner of the state, will go forth to gather in one of the most essential factors in winning the war.

OLDER GIRLS TO HOLD CONFERENCE AT DALLAS

Under the auspices of the Oregon State Sunday School Association, the older girls' conference of Western Oregon will be held at Dallas on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Prominent speakers will be present and there will be patriotic features of many kinds.

SCHOOLMA'AMS HERE FROM EVERYWHERE

Monday, April 1, besides being All Fools Day, was also the day that Independence was invaded by several hundred schoolma'ams and would be schoolma'ams on their way to Monmouth to begin their spring outing at the Normal. The I. & M. had another good day's business. One lone male was noticeable among the beauty and he was enjoying the glory immensely. That he was assimilating femininity was evident as he occasionally felt of his belt in the back.

PASSING THE BUCK

The Colonel tells the Major
When he wants something done,
And the Major tells the Captain,
And gets him on the run.

The Cap'n thinks it over,
And to be sure an' suit,
Passes the buck an' baggage
To some shave-tail Second "Lieut."

The said Lieutenant ponders,
And strokes his downy jaw,
Then calls his trusty Sergeant,
And to him lays down the law.

The Sergeant calls a Corporal,
To see what he can see,
So the Corporal gets a Private,
And the poor damned Private's me.

So you see I run the business
Of this here regiment,
I work, 'n' sweat until
My blooming back is bent.

But I don't care, it's all a scheme
To fool old Kaiser Bill,
So I'll gladly bust this back o' mine,
And work 'n' sweat until—

We're in Berlin, and the war is won,
And we've 'et our belly's fill
Of meat, 'n' butter, 'n' lollipops,
And the treat'll be on Bill.

Then I'll come home, an' see my gal,
An' mebbe she won't care,
If I was a first class private—
Away off over there.

—American Khakiland.

SERVICE LIST FRIDAY

The South Polk County service list will appear in Friday's Post. It will surprise you when you see the number of boys in this section who are now in the army or navy.

They are scattered in all parts of the earth, from the first line trenches on the battlefields of France to the land of the Filipinos.

For fear that we may accidentally leave off the name of some boy entitled to a place on the roll of honor, you are requested to phone the Post and ask if your son, brother or friend is enrolled.

BENTON HAS SOME YEARNING FOR SENATORIAL PLACE

Pleading that it has been fourteen years since Benton county was represented in the state senate, Republicans and Democrats of Benton county are attempting to form a coalition and place on the ballot a Benton county man in opposition to I. K. Patterson, Republican, of Polk county, who will be nominated as he is alone in the field. There is no Democratic candidate.

Whether the Benton county candidate will appear as a Democrat or independent has not been learned.

KINGS VALLEY

(Too late for last week.) Mr. Lewis of Dallas drove a fine herd of cattle through here last week.

John Ritner who has been quite sick is slowly improving.

H. C. Harter and Bruce Miller made a flying trip to Corvallis today by auto.

The Rebeckahs will give a dance at Bud Price's hall Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. West of Hoskins have bought the Graham property.

The ladies of the Red Cross are doing fine. They tied out a comfort and cut 1100 gun wipers Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Mabel Overton of Corvallis is visiting in Kings Valley at the home of her parents.

The Kings Valley Lumber Company is ready for orders.

Mrs. Fritz Kindermans was quite sick the first of the week.

Martie Lake has been sick with lagripe.

Miss Inez Nyman, who is teaching school above Hoskins, came to the Valley this evening to stay over Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Nyman.

Rev. and Mrs. Briggs left for California to take care of his parents. We will miss them.

A Warning to the Unpatriotic

Frequently you hear that some person is talking disloyal. Investigation shows that many of the cases are not true, others are due to a misunderstanding and occasionally a charge of "disloyalty" is made against some one for spite. Now by the term "disloyal remarks" we do not mean honest criticism—we must admit that quite often the term is abused. But among the reports and rumors concerning disloyal remarks, there are a few that are the truth! It is hard for us to conceive that anyone living in this country, except aliens, is not a good American citizen, even if he does not inwardly favor the war; it is harder for us to conceive of any person being such a fool as to arouse feeling against himself by shouting his opposition to America where patriotic citizens can hear him. You would think that a person of ordinary sense, even if out of sympathy with the war and its purposes, would know enough to keep his mouth shut.

The American people are a patient set and allow plenty of leeway. As a rule, they are slow to become angered. But in a crisis like the present one, they may become sufficiently aroused to resent disloyalty in their community and may at any time or any hour take drastic means to punish all those who are such fools as to invite it. They may go as far as to take the law into their own hands. Cool heads may become so heated as to lose control of the situation.

So if there is a person in this community who is disloyal, he or she had better be very careful to keep it a secret. Right now there is but one party in America and that is Anti-Hun. Pro-Huns had better keep under cover for their health's sake.

A TRAGEDY—THE DESTRUCTION OF TREES IN FRANCE

Broken homes, ruined factories, shattered churches, violated graves, it had seemed to me we had rung all the changes on the destruction of war. But there remained one—the tragedy of the trees. You can rebuild houses, churches, towns even—for that takes only money. But you can't rebuild orchards of fruit trees and avenues of great shade trees—for that takes time. We were seeing them everywhere now—orchards with trees that were but faded, shriveled bunches of brown leaves lying on their sides, orchards where these had been cleared away, showing nothing but white topped stumps. They say that when the warm spring came, some of those orchard trees, lying on their sides but not wholly severed, leafed gently and then—just before they died—bloomed once again for France.—Inez Irwin in McClure's Magazine.

SENATOR JOHNSON PROTESTS ABUSE OF PATRIOTISM

(Senator Hiram Johnson, of California)

I am not speaking now in behalf of any particular criticism or even for criticism itself. I merely protest against the set phrases "pro-German," "disloyal," and "partisan," which have been so indiscriminately applied to the men patriotically differing from those who assume themselves to be the sole exponents of the thoughts of the Nation. I have no desire to fill the role of critic. At best, that role brings dubious fame, arouses hot resentments, and reacts and destroys the critic.

Some first for wits, and then for poets passed, Turn critics next, and prove plain fools at last. May the day have gone forever when an American citizen shall be precluded by fear of denunciation and the epithet of "disloyalty" from expressing his honest and patriotic sentiments.

THE "SICK" BROTHER MOVES AROUND SO MUCH

U. S. Will Stay by Russia.—Headline.

Doubtless it will if it can find out where Russia is staying.—Kansas City Star.

A Jack London story, "The Man From Forty Nine" is published in full in this issue.

BRIGHT AND BREEZY

Bright and breezy, the first issue of the Post comes to us this week. The grit of Messrs. Ecker & Currie is apparent on the surface.—Monmouth Herald.

HORNIBROOK IS ENDORSED BY POLK DEMOCRATS

Dallas, Or.—At a meeting of the Polk Democratic county central committee Thursday resolutions were unanimously passed indorsing the candidacy of William A. Hornibrook of Albany, for national committeeman. Thus Polk county falls into line with Benton, Linn, Lane and Coos counties in supporting Mr. Hornibrook's candidacy.

THE SPITTING ABILITY OF OUR CONGRESSMEN (From the Congressional Record)

MR. DIES. Naturally, I supposed the gentleman from Massachusetts, viewing the crumbling of the Government with some alarm, no doubt has gone over to the chairman of that committee post haste to get a hearing and see if he could get this legislation enacted into law. But I find that the chairman of the Committee on Agriculture did not even know the gentleman, and had not seen him so far as he was able to know. He had not requested a hearing on the bill and had not done anything at all of causing it to be written on the statute books of the country. Probably the gentleman was ashamed of the child and did not want anybody to know seriously down here that he was the father of it. [Laughter.]

MR. VENABLE. Will the gentleman yield?

MR. DIES. Yes.

MR. VENABLE. I wish to inquire if the gentleman's information is that the reason the gentleman from Massachusetts had not pursued his bill was because he was too busy spitting?

MR. DIES. I take it from what I learn from the gentleman's letter to the speaker that he is too decent to spit [laughter], and if he did spit he would not spit far. [Great laughter.]

Let The Post know.

Gigantic Struggle Still On

HUN BOAST TO REACH PARIS BY APRIL 1 COLD NOT BE MADE GOOD.

BATTLE MAY LAST ANOTHER MONTH

Americans Are Ready and Eager
to Take Their Places in the
Forefront of Battle.

The world's greatest battle goes on without result except to demonstrate that the boasting Hun threat to be in Paris by April 1 did not materialize. At the present time it looks very favorable for the allies. While they have been pushed back in several places, the enemy has no material advantage. It is predicted that this battle may continue for a month or longer.

The Americans are getting ready to get in.

TIME WAS CHANGED WITHOUT EXCITEMENT

Time was set ahead in Independence without serious mishap. A few instances have been reported where two or more members of the family, unknown to each other, changed the clock which created some amusement in the morning. A number forgot to make the change and showed up in their accustomed haunts after all the solo games were well under way. By the time that two prominent citizens answered to the stress of business it is believed that in two homes at least, the clocks were set back instead of ahead.

BUENA VISTA FERRY IS NOW RUN BY WOMAN

Mrs. Jesse Wells is operating the ferry at Buena Vista and has been doing a good job of it. Her husband recently joined the navy.



GOLDWYN PRESENTS

—in—

FIELDS OF HONOR

The story of the shot that rang around the world.

ISIS THEATRE

Wednesday Evening, April 3