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CITY FATHERS CONVENE FOR SHORT SESSION

MARY PICKFORD IS A JONAH
TO THE INDEPENDENCE
CITY COUNCIL

F. R. ARRELL IS NOW
CHIEF OF POLICE

Ordinance Vacating Street Not To
Be Disposed Of Until Full Mem-
bership Is Present.

Mary Pickford is a Jonah to the city council. Several months ago she "busted" up a meeting and Wednesday night came near doing it again. The some of the council men looked with longing eyes at the Isis theatre and gazed affectionately at her picture, they did manage to reach the city hall and a quorum was finally rounded up. A roll call revealed the absence of Mayor Moore and Councilmen W. E. Craven and Slopner.

There was no disposal of the ordinance vacating a part of F street. It was put over until a full membership could be present.

Andy Tupper formally tendered his resignation to take effect forthwith and F. R. Arrell was given the job. The new chief at once donned his star.

BIG PRUNE CROP IN
VALLEY SEEMS ASSURES

Salem, Or.—Fruitgrowers of this section believe that if the present favorable run of weather continues the Willamette valley this season will produce not less than 50,000,000 pounds of prunes. Prune trees are yet undamaged by frost and a large acreage in prune orchards is coming into bearing in the valley this year.

The fruit crop in general, it is believed here, will double that of last year. Peaches have been badly damaged by cold weather, but peaches are not an important crop in the Willamette valley. Louis Lachmund, who has a large peach orchard, has had notable success with smudge pots. During a cold spell a few weeks ago he kept the pots burning constantly with the result that the peach buds escaped without damage.

BILL HART COMING
TO INDEPENDENCE

Bill Hart, famous screen hero, makes his appearance in Independence for one night only, on Sunday evening, May 5. He will be seen in the exciting and heart throbbing drama, "The Silent Man. You have been wishing for Bill Hart, well, he's coming.

The Isis is booking only the best ones.

SEVEN MORE

The following names are added to the South Polk County Service list:

Ben Polan
C. B. Grund
Edwin E. Larsen
Lola L. Scott
Harlie V. Powell
Omer Cooper
Neil McKenzie

This makes a total of 112.

DRAFTEE PREFERS POISON
GASSES TO SALEM ORATIONS

Salem, Or.—Errol Valentine Byrnes, who is listed as a deserter for failure to report for the draft, has informed Sheriff Needham by letter, written at Tacoma, that he did not return to Salem to report because he had a bad cold and does not like the town anyhow.

He refers to a winter spent in Salem, saying it was the hardest town he ever struck to obtain the necessary wherewithal to keep body and soul together.

"If I had been able to come to Salem Thursday, I would not have come," he said. He was in Portland at that time.

"I did not live that winter in Salem, I just existed," he wrote. "I endured it with stoical indifference and spartan courage. Talk about Tuesday being meatless! Every day of that winter in Salem was to me meatless, wheatless, seatless, showless, doughless, roomless and eatless.

"I understand before the boys left they endured orations, lunch and music. I'm glad I missed that, as I do not enjoy being harangued at by some silver tongued orator. I don't mind being gassed in the trenches, but I don't want to be gassed from the courthouse steps.

"Now that I am registered, questioned, examined, drawn, drafted and delivered, don't bother me any more. I am going to the camp sans oratory, sans eats, sans music and sans ticket."

Sheriff Needham has wired recruiting officers at Camp Lewis to ascertain if Byrnes has reported.

RED CROSS BENEFIT AT
PARKER FINANCIAL SUCCESS

The Red Cross benefit at Parker last Friday night was well attended the receipts amounting to \$218. The patriotic ladies of that auxiliary have asked The Post to thank the people of Independence, Buena Vista and Suver for their liberal patronage and they are very grateful to the Independence Orchestra for its splendid music.

A home talent play, "Mrs. Tubbs Does Her Bit," was the feature of the evening. Those taking part were Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Zielisch, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. McGuire, Winnie Peterson, Mr. Horton, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Sparks, Mr. Overton, Mr. House, Caroline Peterson, Russell Nelson, Margaret Zielisch and Anna Horton.

Primaries May 17.

Sedition Law Recently Enacted

Whoever, when the United States is at war, shall willfully make or convey false reports or false statements with intent to interfere with the operation or success of the military or naval forces of the United States, or to promote the success of its enemies, or shall willfully make or convey false reports or false statements, or say or do anything except by way of bona fide and not disloyal advice to any investor or investors, with intent to obstruct the sale by the United States of bonds or other securities of the United States or the making of loans by or to the United States, and whoever, when the United States is at war, shall willfully cause or attempt to cause, or incite or attempt to incite insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny, or refusal of duty, in the military or naval forces of the United States, or shall willfully obstruct or discourage or willfully attempt to obstruct or discourage the recruiting or enlistment service of the United States, and whoever, when the United States is at war, shall utter, print, write, or publish any disloyal, profane, scurrilous, contemptuous, or abusive language about the form of government of the United States, or the Constitution of the United States, or the soldiers or sailors of the United States, or the flag of the United States, or the uniform of the Army or Navy of the United States into contempt, scorn, contumely, or disrepute, or shall utter, print, write, or publish any language calculated to incite or inflame resistance to any duly constituted Federal or State authority in connection with the prosecution of the war, or shall display the flag of any foreign enemy, or shall by utterance, writing, printing, publication, or language spoken, urge, incite, or advocate any curtailment of production in this country of anything or things, product or products, necessary or essential to the prosecution of the war, and whoever shall advocate, favor, teach, defend, or suggest the doing of any of the acts or things in this section enumerated, and whoever shall by word or act support or favor the cause of the German Empire or its allies in the present war or by word or act oppose the cause of the United States therein, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than twenty years, or both.

(Passed by the Senate and House of Representatives with minor amendments.)

AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES
TO COME AFTER WAR

Salem—While war conditions have made it practically impossible to finance irrigation projects, Percy Cupper, assistant state engineer, pointed out today that those who are interested in contemplated projects should be ready for a greater development along this line immediately after the war than ever before.

"After the close of the war," he says, "there is certain to be marked activity in agricultural development, particularly along the lines of irrigation, drainage and clearing of logged off lands, first, because this war has taught us the importance of agriculture; second, because it will be necessary to furnish desirable locations for the home coming soldier, and third, to furnish employment during the reorganization period.

"After each former war in which the United States has engaged large areas of attractive land were opened to the home coming soldier and he was accorded special privileges with respect to it. These lands served as a natural shock absorber. However, the desirable land is largely taken and other means must be devised. Canada has already passed a soldier settlement act. The United States will not only do this, but will supplement it with a more stupendous internal development program than ever before undertaken by a nation. True, this is only a prediction, but it is based upon a study of events. Employment of the soldiers, as well as those now engaged in purely war work which will end with the war will also render some such plan necessary. This state should therefore be prepared to take advantage of and render assistance in carrying out such a program. The irrigation and drainage district laws of Oregon are among the best and form an excellent basis for either state, federal or private development. It is hoped therefore, that even though there is no immediate prospect of securing the necessary funds for construction that the district organization will be maintained and plans perfected for future use.

"We have had a lesson in preparedness; this situation offers an opportunity to put it in practice."

Craven & Huff have received a shipment of front and rear Mazda lamps for automobiles.

NO RED CROSS MEETING;
MEMBERS FAILED TO COME

But four persons appeared at the Red Cross meeting Tuesday night, so no business was transacted. As it was time for the election of officers, it was supposed that quite a number would be present. As the old officers hold over until their successors are elected and qualified, no particular disadvantage is possible for the local Red Cross branch because there was no election.

PRESIDENT KERR ADDRESSES
INDEPENDENCE PEOPLE

President W. S. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural College, addressed a fair sized crowd at the Isis last night. He laid special emphasis on the importance of the American people getting into this world war more fully than they have been doing, impressed upon them the necessity of obeying the food control regulations and gave warning that the war may continue for several years.

OBITUARY

Rose May Hedges was born at Independence, Oregon, October 31, 1858, and died at the Dallas hospital April 28, 1918, aged 59 years, 5 months and 28 days.

In 1882 she was married to Albert Carey and soon after went to reside in Salt Lake City, Utah, which has been her home for the past thirty years.

Several years ago her husband died at Salt Lake City, and later her son, Laverne.

Mrs. Carey is survived by a brother, D. L. Hedges, and a sister, Mrs. Sarah C. Shelton, both of Independence.

Interment was made at the Buena Vista cemetery. C.

River Traffic Discontinued.

Portland—Extreme cost of operation and lack of business in the Willamette Valley territory between Portland and Corvallis has compelled the Oregon City Transportation Company to retire its steamers from the route. With the departure of the steamer Grahama from Corvallis Monday the Yellow Stack line will pass into history, and that ends steamboat service on the Upper Willamette.

A GOOD SUGGESTION

A number of Democrats have suggested writing in the name of J. K. P. Harris for representative. Mr. Harris is all right and would make a creditable member of the legislature, and in the general election he ought to beat W. V. Fuller.

POST COMPLIMENTED BY
LARGE PORTLAND FIRM

Portland, Oregon, April 29, 1918—(Editor Post, Independence, Ore.)—Dear Sir:—We are very much interested in news item and comment in your issue of April 9th, relative to community dehydrating plants and the Horst Company Dehydrating Plant in particular. We beg to compliment you on the thoroughness with which you covered this comprehensive subject in a comparatively small space.

We have had considerable dealings with the Government and both small and large dryers of vegetables and fruit, and agree with you that the dehydrating process is the coming method of preserving perishable products. If any of your subscribers or others interested desire information which will help them in installing plants and equipping them in your district, we would be only too glad to give whatever information we have been able to secure through our exhaustive dealings with the Government and other interest on the subject of dried fruit products.

Yours very truly,
AMERICAN CAN COMPANY.
F. P. Kendall, General Manager.

STEELQUIST RESIGNS PLACE
WITH OREGON POWER CO.

C. J. Steelquist, manager of the Oregon Power Co. interests in Independence and Dallas, has resigned.

HUN OFFENSIVE IS A FAILURE IT IS THOUGHT

PLAN TO OVER-RUN FRANCE
AND THREATEN ENGLAND
COMES TO NAUGHT

THE HUNS ARE
STAGGERED

Germans Must Now Realize That
"Minesalt Unt Gott" Was
The Bunk.

With the entire world in suspense for the past month awaiting the gigantic effort of the Hun to break thru the Western line, over-run France and seriously threaten England, the glad tidings came this week that the effort has apparently failed and that within the past two or three days the Hun has been badly repulsed.

Not only has the West Front held but the enemy has been beaten back with such tremendous losses that it must even stagger Hindenburg and the Crown Prince themselves. The German people were led to believe that the Hun army was going straight thru and the war would soon be over. With a half million dead and the object not attained, perhaps the German nation has commenced to realize that they are not destined to conquer the world and that God has never been in partnership with the kaiser.

Thos. H. Ince

—PRESENTS—

Bill Hart

—IN—

The
Silent
Man

ISIS
THEATRE

SUNDAY

May 5

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