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G. A. R. VETERANS PROUDLY MARCH

To the rattle and rumble of drums and the shrill notes of the fife, a score of the honored veterans of the Civil War and an equal number of the W. R. C. marched proudly from the G. A. R. hall to the public school building yesterday where exercises in keeping with the day were held.

From the school the boys and girls of fifty years ago went back to the hall where dinner was served.

At 1:30 all went to Monmouth where they were the guests of the Normal. The program at the Normal exceeded in interest and patriotism all like efforts of past years. Dr. J. T. N. Bell of Corvallis was the principal speaker.

The fife and drum corps of General Gibson Post can unfurl a service flag of its own. Asa Graves, grandson of Comrade C. A. Dick, drummed with the corps last year. He is now in the navy.

POLK COUNTY YOUNG MEN ENTER SERVICE TOMORROW

The following Polk county young men have been ordered to report to Sheriff Orr tomorrow at Dallas from where they will go to Camp Lewis to enter the service:

George O. Wells, Independence; Chester Fague, McCoy; Charles A. Stichter, Portland; E. W. George, Monmouth; Edward Lanstrom, Salem; Cecil L. Smith, Dallas; Lloyd Larkin, Salem; Isaac Reimer, Portland; Merle G. Griffin, Portland; Arnel J. Smith, Portland; Howard A. House, Parker; R. A. Knighton, Buena Vista; George G. Adams, Salem; Paul M. Skeels, Pendleton; Adelbert Speer, Huntington Park, Cal.; Oliver Guy White, Buell; John G. Hogg, Salem; J. W. Ediger, Portland; M. H. Douglas, Rickreall; Jay Clark, Monmouth; James H. McDonald, Detroit, Mich.; Elmer Davis, Independence; Arnold Schindler, Salem; J. E. Burkhalter, Oregon City; E. O. Brown, Independence; Fred W. Stinnett, Dallas; Frank W. Mathews, Portland; Abraham Tom, Grande Ronde; Elzo D. Vincent, Portland; W. Struckmeier, Thomas, Or.; Glen Keeney, Hoskins; Clinton Batin, Punxsutawney, Pa.; C. E. Corey, Deer Island; David Quiring, Bay City; Irvin J. Grund, Monmouth; Homer White, Monmouth; John X. Webber, Potland; R. M. Happach, St. Helens, Cal.

Believing possibly that a few men may be rejected because of physical disability, the board has listed the following men to be used as alternates: H. V. Robertson, Sheridan; Richard R. Brown, Independence; George J. Gordon, Falls City; John Koiris, Dallas; Joe Garsen, Black Rock; Walter E. Baker, Hoskins; and Burt R. Oliver, Napa, Cal.

Professor Daniel W. Wight of Tigard has been elected principal of the Independence schools. This year it was Wright, next year it will be Wight.

PROF. D. W. WIGHT HEADS INDEPENDENCE SCHOOLS

Successors to Miss Holt, Rigdon and Williams have not yet been chosen.

HOPS ARE HOPPING

Practically all the hops in the Independence section are coming fine.

MEMORIAL-FLAG DEDICATION SERVICES VERY INTERESTING

Memorial and flag dedication services were combined last Sunday morning and were held at the Isis theatre. Every seat in the building was occupied. An open air concert by the Polk County Band preceded the program. This was the first appearance of this musical unit in Independence and the boys were heartily applauded. Its members being experienced band men from all parts of the county it was able from the very first to play well and the program given Sunday was much enjoyed. Members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. marched from their hall to the theatre and the old soldiers were given seats on the platform. Mayor A. C. Moore presided. Several musical numbers were given by vocalists and the Independence Orchestra. No doubt conceded the headliner of the service was the singing of "There's a Service Flag Flying at Our House" by O. A. Macy. As many put it, he puts the feeling in it and there were not many dry eyes in the house. Mr. Macy's voice was always popular in Independence. C. W. Barrick and Dr. H. C. Dunsmore delivered patriotic orations of merit and interest.

The Independence service flag was loudly greeted with cheers. It would not be correct to say that there were a certain number of stars on it as new ones are being added as the call comes to other Independence boys to go forth in defense of their country.

DEAN WALKER MANAGER OF U. OF O. STUDENTS

University of Oregon, Eugene—Dean Walker, baseball and assistant football coach and director of intra-mural sports in the university, was elected to succeed A. R. Tiffany as graduate manager of the student body for the year beginning June 1, at a meeting of the athletic council.

This will be Walker's second term in this office. He first held the position during the college year 1913-14, retiring to go into business at Independence. He returned to the university last fall as assistant to Coach Bezek. Under his direction a system of intra-mural athletics has been developed on the campus embracing on the various teams practically every man in the university. He will continue as director of this branch of work of the department of physical training.

Following his election, Walker announced that he would at once open negotiations with the other colleges of the Pacific Coast Conference relative to a meeting in Portland or Eugene within the next few weeks to take up the question of abolishing the one-year eligibility rule for the duration of the war.

BIG PRICE SURE FOR WILLAMETTE VALLEY WOOL

On the price established by the government for fleece wool farmers in the Willamette valley are assured of from 47 to 64 cents a pound, according to grade.

On Memorial Day This Year 1918

Memorial Day was observed in Independence this year by more people than it has been for a number of years. This could be expected for in the past fifty years there has never been a more serious situation confronting the American people. Heretofore, Memorial Day has been devoted to paying honor and tribute to that grand army of the Republic, living and dead, who saved the Union from division in the dark days of the early sixties and to the men who carried the Stars and Stripes to victory in our war with Spain.

This year we have over a million of the youth of America, the flower of the land, fighting the greatest war of time against a well prepared and trained nation whose rulers are running amuck, drunk with a lust for power. This beast must be stopped and chained so that at no future time will men be killed and maimed, women and children tortured and starved and populous nations destroyed. America must do her share and more to slay the Hun invader and despoiler and it is possible that thousands of our sons may yet have to give their lives to "make the world a decent place to live in."

So it is that Memorial Day of 1918 meant much to every good American citizen.

150,000 ACRES O. & C. LANDS TO BE OFFERED THE PUBLIC

Washington, May 27.—Acting Secretary Vogelsang of the interior department has approved regulations opening to entry under the homestead laws about 150,000 acres of agricultural land in the Portland land district, Oregon. The lands are a portion of what are commonly known as the Oregon & California railroad grant lands. Applications will be received at Portland June 22 to July 17.

These lands are situated north of the line between townships 13 and 14 south, Willamette Meridian, extending from near the seacoast to well towards the summit of the Cascade mountains. They are scattered in parts of Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill, Polk, Benton, Lincoln, Tillamook, Columbia, Marion, Linn and Clackamas. The latter county has the larger area of the tracts to be opened to entry. In the opinion of Nathaniel Campbell, register of the United States land office in Portland, many of the tracts contain the best areas of vacant agricultural land in the entire country. Besides having stands of timber, most of the tracts contain springs or running streams of water.

Anyone qualified to make homestead entry under the laws of the United States may make application for not exceeding 160 acres in tracts range from units of 40, 80, and 120 acres. Each applicant must deposit at time of making application 50 cents an acre and the usual land office fees, and at the time of making final proof must pay the remainder of the price of \$2.50 an acre. Three years' residence upon the land will be required, computing not less than seven months a year.

Applications will be received at Portland at 302 Worcester building, beginning at 9 a. m. June 22 and continuing until July 17, at 4:30 p. m. Applicants must make affidavits that they have seen the land they wish to file upon. All applications made within this period will have been deemed to have been made at the same time and a drawing will thereupon take place. Those who may not have won a selection will be entitled to make another application immediately after the drawing.

Descriptive pamphlets containing full instructions will be issued by the local land office in about 10 days hence.

FORMER PEDEE RESIDENT DROWNED AT CUSHMAN

George Yost, aged 27, a former resident of Pedee, was drowned at Cushman the first of last week. One sister, Mrs. Levi Burbank, lives in Polk county and the unfortunate young man was visiting at her home a few days before his death.

Tell The Post.

ELECTRIC LIMITED ADDED TO ESPEE TRAIN SERVICE

An Electric Limited will be added to the Southern Pacific train service from Portland to Corvallis. The new train makes its first run Sunday next. Going north it will arrive in Independence at 4:15 p. m. and southbound at 5:11 p. m. The two trains pass at Gerlinger. A change of time for No. 354 northbound also goes into effect Sunday. It will arrive in Independence at 8:20 a. m. instead of 7:35. The time of No. 352 due at 2:14 p. m., No. 353 due at 10:32 a. m. and No. 353 due at 6:57 p. m. will not be changed.

ORCHARDS ARE THREATENED BY PEST AMONG TREES

Monmouth, Ore., May 27.—Practically every prune orchard in Polk county is threatened by the peach borer, and unless the pest is checked in its destructive work it is probable that the crop will be small this year, and a large number of trees will die, as the borer is girdling the trees. An effective remedy seems to be whitewash solution and all the large orchardists in the vicinity of Monmouth are using the new cure. The prevalence of so many borers is believed to be due to the dry season last fall.

BANKERS OPPOSE LOANS FOR AUTOMOBILES

Salem, Or.—Among the resolutions passed by members of Group 2 of the Oregon State Bankers' Association, who met in convention here last Friday was one discouraging loans to persons for the purpose of buying automobiles except in cases where it can be shown the automobile is needed for utility purposes. In another resolution the bankers went on record as holding it unpatriotic at the present time to retain large quantities of gold in the vaults.

FAIR FRUIT CROP LOOKED FOR IN WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Eugene, Or.—That the fruit crop of the Willamette valley this year is fair, is the statement of Professor A. P. Brown of the horticultural department of the O. A. C., who was in Eugene yesterday on a tour of the valley. Apples will be below normal, he says; cherries are spotted, that is they are very light in some places and heavy in others, while prunes will be a heavy crop. He says the peach crop will be very light.

OWNERS OF WHEAT MUST REPORT THE AMOUNT

All farmers and others, who have wheat on hand, must report the same to the county food administrator before June 15. This is for the purpose of ascertaining the number of bushels on hand in the United States at the present time.

HUNS STOPPED

The Huns made another titanic effort this week to break thru on the west front. The Allies have them stopped.

MARGARET CURRIE OF SUVER MARRIES GEORGE D. KERNES

On Thursday morning, May 23, Rev. D. A. McKenzie of Dallas united in marriage, Miss Margaret E. Currie of Suver and George D. Kernes of Cloverdale. The many friends of the bride living in the Suver section wish her a long life of happiness and prosperity.

On the Sunday following the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Kernes went to the home of her father, James Currie, and neighbors learning that the young couple were there gave them a good old fashioned charivari. Everybody was invited into the home and refreshments served.

MARGUERITE CLARK IN "BAB'S MATINEE IDOL"

Marguerite Clark is coming on Sunday evening, June 2, to the Isis Theatre in the Paramount version of Mary Roberts Rhinehart's story "Bab's Matinee Idol" which appeared in the Saturday Evening Post some time ago.

"Bab's Matinee Idol" is a whimsically funny story of a boarding school girl's first affair du coeur, as Bab grandiloquently calls it herself, and will appeal to girls of all ages who will recognize themselves in Miss Clark's winsome screen portrayal of Bab.

JEFF BALDWIN EVIDENTLY HAS MADE HIS ESCAPE

Jeff Baldwin, escaped convict, has evidently made his "get-away." No clues to his possible location have been uncovered for a week.

WHEATLESS SUMMER IS NOW PROPOSED

Polk county may be wheatless until the next harvest. Dealers in convention this week placed themselves on record as to being favorable to such action. The matter will be settled before Monday next. If the entire state will agree it is proposed that no wheat flour be sold to anyone, except licensed bakers, until August 1. This is the most drastic action yet proposed in order to make more wheat available for shipment across the big pond.

Opposition to such action is current over the state based principally upon three reasons. First, that the rest of the states are not contemplating doing the like; second, that it will force the use of baker's bread instead of the homemade, a discrimination favorable to the baker; third, that a number have enough wheat flour on hand to carry them to August while other families have not, making it class legislation favorable to those who had the price to buy a large quantity several months ago in anticipation of a restriction of the sale.

No wheat flour was sold in Oregon this week.

INDEPENDENCE MARRIAGE TURNS OUT UNFORTUNATE

Salem—Sarah Elizabeth Sumpter Wednesday filed her complaint in an action to nullify her marriage to Livingstone Sumpter. The parties were married in Independence January 8, 1912. It is alleged her husband deserted her in November 1915. She asks that the name of Sarah Elizabeth Creson be restored to her.

Marguerite Clark

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Bab's Matinee Idol

By Mary Roberts Rhinehart

One of the famous Saturday Evening Post "Sub-Deb" stories

Do you remember "Bab's Diary" and "Bab's Burglar"? If you saw them you wouldn't need urging to see this last picture of the group. If you missed the other two, make up for it now. Meet "Bab" and her little group of "serious thinkers." Get in on the ins and outs of her "plighted troth."

Don't Miss This Winner

ISIS THEATRE SUNDAY, June 2

Big Dance

INDEPENDENCE OPERA HOUSE

SPECIAL—"Polka Dot Dance"

Eleven Free Prizes

SATURDAY NIGHT

Everybody Welcome

Holder of Ticket Number 66 at Dance last Saturday night call at WILLIAMS DRUG COMPANY and receive prize.

Unless claimed before next Saturday evening the prize will be given to the lucky person present that night.

In the future all prizes will be awarded to the person present holding next number dance ticket.