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## FENNELL FUNERAL IS LARGELY ATTENDED

The funeral of Thomas Fennell, who committed suicide by drowning Wednesday morning, which was held this morning, was attended by a large number of friends and acquaintances. The services were held at the Catholic church of which the deceased was a member, and interment took place in the church cemetery at Salem.

Broken down in health, Mr. Fennell brooded over his misfortune and becoming somewhat unbalanced mentally, ended it all by jumping into the Willamette river which he had crossed hundreds of times in going between Independence and his ranch home.

At the time of his death, he was a few months over 64 years of age. He was formerly a blacksmith here, and served as city marshal. Attracted by the chances in the hop industry, he purchased and owned at the time of his death, one of the best ranches in Marion county.

## NO FAKE COWPUNCHERS IN BILL HART'S COMPANY

One of the things which make Western photodramas starring William S. Hart so realistic and convincing is his use of none but dyed-in-the-wool, never-been-curried-below-the-knee cowpunchers. Thus procuring genuine characters in his supporting cast, Hart not only must plan and act his own role, but also painstakingly rehearse the parts given to these big-hearted fellows, who, although proficient in the "3 R's" of the range, often are woefully lacking in screen ability. If it were not that Hart, who is a Western man and a big favorite with the punchers knows how to overcome their natural bashfulness before teaching them the rudiments of acting, many of his pictures would be much less true to the real West in its palmy pioneer days. Hart's first offering under the Artcraft trademark is "The Narrow Trail," which will be seen at the ISIS on Sunday evening, June 16. It was directed by Lambert Hillyer under the supervision of the well known producer, Thomas H. Ince.

## MONMOUTH PROFESSOR HAS GONE TO FRANCE

Professor H. C. Ostein of the Oregon State Normal departed Wednesday for France where he engages in Y. M. C. A. work.

Monmouth is shy a mayor now as Prof. Ostein held that honor.

## TECHNICAL TRAINING CAMP ESTABLISHED AT CORVALLIS

A camp for the technical training of 500 California boys has been established at Corvallis.

A Polk county officer, Captain Walter L. Tooe, Jr. will be in command which is quite a promotion for the captain.

## SUGAR SALE RESTRICTED

The sale of sugar has again been restricted owing to a possible shortage. Hereafter until further notice but three pounds will be sold to town residents and five to country people at each purchase.

The purchase of sugar for canning purposes will be permitted under certain rules.

## NO MORE BOOZE CAN BE POURED INTO WILLAMETTE

Portland—Intoxicating liquor is persona non grata everywhere in Oregon and in every manner, shape and form.

It can't be brought into the state, it can't be taken out of the state, and once here, it can't be kept even as a relic or a souvenir of the days that were! Nor is it supposed to be drunk, sold or given away—in Oregon.

That was the status of liquor until yesterday. Now, the bibulous beverage has received the worst and most stunning blow of all—it can't or shouldn't be poured into the pure and billowy waters of the beautiful Willamette.

State and federal laws have been dug out of their graves that distinctly stipulate that no waterway shall be polluted by any deleterious substance, chemical or liquid. The last classification includes whisky, gin, brandy, beer, wine and all other beverages which the prohibition law of the state of Oregon designates as intoxicants.

Wednesday the Willamette and its fishes went on their last drunken orgy when 300 gallons of whisky, gin and brandy confiscated from Julius Wilbur were poured into its limpid depths.

Now District Attorney Evans is seeking some magician who will say, "Presto, digitato, avanto, liquor!" and awake to find that all the intoxicants which have been seized by the county and state have been destroyed without violation of any of the state's prohibition measures or other statutes intended to safeguard the public's weal and sanitation.

## INDEPENDENCE TO LOSE POPULAR POSTAL CLERK

Everybody likes Gladys Irvine and she's going away. For six years she has dispensed mail and cheery smiles not a few and to every one alike at the general delivery window here. Now she is going to Astoria where she will be postal savings and money order clerk in a first class office. The advance in position is a recognition of her efficiency. Postmaster Wood of Independence and the Astoria postmaster recommended her to the senate which passes on the application and returns the appointment.

Miss Irvine is prominent and popular in musical circles here and she will be greatly missed, too her many friends are pleased with the promotion and hope she may still climb and not falter on the ladder of success.

## Portland's "Boom" Hits Valley Towns

The city of Portland has increased its population 75,000 within the past year and it has been at the expense of the small towns of the state. An attractive wage scale and a decided tendency on the part of the American people to flock to the larger centers of population are the two principle factors that have caused Portland's "boom." Of course, war industries had to have men to do the work, and it is only natural and to be expected that the surrounding country must supply at least part of the labor required; but there are other cities which are enjoying a "war boom" as is Portland, and their extra demand for labor did not draw so heavily from their immediate vicinities as did Portland's. Their added population appears to have gained from a larger territory. Then why was Portland's "boom" at the expense of the Willamette valley? We do not know.

A large number of Independence people have gone to Portland and more will likely follow, but Independence is no worse off than other Willamette towns. All lost population and will continue to lose population as long as the war lasts. It is a condition that there is no help for and one which must be made the most of. Some day the country will "come back"; the people will come back to the country. It will not be a matter of choice with them.

## INDEPENDENCE GIRL SEES ECLIPSE ON TOTALITY LINE

Miss Madeline Kremer was with a party of out of town friends who witnessed the "total solar eclipse" last Saturday. The party drove to Joble, a spot in the line of the totality near Astoria and observed the stupendous spectacle of the sky from the hills near by. The weather was very favorable and they could plainly see the famous corona or halo of light about the moon. While eclipses have careers and play return engagements, and this same circle will be seen across Southern Russia and Asia in eighteen years, Miss Kremer feels very fortunate to have observed the event, as conditions may not be so favorable to see the next.

She describes the eclipse as "coming instantaneously as some one turning off an electric light. Everything had the appearance of a melon moonlight night and then the switch was turned again as it were in two or three minutes and all was light again." She is delighted with the splendid opportunity to see the phenomena and feels like a modern astronomer.

## FAREWELL DANCING PARTY BY THE YOUNGER SET

A delightful event of interest among the younger set was the merry dancing party given at the Jim Collins home last Wednesday evening. A bevy of charming girls including Misses Gladys Irvine, Lucile Craven, Hazel Porterfield, Marita Shinn and Ora Fenton were hostesses for the event which was given as a going away party for Miss Leona Hanna who leaves for Portland Saturday to make her home. The hostesses had made the entire home a bower of blossoms and fragrance for the fete. Numerous bowls of gorgeous roses were used with charming effect. The Colonial porch was made into a cozy corner and trysting place by using Navajo rugs and blankets, the whole presenting an unique appearance. Victrola and piano furnished music for the dance in which eighteen jolly revelers participated. At the wee small hours of the night, a delicious luncheon was served at beautifully appointed tables which were centered with choice roses.

## TO SELL PRIVILEGE TO FIRST BRIDGE TRAVELER

Salem—To replenish the treasure of Willamette chapter of the Red Cross a unique scheme has been hit upon by the executive committee having in charge arrangements for a celebration of the new Marion-Polk county bridge some time next month. The plan is to sell at auction the privilege of being the first to cross the new bridge. The first to send in a bid is Henry W. Meyers, a Salem merchant, whose bid was \$100.

## INDEPENDENCE STRONG FOR HOME GUARD COMPANY

Tuesday night a rousing patriotic meeting was held at the Isis theatre with several out of town speakers present. Dallas' prominent attorney, Oscar Hayter, gave an instructive talk about the Defense Council. Miss Edna Mills of Forest Grove spoke on Food Conservation. Dr. A. B. Starbuck of Dallas made an enthusiastic talk about the Thrift Stamp campaign. Several members of the State Constabulary were present, including Major Hall and Captain Byrd who explained the duties and plan of organizing a branch of the state guards. When asked how many would be interested in an organization in Independence, every man in the house rose quickly and a burst of applause followed. Patriotic music closed the meeting.

## MRS. HANNA IS GIVEN FAREWELL RECEPTION

The Pythian Sisters gave a surprise farewell party at their club rooms last Thursday evening for one of their members, Mrs. James Hanna, who leaves tomorrow for Portland her future home. A short but excellent program was rendered and an address, containing a few words of welcome to the new members and highly commending the going away sister was given. Following the program, a light luncheon in which many friends of the honoree participated, was served.

## POST FEATURES

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"Coming For the Ride" from the Stars and Stripes, published by American soldiers in France. Page 2.  
Confessions of a German Deserter. Page 3.

## 18 MILES JUST NORTH OF SALEM TO BE PAVED

Salem—Announcement has been made by State Highway Engineer Nunn that the state highway commission will immediately begin advertising for bids for the paving of 18 miles of the Pacific highway just north of Salem.

Estimate cost of the improvement is \$348,000, of which the state will pay half and the government half. This is a post road and the state's share of the cost will come from the funds obtained by the sale of bonds under the Bean-Barrett bill.

## ANNUAL 8TH. GRADE PICNIC AT RICKREALL JUNE 28

The annual school picnic for the eighth grade graduates of Polk county will be held at Rickreall on Friday, June 28. There will be the usual program, games and contests.

## DAY 141st. Birthday

## POLK COUNTY HOME GUARDS ARE TO HAVE UNIFORMS

The Polk County Guards are to have uniforms—the regulation khaki pants, blouse and hat. Included will be the members of the band.

At a meeting held at the court house at Dallas Tuesday afternoon, those present requested the county court to expend \$2500 for 200 outfits. There are 100 members at Dallas, 65 at Buena Vista and a company is being organized at Independence.

## RED CROSS AUXILIARIES AIDED BY W. O. MORROW

The Oak Point and Rickreall Red Cross auxiliaries have been given a big lift by W. O. Morrow, who raffled off two of his best calves and donated the proceeds to the auxiliaries. Oak Point received \$231 and Rickreall \$100. John D. Woods also donated a calf to Oak Point which sold at public auction for \$20. At the Morrow sale Wednesday, the ladies of Oak Point conducted a stand and realized an additional \$35 for the Red Cross.

## APHIDS ARE STILL ON THE JOB IN BENTON COUNTY

"The specialists who gave out that hot weather would kill the aphids have another guess coming," says the Benton County Courier, "for in this county at least they seem to wax fat and multiply by the millions under summer heat. Between these pests and the extreme dry weather crops generally are being ruined and unless favorable changes come soon all crops, except possibly corn, will be failures. The farmers are alarmed and many of them are disposing of their stock."

## ALL IMPROVEMENTS TO BE ABANDONED

"The Polk county court will abandon practically all projects for new improvements planned for this season," says today's Polk County Observer, "thus complying strictly with a request made by the government that curtailment be practiced wherever possible. A third request to effect was received by Judge Kirkpatrick on Wednesday, thru a communication from John Perrin, chairman of the board of Capital Issues and Federal Reserve agent, and after weighing the matter the court arrived at the conclusion that its full patriotic duty would not be discharged should it continue to prosecute the work contemplated and expend the considerable sums of money necessary, to say nothing of the labor and materials that would necessarily be required. Of course, there are certain betterments under way at this time that must be carried thru to completion, but these are considered essential to the well being of the community at large and will be completed as economically as possible without slighting them in any way."

## PUZZLER!

The Post on this page today carries two news items that do not harmonize. The Polk county court proposes to curtail improvements it is alleged at the request of a government official, yet on this same page we read that eighteen miles of paving will be done in Marion county and the government pays half the expense! Putting on the brakes in Polk county, but riding on high in Marion county.

Tell The Post.

The Famous Producer,

Thos. H. Ince

—PRESENTS—

WM. S. HART

IN

The Narrow Trail

(From the story by Wm. S. Hart.)

In the supporting cast are some of the best known of the Ince players including the cowboys and rough-riders, who are familiar to all.

It introduces Sylvia Bremer, the beautiful Australian actress, who has recently made such pronounced successes in Ince pictures as Hart's leading woman.

It is a typical Hart picture of wild out-of-door life, filled with wondrous pictures of the great West, and throbbing with tense incidents and thrilling adventures.

ISIS  
THEATRE  
Sunday,  
June 16

## 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
1/2 Gallons .....	\$1.25 dozen
Zinc Caps .....	30c dozen

Yours Truly,

JOHNSON & COLLINS