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LARGE CALL MADE FOR OREGON MEN

Portland—Draft officials of the state were astounded Saturday when there arrived from Washington a call for 2500 Class 1 men, the largest yet made. The astonishment was due, not only to the size but also to the fact that a call for 1350 men had been received Friday, thus making an aggregate of 3850 Oregon boys summoned to military duty within 24 hours.

A number of counties will be drained of available Class 1 men, tho the reclassification, recently ordered by the government, may recruit the ranks. One county, Josephine, cannot fill its quota, having twenty Class 1 men before Friday's call. There is no concealment among draft officials that the shipyard exemption has been greatly abused. Polk county will furnish 52 men for this call.

GERMAN LANGUAGE SERVICES GIVE WAY TO ENGLISH

Dallas—A German church, located in the northwestern part of Polk county, has ceased the use of the German language and in the future at all services, English alone will be used. The action was taken by the pastor and congregation after a committee of the Polk county council of defense had called on the leaders and asked them to discontinue the use of German. Other places of worship thruout the county where the German language is used exclusively will be asked to adopt the same course.

Several of the Dallas merchants are preparing cards to be placed in their stores asking their customers to speak nothing but the English language while in the building.

POLK COUNTY CHERRY CROP IS BEING HARVESTED

Monmouth—The cherry crop in Polk county is being harvested, and the local stores are paying ten cents a pound for them. Many contracts for 6 cents, made two or three months ago, are now regretted. The general crop is better than was expected and no rain has appeared to mar the quality. Filberts, which have become extremely popular in Polk county during the past few years, are reported to be a total failure in most parts of the county. Despite many handicaps and enemies, the prune bids fair to be king in Polk county again this year, as it has been in the past.

POLK REPUBLICANS ELECT OFFICERS FOR CAMPAIGN

The Polk County Republican Central Committee met in Dallas Saturday and elected the following officers: D. M. Hampton, chairman; Mrs. Stella J. Henry, secretary; C. A. Thatcher, state committeeman; F. K. Hubbard, congressional committeeman.

—BUY W. S. S.—

A SAD CASE OF "CHARITY"

People who contributed to "charity" Saturday night by buying a lead pencil of a half paralyzed freak of misfortune will no doubt be pleased to learn that the city very generously gave him a place to sleep and a good breakfast the next morning. Marshal Arrell found him running over the top with an intoxicating beverage and kindly took him by the hand and led him to the place where persons in his condition eventually get to in cities and towns where police officers both see and smell.

HENKLE FAMILY REUNION TO OCCUR THURSDAY

Corvallis—The 12th annual reunion of the Henkle family will be held on Thursday, June 27, at the home of Mrs. J. E. Wyatt, two miles west of Corvallis. Announcement of this reunion has been mailed to 250 families, residing principally in the Northwest.

The members of this pioneer family meet each year at the home of some member residing in Benton county. A program is given and a basket luncheon served, after which a business meeting is held and reports are read. At the reunion last year 116 members were present.

The family is descended from Rev. Anthony Jacob Henkle, who came to America in 1717. He founded the First Lutheran churches in Germantown and Philadelphia.

Jacob Henkle, Sr., one of Rev. Mr. Henkle's descendants, crossed the plains by ox team in 1853 with his six children and their respective families and settled in Benton county, near Philomath.

His family consisted of four sons and two daughters: Ichabod Henkle, Mrs. Christina Barker, William Henkle, Mrs. Mary King, Jacob Henkle, Jr., and Andrew Jackson Henkle. All these Oregon pioneers with one exception are now deceased.

Andrew Jackson Henkle, honorary president of the Henkle Association, is in his 90th year and resides with his family at Monkland.

Other members of the association are descendants of Abraham Henkle, a brother of Jacob Henkle, Sr.

A daughter, Mrs. Margaret Wood, and a son, Zebediah Henkle (both deceased) with their families, also settled in Benton county. The children of Miles Henkle, another son, later moved to the same locality.

The association has the personal record of over 700 direct descendants.

Those of the Henkle family residing in Independence are Mrs. Abraham Nelson, Mrs. W. H. Walker, Mrs. O. D. Butler, Ross Nelson, Chester Henkle and Miss Emma Henkle, all of whom attend the family reunion unless retained at home by sickness or very urgent business. A number related by marriage also attend and enjoy the pleasures of the day.

—BUY W. S. S.—

Big Crops Indicated Means Prosperity

The June government report issued a week ago forecasts a wheat harvest 280 million bushels larger than last year; and a crop of oats near a high record; and private reports indicate a corn area about equal to last year's record average, and a general crop prospect far better than a year ago at this time. The yield of cotton promises to be near the phenomenal crop of 1914 and 30 per cent more than the moderate yield of 1917. Pasture, meadow and live stock conditions are above the average. The entire situation justifies expectation of abundant home supplies, and for export all that ships will be available to carry. The foregoing applies to general conditions and not to any particular section or state.

The probabilities are that agricultural production will yield more in money to farmers than in any previous year unless there should be a decided change in prospects due to adverse weather.

Big crops at remunerative prices are the best possible assurance of prosperity in the West, and no sort of other conditions can prevent all business activities from feeling the stimulus of highly prosperous agriculture, the trade activities produced thereby and the large purchasing power of the farmers.

Curtailement of the production and sale of non-essentials and the diversion of large quantities of staples from ordinary trade channels to war uses will be felt more and more by merchants, but the demands of the home population for every variety of obtainable goods, even allowing for some economy, is certain to be large enough to keep general business active. This has been demonstrated. Fears of merchants when the United States entered the war have proven unfounded.

The war news on the whole was of a sort last week to remove the incubus imposed by recent German drives. The Hun advance seems to be effectively stopped and the Allied commanders are putting out no illusions as to the seriousness of the situation, a more hopeful feeling than for a long time past. Not the least cause for this is the statement of the administration at Washington that eight hundred thousand American soldiers are in France and the number will be a million by the end of this month. Announcements such as this cannot fail to have a cheering and stimulating effect on public sentiment, as it affects business, as well as in other ways, and it is hoped that the administration will see fit to make more of such cheering announcements now that war work has reached a stage which justifies them.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY SHEEP ORDERED QUARANTINED

Salem—Because of the prevalence of sheep scabies in some Willamette valley flocks during last winter and spring, and because of danger of its spreading to other flocks in the state the state livestock sanitary board has declared a quarantine against the movement of any sheep in Western Oregon that have been affected, the quarantine to hold until due precautions have been taken.

The sheep must be inspected and dipped at least once, not less than two months after the winter dipping for scabies, precaution to be taken that the sheep are not exposed to possible infected buildings or corrals. The dipping is to be carried out under the supervision of the state veterinarian, a deputy or federal veterinarians or under an inspector appointed for the purpose. Dipping must be in dips approved by the United States bureau of animal industry.

MRS. CLYDE ECKER CHOSEN CHAIRMAN DEFENSE LEAGUE

My Dear Mrs. Ecker: It seems to be the unanimous opinion of the ladies of Independence that you will make an excellent leader for the Woman's Committee for the Independence Community, and I am very glad to appoint you to the position.

You will find that Mrs. Swope has done some splendid work in getting the women organized and I am sure she will gladly aid you in the work as will many other loyal women in the city.

WINNIE BRADEN, County Chairman Woman's Committee.

WILLIAM ADDISON SELLS FARM TO BERT HILKE

William Addison last week sold his farm consisting of 280 acres, located south of Independence, to Bert Hilke for a consideration of approximately \$26,000.

MARION PRUNE ORCHARD SELLS FOR ALMOST \$38,000

Salem—The "Lone Maple" orchard about seven miles south of Salem, considered the largest prune orchard in Marion county, was sold this week for a consideration of nearly \$38,000. The orchard consists of 128 acres.

DOG KILLED; MAN BEAT UP; CASE NOW IN COURT

Albany—The fact that someone killed his dog caused James Platt to be sued for \$500 damages. Platt suspecting that Joseph J. Roner had caused the demise of his dog, proceeded to take the price of the dog out of Roner's hide.

Roner alleges that while he was driving along in his wagon, Platt climbed in the vehicle and attacked him, knocked him from the wagon, bruised and lacerated his head and otherwise injured him \$500 worth. Incidentally Roner says he knows nothing about the death of the dog.

POLK COUNTY THRESHERMEN TO MEET NEXT SATURDAY

A meeting of Polk county threshermen has been called to meet at Dallas on next Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the court house for the purpose of organizing, fixing prices, a wage scale and arrange for handling the labor problem which is causing some anxiety.

Corvallis—The Threshermen's association of Benton county has fixed threshing prices and wage scale for the coming season and also took up the problem of securing help and operating cook wagons. The wage scale adopted was \$3 per day and board for men and \$4 for man and team, and the price for threshing was agreed upon at 25 cents per sack for wheat and 20 cents for oats. If it becomes necessary to pay a higher wage scale to secure help, a proportionate advance of the threshing scale will be made.

—BUY W. S. S.—

W. S. KURRE IS SUICIDE VICTIM

William S. Kurre, cashier of the Independence National Bank, shot and killed himself about 7:30 o'clock this morning at his home in this city. No earthly reason is known for the young man's rash act.

In the best of humor yesterday and apparently without a trouble or worry in the world, he performed his duties at the bank talked with friends about town and went automobile riding. This morning he said to his wife and her mother, who was visiting them, that he was going to take a bath. He went to the bath room and in a few moments the shot was fired. Mrs. Kurre made the discovery of what had happened and rushing to a neighbor's summoned Dr. Butler. The physician hastily arrived, but it was of no avail as death was almost instantaneous. The shot had entered his head just behind his ear.

He left a note addressed to his wife in which he requested that a very simple funeral be held, only one song sung, and that Dr. H. C. Dunsmore be the officiating clergyman; that only a plain casket be used and that it be not opened; that his body be carried to Portland by C. E. Henkle in his auto hearse and there cremated. The note was written with a fountain pen and the date for the funeral was first written "Tuesday at 2 o'clock." This had been scratched out and "Wednesday at 1 o'clock" substituted with a lead pencil. No reason was given for the suicide. From the soiled condition of the note and the change of date, it must have been carried in his pocket for a day or two.

The last request of the deceased will be complied with in full. The services will be held at the Baptist church.

The entire city was astounded when the tragedy became known, which probably will always remain a mystery.

ADOLPH ZUKOR

PRESENTS

Elsie

Ferguson

IN A PICTURIZATION OF

"Barbary Sheep"

FROM THE NOVEL OF THE SAME TITLE

The popular book by Robert Hichens from which this photoplay was adapted proved this well known author's greatest seller since "The Garden of Allah." In this story Mr. Hichens again displays his indescribable power in setting forth the mystery, the fascination, the strange atmosphere of the desert. Blended with this wonderful setting are lives of a young English nobleman and his wife and a handsome Arab army officer, who plys his seductive arts upon the heroine while her husband is absent hunting. The story is charged with the heat, passion, and swift action that befit a daring romance of the Algerian desert and will hold the audience spellbound from beginning to end.

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THEATRE

Sunday,

June 30

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