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RAIN AT LAST; DROUTH ENDED

After a drouth of over three months, the Willamette valley was favored with a rain of considerable volume last night and today.

Its benefits are many, tho it came too late to help or save some crops. But potatoes, beans, oats, hay and fruit needed it badly and it will do a world of good. Pastures will recuperate from the long dry spell monies held at the Christian church and make a little feed for the stock.

OREGON GATHERED ITS LARGEST CHERRY CROP

Portland-That Oregon this season gathered its greatest crop of of a world mission, that the eyes of cherries notwithstanding the earlier the entire world were turned to us reports in many quarters that the appealing for freedom. crop was a near failure, is now an assured fact. The cherry crop is our brave boys who are suffering. still being marketed and the volume bleeding and dying to purchase for shows little signs of diminishing.

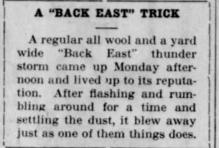
the trees of the Willamette valley must realize its responsibility to did contain a few less cherries this God, and that even this, the blood season in the aggregate than has liest of wars may be made a glorious been shown for several seasons, the occasion by the dedication of our fact that weather conditions were selves to God's service. ideal for the picking and that no fruit was spoiled on this account, sung with Miss Gretchen Kreamer gave the total output a greater at the piano. When the flag was re amount.

"NO MAN'S LAND" SOUVENIR

Dallas-Miss Helen Poling of this city has received a souvenir from her brother, Harold Poling, who is of McMinnville, Associational pas with an engineer regiment in France. It is a small piece of a German airplane which the young soldier saw fall one day in "No Man's Land" after a battle with Allied aviators. That night young Poling and a conrade crawled out under the cover of darkness and cut away pieces of the wrecked machine to send to the folks back home

K. C. ELDRIDGE BACK; ENDS MONTH'S VACATION

K. C. Eldridge is back at his desk at the Independence Creamery after



SERVICE FLAG UNFURLED; THREE PASTORS SPEAK

The service flag dedication cere Sunday evening were very impressive. The pastor, H. Tuttle, made an excellent and masterful address.

He said the Nation today as never before is possessed with a consciousness of destiny, a conviction

He paid a reverential tribute to the world the priceless inheritance. While it is considered true that peace. He insisted that this Nation

A program of patriotic songs was vealed it bore seven stars representing the following: Dean Baughman, Carl Bingman, Percy Gobell, Guy RECEIVED AT DALLAS Newton, Cyril Richardson, Marvin Richardson and Glen Smith.

At the Baptist church both morning and evening, Rev. W. B. Stewart tor for Baptist churches, spoke on interesting and inspirational topics. Rev. Stewart is a clear speaker and those attending his services are re ceiving a clearer understanding of their duty to God and man.

Rev. T. D. Yarnes spoke at the Methodist church. In the morning he chose for his subject, "Prayer. His talk will undoubtedly prove helpful to his hearers. He emphasized the thought that high ideals and desires to be effective must be embodied in prayer.

Rev. Yarnes with his family expects to take a vacation soon.

The War Just **Beginning For Us**

The Allies sweep onward tho as they advance the resistance of the enemy grows stronger. The Huns have brought up reinforcements to cover the retreat for every indication points to a retirement to the line they held when they started their drive toward Paris in April. If so the gains of April, which were secured at a tremendous sacrifice of life, have been lost as well as thousands in the present battle of the Marne.

With over 1,200,000 Americans in France General Foch. commander of the Allied forces, evidently believes that he is strong enough to take the offensive and keep it. When the vast Allied army does take the offensive, it means the beginning of the end of the greatest war of the world's history and no doubt the last one. It means the destruction of German militarism; the birth of a new era when democracy will reign the world over for autocracy will fall everywhere.

When the great offensive is begun it will mean a large loss of life among the Americans for they will bear the One horse, a quantity of farming blunt of attack. Unless the German defense crumbles from within and the German people force a peace at any price, we must expect and become ascustomed to long casuality lists and we must take it as a part of the price we pay that some of the boys we know will find a grave on the blood soaked fields of martyred France For us the war has just commenced. Heretofore it has only been a time for getting ready. Now we are going in and going in to win. We only can guess how long it will take. It may be two months, it may be two years. There is to be no compromise; it is a fight to a finish; until such a time as the kaiser and the military clique which now control the German empire have their fangs torn out by the roots so that not only the people of the Allied countries, but the people of all nations, Germans as well, will never again be robbed, enslaved and murdered.

NO COMPLAINT FROM THIS FARMER ABOUT DROUTH Eugene-There is one man in Ore-

POSSIBLY SOME "L" BOYS MAY BE IN BIG BATTLE

Dallas-The last word that came from Captain Conrad Stafrin, combout

cows belonging to Gideon Welty, a farmer living east of Salem, were der storm yesterday afternoon.

aid.'

MARVIN IN MARNE FIGHT.

Marvin Richardson is in the

thickest of the battle on the

Marne, unless he was unex-

pectedly transferred within the

past month. In a letter receiv-

ed from him this morning he

wrote that had been "in hell for

five days, constantly expos-

ed to gun fire and with the big

shells exploding around him."

As a member of the hospital

corps he goes out on the bat-

tle field and helps to bring in

the wounded and gives "first

Salem-Two valuable Holstein

KILLED BY LIGHTNING

WO VALUABLE COWS ARE

Albany-Soon after H. J. McInnes. residing six miles east of Albany, had finished placing about 50 tons of new hay in his barn, the structure was hit by lightning and entirely destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. implements and harness were also burned. The loss is \$3000 with but little insurance.

FINE FARM HOME OF

Dallas-The fine farm home of Scott Campbell, located on the Luck- Cross benefit to be held in Indeiamute river, a few miles south of pendence some night soon. Dallas, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. Most of the dance, music by the band, drilling household goods were burned. The by the home guards and perhaps a members of the family were at the triotic bodies will participate. barn doing chores when it started.

The loss will exceed \$3000, with no insurance.



The Horst Co. evaporator plant has closed down temporarily. All the vegetables on hand have been dried and the plant will remain idle for a few days until a new supply, is received.

Oregon Autorical Socialy auditorium

The plant has given employment to a large number of local people, both men and women.

THE BLUE BIRD" AND BLUE BIRD PICTURES

"The Blue Bird" tomorrow night has no connection with the Blue Bird pictures. "The Blue Bird" is world famous and is considered one of the greatest tales ever written. killed by lightning during the thun- The Isis management certainly deserves a vote of thanks for securing this wonderful attraction.

52 POLK COUNTY BOYS DEPART FOR CAMP LEWIS

52 Polk county boys departed from Dallas Monday morning for Camp Lewis where they will be enrolled in the great army of Uncle Sam. This practically takes all the class one men of Polk county.

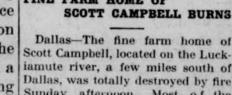
BENEFIT FOR RED CROSS PLANNED FOR EARLY DATE

Plans are being made for a Red

It is thought there will be a street cause of the fire is unknown, as parade in which all civic and pa-

> The government will take over the telegraph and telephone lines.





a month's vacation spent in California. His son, Shaler, is now stationed at Mare Island, but is expecting to be transferred East or to France at any time.

itary and one would imagine that he cal fitness. was near the real battle front.

HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT LOCATED IN POLK COUNTY

Miss Edna L. Mills, emergency and millinery.

POLK COUNTY WOMEN TO

The "Woman's Land Army" is to be formed in Polk county, and every Mr. Eldridge reports that all Cali- able-bodied woman within its borfornia is ablaze with the war spirit ders will be asked to enroll for serand with the large number of sold- vice on the farms, tho none will be iers and sailors stationed near San permitted to work unless they have Francisco that city is distinctly mil- a doctor's certificate showing physi-

LYMAN DAMON GOES ON TOUR OF INSPECTION

Lyman Damon went to Bend Saturday to visit his daughter, Mrs. home demonstration agent, is now Stuart. Before returning he will alpermanently located in Polk coun- so visit in Burns and look after one ty. It is Miss Mills' intention to of his farms on the old reservation. conduct classes, not only in food Lyman says he's going to find out of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Johnson, Roconservation but in dressmaking what will grow out there and will be land Johnson, Sam Irvine and Miss away about three weeks.

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,		1200

JOHNSON & COLLINS

ASSIST THE FARMERS drouth. His name is Alex Lewis, under ditch.

> Mr. Lewis said to a visitor yester. this arrangement some "L" boys day. "Well, I wouldn't trade my Mohawk valley farm and its water Marne, right for the best farm in the Wil-

lamette valley without a water right. That's what I think of irrigation after six or seven years experience with it."

INDEPENDENCE FOLKS GO; FAMILY GATHERS IN CITY

An automobile party consisting Emma Henkle drove to Portland Sunday to visit the Jim Hannas and also Miss Gladys Irvine who came down from Astoria to pass the week end. Father and Mother Irvine dent of Livingston county, was run have been visiting at the Hanna down and killed by a Milwaukee home for several days.

O. A. KREAMER GOES THRU **OPERATION EXCELLENTLY**

O. A. Kreamer went thru a serious route to Chula from a visit with operation one day last week and is Chillicothe friends and was walknow resting comfortably and ap- ing on the railroad track. parently on the way to recovery, The accident occurred near a which is the best of news to all his curve and the engineer of the freight

friends here. As you can't keep a train, after repeated warning signals good man down long, we expect to and seeing that they were not heedsee O. A. come stepping down the ed, was unable to bring his train to street almost any time now. He is a stop before the accident occurred Death was almost instantaneous. in a Portland hospital.

FORGET-ME-NOT DAY

Next Thursday is Forget-Me-Not day thru the United States. It is a Belgian day, observed in honor of the beloved Queen Elizabeth, whose favorite flower is the forget-me-not. Her birthday is July 25.

CORPORAL DEAN GIRARD ON WAY OVER THERE pected to make his future home.

ed for the other side. 10.44

Corporal Dean M. Girard of the

sons and three daughters. Mr. Reeves is a brother of J. D. Marine Aviation forces, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Girard, has depart- Reeves of Independence and L. G. Reeves of Portland.

manding the Dallas company of the and he lives just the other side of 162d infantry, was to the effect that Donna in the Mohawk valley. He his company had been broken up has 214 acres, and 160 acres are and all but about 50 of his old men assigned to other regiments as re-"Does irrigation pay, you ask me?" placements. It is probable that thru may have been in the fight at the

> It is not thought that any of the boys from this section are in the Marne battle unless it be some of those who enlisted with the regulars.

This morning it was learned that Marvin Richardson, with the hospital corps of the marines, was at the front on the Marne.

HORACE M. REEVES KILLED BY A FREIGHT TRAIN

(Chillicothe, Mo., Constitution.) Horace M. Reeves, a pioneer resifreight train about 10 o'clock Wednesday, July 17. The accident occurred about three miles north of Chillicothe, Mr. Reeves, who was 68 years old, and quite deaf, was en-

Mr. Reeves was born in Living-

ston county just west of the city, and spent most of his life in this

county. He followed farming and

stock raising for many years on

he returned to Chula where he pur-

chased property and where he ex-

Mr. Reeves is survived by four

BIRD"

(Symbol of Happiness.)

THE CENTURIES-OLD STRUGGLE FOR HAPPINESS THROWN ON THE SILVER-SHEET UNDER THE SPELL OF A MAJIC WAND.

A PHOTODRAMA THAT LIFTS DARK THOUGHTS INTO THE SUNSHINE. THE WHOLE WORLD WILL FIND HAPPINESS IN THIS MIGHTIEST OF ALL PHOTO-PLAY SPECTACLES.

EVERY HUMAN HEART WILL THRILL AND PULSATE AT THIS COLOSSAL MOTION PICTURE. "THE BLUE BIRD" APPEALS TO YOU WHETHER YOU ARE MAN, WOMAN OR CHILD.

ISIS THEATRE Wednesday, July 24

SATURDAY NIGHT'S "BLUEBIRD"

CARMEL MYERS in

"The Marriage Lie"

what was known as the Reeves farm, north of the city. After the death of his wife, Mr. Reeves moved to Independence, Oregon, where he resided until two years ago, when he moved to Mountain Grove, Mo. About a month ago