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## HOP INDUSTRY IS NEARING ITS END

Looking at it from any angle, there is no rosy future in prospect for the hop industry. It seems to be almost certain that it will be abandoned, the prediction being made that there will not be five thousand bales grown in Oregon in 1920.

There is a large acreage in the Independence district, which will be ready for picking within a few weeks, and because of the present condition relative to marketing and possible prohibition, there is no sale. This has led some growers to decide not to pick this year's crop. A great deal depends upon what congress does relative to prohibition legislation when it convenes at the end of August. The passage of a prohibition bill would put a scrimp in hop prices, and practically all hops already sold would remain in the hands of the growers for most contracts, if not all of them, carry a proviso annulling the agreement if prohibition is put into effect or nation wide prohibition legislation passed.

The 1919 crop of America is estimated at 125,000 bales. This is about half enough to supply the world demand under normal conditions. Then should the war suddenly end, the demand for American hops in Europe would be such as to make a good price.

No other industry just now is so uncertain as the hop. One thing, generally conceded tho, is that it will have to be abandoned. Absolute prohibition seems only to be a question of months, tho a few believe that it will result in a compromise in which light wines and beers can be made and sold.

Hops locally will make a fair crop. There is some worry about pickers as applications for jobs are coming in slowly. Because of the great reduction of acreage, the number of pickers required, as compared with former years, is small, and in all probabilities there will be sufficient help when the picking season opens.

## WOMAN IS MAIL CARRIER ON CORVALLIS ROUTE

Corvallis—Miss Lila Chase has been appointed temporary mail carrier on rural route No. 3 out of Corvallis during the absence of her brother, Ernest A. Chase, for the period of the war. The regular mail carrier was granted a leave of absence without pay for an indefinite period to enter military service.

## RAIN REFRESHES VEGETATION NOW FOR THRESHING

The refreshing rain of the week-end greatly refreshed the looks of all vegetation and incidentally made mankind feel considerable better.

Now for a spell of nice weather so that the threshing season will not be interrupted.

The Hun is on the run.

## SUGAR ALLOWANCE CUT

After next Thursday, Aug. 1, the sugar allowance will be cut to two pounds to each person per month.

## GO "OVER THE TOP" WITH EMPEY NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

Sergeant Arthur Guy Empey, veteran of the Somme and author of the most famous of war books, "Over the Top" is coming to town. The managers of the Isis theatre have booked the Vitagraph super-feature "Over the Top," which was made from Empey's book, and the sergeant will be seen as the star of the production on Friday evening, Aug. 2.

"Over the Top" is the one story of life in the trenches that has touched every responsive soul in America.

Since the book was published, more than 3,000,000 people have read it. More than 25,000,000 people have read Empey's articles in the newspapers of the country. Many thousands have been fortunate enough to crowd their way into the limited capacity of the great halls where Empey has lectured.

Now the whole loyal citizenship of the nation can see the "Fighting Sargeant" in action, can go "over the top" with him on the Hun hunts.

"Over the Top" is a triumph for Empey, for its producer, and for America. Closely following the soul-stirring narrative of the sergeant's "note book of a Tommie," there has been woven into the play a strong romantic story, inspiringly American in theme and thrilling in dramatic intensity. It is a wonderful visualization of the methods of fighting as pursued on the Western battle front, and yet is devoid of the horrors which have sickened the hearts of all civilized beings when they read of the slaughter instituted by the "Kultured" beast of Berlin.

Every father and mother of an American boy in khaki should see "Over the Top." As Empey said when he agreed to go into a motion picture production it shows "just what we are up against over there," and in addition it shows that Americans can take care of themselves.

To see Empey and the boys "go over the top" in a trench raid at night will reassure and hearten everyone who has a loved one at the front, because they will feel proud to be of the blood of real men, unafraid and willing to make the supreme sacrifice for their country.

## "WAR BABY" IS BORN IN INDEPENDENCE

Roy Duvall, now in France, fighting for his country, is the father of an eight-pound daughter born to his wife in Independence, Monday, July 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Duvall.

## NO POST LAST FRIDAY

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, there was no Post published last Friday.

## The House And the Star

(From the Helena, Montana, Independent.)

A star is the universal symbol of beauty and glory. For uncounted centuries it has been emblematic of the greatest heights of achievement and ideals to which men aspire. "Star of Hope," "Star of Empire," "Star of Freedom"—these are the superlative phrases by which we express our faith, our triumphs, our visions. Whatever is not to be surpassed in beauty and achievement, that we symbolize by a star.

In the hearts of Americans today one star is set above all others. It is the service star in the windows of a million American homes—the star which tells all who pass that a son of that house fights for the world's star of freedom.

A service star in the window of a house that gives a soul! A simple familiar thing, but as we gaze at it there rise many visions. We see a flag of many stars flying to glory; we see a man struggling on a bloody field; we see a mother kneeling in prayer; we see, above and far beyond, democracy established in all nations, the brotherhood of man a reality, the world illumined and renewed. But clearest of all behind that star we see a son and a mother.

Long ago, in the sunrise of history, there was another house of the star, a lowly house, like most of these where shines the star today. And above the lowly house hung a star of glory and portent, like these, but greater, and beneath it now, there was a mother and a son. Then, as now, the star marked a house where the mother knew, with all mothers, the agony and benediction of sacrifice.

We who are but watchers of the battle pass these present houses of the star and look upon them with tenderness and pity, seeing too little. We have need to remember that first house of the star, and, like wise men, also behold it, and worship, and follow. For from the house of the star then and now comes triumph of life over death in the gift of one life for all, now and forever.

## BRIDGE OPENING PROGRAM AT SALEM NEXT TUESDAY

Tuesday, July 30, from 7 o'clock in the morning until midnight, the official opening of the new bridge will be celebrated. Official opening ceremonies will be held at 9:30 o'clock in the morning when a horn of plenty will be inverted in an archway at the middle span, scattering Willamette flowers upon the bridge.

Following is the official program of the day:

7 a. m.—Mounted Red Cross herald rides thru the streets proclaiming the opening ceremonies.

8 a. m.—Assembly at bridge; music by Salem band.

9:30 a. m.—Public auction for sale of privilege for first crossing; dedication address by Justice George H. Burnett; official opening ceremonies; crossing bridge by successful bidder; music by band; Red Cross address by Dr. Esther Lovejoy; vocal music; patriotic address by Dr. Carl G. Doney; cafeteria lunch by Willamette chapter and Red Cross auxiliaries at Madison square.

2:30 p. m.—Military and Red Cross parade; amusements and jitney dance, under direction of the Cherries.

5:30 p. m.—Cafeteria lunch.

7 p. m.—Community sing; band concert and jitney dance.

## MILITARY CLASS OF 1918 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Dallas—Physical examination of the 1918 class of military registrants has been in progress here all week. Nearly every man examined so far has been passed as fit for service, yet the local board has secured few additions to class one, as about every young man examined asked for his release to voluntarily enlist in some branch of the service. The recent order of the adjutant general to refuse further releases until after the August quota has been filled, saved the situation as far as Polk county was concerned.

## S. H. HINKLE OF MONMOUTH HAS FOUR SONS IN SERVICE

S. H. Hinkle of Monmouth is the proud father of four sons in the service. Corporal Grover and James are with the Third Oregon now in France. Last week Ora and Robert joined the navy at Bremerton.

## U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATOR TO VISIT POLK COUNTY

Portland—W. K. Newell, Federal Food Administrator, will visit Polk county next week.

"This splendid rain has put the ground in good condition for the planting of feed for stock," says Mr. Newell. "Good corn can be had now if the farmers will plant it immediately. There is ample time for it to attain sufficient growth to make green feed for stock and if the weather is favorable, it will mature enough to make good silage."

"Ground where oats or vetch have been cut can be prepared for corn very easily. Buckwheat can be sowed with the assurance of a good crop; kale can be transplanted and rape can be sowed for fall pasturage, as well as vetch and rye which can be carried over for a hay crop next spring. Turnips, of course, may also be sowed and will add to the feed supply."

"A world shortage of feed makes it desirable and quite necessary that every farmer should bend all efforts to producing a maximum of these."

## THUNDER AND LIGHTNING FRIGHTENED ANIMALS

Albany—That electrical storms are rare occurrences in the Willamette valley is shown by the fear Monday afternoon's storm caused in animals. Many local people have commented on the antics of dogs, particularly while the lightning was flashing and thunder roaring.

During the storm the automobile of County Commissioner Irvine was standing at Bussard station, east of this city, and a frightened canine came tearing down the road and leaped over the side of the car onto the back seat of the auto. There it covered until the storm was over.

## A SUGGESTED ATTRACTION

Editor Post—If Independence has a street dance for the benefit of the Red Cross, get Word Butler to dance the Hoover Hop. E. T.

A daughter was born last Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. VanAvery.

## MONMOUTH BOY KILLED

Joe C. Clark, of Monmouth, has been killed on the battlefields of France. He was a printer by trade and was employed on the Monmouth Herald. His mother lives in Indiana.

## MISS VIVIAN WHITEAKER IS DELIGHTFUL HOSTESS

Miss Vivian Whiteaker was a delightful hostess to her Recreation club at her home last Friday evening. Following the patriotic celebration down town, the club members gathered at the Whiteaker home where a feast of fried chicken and all the accessories were awaiting them. Dancing then furnished the amusement until a late hour, and Miss Whiteaker was pronounced an ideal hostess.

## CHARTER COMMITTEE WORKS; EXPECTS TO FINISH SOON

The committee, consisting of four councilmen and three citizens appointed by the mayor some time ago to frame a new charter for the city of Independence, are now at work and expect to have it completed soon. A charter must be submitted to the people for adoption and this will necessitate calling a special election.

## LOCAL REGISTRATION FOR STUDENT NURSES BEGUN

Mrs. Clyde Ecker, chairman of the local Woman's Council of National Defense, is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. C. H. Castner, chairman of Oregon's Woman's Council of National Defense, asking that Independence enter into the drive for student nurses which is being conducted (Continued on Page 4.)

## MAN KILLS SELF BY SHOOTING

James C. Wellburn, a renter living on the Tom Fennell farm on the Marion side of the river, shot and killed himself early Monday morning. With a shot gun he blew one side of his head off.

No motive has been discovered for the suicide, tho perhaps remorse over the failure of his crop may have been the reason.

He left a watch and several trinkets on a table with a note in which he requested Mrs. Thomas Fennell to adopt and care for his little daughter.

Wellburn was a widower with several children.

## A. L. THOMAS PURCHASES DEE TAYLOR PROPERTY

A. L. Thomas has purchased the residence of Dee Taylor on the corner of B and Third streets and possession will be given Oct. 1.

## INDEPENDENCE SCHOOLS SHORT ON PRINCIPAL

The Independence High School is short a principal and male teachers are scarcer than hens' teeth. Prof. Wight, elected to the place, evidently received a better offer elsewhere for a few days ago, he sent in his declination and leaves Independence holding the sack. Another vacancy in the high school corps has been filled, but it is a long time until until school commences and in the meantime better jobs may become available for those elected, and away they go. Unfortunately and unjustly, the school laws of this state permit repudiation of teachers' contracts at the will of the teachers.

# "OVER THE TOP"

WITH  
**Sargt. Arthur Guy EMPEY (HIMSELF.)**

A STUPENDOUS PHOTOPLAY OF THE MOST SENSATIONAL SOLDIER'S STORY EVER WRITTEN TAKEN FROM EMPEY'S WORLD FAMOUS BOOK

# ISIS THEATRE

Friday,  
August 2

SATURDAY NIGHT'S "BLUEBIRD"

A dandy picture to be sure, but don't forget to 'Go Over the Top' with Empey the night before

## 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 ..... \$1.00 dozen  
½ Gallons ..... \$1.25 dozen  
Zinc Caps ..... 30c dozen

Yours Truly,

**JOHNSON & COLLINS**