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## KILLS TWO, THEN HIMSELF

(Salem Capital Journal.)

William Crane, a Polk county farmer residing on a farm in the McTimmonds Valley district in the southwestern part of the county, killed his son, James, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Claud Crane, and then turned the gun on himself and ended his own life Monday afternoon.

The shooting is supposed to have been caused by a quarrel between the two men but no motive can be given for the killing of the woman. Claud Crane was absent from the house at the time of the shooting having gone to a pasture at one end of the farm with a herd of goats. When he returned home he noticed an automobile belonging to the family in front of the house with the engine running. Upon making an investigation he found his brother lying behind the car with a bullet thru his right knee and another thru his stomach. The man was still alive and upon being revived stated that "dad did it." This is all the information Claud Crane was able to get from his brother before he died. He placed him in the automobile and took him to a neighbors, where he expired while parties were telephoning for a physician. Coroner Chapman and Sheriff Orr were notified and hurried to the scene. The sheriff found the weapon with which the elder Crane is supposed to have shot the others lying beneath the man and his hand was gripped in such a way as to indicate that he held the revolver. Some thought was at first given to the possibility that more than one gun was used in the affray but having hearing evidence given by neighbors and the testimony of Claude Crane the coroner's jury rendered a verdict that the shooting was done by the father, William Crane. Mrs. Claude Crane was killed by a bullet thru the heart which passed entirely thru her body, just beneath the left breast, the bullet itself having probably struck a bone and remaining in the body. The murderer himself ended his life by sending a bullet thru his brain.

The bodies of the father and son were buried in the local cemetery while that of Mrs. Claud Crane was sent to her former home in Idaho.

## MRS. S. H. McELMURRY IS THE CHAMPION KNITTER

The Highland Red Cross has one knitter who knits all the time. It is Mrs. S. H. McElmurry. She has won a lasting reputation as a real efficient knitter. When Mrs. McElmurry comes to town she hurries with her shopping, then goes and sits in her car and begins knitting. Sometimes she drops her thread but never a time does she drop a stitch, and her finished garments always receive much praise from the critics. Mrs. McElmurry has a son fighting for democracy in France.

## AFTER THE OLD ROOSTERS

Men from 31 to 45 will be drafted. A bill to that effect will be hurried thru congress. It will also provide for drafting all male chickens from 18 to 21.

The way the young roosters have been going to it in France recently, it looks as if they were planning on finishing the job before the old roosters can get their spurs sharpened.

## S. S. CLUB MEMBERS ARE GUESTS OF MRS. JOHNSON

The members of the S. S. club were most delightfully entertained by Mrs. E. N. Johnson at her home last Wednesday afternoon. Bowls of roses and other mid-summer blossoms added an air of festivity to the rooms. The ladies busied themselves with Red Cross work and merry chatter. A splendid feature of the meeting was the paper on "The Makers of Our Flags" prepared by Mrs. Crosby Davis. Mrs. Davis handled her subject in a most interesting and capable manner and the members thoroughly enjoyed every sentence of the article. An ice course consisting of a "banana special" and cakes also Victory punch and wafers were served to the gathering. Every one present declared Mrs. Johnson was an expert in mixing the Hoover mixtures. Besides the club members, the hostess had as additional guests her sister, Mrs. James Hanna of Portland and Mrs. Brady of St. Louis.

## MAKES IT VERY PLAIN

A news item sent out from Monmouth, and which is published in this issue of The Post hearing the information that three cows were killed by a train, concludes by saying, "The cows were on the track when the train struck them." The reading public will undoubtedly rejoice that this statement was added, otherwise it might have been surmised that the train was chasing the cows around in a pasture, got them in a corner and feloniously run over them.

## FRYER FAMILY ARE ALL PATRIOTS AND WARRIORS

T. J. Fryer belongs to a family of patriots and warriors. His father, Absolom H. Fryer saw service in the Mexican war; T. J. is a Civil War veteran; His son, C. P., was in the Spanish-American war; His daughter, Mildred, is with the Hospital Corps in England, and her husband, Dr. T. C. Campbell, is a surgeon in the world's war now raging.

At present T. J. is busying himself making ready for the G. A. R. reunion to be held in Portland this month. About forty will go from Independence.

No Post next Tuesday.

## Service Flag Raised In P. O.

The beautiful Community Service Flag which was purchased thru the efforts of the Civic Club and dedicated some time ago was unfurled in the interior of the Post-office last Monday. The flag now contains ninety one stars and will be a constant reminder of the courage, valor and patriotism of the youths who have gone forth from this community to join in the great city struggle which is being waged for democracy.

"Each star means a hero,  
A boy of yours or mine,  
Fighting, suffering, dieing  
Somewhere along the line."

## PUMPKIN VINE CHASES CHILDREN

There is much excitement out in the neighborhood in which W. A. Scott lives. According to information The Post has received by mail there is a pumpkin vine on the Scott farm that grows so fast that it chases the neighbors' children whenever they come on the place.

## BILL "HAS SAW" A SAW DOWN IN ARKANSAS

Billiam Buster Barnett cantered in this morning to say that the biggest saw he ever saw was a buzz saw down in Arkansas. Before something could be found to throw at him, he saw a telephone pole across the street and run out to climb it.

## HOME ECONOMICS WORK IS BEING ORGANIZED

Dallas—The organization of the Home Economics work is well under way in the county under the direction of Miss Edna Mills, County Home Demonstration Agent.

Oak Point was organized on Thursday, August 1, with Miss Irene Williams as chairman. Much interest and enthusiasm was shown in this district by the large body of women present.

On Friday, August 2, Monmouth and Buena Vista was organized. The committee in charge of the work in Monmouth is: Miss Maggie Butler, Mrs. T. J. Edwards; Cochrane, P. O. Powell; Mistletoe, Mrs. Hull; Elkins, Mrs. Frank Loughary; Antioch, Mrs. Comstock; Sunnyslope, Mrs. Ed Rogers; Buena Vista, Miss Gladys Reynolds.

In the Home Economics work an effort is being made to stimulate the preservation of home grown products to such an extent that it will not be necessary to draw upon the commercial supply at all. It is hoped that a food preservation record will be kept in each family so that it will be possible to estimate the saving in materials, cans and transportation as well as the amount of sugar used for preservation in the county. Blanks will be available from the community chairman.

Other work to be carried out in the county is in clothing conservation, special attention given to renovation and remodeling; installation of various labor-savers in the homes of the county; and the various phases of health conservation, especially child welfare.

## MARVIN ON THE MARNE

Marvin Richardson with the American Marines on the Marne writes under date of July 11 that he must be carrying a horse shoe, tho he has been within two inches of death as a bullet scraped the skin off of one of his ears.

"I saw Joe Clark's grave," he writes; "Poor Joe died fighting."

## THREE COWS ARE KILLED BY ESPEE LOG TRAIN

Monmouth—F. M. Austin, a farmer residing between here and Dallas, was the owner of three cows that were killed by the Southern Pacific train a few days ago. The train was the log special which runs irregularly between Dallas and Crisp. The cows were on the track, when the train struck them.

## TOO MANY "SICK" FLAGS

The Post has been asked to call the attention of the patriotic public to the number of "sick" flags that hang or partially hang around the city and in the country. According to our correspondent, a large number of flags have lost their red and blue and appear now only as jaded pieces of white, torn and tattered, and bearing a most striking resemblance to milady's dish rag.

## CROW-GROUND CONCERT DELIGHTS ALL LISTENERS

The concert given by Ben Claire Crow, baritone, and Mabel Clare Ground, pianist, for the benefit of the local branch of the Red Cross was indeed a musical success.

The program, which consisted of English, French and Italian numbers, was a meritorious one. The fact that French numbers were given a great degree of consideration was highly appreciated by the listeners for in the days when we are busy in so many ways cementing the friendship of our own Nation and France, it is well to give French a place on any program. Mr. Crow has made a specialty of French and sings it with fluency.

By special request, Miss Ground presented a piano number which was heartily encored. The marked advancement displayed by both musicians was highly gratifying to their listeners.

Following the program an informal reception was held and the artists favored the gathering with additional numbers. J. G. McIntosh and Mrs. C. W. Irvine, two local favorites, also pleased those who remained with a few selections.

## THRESHING SEASON IS STRENUOUSLY ON

The hum of the thresher sounds so sweet.

As it grinds out two dollar wheat. North, East, South, West, go any way over the valley and the song of the thresher pleasantly greets the ear.

Most of the machines pulled into the fields last week and Monday morning, the season officially opened. As has been known for several weeks, the crop is short, tho in many cases it is larger than expected.

One "custom" heretofore attached to Willamette valley threshing has been generally eliminated. Grain is being handled in bulk, doing away with sacks. This is a net gain to the grower as it dispenses with two members of the threshing crew and the price of the sacks.

## HOPVILLE AUXILIARY ASKED TO SPECIALIZE

The Hopville Auxiliary of the American Red Cross is fast establishing a record for proficiency. The members do such good knitting and make such excellent hospital shirts, they have been asked to specialize in those branches. The officers are Mrs. Will Shafer, chairman; Mrs. Frank Turner, secretary; Mrs. Clint Hanon, inspector. The ladies meet regularly once each week.

## BACK FROM THE TRENCHES

Dr. Doney of Salem, president of Willamette University, who has just returned from France, will speak in the Isis theatre on Sunday afternoon, August 11, at 3 o'clock. Admission free.

AMERICA'S SWEETHEART,

# Mary Pickford

IN  
A Romance of  
the Redwoods

A SUBLIME 'MARY PICKFORD' PICTURE OF 'THE SWEETEST STORY EVER TOLD' THIS PHOTO-PLAY APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN TO STAR "AMERICA'S SWEETHEART" TO HER BEST ADVANTAGE. THE REDWOODS OF CALIFORNIA FURNISH THE BACKGROUND.

# ISIS THEATRE

Sunday,  
August 11

SATURDAY NIGHT'S "BLUEBIRD"  
FRANKLIN FARNUM in "\$500 REWARD"

## ARE YOU ATTENDING The Cady-Thurston LECTURES In Independence?

SUBJECTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUG 17:  
MONDAY—"From Cannibalism to Christianity"  
(Fully illustrated by stereopticon.)  
TUESDAY—An evening for questions.  
WEDNESDAY—"What Will the Saints Inherit?"  
THURSDAY—"Will There Be World Peace Following the War?"  
FRIDAY—"The Great Day of the Lord"  
SATURDAY—"Life Only Through Christ."