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green Blackberries

MYSTIC "C" HERE: PUZZLES MANY

To break the spell of a curse, hoodoo or sign, carry a dead black cat by the tail thru a graveyard at midnight.

The mystic "C" has reached Indeendence. The startling discovery hours, a number of citizens and half day afternoon to a large body of our a hundred kids were out hunting for it. They found fifty or more scattered over various sections of the city

The mystic "C" is a capital C drawn with a lead pencil upon the door casing of residences invariably on the right hand side and the C in most cases has a line drawn thru the center or beneath it. Similar marks have been found on houses in other cities and towns of the state, the significence of which has not yet been determined.

It is causing much uneasiness every where and giving the police much worry; not that they fear any sequel of the strange mark, but they have their hands full pacifying those who believe that the sign is one of evil and that they are to be murdered, or their homes burned or something else to happen of a hideous character.

Who is the designer of the mystic "C" and what is it for? Nobody knows with any degree of certainty. But the possible solution and probably the right one is that the marks were placed upon the door jambs by solicitors or canvassers for some purpose of identification for other agents of the same concern. It is unconceivable that the signs have been placed with evil intent; no plot of such proportions could be worked out and not be discovered. All fears are groundless

The mystic "C" does not appear at all residences in Independenceabout one in four is the average, and no reports have been received that any country homes have been marked.

In a nonsensical way there has been much chaffing about the sign. times to assist those who may call

**Belligerent Ever-**Wheat is averaging fifteen bushels to the acre in this section, according to reports received by The Post. This is a good yield considering weather conditions this Spring and Summer.

WHEAT YIELD 15 BUSHELS

#### BACK FROM OVER THERE, TELLS ABOUT IT OVER HERE

Dr. Doney, president of Willamette university, delivered a very interas made Tuesday morning. In two esting address in Independence Suncitizens. Just back from France, he told of his experiences in war stricken France and what he saw. He reported that the American boys were in excellent spirits, that they were comfortable and cleanly billeted

and that moral conditions were good. He praised the Y. M. C. A. very highly and it was thru that organization that both the morale and were greatly improved. "Y" huts are great preventatives of loneliness and homesickness. He returned to America with a message from the boys that they were all anxious to begin what they are over there for. Events of the past few weeks indicate that already they have him and direction. Dr. Doney's address was one of the best heard in Independence since the great war started; he

is very clever in the use of language and he has a dry humor that i much enjoyed by an audience. Dr. H. C. Dunsmore presided, place in which he well fits.

#### **COUNTY LEADERS ADDRESS** INDEPENDENCE WOMEN

Miss Edna Mills, our county Home Demonstrator, and Mrs. Winnie Braden, chairman of the Polk County Woman's Council of National Defense, spoke to a number of intensely interested listeners at the Isis

theater last Saturday afternoon. Miss Mills spoke especially on Home Economics. She is a clear, capable speaker and is thoroly conversant with the numerous topics

(From the Portland 'Oregonian.) There are tons upon tons of wild blackberries now ripening in the woods of Oregon, according to the news reports, along with other tons of delicious fruit which ought not to be permitted to go to waste. Picking evergreen berries, however, is likely to prove a disappointing job to the novice. It calls for experience, high stragetical talent and special preparation.

An ideal outfit for the berrypicker would be a suit of mail, fashioned to cover every part of the body except the finger tips. The evergreen is the best protected berry in all Nature. The vine is not only thickly studded with powerful thorns, but these barbs are so cunningly arrangmorals of the soldiers of Uncle Sam ed that they catch their victim going and coming. If, luckily, one is able to thrust one's arm into the bush and in flips and flops and be with Lee or seize the ripe fruit of one's desire, one is sure to find a this year we won't be bothered by er teacher will be chosen. Those score of obstacles to recovering the arm again. One steps to the right and is involved in a hopeless tangle underfoot; and start the kaiser back to Berlin. he stoops and is caught by the hair; he tries to stand again and is enmeshed from head to foot. It is no uncomhis Hun army headed in the right mon experience to be snagged in a hundred places at once

in an evergreen blackberry patch.

The harvesting of this berry is especially commended to young men who are expecting service overseas. One over tops. who has picked a few gallons will make nothing of all the German btrbed wire entanglements between Soissons and Berlin.

### CITY POETESS SPENDING VACATION AT BUENA VISTA

am down on the farm for vacation And it rivals your mountains or \* beach. You may talk of your fine recreation, |\* And rave of the mermaiden |\*

"peach." out here there is room and But there's scenery;

There are fresh air and sky, and \* spring beets; she handles. She is ready at all There are cabbage and ham and a beanery,

wonderful sleep-

YOU RASSLE THE BEAR

The Post has commenced to receive communications (un signed) regarding the Sabbath question. Now we are reluctant to open our columns to a discussion of the controversy; instead we suggest that those who are bound to argue go right to the Baptist church any night, look the lecturer square in the face and say: "Mr. Preacher Man, I'm a son-of-a gun from Showme. Missoure:

Z!!!!! xg-k-gff q-!! wwm-xx?"

and other questions to that ef-

fect, and we're betting a last

year's bird's egg against two

pounds of sugar that in thirty

"something doin'" started.

seconds there'll be a beautiful \*

Since the kaiser went on a

rampage over in Europe, its \*

been mighty hard to keep one

day, and if the question is not

settled when the war is over,

we will offer a compromise to

the effect that both the washed

HAS TWO NOMINATIONS

Floyd is missing in

action. His father

gets wire this P. M.

(THICH WEEK.)

Thomas W. Brunk has received the Democratic nomination for two offices-representative from Polk county and representative from the Polk-Lincoln district. It is understood that Mr. Brunk will accept the Polk county nomination.

### CHAIN UP ALL THE COPS, MAKE WAY FOR HILDA HOPS

Portland, Aug. 13-Friends and nop pickers-I'm the maiden who pendence. in picking hops puts in the leaves der where for me soon with bed and mops-I mean everybody except the cops. This is the place-here I stops and scratch my name,

HILDA HOPS. P. S. To Lee and Mack: You wire drops, this year we'll go right

#### CITY CHARTER COMPLETED; READY FOR VOTERS' O. K.

The committee which has been drafting a new charter for the city of Independence, completed its work last week and the council will submit it to the voters at a special election

Douglas

Rumors concerning the Independence High School and its teachers have been promiscuously floating around for the past ten days and where they started from is as mysterious as the "C" epidemic. Among the stories heard is that the high school will not be opened this fall; another that the pupils will all be sent to Monmouth; a third that the teachers already selected for places on the faculty have resigned.

WILL START SOON

NUMBER 30

Oregin Acitorical Society auditorium

Lieutenant Ralph INDEPENDENCE HIGH

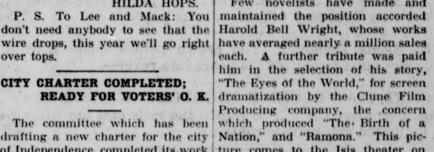
The Independence High School will start in September, will be standard in every way and will have a well qualified corps of teachers, and according to a member of the board, several pupils from outside the district will enroll in Inde-

A principal has not yet been seand all the tops. I'll take my turn lected, but a choice will be made within a very short time. After the Mack till the season stops. Suppose principal has been selected, the othfresh male wops, they're over yon- already elected, have accepted and - sure pops. Look there has been no resignations.

> "EYES OF THE WORLD" IS A REAL FILM EVENT

Few novelists have made and each. A further tribute was paid "The Eyes of the World," for screen dramatization by the Clune Film Producing company, the concern which produced "The Birth of a ture comes to the Isis theater on Friday night, August 23.

The tribute lies chiefly in the (Continued on Page 3.)



Those "marked" declare that they upon her for ideas, which will help are to be spared and the others are in stimulating the preservation of marked say they are the chosen ones local Council of Defense hopes to orto remain and the others are to ganize a class in some branch of the meet their doom.

### CHANGE OF CHAIRMAN AT

Mrs. Sherman Hays has resigned as chairman of the Red Cross urged co-operation with the local sewing rooms and has been succeed. chairman. She also told of her re- Farewell, stupid muse! I am flying . ed by Mrs. C. A. McLaughlin and cent visit to Spokane where the Mrs. H. Mattison. Mrs. Hays was Northwestern conference was held. very proficient in the work and has She spoke of the plans made there given freely of her time to the cause for the Y. W. C. A. drive to be confor many months. Since she felt ducted in November. that she could no longer shoulder the responsibility, it is fortunate ber of patriotic duties in a most adthat two such capable and charit- mirable manner. able women as Mrs. McLaughlin and

work which will be instructed by Miss Mills. Mrs. Braden spoke interestingly RED CROSS SEWING ROOMS of the great work being accomplished by the Woman's Committee of the

Council of National Defense. She

Mrs. Braden is carrying on a num-

Mrs. Mattison have been appointed.

No Post next Tuesday.

# The Cady-Thurston **LECTURES**

At the Baptist Church Independence will continue another Week when Spiritualism and other timely subjects will be considered.

LAST WEEK IN STUDYING THE SUBJECT OF THE BIBLE SABBATH, THE FOLLOWING WAS FOUND TO BE TRUE:

"You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the santification of Sunday." Cardinal Gibbons. IN CONFIRMATION OF THE FOREGOING, FATHER ENRIGHT OFFERS TO PUT UP \$1000. HE SAYS THE OBSERVANCE OF SUNDAY IS SOLELY A LAW OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

And eats! to be slaughtered while those not food, clothing and other things. The There are calves and young colts • and a swine herd;

There is buttermilk right from the churn;

There are fresh eggs, the gay, warbling songbird; There's apple pie done to a turn!

There is chicken so tender a-frying, \* And biscuits gold brown piping . hot-

To get my full name in the pot! GRACE E. HALL. (Miss or Mrs. Hall of Portland, a \* and unwashed be allowed to

composer of very clever verse, has \* keep both days. been enjoying the benefits and comforts of country life at Buena Vista SERVICE FLAG OF 4 STARS recently.)

### **TWO YOUNG LADIES ENLIST**

AS U. S. STUDENT NURSES

DEDICATED BY CATHOLICS A service flag bearing four stars was dedicated at the Catholic church Misses Pauline Stapleton and Ora Sunday night. Rev. Father M. J.

Pauline Fenton have patriotically Denlof delivered a very patriotic adanswered their country's call for dress full of logic and good advice. student nurses. Both these young It is only owing to an unfortunate ladies have enrolled in the preferred circumstance that there is not a class thereby signifying their will- fifth star on this service flag in ingness to go where they are most honor of Father Denlof. He was obneeded. Independence people are liged to give up the duties of chapproud of these young ladies for the lain because of illness which neces-U.S. Student Nurse Reserve is the sitated an operation from which he equivalent for women of the great is now recovering. When again he National Army training camps for has regained his health, he probabsoldiers. These girls are capable, will go back into the army. A prointelligent, responsible and of good ficient French scholar, he would be high school education. They are of of great aid to the boys of a regiment sound health, of the real "comrade" on the other side. The stars reptype and we highly commend them resent Captain Harry Ord, in France, for choosing a profession that has Corporal Elmer Davis, in California, always been honorable but never so and James and Joseph Oberson, in honorable as it is today. Washington,

The work of enrolling student nurses was given over to the Wom- FAMILY PARTY IN HONOR an's Council of National Defense. Polk county's quota is- ten, Independence three, tho it might be well to remember that Independence alnot a had record.

BOYS MUST REGISTER All boys, who have reached the age of twenty one since June 5, 1918, must register for military duty August 24.

### OF MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY

A pleasant gathering at the Damon home Tuesday evening celeready has two professional nurses brated the natal day of Mrs. L. doing service on foreign soil and Damon. An excellent dinner with another is to follow soon, which is plenty of repartee and reminiscences made the evening enjoyable. Covers were placed for Mr. and Mrs.

Homer Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Locke of Salem and Mr. and Mrs. L. Damon. Mrs. Damon was the recipient of several birthday gifts.

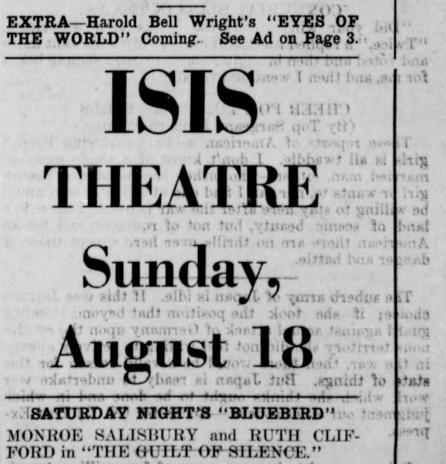
The Huns are still going towards Berlin.

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## Fairbanks M I.I. IN **"A MODERN MUSKETEER**" Many of the scenes were taken in the Grand 12.01 CEFT

Canyon of Arizona, and the work of the acrobatic star on lofty peaks, 8,000 feet above the sea level, and along the precipitous canyon will thrill any audience. In one of the scenes he climbs up the side of the canyon on a rope with Miss Marjorie Daw hanging to his neck. In addition to its sensationalism and great scenic beauty, this photoplay is replete with intensely humorous situations.

THE WELL KNOWN STAR,



cans in France by June 1 next year. If more are needed, an hatoan We have em.