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## CITY ELECTION PROVES THRILLING

In one of the most spirited municipal campaigns ever held in Independence between the "regulars" and "insurgents", W. H. Walker was elected mayor, B. F. Swope, recorder, and W. H. Cockle, C. D. Calbreath, W. E. Craven, J. S. Bohannon, G. G. Walker and W. M. Huff, councilmen. The last two named were on the insurgent ticket. The vote was:

For Mayor	
W. H. Walker, regular	165
C. W. Henkle, insurgent	130
For Recorder	
B. F. Swope, regular	171
R. W. Baker, insurgent	89
For Councilmen	
W. H. Cockle, regular	200
C. D. Calbreath, regular	193
W. E. Craven, regular	184
J. S. Bohannon, regular	151
W. G. Grant, regular	150
M. W. Mix, regular	115
G. G. Walker, insurgent	156
W. M. Huff, insurgent	154
H. L. Fitchard, insurgent	139
J. L. Donahison, insurgent	136
R. E. Duganne, insurgent	123
M. H. Pengra, insurgent	115

There are rumors that one of the councilmen-elect will not qualify in which case, W. G. Grant, next high man who lost out by one vote, will probably be appointed to fill the vacancy.

The newly elected officials will take charge of the city government on the first Wednesday in January at which time according to section 4 of the new charter "the six councilmen elected shall draw lots for the long and short term, three of whom shall hold office for two years and three of whom shall hold office for four years."

A total of 310 votes were cast, a record for some years.

### ROBINSON FOR JUDGE

Asa B. Robinson was elected County Judge over E. C. Kirkpatrick by a majority of approximately one hundred votes. Others elected to county offices were: John W. Orr, sheriff; Floyd D. Moore, clerk; A. V. Snyder, treasurer; J. J. Sammons, surveyor; R. L. Chapman, coroner; T. J. Graves, commissioner.

### ASA GRAVES HEARD FROM IN CHILI SOUTH AMERICA

A letter has been received from Asa Graves, one of the Independence sailor lads from a port in Chili, South America. He said he had a fine trip down and enjoyed it immensely.

Asa now has a better pair of "sea legs" than his father, Captain Mark Graves who has made several million trips to Marion county.

### CYRIL RICHARDSON CABLES "ONLY SLIGHTLY WOUNDED"

Mrs. Myrtle Richardson received a cable from Cyril Monday in which he says he had been slightly wounded.

Cyril has been in the thick of the fight and has gone "over the top" several times.

### F. E. BODENHAMER SELLS HIS SALEM BAKERY

F. E. Bodenhamer and family were in Independence one day recently and while here F. E. confided to friends that he was now a man of leisure, having sold his interest in the bakery at Salem. Harry Covey did not sell. Mr. Bodenhamer says he will take his time and look things over before going back into business.

## Republicans Win in Nation, State, County

The Republican party scored a victory in the national election Tuesday when it gained control of Congress. The House of Representatives by between 20 and 30 majority and the Senate by 49 to 47. The Senate majority is so small that it may be overturned by the official count in one of the states where the vote is very close. The Republicans must have 49 votes to organize the Senate. The Democrats can do it with 48, the Vice President breaking the tie in their favor. A death or deaths between now and the opening of the new congress might throw it to either party.

Senator Chas. L. McNary has been elected U. S. Senator over Oswald West and Governor Withycombe has defeated Walter L. Pierce, his Democratic opponent. It can hardly be called an endorsement of his administration as a number of strong Republican counties, including Polk and Marion, rebuked him. The entire Republican state ticket, having no opposition, except Treasurer, was elected.

Today Oregon has a new U. S. Senator, Fred W. Mulkey of Portland, who will hold the place until March 4, 1919 when McNary's term commences. Mr. Mulkey, however, has promised to resign at once and let Governor Withycombe appoint Mr. McNary to the vacancy.

Judge A. S. Bennett has been elected a member of the supreme court to fill vacancy. When a Democrat can run against three Republicans, even a landslide can't beat him. There is slight possibility that Judge Coke may nose him out.

This was not a good year for Democrats to run for office in Polk county.

Below are some of the vote in south Polk precincts:

**First Independence**  
McNary 69, West 65; Pierce 66, Withycombe 58; Bennett 7, Campbell 3, Coke 4, Olson 3; Kirkpatrick 40, Robinson 88; Grant 60, Orr 68; Moore 81, Staats 40, Sammons 49, Suver 69; Graves 54, Simpson 61.

**Second Independence**  
McNary 77, West 45; Pierce 55, Withycombe 64; Bennett 19, Olson 8, Coke 7, Campbell 6; Kirkpatrick 28, Robinson 93; Grant 49, Orr 74; Moore 67, Staats 51, Sammons 52, Suver 58; Graves 55, Simpson 60.

**Third Independence**  
McNary 56, West 61; Pierce 58, Withycombe 56; Bennett 17, Olson 8, Coke 1, Campbell 3; Kirkpatrick 27, Robinson 88; Grant 46, Orr 69; Moore 67, Staats 47; Sammons Suver 61, Suver 61; Graves 48, Simpson 65.

**Fourth Independence**  
McNary 55, West 37; Pierce 45, Withycombe 45; Bennett 15, Campbell 6, Olson 5, Coke 1; Kirkpatrick 27, Robinson 65; Grant 33, Orr 61; Moore 57, Staats 35; Sammons 45, Suver 43; Graves 40, Simpson 46.

**Southeast Monmouth**  
McNary 29, West 29; Withycombe 34, Pierce 30; Kirkpatrick 15, Robinson 34; Grant 25, Orr 42, Moore 48, Staats 21, Sammons 31, Suver 33, Graves 25, Simpson 40.

**West Salem**  
Robinson 141, Kirkpatrick 17; Graves 121, Simpson 40.

**Eola**  
Robinson 53, Kirkpatrick 21; Graves 44, Simpson 28.

**East and West Rickreall**  
Robinson 127, Kirkpatrick 44; Graves 119, Simpson 45.

**West Luckiamute**  
McNary 47, West 48; Withycombe 40, Pierce 54; Kirkpatrick 48, Robinson 45; Grant 29, Orr 63; Moore 59, Staats 36; Sammons 44, Suver 49, Graves 28, Simpson 68.

**Northwest Monmouth**  
McNary 77, West 34; Withycombe 77, Pierce 35; Kirkpatrick 51, Robinson 31; Grant 31, Orr 59; Moore 59; Staats 21, Sammons 51, Suver 38, Graves 41, Simpson 38.

**East Luckiamute**  
McNary 25, West 31; Withycombe 25, Pierce 35; Kirkpatrick 19, Robinson 39; Grant 23, Orr 36; Moore 28, Staats 30; Sammons 24, Suver 34; Graves 4, Simpson 52.

The vote in other precincts could not be obtained.

## PEACE

GERMANY HAS SIGNED THE ARMISTICE AND THE GREAT WAR IS OVER. THIS IS OFFICIAL.

### GERMANY IS FALLING

Revolution is breaking out thruout Germany, the German fleet has been seized by the revolutionists, Kaiser Wilhelm has abdicated. The greatest military power in the world is crumbling, bearing out the prophecy of those who predicted that Germany would break loose from the chains of militarism when her external foes appeared on her borders. The people have awoke and now realize that have been the tools and victims of a mad autocracy.

### "PEACE" REPORT CAUSES GREAT JOY AND FRENZY

Whistles blew, bells rung, men yelled, women shouted, boys and girls screamed and babies cried Thursday when it was erroneously reported that Germany had signed the armistice and the war was over. It was the greatest outburst of frenzy and enthusiasm ever witnessed in Independence. Similar demonstrations were made thruout the country. Here in Independence signs "To Hell With Business" were quickly printed and every business house put one in the window and closed for the day. For hours, men, women and children paraded the streets shouting, blowing horns, and pounding upon pans or anything else that would make a noise. In a very short period of time automobiles appeared elaborately decorated in the national colors. After noon one hundred girls from the Normal appeared waving flags. The State Guards donned their uniforms and marched. Mothers of the boys in France wept with joy. Every flag in town, big or little, was flown to the breeze.

The news did not break till along in the evening that the report was not true. It was a dejected lot of people who went to their homes that night.

Admiral Wilson, commanding the U. S. fleet in French waters, was responsible for the great mistake. He tipped it off to the United Press and it went over the world in a jiffy.

### JOE EATON HAS WON LIEUTENANT'S COMMISSION

Another Independence boy has won a commission. Word has been received here that Joe Eaton, who is in the aero squad in active duty in France, had been raised to the rank of lieutenant.

### NEXT YEAR PROMISING FOR AGRICULTURE

Conditions for the agricultural interests of this section appear to be very flattering for next year. First, it is surmised that there will be no drouth—three years in succession is hardly possible. Second, there is bound to be good prices for all products, even hops may be worth something from present indications.

### RALF FLOYD WRITES FROM GERMANY

Karlsruhe, Germany, August 19, 1918.

Dearest Mother and Father—I suppose by this time you have received my card and know that I am a prisoner of war in Germany, also that I am O. K. and getting along fine. I have plenty to eat but am a little short of clothing but expect to have some of my equipment sent to me through the Red Cross. We get many things to eat from the Red Cross. I am allowed to write you two letters per month and four post cards, the letters not to exceed six pages, but of course you can write as often as you wish. I hope you are all well. As luck would have it when I made out my last month's pay voucher I signed an allotment sheet for \$40 a month. It was made out to you so I hope you will get it. My pay will go on just the same but I will not get it until I am exchanged. Nevertheless, I think you will get the forty dollars each month from the government. It may be a little slow in reaching you. We are paid by the German government while we are prisoners but it is not very much.

The camp here is quite a nice place. We have a library with all kinds of books, hot shower baths twice a week, and cold baths the other days. Also, we have a show every Saturday night made up of varied talent that are found in camp—French, Italian, English and American. On a whole it is very good.

Yes, I know this is my birthday. I am 23 years old today. How little did I expect that I would be a prisoner of war on this date. I hope by his time next year I will be home and peace will be declared for all. I am improving my French every day and should be able to speak the language very well by the time I am released, so you see I can make use of my time while being a prisoner.

There are several American officers here and we have ball games, cards, and do a bit of cooking now and then. Yesterday we made a plum pie. It was very good. Also the coffee, sugar and milk, also some jam and white bread. An orderly washes our dishes and makes our beds.

I would like to tell you how I became a prisoner but I am afraid it would not pass the censor, so will let it go by saying it was hard luck on my part.

I don't expect to hear from you for at least four months for it takes some time for letters to come from the U. S. but as the saying goes, "better late than never." We get a paper called "Americans in Europe" which I enjoy reading very much. Would like to send you one but I don't think it would go through.

Well, mother dear, I cannot write much more as my space is getting small. Be sure and tell me how everything is at home, etc. It has been trying o rain the past two days but so far has not met with much success. Perhaps some of my personal effects will be sent from France to you but I cannot say for sure.

The boys are getting ready for a ball game so I will close and join them. My address will be on the envelope under my name. I will write again before the end of the month, also will send another postal. Now, mother dear, don't worry about me. I will be O. K. and will return an older but wiser man.

As ever your loving son,  
RALF.

22nd. Aero Squadron, A. E. F. France, Oct. 1, 1918.

Mrs. O. Floyd, Independence, Ore.—Enclosed you will find letter that I have just received from the American Red Cross at Berne, Switzerland, and although you no doubt have been notified officially of Ralph's situation, I am sure you would (Continued on Page 3.)



## HEAR THIS CALL FROM OUR HOME TOWN BOYS OVER THERE

LETTERS from our boys in the trenches and from the women in canteen and other war work, all bring to us the same message—SEND US NEWS FROM HOME.

World news is all right, but OUR BOYS want NEWS OF THIS TOWN. They want the home newspaper. Publishers are prevented from sending their papers free to anyone, even boys in the service. Consequently a national movement has been started by Col. William Boyce Thompson of New York, who is acting as President of the Home Paper Service of America to give the boys what they are calling for. Every community is joining the movement. Let us see that our boys are not forgotten.

Send to the publisher of this newspaper whatever amount of money you can—5 cents or \$50.00. We will publish a list each week of those contributing, and the amounts contributed.

Every cent received will be used to send this paper to our boys at the front. If at the end of the war, there is any surplus, it will be turned over to the local Red Cross Committee.

There is no profit in this to the publisher—even in normal times, subscriptions are not sold at a profit. With war prices prevailing, and the high rate of postage on papers sent to France, our cost will scarcely be covered by our full subscription price.

Remember that over in France, some brave soldier or sailor from this town—perhaps even some splendid woman working within sound of the guns—is depending on you to "KEEP THE HOME LOVE KINDLED."

are calling to YOU from "Over There"  
GIVE WHAT YOU CAN

### ANNUAL CORN SHOW FOR INDEPENDENCE DEC. 13-14

Polk county's annual corn show will be held at Independence on December 13 and 14.

H. E. Gregory, county agricultural agent, will be manager and the following Independence men will have charge of the exhibits and entertainment: H. L. Fitchard, Ross Nelson, F. E. Dickson, A. C. Moore and Mrs. K. C. Eldridge.

The addition of a woman's department and a boys and girls' club department will add a new feature to the show and there is a possibility that a poultry department will be added.

All persons who plan to make exhibits should notify the secretary at once. The corn should be selected now and thoroughly dried.

### INDEPENDENCE MAJORITIES FOR DIFFERENT CANDIDATES

McNary (Rep.) 49, Pierce (Dem.) 1, Robinson (Dem.) 222, Orr (Rep.) 84, Moore (Rep.) 99, Suver (Dem.) 38, Simpson (Dem.) 35.

### LETTER FROM THE KAISER

A few weeks ago, The Post published a letter addressed to the kaiser from his son, Crown Prince "Villie." Next week we will publish the kaiser's reply, which is said to be better than "Villie's" letter.

I. M. Simpson can be proud of the vote he received in the section where he is best known.