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## COUNCIL ELECTS TREASURER, OVER MAYOR

C. W. Irvine was elected city treasurer Wednesday night by the council, the mayor notwithstanding. Councilman Bonannon moved that the council proceed to the election of a city treasurer. The mayor promptly ruled the motion out of order. Mr. Bonannon appealed from the decision of the chair and the appeal was sustained by the affirmative vote of the entire council. The council then proceeded to ballot which resulted in five votes for Mr. Irvine and one vote for Ira D. Mix. After the result of the vote was announced neither the mayor or any member of the council made any reference to the controversy or its ultimate outcome and the regular business of the session was resumed. A personal bond of \$7000 was presented in behalf of Mr. Mix in addition of the regular bond of \$5000.

There is no clear definition of law in the city charter regarding deadlocks between the mayor and council over appointments. Councilmen say their action of Wednesday night was legal and Mayor Walker contends it was illegal. Sections of the city charter, regarding appointments, follow:

"Section 6. There may be appointed as herein-after provided, by the Mayor of the City of Independence, a City Engineer, City Attorney, City Treasurer, \* \* \* all of which appointments shall be with the consent and approval of a majority of the City Council, \* \* \*"

"Section 127. The Mayor shall at the times provided in this Act make the appointments of all the officers herein specified all of which appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the City Council."

## ORRIN McELMURRY WEDS CONNECTICUT GIRL

Orrin McElmurry, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McElmurry of Independence and Miss Maud A. Forbes of Guilford, Conn., were married on Thursday, Feb. 27, according to a telegram received.

Mr. McElmurry is a member of the regular army and was in France for about eight months on active duty. He returned to America last week. It is not expected that he will be released from army service until the expiration of his enlistment several months hence. The happy couple will not be able to "come home" for some time yet, and Orrin's many friends here regret they cannot congratulate him in person and wish him as they do a long life of prosperity and connubial bliss.

Mrs. McElmurry is prominent in club and social life of her Connecticut home and is a harpist of much ability.

## TWO GRAND MASTERS VISIT INDEPENDENCE

Grand Master Walker paid the local lodge of Odd Fellows a visit Tuesday night and it was a glorious time for Odd Fellowship. A candidate was started on the way to Jericho and a banquet was spread. A number of Monmouth members were present.

Independence Masons put on their best aprons Thursday night as Grand Master Settlemier paid an official visit and inspected the goat. The good hand of Masonry was extended to those fortunate to be present.

## Withycombe Dead; Olcott Is Governor

James Withycombe, governor of Oregon, died Monday night and was succeeded by Ben W. Olcott, secretary of state. Mr. Withycombe had been in poor health for some time and it was not expected that he would live until the expiration of his term of office. He was first elected in 1914 and re-elected in 1918. Mr. Withycombe has the distinction of being the only Republican who was ever re-elected governor in Oregon, a strong Republican state.

By constitutional provision, Ben W. Olcott automatically becomes governor and will hold the office until 1920 when his successor will be elected by the people.

Ben W. Olcott was born in Illinois in 1872. In 1891 he came to Salem and was employed in mercantile establishments and banks in the capital city until 1894 when he returned to his home town in Illinois to accept a position as bank cashier where he remained for six years. In 1904 he went to Alaska, returning to Salem in 1907. He was soon given a position in the state land office. In 1910 Governor West appointed him secretary of state to fill a vacancy and he has held that office since that time. Mr. Olcott was married in 1912 and has three children, including a pair of twins.

## SOCIETY AND CLUBS

Mrs. L. Damon entertained her tating club in a very charming manner last Monday afternoon.

The Methodist choir is preparing a delightful Easter eve program. The best voices in town will participate in the vesper service to which the public will be most welcome.

There will be a Silver Tea at the Library on Monday, March 17. This date celebrates the establishing of a public library in Independence and the annual teas are largely attended.

K. C. Eldridge was most happily surprised Tuesday evening when the Autowins went en masse to remind him of another milestone in his life and to celebrate the event with him. Tables were placed for 500 and a merry evening passed over the tables. At a late hour an elaborate luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McLaughlin were very delightful hosts to the Owls at their pretty home on Fifth street last Wednesday evening. The whist sharks indulged in several games, closing the evening with light refreshments. The prize winners were Doctor and Mrs. O. D. Butler.

"Daddy" Hedges celebrated his 81st birthday last Sunday. "Daddy" is as active and full of fun as a youngster. No one would ever think he is sixty. He looks on the sunny side of life and gets a full measure of enjoyment from all life's blessings. "Daddy" says he got \$1.50 worth of enjoyment from the minstrel show.

There will be a business meeting of the Civic Club at the Red Cross rooms next Wednesday afternoon, March 12, at 2:30. Officers and members are asked to attend. The Club is planning a "Get-together meeting" Wednesday afternoon March 19 at the J. S. Cooper home. This will be purely a social afternoon and all those interested in civic welfare and the general boosting of the town are invited to become members of the club at this time. We need your counsel and help in the many movements that are underway.

## MISS BONNIE BEVENS PASSES

Miss Bonnie Bevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bevens of Airlie died in Portland February 27. She was buried at Kings Valley.

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## THEATER TOO SMALL FOR MINSTREL SHOW

Last Monday evening the old opera house was filled with people and roarious laughter. Did you ever pack French sardines? Well, the ushers at the "nigger" show had experience along the packing line. They packed them in the seats, they packed them in the standing room, and then the people packed themselves in the halls and on the stairways of the theater clamouring for a sound of the "nigger" songs and jokes. But the dramatic critic has been cautioned and re-cautioned not to mention names so what in the name of "Dixie" can she say? Everyone of the nitty blackfaces taking part deserve individual praise, but then we've solemnly promised to keep quiet on this individual stuff for everybody was in disguise and their identity must remain a secret. Wait a minute! Everybody knew who Sherlock Holmes was for Ray Dunsmore was reported to said critic that he has been deluged with questions to answer—you see Ray wasn't disguised except for a little mesh and rouge-makeup. The Trevoir Sisters looked natural and the Van Avery girls are receiving praise for the Mandom Melodies. The Monmouth girls, too, were recognizable and have been complimented on every hand for their very pleasing musical numbers.

The finale was a pretty study in the fine arts. The dainty Miss from Merrie England was readily recognized as Miss Wimmfred Plant of Salem. She looked as tho she had just stepped from Fairyland and had been touched by the magic wand of beauty, loveliness and grace. For one so young her aesthetics is almost inconceivable. She is rhythmic in the extreme and her interpretation of the dreamy "Gypsy Dance" was greatly appreciated. Despite the fact that the participants in the program were not expected to respond to recalls, petite little Winnie, the youngest who appeared, was enthusiastically recalled and gracefully responded.

Now isn't it lamentable that we were "niggerfaced" and can't have such nice things said about us, but when we're sworn to secrecy we're sworn, so help us "Shake-spook." Next time we'll tell Williams to keep his "nigger" makeup and then we'll feed the dramatic critic on sweets and maybe she'll say some nice things about us.

To all those who helped in any way to make the evening a success, Mrs. Ecker and Mrs. McIntosh of the Womans' Club and Liberty Chorus wish to extend most sincere personal thanks. The door receipts were \$129.75 which after expenses have been paid will leave about \$100 for a Memorial Fund starter. As a league of town organizations who will be the next to help with this fund?

The only objection heard to the performance was that we didn't charge enough. Next time watch the price of tickets soar.

## LOCAL RED CROSS ELECTS OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Independence Branch of the American Red Cross held at the Red Cross rooms Tuesday afternoon the following officers were elected: B. E. Smith, chairman; Mrs. C. A. McLaughlin, vice chairman; Mrs. Linnie Irvine, secretary; Ira D. Mix, treasurer. This is a capable corps of officers and it is expected that the Red Cross affairs will be carried on in a highly satisfactory manner. Mr. Smith has made such a good chairman the members insisted upon him remaining at the head.

## KILLED SEVENTEEN IN HIS LAST FIGHT

According to newspaper reports, Roy Johnson of Monmouth killed seventeen of the enemy before he fell mortally wounded.

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