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## INDEPENDENCE IS CENTER FOR ROAD WORK

With eight miles of road to be paved between Rickreall and Independence, Monmouth and Independence will be very busy places for the next three or four months. The Warren Construction Co. which has the contract to do the work will operate a hard surfacing plant at Independence and the mixing plant will be located at Monmouth. In connection with the work, the state highway commission has opened an office in Independence. It is also presumed that the Warren headquarters will be located in this city also. A large number of men will be employed.

The paving will be sixteen feet wide with macadam of two feet on each side making a total of twenty feet. The grade must be scarified, leveled and rolled before the asphalt is put on. Only at two places will additional grading be necessary. One place is at the east end of Main street in Monmouth and the other near Rickreall. Just north of Monmouth there is a short stretch of road that is not twenty feet wide. This will have to be filled.

## HUGE DAM BEING BUILT IN THE SILETZ

(Polk County Observer.)

The logging camp of the Valley & Siletz Lumber and Logging Co. located in the Siletz Basin, is one of the busy places in Polk county, extensive preparations being made for lumbering on a scale unprecedented in this section. Among other improvements is a huge dam across the Big Luckiamute river, the construction of which has already occupied several months, and which will be completed by May 20 if present plans do not miscarry. A crew of fifteen workmen and a donkey engine have been engaged in building this structure, which has a height of 41 feet, a base 120 feet wide and a length of 200 feet. The purpose of the dam is to create a pond covering 400 acres.

When the dam is completed there will be 25,000,000 feet of logs in the pond, timbermen now felling at the rate of 500,000 per day on the site of the pond. There are also 200,000,000 feet of logs on the banks of the pond to be logged into it. A saw mill is expected to be built and will probably be under construction within 90 days. Besides this outlay of timber this company has railroad and grade construction for 70,000,000 feet which they expect to log during 1919 before using any of the timber on the pond. A crew is building more railroad while 17 men are repairing the roads which are already built.

The camp has Clarence Powell as superintendent. He also has charge of building the dam. There are 32 family houses, 26 bunkhouses, two ware offices, two bathhouses, two dining rooms, a recreation hall, cook house, blacksmith shop and oil house, all portable. There is also one fully equipped schoolhouse with 20 pupils, the teacher of which is Glenn Brown of Salem.

## THE NORMAL'S MAY DAY EXERCISES

(Monmouth Herald.)

The annual May Day Exercises of the Normal will be held on Friday, May 9, beginning at 9:30 o'clock with the procession, in which will be represented the Senior and Junior classes of the Normal, the Monmouth and Independence Training Schools, the Mountain View, Oak Point and Elkins Rural Centers. Other events in which the Seniors and Juniors will contest in order to decide the winner of the cup offered by President Ackerman to the class securing the most points are: the May Pole Winding, the Folk Dancing, an Original Drill, Tennis and Volley Ball. In addition to these events, there will be a relay race among the boys from the Training Schools and the Rural Centers, four to be selected from each school. The winner will deliver the decision of the Judges to the Queen and the school will be awarded an Oregon Normal School Pennant. The day's activities will close with a base ball game. The Judges of the events are: Mr. H. C. Starkweather of Portland, a member of the Board of Regents of the Normal; Miss Cummings, Head of the Physical Education Department, U. of O.; and Assistant State Superintendent E. F. Carleton. Everyone is invited.

## EASTER STAR HAS MAY DAY PARTY

"You must wake and call me early, call me early, mother dear—

For I'm to be queen o' the May, mother, I'm to be queen o' the May" were the words of little Mary Elizabeth Mansfield, who was crowned Queen of the May at the Eastern Star children's party Thursday evening. Every thing breathed of apple blossom time. The children under the capable direction of Miss Emily Devore presented a pleasing program, closing with the May pole dance, 'round and 'round the traditional colorful pole. Miss Devore deserves much credit for her painstaking work with the youngsters. Mrs. Oliver Smith was the pianist for the children's program. The finished musicians of Independence, including some favorites from Monmouth, rendered a program of appropriate songs.

The children were served first in the banquet hall and each was delighted to find at his or her place, a pretty May basket as a souvenir of the occasion, and the ice cream and cake hit the right spot.

## SEE ALL THESE GOOD ONES

"VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE"

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### WEDNESDAY MAY 7

**WALLACE REID** in "The Source." He was just an ordinary bum and when the girl looked on him with contempt it humiliated and changed him, and eventually he won the girl. A **MARK SENNETT** COMEDY—"Whose Little Wife Are You?"

### THURSDAY MAY 8

Martin Johnson's "CANNIBALS OF THE SOUTH SEAS." Read announcements about this wonderful picture elsewhere in this paper. One of the best. Admission 20-30c.

### FRIDAY, MAY 9

**ETHEL CLAYTON** in "The Mystery Girl." Oh Boys! Never judge a girl by her clothes! The beautiful ambulance driver, so girlish and innocent in her uniform, may really be—well, something quite different from what she looks. **CHARLIE CHAPLIN** in "The Pawn Shop."

### SATURDAY, MAY 10

**EDITH ROBERTS** in "Sue of the South. A Blue-bird you'll enjoy.

### SUNDAY MAY 11

Louisa M. Alcott's most famous story, "LITTLE WOMEN." Every child should see it! Every adult should see it! As great and popular a story as it is, so it is as a picture.

THE BEST PARAMOUNT PICTURES

## HILLS AND FIELDS ARE ALL "DOLLED UP"

(Salem Capital Journal.)

Our route lay from Salem to Independence, thence to Monmouth and Dallas and back to Salem by way of Rickreall, a distance of approximately 35 miles. It is a loafing pace three hour drive, with from a half to three quarters of an hour taken out for stops, and an ideal spin for the late afternoon and early evening hours.

Right now the scenic beauty of this little trip is beyond description. There is hardly a rod of the road that does not present a landscape view but which would delight an artist's heart and inspire his brush. Brilliant green fields stretching away to equally verdant hills, freshly clothed shrubs and small trees mingling with the somber tones of the evergreens, splashes of color here and there where the wild flowers or the orchards are in bloom—all of that and a thousand times as much waiting for you and the other fellow to go out and drink it in. True much of this beauty will remain thruout the summer, but much of it won't. The freshness will be gone, the roads will be dusty and the sun hotter. Also, as the season advances so will motor paths open further and further into the mountains, or toward the coast and the call of the road will lead the motorist further away from home. These little valley jaunts are for today and tomorrow, little pace finders for the longer trips ahead.

## REBEKAHS ROYALLY TREATED AT MCCOY

A large body of Rebekahs journeyed to McCoy last Saturday evening and put on the work of initiating candidates at that place. About fifty people went from Independence and they report that McCoy rose to the occasion with generous hospitality.

One of those in attendance has furnished The Post with the information in an anonymous communication that Willard Craven and Lee Robinson, two rooster Rebekahs, who went along, came to grief. Willard was arrested for jay walking and Lee for sassing a traffic policeman. Neither had money and both left their watches as security for bail.

It is expected that the postoffice at Parker will be opened in the very near future.

## WAVE OF INFLUENZA STRIKES MONMOUTH

Owing to an invasion of the influenza, the Normal, schools and all public gatherings in Monmouth have been suspended for at least two weeks. This will necessitate the postponement of the May Day festivities scheduled for Friday at the Normal. There is quite a number ill at Monmouth with the disease, but no where near the number reported. For example, it was told in Salem this week that there were one thousand cases. The total population of Monmouth, including Normal students, will not exceed 500. There has been no deaths.

Every precaution is being taken by the Independence city council, the Independence school board and health officers to prevent the disease entering this city. At the present time there is not a single case in Independence. Rupis are carefully watched and if one appears with a cold, cough or sore throat, he is sent home. Training school teachers are staying in Independence and are not permitted to return to the Normal at Monmouth.

## CANNIBALS OF THE SOUTH SEAS

"Cannibals of the South Seas", photographed at the risk of life by the daring adventurer, Martin Johnson represents fourteen months of hazardous exploration in the South Pacific where the man eating savage still abounds. Motion Picture Classic says: "They have ten times the grip of an average photoplay." Motion Picture News declares they are "remarkable and probably the most unusual that have ever been taken." The New York Times says they are "absorbingly interesting." "Cannibals of the South Seas" is an unstaged human drama, thrilling, exciting, entertaining and unusual. At the Isis on Thursday evening, May 8.

## CITY AND COUNTRY

Captain Ray M. Walker is expected to arrive in Independence on any train.

The required number of signers has been secured for submitting the road bond bill to the voters of Polk county and it now awaits action by the county court.

Neville Eldridge returned from Medford yesterday where he has been for the past week superintending the installing of the machinery in the creamery there.

If Independence celebrates and it no doubt will, it will be a neighborly, "just us and you'ns," keep-the-money-at-home affair that everybody will enjoy.

Carl Fenton, well known thruout the state as an athlete and a Polk county young man who served with credit in the American army in France, died at his home in Dallas today.

Crops are coming fine and it looks as if we would also have enough fruit to feed the world—with the exception of prunes. Several reports concerning the yield of prunes this year are not very encouraging.

A loop automobile ride that is being encouraged by the towns mentioned is to start at Independence, then to Salem, thru Jefferson to Albany, thence to Corvallis and back to Independence. Many are making this loop and seeing the garden spot of the world in full bloom and at its best.

When the G. A. R. of Dallas picked out Dr. H. C. Dunsmore as the orator of the day for their memorial services, they chose a speaker who will hold the attention of all those who chance to hear him. His message will not only be delivered eloquently but will be full of wisdom and patriotism.

Dr. Maurice J. Butler was elected president of the State Dental Association at a meeting held in Salem this week. This is a great honor for the young man, who is one of the youngest practicing dentists in the state, and shows the respect and esteem in which he is held by his fellow associates in the profession.

J. K. P. Harris seconds the motion that the prune growers of the state organize and he has written to the Portland Journal to that effect. "I hope to see the matter taken up by the prune growers of the state for a strictly prune growing association at once. This should have been done before, but better late than never," he writes.

The social meeting of the Civic Club at the home of Mrs. C. W. Irvine on Wednesday, May 14, promises to be a most pleasant event. The committee in charge including Mrs. H. Mattison, Mrs. C. W. Irvine, Mrs. G. G. Walker and Mrs. B. F. Swope has some surprises in store which they will not reveal. However, it has leaked out that there will be some out of town entertainers. You will enjoy it, so, ladies, keep the date and place in mind.

INDEPENDENCE WILL CELEBRATE JULY 4.