

GREAT DAY IN INDEPENDENCE JULY FOURTH

Committees are being appointed this week for Independence's big Fourth of July celebration which promises to be one of the biggest events ever held in the city. Already a number of committees have begun work in an enthusiastic manner. The celebration will be practically under the supervision of the women of the Civic Club whose success in handling affairs of a public nature are well known.

One of the stellar attractions of the Fourth celebration will be the parade. Many pretty and artistic floats are already being planned and every business house in town will be asked and expected to be represented in the procession. Arrangements made provide for an excellent program, and address by a speaker of note, sports of all kinds, street and bowery dancing, a midway of attractions of all kinds; in fact everything that goes to make up an honest-to-goodness Fourth of July celebration.

Beginning Monday this part of the world will learn that Independence will celebrate for the event is to be generously advertised, guaranteeing to all visitors a royal good time and more than their money's worth.

In connection with the Fourth it is proposed to make it a home coming day and all citizens of Independence and vicinity will be asked to invite their relatives and friends living elsewhere, here for the day; also the word will be passed along the line that all former residents are expected to come "home" and enjoy the fruits of the day while renewing old acquaintances.

DECORATION DAY APPROPRIATELY OBSERVED

Decoration Day was appropriately observed in Independence thru the efforts of the members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. who planned the day's events and carried them out to a successful conclusion. At ten o'clock a parade was formed led by the G. A. R. flag "Old Glory". Veterans of the days of '60, both men and women, proudly marched along with members of the local national guard, veterans of the world war, citizens and school children. A program was given at the public school building including music and speaking by the pupils and others. Judge B. F. Swope was the orator of the day and made the best speech he ever delivered in his life. After the program at the school house, a march was made to the river where the water service for the sailors was given by the Woman's Relief Corps. All business houses closed during the forenoon. Dinner was served at the G. A. R. hall for its members, their families, members of the national guard, veterans of the world war and a few invited guests. In the afternoon the graves of the veterans of all wars were decorated.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE FOR MRS. PATTERSON

Mrs. F. A. Patterson was delightfully surprised Wednesday afternoon when neighbors and relatives began coming in. She was all unawares that Mrs. S. B. Walker and Mrs. Lou Kirkland had planned a most pleasant birthday party for her. The table was centered with a huge birthday cake embellished with pink roses and light pink tapers. Dainty place cards and corsage bouquets of pink rose buds and sweet elysium marked covers for twelve guests, which included Mrs. Lou Kirkland, Mrs. J. W. Kirkland, Mrs. S. B. Walker, Mrs. I. Claggett, Mrs. Guy Walker, Mrs. Doc Patterson (Dallas), Mrs. J. L. Clark, da Baldwin, Mrs. L. E. Baldwin, Mrs. Abe Nelson, Mrs. Madge Graves, Mrs. Alice Skinner, Mrs. Lucin. The occasion was the celebration of Mrs. Patterson's 79th birthday. She was the jolliest and declared she was the youngest one in the gathering. She thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful party prepared by the self-invited guests.

OFFICIALS OF TWIN CITIES HOLD SESSION.

(Monmouth Herald.)

At the session of the common council held Tuesday night an invitation recently received from the Civic Club of Independence to celebrate the Fourth of July in that town, was formally accepted. As far as is known no celebration of the Fourth of July is planned for Monmouth this year.

Four city officials of Independence, Mayor Walker and Councilmen Walker, Thomas and Craven were present to consider the advisability of joining forces with Monmouth in an effort to get a gravity water system. The matter was talked over at some length and a plan of action decided on to try the matter out to determine if it is feasible.

COUNTY BOND ISSUE EXPLAINED.

The Post this week carries a page advertisement in behalf of the Polk county \$265,000 bond issue for road improvement. The merits of the proposition are propounded and there is a map showing the location of the roads which it is proposed to improve.

The election is next Tuesday, June 3, at the same time as the state election when nine measures will be voted upon. A copy of the official ballot appears in this Post.

A BUNCH OF GOOD ONES

PICTURES OF MERIT ONLY

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MONDAY-TUESDAY JUNE 2-3

NORMA TALMADGE in her latest "De Luxe Annie"

A crook play with a surprising psychological twist. Triply guaranteed; it was a Saturday Evening Post story, a pronounced success on the stage, now a Select Picture.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4

ENID BENNETT in "Fuss and Feathers." A rough miner sends his motherless daughter to the big city for "education." She falls plumb into the hands of a clever crook who has his own ideas of how a pretty girl should be "educated." But Miss Hayseed stays straight and teaches Mister Crook a thing or two.

MACK SENNETT COMEDY, "Her First Mistake."

THURSDAY JUNE 5

FIVE REEL FOX. Two Part Sunshine Comedy.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

CHARLES RAY in "String Beans." Subscribe for the Hick News and get a coffee grinder free!
CHARLIE CHAPLIN in "The Floor Walker."

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

A BLUE BIRD comedy-drama "Brace Up."

SUNDAY JUNE 8

PRIVATE HAROLD PEAT in "Private Peat. Two Years in Hell and Back With a Smile." They tried to hold Private Peat out of soldiering because he was too short, but he was pretty long when it came to grit, and he got there just the same.

CITY AND COUNTRY

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Mattison were Portland visitors this week.

Mrs. Mollie Allen of Portland was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Walker this week.

Dave Haley, after six years' work at the Independence Creamery, has quit and will try it on the outside for a while.

The "smoker" given by the O. N. G. tonight was well attended and there were a number of fast and interesting bouts.

Dr. H. C. Dunsmore departed last Saturday for Harrison Springs, British Columbia, where he will enjoy a few weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Boyle and son, Walden, of Portland were visitors this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ecker. Mrs. Boyle is a sister of Mr. Ecker.

On Wednesday of this week, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Williams entertained Tillotson's Orchestra at a six o'clock dinner. Mr. Tillotson is an old school mate of Mrs. Williams and a musician of rare ability. The other three young men are friends and from North Dakota, Mr. and Mrs. Williams' home state.

Among the college men at Corvallis who have been selected by Colonel Joseph K. Partello to attend the Presidio training camp, which begins June 21 and ends August 2, are Wendel Denlinger of Independence, Wendel is a rugged young man of good character and good habits who makes good wherever he is put and he is entirely worthy of the honor bestowed upon him.

MINISTER NOT DROWNED; ALIVE BUT GONE

(Benton County Courier)

After more than a week's investigation into the disappearance of Rev. J. Cronberger, pastor of the Christian church in this city, the members of the church who have been actively engaged in the investigation, have come to the conclusion that the body of that gentleman is not reposing on the bottom of the Willamette river as had been the opinion at the time of his disappearance, May 20.

The governing body of the church will make a final report of their findings tomorrow and this report, while not given out at this time, is expected to set forth the facts which have been discovered, all of which point to the conclusion that there was no accidental drowning.

At the present time there is no evidence known as to his whereabouts but there has been no effort made to locate him.

The cause for his action is not known to the men of the church. Just why he should perpetrate this sort of a bun joke on the people of the community is also a mystery. Those who worked the hardest in an effort to recover the body and those who felt the worst were the best friends he had in the community. The time during the hunt and the time while the facts were being brought to light gave ample opportunity for him to make his getaway for in a week's time he could reach the end of the United States.

According to the information collected he had been considering and preparing for just such an act for the past month or more. It was discovered that he had disposed of a Liberty Bond and also a number of thrift stamps which he had been collecting for some time. Some time in April he had closed his account at the bank and had withdrawn his deposit. Since that time he has been receiving \$100 a month from the church.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Union Memorial services were held at the Methodist church last Sunday under the auspices of the G. A. R. in the presence of a large gathering. Rev. Cook paid a pretty tribute to the departed dead. The speaker also dedicated the three gold stars on the service flag. The choir rendered special music for the occasion. Mrs. M. J. Butler sang "When Stars of Blue Turn to Stars of Gold."

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and flags. The three gold stars represent C. F. Cropp, Walter Mauck and Jason Arrell, who died in the service.

CIVIC CLUB BUSINESS MEETING.

The Civic Club met in a business rally session at the public library Wednesday afternoon with a large representation present. At this time Mrs. A. L. Thomas, Mrs. J. N. Jones and Mrs. I. Baum received their membership. The meeting was given over to making plans for the Fourth of July celebration. Those present manifested great enthusiasm and a general discussion of plans resulted. Committees for the day will soon be completed and announced.

The next social meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Sherman Hays June 11. The hostesses for the afternoon will include Mrs. Jas. Robbie, Mrs. Oliver Smith, Mrs. Sherman Hays, Mrs. A. L. Thomas, Mrs. Taylor Jones, Mrs. Frank Smith.

There will be a business meeting of the club beginning at 2 o'clock. Officers for the coming year will be elected at this meeting and other important business transacted.

ONLY PARTIALLY PLEASING.

The program given by the Albany Glee Club and Miss Katherine Trevette at the Isis Monday night was a partial disappointment owing to Miss Trevette's inability to please. Any lack of merit that the Glee Club might show during the evening was excusable because the young ladies did not pretend to be professionals and several of their members were missing. Many of their numbers were good and Miss Mary Irvine's accompaniments were highly pleasing. Miss Trevette was highly recommended to the Civic Club under whose auspices the program was given, and tho she may be a star elsewhere, she failed to twinkle with satisfaction to the audience here.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT CROWLEY RESIGNS

Fred S. Crowley, county superintendent, will resign his office to take effect September 1. He has accepted the principalship of a school in the Eastern part of the state. His successor is appointed by the County Court.

READY TO PAVE

The Warren Construction Co. has all its machinery on the ground and is about ready to begin the work of paving from Rickreall to Independence via Monmouth. All traffic to Dallas from Independence and south has been diverted and is sent north from Independence.

THE HEART OF HUMANITY

The great picture "The Heart of Humanity" comes to the Isis on June 9 and 10.

Oregon Historical Society Auditorium