

PROMINENT CORVALLIS WOMAN IS MISSING

There is much excitement and mystery in Corvallis concerning the sudden disappearance of Mrs. E. M. Buol of that city, wife of Fred Buol of the U. A. C. The fact that she was seen going north from Corvallis toward Independence will lead to a thorough search of the country between the two towns in the hope that evidence may be found that will reveal her destination, and if the worst has come to pass, her body.

Both sides of the Willamette between Corvallis and Independence have been patrolled it being feared that she might have been drowned. The Corvallis Gazette Times of Tuesday says:

The latest reports in connection with the disappearance of Mrs. E. M. Buol last Friday indicate the possibility that she may have continued out the Ninth street road, rather than have gone to the foot of Harrison street or Tyler, where searching of the river has been going on. It appears that different people have reported seeing a woman thought to answer the description somewhat, and about the time she might have reached some northern point after leaving the Twelfth street home. Mr. Samuel Kiser, who lives just outside the city limits on the Mt. View or Independence road, says that some woman asked to use their phone in the late afternoon of Friday, and that he thought it possible that the descriptions were somewhat similar. The lady failed to get the party she sought and said she would continue on her walk.

T. A. Logsdon, who lives somewhere in the vicinity of the State Pheasant farm at Mt. View has phoned that he or parties there saw a woman about four o'clock Friday afternoon who might have answered the description.

And there have been other rumors that have caused Prof. Buol, Mr. Newsins, and two brothers, Edward and Herman Linguist, of Cathlamet, Washington, to continue search to the northward. They are not despairing of finally discovering Mrs. Buol or her body somewhere not in the river. They feel that the larger indication is that the river holds her, but also feel that there is great possibility of the woman having gone in some other direction. They earnestly urge the prompt reporting of anything that might lead to any possible clue. They will be glad to follow any information to its conclusion, and they will appreciate any search by anybody of their own farms or of the vicinities generally. The description of Mrs. Buol is as follows:

Mrs. Edward M. Buol, aged 25 years, strayed from the Hay apartments, Friday afternoon.

Height—five feet five, slender, weight about 118.

Clothing, long coat somewhat brownish with brilliant flowered lining, rough material, belted, blue gingham house dress, close-fitting grey hat with touch of blue; grey cloth-top shoes.

Special marks—Five upper teeth, left of eye tooth recently extracted, showing only when talking. Light fluffy hair. Wore wedding ring.

GRADUATING EXERCISES HELD EIGHT FINISH SCHOOL WORK

The '20 class of the Independence High School chose Lincoln's birthday for the day of their graduation, the exercises being held at the Methodist church Thursday evening. Dean Straub of the U. of O. delivered a very able address. Others appearing on the program were: Miss Mildred Jones, in a group of vocal solos; Misses Kathleen Skinner and Thelma Williams presented a well executed piano duet; Miss Elizabeth Levy, Salem's favorite violinist, rendered two groups of violin numbers. She was received with an ovation. Miss Levy wields the bow with consummate skill and at once plays herself into the hearts of her listeners.

The class members are: Clarence Eddy, Otis Scott, Myrtle Snapp, Winona Wood, Ruth Mills, Hazel Van Avery, Florence Whipple and Fay Johnson. May they leave Independence High School "with malice toward none and charity for all."

KEEPING TAXES DOWN

If all the tax measures on the May ballot are carried, taxes will be increased one hundred percent. That's the reason a number of them will not carry.

A. SLAUGHTER ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED SYNDICALISM

Dr. A. Slaughter, who has offices in Salem, was arrested Friday afternoon by department of justice agents, T. M. Word and W. M. Hudson, on a charge of violation of the syndicalism law. Search of Slaughter's offices is said to have resulted in the discovery of a membership card in the Communist Labor party.

Dr. Slaughter was arraigned before Justice Unruh, Friday evening and was released under \$500 bond, claiming statutory time in which to enter plea. Information and search warrant affidavit against Dr. Slaughter was filed by W. R. Bryon, United States commissioner for Oregon. The complaint against the Salem man alleges that he has maintained correspondence with the Communist Labor party, and also that he has paid \$75 to the credit of the radical organization.

The complaint states that the Communist Labor party teaches the overthrow by force of the government of the United States, and that the principles and purposes of the Communist party are as follows:

"Revolutionary socialism must use these mass industrial revolts to broaden the strike, to make it general and militant.

"The class struggle is a political struggle in the sense that its objective is political—the overthrow of the political organization upon which capitalistic exploitation depends in the conquest by the propertied and the introduction of a new social system. The direct oblation of the power of the state.

"Revolutionary socialism does not propose to capture the bourgeois parliamentary state, but to conquer and destroy it. Revolutionary socialism accordingly repudiates the policy of introducing socialism by means of legislative measures on the basis of bourgeois state."

Dr. Slaughter will plead before Judge Unruh at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.—Salem Capital Journal.

Dr. Slaughter issued a statement in which he denied that he had ever taken out a membership card in the Communist Labor party. While admitting that he had carried on correspondence with the Oregon leaders of the organization and had contributed \$75 of his money to the cause, this money, he said, was merely loaned and could not be considered in the light of a gift. During Dr. Slaughter's residence in Independence, at which time he was buttermaker at the creamery, he was known as a man of pronounced views on policies of government and was considered honest and conscientious in his opinions.

EX-INDEPENDENCE MAN FOUND DEAD IN BARBER SHOP

James Ferris, formerly of Independence, was found dead in Oregon City Saturday morning. A news report concerning the same says:

James Ferris, 42 years old, proprietor of the Electric hotel barber shop, was found dead in his shop Saturday morning by his 11-year-old daughter, Edna. Coroner Johnson is inclined to believe Ferris committed suicide, and will hold a post mortem examination to determine the cause. He believes Ferris drank tonics or wood alcohol.

The family home is at Third and John Q. Adams streets, but Ferris, following a quarrel with Mrs. Ferris on Tuesday, had been living at his shop. Friday, his eldest daughter and a young child ate dinner with him and later a son, 9 years old, and a younger child were with him for supper. They say he appeared as usual then. Mrs. Ferris had not seen him since he left home Tuesday.

Ferris leaves a wife and five children ranging from 2 to 11 years old. He formerly lived in Independence, Oregon.

MONMOUTH WATER SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION PRICE \$15625.00

Charles T. Parker of Oregon City received the contract to construct the Monmouth water system. His bid was \$15,625.00.

—SUNDAY AND MONDAY, FEB. 15-16—
(Including Sunday Matinee.)

DUSTIN FARNUM

in "A MAN IN THE OPEN"
L-KO COMEDY
"Gymbelles and Boneheads"

—TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17-18—

"A HOUSE DIVIDED"

LYON-MORAN COMEDY
"In the Good Old Days"
International News, No. 52

—THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, FEB. 19-20—

Nazimova

in "STRONGER THAN DEATH"
L-KO COMEDY
"Freckled Fish"

—SATURDAY, FEB. 21—

"UNKNOWN LOVE"

DOLORES CASSINELLI
and
E. K. LINCOLN
HEROLD LLOYD COMEDY,
"Bees In His Bonnet"
Ford Weekly

ISIS THEATRE INDEPENDENCE

PRIZES FOR U. S. ARMY SERVICE ESSAYS

An army officer was in Independence today to interest the schools of this section in the national essay contest, the subject being "What are the benefits of an enlistment in the U. S. Army." The essays will be written in the class rooms on Friday, Feb. 20. The winners of the grand prizes will be given a free trip to Washington, D. C., and return including expenses of parents or guardians. In addition to the grand prizes:

DISTRICT PRIZES
The following prizes will be given by merchants and others outside of Independence:
Army Recruiting Office, Portland, 1 silver cup, suitably engraved.
Portland Telegram—10 gold, 10 silver, 10 bronze medals and a trip to Portland for winners.
David's Jewelry Store, Portland—1 silver cup for best essay in Oregon outside of Portland.
Oregon Statesman, Salem—\$25 cash prize for Marion and Polk county.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS FOR PRESIDENT

(From the Albany Democrat)
Everybody is coming forward now with his favorite presidential candidate. One suggestion, aimed to catch the movie-fan vote, names Douglas Fairbanks as a man of action and of rare business ability—witness his contracts—and of his undoubted patriotism.
Douglas would usher in an era of economy, too, for with him as the nation's leader there would be no further need of a standing army. Have not his devotees seen him outwit and fight to a finish any number of bandits and whole regiments of foreign soldiers?
With a little of his whirlwind action he would reduce the Senate to submission and obtain the desired peace treaty settlement. He would drive down to Mexico for a morning spin, clean up things there, establish a responsible government, take a dip in the ocean at Vera Cruz and get back to Washington in time for lunch. In the afternoon he would probably fly over the Amerongen, give the former kaiser the threshing he deserves, take tea with Lloyd George and then devote a few minutes to settling the Russian Bolsheviks.
Best of all, he could, turn the movie rights to all his official acts over to the national treasury department and do away completely
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NO EPIDEMIC IN CITY

There is no epidemic in Independence at the present time and reports concerning epidemics in other nearby towns are probably much exaggerated. In fact many "epidemics" you hear about start on somebody's tongue.

KILL KARES ENTERTAINED BY MR. AND MRS. ROBBIE

Last Friday evening was a most delightful occasion for the members of the Kill Kare Klub and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Craven, club guests, when they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Robbie at their attractive bungalow on Monmouth street. The little god of love reigned supreme and the near approach of the pretty Valentine season was suggested in the effective decorations. Crimson shades were used on the lights which radiated a cheerful glow over the rooms. Red hearts, and cunning cupids were also suspended from the chandeliers, while festoons of red hearts were draped around the colonades and on the curtains. Vases of crimson carnations and ferns helped to accentuate the pretty Valentine motif. Four tables were arranged for Auction 500. When 24 hands of the all absorbing game had been played a short business session followed. Mrs. Geo. Carbray's always interesting minutes produced much pleasure. A community sing, led by Willard Craven, "music master" of the evening, was thoroughly enjoyed. The delightful evening closed with a most appetizing luncheon served by the host and hostess. Salads and ices in heart shaped moulds, with heart shaped cakes and sandwiches made a fitting finale for the pretty Valentine event. The guests were reluctant to leave but all eagerly expressed a wish that Mr. and Mrs. Robbie's time to entertain the Club would soon come again. Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Sloper will be the next hosts to the Kill Kares.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN HONORED; HIS BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

The birthday of the great American, Abraham Lincoln, was observed in Independence by the G. A. R. and W. R. C. At noon a big dinner was spread for members, their families and invited guests. Then followed a program in eulogy of Mr. Lincoln, his life, character and acts. The "boys" who fought under "Old Abe" in the sixties cherish his memory as they do their fathers and they halt the speeding generation on Feb. 12 of each year and remind it of the debt of gratitude the world owes Abraham Lincoln.

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY ENTERTAINS SENIOR CLASS

The faculty of the High School, including Mr. Collins, Miss Boughiey, Miss Magg and Miss Puckett entertained the Seniors at a six o'clock dinner at the home of Miss Boughiey last Wednesday evening. Place cards and table decorations were apropos to the pretty Valentine season and the splendid dinner with the spice and relish of Upperclassmen conversation made a most delightful occasion.

EYE OUT FOR SPEEDERS POLICE CHIEF GRABS TWO

Under orders by the city council, Chief of Police Kelleher is keeping his eagle eye in training for speeders upon the inviting paved streets of Independence. He reports the arrest of two during the past week.

IN SOUTH POLK COUNTY THIS WEEK FIVE YEARS AGO

(From the Independence Monitor February 12, 1915)

Committee appointed to put Independence on the Pacific Highway.

Branch of the Parent-Teachers Association organized in Independence. Officers: Mrs. G. W. Conkey, president; Mrs. Claud Skinner, secretary.

Burglars rifled the safe at the mill but got nothing.

"Podunk Limited" scheduled to arrive.

Nobody has yet reported the first robin.

WEDDING PROVES TO BE A THRILLER

The third times party given by the CIVIC CLUB Wednesday evening at the A. F. Hall for the members and their guests was neither an artistic nor literary event, but it proved without a doubt the joiest and most merrily-provoking function that has taken place for a long while.

Over one hundred people were present to inaugurate in the fun and frolic provided by the entertainment committee which included Mrs. James Robbie, Mrs. Taylor Jones and Mrs. C. O. Sloper. The inspectors, Mrs. Peri Reuges and Mrs. Grover Mattison, were lenient with the crowd and no heavy fines were levied, but much fun was created by this feature. The community sing, led by Mrs. McIntosh, a male quartette and a bevy of girls, started the evening off just right. Everyone remarked they would love many more community sings. The "Wedding of the Flowers" brought a fine from all present as no one kept a solem face as they had been instructed. The principals of the wedding were: Soloist—Miss Priscilla Primrose—Mrs. Claire Irvine.

Clergy—Dr. Nannie Sue Jack-in-the-Pulpit—Dr. Cook.

Pianist—Miss Mary Jassamine—Mrs. Robbie.

Ringbearer—Johnny Jonquil—Russel Jones.

Flower Girls—Misses Mabel Petuna and Lou Wildward /Sweet-pea—Helen Butler and Lena Mae Evans.

Matron of Honor—Mrs. Marie Morning Glory—Mrs. Hubbard.

Page—Bobby Violette—Carroll Smith.

Best Man—Mr. Ivy Ophelia Balsamapple—Word Butler.

Groom—Mr. Johnny-Jump-Up—Mr. James Robbie.

Bride—Miss Ruth Pinkrose—Miss Ruth Mills.

The bride and groom had no rose petaled path to follow, but instead one strewn with dead leaves. However they seemed undisturbed regarding their future, and the page guarded the bride's attic, aged lace window curtain veil, with as much care as if it had been done in point lace. The groom's attire, on this occasion, is worthy of mention. His arms dangled lonesomely from his khaki coat sleeves which failed to meet his snow white cotton gloves; his trousers were a wee bit short and served to show the groom's nervousness, which was displayed by a twitching of the hands and feet. But a more clever bride and groom could not have been found. The bridal bouquet was golden hued carrots, showered with kale. The matron of honor and flower girls also carried a variety of vegetables. The wedding ring was a doughnut carried on a large white pillow. An extract from the service is: "Wilt thou comfort and support her father and mother, Aunt Jemima, Uncle John, three sisters and a brother?" Misses Helen Jones and Dorothy Fitchard assisted in matching the couples for the grand march which was led by the bride and groom. Following a thorough investigation of all the antics of those participating in the march, the honorable judges: O. A. Kreamer, J. G. McIntosh and Clyde Ecker, gave first prize, a stick of candy, concealed within the folds of red crepe paper, to Word Butler and Mrs. Arrell. Ladies' prize, a cow bell, was presented to Mrs. Grover Mattison. Gentleman's prize was given to Mr. Otis Cornflower (Mrs. Baun).

The Hobo Quartette consisting of Messrs. Wayward Willie, George Dusenberry, Hezekiah Sniffins, George Washington Bangs—Messrs. Underhill, McIntosh, Hewitt and Hurlburt—with Madame Anna Palova—Mrs. McIntosh—at the piano—brought rounds of applause for their excellent numbers.

Mrs. Nellie Barnett as chairman of the refreshment committee with a number of, capable assistants, looked well to the comforts of the inner man, and the entire evening together with the many burlesque costumes will long be remembered by all those attending.

Robert N. Stanfield is out for U. S. senator against Chamberlain.

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