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## CAPTAIN C. L. STIDD INTENDS TO RESIGN

The members of Company K and citizens in general are much alarmed over the declaration of Captain C. L. Stidd that he is going to resign the captaincy of the Company. Since then a petition has been circulated among the "K" boys in which the Captain is asked to remain with the Company and many citizens have personally appealed to him to not resign.

Should Captain Stidd resign and leave the Company at this time, it would be a blow that "K" might not recover from. It might mean that the Company would be disbanded and its members attached to "L" at Dallas or some other unit in the state. Realizing this possible outcome citizens and members of the Company will make every endeavor to induce Captain Stidd to remain on the job.

Captain Stidd has taken a great deal of pride in Company K and in developing it in efficiency. He has been a democratic officer and has been as easy on the men as military discipline would permit. As a result a number of the men have taken advantage of it and have become indifferent and fail to respond for drill. The officers of the Company thru higher military channels, have the power to enforce discipline and attendance at drills. Captain Stidd is loath to do this for the reason that the members of the Company are his friends and neighbors and, rather than incur the enmity of a single one of them, would rather resign and retire from the Company.

It is universally hoped that the Captain will not resign, and that all the members will conform to the rules and regulations so the Captain may continue his enthusiastic efforts with his usual vim for the best interests of the Company. Be it understood that there is no discord among the officers and men of the Company. They harmonize splendidly.

Should Captain Stidd resign and "K" lose its identity, the enlisted men of the Company would probably be confronted with the question, "Where do we go from here?" Being attached to another Company under command of strange officers might prove both distasteful and unpleasant.

For the sake of the town, for the sake of the Company, for the sake of the men, Captain Stidd should remain.

## LARGE INCREASE IN HOP ACREAGE OVER LAST YEAR

Albany—According to M. A. Winn, hop man of near Albany, the hop crop in Oregon this year will be double what it was last year.

Linn, Benton, Lane, Polk and Marion counties comprise the hop district of the state and each of the counties will have a much larger acreage this year. English buyers are offering five year contracts to hop growers, paying 50 cents this year and an annual decrease in price to 30 cents the last year of the five but also agreeing to pay more if the demand is strong.

Just before the war Oregon was growing 160,000 bales of hops, according to Mr. Winn, and had 30,000 acres planted. In 1917 and 1918 the growers grubbed the hops, reducing the crop to about 9000 acres. Mr. Winn thinks 18,000 acres will be planted to hops this year in the state.

California and Washington are planting fairly good hop crops this year. Very few hops are raised in the United States outside of the three coast states and New York. New York is now growing about 8,000 bales. Washington formerly grew close to 850,000 bales but now grows about 20,000 bales. California is growing about 80,000 bales.

## MONMOUTH CITY WINS SUIT IN PAVING CONTROVERSY

(From the Monmouth Herald)  
By a decision handed down by the Oregon Supreme Court and filed March 9, the city of Monmouth was upheld in its more or less famous paving suits. The decision of Judge Belt in the Circuit Court for the city was affirmed.

In brief the Supreme Court agrees that Main street never was a county road.

## THE DOG'S BOARD BILL

Cap Stidd, who is a deductionist and figurer of rare ability, says that if a dog catches two squirrels a year, Shep has paid for his board for the same length of time.

## BIG CIVIC CLUB FUNCTION AT W. H. WALKER HOME

Mrs. W. H. Walker, assisted by Mrs. O. D. Butler, Mrs. Taylor Jones, Mrs. George Conkey and Mrs. Clyde Ecker was hostess to a large gathering of Civic Club members and also several non-Club members at her pretty home last Wednesday afternoon.

Thruout the rooms a color scheme of yellow was developed. Daffodils nodded from vases and bowls and Oregon grape also added charm to the flowers.

After a brief business session, Mrs. M. J. Butler, to the delight of all, rendered a group of solos which were heartily enjoyed. Mr. Ostein of the Normal, who did "Y" work with the 29th division, told of his experiences in France. The talk thruout was intensely interesting and Mr. Ostein also very graciously answered any questions asked by the ladies. He concluded his very instructive talk by showing many interesting views taken along the devastated lines in France.

During the tea hour, Mrs. Charles Fitchard presided over the tea table which was centered with a crystal basket of daffodils. Yellow shaded candles were also used. The hostesses were assisted in serving by Miss Dorothy Fitchard.

The afternoon as a whole was very pleasant and three new members, Mrs. Fitchard, Miss Dorothy Fitchard and Mrs. Morgan, were added to the roll.

## FARM BUREAU ORGANIZED BY COUNTY AGRICULTURISTS

A number of farmers met in Dallas Saturday and effected a temporary organization of the Farm Bureau. A permanent organization will be perfected later in the Spring. County Agricultural Agent Paul Carpenter expressed an urgent need for the extermination of the "grey-digger". The secretary writes that "the meeting decided for the 1920 work to prosecute with all vigor the squirrel poisoning campaign; to give all support possible to the County Fair; to the Corn Show at Independence; to the Grand Ronde Fair; to encourage co-operative shipment of livestock, and other co-operative marketing activities; to work for an increase of quality and acreage of corn, and to support any movement for better livestock."

## POLK CO. SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Polk County Sunday School convention will be held in the United Evangelical church at Dallas on March 12 and 13. The principal feature of the program will be an address by Rev. Howard Agnew Johnson of Chicago on Saturday morning at 11:20.

## BATHING NOW ENJOYABLE— AT LEAST AT ALBANY

ALBANY—Eight Albany young people went bathing in the Willamette Saturday and said they enjoyed their swim despite the fact that the water was cold. It was a beautiful spring day.

## THIS WEEK FIVE YEARS AGO IN SOUTH POLK COUNTY

(From the Independence Monitor March 12, 1915)  
Willamette river lowest in 27 years.

A certain Independence young lady celebrated her 13th birthday on March 6, 1915.

March 5, 1915, was the silver wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. O. D. Butler. They were dined and charivariated by a large number of friends.

Then on the following Monday night the same honor was paid Mr. and Mrs. Word Butler, it being their 21st wedding anniversary.

Rev. W. S. Stewart of Richmond, Cal., called as pastor of the Independence Baptist church.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, MCH. 14-15  
(Including Sunday Matinee.)

## "TARZAN OF THE APES"

The stupendous amazing film production of Edgar Rice Burrough's great story. Produced in the wildest junkies of Brazil at a cost of \$300,000. Staged with wild lions, tigers, elephants, baboons, apes and cannibals. See Tarzan's struggle with the lion—the elephant raid on a cannibal village—battle between an ape and a gorilla—abduction of the white girl by apes.

Burton Holmes Travel Picture and Comedy

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, MCH. 16-17

## "12:10"

An amazing plot, tense fast moving story, sensational mystery play, a super special feature crammed with thrills. The greatest and most powerful acting Marie Doro has ever done.

Comedy and International News

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, MCH. 18-19

## "FAIR AND WARMER"

Avery Hapwood's most hilarious farce, starring May Allison. A hysterically funny and wonderfully human play with the famous cocktail scene, compromises, complications and a kick. London and New York shrieked at it. If it hurts you to laugh bring a doctor with you.

Robin Comedy and Pathe News

SATURDAY, MCH. 20

## VIRGINIA PEARSON

in "IMPOSSIBLE CATHERINE"

Gosh! How he did tame her! He kidnapped her in an aeroplane, forced her to marry him and then turned her loose. She fled—he chased and captured her—imprisoned her on his ranch—and he tamed "Catty Kate"—he sure did tame her. And didn't she hate her cave man husband? She did—until she turned plain woman.

Herold Lloyd Comedy and Ford Weekly

## ISIS THEATRE INDEPENDENCE

## W. W. VETERANS RECEIVING STATE MEDALS

Following is the list of veterans of the World War given medals by the state of Oregon. The medals are being distributed by Independence Post, American Legion:

William R. Coote, Hoskins, Ore.; Rollo J. McKinney, Corvallis, Ore.; Tom L. Ostien, Monmouth, Ore.; Rolph E. Cox, Monmouth, Ore.; Roy G. Petty, Monmouth, Ore.; Emerson E. Groves, Independence, Ore.; David E. Olemen, Monmouth, Ore.; Jas. C. Garber, Oregon City; F. B. Williamson, Airlie, Ore.; P. W. Jones, Hoskins, Ore.; H. L. McKinsey, Independence, Ore.; Narin V. Powell, Hoskins, Ore.; Ralph W. Tavenner, Monmouth, Ore.; Leonard D. Ruch, Independence, Ore.; Geo. T. House, Independence, Ore.; Geo. A. Burkhead, Olympia, Wash.; Abraham F. Becker, Independence, Ore.; Howard W. Morlan, Monmouth, Ore.; Gaylord G. Godfrey, Independence, Ore.; Ray M. Walker, Independence, Ore.; Simon P. Linn, Independence, Ore.; Bliss B. Byers, Independence, Ore.; Melvin L. Ray, Independence, Ore.; Arthur L. Miller, Monmouth, Ore.; Robert R. Thompson, Monmouth, Ore.; Herbert Evans, Monmouth, Ore.; Merl M. Nye, Independence, Ore.; Grover C. Hinkle, Monmouth, Ore.; Jas. H. Hinkle, Monmouth, Ore.; Dean S. Baughman, Independence, Ore.; Ira S. Williams, Monmouth, Ore.; Gustave Fisher, Independence, Ore.; Verd H. Shrunck, Independence, Ore.; Clinton Egan, Independence, Ore.; Armine O. Young, Independence, Ore.; Glen C. Smith, Independence, Ore.; J. B. Lorence, Monmouth, Ore.; Fred Scholl, Mon-

## American Legion Grows

The American Legion is increasing at the rate of one thousand posts a month, passing the 8000 mark during February. There are posts in Canada, England, France, Mexico, Panama, Philippines, Hawaii and Cuba.

In the United States there are 8015 posts. Oregon has 80.

## WHEN CORN IS KING

The Farmers State Bank, always looking to the best interests of farmers, has been talking "corn" in their ads appearing in The Post. Corn, sooner or later, will be a staple crop in the Willamette valley and when that time comes, the man who "feeds them all" will be much better off.

## NUMBER OF SOCIAL EVENTS MAKES OUR CIRCLE MERRY

Last week there were two parties at the H. W. Birkholtz home. On Wednesday night, Miss Cella and Joe Birkholtz arranged a surprise on Miss Anderson, who left the next day for Coquille where she will reside permanently. Saturday, March 6, was the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Birkholtz and that evening their daughter, Mrs. Jewell, invited a number of friends and neighbors. Father and Mother Birkholtz were remembered with presents of silver. Both events were greatly enjoyed.

Last Thursday afternoon was a happy time for a quartette of splendid workers in the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church. The other members planned a surprise birthday party for the four, including Mrs. Frank Kelly, Mrs. F. G. Hewett, Mrs. V. A. Health and Mrs. B. R. Wolfe. As it was regular day for the Aid meeting these four ladies were wholly unsuspecting of their sisters' plans. The entire group went about their accustomed tasks, but when they were invited to the banquet board, all began to wonder why the birthday cake, candles and other adornment. The committee in charge announced that it being so near the birthdays of these four ladies, the surprise was planned for them. They then assumed the dignity of "honor guests" and received many congratulations and tokens of remembrance. Fifty friends were present to share in the happy event. The decorations were especially pretty. A large art basket of ferns and pink roses made an artistic center piece for the long table. These ladies are always accomplishing something; if they are not burning church notes they are bringing good cheer to a neighbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hays very pleasantly entertained the members of the Kill Kare Club at their home last Friday evening. Auction 500 furnished amusement until a late hour. Then the players were entertained with enjoyable music. The Club members each having entertained during the season, it was expected the Kill Kares would close their season, but the congenial friends were reluctant to cease meeting and agreed to have one more evening together, the hostess to be chosen by lottery. Mrs. Hays served an exquisite luncheon. She was assisted by her husband who came from Hoskins to join in the merriment.

Dr. H. C. Dunsmore went to Portland Saturday to visit the O. A. Macys and to participate in a joint celebration of his and little Margaret Dunsmore Macy's birth. days Sunday. To be quite exact the Doctor's natal day really fell on the following Sunday, but being generous in all things he was quite willing to add a few more days to his bone fide age and celebrate with his young grand-daughter, who was two years of age. Mrs. Macy had prepared an elaborate dinner for the honor guests and a few intimate friends. The day was extremely pleasant, and the Doctor returned to his duties much rejuvenated, the we have not learned the number of candles used on his birthday cake.

## JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT THEY MARRY AT 1:30 A. M.

William Shults, aged 55, and Mrs. Minta Titus, 48, both of Albany, thought it would be lots of fun to get married in the night, so last Friday at 1:30 a. m. they got the county clerk and a preacher out of bed and the ceremony was performed.

## GUY WISECUP, AIRLIE BOY, WINS ARMY ESSAY PRIZE

Guy Y. Wisecup, of Airlie, a youth of literary ability, won tenth prize in the Portland Telegram's army essay contest. He will receive a medal,

## COUNTY W. C. T. U. MEETS HERE TODAY

Independence has with it today women from various parts of Polk county.

The occasion is the county convention of the W. C. T. U. which is being held in the Methodist church. The leading feature of the day will be an address by the State President this afternoon. Those in attendance are looking forward with much delight to her address. There are other speakers on the program, which also includes some musical numbers. At noon a big dinner will be served in the basement of the church. The morning session will be given to business and routine matters.

Since its organization by Frances Willard, the W. C. T. U. has centered its efforts to abolish the liquor traffic. That having been accomplished, the organization will push its other objects more to the front. Cigarettes and tobacco have no friends in the W. C. T. U. and its members hope to see the day when there will be no tobacco raised in the United States and its importation be forbidden by law.

## ALLEGES "PARTIALITY" IN COUNTY ROAD BUILDING

(From the Polk County Observer)

Just to determine the condition of the roads in the different parts of the county the editor of the Observer Sunday autored around Monmouth and Independence. The charge of the farmers in other sections of the county that the Monmouth-Independence district is getting the best of the road improvements seems to be borne out by the facts.

When you get within reaching distance of either of these towns you can begin to notice the difference in the condition of the roads. It is possible to put up the gas and go along at from 20 to 25 miles an hour without hitting the auto top with one's head. And this does not apply entirely to the hard-surfaced roads, with which all are familiar, Dallas, Falls City, the Salt Creek district and other sections of the county certainly have just cause for complaint in comparison. To ride on any of these roads is to be compelled to jog along eight to ten miles an hour and then pull through ruts and holes that simply rack a car and bounce the passengers high and hard.

This is a condition that should be remedied without delay, as it is unjust and unreasonable for one portion of the county to have good roads and other sections be compelled to be satisfied with such rocky going.

## COUNTY CANDIDATES ABOUT TO THROW HATS INTO RING

It is definitely known that John Orr, sheriff, Floyd D. Moore, clerk, A. V. R. Snyder, treasurer, Fred J. Holman, assessor, and Josiah Wells, school superintendent, will all be candidates for re-election. J. N. Helgeson of Dallas will run for district attorney and perhaps L. H. McBee of Liberty for county commissioner. All are Republicans.

## HOUSE BURNS DOWN WHILE OWNER IS SICK IN BED

Starting from a spark from the chimney, the farm house of Leslie Locke near Lewisville was destroyed by fire one night last week. Locke was ill in bed at the time and had to be carried from the house by neighbors.

## NO TIME YET SET FOR HILL DIVORCE CASE HEARING

No time has yet been set for hearing the Hill divorce case at Albany. It is presumed that there will be a number of witnesses from Independence.

The defendant, Mr. Hill, has replied to the complaint of the plaintiff. He denies her allegations and makes several counter charges. He also asks for the custody of the child.

## LEADING ISSUE VERY SOON; LEARN IT BY HEART

"Clean Up."