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AUTOMOBILE PRIZE CONTEST ANNOUNCED

(Note: on pages six and seven of this issue appears a comprehensive description of The Polk County Post's big "Automobile Prize Contest and Subscription Drive." Rules and regulations, together with full information, will be found on these pages.)

Are you with us?

We are out for 2,500 subscribers! While The Polk County Post already enjoys a wide circulation in this community, this newspaper is desirous of increasing its family of readers in Independence, Polk county and surrounding territory.

With this end in view we have planned, and today announce, the most liberal prize offering ever made the newspaper reading public in this section of the state—a campaign in which a brand new 1920 model Maxwell touring car, worth \$1,200.00; a free summer vacation trip to Yellowstone National Park, including an all-expenses-paid motor trip through the Park; a beautiful solitaire diamond ring worth \$125; Columbia Grafonola, worth \$100, besides a veritable shower of gold will be awarded free Saturday night, May 22, to the ambitious and hustling men and women boys and girls of Independence, Polk county and vicinity.

Our Slogan—"Everybody Wins"

One of the features of this big prize distribution is the fact that there will be no losers in this race, as a twenty per cent cash commission (\$1 out of every \$5 collected) will be paid all active non-prize winners, which in itself is an excellent business proposition.

This is not a "something for nothing" scheme; in fact it is no scheme at all. Neither is it a charitable undertaking on the part of The Polk County Post. It is a business proposition pure and simple. Its object is to advertise, jointly, this newspaper and the splendid qualities of the new 1920 model Maxwell touring car; to secure new and renewal subscriptions to The Polk County Post and last but not least, to win for this newspaper a welcome in every home in Polk county.

Want 1500 New Subscribers

Will it pay? This is a question that will naturally occur to all who read this announcement. Yes, it will pay! Not in dollars and cents, possibly, for the expense of the undertaking is very heavy, but there are dividends that newspapers earn other than that expressed in the terms of money.

During this campaign hundreds of new subscribers will be added to our present list which will mean an immediate enhancement to the potency of this newspaper as an advertising medium—the principle source of revenue for newspapers; a large number of the best hustlers of Independence and Polk county will be happier and richer in pocket book as a result thereof, and there will be a great amount of satisfaction in all that, besides the general good engendered and prestige gained for this newspaper will be almost inestimable.

Short and Snappy Affair

This contest will not be a long-drawn-out affair of several months' duration, but extends over a period of seven weeks only. Think of being able to secure in just seven weeks' time awards that would ordinarily require months, even years, of self-denying and saving to acquire—yet here they are offered to you for a few weeks of your spare time in helping us extend our subscription list.

This competition will be more interesting and far-reaching than any other ever before undertaken in this community. The prizes are not only rich in material value but are in keeping with the broad and liberal lines along which the entire campaign has been drawn. Ambition and energy are the only requisites for success. Seven short weeks and you may be riding in your own BIG automobile!

Information and Assistance

In order to give everyone who enters this contest the greatest possible assistance, the publisher has secured the services of Lloyd Swain of San Diego, Cal., who is thoroughly experienced in this line of work and who will give his entire time and attention to those who desire

MICKIE SAYS

LAVIN' OFF ADVERTISING—
T' CUT DOWN EXPENSES IS
LIKE QUITTING EATIN' T' SAVE
MONEY—ONE'LL KILL YER
BIZNESS 'N TH' OTHER WILL
KILL YOU

PLEASE DON'T
TALK TO THE
PRINTERS
IT MAKES
THEM
NERVOUS!



OFFICE
ORDER
NO. 47

THE LAST MAN
TO LEAVE THE
PRINTING SHOP
TODAY WILL
PUT THE FOUR
PAGES IN THE
SAFE AND
LOCK IT
SECURELY

JUNIOR DAY EXERCISES
IS EVENT OF MERIT

A large number of Independence people attended the Junior Class-day exercises of the Normal last Friday afternoon. The principal feature was the pageant, "Pilgrim's Progress," commemorating the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. The pageant was conceived and directed by Miss Taylor. The opening scene was on board the Mayflower when the compact was signed. Following this there were a series of scenes depicting the development and progress of the nations along the lines of government, industry, science, arts and education. Independence girls who played prominent parts in the elaborate pageant were: Miss Margaret Burroughs, who represented the "Spirit of Freedom", whose torch is a light unto men's feet disclosing the way of opportunity; Miss Helen Butler, who participated in the dance of the "Mist Maidens" and Grecian dances; Miss Ruth Mills, who took part in the Frieze dance, also that of the "Mist Maidens"; Miss Hazel Van Avery when not in the dances was at the piano; Miss Norma Calbreath represented the Twentieth Century, summoned by Progress to face her problem and learn from the past. Another Independence girl to have taken part in the exercises was Miss Elsie Miller, but on account of illness was unable to be present.

There were also morning festivities, the day closing with a Junior frolic in the evening.

MELODY MINSTRELS COMING MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 12

The Melody Minstrels, the big fun producers who were with you last year, are coming again March 12. Your favorite funsters—Fatty Arbuckle, Slim Leany, Capt. George Washington Jenks, Franklin Confucious Ford—will all be here to drive away dull care. Then, too, you'd like to have another peek at the wondrously wise Sherlock Holmes, wouldn't you? Well, he'll be there too. Wouldn't you love to hear a good orchestra? Well, the Normal orchestra is going to furnish the music. There will be pick-animny choruses, Creole comedies, ballads, beauty choruses, character songs, hen-pecked husbands, step dancers, etc. The first part of the program will consist of the regulation jokes, gags and songs. The last part will be of the aesthetic and artistic order, closing with a scene from the Japanese operetta, "Yokahama Maid." The evening will be one you'll long remember. Watch for further notice.

The big One Cent Sale at Williams closes tomorrow night.

to participate.

Come in and see him personally and secure first hand information as to how to go about winning one of the big prizes. Or, if you can't call, clip the nomination coupon appearing elsewhere in this issue and mail to the "Contest Dept." of The Polk County Post, Independence, Oregon, and he will gladly see that you are fully informed regarding the entire plan.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, APR. 4-5
(Including Sunday Matinee.)

DOUGLAS Fairbanks

IN
WHEN THE CLOUDS ROLL BY

Burton Holmes Travel Picture and Comedy

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6-7

THE SPREADING EVIL

"Hush!" is the devil's propaganda that trusting innocents may be defiled. "The Spreading Evil" points out the pitfalls! It opens eyes "too long shut by a tolerant prudery." First, it thrills and entertains and then leaves a thought behind. The Hon. Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, and a score more men prominent in public life heartily endorse it. You owe it yourself and to the community to see it. No, it's not merely a photoplay of unusual entertainment power; it's more—a fearless screen treatment of the liveliest subject of the hour. NOTICE—Owing to the nature of the picture, children under 16 will not be admitted unless accompanied by a parent or parents.

Comedy and International News

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, APRIL 8-9

THE RIGHT OF WAY

"Show me a sign from Heaven—give me real proof of your God!" had been the challenge of Charley Steele. Then the tailor of Chaudiere, in his simple fanaticism, sought to brand proof upon the young man as he slept—with a little cross, heated white-hot. There is a large number of such dramatic moments in Gilbert Parker's master romance of the Canadian north woods starring Bert Lytell.

Rolin Comedy and Pathe News

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

MAE MURRAY

in "TWIN PAWNS."

A classy comedy-drama that you will greatly enjoy.

Herold Lloyd Comedy and Ford Weekly

ISIS THEATRE INDEPENDENCE

THIS WILL INTRODUCE MR. LLOYD SWAIN

When Lloyd Swain arrived in Independence last Monday for the purpose of conducting the Post's big automobile contest, he did not have to file a bill of particulars regarding his ability and personal integrity. We were onto him long before he ever set foot in Oregon. We were familiar with his record as a community builder, his constructive executive ability, and the honorable way in which he conducts every enterprise. So we are entirely happy to have Mr. Swain with us and to let him manage the big contest. He will not let any grass grow under his feet, will be on the job every day in the week, and will perform his task in a conscientious honest and impartial manner. Mr. Swain will conduct the campaign with justice and equal privileges to all, and without partiality to any. So it is good to have him here on the job.

For several years Mr. Swain has been engaged in constructive news-

papr and community work. It has been his experience that the greater development of the home newspaper naturally leads to greater development of the home community. As a result of The Post's campaign for a larger subscription list he will endeavor to leave this newspaper and this community with new and richer opportunities than they have enjoyed heretofore.

You'll find Mr. Swain in the office of The Polk County Post about sixteen hours of the day in direct charge of the contest. Make him useful—that's what he's here for. He's doing a mighty good turn for this city and community and its people. Keep him a-hustling, and he'll do two turns.

Pass the Salt

We are mentioning no names, but manifestly there are those who need to sprinkle a pinch of salt on the tail of their presidential robin. —Portland Telegram.

PEACHES AND PEARS

Fear is expressed that peaches and pears may be rather short at picking time this Fall. Right tough weather at odd moments is supposed to have discouraged those fruits from attempting to start life at all.

From indications there are lots of "peaches" around here who may become "paired" before this Leap year is over.

MOORE & WALKER DISSOLVE ELMER ADDISON BUYS IN

A deal was made this week in which A. C. Moore purchased the interest of Dean H. Walker in the furniture business. Mr. Moore at once sold an interest to Elmer Addison and the firm will hereafter be known as Moore & Addison.

There is general regret that Mr. Walker has concluded to make his permanent home elsewhere. Mr. Addison, a home boy, is well liked and will make a successful business man.

NEW HOME FOR LEGIONAIRES OF INDEPENDENCE POST

Independence Post, American Legion, moved into its new home this week. The old Moose hall in the Campbell building they are fitting into very cosy, comfortable quarters. Their regular meetings which are always interesting, will be held there.

Independence Post is composed of the young manhood of this section, the brawn and muscle and the good looks. May it live long and prosper.

MILLAGE BILL SUPPORT URGED BY MONMOUTH

(From the Monmouth Herald)

Twenty Monmouth people helped to re-organize the Encampment of Odd Fellows in Independence last week. Almost as many Monmouth people belong to the Masonic institutions of Independence, lodge chapter and Eastern Star; the Independence bakery and laundry supply the needs of Monmouth citizens; Monmouth young men are numerous in the company of National Guard with headquarters in Independence; the G. A. R. and various other organizations of Independence count on Monmouth to make a showing. Independence merchants and dealers make strong bids for the trade of our citizens. If on the face of these facts, Independence votes against the millage bill or in any way attempts to block the highway plans of the state commission it will be showing a shortsightedness that must, in the nature of things, react strongly against it in the future.

ALL CHURCHES WILL HOLD EASTER DAY SERVICES

The Christian, Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist churches of Independence will all hold Easter services. A more detailed mention is made elsewhere in this Post. In addition to the announcements as printed there will be services at the Methodist church in the morning and Dr. Dunsmore will administer the ordinance of infant baptism at the Presbyterian church.

THIS WEEK FIVE YEARS AGO IN SOUTH POLK COUNTY

(From the Independence Monitor April 2, 1915.)

Rev. W. S. Stewart preached his first sermon at the Baptist church.

"The Liar and The Baby" was staged under the personal direction of Mrs. Clyde Ecker. The cast consisted of Verna Brown, Miss Kora Browne, Cyril Richardson, Miss Sella Robinson, Willard Craven, Miss Helen Eaton and Harry Miller.

CITIZENS HEAR ARGUMENTS FOR 2 IMPORTANT MEASURES

President Campbell of the state university and James Stewart of Corvallis addressed Independence business men last night in the interest of the millage and road bills. There was a large number present and the speakers urged the adoption of the measures in a convincing manner.

Everybody being ready and anxious to start, so let's go.

"DEAD" ENCAMPMENT IS BROUGHT TO LIFE

Another feather was stuck in the hat of Independence Odd Fellowship, another star was added to its crown last Saturday night when Model Encampment No. 35, which for many days has been peacefully sleeping, was awakened and sent on its way rejoicing, prepared to make a showing and record for itself and assist materially in elevating and uplifting mankind.

It was a great night for Odd Fellowship in Independence, an occasion of celebrating and feasting. Thirty candidates were bridled and saddled and rode down the big hall. A Corvallis team officiated and burned the brand of the noble order deep into the backs of those who sought entrance into that great degree of Odd Fellowship.

Then the august occasion was honored by the presence of Grand Senior Warden Nolan and Grand Scribe Sharon.

Before partaking of the feast of refreshments, the following officers were elected: H. K. Sickafoose, C. P.; W. Huntley, H. P.; Gail Alexander, S. W.; P. O. Plack, J. W.; H. W. Birkholtz, G.; James Robbie, W.; Henry McElmurry, O. S.; Ernest Chown, I. S.; W. E. Craven, T.; D. D. Good, S.

GO. K VAUDEVILLE SHOW DRAWS A FULL HOUSE

The show given by Co. K at the Isis Wednesday night attracted a full house. Despite the storm people willingly faced the gale to show the boys they were back of the movement. Dr. Dunsmore remarked on the subject of military benefits, stating that to have a company of the National Guards was a splendid asset to the town and community.

The program was thoroughly enjoyed, the first scene depicting an army camp with the sentry on duty. There were songs, readings, "clogs," and character songs. Miss Helen Cornelius of Monmouth charmed the audience with her subtle playing of the violin. The boys were also assisted by a quartette of clever dancers from the Normal.

SOCIAL EVENTS OF WEEK; 3 DELIGHTFUL AFFAIRS

Mrs. Frank Smith entertained the Ladies Aid of the Christian church in a most pleasant manner at her home yesterday afternoon. The ladies busied themselves with a variety of hand work for a time, then a surprise was perpetrated on the hostess and Mrs. Robbie who were each presented with a pretty sugar and creamer. The Aid had recently decided to present each member with a birthday present as her natal day approached. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Robbie were the first to receive these expressions of good fellowship. Dainty refreshments concluded the afternoon.

Last Friday evening as Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Robbie were much absorbed in reading, sounds of approaching footsteps were heard and a number of their many friends discovered with all the accompanying paraphernalia to make a surprise party complete. Things were immediately prepared for a clam supper and a most thoroughly enjoyable frolic indulged in. The feast was followed by a community sing, and several hands of auction 500. The "high jinx" was planned by the members of the Kill-Kare Klub to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Robbie who is a very popular member of the club.

Last Saturday afternoon a number of friends gathered at the pretty home of Mrs. Maurice Butler where they had been bidden to a shower complimenting Miss Ruth Brown, who is soon to be married to Mr. Howard Moreland. For the occasion Mrs. Butler chose daffodils and other golden hued decorations. Candles shaded with yellow also radiated a golden glow over the happy scene. The weather man assisted the hostess in seeing that the shower came off on schedule time. The bride-to-be was generously remembered with a large basket fill- (Continued on last page.)

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