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RED HOT METEOR DROPS IN ON US

Many residents of Independence were startled Sunday afternoon between three or four o'clock by a strange noise which they were unable to identify. The sound lasted but a moment, and a number who heard it searched the sky in vain, thinking perhaps a new sounding airplane was flying over.

The noise was caused by a meteor of some size which struck the pavement in front of the Oliver Smith home on Monmouth street. Two little girls, playing nearby, heard the whiz and the crash when it hit the earth. They described it as a ball of fire. Running over to where it lit they were startled to find a large rock, sizzling hot. It is composed of mineral substances and may weigh as much as two hundred pounds.

Now what if it had been solid gold? It would have been one of the world's greatest sensations. Every paper on earth would have told about it. As it is, this is probably the only newspaper notoriety it will ever get.

Where did it come from? Nobody knows. Perhaps, and likely from the sun. In any event, it has been a long time coming.

AGED MAN DROPS DEAD CAME HERE TO RESIDE

A. M. Roop, age 75, who has lived for a number of years at Mosier, died suddenly this morning at the residence of Mrs. Nellie Barnett in this city. A sufferer from heart trouble Mr. Roop dropped dead while dressing. Accompanied by his wife, he had arrived in Independence a few days ago to make his future home in Independence. Mrs. Roop is the mother of the late W. B. Barnett.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow forenoon at the Baptist church and burial will take place at the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

THE COMING SUNDAY NAMED BLOSSOM DAY AT SALEM

Blossom Day in Marion county, when thousands of persons will flock to Salem and be taken in automobiles to fruit districts near that city, and when seaplanes will circle overhead bearing spectators through the skies, was definitely set for next Sunday, April 25, by the board of directors of the Salem Commercial Club.

SLOPER BROS. MARKETING THEIR CROP OF BROCOLI

Sloper Bros. are marketing their brocoli. They have already shipped out 2253 crates, including a car by express to Chicago, Monday. A car sent by freight to Chicago was tied up in Nevada for a week on account of the strike. They have twenty acres planted.

CIVIC CLUB MEMBERS TO STUDY BALLOT MEASURES

The Civic Club will meet in regular session at the Independence Post American Legion club rooms next Wednesday afternoon, April 28, at 2 o'clock. The time will be given over to the study of the measures to be voted on the forthcoming election. There are also some important civic movements to discuss and action to be taken upon. Members, don't fail to be present as your ideas are needed. Those interested in club work of this nature are invited to this meeting.

TOTAL OF POLK COUNTY REGISTRATION IS 6752

Total Polk county registration divided as follows: Republicans, 4140; Democrats 2189; Independents 171; Socialists 94; miscellaneous 124.

FREE SEED CORN OFFERED ALL YOUTHFUL PLANTERS

H. Hirschberg has offered to furnish seed to all Polk county boys and girls who will plant either one half acre or one acre of corn and exhibit it at the Independence corn show this fall. A number have already accepted his offer.

Sunshine brings joy.

MICKIE SAYS

AWRIGHT! GHT PEEVED IF YA WANTA, BUT WE AINT GOINTA KILL NO PERFECTLY GOOD NEWS ITEM T' ACCOMODATE YOU, NEB NOBODY ELSE! MICKIE, MAN! WE'RE RUNNIN' A NEWSPAPER AN' IT'S OUR BIZNESS T' PRINT TH' NEWS 'N YA OUGHTA KNOW BETTER 'N TO ASK US T' SUPPRESS A GOOD ITEM!



NEWTONS READY TO PLAY NINE BROTHERS IN TEAM

With the approach of another baseball season, a team is being organized in Independence that will not only be unique but be able to put up a good contest against all comers. Here is the lineup:

- Gid Newton
- Glen Newton
- Guy Newton
- Gerald Newton
- Sidney Newton
- Dee Newton
- Francis Newton
- Dorman Newton
- Ward Newton

All brothers and of playing age except Dorman and Ward. A few years must elapse before they will be in condition, but if challenged any time soon "Pa" Newton, still a youngster, and the oldest son of Gid Newton can be substituted. The Newtons will play any family team in the United States for money, marbles or chalk. In two or three years the Newtons may be capitalized and travel the country over playing ball.

BAPTISTS ALL MIXED UP AND A BIG LOT TO EAT

(Contributed)

If you wanted to see the skids put under old man H. C. L., you should have been present at the Baptist Mixer last Friday night. Judging by the way the tables were laden, the high cost of living and the price of potatoes and sugar and all that, was unknown to the crowd that was present at the supper at the Baptist church supper and good time last Friday. The tables were laden with enough food stuffs to feed a small army. There were cakes and pies, chicken, roasts, pork, salads, cream, custards and candies and cookies; and say, it would make any I. W. W. or pessimist break their food strike and eat. And eat the folks did.

After the supper the crowd went upstairs for a short program. The program was enjoyed by everyone. After the program a short business meeting was held and when the evening was done, the unanimous word went forth that "We ought to have another one in the near future." The request will probably be granted.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT SOUGHT WORK TO BEGIN SOON

Aroused to action by the horrible condition of the roads south of the city, Independence merchants and citizens are taking action to improve them. Grading will be commenced on south Main street at once and co-operation with the road supervisor south of town will be sought with a view to starting work in his district at once.

POLK COUNTY'S TAX LEVY MAKES TOTAL OF \$413,868.24

The various taxes of Polk county for the year 1920 are as follows: State tax, \$77,100.80; county, \$62,097.84; general school, \$66,138.76; special school, \$74,905.18; general roads, \$70,057.24; special roads, \$6,487.04; market roads, \$23,867; special cities and towns, \$33,214.38; total, \$413,868.24.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, APRIL 25-26
(Including Sunday Matinee.)

ANITA STEWART

in "HUMAN DESIRE"

The story of a waif who adores babies and a wife who hates them. The husband was sorely perplexed to know what to do with the girl with the mothering heart who Providence had sent to his childless home in his fashionable wife's absence. Anita Stewart as the waif with the mothering heart has a role that is different from any she has yet played.

Jeff and Mutt Comedy and Fox News

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27-28

"ONE WOMAN"

BY THOMAS DIXON

See the theory of free love, practically applied, smashed to smithereens—see two men in evening dress who fight so like primitive beasts that the theory of brotherly love is given a final knockout—It makes you laugh and cry, thrill and shudder, and leaves you something of vital importance to think about—Would you be as forgiving as "The One Woman," who with open arms takes back the man who has divorced and ruined his life?—A worthy successor to the "Birth of a Nation" written by the same author—A story of life, love, religion and politics.

Comedy and International News

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, APRIL 29-30

"THE MIDNIGHT PATROL"

A THOMAS H. INCE SPECIAL

This is a thrilling story of life in one of America's biggest Chinese quarters, into which there has been woven a sweet and wholesome love story.

Rolin Comedy and Pathe News

SATURDAY, MAY 1

FRANK KEENAN

IN

"Gates of Brass"

Herold Lloyd Comedy and Ford Weekly

ISIS THEATRE INDEPENDENCE

LEST WE FORGET

When you're talking about what an awful day today is, and just how disagreeable Tuesday and Wednesday were, don't forget what we had dealt to us last Sunday. An ideal picnic day. No signs even of "Old Jupe" being on the job. Early

in the morning machines, filled with picnic revelers, began chugging out of town and not until late at night did the pleasure seekers return. We wonder too if nearly all the fishes in near by fishing places weren't caught last Sunday.

P. H. DREXLER REFUSES TO ACCEPT \$120,000.

P. H. Drexler has no desire to add to his worldly wealth, no desire to be handed \$120,000 just for helping a poor man now in prison. Queer, isn't it? But we leave you wondering why Mr. Drexler spurns so much money to give you the letter he received a few days ago. It is as follows:

Madrid, 23-2, 1920.

Dear Sir:—Being imprisoned here by bankruptcy I beseech you to help me to obtain a sum of 360,000 dollars I have in America being necessary to come here to raise the seizure of my baggage paying to the Registrar of the Court the expenses of my trial and recover my portmanteau containing a secret pocket where I have hidden two checks payable to bearer for that sum.

As a reward I will give up to you the third part viz: 120,000 dollars.

I cannot receive your answer in the prison but you can send a cablegram to a person of my confidence who will deliver it me, addressed as follows:

AMAT MANUEL
Lista de Telegrafos Santander,
Spain.

Trust to me—Drexler.
Awaiting your answer to instruct you all my secret, now I sign only
R. de S.
First of all answer by cable not by letter.

Now all Mr. Drexler has to do is go to Spain, help R. de S. get out of jail, get the fellow's baggage out of lock, find a hidden pocket in a portmanteau, recover two checks valued at \$360,000, and for his kindness and trouble receive \$120,000. Yet Mr. Drexler will not do it. He's wise.

Now don't any of you write Amat Manuel and hike out for Spain. You'd be as big a sucker as somebody thought Mr. Drexler might be.

Man's Most Disagreeable Day
Every married man gets a taste of univocal military training at house cleaning time—McMinnville Telephone-Register.

Setting Fast Pace In Race for Auto

Livest Topic of the Hour in Independence
Today—A Home Race Among
Home People.

New Entries Announced Today

To Keep Posted You Must Read the Post
—Now and Always.

"I wonder how they stand today?" That will be the first thought upmost in the mind of every person who receives this copy of the Polk County Post.

And, then—even before reading "The Rhyming Summarist," or the newest development in the hop market, or the latest news of the day regarding Independence people and events—the eye of that reader will turn to the southeast corner of this page to read about who's who in the Post's campaign for new subscribers—the race for the new Maxwell touring car and other valuable prizes to be awarded May 22.

It will continue to be that way till the end of the campaign—now only four weeks away. Who stands first, second, third, or fourth? Is my favorite in the lead? What can I do to help her, and to what extent? Have any new contestants entered the race? Who? and how do they stand? These and other timely questions arise in the mind of the reader, all of which find answer in the published standing of votes. It is a bureau of information on the livest topic of the hour in Independence today.

The Race Begins In Earnest.

Do you know, an event of this kind possesses all the elements of any contest which arouses the enthusiasm and quickens the pulse of red-blooded Americans.

Among those who participate it will be a test of speed, skill, endurance, perseverance, courage, ability—and, finally, the thrill of victory.

Among those who view the contest (which represent more than the regular subscribers of the Post, because many now borrow the paper from a neighbor) there is presented opportunity to enjoy a spirit of rivalry among home folks in which those elements of American life are tested in high degree.

So what's the use of going away from home a thousand miles or so to see an automobile race, when the real thing is right here at home. All we lack is the straight-away or punch bowl track. Thrills and ex-

citement, victory or defeat for the leading places, are all that count in any race.

And here we have a friendly race between home people—ours to see, and ours to enjoy—now, and later. With each succeeding week it gathers speed and interest, which cannot be said of every race you've paid good money to see.

New Entries; New Leaders.

Their names are in the list showing the latest count of votes. Who are they, and how do they stand? That's for you to find out, dear reader. What's the use of going to a race if you don't take a seat in the grandstand and see it for yourself? You might just as well wait for the megaphone man to announce the winners. Or, you might just as well stay at home in bed and read about it in the papers next morning.

Perhaps sometime we'll mention a few names in these stories about the Post's race for the prize automobile, but not today. To be on the safe side, it would be a good idea for you to clip the standing of contestants from week to week, and then you'll have a complete chart of the race from start to finish.

Any More to Enter?

That's something we don't know. The prizes at stake are very attractive, and nominations are still open. Moreover, opportunity still invites a few more good live candidates to step out and win the capital prize, or some one of those of lesser value. Under the liberal voting schedule of this campaign no candidate now entered has a lead so formidable that it might not be easily and quickly overcome. Indeed, a lead of half a million votes would constitute no serious obstacle in the way of an aspiring candidate now unknown to you or to this newspaper. A man or woman earnestly desiring to win a new automobile in four week's time would accomplish wonders in a very few days.

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HERE'S HOW THEY STAND TODAY

But nobody knows what the ensuing week holds forth. With the goal now only four laps ahead, and the highest voting period of the campaign fast drawing to a close, and the weather and road conditions clearing up, there's apt to be some lively hustling by the candidates right now. You can read about it in the next issue of The Post. Here is the standing of candidates this week.

LOUISE BAUMAN, Independence	26,000
LEMUEL BARNETT, Independence	15,900
HELEN CORNELIUS, Monmouth	5,000
CACILIA BURKHOLZ, Independence	89,500
CECIL RUEF, Independence	11,100
FAYE JOHNSON, Independence	18,100
LILLIE CALKINS, Airlie	27,600
B. H. HABEKOTT, Suver	5,000
HELEN BUTLER, Independence	19,800
MRS. MAUD McELMURRY, Independence	173,400
VIRGIE I. WHITAKER, Airlie	5,000
ALMA SANDERSON, Greenwood	111,800
CAROLL SMITH, Independence	31,100
DEL T. HARMAN, Monmouth	5,000
BEULAH COMPTON, Independence	5,100
MRS. GAIL ALEXANDER, Independence, Rt. 2	5,000
MRS. WILL PETTJOHN, East Independence	5,000
MRS. JAKE FETZER, Suver	5,000