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MAYOR PROCLAIMS CLEAN UP WEEK

The mayor has spoken and proclaimed. Therefore, it is the duty of every citizen of Independence to "clean up" next week (May 10-15). As good riddance to bad rubbish it is recommended that all such be gathered and placed in an alley before Saturday at which time Boy Scouts will collect the same in wagons furnished by the city and haul it away.

PIONEER OF SOUTH POLK CROSSES THE GREAT DIVIDE

John L. Williams, for fifty years a resident of south Polk county, died Tuesday night in a Salem hospital at the age of ninety years. Funeral services will be held from Henkle's undertaking parlors tomorrow afternoon and interment will be made in a cemetery near Airlie.

When a young man, Mr. Williams was attracted to California by the discovery of gold. From there 52 years ago, he came to Oregon making his home at Lewisville. Later he moved to a farm near Buena Vista. This place he sold to Amos Holman and bought a farm near the Elkins school house. Eight years ago he sold this farm and moved to Monmouth. He is survived by his wife and one adopted daughter, Mrs. W. K. Tetherow of Northport, Wash.

TESTIMONY IN PROPOSED RAISE OF PHONE RATES HEARD

The public service commission of Oregon held a public hearing in Independence Wednesday afternoon and heard a number of witnesses relative to a proposed raise in telephone rentals in Independence and Monmouth.

Officials of the company submitted testimony in justification of a raise and several citizens offered complaint of service. The commission reserved its decision.

G. A. SPERLING BADLY HURT FALLS FROM FAST TRAIN

Gustave A. Sperling, formerly of Independence, residing in Portland, was seriously injured Monday evening by falling from a train near St. Helens. The Portland Journal gives the following account of the accident:

Sperling, accompanied by his daughter, was returning from Astoria. At Ranier he left the train to get a newspaper and being subject to high blood pressure, found the need of seeking the open air when he returned to the train.

He left his seat and went to the rear platform when the train was about three miles below St. Helens. Evidently Sperling became unconscious and fell from the train. His daughter did not miss him until she arrived in Portland. The sheriff's office was requested to make a search.

After falling from the train Sperling crawled to a near-by farmhouse and became unconscious in the yard. Residents of the farm were attracted to him: by the barking of dogs. He regained consciousness for a few minutes at 5 o'clock this morning. His face and scalp are badly lacerated and torn and he is suffering from cuts and bruises all over his body.

GYMNASIUM BOND ISSUE CARRIED BY FIVE VOTES

At a special school election held Monday, a proposal to issue bonds in the sum of \$15000 for the purpose of building a gymnasium at the high school carried by the narrow margin of five. The vote was 71 to 66 with two blanks.

THIS WEEK FIVE YEARS AGO IN SOUTH POLK COUNTY

(From the Independence Monitor May 7, 1915.)

The Tri-County Medical Society met in Independence.

Dr. H. C. Dunsmore expected home from San Francisco and everybody knew what he was coming for.

Ray Lacey and Hazel Cook of Parker married.

MICKIE SAYS

SAY, YA GOTTA FRIEND WHO USTA LIVE HERE, AINT YA? AN' YA DONT WRITE T' THAT FRIEND AS OFTEN AS YOU SHOULD, DO YA? THEN WHAT YA OUGHTA DO IS TO COME IN 'N ORDER TH' O' HOME TOWN PAPER SENT TO 'EM REG'LAR. THAT WILL SURE PLEASE 'EM



JERSEY CHIEF OF AMERICA SEES POLK COUNTY HERDS

Polk county was visited Thursday by H. D. Munn, president of the American Cattle Club and the National Dairy Council, and a number of Jersey breeders of the state. The morning was spent in inspecting the herds of F. E. Flynn, McArthur & Stauff and W. O. Morrow north of Independence. At noon the visitors were the guests of the Polk County Breeders' Association at Monmouth. A visit to the stock farms of G. G. Hewitt and Loughary & Son was the afternoon program after which the delegation went on to Albany.

NORTH SIDE RESIDENT FOUND DEAD IN CHAIR

B. W. Agnew, a resident of North Independence, about 60 years of age, was found dead in a chair by Mrs. W. G. Grant Thursday morning. Mr. Agnew, who lived alone, had been ill and Mrs. Grant was carrying breakfast to him when she made the discovery. He had no relatives in the West. A brother in New Jersey wired \$300 to pay his burial expenses.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church yesterday by Rev. C. T. Cook. The deceased was a devout Methodist. Interment at the I. O. O. F. cemetery. The W. C. T. U. offered a beautiful floral piece.

DOGS OF THREE COUNTIES MEET IN INDEPENDENCE

On last Tuesday night the Polk-Yamhill-Marion Medical Society met in Independence with twenty members in attendance. A dinner at the Beaver hotel at 7:30 was followed by a business meeting at which time three candidates were "initiated". The big event of the evening was an address by Dr. Lawrence Selling of Portland on "Botulism," followed by a discussion of the subject. The general opinion seemed to be that to avoid being shuffled off this earthly sphere unexpectedly it would be a very good precaution to boil every food we buy in can, bottle or carton.

P. T. ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR YEAR

At a meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association Tuesday the following officers were elected for the following year: President, Mrs. Murch Pussell; vice president, Mrs. Edw. Becken; secretary, Miss Houx; treasurer, Mrs. Walter Plant.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE \$2

On and after June 1 next, the subscription price of The Polk County Post will be two dollars a year. This advance is made necessary by the increased cost of white paper. No credit will be given on subscriptions whatsoever. The expiration of each subscription is printed after the name on the paper or wrapper.

Monmouth Wants One, Too Herald: Independence recently carried a bond election to build a high school gymnasium and now Monmouth, its up to you.

FIVE NEW PICTURES EACH WEEK

Note the Change in Runs

SUNDAY, MAY 9—(Afternoon and Evening.)

CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG

in "CHEATING CHEATERS"

A play of thrills and love. Imagine the surprise of the cheaters when they discovered another cheater cheating them. Miss Kimball wears Lucile's latest creations. Its the gowns that cheat the cheaters.

Jeff and Mutt Comedy and Fox News

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, MAY 10-11

When Bear Cat Went Dry"

A stirring tale of life in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. It holds an audience with the grip of a vise and makes them lean forward, never taking their eyes off the screen for fear of missing a thrill.

Also the first and second episodes of the great serial

'Smashing Barriers'

- 1. THE TEST OF COURAGE
2. THE PLUNGE OF DEATH

A smashing melodrama of risk and romance in the great outdoors, in the lumber camps, the football field and the mountains. 15 weeks of adventure!

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, MAY 12-13

ELSIE JANIS

in "A REGULAR GIRL"

She comes "with rings on her fingers and bells on her toes." The up-and-at-'em, go-get-'em, true-blue American girl in a sure-fire photoplay that'll stir the hearts of everybody. General Pershing says "she's great!" You'll say so too!

Rolin Comedy and Pathe News

FRIDAY, MAY 14

MITCHELL LEWIS

in "FAITH OF THE STRONG"

Here's a rugged romance that will draw you far away to the Great Northwest, where iron-fisted men clash in defending their laws of right and might. A story of the man who came back.

Comedy and International News

SATURDAY, MAY 15

GABY DESLYS

in "INFATUATION."

Tried and tempted, infatuated by the youth and charm of her wealthy young admirer, this belle of the Parisian stage deserts her husband at a crucial hour—but awakens to her danger in time to save her own honor and her husband's life and reason.

Herold Lloyd Comedy and Ford Weekly

ISIS THEATRE INDEPENDENCE

THE LOVE OF MOTHER

An ancient legend, almost as old as the human species, runs in this fashion. A youth was deeply enamored of a beautiful maiden, and asked her hand in betrothal. But she was exceedingly jealous of the great love he bore his mother, and test which of his loves was the stronger, she answered him, "Bring me first the heart of your mother, and I shall marry thee." The youth was sorely stricken, but loving the maiden to madness, he straightway departed and slew his mother. With her bleeding (Continued on last page)

NEW LEADER DAWNS IN RACE FOR PRIZE AUTO

Carroll Smith, Independence School Boy, Leads the Field for Final Dash.—All the Others Too Close for Comfort.

Driving forward and upward with a flourish that indicates an intensely exciting finish, candidates in The Post's big subscription campaign are swinging rapidly toward the goal—where the prize Maxwell car and other awards await them.

Developments of the week disclose an unexpected, though not unwelcome situation. In a fine burst of speed deserving the plaudits of all who admire pluck and aggressiveness in American youth, Carroll Smith, the school boy contestant, leads the field this week.

Close behind him (so close indeed, that one "club," represented by two 5-year subscriptions, would put any one of them in the lead) come five contestants among the ladies, who also have their eyes on the Maxwell car as a coveted possession to acquire at the fast-approaching finish of the race.

Indeed, this is still anybody's race to win or lose, and more surprises may be in store before it is over. When you take into consideration that only two 5-year subscriptions (\$15.00 in business) count for 90,000 votes even during this period of the voting schedule, and only twenty-two 5-year subscriptions (a matter of \$165 in business) count for nearly 1,000,000 votes, it may be readily understood why new leaders may quickly spring from obscurity into the limelight. So it is well for everybody to be prepared for surprises. They may come.

Actual Test Now Ahead.

Now for a whirlwind finish; now for sensations and surprises. Present leaders must increase their vote totals mightily if they wish to "finish in the big money." As may readily be seen by glancing at the vote totals below, the leading candidates are entirely too close to be safe, so developments are bound to happen.

It is in you to win, if you will. That truly refers to any contestant in the race. This is the final test for resourcefulness, mettle, courage. The possession of them in your make-up will make you fight all the harder; the lack of them will take the stiffness out of your knees and let you fall in a heap—an "also ran." Supreme courage will urge you on even when you tire; but that is the sort of courage which spells victory, and its rewards.

Subscriptions Still Count Big

During the "second period" subscriptions count big; in fact, they count for almost as many now as during the "first period," just passed. For example: Two 5-year subscriptions, counting the extra 50,000 extra votes allowed on "clubs" of \$15.00, count for 90,000 votes now, whereas 100,000 votes were formerly given; ten yearly subscriptions now mean 70,000 votes, all told, where

HOW TO GAIN A MILLION VOTES

A 5-year subscription to the Polk County Post (only \$7.50) represents 20,000 REGULAR votes.

Twenty-two 5-year subscriptions (amounting to \$165.00 in business) represents 440,000 REGULAR VOTES.

Then, in addition to the REGULAR votes issued on each subscription, 50,000 SPECIAL EXTRA votes are allowed on each "club" of \$15.00 turned in. \$165.00 constitutes exactly eleven "clubs," and eleven times 50,000 means 550,000 SPECIAL EXTRA votes.

Therefore, twenty-two 5-year subscriptions (new or renewals) means 440,000 REGULAR votes, plus 550,000 SPECIAL EXTRA votes—a grand total of 990,000, or approximately one million votes.

Haven't you got twenty-two friends who would help you to the extent of a 5-year subscription to the Post (only \$7.50) toward winning that big prize Maxwell touring car? Surely you have. Try it and see.

Or, Mr. and Mrs. Subscriber, wouldn't you be one of a small party of twenty-two to help your favorite pile up a million votes toward winning the grand prize of this contest?

Your time is limited. Act quickly, before it is too late!

INDEPENDENCE YOUNG FOLKS MARRY MONDAY AT DALLAS

Peter A. Stoltenberg and Miss Pearl R. Ogle of Independence were married in Dallas Monday by Justice of the Peace John R. Sibley. The young people have the best wishes of their numerous friends.

80,000 were issued before—providing of course, they are turned in before 9 o'clock Saturday night, May 15, one week from this Saturday night.

Be Safe—Not Sorry.

Very soon the race will have been run. Only a short time remains to choose between success or failure. Don't overlook a single chance to better your chances to win. Avail yourself of the opportunity this "period" affords. Think and plan constantly for the means of success. Meanwhile, always remember that your adversaries, just as keen and resourceful as yourself, are racking some very acute brains for the same purpose. It means something to win in a competition of this kind. It proves yourself to yourself and to your friends. Sometimes it shows up the yellow in your bogus friends, but it reveals the true ones, and it always tests your mettle and measures your strength.

FROM NOW UNTIL THE FINISH IS THE TIME WHEN 100 PER CENT EFFICIENCY COUNTS.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS

Order of Names Indicates Relative Standing of Contestants.

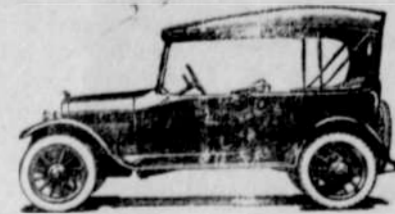


Table listing contestants and their vote counts: CAROLL SMITH, Independence 354,650; FAYE JOHNSON, Independence 292,420; CACILIA BIRKHOLOZ, Independence 271,570; ALMA SANDERSON, Greenwood 270,010; MAUD McELMURRY, Independence, Rt. 2 263,040; MRS. GAIL ALEXANDER, Ind., Rt. 2 262,050; LOUISE BAUMAN, Independence 256,500; LILLIE CALKINS, Airlie 171,860; HELEN BUTLER, Independence 21,800; LEMUEL BARNETT, Independence 15,900; JAMES HINKLE, Monmouth 10,050; MRS. WILL PETTIJOHN, East Independence 5,000