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## BUSINESS MEN BUY CAR OF GASOLINE

In order to relieve the present gasoline shortage which threatens to become a menace to farming and other legitimate business industries, Independent business men at a meeting yesterday voted to buy a car of gasoline from a California firm and hope to have it here within a week. It will be sold by the business men's club without profit thru local dealers and will be disposed in such a way as to insure an equal distribution among gasoline users. A car contains approximately ten thousand gallons and this amount with what the Standard Oil Co. will have gives this community almost its normal amount. Should the shortage continue the business men will continue to buy and sell.

There seems no prospects for any relief, otherwise, in the near future. Citizens of the small towns over the state are becoming very outspoken in condemning the way the situation is being handled in this state. Says the Corvallis Gazette-Times for example: "The thing that we have a right to kick about is that the sure cars in Portland can get a 20 per cent tank capacity while not only pleasure cars but cars actually used for necessary purposes cannot get enough in Corvallis or any other small town." Apparently there is some truth in the charge that gasoline is being conserved in Portland for the entertainment of convention visitors while at the same time many tractors on farms cannot be used because there is no gasoline for them.

## INDEPENDENCE LOSES IN EXCITING FINISH

(Contributed)

In a very exciting game of base ball last Sunday, Independence lost to Perrydale by a close score of 6 to 5, due to a bad decision on the part of the Perrydale umpire in the last half of the ninth which retired the side and prevented the locals from tying the score.

Perrydale started out by scoring two in the first inning by a combination of hits and poor fielding and added three more in the second when the local infield aviated, coupled with two lusty swats by the Perrydale gunners. Then the fireworks started in the same inning for Independence. A five-run handicap looked pretty big and everyone predicted a lopsided score with the visitors on the long end but our boys were not to be denied. Taylor led off with a single and Stoltenberg moved him up with another one base crack. Then Manager Barrick stepped up to the plate with a mean, vicious glare in his eyes, with a determination to atone for the three errors (more or less) that he'd made in the same inning. He swung on the first offering and fouled it. Then the second ball came soaring up and he met it squarely on the nose and sailed it far into the adjoining field and finally settled among the clods for a home run. Five runs were made before the side was retired and both teams played shutout ball until the score stood six to five. Independence tried hard to even the score and in the last half of the ninth, Taylor came up out of his turn and clouted the first ball over the fence for a home run. However, he was declared out as a result, perhaps because of the homer. The next batter came through with a two bagger and with the runner on third and two out, everyone was pulling hard for Addison to come through with a hit. He fouled several and finally knocked a slow roller to short and beat it out by a couple of feet. However, Perrydale's umpire was upirping the bases and declared him out, ending the game.

The locals play Lebanon Friday (today) and negotiations are on for a game with Dallas in Dallas for Sunday.

## THIS WEEK FIVE YEARS AGO IN SOUTH POLK COUNTY

(From the Independence Monitor June 11, 1915)

C. D. Tharp quits business. Twenty graduated from Independence schools. Helen Cornelius, of Monmouth, ten years old, recognized as a musical prodigy.

## MICKIE SAYS

"A FAIR HAired BOY AROUND THIS OFFICE IS THE JOLLY ADVERTISER WHO BRINGS IN HIS COPY 'N SAYS, 'LET 'ER RUN WHAT SHE WILL,' INSTEAD OF WORRING 'N' POOR COMPOSITOR ORDERING A QUARTER-PAGE AD SET INTO A FIVE INCH DOUBLE COLUMN SPACE!"



MARGARET HATTIE HENKLE'S

Last Tuesday afternoon a large concourse of bereaved friends and relatives gathered at the Presbyterian church to pay tribute to one who only a short time ago had walked among them and enjoyed material things even as they. But amid a profusion of the choicest of floral offerings which represented garlands of love and memory, all that was mortal of Mrs. Hattie Henkle who had entwined herself into our lives and had performed her allotted task, would soon be lost to mortal vision. While sorrowing friends dropped the tear of affectionate sympathy, a quartette consisting of Messrs. Barrick and Hurlbert, Mesdames Conkey and Drexler, sweetly sang "Tread Softly." Mrs. Conkey, in an appealing voice, sang tenderly, "Rest At Home." As she sang the words—

"Rest for the Weary  
In the land where toil shall cease,  
Earth sad and dreary  
Changed for Heaven's peace.  
Rest from care and sadness,  
Rest from sin and strife and woe,  
Where all joy and gladness  
Spirits blest shall know;"

"Jesus, blessed Savior,  
In life's hour of deep distress,  
Come with pitying favor,  
Come to soothe and bless;"

We seemed as it were to strain our eyes in vain endeavor to scan the infinite shore.  
Dr. Dunsmore gave the comforting assurance: "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you that where I am, there ye may be also." Re-counting her many virtues, as she was faithful to the demands of honor and justice and as she lived in the spirit of charity and the love of truth, so shall be her reward.

While sorrowing friends "tread softly," her body was gently borne to the Monmouth cemetery where committal was made. There beneath a grave covered with numerous and exquisite floral tributes, where the fir trees whisper and the larks twitter, rests the form of one we love. Yet we know forms change but the spirit survives.

"There is a world above  
Where parting is unknown—  
A whole eternity of love  
And blessedness alone;  
And faith beholds the dying here  
Translated to that happier sphere."

Margaret Hattie Harris was born in Iowa of splendid parentage. The writer has often heard her speak of her father, Dr. Harris, who graduated from Baltimore Medical College. When but a child her parents moved to Oregon. She was educated at O. A. C. and entered the teaching profession. June 26, 1879, she was married to Eli T. Henkle at Bethel, Polk county. Five children, two boys and three girls, were born to them. Her husband passed on four and a half years ago. Mrs. Henkle was a devout member of the Presbyterian church and was faithful to all its teachings. She was prominent in fraternal circles. She was Past Matron of the Eastern Star, also Past Noble Grand of the Rebekahs. She had served as secretary.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 13—(Afternoon and Evening)

## MARION DAVIES

in "THE BURDEN OF PROOF."

A gripping story of love and international intrigue with a flavor of the big war for a background. The kind of story that will be enjoyed by every type of audience. Not even the beauty of Marion Davies eclipses the talent she brings to the portrayal of the heroine.

Jeff and Mutt Comedy and Fox News

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, JUNE 13-14

## "The Fear Market"

Featuring ALICE BRADY. A drama of New York's well dressed, self-satisfied society and the parasites who prey upon its pleasures and feed on crumbs stolen from the tables of the rich. The story of a parasite society paper which New York fears, and of the daughter of its editor who becomes involved in the meshes weaved for another woman.

Also the seventh episode of the great serial,

## 'Smashing Barriers'

THE FATAL FLIGHT

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, JUNE 16-17

## TOM MIX

in "ROUGH RIDING ROMANCE."

A-mile-a-minute Western drama. This is the first Mix picture ever shown at this theatre and it is a good one. He has worked himself up front in the moving picture world, especially in Western stuff.

Rolin Comedy and Pathe News

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

## CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG

in "THE SAVAGE WOMAN."

See Miss Young amid the wild beauties of the African jungle, as the reincarnated queen of Sheba in the ruined splendor of an ancient palace, and as a half-tamed thing amid the artificialities of Parisian high life. Costly and marvelously staged with many elaborately produced scenes.

Comedy and International News

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

## JUNE CAPRICE

in "IN WALKED MARY."

Coming from Dixie, in quest of her Yankee knight, "In Walked Mary" at the height of his gay bachelor party. And it complicated matters for him and for her. But with a heart full of romance she found the key to his locked heart. She'll unlock your heart and walk in, too.

Herold Lloyd Comedy and Ford Weekly

## ISIS THEATRE

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UNITED STATES NOW LEGALLY "DRY."

The United States of America has gone "dry", and the hopes of the "wets" that there might be a legal loophole in which escape would be possible, were vanished last week when the Supreme Court declared all prohibition laws legal and also pronounced as valid laws for the enforcement of prohibition.

A modification of constitutional prohibition can now only be brought about by amendment to the constitution and the situation is exactly reversed as to what it was when the prohibition amendment was adopted. It took the votes of

thirty-six of the forty-eight states to make the U. S. "dry" and now it takes the same number to make it "wet" again. The outlook from the "wet" standpoint is therefore not very encouraging.

Should the initiative and referendum, as advocated by William Jennings Bryan, be adopted as the law of the land the "wets" could then bring about a change if a majority of the people of the country so voted.

Dallas Sunday theatre closing law defeated 260 to 407.

MONDAY FLAG DAY

Monday is Flag Day. We hardly get over one holiday when along comes another.

HIGHWAY CONTROVERSY TO BE COURT ISSUE

The state highway commission has given notice that there will be a meeting in Portland on July 6 to consider the Polk county controversy. It is known that Governor Olcott urged the commission to give a hearing to the Independence-Dallas petitioners and that the meeting may be due to his efforts altho he takes the position that if the question is one of interpretation of law, the courts are the proper place to decide the issue.

With this end in view, a meeting of Independence and Dallas citizens was held in Dallas Tuesday night and Attorneys Oscar Hayter of Dallas and J. W. Castle of Portland were instructed to proceed with mandamus proceedings in the supreme court and action in the Polk county courts.

Another new contention has been brought in according to a Salem special appearing in Wednesday's Portland Telegram. "The difference between the words 'should' and 'shall' may be the point on which will turn the bitter controversy between several hundred angry citizens of Polk county and the members of the state highway commission over the route of the West Side Pacific highway in Polk county," begins the article which goes on to say:

"The two Polk representatives in the lower house of the legislature of 1917, without whose votes the bill would have been killed, either were duped into believing the bill actually provided that the West Side Pacific highway should go through Dallas and Independence or had an implicit trust in those proponents of the bonding bill who said the measure contained such a provision.

"The law provides nothing of the kind. It does not provide that any certain road anywhere in the state shall be paved. The act has a misleading paragraph—the first paragraph of section 6—which designates certain highways of first importance to the state of Oregon and which in the next sentence says: 'It is hereby determined that the following highways 'should' be permanently constructed and finished with a hard surface.'

"If this sentence employed the word 'shall' instead of 'should' Governor Olcott's reply to the Polk county petitioners could logically and reasonably be nothing else than to command the highway commission to build the highway through Dallas and Independence. The use of 'should' instead of the imperative 'shall' may be only an example of the unfortunate messing up of English that happens to several statutes enacted at every session of the legislature, but there is room for strong suspicion that the word was used deliberately and with intent to mislead.

"True, the highway commission may defend itself on the subsequent paragraph, which is the last paragraph in section 8 of the act, which reads:

"No description of the highway provided for herein shall be construed to prevent the state highway commission from making such local changes in the location thereof as they may deem proper."

Since the issue came up Judge Robinson was surprised to learn that he had a "place" in Polk county and was seeking to have the highway go by it. Then he must have been surprised the second time when a Polk county paper "confessed" that he had a "place" in Polk county. As a matter of fact Judge Robinson's "place" is not in Polk county at all. It is on the east side in Marion county.

MRS. JOHN COMPTON HAS 64th BIRTHDAY PARTY

Sunday was the 64th birthday of Mrs. John Compton and a number of relatives and friends gathered to assist her in celebrating the event. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Compton those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cauthorn, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Alexander, Mrs. Allie Kurre, Isaac Compton, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stidd and son, Dr. E. L. Ketchum, Miss Vern Ketchum and Dell Alexander.

## TRAINING SCHOOL CLOSES YEAR'S WORK

Following close in the wake of the closing of the High School, the Training School came to an end yesterday. The knell of the school bells will be heard no more until fall when they shall again beckon the youngsters back to the "golden school days."

Thursday afternoon was devoted to presenting several playlets by the Literary Society. Each one, within itself, was a gem and depicted in a very clever way. Miss Arbuthnot presented diplomas to the several students who had completed the Eighth grade and would pursue the gospel of education at the High School. Gerald Hewett delivered the class prophecy. If the "prophet" knows whereof he speaks and is not a "false one" the "Eighth Graders" will hardly recognize themselves a few years hence. Today the "grades" are preparing. (Continued on last page)

## POULTRY YIELDS PROFIT AT-OAK POINT SCHOOL

(Monmouth Herald)

Mrs. Collins and the pupils of the Oak Point school have not only put in a profitable year in an educational sense but they have made the year financially profitable as well. Not only are the pupils of this school able to pass satisfactory examinations in the science of fractions, penmanship and English as it should be but isn't, but they are wrestling a few of Nature's secrets from her as well. One hundred per cent profit is the record of the school in maintaining a chicken yard. They deal in fowls which have 300 egg ancestors and have sold a number of roosters in the Oak Point community helping to improve the grade of poultry there. Three or four chickens were stolen from them during the past year, but this has been the sum total of their losses, ordinary chicken diseases and ailments having been met and treated with skill and success. Surplus chickens have been canned and helped them with hot lunches which the domestic science branch of this one room 'country school serves to its pupils at the noon hour and the sale of eggs has helped to buy other requisites for this luncheon. The pupils are planning to erect a new and larger chicken house and increase the number of chickens handled next year.

Another activity of the children is a garden in which last year they grew potatoes and sweet corn successfully for their luncheons and for sale. Surrounded by woods the greygiggers have bothered them a great deal this year but with the rain of the past week they hope their troubles are over.

## NEVILLE ELDRIDGE MARRIED MEDFORD GIRL YESTERDAY

A message was received this morning conveying the happy news of the marriage of E. N. Eldridge and Jessie E. Barnum both of Medford. The marriage rites were read in Roseburg Thursday, June 10.

"Nev" is the son of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Eldridge of this city and has a legion of friends who wish him unlimited happiness. For about a year he has made his home in Medford where he has capably managed the Eldridge Creamery at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge will be "at home" in Medford where they will receive the congratulations of their friends.

## RALPH BASCUE WEDS MISS MERLE PETERSON

Ralph Bascue and Miss Merle Peterson were married in Vancouver the first of the week and are now on their honeymoon. Mr. Bascue is well and favorably known in Independence having resided here for a number of years and his bride, a daughter of P. J. Peterson, is very popular among her associates. They have the best wishes of their many friends.

## NO NOMINATION TODAY

At 5:30 this afternoon, the Republican convention adjourned until tomorrow morning after taking several ballots without result.