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## OFFICIAL POPULATION JOLTS INDEPENDENCE

Independence was given a hard jolt by Uncle Sam in the census returns and must go for ten years handicapped with a pitiful showing as to population. A striving little city of approximately two thousand people must be content to let the world believe that it has but 1145. Think of it!

But perhaps Independence is partially to blame for it. No special efforts were made to assist the enumerators and they— young women not well acquainted here—did their best. Numerous complaints were made after the count had been completed by people who alleged that they had not been listed.

Concerning the population of "the twins" the Monmouth Herald says: "The census was taken in January and at that time neither Monmouth and Independence had recovered from the slump occasioned by the desertion of rural population for Portland in war industries. An enumeration in July would have shown a considerable increase. In Monmouth also the mass of our student population is not counted. Also Mr. Canterbury and his family of nine fine children did not arrive until spring, too late to help swell our total of population."

What a difference between Independence when the census was taken and now. Then, owing to war conditions that brought plenty of work to Portland, a large number of our houses were un-occupied, many store buildings were vacant. The city was down to the minimum. Now, homes are at a premium, store buildings are occupied, and more people are coming in every day. It will not be surprising if the population of the city today is double what Uncle Sam says it is.

But the people of Independence can tell the world that Uncle Sam made a big mistake in his counting; that while we was pretty lean and lank then, there was more than 1145 of us. We can point with pride to our present self, claim two thousand conscientiously, tell of our present standing and then if any doubter vet doubts we can tell him to count them himself. They're here.

Dallas gained 403 in the past ten years and now has 2527. Monmouth has 582, a gain of 91 and Falls City has 994 gaining 34.

The state of Oregon gained 16.4 per cent, boosting its population from 672,765 to 783,285.

### NO GUARD DRILLING DURING HARVEST SEASON

By an official order of Adjutant General White drilling during harvest among the various companies of the Oregon National Guard is dispensed with.

There didn't appear to be much complaint among the K boys when this order was received. All of them will joyfully help with the harvest. Second Lieutenant Mix has not found a place, having rejected an offer from Verd Hill of a dollar a day.

### HURLEY HELD INNOCENT; TESTIMONY DECLARED FALSE

Indictments against Julian A. Hurley in the federal court were dismissed today. It was held that the testimony against him was "maliciously false."

### MICKIE SAYS

MOST EVERY TOWN HAS A FEW FELLERS WHO NEVER SPEND A NICKEL WITH TH' HOME PAPER NEAR IN AN' NEAR OUT, AN' YET THEY FALL LIKE A TON OF BRICK FER ANY SMOOTH GRAFTER AN' A FAKE ADVERTISING SCHEME! NO WONDER THEY "DON'T BELIEVE IN ADVERTISING!"



By G. Lee

### REVENUE OFFICERS CAPTURE STILL ON TICE ISLAND

Six revenue officers and Sheriff Needham of Marion county visited Tice's Island and located what they claim is the largest still yet found in the state. They also napped W. W. Buckner, alleged to be the chief dispenser, and he is now in the Multnomah county jail awaiting the action of the federal grand jury.

"The still was of the standard 'old-fashioned' pattern of 80 gallons capacity. The outfit with four barrels of mash, three boxes of prunes, several jugs and a 30 gallon keg of 'white liquor' were found in a small cellar that had been excavated from the river bank. About 60 pounds of sugar was also found. Access to this still room was gained thru a small brush screened aperture in the river bank.

"A long string leading from Buckner's shack to the dug-out, and attached to a cowbell had been rigged up as a warning to moonshiners operating the still in case of a raid. Buckner told the officers that the signal had never been used.

"The island proved to be a good hiding place for the moonshiners, a preliminary search over the 40 acres of thick undergrowth failing to disclose evidence of the reported still. A keg of moonshine in the brush was found just when the officers had decided they were on a cold trail. Confronted with this evidence, Buckner repudiated his professed innocence as to knowledge of illicit liquor operations and in his boat conveyed the searchers to the hidden opening in the river bank.

"With their prisoner, the raiding party brought in a jug of the liquor as evidence. The remainder of the moonshine is rated as 80 proof was destroyed before leaving the island. The still was demolished and thrown into the river."

### GATES LAD DROWNS HERE IN THE WILLAMETTE RIVER

Fav M. Starr, age 16, of Gates was drowned in the Willamette at East Independence Monday afternoon. He was wading and stepped into a hole. The boy was visiting his uncle who lives near East Independence. Burial took place at the Buena Vista cemetery, Rev. C. T. Cook conducting the services.

### CAMP MEETING TO GO ON; OUTSIDE ATTENDANCE GOOD

The pentecostal meetings are to be continued. The attendance has been good, best on the outside tho.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, AUG. 9-10

## 'Fools and their Money'

Starring EMMY WEHLEN. An amusing, highly entertaining, true to life story of Society and its new social climbers. Where a real man proves more alluring than a family tree and showing that golden love cannot be bought with gold.

Also the LAST episode of the great serial,

## 'Smashing Barriers'

THE HUMAN CHAIN

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, AUG. 11-12

## "THE SUPERMAN"

A sensational melodrama of thrills, romance, comedy and hairbreath adventure. As the result of a bright idea the little princess and the big princess and everybody lived happily ever after—all except the unlucky fellow at the end of the rope.

Robin Comedy and Pathe News

FRIDAY, AUG. 13

## NORMA TALMADGE

in "THE PROBATION WIFE."

A story New York life, from the dregs to the cream, from the Bowery to Millionaire Row. From a dance hall to the penitentiary. After two years in the pen, escape and then—the Probation Wife!

Comedy and International News

SATURDAY, AUG. 14

## HARRY CAREY

in "OVERLAND RED."

Here's one of the most enjoyable photodramas you've ever laughed and thrilled thru—the rollicking romance of a happy-go-lucky knight of the road who passes suddenly from poverty to riches—with vigorous, humorous Harry Carey keeping you chuckling all the time. Best thing Harry ever did.

Ford Weekly and 2-reel Christy comedy

SUNDAY, AUG. 15

## KATHERINE McDONALD

in "THE THUNDERBOLT."

A kissless bride of hate in the romance of the strangest marriage on record. The story of a man who deliberately marries a beautiful woman to deny her the right to motherhood. But woman's wit and Providence intervene with startling results.

Monkey Comedy and Outing Chester

## ISIS THEATRE INDEPENDENCE

### Pro Patria

(This is the original of the poem, "Pro Patria" which is much quoted today. It was written by Benzine Bird of Claremont, Virginia.)

Tip Sams had twins  
And a razor-backed sow,  
Five dogs and a mule  
And an old roan cow;  
A bone spavined filly  
And a one-roomed house,  
And a little wrinkled

woman

Just as meek as a mouse.  
Old Tip raised tobacco  
And he trafficked in skins,  
For he had seven sons  
In addition to the twins:  
And every mother's son  
And the little mammy.

Jude.

Smoked a pipe all day  
And the twins both

chewed.

But Tip kept a digging  
And he never lost heart,  
For the dogs hunted

rabbits

And they caught a right

smart,

And the bone-spavined

filly

And the mule pulled a

plow,

And they lived off the

givings

Of the old roan cow  
And the acorn-fatted

farrow

Of the razor-back sow,  
Of the razor-back sow,  
But here the story closes  
Of my little romance.

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### HERE & HEREAFTER

A fellow paid The Post and the preacher Thursday. Good investment. The Post gives him a tip on what goes on in this world and the preacher keeps him informed about the one to come.

### THE REASON

Because of a breakdown The Post is very tardy in reaching its readers this week and two columns of local reading matter had to be omitted. Now, in order to get to schedule time it will be necessary to "sluff" the next issue and carry but a small amount of reading matter.

The Post's two phones have been ringing continually since Friday night and many have called at the office looking for "our" Post. We feel highly complimented that such an unusual large number should notice its non-arrival.

### GLACIER IS MAKING RECORD

That at Grindelwald, Switzerland, is to Be Moving at a Pace That is Phenomenal.

A strange Alpine phenomenon is taking place at Grindelwald, that mountain center much beloved by tourists of all nationalities, both in summer and winter, with its little town clustering under great range of white mountains. Many who have stood on the famous Grindelwald glacier have been unconscious that they were moving, for the action of the ice as it pushes toward the valley is so slow as to be imperceptible—an ordinary pace for a glacier often being a few yards in 50 years. But the Grindelwald glacier has been moving at the rate of four feet to six feet a day for over a week. It has already obliterated a pine forest and a stone bridge across the Black Latchine, as the ice river makes its way across the water to the upper banks. It is thought the rapid movement is due to the enormous amount of snow and ice on the higher portions of the glacier pressing it downward; but visitors and those making observations are watching with interest, and realizing that what would have taken a thousand years to do gradually is being accomplished before their eyes at topspeed.—Christian Science Monitor.

### DETERMINING STAR COLOR.

A new means of determining star colors, devised by Dr. E. S. King, is described in the Journal of the British Astronomical Association. Over the telescopic objective is placed a piece of plate glass (commercial glass is good enough for the purpose), which is coated with a gelatin film, one-half of which is stained yellow and the other half blue. The images of the stars are then photographed out of focus on isochromatic plates. Each image, therefore, appears as a disk, one portion of which shows the effect of the blue light, and the other the effect of the yellow light. The two halves of the image are then compared by means of a photographic wedge or by some similar means.

### HER TRIALS.

"They say she is extremely particular in all her ways."  
"So she is. It was a dreadful trial to her when in the scarcity she couldn't get refined sugar."

## RIVER HIGHWAY IS NOW PROPOSED

As stated by The Post last week it is proposed to build what is called the Willamette highway which would pass directly thru Independence from north to south. The Salem commercial club has begun a campaign in its behalf. It also has the endorsement of Senator Patterson. Here is the route as proposed:

"Branching off the West Side highway at Dayton, 32.4 miles southwest of Portland, and extending up the west side of the Willamette river to a junction with the Salem-Dallas highway at West Salem. Which of the existing roads will be used is not yet determined, but in any event a connection will be made with the Wheatland ferry. This section between Dayton and West Salem will be about 22 miles in length. It presents no difficult problems of construction and will open up a section that now has no railroad facilities.

"From West Salem to Brunk's corner the recently completed pavement of the Dallas-Salem highway will be used, and here the Willamette highway will turn to the south and pass thru Independence. This section of road is one of the most heavily traveled in the state and is in urgent need of paving.

"The route south of Independence has not yet been made up, but if the plans of the state highway commission prevail, and the West Side highway is extended south from Monmouth to Corvallis, then efforts will be made to get an extension of the Willamette highway south from Independence on a route nearer the river to Albany, and thence over the river road to Corvallis. The last named section is already established as a state highway by law, but no work has yet been done on it.

"It will be noted by an inspection of the road map of the Willamette valley that the proposed new highway will serve a great deal of territory not now served by good roads, and a highway will also furnish several diagonal cross connections between the West Side and the Pacific highways.

"It will start on the West Side highway at Dayton, touch the Pacific highway at Salem, and will connect back to the West Side highway at Independence by way of the connection with Monmouth. It will then connect with the Pacific highway at Albany, and finally with the West Side highway at Corvallis."

Such a route would be level, scenic and shaded in many spots. It would be attractive to tourists from every angle and would be the favorite way of travel for the greater portion of traffic. Regardless of where the West Side is built—whether south from Independence or Monmouth—the Willamette highway could be built on what is now known as the river road from Independence to Buena Vista and serve a large territory that is vet in the mud.

### PHONE RATES ADVANCED FOR BUSINESS HOUSES

Telephone rates of Independence business houses were advanced 75c, according to bills rendered Aug. 1. Fifty cents of it being the monthly increase and the twenty five cents being for the half month in July that the new rate applied.

Tell The Post.