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## PETER KURRE TO START HAT STORE

Peter Kurre is going into the hat business and it is not going to require any capital as far as Peter is concerned. While it is primarily his intention to deal only in men's hats, circumstances may alter his plans somewhat and he may be obliged to carry ladies' headgear also. As yet he has not rented a building and he fears there is not one large enough in town for his needs; in fact he may have to rent several buildings.

In going into the hat business on such an extensive scale and yet requiring no capital on his part naturally arouses the interest of the public as to how he can do it. Peter is not "talking thru his hat," neither does he have a little brewery in his home. It is very simple when once explained and Peter is a mighty good explainer.

Peter proposes to bet a hat with everybody that the building of a saw mill will be started in Independence before Oct. 20, 1920. He knows that everybody is from Missouri on this particular proposition and as soon as this Post is digested by the public his office will be full of "suckers" anxious to bite. He estimates that he ought to harvest a crop of at least 500 hats, not including those of the feminine gender. With 500 hats, or more in stock, his business as a hat merchant should start out under very favorable circumstances, and then some. Of course, it must be taken for granted that the mill will be started within the time mentioned, but Peter is not letting any cream sour on this account. He is willing to back his "tip" with the price of 500 or more hats.

It has been quite a spell since The Post has given space to rumors concerning the mill and does not intend to do so now. It is only Peter's flurry at this hour that gives us an excuse to indulge in any mill talk at all. As it is alleged that "talk is cheap" we stop the press for a moment to parcel out a nickel's worth in the way of a report that some of these days there's going to be a nice, high bridge built over the Willamette at Independence mainly for the purpose of being used for trains which will run from Independence to the sea. While a bridge is not a mill it belongs to the same "group" and would mean as much as a mill. But, so long; see you when the bridge is dedicated.

Fluttering around the same near-subject for another wink, will the V. & S. build to Monmouth from Independence and take over the Airlie branch of the S. P.? Pick a site for the car shops, gentlemen, this "story" is going strong.

That's all except that Peter Kurre will soon be paying a big income tax or go "busted" buying hats.

### EXPERIENCED AUCTIONEER MAY BECOME RESIDENT

W. D. Overton, an auctioneer of twelve years experience, has been in Independence recently and may locate here. He is favorably impressed with the opportunities offered in this section for a good auctioneer. Mr. Overton's home is at Philomath. Those desiring his services may get them thru The Post or by writing direct to him. He is dated for Sept. 6-9-10-14-15-17-21-23-24-29. A trial will prove his ability.

### MICKIE SAYS

COUNTRY MERCHANTS COMPLAIN THAT THE AUTO IS HAULING TRADE AWAY FROM THE COUNTRY STORE, PERHAPS THAT THE SAME CAR WILL BRING FOLKS TO THE STORE IF THEY'RE JUST INVITED THROUGH THE COLUMNS OF THE HOME PAPER. ADVERTISING IN GASOLINE WILL RUN A CAR IN ANY DIRECTION: VESSER!



### BENNETT MEANS BUSINESS; IS FOR THE PEOPLE

William D. Bennett, Democratic candidate for Public Service Commissioner, was in Independence Monday and made a very favorable impression. He is opposing F. G. Buchtel, present commissioner. When the people remember how the commission has been raising rates without requiring a guarantee of good service in return, they give Mr. Bennett their support. He proposes if elected to do what he can to relieve the public of one-sided decisions in the interest of corporations; he believes that when a public utility company enters into a contract that contract should be binding and not broken by act of the public service commission. Mr. Bennett's candidacy may be shadowed by those after higher office, but from a financial standpoint his election means more to the general public.

### MERCHANTS LONG ON GAS; HAVE NOT SOLD FULL CAR

The last car of gasoline, purchased by Independence business men to relieve the shortage in this section, has not yet all been disposed of. At least a fourth of the car remains which must be sold to put the merchants in the clear financially.

Owing to the long haul from Oklahoma it was necessary to charge a few cents more than does the Standard and this probably is the reason it has not all been sold. No consideration was given by some people to the fact that the merchants were only in the gasoline business that the farm cars and tractors might be kept running so that no farmer would suffer any inconvenience for lack of power.

### COMMISSION STANDS PAT IN POLK ROAD MATTER

At a meeting of the state highway commission held in Portland one day this week it was voted to stand by the original location in Polk county and all road work in the county has been stopped. Evidently the commission intends to take its chances with the legislature.

### MCLAUGHLIN'S HOPS GO DOWN TO EARTH NOT IN PRICE

100 acres of C. A. McLaughlin's choice hops went down Monday and most of the week has been consumed in getting them back up again.

Lots of people imagine that hop raising is a snap; here's a time when it gets to going the other way.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, AUG. 23-24

## LEW CODY

in "ARE YOU LEGALLY MARRIED?"

The church said they were! He believed they were! She "knew" they were! The baby took it for granted! But the law says NO! A revelation every man woman and child should see. It made Los Angeles stop, look, listen. A pictorial sensation.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, AUG. 24-25

## MAY ALLISON

in "THE UPLIFTERS."

Hortense Troutt is happy until she attends the Button Makers' Rally. Here she listens to the lurid talk of a ranting woman radical and immediately feels that she, too, is one of the downtrodden. She hies herself to the haunts of the long-haired men and short-haired women where she is hailed as "comrade!" A brilliant lively comedy.

Roin Comedy and Pathe News

FRIDAY, AUG. 27

## NORMA TALMADGE

in "THE HEART OF WETONA."

An Indian girl who tries to shield the man who has wronged her, but whom she loves—an irate father who seeks vengeance, and a man who loves the girl and saves her, make up this interesting drama of love and heartaches, sadness and happiness.

Comedy and International News

SATURDAY, AUG. 28

## 'The Girl in the Rain'

Starring ANNE CORNWELL. The lightning flashed and the thunder pealed as the fleeing horse dropped to the ground. "Oh, God! Why couldn't you let it strike me?" wailed "The Girl in the Rain." She had given her word, and to keep it she threw away her last chance for happiness.

Ford Weekly and 2-reel Christy comedy

SUNDAY, AUG. 29

## KATHERINE McDONALD

in "THE BEAUTY MARKET."

Shrewd and Radiant Women Challenge Amelie Thorndyke's Game of Conquest in "The Beauty Market" Where Men of Wealth Barter Gold For Wives Whose Entrance Fees of Gowns and Social Rank are Bought With Suitors' Gifts Pawned for Cash. The Richest Buyer Bids Highest, and Amelia's Hand is Won—A Diamond Brooch Binds the Sale Until Fate Trades It to Kenneth Laird. Then a New Game Begins and the Greatest Prize is Won While The Beauty Market Sneers.

Monkey Comedy and Outing Chester

## ISIS THEATRE INDEPENDENCE

CAMPING IN WILLIAMS' SHOW WINDOW

During the hot days mercury didn't soar too high for passers by to linger in the heat and admire the clever show window at Williams Drug Co.

Abe Becker deservedly takes the credit for the artistic display.

Pitched within the shade of fir trees on the cool grassy green is a wigwam made of huge chamois skins. Within glows a fire. Indians on the trails are returning from near-by streams with water-soaked sponges, their only means of conveying drinking water in the primitive days.

There was something inspirational about the scene.

It was like an oasis during the hot spell. One felt like saying, "Long Live the Williams Drug Co.!"

While looking at the window, the recreation-seeking business man begins planning the way to perfect happiness by getting together a rod and fish basket a side of bacon and camp utensils. But he knows the up-to-date conveniences, many of them offered within this store, make the measure-seekers forget the old days, except for the fascinations found in recalling traditions.

Talk to all the people thru The Polk County Post.

### THE PILL BOX

SOCIAL SCANDAL! TWO  
WOMEN DON'T SPEAK

Mrs. One and Mrs. Two don't speak now. They were drawing animals at a party recently and Mrs. One drew her husband. Mrs. Two, whose vision is somewhat affected, saw the picture and exclaimed to the entire congregation: "I know! Mrs. One is drawing a mule!"

COME ON HOME, KID, AND  
BE SPANKED!

Girl, 15 years old, well painted cheeks and rouged lips, ears submerged under her hair, short skirt, answers to the name of "Kid"—wanted at home to be spanked.—Portland Journal.

DOC'S VISION STILL IS ON  
THE JOB

Dr. J. R. N. Bell spoke of having viewed nature and art while at Newport last week but he admitted that he saw more nature than art on the beaches.—Corvallis Courtr.

NELLIE BRAMBERG MARRIED  
AT SALEM THIS MORNING

Miss Nellie Bramberg and Barney L. Howard were married in Salem this morning in the presence of the groom's mother and Miss Laura Baker. They will probably make their home at Silverton.

Nellie is one of the most popular Independence girls. She attended school here and took a prominent part in social affairs, especially among the young people of the Baptist church.

Barney Howard is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Howard, former residents of Independence who are now residing at Silverton. He has been in the navy for several years and has sailed to every part of the world.

Their friends extend best wishes.

NEAR TRAGEDY THIS MORN;  
TRAIN HITS FORD CAR

What might belong in the category of the miraculous was the accident or near tragedy that happened this morning at the intersection of C street with the S. P. railway. As the 10:33 electric was approaching the station G. Wiensz of Dallas, who was accompanied by his wife and children, driving a Ford, decided to turn on the railroad track. He made a short turn to the right and the Electric struck the left side of the car smashing it considerably. The wind shield was crushed and the two front tires shot to pieces. Mr. Wiensz drove his Ford to the Ace, however, and repairs were made, and a discovery made also that all occupants had escaped a near tragedy without a scratch or bruise.

Mrs. Wiensz has weak eyes and they were driving with the curtains on to protect them from the glare of the sun. Mr. Wiensz says he did not see the train nor even hear the train bell, the onlookers say it was ringing vigorously.

CITY AND COUNTRY

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brown of Rickreall one day last week.

Mrs. Carl Stamev of Pendleton was the guest of Miss Gretchen Kreamer last week.

The play shed at the Rickreall school grounds was destroyed by fire Monday. Origin unknown. Loss \$1000.

Mrs. J. W. Demick, Miss Helen Butler and Loren Lovering motored to Portland yesterday.

## A WEEK'S NEWS IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Marshall Huntley visited friends in Albany last week.

Mrs. G. W. Conkey spent last week with her father and mother in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Propst are rejoicing over the arrival of a son born last Saturday.

Mrs. M. O. Fluke and Mrs. C. A. McLaughlin returned Friday from Kelso, Wash.

Otho Smith and Earl Whiteaker returned Wednesday from a week's vacation spent at Newport.

After a month's visit here, J. R. Simonton and family have returned to their home in Brighton.

The members of the Crab club were delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Messner at their home in Dallas last evening.

Mrs. E. Kullander and daughters, Misses Alma and Mabel, returned Tuesday from a pleasant visit at Newport and with Elk City relatives.

Miss Delsie Bush and William Kelley, residents of the Pedee section, were married at the parsonage at Lewisville Sunday by Rev. V. A. Ballantyne.

H. W. Copeland, who is to be principal of schools at Airlie the coming year, was in Independence today on his way to the coast. Airlie is to be congratulated upon securing the services of such an able instructor.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Methodist church is being held in Buena Vista today. Dr. James Moore, district supt., is presiding. Rev. C. T. Cook left his duties as grocery clerk long enough to attend this afternoon.

A DeForrest boy on a bicycle and Ralph Porterfield and his Ford came together on Main street Tuesday afternoon which smashed the bicycle and frightened the boy. Mr. Porterfield was entirely blameless and not responsible for the collision.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hawley celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at their home near McCoy last Saturday night. The wedding march was played by Miss Hazel Van Avery, pianist; Miss Katherine Gentle, violinist; Len Foote, banjo.

Lee Robinson returned last Wednesday from Newport. Lee drove over several days before with an empty car, but the lure of "summer girls" enticed him to fill his machine so full that he had a break down and had to leave his car. He expects to return Sunday for his Studebaker.

Mrs. George Parker, who passed the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cooper, departed Thursday morning for her home in Panama. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Genevieve Cooper, who will spend some time in the Canal Zone. They had not anticipated leaving so early but transportation was secured from Tacoma on a steamer that sailed the last of the week. They were accompanied to Tacoma by Masters Jim and Billie Moreland.