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NEW CITY ADMINISTRATION BEGINS ITS REIGN

On Wednesday night the leadership of the city passed from uncle to nephew, Ray M. Walker succeeding W. H. Walker as mayor. In the council half-moon W. H. Cackle surrendered his chair to C. G. Skinner, J. S. Bohannon and G. G. Walker, being holdovers and W. E. Craven, C. D. Calbreath and A. L. Thomas having been re-elected. Recorder B. F. Swope was also elected to stay on the job. Mayor Walker appointed the present incumbent, C. W. Irvine, as city treasurer.

The mayor also re-appointed H. Hirschberg, Mrs. J. S. Cooper and A. L. Thomas as members of the library board.

W. E. Craven was re-elected president of the council.

In his inaugural address Mayor Walker advocated street improvement, more equipment for the fire department and a station in North Independence, more speedy action by the city administration on all matters and declared that the city was in excellent shape financially due to the efforts of the retiring council. Further he highly praised City Treasurer Irvine for the efficient and systematic manner in which he conducted the affairs of the office. The mayor's praise of the treasurer led Councilmen Craven and Bohannon to compliment Mr. Irvine also.

The new member of the council, C. G. Skinner, and the retiring councilman, W. H. Cackle, said "hello" and "goodbye."

A delegation from North Independence was present in the council chamber to urge speedy action relative to the flooded condition of a section of that part of the city caused by a stopped up drain ditch in front of the residence of Andy Wilson. Tom May declared that the health of the people in the flooded district was jeopardized. Efforts will be made by residents on Main street to get a side walk from Art Baker's corner to the mill.

Owing to illness the retiring mayor, W. H. Walker, was unable to be present.

Smith-Butler

A pretty home wedding, charming in every detail, was that of Miss Bernice Lenore Butler to Mr. Robert E. Smith which took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Word Butler, at 8 o'clock p. m. New Year's day. The home was effectively decorated with baskets of delicate hued chrysanthemums and roses. Masses of sword fern were banked on either side of the mantle which formed an altar for the party. As the wedding march was played by Mrs. Marion Butler, the couple unattended approached the altar where Dr. H. C. Densmore was waiting to read the nuptial vows. The ring service was used. The bride was exceedingly attractive in a girlish frock of white Georgette elaborated with crystal beading. She carried a shower of Ophelia rosebuds. Following the service a wedding repast was served to thirty relatives and friends.

Mrs. Smith is the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Butler and is very popular among the "younger set." She is an exceptionally clever designer. Mr. Smith formerly lived at Colville, Wash., where he finished high school. For some time he has been associated with Mr. Miller in the City Market, but disposed of his interests a few weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Smith went to Portland and Seattle for a brief wedding trip. They expect to make their home in Albany. Mrs.

Smith's going away suit was of reindeer trotline with becoming accessories.

Miss Leona Sloper entertained with a "package shower" for Miss Bernice Butler, bride-elect, last Friday afternoon. Miss Sloper invited about a dozen close friends of the honoree to share in the delightful occasion. The happy bride-elect received many useful and valuable gifts from her admiring friends. A dainty luncheon was served by the hostess.

Goodman-McClain

William C. Goodman of Independence and Miss Beulah McClain of Suver, well known South Polk county young people, were married at Vancouver, Wash., last Friday. They have the best wishes of their numerous friends.

Losers Feed Winners

One of the merriest events of the past week was the progressive dinner given by the "lady losers" of the Kill Kare club to the more fortunate members of the club. Mrs. H. Mattison sharpened the appetites of the participants with a well seasoned cocktail. Mrs. J. S. Robble put on a sharper edge with an appetizing salad. Mrs. J. S. Bohannon had a well balanced dinner course and Mrs. C. O. Sloper dispensed sweets fit for the gods.

At the Sloper home the Kill Kare's lingered to bid adieu to 1920 and to welcome 1921. Cards, dancing and a variety of music furnished a splendid time. The midnight matinee over and the New Year ushered in, the guests remained to become better acquainted with the infant and it is not known just how many hours were necessary to cultivate said infant's acquaintance. It has been the club's custom for the losers to "picnic" the winners but the dinner was welcomed as a delightful diversion.

Pastor Pounded

Last Saturday evening the members of the Methodist church perpetrated a most pleasant surprise for their pastor, Rev. Clemo and wife. They were invited to a dinner at the church. Beside the banquet table was another table filled with surprise packages which Rev. and Mrs. Clemo were told had been prepared for them and which they opened with delight. Following speeches of gratitude a summary of the regular church and ladies' aid work was given. The gathering was later converted into a "watch service."

Kings Valley Store Robbed and Burned

The general store of H. S. McGrath at Kings Valley in which the postoffice is located, was burned on Monday night. Suspicious circumstances indicate that the postoffice was robbed and the building burned to cover up the crime. A mail sack was found a half mile away. All of the contents of the store and postoffice were burned.

Mr. McGrath is a son in law of Mrs. Martha Richardson of Independence.

Mrs. C. D. Calbreath spent last week with Portland friends.

The country is returning to normalcy and all signs indicate that the year 1921 will be fruitful for all of us.

Appreciating your past favors we will retail merchandise at as low a price as can consistently be done.

It is our purpose to compete with similar stores in other towns and should our patrons find any discrepancies in prices let us know.

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January Sale

Let us save you money. No need now to go to other towns to buy merchandise at low prices. Come to the

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Independence, Oregon

Stanley McDonald, Manager.

A Few of our Specials for Next Week

Arm & Hammer Soda One package	5c	75c Brooms Special	Each 49c	2 bottles Royal Club Catsup	49c
Use Silver King Coffee 55c. value 39c lb. 3 pounds	\$1.00	\$3.00 Umbrellas Special	\$1.79	Puffed Wheat per package	14c
30c Special Blend Coffee in bulk 22c lb 5 lbs	\$1.00	18 hrs good White Laundry Soap	\$1.00	\$1.00 plugs Horseshoe, Star and Climax Tobaccos	88c
45c Gherdelli's Ground Chocolate lb.	37c	45c Albers Rolled Oats with premium	38c	10 lbs Fancy Jap Rice	79c
		21 bars Elk Savon Laundry Soap	\$1.00		

Starting January 1 we will have free

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SALEM, SILVERTON, INDEPENDENCE.

It's No Fault of Mint If You're Shy of Coin

Washington.—The mints established a record in coinage during the last fiscal year, according to the annual report of Director Ray Baker made public. A total of \$99,500,000 coins were executed, which, Mr. Baker declares, is a world's record. The figures show an increase of 44 per cent over 1915.

Public demand for smaller coins, particularly pennies, is reflected in the report, which discloses that more than 512,500,000 coins in the record output were 1-cent pieces.

KING SPLITS ROYAL ESTATE

Spanish Monarch to Parcel Out 2,500 Acres of Land in Small Farm Plots.

Madrid.—Instructions have been given by King Alfonso for the formation of an agricultural syndicate, the object of which will be the parceling out of the king's royal estate at El Pardo, nine miles west of this city, for cultivation under the auspices of the Catholic Agrarian federation.

The property contains nearly 2,500 acres and will be divided into small plots.

A plan has been devised which will permit laborers to acquire the land allotted to them.

"The Yellow Ostrich Feather." Booneville, Ky.—Nancy and Cynthia Hale, aged fourteen and fifteen, respectively, who cook and wash and sew for six little motherless brothers and sisters, have made a quilt which they have christened "The Yellow Ostrich Feather." Neighbors thought so much of it that it was sent to Louisville to be sold for the benefit of women of the mountains.

FOR SALE—4½ gallon Jersey cow and calf. Price \$90. Enquire of Geo. Buffum, first house across fill in North Independence.

Some unknown person broke into the ladies' "rest room" at the city park Monday night and set it afire. A lady living nearby discovered the fire and phoned the chief of police. The chief, acting in behalf of the fire department, hustled to the scene and extinguished the blaze, but not until the back of the building had been burned.

It is the opinion of Chief of Police Morgan, who also acts as chief detective for the police department, that the fire which partially burned the ladies' "rest room" at the city park was of incendiary origin. He has some evidence to support his claim. In fact, the last three fires in Independence were of mysterious origin.

Francis Arant won first prize in the dollar-a-minute contest under the auspices of the No Tobacco League of America held at Monmouth Monday night. He had for his subject "The Coming Clean-up Campaign" and spoke for twelve and a half minutes.

Roll Walker, who has been associated with C. McBeth in the plumbing business for several months, is to establish a similar business of his own. Mr. Walker has been in Portland this week purchasing necessary equipment and supplies. He will occupy the building to be vacated by M. E. Hulbert.

Salem Journal: The secretary of Lodge No. 236, B. P. O. E., is in receipt of a check from Independence made up of individual subscriptions from members in the Polk county town for the relief of the large herd of elk facing starvation in eastern Oregon. The elk, brought originally from Yellowstone park, were turned loose in a reserve at Enterprise, but the heavy snowfall in that district has made it impossible for them to find feed. They are at present foraging for themselves and the Elk lodges throughout the state are doing all in their power to secure the necessary help to enable them to tide over until the snow melts in the spring.

Sleep with a Hot Water Bottle

It means comfort and warmth

A varied assortment at various prices

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LOCAL NEWS TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Ed Owen is visiting his relatives and friends in Independence this week.

W. R. Maille has moved into the house he purchased of E. L. Townsen on Third street.

Mrs. W. H. Park has purchased J. M. Barker's 24-acre farm south of Independence.

Mrs. Asa B. Robinson attended a bridge luncheon given by her card club in Dallas last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Hosford and Mr. and Mrs. Cluckner of Portland were recent guests at the I. Claggett home.

Clyde Buffin of the U. S. navy received a holiday furlough and spent the time with relatives and friends here.

The Dallas schools, theatres and churches have been closed for a week because of an epidemic of scarlet fever.

Basil Sutton of the U. S. navy spent the holidays in Independence. Saturday he departed for his station in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Macy and Miss Margaret Macy of Portland were the guests of Dr. H. C. Dunsmore last week end.

The monthly meeting of the P.-T. association was held Tuesday. An interesting program on Joseph Lincoln was presented.

Miss Betty Stillwell was a guest at a large social function in Salem during the holidays given by an O. A. C. sorority sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Butler and Mrs. A. L. Sperling were here from Portland for the Smith-Butler wedding New Year's day.

Emmett Busch of Silverton and Fred Gooch and Harold Johnson of Portland were guests at the Woru Butler home last week.

Work was begun on the proposed improvements at the Isis this week. When completed it will add much to the attractiveness of the theatre.

The high schoolers paraded the streets Thursday night with much glee and noise. Later, they had a big bon fire on the vacant lot, corner C and Second streets.

Word Butler started to Toledo and Newport Wednesday but was side tracked at Albany on account of slides in the coast country. He managed to get through the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. Beitz of Salem are guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Eldridge. Mr. and Mrs. Beitz were married in the Capital City New Year's day and are passing their honeymoon at the Eldridge home.

The second hand store of Stevens & Son on C. street was broken into Monday night and the money drawer rifled of a small amount of money and a watch. Entrance was made by breaking a glass in the rear door.

Miss Helen Butler will finish at the normal this semester. The Misses Norma Calbreath and Margaret Burroughs will receive their diplomas in June. Miss Burroughs is teaching in the training school at present.

Corvallis Courier: Ivan DeArmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. DeArmond of Suver, arrived Sunday and will continue his studies at the high school while making his home with his grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Cumming.

Lieutenant Raif Floyd and wife (Ore Fenton) are back in the states from the Philippines, having resigned from the army. After visiting at Oregon City and Vancouver, Wash., they will come to Independence for a short stay.

Dr. and Mrs. O. D. Butler left Thursday night for California. They go to the Mexican border where the doctor expects to bag some big game. On their return they will visit friends in Los Angeles. They expect to be away about one month.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Arrell received a letter from New York Monday stating that their son's body would be shipped to them at the earliest convenience. The letter also stated that they would receive a telegram from headquarters when the body started.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Jones and son, Russell, returned Saturday from a visit with relatives in Lamar, Mo. The Jones' arrived in the east in time to partake of the Christmas "fatted goose" prepared by Mr. Jones' mother and returned to their home in the west just in time to eat New Year's dinner with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Salem. Mrs. Lewis is also a guest at the Jones home.