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INDEPENDENCE HAS A "CRIME WAVE" ALSO

In common with other cities of the country, Independence has a "crime wave." It is not yet so bad that citizens are relieved of money and jewelry at the point of a gun, but is quite serious, nevertheless.

On Saturday night, entrance was made to the back room of Max Goldman's store thru a window, but the outlaws couldn't get by the iron door that leads to the front. As far as Mr. Goldman can inventory, all that is missing is a second hand bicycle.

The bike was probably needed to make a getaway after the job of Sunday night when they removed a plate glass from the front of McIntosh's store and entered, breaking the glass in the operation and evidently cutting themselves quite badly. About ten dollars' worth of merchandise was taken.

Lodge Installations

The Pythian Sisters installed officers, initiated and had a big banquet Thursday night. It was a most enjoyable occasion. The new officers are Mrs. C. O. Sloper, most excellent chief; Mrs. Minnie Hiltbrand, past chief; Mrs. Will Woods, excellent senior; Mrs. C. W. Irvine, excellent junior; Mrs. Lucy Smith, manager; Mrs. F. O. Parker, mistress of records and correspondence; Mrs. W. H. Cockle, mistress of finance; Mrs. Anderson, protector; Mrs. O. G. Williams, outside guard; Mrs. Nellie Barnett and Mrs. Grover Mattison, challenge bearers; Mrs. G. G. Walker, pianist.

Odd Fellowship was at the height of its glory Wednesday night when the joint installation of the encampment, subordinate lodge and Rebekahs took place. The installation was given by representatives from Salem lodges, augmented by Miss Fletcher of Salem, state president of the Rebekahs, and Miss Butler of Monmouth, grand marshal. One hundred seventy-five participated in the banquet that followed. Dancing and games closed the evening. The elective officers installed by the Encampment follow: Gale Alexander, chief patriarch; W. Huntley, high priest; Paul Tacheron, senior warden; H. F. McElmurry, junior warden; D. D. Good, scribe; W. E. Craven, treasurer. Valley lodge officers: J. S. Robbie, noble grand; G. H. Grover vice grand; D. D. Good, secretary; C. W. Irvine, treasurer; Armine Cooper, warden; H. W. Birkholz, conductor; Frank Bush, inside guard; L. Damon, outside guard; Verd Rill, chaplain; W. E. Craven and Peter Kurze, supporters of the noble grand; R. F. Jewell and George Stapleton, supporters of the vice grand; Dell Alexander and Joe Birkholz, scene supporters. Rebekah officers: Mrs. Belle Wunder, noble grand; Mrs. Myrtle Williams, vice grand; Mrs. Clara Graves, secretary; Mrs. Ella Hart, treasurer; Mrs. Winnie Irwin, warden; Mrs. I. Govro, conductor; Mrs. Anderson, inside guard; Mrs. Nellie Graves, outside guard; Mrs. Mary E. Plunke, chaplain; Mrs. Maud Baun and Mrs. Olive Hedges, supporters of the noble grand; Mrs. Effie Smith and Mrs. Anna White, supporters of the vice grand.

Luncheon For Bride

Interesting to a large circle of friends here, because both hostess and honoree are former Independence girls, was the luncheon and mis-

cellaneous shower over which Miss Emma Henkie presided last Saturday afternoon, complimenting Miss Leona Hanna whose wedding to Mr. Larry Fitzgerald is to be celebrated some time very soon.

The pretty function was given at the Hanna residence in Portland where Miss Henkie makes her home. An attractive color scheme of pink was developed in the decorations. The table was centered with an art basket filled with gifts to the bride-elect. Smilax and ferns were entwined about the chandeliers and caught gracefully at each corner of the festal board. Cupids, wielding different spells in the game of love, marked covers for about twenty-four close friends of the honoree. The favors were pink carnations. Pink was also noticed in the three course luncheon, the ices being individual molds of wedding bells. Between the courses the happy bride-elect amused herself and the guests, unwrapping the many beautiful gifts. Cabinet music also was conducive to merriment.

After luncheon many diversions were offered, one especially enjoyed was clipping pictures from magazines and forming historical booklets of the guests.

Among former Independence people who participated in the most delightful occasion were: Miss Lucille Craven, Mrs. Belden Owen (Mar,etta Shinn), Mrs. Kenneth Honeyman (Vivian Whiteaker), Mrs. Don Pomeroy (Lois Hewitt), Mrs. Tracy Schute (Reva Mills), Miss Gertrude Ruch, Mrs. Albert E. Klaus (Frances Townsend), Miss Eldora Montgomery, Miss Lena Roy and Mrs. Marion Butler (Leona Sperling).

Mrs. J. W. Kirkland Honored

Nobody believes Mrs. J. W. Kirkland is an octogenarian, but she is. Last Sunday, Jan. 9, she celebrated her eightieth birthday. Mrs. E. O. Gerfin of Portland was here to prepare the feast for her mother. Another daughter, Mrs. J. F. Vaughn and husband came from Rickreall, also Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill and son of Rickreall.

The table was centered with a large basket of pink carnations, a gift from Mrs. Kirkland's son, F. A. Doughty of Portland, who was unable to be present.

During the day Mrs. Kirkland sang and played and was the youngest one in the gathering. While visiting in Portland recently she and her daughter sang for phonograph records. Mrs. Alice Skinner was also a participant in the birthday feast.

Who's Who at the Telephone Office

Miss Louise Bauman has succeeded Mrs. Dean Baughman, resigned, as head operator at the Independence telephone exchange. Miss Louise is an attractive young lady, so pleasing to meet and so kind, accommodating and courteous to every one that her selection meets with the enthusiastic approval of all. She will be assisted by the Misses Myrtle Moereman, Ruth Dickinson, Alice Ruch and Carrie Quasdorf, a quartet of merry maids who will do more than their best to give prompt and accurate service. Dean Baughman, a good man on the job, will continue as head linesman.

C. B. D.?

INCREASE OF ALIENS

Net Growth in Immigrant Population for Year 193,514.

Total of 633,371 Sought Entrance to United States in Last Fiscal Year.

Washington.—Establishment of machinery overseas in co-operation with foreign governments through which aliens before breaking up their homes may determine whether they will be admitted to the United States and legislative consideration of the proposals of the second industrial conference are outstanding recommendations in the annual report of Secretary of Labor Wilson.

The report shows that 633,371 aliens arrived in this country during the last fiscal year, as compared with 237,021 the year before. Of the total arrivals, 11,795 were excluded at the ports where they sought to enter. Of those arriving 430,001 are classed as immigrant aliens and 195,575 as nonimmigrant aliens. Departures of aliens totaled 428,062, including 288,315 immigrant aliens and 139,747 nonimmigrant aliens, making the net increase in the immigrant population for the year 193,514.

Japanese admitted number 16,174, as compared with 14,904 the year before. The total number of Japanese departing is placed at 15,653, making, the report says, the indicated increase in Japanese population, 521. Of those admitted, 9,193 were males and 6,981 females.

Besides the immigrants turned back at the port of arrival, 2,762 were ordered deported during the year on departmental warrants, as compared with 3,068 the year before. Of those deported, 469 were classed as anarchists and criminals. In addition, 591 others are awaiting deportation.

During the year 519,003 aliens took the initial or final steps toward citizenship.

Mr. Wilson urges legislative action to carry out the recommendations of the second industrial conference, proposing joint organizations of management and employees for prevention of industrial disputes and a comprehensive plan for adjusting such disputes when they occur.

DIGGERS TURN UP TREASURE

Sewer Workers Find Collection of Rings and Watches in a Boston Slime Pit.

Boston.—A sewer gang quit work at noon the other day with a valuable treasure trove. In the slime of an old pit near the Quincy house they had found three gold rings, coins, watches and other valuables.

Hotel employees suggested that the hotel had a claim on the articles, as the property probably of guests of by-gone days. The police suspected that they were part of the loot of thieves. But when the men showed coins dating back to 1787, stamped with a pine tree on one side and "Massachusetts" on the other, they insisted that the statute of limitations made the property theirs.

With the ancient coins they found beer checks, which the foreman of the gang said he intended to keep with a "pine tree shilling," as a souvenir of the past. The foreman estimated that the deposit of mud in which the valuables were found had not been disturbed in 75 years.

Why do people avoid walking under a ladder? One will say, "Because ill-luck will dog the footsteps of whoever does so." Another, wishing to camouflage the real reason, will affirm that "Safety first" is a good motto. But, if we are to believe one writer, the reason why we avoid the risk is "the subtle call of ancestry in the blood, directing and controlling our movements." "You will find," he says, "the explanation in a picture at Sienna called the 'Descent From the Cross.' In that picture you will see the devil putting out all his mental and physical force to prevent the dead being taken from the cross. The figure of the evil one is under the ladder pulling and pushing against its holy stability, and making the shadow terrible and hateful. Of course, you have forgotten this idea—you have never seen the picture. But it was at one time part of the duty of all good Christians to remember it and pray daily against this force which tried to upset the ladder of the charitable act; and also to keep back from a ladder under which the evil one was always to be found."

Keep The Post phones ringing.

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No need now to shop out of town. Compare our prices. Special prices on Flour and Sugar. Watch our Windows

- 9 cans Carolene Milk \$1.00
- 8 cans best Sugar Peas .95
- 8 cans tall Salmon .95
- 5½ lbs. good Coffee .95
- 14 lbs. best Jap Rice .95
- 15 lbs. Rolled Oats .95
- 13 lbs. Macaroni .95
- Pure Lard in bulk—4 lbs. .95
- Pure Shortening in bulk—6 lbs. .95
- Best Peanut Butter—8½ lbs .95

Bring your pails

FARMERS CASH STORE

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3 BUSY STORES--Salem, Silverton, Independence

War Martyr Buried Here

The body of Jason A. Arrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Arrell, arrived here Friday and services were held at the Methodist church Sunday under the auspices of the American Legion. Dr. H. C. Dunsmore paid a pretty tribute to the young man who gave his life for his country. The floral offerings were numerous. Committal was made at the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Private Arrell was a member of Co. G., 157th infantry, and was one of the heroes who died in a French hospital from the effects of an operation for wounds received while in

Odd Fellowship At Its Best

There was a big night in Odd-Fellowship in Independence Thursday evening, January 20, when the county association met. 175 were in attendance and the chief delight of the evening was an address by J. D. Lee, Polk county pioneer, now a member of the legislature from Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Arrell received a telegram stating their son's body left Jersey City at 12:25 a. m. January 8. The bodies of twenty other Oregon heroes were shipped at the same time.

LOCAL NEWS TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Charles Atwater has moved from Airie to Dallas.

The Isis blazed forth with its new lights, about a hundred times, Wednesday night, a very pretty effect.

Beginning Monday, Jan. 24, J. G. McIntosh begins a big undertaking here. An ad elsewhere in this Post gives you some particulars.

Mike Banks, who claims independence as his home, was found lying on a sidewalk in Portland Sunday night with a fractured skull. He is still alive.

An Independence lad who is quite as important at this session of the legislature as any of the law makers is Deots Eidridge who is a page in the House. Deots jubilantly received the appointment and expects to learn just how to run the next legislature.

Civic Club Meeting

Following a generous Christmas vacation, the Civic club resumed activities Wednesday. For the meeting Mrs. O. A. Kraemer opened her most attractive home and was assisted by her daughter, Miss Madeline, in extending hospitality.

The business session was marked by renewed interest and general cooperation in the various committees. Committees were appointed to meet after various activities and numerous plans are well under way. For subsequent meetings the Presbyterian church, where cozy quarters are available, has been secured.

Miss Janet Pendergast of the Alberta Kerr Nursery home of Portland gave a brief talk on conditions at the home.

The distinctive feature of the afternoon was a paper on "Japanese Government" presented by Mrs. H. B. Fletcher. The subject was handled in a most interesting manner and gave evidence of much time and thought and was highly appreciated by the gathering.

The caucuses committee announced that at the next meeting, January 26, the subjects "Russia" and "Art" of Japan will be given by Miss Madeline Kraemer and Mrs. Clyde Becker.

Delicious sweets were dispensed before the guests departed.

Suaver Man Doped

Unable to mentally fight thru apparently drug-togged brain to remember the events immediately preceding the time when he was found near death in the Baker apartment in Salem Tuesday, a man who says his name is C. T. Allen of Suaver Ore., is incapable of furnishing police with any information which might aid in solving the strange mystery which surrounds his case. That he ate dinner in Salem recently, that he has a brother, O. M. Allen of Suaver that he is a farmer and that he has taken some peppan tablets were the only things Allen could tell the attending physician.—Salem Journal.

Mrs. Julia Sperling

Mrs. Julia Sperling, who has been ill for several months, passed away at a Salem hospital last Wednesday. Funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock Friday and interment made at the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Dr. H. C. Dunsmore conducted the services. At the time of her death Mrs. Sperling was 73 years and six months old.

She was born in Germany and was a woman of home loving disposition and considerate about the comfort of those with whom she came in contact. She is survived by five sons.

The Post is in receipt of a letter from V. P. Fiske, postmaster at Dallas, in which he denies that rural route No. 2, Dallas, has been discontinued as is being charged by critics of Judge Asa B. Robinson. Mr. Fiske is in a position to know.

Bank Officials

The Independence National Bank has elected the following officers and directors: H. Hirschberg, president; C. A. McLaughlin, vice president; Ira L. Mix, cashier; B. R. Wolfe, assistant cashier; H. Hirschberg, C. A. McLaughlin, W. H. Walker, O. D. Butler and D. W. Seara, directors.

The Farmers State Bank has elected the following officers and directors: C. W. Irvine, president; J. B. Parker, vice president; C. G. Irvine, cashier; Glen C. Smith, assistant cashier; C. W. Irvine, J. B. Parker, G. A. Wells, C. J. DeArmond and Ed Rex, directors.

Again Seeks Divorce

Mrs. Francis Hill has again begun action for divorce from Verd Hill, starting proceedings in Clackamas county. This time she alleges non-support and desertion and asks for \$5000 alimony, one third of the real estate, the custody and \$50 a month for the support of their daughter and \$1000 attorney fees. The case will be tried at Oregon City and require the presence of a large number of witnesses from Independence, it is presumed.

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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It means comfort and warmth

A varied assortment at various prices

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