

INDEPENDENCE MONITOR

"THE PAPER THAT EVERYBODY READS"

VOL. 5

INDEPENDENCE, POLK COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1916

NO. 16

THE RHYMING SUMMARIST

The corn exhibition is quite a show
 With great big stalks suspending
 Over men and women of the farm
 And other folks attending;
 A city chap from Dallas town
 Was in among the pushes,
 And said he,
 "Please tell me
 Does corn grow on them bushes?"

A little woman runs the show,
 To which the folks are going,
 She makes the wheels go 'round
 And has a knack of knowing;
 When a grower wants to learn
 Why his corn is fadin',
 Some one will say,
 "You can today
 Learn lots from Winnie Braden."

Election time is around once more,
 But as Mike Goetz tells the story,
 "The winners get the cussing
 And the losers get the glory;"

In the affairs of city rule,
 There is much strife and flurry,
 If Craven, Sloper, Mix,
 Are not your picks,
 Hurrah for Peter Kurre.

Yesterday was Thanksgiving time
 With the weather rather murky,
 But the poor man had his chicken baked
 And the rich man dined on turkey;
 Of course, not many missed the feast,
 From the eats restraining,
 But I'd be glad
 If I had
 For gee my stomach's paining.

THE CORN SHOW

The first Polk county corn show opened in Independence this morning under very favorable circumstances with every assurance of its success. The exhibit is found in the large store building on C street next to the Monitor building. The show closes tomorrow night.

The entire interior of the building is appropriately decorated, the corn being placed on tables about the room. Mrs. Winnie Braden is in charge and has devoted many hours to the cause and purpose of the exhibition which is to demonstrate that it is not only possible but profitable to raise corn in the Willamette Valley. For a farmer, the raising of hogs is one of his best financial assets and if he can raise the corn to feed the hogs he has solved the feed problem. Corn as a flesh producer and builder for both hogs and cattle has no equal. The prosperity of the farmers of Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas is due mainly to the profits of live stock raising and the fact that they can raise the best feed both in the grain and stalk.

Professors J. H. Larson and G. R. Hyslop of the O. A. C. and L. J. Chapin, Marion County Agriculturist, all expert corn men, are in attendance and are ready to explain anything about corn desired and to answer all questions pertaining to seed, planting, cultivation and harvesting. In fact, that's what they are here for. They will also judge the corn on exhibition and award the prizes given by the Independence business men.

No farmer should miss this exhibit. Today and tomorrow only.

THE CANDIDATES

For Mayor:
 M. Merwin
 A. C. Moore

For Recorder:
 J. G. McIntosh
 B. F. Swope

For Councilmen:
 W. B. Barnett
 W. E. Craven
 Peter Kurre
 M. W. Mix
 G. N. Sloper

Above is the candidates to be voted upon in the Independence city election which occurs next Monday, Dec. 4th. M. W. Mix is on both tickets. Three councilmen are to be elected. Much excitement has been raised in the last few days. Two of the candidates have a statement appearing elsewhere in this Monitor.

I. T. C. SOLD

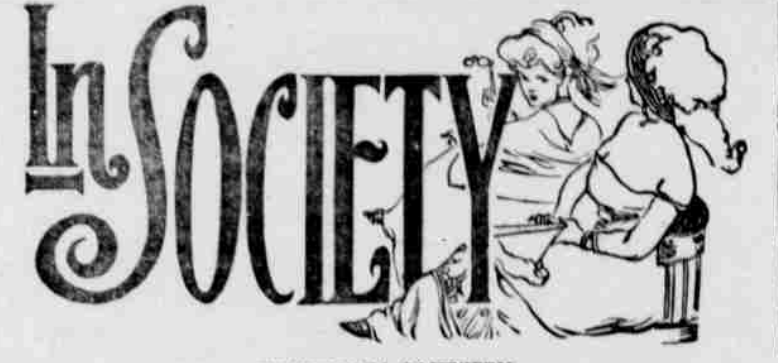
T. J. Mahoney, of Heppner, president of the Heppner Loan and Trust Co. and cashier of the First National Bank of the same city, has purchased the interest of C. F. Cospser in the Independence Telephone Co., consisting of the Independence and Monmouth exchanges, and is now in possession. The transfer was made last week.

Alfred Spratley of Portland will become the resident manager. He will arrive the first of the week. Mr. Mahoney will not become a resident of Independence.

Mr. Cospser and family, after Dec. 15, will spend a short vacation in California after which he will invest in the telephone business elsewhere. The departure of the Cospser will be greatly regretted as they have a large circle of friends here and have been prominent in social, club and city affairs.

CHRISTMAS AND MONITOR ADVERTISERS

The Christmas season is again with us, and as in the two years past, the Monitor will be the medium thru which the live merchants of Independence will ask for a share, if not all, of your holiday patronage. Commencing next week, this paper will be well filled with Christmas advertising and we are quite sure that after reading it from "cover to cover" you will be able to solve the problem of what to get for "him" or "her."



BY VIRGINIA SOUTHERN

Some hae meat and canna eat,
 And some would eat that want it;
 But we hae meat and we can eat,
 Sae let the Lord be thankit.
 —Robert Burns.

This has truly been a homecoming week. Those at home were busy making preparations for the absent ones who would gather around the parental hearth to spend the great holiday.

There were plenty of "roasts" and plenty of "toasts". While some find it easier to make a roast than a toast, there were willing ones to serve in each capacity.

While in the height of Thanksgiving pleasures, not one of us failed to recall the sad plight of the homeless Belgians, the starving Austrians, and the hungry Germans and a cloak of sadness seemed cast over the otherwise spontaneous joy.

The largest and most noteworthy event was the Thanksgiving stepping party given by the Misses Lavilla Cooper, Vivian Whiteaker, Gladys Lindley, Florence Gebro, Beryl Robinson and Ora Fenton.

C. I. L.

Owing to a considerable downpour, the Civic club was not so largely attended last Tuesday as the other meetings of the season. The routine business was carried out. A special meeting was announced for next Tuesday as some adjustments need to be made in the corps of officers thru the resignation of Miss Cospser who will leave soon for California. In the event that Mrs. O. D. Butler, first vice-president, does not wish to occupy the president's chair, a new president will be elected. Members are requested to be present at this meeting.

JOYOUS REPAST.

Delightful in every detail was the elaborate 6 o'clock dinner presided over by Mrs. Hattie Henkle assisted by her daughter, Miss Emma, on Thanksgiving eve. The long festal board was appointed with handsome silver, hand painted china and sparkling cut glass. An art basket with a fluffy, yellow tulle bow, and bearing the season's choicest fruits, centered the table. Yellow baskets of mints favored the guests while saucy turkey gobblers perched on a high fence marked places for Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Nelson, Dr. and Mrs. O. D. Butler, Dr. H. C. Dunsmore, Ross Nelson, C. Henkle, and Mrs. Hattie Henkle. A cabinet Victrola discoursed the melodies

of Straus, Waldtenfel, Kubelick and other composers while Miss Emma Henkle served the exquisite five course dinner.

DELIGHTFUL DANCE.

Dancing devotees are all agog over the elaborate dancing party given at the opera house last Wednesday night by the Misses Lavilla Cooper, Vivian Whiteaker, Gladys Lindley, Florence Gebro, Beryl Robinson and Ora Fenton.

Artistic hands had converted the hall into a veritable Japanese fairy garden. The walls were heavily screened with dainty cherry blossoms, and myriads of Japanese lanterns peeped cunningly from the branches. Fir boughs, palms and tall standards of ferns were banked on the stage where the guests of honor were seated. All over the spacious hall, there was a flutter of lavender butterflies, purple, pink, white, green and yellow butterflies, seeking a sip from the fragrant cherry blossoms.

Thruout the evening the flying butterflies overhead kept pace with the dancing butterflies in their fluffy pastel shaded frocks guided by their handsome beaux beneath, the whole creating so beautiful a scene the memory will linger long and pleasantly. Each dance was thoroughly enjoyed by the one hundred and twenty-five participants, who gave the orchestra many innovations.

The revelers were refreshed thruout the hours with delicious fruit punch and dainty wafers. In the gathering of merry guests there was a large representation from Dallas, Falls City, Salem, Corvallis, Albany and Portland.

Congratulations poured like an Oregon rain on the fair hostesses for the beautiful event.

RECEPTION FOR MRS. CASTNER.

A most enjoyable event in club circles was the informal reception given at the handsome K. C. Eldridge home last Saturday afternoon by the members of the Civic League for Mrs. Castner, president of Oregon's Federated Clubs.

Mrs. Castner is thoroughly informed on not only conditions of state clubs but on national clubdom in the most minute phases. She spoke interestingly concerning club work and gave a graphic description of personal experiences at the 19th biennial convention in New York city. Mrs. M. Merwin and Mrs. J. E. Hubbard assisted Mrs. Eldridge in

(Continued on Page 4, Col. 6)

PREMIUM LIST OF THE INDEPENDENCE CORN SHOW DECEMBER 1-2, 1916

YELLOW DENT			
100 ear lots	1st, premium	\$1.50;	2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, .75
10 ear lots	1st, premium	\$1.00;	2nd, .50; 3rd, .25
1 ear lots	1st, premium	.50;	2nd, .35; 3rd, .25
WHITE DENT			
100 ear lots	1st, premium	\$1.50;	2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, .75
10 ear lots	1st, premium	\$1.00;	2nd, .50; 3rd, .25
1 ear lots	1st, premium	.50;	2nd, .35; 3rd, .25
RED AND MIXED DENT			
100 ear lots	1st, premium	\$1.00;	2nd, .50; 3rd, .50
10 ear lots	1st, premium	.75;	2nd, .50; 3rd, .25
1 ear lots	1st, premium	.50;	2nd, .50; 3rd, .25
POP CORN			
12 ear lots	1st, premium	.75;	2nd, .50; 3rd, .25
SWEET CORN			
12 ear lots	1st, premium	.75;	2nd, .50; 3rd, .25



Miss Eva Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Collins, and John Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Nelson, were united in marriage by Pastor F. C. Stephens Tuesday afternoon in the presence of a score of relatives and close friends. They will make their home in Corvallis.

This young couple "grew up" in Independence and are well and favorably known to the entire community. Mrs. Nelson gave many months of accommodating service in the telephone office and John proved himself a very polite salesman of meat in his father's shop. The Monitor joins with all in wishing them a happy and successful voyage over the rough sea of life.

On the same day that John was married his brother, Walter L., became a benedict, the bride being Miss Bertha Stapleton, a very charming young lady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stapleton, a prominent and well known family living south of Independence. The service was performed at the Catholic church, Rev. Father Forget officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson were raised here and their friends are many who hasten to congratulate them and wish them all the blessings of life. They will make their home in Albany.

Do your Christmas shopping early and profit thereby.

A FALSE ALARM

SIR GEORGE REID, M. P., is a very big man, weighing considerably over 200 pounds. One day, in his capacity of high commissioner for Australia, he was visiting one of the commonwealth cruisers in Sydney harbor, and after dinner her commander, an unusually small man, suggested that Sir George should sleep on board and thoughtfully surrendered his own cabin for the night to his distinguished guest.

Next morning at the early hour when the captain usually rose the latter's sailor servant, who knew nothing of the arrangement, brought a cup of coffee to the cabin door and knocked once or twice without receiving an answer. Somewhat alarmed, the servant peeped in his head and asked, "Don't you want your coffee this morning, sir?"

The only reply was in the nature of a growl, and the terrified sailor beheld a gigantic figure turning over under the bedclothes. Dropping the cup of coffee, the faithful servant rushed to the ship's surgeon, exclaiming: "For heaven's sake, sir, come to the captain at once! He's speechless and swollen to ten times his natural size!"—London Mail.

Fair Warning

The following epigram was perpetrated by that brilliant English wit J. K. Stephens upon the celebrated Professor Oscar Browning, who was somewhat inclined to corpulency:

O, B., oh, be obedient
 To nature's stern decrees,
 For, though you be but one O. B.,
 You may be too obese.