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Sunday schools in convention met
 And had a swell time meeting,
 Grasped each other by the hand
 And spent four days in feating;
 Some who couldn't get into the church
 Found shelter in a stable
 To miss the rain
 And it was Cain
 Who slew his brother Abel.

Lucky is he who has the cash
 To pay his paper bill,
 Number One upon the list
 Is Admiral Dewey Hill;
 Then when starvation once more threatens
 And bills around are flocking,
 George F. Heck
 Comes on deck
 And keeps the boat from rocking.

When O. A. Kreamer talks of shows,
 He declares with much esteem
 That chorus girls are not as bare
 As many times they seem;
 Since war is current in the land,
 Our local men are wary,
 They look for subs
 And German tubs
 While riding on the ferry.

The mails have been jammed with cards
 That Sheriff Orr is sending,
 He wants much money sent to him
 To help the county spending;
 Spring is dawning, so they say,
 But don't get too gay there, mister,
 For very soon
 Along in June,
 Your tough old hide will blister.

McCALL GETS LIFE

Mareus H. McCall was sentenced to the penitentiary for life by Judge Kavanaugh in Portland Tuesday. The jury found him guilty of murder in second degree, after forty minutes deliberation last Friday afternoon.

Asked if he had anything to say before sentence was passed upon him, McCall arose and spoke for ten minutes. He said he was the victim of a frame-up and was not insane.

"I knew what I was doing. Society has been hounding me. If I'd been allowed to tell my story in my own way I wouldn't have been convicted. There were a thousand details no one could tell but myself and I wasn't allowed to tell them."

A new trial will be asked for by McCall's attorneys. They allege that the court erred in permitting the prosecuting attorney to repeat to the jury several times that the insanity plea was a put up job to clear the defendant.

FOUL TACTICS

Salem now proposes to force Polk county to build a steel bridge. A bill has passed the House which gives the state highway commission power to build bridges over inter-county streams without the consent of the county courts. The highway commission is favorable to steel. Even if the bill passes the Senate, is signed by the Governor and becomes a law there will be some fight before Polk county will be led down to the water and shown a steel bridge. The Monitor believes that the people of this section of the county, without a dissenting voice, will back up the county court in resorting to every legitimate means to defeat such an unfair attempt at coercion. Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Manson and Beckett will be endorsed if they scratch and claw, kick and bite and hit in the clinches.

HONOR LINCOLN

Upon Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12, the ladies of the W. R. C. gave a dinner in the G. A. R. hall to the old soldiers and a few invited guests. The tables were loaded with the best things that the many good cooks of this noble band could make. There had to be quantity, too, as well as quality, for four preachers and a newspaper man were present. After the dinner had been stored away Attorney Fletcher delivered an eulogy of Lincoln, reviewing the life of the martyred president from birth to death. After Mr. Fletcher's address Dr. Dunsmore, Pastor Stephens, Rev. Stewart and Rev. Yarnes and Comrade L. M. Butler spoke briefly, all paying tribute to the W. R. C., the G. A. R. and the great Lincoln. It was a splendid memorial service and a great credit to the good ladies of the W. R. C.

Yours very sincerely,
 Mrs. Jessie M. Sanders.



The national crisis remains serious. Germany seems to be avoiding war with the United States by leaving us alone.

LOOKING FOR SITE

A number of the officers of the Wittenberg-King Evaporating Co. were in Independence yesterday investigating this section with a view of finding a desirable place for a factory. They were convinced that enough acreage could be secured here but arrived at no definite conclusion.

MRS. E. FLUKE PASSES

The people of Independence were greatly shocked last Sunday to learn of the death of Mrs. Eley Fluke, who passed away on that day at her home in Independence, the victim of typhoid pneumonia after a few days' illness. Mabel Alta Gross Fluke was 31 years old at the time of her death and is survived by her husband and two children. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church on Tuesday where a large number of friends and acquaintances gathered to pay their last respects to the memory of the departed. The words of the officiating pastor, Mr. Stephens, were both comforting and re-assuring. After the sad rites at the church, the body was taken to Walla Walla, Wash., where the mother of the deceased resides, for interment. To the bereaved husband and small son and daughter, no words can be said now that can assuage their grief, but they can be comforted by the thought that the community hand was extended to them in their greatest hour of sorrow and that everything that mind could conceive was done for them.

S. S. CONVENTION

One of the largest and most enthusiastic conventions ever held in Independence closed last Sunday evening. From its very beginning, on Friday morning, to its closing the attendance was good, the interest excellent, and the addresses were much above par.

This was the annual convention of the Sunday schools of Polk county. Delegates were present from all over the county, and they were royally entertained by the people of this city.

A very short session was held on Friday morning. The president, F. V. Brown of Dallas, gave the delegates special instruction as to what the program committee had planned for them. In the afternoon, Rev. W. S. Stewart, pastor of the Baptist church, gave an address of welcome. A message was given by Rev. Plowman on "Modern Methods in Rural Sunday

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MAN TO HELP

Enough sugar beet acreage has been secured in this section to justify the Utah-Idaho Sugar Beet Co. in placing a representative here. He will be here permanently and assist the growers in every way possible.

PLAY AT BUENA VISTA

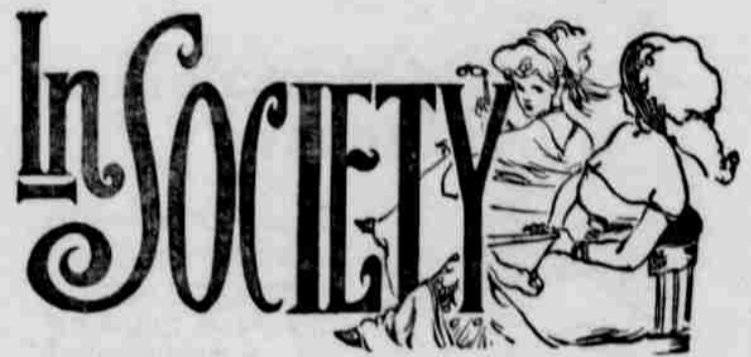
"The Ranchman", an excellent Western play, will be presented at Buena Vista tomorrow night. Those in the cast are John Nash, Raymon Hall, Gilbert Loy, Guy Prather, Gail Prather, Will Hall, Verd Schrunck, Clifford Wells, Arthur Black, Ralph Kester, Ernest Chown, Isabelle Peterson, Edna Schrunck, Louise Leonard and Geneva Cryderman.

SPRING

Looks like it, feels like it and is like it.

YOU CAN'T KILL A BEAR WITH A POPGUN

We never go into anything with our eyes shut. We look carefully before we leap. So if in the course of a few weeks we should do something extraordinary, establish a daily newspaper for example, take it for granted that we are a little wiser than we appear. We may know a little more than you think. There is a "big game" due in Independence soon. We, as well as you, should have "big game" tools to work with.



BY VIRGINIA SOUTHERN

Spring is in the air and love is in the heart for Valentine, the patron saint of love and romance, has been wielding his mystic wand over many delightful gatherings this week, making the season a most alluring one.

AUTOWINS MEET.

A pleasing array of hearts and Cupids decked the Burton home on Monmouth street last evening when Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Robinson were hosts to the Autowins. All table appointments for 500 were made with suggestions of the "happy hearted" season and the card enthusiasts seated around the four tables were showered with Robinson hospitality. Mrs. and Miss Burton assisted the hostess in serving a delicious repast.

KILL KARES BANQUET.

The pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hays was the scene of a merry gathering last Wednesday evening, the last year's losers of the Kill Kare Klub banqueting the winners. It had been the intention of the losers to give a large picnic for their more successful associates, but as the early spring and summer brought no ideal picnic days, a banquet was agreed upon, the event being postponed until Valentine, the god of love, could reign over the event, thereby insuring perfect peace. The joint hosts for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hays, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Swope, Mrs. H. Mattison and E. E. Cook. Crimson hearts and Cupids were used thruout the reception rooms and the large banquet table, with its exquisite appointments, was centered with a basket of red carnations and feathery ferns. Valentine cards marked places for the guests who were served to a most elaborate five course dinner. The winners pronounced their hosts good losers, and excellent culinary connoisseurs.

CLOSE TILICUMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Girard entertained the Close Tillicum Club members with a most charming Valentine 500 party last evening. Decorations apropos to the happy season were used with splendid effect over the rooms. At the close of the games the six luncheon tables were made pretty with Valentine appointments and the hostess was assisted by her daughter, Grace, in serving one of her characteristic luncheons.

COLONIAL CARD CARNIVAL.

The Civic League has issued

about three hundred invitations for a large Colonial Card Carnival to be given at the Moose hall Thursday evening, Feb. 22. The decorations and other features will be suggestive of Colonial times but the guests are not expected to wear Colonial costumes. Just come and help swell the Civic League funds. There have been many calls for charity made to the League and Independence will be sure to respond with open purse to the invitations. Mrs. Sherman Hays is the capable chairman of the committee on arrangement and there will be patriotic songs and other novelty features of enjoyment. The Covey orchestra will play during the evening.

CAMPFIRES ENTERTAIN.

One of the jolliest events of the Valentine season was given by the Camp-fire girls at the Word Butler home last Wednesday evening. Hearts and Cupids were festooned with pleasing effect thruout the rooms where tables were arranged for the fascinating game of "Hearts". During the luncheon hour each table was supplied with a red shaded candle, which shed an alluring light over the gay beaux and belles who so cleverly manipulate the game of hearts.

CIVIC LEAGUE.

Mrs. K. C. Eldridge presided over a short business session of the League last Tuesday afternoon. Following routine work Mr. Gilmore of Monmouth made a most interesting talk on gardening.

It is expected that County Superintendent Crowley will speak to the League members at their next meeting.

WEDNESDAY CLUB.

One of the most delightful affairs of the week was given at the beautiful J. S. Cooper home last Wednesday afternoon, when Mrs. Cooper, assisted by Mrs. Clarence Ireland, entertained the members of the Wednesday Afternoon Club augmented by twelve non-club-member guests. The event also served as a pretty compliment to the hostess' attractive house guest, Mrs. Chas. Webber of Portland. Garlands and festoons of red hearts decked the hangings and from the chandeliers many cunning Cupids were suspended, vases and jardiniere of new pussy willows and ferns completed the decorative scheme. Conversation and needle-work furnished pastime

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Letters from The People

Student's May Visit Independence on Saturdays

Monmouth, Feb. 14.—Editor Monitor—You will be interested to know that the following self-explanatory notice was read to the student body last Tuesday. You may make whatever use of this information you care to.

"Students of the Oregon Normal School who desire to go to Independence on Saturdays for the purpose of shopping are privileged to do so without special permission."

Very truly yours,

J. H. Ackerman,
 President.

The Quality Is Good

Mountain Grove, Mo., Feb. 7.—Editor Monitor—Two copies of your paper, for January 19 and 26, were sent me recently by my father, J. D. Reeves, and upon giving them a thorough reading,

was pleased to find that their size was no indication of their quality. They were like a letter from home-folks. The Charles Bascue birthday dinner made me home-sick, as in previous years, while they were still residents of this town, we very rarely passed Easter, Christmas or Thanksgiving without all being together at one or the other's home. My uncle, Horace M. Reeves, for several years a resident of Independence, but for the past four years a Missourian, has spent the day with me, today, and the arrival of the papers from Independence this morning proved a great treat for him. He admitted it would be a pleasure to be out there again for a month. Nearly every name mentioned held some association for him.

NO USE FOR ONE

HE saw her stepping from the car
 And up to her he sped.
 "May I not help you to alight?"
 "I do not smoke," she said.
 —Boston Transcript.

The legislature is supposed to adjourn today, but will probably hang on until tomorrow night.