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Keep the flag a flying, folks,
 Keep it in the air,
 You can be thankful, folks,
 That its waving there;
 There are flags in other lands
 Which are kept unfurled,
 But the red and white
 And blue is right,
 The best in all the world.

In what other nation of the earth
 Would you rather be?
 Don't you think that the U. S. A.
 Is the nearest one to free?
 What people have as much to say,
 A larger share in ruling?
 And a melting pot
 Is what we've got,
 Ten thousand ideas cooling.

Compare our chief, our President,
 All kings and crowns competing,
 We call him "Woody" to his face
 And grasp his hand in greeting;
 If we don't like the way he does,
 The manner of his labor,
 We may talk
 And also talk
 To hundreds or a neighbor.

It's the best old nation that ever was,
 The best that will ever be,
 Be thankful that you're living here
 And not across the sea;
 Five million men will answer call,
 The steel of battle braving,
 If we must fight
 May right be might,
 Keep the banner waving.

THE ANNUAL RISE

The Willamette river has begun its annual rampage. An almost continual rain for ten days and the melting of an unusual amount of snow in the mountains makes it probable that the river will "go it pretty strong".

Monday, the ferry broke loose from its moorings and drifted down stream for a quarter of a mile. The guide wire broke, pulling down both poles which also jerked the pilot house off the ferry. As a result there has been no service this week. It is very probable that traffic can be resumed today or tomorrow.

TWO MASS MEETINGS

There will be two meetings in the interest of social hygiene in Independence on next Tuesday, April 3. At 2:30 in the afternoon, at the opera house, Mrs. J. M. Miller of Eugene will speak on "How Shall I Tell My Child". Every woman over 18 years of age in city and country is requested to be present. There is no admission and no collection. In the evening, a men's mass meeting will be held. Addresses will be made by Dr. L. F. Griffith, examining physician of the state hospital at Salem and E. B. McNaughton of Portland.

These meetings are under the auspices of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society and are endorsed by a number of Independence people who are much interested in the work of the society. Over 120 meetings have been held in the state.

HOP ACREAGE

Whoever edits the market pages of the Portland dailies should wake up and learn something about the prospective hop acreage in Oregon this year. Before saying that there will be no reduction over last year, they should ask any grower and find out the facts. Hop yards in every part of the state are being plowed up and no new yards are being started. It can safely be stated that there will be a reduction of at least 5000 acres. There will be a reduction of from 1000 to 1500 acres in Polk, 1000 in Marion and 300 in Yamhill, and unless market conditions are greatly improved within the next few days, several more hundred acres will be plowed under.

REVIVAL CLOSES

The revival services, which have been held at the Baptist church, closed on Sunday night. Rev. H. E. Marshall with his straightforwardness, his earnestness, and his consecration won several to Christ. Many a loitering one was quickened. Some backsliders were reclaimed. The entire city felt the influence of these services. It was with much sorrow that the people saw him go; but because he had to begin in Bend on Tuesday, March 27th, he had to close Sunday night.

BUYS CREAMERY

A deal was made last week in which a creamery at Kelson, Wash., passed into the hands of Polk county men—a company incorporated for \$10,000 organized by Peter Kurre and J. L. Murdock. A new building will be erected at Kelson and machinery installed for an up-to-date creamery and cheese factory. Guy Scheible of Monmouth will be the buttermaker at Kelson.

Roy Whiteaker and Lee Jordan joined Co. L.

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Elliott-O'Brien's Great Closing Out Sale Goes Merrily On.

Ladies' Spring Coats

ARRANGED IN TWO LOTS

Lot No. 1. Values to \$25.00, closing out price \$9.98
 Lot No. 2. Values to \$12.50, closing out price \$5.98
 Cream Chinchillas, Corduroys in all colors, also Mixtures.

Ladies' Spring Coats

IN SILK AND WOOL COMBINATIONS, FRENCH SERGES,
 BLACK AND WHITE CHECKS. Every one worth
 the regular price.

\$25.00 Suits, closing out price \$12.50
 \$27.50 Suits, closing out price \$13.75
 \$30.00 Suits, closing out price \$15.00
 \$35.00 Suits, closing out price \$17.50

A Wonderful Buy for Anyone Wishing a Spring Suit.

Great Closing Out Sale of Men's and Boys' Suits at Tremendous Reductions

\$5.00 Suits at \$3.98
 7.50 Suits at 5.98
 10.00 Suits at 7.98
 12.50 Suits at 9.98
 15.00 Suits at 11.98
 18.00 Suits at 14.39

Ladies' and Children's Shoes

Broken sizes of our regular lines.
 Values to \$4.50
 Closing out price \$1.98

Men's Shoes

Odds and ends of our regular stock.
 A wonderful bargain. Values
 to \$5. Closing out price, \$2.89

PIONEERS ENTERTAINED ROYALLY BY CIVIC LEAGUE

Last Tuesday Afternoon proved a delightful event for the pioneers and all these who assembled at the J. S. Cooper home to join with the local pioneers in the sentiment of the early days in Oregon. The meeting was planned under the auspices of the Civic League, Mrs. Sherman Hays and Mrs. Verd Hill having direct charge of the arrangements. There were about seventy-five present, including the following invited pioneers; and their year of arrival as far as could be ascertained:

- Mr. E. Elkins, '43.
- Mrs. Ellen Gains, '48.
- T. J. Fryer, '45.
- Mrs. Catron, Monmouth, '46.
- Mrs. Susan Jones, '47.
- Mrs. Lou Whiteaker, Montana, '48.
- N. L. Butler, '49.
- Dave Hedges, '51.
- Mrs. Irvine, '52.
- I. Claggett, '52.
- Miss Sarepta Richardson, '52.
- Mrs. Jane Cooper, '53.
- Mrs. T. B. Tetherow, '53.
- Mrs. I. Claggett, '59.
- Mrs. Sara Thorpe Shelton.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kirkland.
- Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Patterson.
- Mrs. N. L. Butler.
- Mr. and Mrs. Abe Nelson.
- Mrs. J. S. Moore.
- Mrs. Boman.
- Mrs. Martha Richardson.
- Mrs. Heath.
- Baldwin Sisters.

Mrs. Clyde Ecker met the pioneers at the machines and accompanied them to the house where they were received by Mrs. J. S. Cooper, Mrs. K. C.

Eldridge, Mrs. P. M. Kirkland and Mrs. L. Damon. There was soon begun a conversation about the old days and the younger ones there were almost seized with awe, realizing they were in the presence of the men and women who unceasingly devoted all their energies to the accomplishment of what to most people seemed a mere dream, a hope without a foundation. Mrs. K. C. Eldridge, president of the Civic League, made a most gracious welcome address to the pioneers, which was followed by a vocal number by Mrs. Claire Irvine. A paper, "Reminiscence of Early Oregon Days" was given by Mrs. J. S. Cooper and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. A song by Mrs. E. E. Paddock closed the program, then several pioneers were asked to relate some of their early experiences which were listened to with intense interest. It was a treat to have present Mrs. Ellen Gains who came on the first immigrant train that ever crossed the plains to Oregon. Mrs. Gains is the daughter-in-law of former Gov. Gains, the second territorial governor of this state. Her experiences in crossing the plains are remembered with pleasure as nothing hazardous was encountered. The gathering joined in singing "America" and those ripe in years who were born in the love of liberty and purified in the fires of maintaining it were stirred to a rare state of patriotism.

As the event was also the wedding anniversary of the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cooper, Mrs. Eldridge in a few well chosen words,

GUARD CALLED OUT

The Oregon National was called out Monday. Many of the companies were short on men but during the week every one was recruited to at least the minimum 65. In all probabilities every company will have 100 men before Monday. Ernest Tice, a member of Company L, will no longer represent Independence in the Guard alone for Neal Buchanan, Harry Stonaker, Arnold Fitzgerald, Harry Clinton and several others have enrolled in the same company.

D. B. TAYLOR PASSES

David B. Taylor, who for over twenty years was a highly respected resident of Independence, died at his home at Monrovia, Cal., on March 23 at the age of 76 after an illness of several months. He is survived by his wife and adopted daughter, Mrs. W. E. Craven of Independence. The funeral services and interment took place at Monrovia.

Mr. Taylor was born in Canada from where he came to Independence in 1889. Here he resided until 1912 when he moved to California where he hoped the climate would be of much benefit to him. He was an Elk, being a member of the Salem lodge and took an active part in that organization. As a citizen of Independence he devoted much time to the welfare of the city and took much interest in everything that was of mutual benefit.

INDEPENDENCE WILL PREPARE



Home Guard in Independence

While no doubt many of our young men will hear and answer their country's call to her defense, there are many men in Independence and vicinity, who because of being beyond the age limit, are ineligible for enlistment, but who, just the same, could render valuable service in case of need, or as a Home Guard.

It has been thought advisable to call a patriotic meeting for next Monday evening at the Opera House to discuss the matter, and to take steps toward the organization of a home guard. It is hoped and expected that every loyal and patriotic citizen will attend this meeting and contribute to the patriotic enthusiasm of the occasion.

-B. E. SMITH.

Girls' National Guard to be Organized

A Girls' Honor Guard will be organized in Independence tonight. A rally meeting will be held at the Opera House at 8 o'clock to which everyone interested is most welcome. Dr. Dunsmore and Attorney Barrick will speak and Covey's orchestra furnish the music. Professional men of the city have offered to co-operate with the association and assist it in any manner. Mrs. W. M. Huff is taking a leading part in the organization.

"The Girls' National Honor Guard is organized for the purpose of creating a spirit of patriotism and duty among the girls of America, to inculcate the spirit of unity and learning to do one thing well which will prove of helpfulness and value both in duration of peace as well as times of war. Any young woman between the ages of fourteen and thirty years, with a knowledge of the working of her government, and a recognition of the needs of her country and an appreciation of the sacredness of her obligations, is eligible for admission."

Old Glory is flying every where and the "best people on earth" salute the "best flag on earth."

Whether the United States will declare war on Germany or maintains an armed neutrality depends on Congress which convenes Monday.