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Papers are filled with economy talks
 And other warning clatter,
 We're told to save all we can
 And then to lick the platter;
 "Never spit out what you can chew,"
 Experts are daily humming,
 Boiled angle worms
 And other squirms,
 We can taste them coming.

Sadie's 11 roosters and one old hen
 Have commenced to lay,
 But Sadie wonders why it is,
 She gets but one a day;
 Bertie Kullander has no doubt learned,
 He's quite a chicken feller,
 If Sadie's wise
 She'll make those eyes
 And Bertie sure will tell her.

Engineer Bewley at any task
 Is bound to do his best,
 He'll even pull a Ford 'tis said
 If beauty is distress;
 Girls of the high school glee
 Burst forth in gladsome song,
 Their voices scoured,
 In fact the flowered,
 And made old gloom go wrong.

Sunday has been set aside
 As a day for Mother,
 She's the one that when you lose,
 You'll never get another;
 If she be near or far away
 Write her a good long letter,
 The time do take
 And it will make
 The both of you feel better.

FLAG IS RAISED

A large American flag, which once flew over the battleship Maryland, was raised over the Masonic Temple yesterday afternoon with patriotic ceremony in the presence of a thousand people. A parade, headed by Dr. H. C. Dunsmore, master of ceremonies, marched from the public school grounds to the temple. In the order named came the G. A. R. fife and drum corps, the girls of the Honor Guard carrying the flag and the pupils and teachers of the Independence schools. J. W. Kirkland, the oldest Mason in Independence, raised the flag. The school children repeated their patriotic pledge and the entire assemblage saluted. After the flag had been unfurled to the breeze, C. W. Barrick delivered an address. As the finale, the Star Spangled Banner was sung by all.

GARDEN TRAIN

The garden train, conducted by the Southern Pacific under the direction of the extension service of the O. A. C., is in Independence this afternoon. Commencing at one o'clock and continuing until 2:45 there were lectures at the high school on "Food Preparedness," "Home Canning," "Vegetable Growing" and "Poultry Raising" by Miss Turley, Miss Cowgill, Prof. W. S. Brown and Prof. C. C. Lamb. The lectures on "Vegetable Growing" and "Home Canning" were repeated later in the afternoon at the preparedness car. All the lectures were interesting and instructive and will prove of much benefit to those attending. Addison Bennett, with the Oregonian, writes: "If Polk and Yamhill counties ever looked better, nobody seems to remember the time. I heard more than one farmer say that he never saw vegetation make a finer growth in the same length of time than during the past week. It does not seem at all probable that there will be any frost. If this proves the case, and other conditions go along favorable, Polk and Yamhill will give a good account of themselves when the crops are harvested this fall."

A SPLENDID EFFORT

The Girls' Glee Club of the High School, fifteen in number, presented at the opera house last Friday evening a real musical treat and added to it as a dessert the best acted sketch ever staged in Independence, either by amateurs or professionals. The girls were directed by Miss Rawlings, assisted by Mrs. E. E. Paddock. Each musical number was clever, original and in perfect harmony. The sketch, "The Kleptomaniac", a difficult role, was handled with ease and grace. The seven girls, an all-star bevy, mixed the right elements of polish and finish and smoothly glided over the rough places with an easiness that was marvelous. There was no grasping for lines. It will be too bad if this entertainment is not repeated here.

The Glee Club consisted of Margaret Burroughs, Norma Calbreath, Hazel Calbreath, Ulla Dickinson, Helen Gillespie, Ruth Girard, Opal Hewitt, Vera Johnson, Fay Johnson, Erna Lyons, Inez Mix, Dorothy Paddock, Bessie Stillwell, Frances Townsend and Velma Whiteaker. Those in the sketch were Norma Calbreath, Hazel Calbreath, Ulla Dickinson, Opal Hewitt, Dorothy Paddock, Frances Townsend and Velma Whiteaker.

BOOSTED BOND BILL

Saturday was booster day in Independence for the road bond bill. Commissioner E. J. Adams delivered a speech at the Isis to a crowded house. He insisted that the passage of the bond bill on June 4 would be the best thing Oregon has ever done, that the bill was drawn in the interests of all the people of the state and not especially to benefit Portland, that Oregon should build its trunk roads first and the branches would follow, that taxes would not be increased and that the present state levy and automobile tax would care for both the interest and principal of the bonds. Mr. Adams' address was a splendid argument for the affirmative side of the question. He is certainly familiar with the subject.

At a banquet given by the business men Friday night, Mr. Adams was the guest of honor and spoke briefly regarding the bond bill and answered questions concerning it. Others who spoke were Judge Kirkpatrick, Winnie Braden and I. L. Patterson.

Commissioner S. Benson, who was scheduled to be present, did not come. Many would have liked to have heard him.

COLLISION

The S. P. gas car stuck a tractor, belonging to J. B. Knowles, Saturday evening near Gerlinger. The driver of the tractor made an attempt to cross the tracks but because of a grade got stalled and backed up. The engineer of the gas car thinking that the tractor driver would wait for the gas car to pass did not stop. The tractor driver, apparently not noticing the approach of the car, started up and drove onto the tracks. In the collision that resulted, the tractor, a new one just recently purchased, was badly wrecked, but fortunately the driver escaped uninjured. The gas car was not damaged. Mr. Knowles was sitting in a buggy near by and witnessed the collision.

FOOD PREPAREDNESS

J. E. Cooter, district agent for Polk county, delivered an address in Independence last Saturday afternoon in which he strongly urged the farmers to utilize every available acre this year, that the country faced a food shortage and that the farmers must help win the war by greatly increasing their yields.

MONMOUTH GRADUATES

The commencement exercises of the Monmouth high school will be held June 1. The following fifteen will receive diplomas: Guy E. Sacre, Donald Portwood, Lou Ruggles, Clarence Walker, Earl McNeil, Alice Hamm, Silas Starr, Jay B. V. Butler, Jr., Thelma Marks, Gertrude Coots, Violet Deuny, Gaynelle Shore, Gladys Evans, Harold Olson and Birehard Van Loan.

OFFICERS CALLED

Three thousand on the officers' reserve list have been called to the colors and ordered to report in San Francisco on May 15. Among them are H. W. Brune of the Dallas Observer, J. S. Cooper, Jr., of Salem, Walter L. Tooze, Jr., of Dallas and Mark V. Weatherford of Albany.

FIRST ROSE

Lester Bodenhamer brought to the Monitor office last Saturday morning a rose in full bloom, evidently the first one in Independence this spring. The flower was grown at the Bodenhamer home on C street.

SUNDAY IS MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 13, is Mother's Day. It is set aside as an occasion for all men and women to show by some act or deed their love for their mother. This cannot be done in any particular manner for each individual's way of showing affection and admiration is different but the three common practices are to attend church services, wear a white flower and write a letter to mother if you are not with her.

Some man has said that "all that I am, I owe to my mother." What he has said nearly every man and woman can say also.

CHIEF JUSTICE McBRIDE'S DECISION

IN THE NORTH INDEPENDENCE STREET LINE QUESTION

There is not sufficient evidence here to justify us in changing the lines of the streets of Independence as they have been acquiesced in and recognized for forty years before the last survey. It is evident that no survey was made when the land was originally platted, but by referring to the plat it is plain that Thorp intended to plat the northeast corner of his claim. The original field notes are not here, and there is not a scrap of original evidence anywhere in the record to identify the location of the northeast corner. In this dilemma the surveyor attempted to locate it by reference to a description in a deed from E. A. Thorp to A. Nelson, dated March 21, 1883, conveying all his donation land claim not included in the town plat in which deed the beginning point is described as follows: "Beginning at the northeast corner of said land claim where a bottle with charcoal in it is sunk in the ground," etc. Upon what data this description is based does not appear. Evidently it was not a "government corner" because the government surveys are not marked by beer bottles buried in the ground; and it is a matter of common knowledge that in the early fifties, when these donation claims were being surveyed, Oregon was in a state of pristine purity and sobriety and beer bottles were unknown. So this beer bottle which the surveyor found and dug up and identifies as such must belong to a more recent geological period than that extending from 1850 to 1854. There is no proof of the accuracy of the survey, if there was a survey, when it was buried and no sufficient proof that it was the same bottle referred to in Thorp's deed, though it probably was. It is not nearly so reliable as indicating the location of the streets as the acts of old settlers, including Thorpe himself, who owned some lots now owned by one of the plaintiffs and who maintained his

fences upon the street lines as it is now claimed by them. If anybody on earth knew the boundary lines of Main street Thorp was that man. He was the owner of the townsite and interested in the progress of the town, and it is not probable that he would infringe upon the streets which he had laid out or allow his neighbors to do so without remonstrance. Upon the whole testimony we are inclined to the opinion that the boundaries of Main street are as a matter of fact where the plaintiff contend; but even if the northeast corner of the Thorp donation land claim is situated where defendant's engineer places it, the city is estopped from claiming a right to shift the boundaries of the street which have been accepted and acquiesced in by everybody for nearly half a century, merely to attain mathematical exactness. This is not a case like *Oliver v. Synhorst*, 57 Or. 682, 109 Pac. 762, 115 Pac. 594, or *Cruson v. Lebanon*, 64 Or. 593, 131 Pac. 516, where there would have been no difficulty in ascertaining the exact boundaries of the street if the parties had been reasonably diligent. Here the plaintiffs have adopted the theory of the man who laid out the town and dedicated the plat and assuming that he knew the lines of the streets he had dedicated have purchased from him and in some instances only replaced the fences placed by him upon what he evidently believed was the street line. These lots are not in an outlying and unoccupied part of the city, but upon one of its earliest occupied streets. With the acquiescence of its officials permanent sidewalks have been erected and valuable improvements made. For forty years the street has been actually used by the public upon the ground and within the boundaries claimed by plaintiffs. There it will remain.



In Society

BY VIRGINIA SOUTHERN

CIVIC LEAGUE.

With only two more meetings, one to be held the fourth Tuesday in May, the last the second Tuesday in June, the Independence Civic League will close a most prosperous and profitable year's work. During the latter half of the season, Mrs. K. C. Eldridge has been the leader and as a president she is most capable, always working every detail out in an admirable and satisfactory manner to the entire club.

Last Tuesday afternoon the club met and completed the somewhat delayed plans to send a box to Co. L. Thursday the box, containing miscellaneous substantial, was forwarded to the "Independence boys."

To those who are ambitious to make gardens and are without the available ground, the Civic League will secure the necessary acreage if it is made known.

S. S. CLUB.

Mrs. Geo. Carbray entertained the members of the S. S. Club Wednesday afternoon. Sewing and conversation filled the hours with pleasure, the hostess concluding the session with a splendid repast.

WEDNESDAY CLUB.

Mrs. K. C. Eldridge entertained the members of this club in a most delightful manner last Wednesday afternoon. The reception rooms and library of the handsome home were further beautified by vases and jardineres of pretty spring blossoms, and plants. A large cluster of choice pink carnations centered the drawing-room table. Groups of jolly matrons gathered around the glowing hearth, tating and chatting, passing the hours in a delightfully congenial way. The hostess served a most exquisite luncheon to the club members, and Mrs. Sherman Hays, Mrs. Pearl Hedges and Mrs. Percival.

When the new revenue bill goes into effect, the people will realize that war costs money.

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