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Warm breezes now breeze the air
 To begin this story,
 Old Summer has arrived at last,
 So it seems by glory;
 Soon we'll be hunting for the shade,
 And find it, too, we're betting,
 Gee! What a smell!
 It does beat —,
 Word Butler's feet are sweating.
 We're kind of feeling lazy like,
 Want to cut the labor,
 So the verse that follows this
 Was borrowed from a neighbor;
 Sunny days and moony nights
 Invite much auto riding,
 But public need
 Is a little less speed
 For the otherwise law abiding.
 "We long to get the mower out
 From winter-long reclusing,
 And run a spade and roust the worms
 That peacefully are snoozing;
 And watch the little rosebuds which
 Will soon be busy blooming,
 At least we hope
 We have the dope
 And are not too presuming."
 How to get a bathing suit
 Is much concerning Sadie,
 She tried on Willard Craven's underwear
 Which did not fit the lady;
 She only has a bath towel now,
 And for want of something better,
 She'll make that do
 And use it, too,
 If Mayor Moore will let 'er

WHY 7 IS ALWAYS A LUCKY NUMBER

For countless ages seven has been considered the luckiest number. It occurs frequently through the Bible, and Shakespeare's characters more than once swore by the seven stars.
 In the Bible the Creator ended His work on the Seventh Day.
 The clean beasts and fowls went into the ark by sevens. The ark rested on the seventh day of the seventh month.
 Seven days were appointed for the eating of unleavened bread; seven for the feasts of the Tabernacle; seven for the purification rites.
 Joseph, interpreting Pharaoh's dream, saw seven fat kine, seven fat years.
 Zacharias wrote of the golden candlestick with its seven lamps. Miriam was healed of her leprosy after seven days.
 David sang seven Penitential psalms.
 Men were told to forgive their enemies seven times seven.
 Joshua bade seven priests blow seven trumpets on the seventh day and to compass Jericho's walls seven times.
 St. John, in his prophecy to

the seven churches of Asia, writes of seven spirits and of seven lamps before the throne; of a book sealed with seven seals, of seven stars and of seven angels with seven trumpets.
 There are seven wonders of the world, Greece had seven wise men, the arts number seven. There were seven sleepers, seven great hymns, seven ages of man.
 In the seventh inning of the ball game, fortune is supposed to come to the home team and the tailors say the newest waistcoats are to wear seven buttons.
 Believing that luck attaches to the lucky number seven, Managers Nelson & Henkle of the Isis theatre, have booked the "Seven Deadly Sins", a series of seven five-reel features. There are seven stars in the series—Ann Murdock, Holbrook Blinn, Shirley Mason, Nance O'Neil, Charlotte Walker, H. B. Warner and George Le Guerre. The series will run for seven weeks. The date of the first play will be Monday, June 4. In addition Ford Weekly and a comedy. A 7 reel show. 10 and 15c.

The Poor Victim

POOR William Blinks, he started out
 To build a modern residence,
 A bungalow, six rooms or so,
 At very moderate expense.
 But ere the job was halfway done
 They added extras here and there,
 Black walnut doors and inlaid floors
 And colored windowpanes to spare.

THEY built in shoving by the mile,
 They plumbed the attic and the
 hall,
 In mural drins and golden glisters
 They decorated every wall.
 Also they carried Bill away
 When first the bills were falling due!
 His modest stone says this alone:
 "He builded better than he knowed."
 —Peoria Journal.

DECORATION DAY

Decoration Day was more elaborately observed in Independence this year than it has been for a long time. That the country is engaged in a great war no doubt stimulated interest. The program was in charge of the Woman's Relief Corps. After exercises at the public schools in which the children took a prominent part and Rev. W. S. Stewart delivered a stirring address on "True Patriotism", a parade was formed which marched to the river where the impressive ritualistic services for the sailor dead were given. The parade, especially, stirred all to patriotic emotions. Led by two drummer boys, first came the school children carrying small flags. The little folks marched with great dignity and showed the results of careful training by the teachers. Each teacher marched with her flock. Following the children came the members of the G. A. R. with their fife and drum corps.
 "Time was when they marched with a swing and lilt,
 With their heads erect and their hats a-tilt,
 When each man shouldered his pack and gun
 And fought the fight that made us one.
 Today their gait is a trifle slow
 And their ranks are thin, but their old eyes glow
 With a light that is both clear and true
 As they march under the banner of red, white and blue."

Marching with the G. A. R. were Spanish-American war veterans, sons of veterans, a representative of the navy, the clergy and citizens. Next came the members of the W. R. C. Many of these women are veterans of a war fought in our own land. They clearly remember the agony, suffering and suspense of their sex when father, husband and brother were absent upon the battlefield. Banded together they have been doing great work for humanity, arousing patriotism and caring for the wants of the needy. Following them came the Honor Guard girls, the flower and beauty of the city. They looked neat and nifty in their costumes of white.
 During the afternoon the graves of all veterans in the local cemetery were generously covered with flowers.

LETTER FROM CO. L.

Clackamas, May 29—The Independence boys are all well. We lost one of our best men when top Sergeant Blake died. He is well known over Polk county. Captain Staffin and 48 soldiers attended the funeral in Dallas. We are now at Clackamas where we are practicing shooting. Co. L attended the funeral of Senator Lane, going by special train.
 Misses Ora Stapleton, Vivian Whiteaker, Lavilla Cooper and Veima Whiteaker, Word Butler and John Hiltbrand were at Vancouver last Friday and Saturday.

Don't miss sending one of the Monitor's. The boys sure like to read it. Roy Whiteaker.

NOT YET TRANSFERRED

To correct a general impression, the Monitor will say that the Independence public school is not yet a training school of the Normal. The Independence school board has not officially signed the agreement making the transfer.

There are those who would like to see it put up to the people for a vote at the next school meeting.

138 NEW MEMBERS

One hundred thirty eight members were added to the Red Cross Saturday by the individual work of ten young women. This is a record which has probably not been duplicated by any town of this size in the country.

Dallas has given up the Red Cross. Objection to being made an auxiliary of the Salem Chapter is the reason. Independence is also an auxiliary of Salem which is not satisfactory and efforts are being made to secure its independence. There is a chance of success, especially if a membership of three hundred can be obtained. But, whether Independence becomes an independent chapter or remains an auxiliary, the same interest will be taken and the same amount of work done.

Since the above was written, a conference has been held between Dallas and Salem Red Crossers and it is believed that an understanding has been reached and Dallas will again work.

ELECTION MONDAY

Monday the voters of Oregon will either adopt or reject the seven measures enumerated below:

Constitutional amendment authorizing ports to create limited indebtedness to encourage water transportation. Affects Portland only. 300 yes, 301 no.

Nos. 302 and 303 have been ruled off the ballot by the supreme court.

Constitutional amendment limiting number of bills introduced and increasing pay of the legislators. 304 yes, 305 no.

Constitutional amendment—declaration against implied repeal of constitutional provisions by amendments thereto. 306 yes, 307 no. A vicious measure. Even the Oregonian recommends a vote of "no".

Constitutional amendment for uniform tax classification. 308 yes, 309 no.

Constitutional amendment requiring the election of city, town and state officers at the same time. 310 yes, 311 no.

Four hundred thousand dollar tax levy for a new penitentiary. 312 yes, 313 no.

Six million dollar state road bond issue and highway bill. 314 yes, 315 no.

BACCALAUREATE

Service at the Methodist church June 3, 1917, 8 p. m.:
 Organ Prelude, Irene Eddy; Hymn No. 1, Congregation; Prayer, Rev. Dunsmore; Anthem "Be Thou Exalted", Choir; Scripture reading, Rev. Stephens; Solo, J. G. McIntosh; Announcements; Offerings for the Army Y. M. C. A. work; Voluntary, Mrs. Small; Duet, Mrs. C. W. Irvine and J. G. McIntosh; Address, Rev. C. P. Gates of Corvallis; Closing Hymn No. 289.

BANKS TO CLOSE

Bank and bank employees will have a vacation next week. When the banks close Saturday afternoon, they will not be opened until Wednesday morning, Monday and Tuesday being holidays.

"RED CARS" SOON

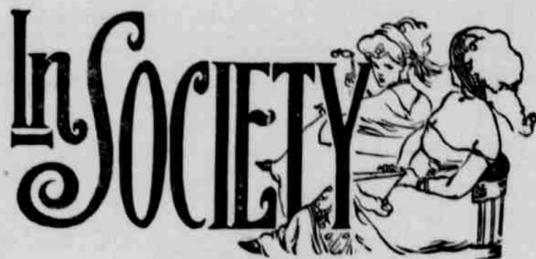
S. P. workmen here, who are completing the electrification, declare the "juice" will be turned on before the end of this month and that the "red cars" will be running thru Independence on regular schedule before July 1.

TUESDAY IS WAR CENSUS DAY

All males over 21 years and under 31 years of age are required to register on Tuesday, June 5. No exemptions from registration.

Register at your regular voting place. Hours from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Imprisonment is the penalty for failure to appear.



BY VIRGINIA SOUTHERN

Interest is very keen in Red Cross work here now. Last Saturday was Red Cross day and a committee costumed in Red Cross nurse uniforms solicited members in the business houses. About one hundred and forty new members were enrolled which makes a membership of nearly 200 in Independence.

At a meeting of the organization which was held last evening, it was decided that the first meeting of the Surgical Supply department would be next Tuesday afternoon. Other meetings will be Tuesday evening, Thursday afternoon and evening. Mrs. Duganne will have general supervision over the making of surgical dressings. The First Aid class will meet next Wednesday evening to receive the lecture given by Dr. C. F. Cropp. Chairman B. E. Smith made an enthusiastic talk before the assemblage, using patriotism and Red Cross work as the keynote of his address. The meeting then adjourned until Thursday evening, June 14.

BOYS' CLUB.

The Beacon Lights, a club composed of a number of boys under the capable supervision of Miss Lora Chute, met at the Miller home last Thursday evening. After several enjoyable games the club boys surprised Miss Chute with a beautiful Rebekah pin and a handsome box of candy, as a parting token of re-

gard. Master Rider made the presentation speech and the boys clearly demonstrated their esteem for their teacher. This club also enjoyed a picnic at the Rider home last Sunday afternoon.

SURPRISE PARTY.

While Mrs. W. H. Walker was proceeding with domestic duties last Tuesday afternoon, the S. S. Club arrived en masse and reminded her that the dawn of the morrow would begin another year in her happy life. The club members were well supplied with all the necessary paraphernalia to make a surprise party complete. After the luncheon was informally arranged, the entire party enjoyed the birthday feast. Mr. Walker arrived from the ranch just in time for the luncheon and the ladies forced the ex-mayor to join them without giving him any time for his usual immaculate grooming.

COMING RECITAL.

As the season for recitals approaches, everyone is becoming interested in the Student Recital to be given by the pupils of Mrs. Lottie Hedges-McIntosh at the Methodist church next Monday evening, June 4. Mrs. McIntosh's class has mastered a very ambitious program which they will present at this time. The numbers to be rendered are published elsewhere in this Monitor.

SOUND LOGIC

A LITTLE boy, usually quite good, committed a very naughty deed the other day. He got a hatchet and chopped off the tail of the family cat. His mother punished him severely for the barbarous act, and then she tried conscientiously to make him comprehend its enormity. "Bernard," she said, "what is the Golden Rule?" "Do unto others what you would have others do unto you," he quoted glibly. "And did you follow the Golden Rule when you tortured that poor cat by cutting off its tail?" she asked. "I sure did, mamma. If I had a tail, wouldn't I want somebody to cut it off?"

Might Have Been Worse

THE farmer in moving a big basket of eggs from his wagon to carry into a hotel kitchen had the misfortune to lose his hold on the basket, and there was a great crash and a smash. Five or six people came running, and one of them cried out: "It is too awful bad! You must have had forty dozen eggs in that basket!" "Just forty," replied the farmer without much excitement in his voice. "And it looks as if thirty dozen of them are smashed." "I calculate that is about the number." "And you don't feel bad about it?" "Well, it could have been worse. The whole forty dozen could have been Long Island fresh eggs. As it was, the thirty dozen broken ones would have hatched out chickens in about five days more, and I would have had some trouble with the landlord to explain. And he also would have some trouble with his guests. They say that all things happen for the best, and I guess this is a case of it." M. QUAD.