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All our men of legal age
 Passed in their names to Sam,
 If they can get their board and keep,
 It beats this buying ham;
 Those with a wife and seven kids,
 Sam will soon be slighting,
 With eight to feed
 It is indeed
 A harder job than fighting.

Six million bucks will be spent
 For roads and highway paving,
 Then in tires, oil and time perhaps,
 There's sure to be a saving;
 And the auto men will pay the bill,
 Says those who did conceive it,
 We'll wait a spell
 For time will tell,
 For now we don't believe it.

No more till fall will school bell ring
 And books will all be pickled,
 Out of an enrollment of six six six,
 Six six six are tickled;
 Sadie hangs around the fountain where
 Many folks are drinking,
 And if she sighs
 Some one buys,
 Pretty soft we're thinking.

It's now so warm, so very warm,
 That it makes a fellow totter,
 Boys are getting fretful like
 And feeling of the water;
 We want to take the thick duds off
 But the thin ones, we can't spot 'em,
 The wife no doubt
 Found them about,
 And of course the junk man got 'em.

POLK REGISTERS 1186

The total registration of Polk county last Tuesday in the military census was 1186. Of this number 72 were aliens and 7 alien enemies. There were no disorders in the county and apparently but few failed to register. Thru the efforts of Sheriff Orr, Polk was one of the first counties to report to the adjutant general. Over fifty per cent of the total claimed exemption. Black Rock, with 76, had the largest registration.

The totals for a number of precincts follow: Dallas 208, Independence 157, Falls City 115, Monmouth 80, Eola 32, Buena Vista 34, Suver 24, West Luckiamute 35, Pedee 33, East Luckiamute 23.

CITY FACES SUIT

Further contention over the line question in North Independence came to a head Wednesday night when the city council was given written notice by Mrs. A. J. Cooper, W. B. Grounds, D. D. Davis and John Podvent, all owners of property on Log Cabin street, that unless the city gave them reasonable damages said to have been sustained by reason of the change of property lines that action would be commented forthwith. The mayor and three councilmen had a conference with the injured parties yesterday afternoon and made them a proposition. It is to be hoped that a settlement can be made and the matter kept out of court.

KID FARMERS

The entire community should feel proud of the work being accomplished by the industrial department of the Civic League. This work is under the supervision of Mrs. G. W. Conkey. Her duties being so numerous, Mrs. K. C. Eldridge has personally looked after the work. About three acres are now in cultivation at the high school. There are sixteen boys and three girls working regularly assigned plots. Last Saturday the grounds were fairly humming with activities, some planting beans, some potatoes, and others corn. Today the entire club will plant a vacant plot to potatoes. Mr. H. Hirschberg furnished all the seed potatoes and the crop will be used for the soup kitchen. When the work is finished the planters will enjoy a picnic supper.

The canning department is under the direction of Mrs. Sherman Hays and Mrs. K. C. Eldridge.

The sewing department will be managed by Mrs. N. Wither who has held similar positions in the Portland schools.

P-T. ELECTS

At a meeting of the members of the Parent-Teachers Association held Tuesday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. F. G. Hewett; secretary, Mrs. P. M. Kirkland; treasurer, Mrs. Crosby Davis. Preceding the election, there was a reception for the teachers and a short program was given.

"TAINT RIGHT"

The hard-working janitor of one of Cody's (Wyoming) public buildings recently placed the following notice in the vestibule of said building: "Please do not spit on the ceiling. 'Taint right."—Ex.

BOND BILL CARRIES

By over fifteen thousand majority, voters of Oregon Monday ratified the six million bond issue. Polk county rejected the measure by 16 votes. Independence furnishing 11 of the 61. Nearly all the county precincts went against the bonds while Dallas and Monmouth largely favored them.

Other measures that carried were the port bond bill, uniform tax classification amendment and the one requiring city, town and state elections to be held on the same day. The other three on the ballot were rejected by a decisive majority. A light vote was cast all over the state.

Result in Independence:
 The increase in pay of legislators: Yes 41, No 322.
 Declaration against implied repeal of constitutional provisions: Yes 55, No 230.

Uniform tax classification: Yes 133, No 185.

One election day bill: Yes 246, No 123.

New penitentiary: Yes 84, No 297.

Six million bond issue: Yes 189, No 200.

LETTER FROM CO. L

Clackamas, June 5—We are now drilling at target practice. The men are not allowed out of the grounds except on a permit from the captain and no visitors are allowed except on Sunday afternoon. The Y. M. C. A. has put up a tent house for the boys. The place is supplied with writing paper, pens, checker boards and a phonograph. Preaching every night. James Dodson has started his barber shop. He expects to make \$50 a month. This with the thirty he gets makes a nice income. Four recruits have joined Co. L lately. Ernest Smith has been laid up with rheumatism. R. W.

TERMS EXTENDED

When the electorate of Oregon Monday passed the measure requiring all elections to be held on the same day, it extended the terms of all city officials just one year. By the provisions of the new law, there can be no city election in Independence this year and successors to Mayor Moore and three councilmen cannot be chosen until November 1918.

To comply with the new law, the city charter must be amended. It seems to us that if the charter has to be changed that it is the opportune time to completely overhaul it and bring it up to date.

FLAG RAISED

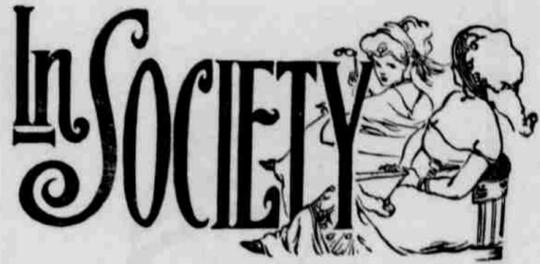
Old Glory was raised over the Odd Fellows hall Monday night with appropriate ceremony. Wearing the regalia of their order, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs marched around the block and came up Main street from the south. As the flag was raised, the band played "The Star Spangled Banner" and hundreds of people sang. B. F. Swope spoke briefly along patriotic lines. A thousand people witnessed the ceremony.

BAPTIST CONVENTION

The sixteenth annual session of the West Willamette Baptist Association will be held in Independence on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 19, 20 and 21. An attendance of 200 is expected as the membership embraces the Baptists of a number of counties.

INDEPENDENCE ASKED FOR \$4,000

The Independence Red Cross will be asked to raise \$4000 as its share of the hundred million that the National Red Cross is preparing to make a tremendous "drive" to raise in double quick time. Buena Vista, Suver, Parker and Greenwood will be included in the Independence district. While the local organization has not received an official notice of the amount of its levy, the above information was received thru Salem last night, Independence being attached to the Salem chapter. Last night's Salem papers also carried the news.



BY VIRGINIA SOUTHERN

Red Crossing in Independence is becoming an epidemic, and you are almost socially extinct if you cannot make binders and bandages and converse about units, base hospitals and the other many things that the Red Cross stands for. The surgical supply department is under the capable direction of Mrs. R. E. Duganne who is a graduate nurse. The sewing rooms are open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings. There the members of the Red Cross assemble to work in a common cause, a common sorrow and a common hope. Membership is daily increasing. The next regular meeting will be held next Thursday evening. Last Wednesday evening, Dr. C. F. Cropp gave the first lecture to the First Aid class. Others wishing to take the work should enroll before next Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S PARTY.

Mrs. D. O. Taylor entertained for her small son, Howard, last Monday afternoon with a delightful children's party. The little folks were entertained with games and refreshments.

ROSE LUNCHEON.

One of the purely social clubs which has not ceased activities is the Wednesday Afternoon Club. On Wednesday of this week Mrs. W. H. Craven and her sister, Miss Eva Robertson, entertained with a charmingly appointed rose luncheon at the pretty Craven home. The reception rooms were fragrant and pretty with vases and bowls of crimson peonies and large clusters of snow-balls.

The hours passed quickly and pleasantly with needlework. Groups of matrons who are members of the Red Cross worked with a zest on "four tailed bandages", while others indulged in merry conversation. A pleasing feature of the afternoon was the group of songs rendered by Mrs. E. E. Paddock. Following a short business session in which Mrs. J. E. Owen, a former member of the club, was elected to fill the vacancy made by Mrs. N. F. Gillespie, the guests were invited to the lawn where the camera man was in waiting.

The luncheon table presented a beautiful picture. A large bowl of pink and white roses centered the table and pink petaled roses were scattered here and there over the board. Appointments

were made with pink rose bordered doilies and napkins and dainty pink rose baskets held the mints. Fortune's yellow roses marked places for the club members, and pink rose shades were used on the lights which radiated a pretty pink glow over the assemblage. The most exquisite menu consisted of "candlestick salad" nut-bread sandwiches, "Ladies' delight" with whipped cream and cakes, hot chocolate and mints. Mrs. McIntosh will be the next hostess.

S. S. CLUB.

Mrs. H. Mattison entertained the S. S. Club last Wednesday afternoon. Members answered roll call with pretty quotations about roses. Mrs. Crosby Davis read a very interesting paper on Carrie Jacob's Bond. Mrs. Claire Irvine sang a number of pretty songs and the hostess closed the afternoon with a splendid luncheon.

SUCCESSFUL RECITAL.

Artistic tastes transformed the Methodist church parlors into a bower of beauty for the student recital given by the pupils of Mrs. Lottie Hedges McIntosh last Monday evening. Tall standards of red peonies, snow-balls and blue Columbine were combined gracefully into the tri-color and a multitude of tiny flags were used here and there, while larger flags were draped about the rostrum with pleasing effect.

A large and representative audience greeted the young participants. The Misses Dorothy Paddock, Ulla Dickinson, Frances Townsend and Opal Hewett, fresh and pretty in dainty summer frocks showed the guests to comfortable seats. As a whole the large class of pupils acquitted themselves most creditably and displayed conscientious adherence to the instructions of their soulful teacher. Little Nan Iliif, Mable Nicholson, Margaret Zielisch, Elizabeth Mixer and Alma Kullander played with remarkable ease for such tiny tots, while Evelyn Tobey, Wilma Shafer, Beatrice Bramberg, Goldie Hooker, Bessie Plessinger and Alice Baker were equally pleasing in their pretty selections. Thelma Williams displayed versatility by rendering both cello and piano solos. She executed both numbers with skill

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SPECIAL EXTRA U. S. A. SUNRISE EDITION

TWO OF A KIND.
 LAST Tuesday one of our prominent business men fired six shots from his gun at another prominent business man, who returned the fire with bullet for bullet.
 The two prominent business men, having made two prominent asses of themselves, returned into obscurity for the rest of the day.

HIS LAST NOSE PULL.
 Siwaah Charley came to town the other day, met us on the main street and pulled our nose.
 We have since wondered why he pulled it.
 Sometimes we have thought that his intention was to insult us and to humiliate us into the dust before our people.
 Again, we have almost believed that he thought he was taking hold of the handle of a saloon door and meant us no harm whatever.
 Our action in response might have been a bit hasty, but we have no regrets.
 Our gun worked without a hitch, and Siwaah Charley will pull no more noses in this world.

OUR MYSTERY.
 While John Richfield was digging post holes for a new fence the other day he found a silver ten cent piece at a depth of three feet from the surface. By whom it was dropped and how many thousand years ago cannot be told, but a town without its deep, dark mystery is no town at all.

ALWAYS READY.
 THE editor of our esteemed contemporary down the street is out with his five hundredth threat to shoot us on sight.
 He ought to have explained whether it was his foresight, his present elight or his hindsight.
 However, we always stand ready to be shot.

FOUL PLOT FOILED.
 Last week we had something to say about Colonel Jim Crocker, who is punishing a big stock of poor whisky while waiting to be nominated for some political office.
 The colonel believes in "pap." He's always lived on it, and he'd starve without it.
 We simply asked our readers if he was honest, capable, and so on, and the colonel got riled over it.
 He hired Hank, the half breed, got him drunk and then gave him a keg of powder to blow up the Kicker office.
 But in fooling around with the powder Hank brought about an explosion on the vacant lot next to our office and sailed away to the unknown land in sections and fragments.
 What we could find of Hank we buried next day at our own expense, and we don't feel particularly hard against the colonel.
 We shan't go looking for him especially, but if we should happen to run across him some day while we feel absentminded we shall very likely gather him in and erect his tombstone in our private graveyard.
 M. QUAD.

Old man Smith, a highly respected citizen of our little community, who shot and killed a pair of ukulele players from his bedroom window last Friday night, has been discharged from custody.—From a Kansas paper.