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The hops are dropping from the vines,
 But dropping into basket,
 And there's a place for every hand,
 For those who seek and ask it;
 We wish we had a dozen kids
 To put them all to filling,
 It would buy the grub
 And fill the tub,
 When winter rains are chilling.

Girls and women—there are no men—
 Are looking very niftily
 In pantaloons and overalls,
 Times do move so swiftly;
 A number dare to walk the street
 Brave to take such chances,
 Next thing we know
 If they go,
 They'll wear 'em at the dances.

Besides the hops we have some beans,
 Beets and many taters,
 And tho they never had a drink,
 They'll pass the second raters;
 But say if it only had rained
 And wet their roots and cinter,
 It would be
 For you and me,
 Ham and eggs this winter.

Back to pantaloons we must go,
 To those now worn by lady,
 So we can end this batch of rhyme
 By quoting thus from Sadie:
 "I'm making me some ladyalls,
 So well I cannot tear 'em,
 But there's no chance
 To see my pants,
 I'll never, never wear 'em.

HOP PICKING ON

Hop picking is on in full swing. Every yard is well supplied with pickers, and they are making good wages. Many acres of untrained hops will be picked and the pickers will get an extra price for this work. The hops picked are of a good quality but the yield, averaged up, is below normal.

The market remains normal. Offers of over thirty cents are turned down. But few contracts for the 1918 crop are being made in the state. The 1917 yield is now estimated as low as 25,000 bales.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

A branch of the Women's Council for National Defense was organized in Independence last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. D. Butler. Altho but a few were present, it is anticipated that much interest will be taken in the work here. Officers elected: Mrs. Grace Swope, chairman; Mrs. Bessie Butler, vice president; Mrs. Frances Hill, secretary; Mrs. Carrie Clark, treasurer.

The object of the organization is to promote patriotism, to assist in conserving the nation's food supply, to aid the government by giving its services in any capacity and in a general way help win the war.

Saturday, September 15, has been set aside as registration day at which time all women may be voluntarily listed as to what line of work they are most fitted to do in case their services are needed by the government.

LETTER FROM CO. L

La Grande, Sept. 4.—Co. L is now at La Grande. Half the company is doing guard duty and the remainder are fighting fire. Roy Whiteaker was left at The Dalles while eating supper and had to telegraph for transportation. Ernest Smith was also left while seeing his girl and he had to pay his way. Cyril Richardson has met a couple of college girls he knows so is at home here. R. W.

RED CROSS MEETS

After an adjournment of several weeks the local Red Cross held an interesting business session Wednesday evening. The following names were added to the sewing committee: Mesdames Owen, Kreamer, M. O. Fluke, Frank Fluke, H. Mattison, Percy Dickinson and A. L. Thomas. The ladies in charge will make an effort to prepare many supplies during the season. The Auxiliary will hold business meetings the first Wednesday evening of each month.

DEATH RATE LOW

Washington.—That the deadly risk of the fighting man is not nearly so great as is popularly supposed is the belief of military and naval officials here who have compiled statistics covering the allied losses in the war.

A careful estimate shows that only one man in fifteen is killed and one out of 500 loses a limb. Recent reports from French and British hospitals show that about 85 per cent recover from wounds, while about 90 per cent are able to return to the firing line.

While the marine corps officials hold unbiased views in regard to the expected casualties among their own troops in France, it is pointed out that the "soldiers of the sea" recently engaged in warfare in Haiti suffered less than 1 per cent losses. These were sustained while covering a wide terrain, fighting from house to house and capturing and holding small redoubts taken one by one from the enemy. This method of warfare is said to be rapidly superseding the trench system on the western front.

V. & S. WHISPERINGS

The Valley & Siletz expects to complete its work on the west end within a few days and it is said that the men will be transferred to Independence for labor here. It is not stated what will be done. The V. & S. moves in a mysterious way its railroad to build and we never know what is to be done until commenced and not always then.

It has been surmised that it would be advantageous to all concerned if daily train service was established between Hoskins and Independence. It would give the people of the Hoskins section a "way out" for themselves, stock and grain, add some business to Independence and would no doubt prove profitable to the rail-road company.

NEW COUNCILMAN

The city bosses met in regular session Wednesday night. J. S. Bohannon was raised to the sublime degree of a city councilman, owing to the resignation of H. B. Fletcher. John will wear the toga like a veteran and take the cussings with a smile. The high cost of living making it hard for even a councilman to live, two city employees were given a boost in pay. The marshal will hereafter get \$60 a month and the street commissioner \$80. The council confirmed the mayor's appointment of W. B. Barnett as wire inspector. Bill can now get rich. The city will proceed at once to build several cement walks in different parts of the town, the contract having been let two weeks ago. No action was taken relative to Councilman Craven's whiskers.

PETTY THIEVES

Numerous cases of petty thievery have been reported to the Monitor within the past ten days. Stealing of this character may continue for some time without the guilty parties being known but sooner or later they will be caught and it will go hard with them. A community pestered by petty thieves, is not going to have much mercy for them.

WILL LOOK FOR OIL

The government will soon send a representative to Polk county to investigate and find out if there are oil and gas here. The gas well on the farm of Cass Riggs has led many to believe that it is very probable that Polk may be sitting on a sea of oil or gas or both.

GRAND FINALE COMES MONDAY

Members of a certain religious sect, which has a church in Independence, are predicting the end of the world to come on next Monday, Sept. 9. Some of our citizens, confident that the date is correct, have been making preparations for several weeks. Christ was asked by his disciples what shall be the sign of his second coming and the end of the world and he replied in substance as follows: There will be wars and rumors of wars. Nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes. Many false prophets shall rise and deceive many. Iniquity shall abound. Then, "immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken." (Ac-

ording to members of this sect the sun was darkened on May 19, 1780, and the moon did not give any light on the following night. The stars fell on November 13, 1833). Paul further describes the last days: Men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, fierce despisers of those that are good, traitors, lovers of pleasures more than God, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof.

But why particularly worry about Monday, for Christ himself has said, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." The Monitor is firmly convinced that God has kept the date to Himself and the chances are a million to one that we'll all be here Tuesday morning.

JUST THE GIST

In Portland News

Philip Polski, back door
 Former newsboy of Portland And fruits galore.
 And confetti magnate at the "Oh, it's a merry life," says Phil.
 Is now an expert farmer And he's got a nice little pig he calls Frankie.
 Near Independence, Or., In honor of a well known Portland ex-grocer-insurance man.
 And he is raising pigs by the dozen.
 And he expects to sell a lot of them next winter.
 Phil says farming is THE life.
 Whenever he wants eggs he goes out to the chicken coop and gets all he can carry.
 And there's a corn field at his

WHAT IRRIGATION WOULD DO

It's doubtless true that we may never have great irrigation systems like those of the desert countries, but we ought to plan to use the water we have in such abundance in the seasons when the normal rainfall happens to be short. Even if it were applied only to pastures the results would be well worth the cost, as anyone may see for himself by comparing a lawn that has been well watered with one that has not. Increasing by artificial watering the number of head of stock that can be kept on an acre of pas-

ture is an excellent way to conserve feed and reduce the cost of meat and milk production.

The Willamette valley is marvelously dowered with resources, and if we take advantage of them as we should we shall soon have a dense population here. But if we do not take advantage of our opportunities we shall go on for generations complaining that all we need to make us prosperous is a larger population to develop our latent resources. —Eugene Register.

DRAFTED MEN'S EARS MUST BE SOUND



Photo by American Eye Association.
 The physical examination of a drafted man is most thorough. Eyes, ears, teeth, heart, feet, etc., are all examined. Here is a youth receiving the ear test which is considered most important in modern warfare.

OREGON WHEAT PRICE OF \$1.90 NAMED

A price of \$1.90 is placed on Oregon wheat. Efforts are being made to make Portland a primary market so the Chicago price of \$2.20 may be obtained.

EX-PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER IS A "CANNETTE"



Helen Taft, daughter of Major General Taft, is a professor at Bryn Mawr and has also volunteered to do her bit for Uncle Sam. Together with a number of students, Professor Taft is cultivating several acres of land near the college. She is seen in the straw hat with her assistants stringing beans which they have just gathered for canning.